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IEI, JAMMU CELEBRATES 59TH ENGINEERS DAY



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The 59th Engineers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm by The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre at its Institutional Complex, Jammu in which **Sh. Ramesh Kumar, IAS Divisional Commissioner, Jammu** was the *Chief Guest* & **Sh. Rahul Yadav, IAS Managing Director, J&K State Power Development Corporation Ltd.** was the *Guest of Honour* in presence of Er. Anil Verma, FIE; Chairman, Er. Avneet Gupta, FIE; Honorary Secretary of IEI, Jammu Local Centre and large numbers of engineers from various departments and organizations attended the function. This day is celebrated all over the country to commemorate the 165th birth anniversary of the greatest engineer Sir M. Visvesvaraya, Bharat Ratna.

At the outset, Er. Anil Verma, FIE in presented the *Welcome Address* on the theme **"Engineering Excellence for a Sustainable and Technologically Sovereign India"**, He quoted many initiatives of engineers of our great nation which have resulted in the creation of technological marvels. Start of hydrogen fuel cell powered train in July, 2026 in Jind - Sonipat section of Northern Railway and launch of first Interlinking of rivers project in Dec, 2024 for linking Ken & Betwa rivers to serve water starved Bundelkhand region interalia many others exemplary feats of engineers personify India's technological sovereignty. However, he was equally critical about the lack of supervisory control and coordination with the project implementing agencies by the engineers which result in the debacle of many infrastructure projects. He requested all the stakeholders in this arena to work in unison with sincerity and dedication to steer the nation in becoming sovereign in true sense & spirit.

Rich Tributes to Sir M. Visvesvaraya were paid by **Er Mohinder Singh**, Assistant Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Department J&K & Former Honorary Secretary, IEI Jammu Local Centre in which he highlighted the sterling qualities of Sir M. Visvesvaraya like Austerity, Integrity, Competence and Discipline.

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Further, on this occasion, Er. Virinder Sethi, Former Senior Manager, NHPC Ltd. & Former Director, JP Group of Industries was honoured with **IEI Award** for his lifetime services rendered to the engineering profession and to the Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre.

IEI, Jammu also presented *R. L. Sharma Memorial Gold Medal* to Er. Joy Ganjoo for presenting the Best Technical Paper, *Rudra Bhagwati Silver Medal* to Er. B L Rawal for presenting 2nd Best Technical Paper and IEI Bronze Medal to Er. Gopal Krishan Sharma for presenting 3rd Best Technical Paper during the year 2025-26.

In addition to the above, first issue of 24th Volume of quarterly Newsletter of Jammu Centre called **IEI Jammu News** was also released by the Chief Guest & Guest of Honour in presence of Editorial Board comprising of Er. Anil Verma, Chairman cum Editorial Director, Dr. Sanjay Khar, Er. P. K. Nanda, Er Sumil Goyal, Er. Amit Sethi & Er. Avneet Gupta, Hony. Secretary being its Members.

IEI also honoured Er. P. K. Nanda, Er. B. L. Rawal, Er. Gopal Krishan Sharma, Er. Ranjeev Sawhney, Er. Joy Ganjoo, & Er. Anil Kumar with Mementoes for presenting two or more technical papers during the year 2025 – 26.

Sh. Rahul Yadav, IAS, Guest of Honour highlighted the contributions of Sir. M. Visvesvaraya. He said that our engineers are becoming more of administrators than engineers. He Further advised that Engineers should handhold the projects right from conception to completion. He also asked them to focus more on the design and engineering part rather than managerial roles.

Sh. Ramesh Kumar, IAS, Chief Guest on the occasion paid rich tributes and honoured the legacy of Bharat Ratna Sir. M. Visvesvaraya. Further, he said that Engineers decide and shape the future of a nation. A lot has changed since independence and engineers have to play a big role in Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat 2047. Not only infrastructure but engineers play a role in every industrial and commercial activity. He exhorted the engineers to lay focus on planning aspect of engineering, use of AI for the betterment of mankind and sustainable future keeping in view the moral and ethical drawbacks of the same.

The Inaugural Session was followed by a Technical Session which was chaired by Er. Hamesh Manchanda, MIE *Former Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Department, J&K Govt.* in which 01 no Papers was presented by Er. B. L. Rawal on the theme topic “**Engineering Excellence for a Sustainable and Technologically Sovereign India**”. An interesting power point presentation was also made by M/s Surya Shakti Solar Solutions, Jammu which sensitized the audience about roof top solar panels of Tata Power Renewable Energy in the context of *PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojna*.

Er. Avneet Gupta, Honorary Secretary of the Centre conducted the proceedings of the function and presented Vote of Thanks to the august gathering of engineers, Guests, Line Departments, Information Department and Media Persons for making this function a grand success.


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