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## Press Release

### IEI Jammu celebrates World Environment Day



**Photo Caption : Er. Sumil Goyal, Presenting paper alongwith Sh. Lal Chand, IFS; Chief Guest, Prof. (dr.) Bhawna, Sharma, Chairman & Er. Sachin Tickoo, Hony. Secy. on the dias**

The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Centre celebrated the World Environment Day on 5<sup>TH</sup> June 2023 with the theme “*Solutions to Plastic Pollution*”. The event was attended by Engineers from various Departments, Organizations and Senior Engineers along with Members of the Committee of IEI, Jammu Local Centre.

The day is celebrated very year on 5<sup>TH</sup> June every year since 1973 to mark the importance of nature and the environment and it also gives out a message to the global population that nature should not be undervalued and it should not be taken for granted at any cost. World Environment Day is the biggest international day for the environment.

On this occasion, Sh. Lal Chand Ji, IFS (Retd. PCCF.) J & K was the *Chief Guest*, whereas Prof. (Dr.) Bhawna Sharma, Chairman, IEI, Jammu Centre presided over the function.

At the outset, Prof. (Dr.) Bhawna Sharma presented the welcome address and introduced the relevance of the day to the audience. While introducing the theme for World Environment Day to the audience said that we should encourage people not to use plastic and identify it as the source of environmental degradation. Micro plastics find their way into the food we eat, the water we drink, and the air we breathe. She cited a report published in prestigious medical journal that micro plastic have entered the blood stream of human and are damaging the DNA Status. Plastic is made from fossil fuels — the more plastic we produce, the more fossil fuel we burn, thereby worsening the climate crisis. Plastic pollution has thus become one of the most pressing environmental issues.

While speaking on the occasion Sh. Lal Chand Ji, IFS, stressed that the world is being inundated by plastic. More than 400 million tonnes of plastic is produced every year, half of which is designed to be used only once. Of that, less than 10 percent is recycled. An estimated 19-23 million tonnes end up in lakes, rivers and seas. Today, plastic clogs our landfills, leaches into the ocean and is combusted into toxic smoke, making it one of the gravest threats to the planet. He underscored the contribution of the Institution of Engineers (India) Jammu local centre in maintaining a constant pressure on the society towards working on solutions that aim at goal of achieving sustainable development.

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During the seminar, Er. P. K. Nanda, MIE; Er. B. L. Rawal, MIE; Er. Sumil Goyal, MIE; Er. Joy Ganjoo, AM Technologist; Er. Akash Dasgotra, AMIE & Er. Anil Kumar, AMIE also presented their papers on the theme of the World Environment Day. The speaker's appealed to the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir to desist from throwing away plastic in public places and voluntarily use jute bags for carrying out grocery purchases.

Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE, Honorary Secretary conducted the proceedings of the event, while speaking on the occasion he said good news is that we have science and solutions to tackle the problem –and a lot is already happening. What is needed most now is a surge of public pressure to scale up and speed actions from governments, companies and other stakeholders to solve this crisis. This underscores the importance of this World Environment Day mobilizing action from every corner of the world. He further presented the Vote of Thanks to the august gathering and media personnel for active participation.

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