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58th Engineers' Day celebrated



1. Sh. Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, J&K; Chief Guest along with Er. Anil Verma, FIE; Chairman, IEI, Jammu Local Centre while garlanding the bust of Sir M. Visvesvaraya
2. A view of audience present during 58th Engineers' Day celebrations

The 58th Engineers' Day was celebrated on 15th September, 2025 with great enthusiasm by The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre at its Institutional Complex, Channi Himmat, Jammu in which Sh. Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of J&K was the *Chief Guest* & Dr. Devansh Yadav, IAS, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation & Chief Executive Officer, Jammu Smart City Ltd. was the *Guest of Honour*. Er. Anil Verma, FIE; Chairman, Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE; Honorary Secretary of IEI, Jammu Local Centre along with large numbers of engineers from various departments and organizations attended the function. This day is celebrated all over the country to commemorate the birth anniversary of the greatest engineer of the soil, Sir M. Visvesvaraya, Bharat Ratna.

Er. Anil Verma, FIE while delivering *Welcome Address* on the theme “*Deep Tech and Engineering Excellence: Driving India's Techade*,” said today, as India stands at the threshold of becoming a global technology leader, this theme resonates stronger than ever. He also explained the term - Techade coined by Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi in 2021 having a combination of words- Technology & Decade meaning thereby that the decade ahead (2021-2030) must be technology driven with sustainable contributions of Engineers & Technologists and exhorted them to give their best to steer our nation ahead in growth & development.



Er. Sandeep Seth, FIE

Rich Tributes to Sir M. Visvesvaraya were paid by Er. Sandeep Seth, FIE; Former Chief Engineer, J&K Power Development Department in which he highlighted the sterling qualities of Sir M. Visvesvaraya like Austerity, Integrity, Competence and Discipline.

On this occasion, Er. Braj Bhushan Sharma, FIE; Former Chief Engineer, J&K Govt. & Former Chairman, IEI, Jammu Local Centre was conferred **IEI Award** posthumously for his outstanding services rendered to the Engineering Profession and to the Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre. Ms. Divya Sharma, daughter of Late Er. Braj Bhushan Sharma was present to receive a *Gold Medallion* as IEI Award in this regard.

Further, Er. Mohinder Singh, FIE; Former Honorary Secretary, IEI Jammu Local Centre was honoured with “**D K Gupta Memorial Engineer of the Year Award**” for his meritorious services rendered for the profession and The Institution of Engineers (India)



IEI Award being presented



D K Gupta Memorial Engineer of the Year Award being presented

58th Annual General Meeting of IEI held



58th Annual General Meeting of The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre was held at Institutional Complex, Sector - 3, Channi Himmat, Jammu on 31st October, 2025. Er. Anil Verma, FIE, Chairman of Jammu Local Centre presided over the meeting in which large number of Corporate Members from all disciplines of Engineering were present.

Er. Avneet Gupta, Honorary Secretary, while welcoming the Members, presented the Annual Report for the year 2024-2025 and highlighted the activities of Jammu Local Centre. The audited annual accounts for the year 2024-25 were presented and approved. A detailed account of various activities conducted during the year 2024-25 by the Institution of Engineers India, Jammu Centre which included Seminars/Workshops besides also holding International & National symposia were briefed to the audience by the Honorary Secretary.

Er. Anil Verma, FIE; Chairman, expressed gratitude to the esteemed members for their active participation in the management of day-to-day activities of the Institution and sought their valuable contributions in future also. He also exhorted upon all the colleague engineers of J&K to enroll themselves as Corporate Members of the Institution.

Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE, Honorary Secretary of the Centre conducted the proceedings and delivered the *Vote of Thanks* to the august gathering present on the occasion.

Er. M. L. Gandotra passes away....

Er. M. L. Gandotra, Former Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, J&K Govt. left this mortal World for heavenly abode on 7th September, 2025. He was Member of The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Centre.

Er. Gandotra did his Diploma in Civil Engineering from Lucknow Polytechnic & later graduated from The Institution of Engineers (India) by passing AMIE examination.

He was a well known personality in the Engineering profession and civil society for his gracious approach in engineering as well as for maintaining cordial relations with the general public. Pertinently, he remained Executive Engineer for around two decades and was well known for his serving the profession with sincerity without any bias.

This Centre expresses its deepest condolences on his sad demise and prays to Almighty to grant peace to the departed soul and bestow courage to the bereaved family members to bear this colossal loss.

.... (With inputs from Mr. Sanjay Gandotra
S/o Late Er. M. L. Gandotra)



Er. M. L. Gandotra

Er. V. K. Goswami passes away....

Er. Vinod Kumar Goswami former Chief Engineer, Hydraulics J&K Govt. born on 30th August, 1950 and left for heavenly abode on 5th September, 2025.

Er. V. K. Goswami after graduation in Civil Engineering from REC Srinagar (Now NIT) in 1970, joined as Assistant Engineer in Irrigation & Flood Control Deptt. Jammu in 1972 and by the dint of hard work got regular promotion and finally rose to the level of Chief Engineer Hydraulics (PHE Deptt.) form where he was superannuated on 31st August, 2008.

Moreover, Er. Goswami was a very senior Member of Institution of Engineer (India) attached with Jammu Local Centre. It is pertinent to mention that Er. Goswami was a very hard working and methodical engineer having considerable codal knowledge. He was sheet anchor in designing the minor and medium structures involved in Ravi Canal Project. Moreover, besides other irrigation schemes he was deeply associated with the construction of prestress concrete aqueduct on well foundations across River Basantar and Ravi Canal crossing.

The services rendered by him for Jammu Centre and Engineering profession shall be remembered for all times to come as his departure is an immense loss to engineering profession.

This Centre expresses its deepest condolences on his sad demise and prays to Almighty to grant peace to the departed soul and bestow courage to the bereaved family members to bear this colossal loss.



Er. V. K. Goswami

IEI, Jammu celebrates World Habitat Day – 2025



1. Dr. Deepak Bansal, *Chief Guest* along with Er. Anil Verma, FIE, Chairman & Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE, Former Honorary Secretary, IEI Jammu Centre on the dais.
2. A section of audience present during the Seminar.

The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre celebrated World Habitat Day at Channi Himmat, Jammu on 6th October, 2025 and a seminar on the theme “*Urban Solutions to Crisis*” was organized in which large number of Engineers, Professionals and Members of the Civil Society participated.

On this occasion, Dr. Deepak Bansal, Regional Chief, Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited, Jammu was the *Chief Guest* and Er. Anil Verma, FIE; Chairman, IEI, Jammu Local Centre presided over the function.

Er. Verma while presenting the *Welcome Address* said that by the year 2050, 50% of India’s population will be shifting to urban areas & 70% of World’s population will also do the same by this year. This calls for a sincere role of all the stakeholders so that cities remain livable by that year. He also emphasized that the J&K Real Estate Regulatory Authority need to play a key role to ensure that every new colony is established in such a way that interest of the citizens and the Govt. is protected. He lamented the unauthorized and illegal use of urban land for dumping of urban waste which is a major cause of urban crisis inter alia natural causes. He advocated for proper landfill sites for Jammu city.

During the course seminar, 05 Nos Technical Papers on the theme were presented by Er. Ravinder Handa, Er. B. L. Rawal, FIE; Er. P. K. Nanda, FIE & Er. Ranjeev Sawheny, MIE; Er. Hemdeep Singh, AMIE.

Dr. Deepak Bansal, Chief Guest was kind enough to give an interesting and thorough presentation in which he enlightened the house about various factors contributing to the rise in urban crisis, their types in Indian context and various strategies to tackle this issue. He emphasized that response to urban crisis is much more than providing temporary solutions in the aftermath of crisis. Urban crisis response calls for preparedness and planning, rapid response mechanisms, governance and coordination between all stakeholders. He also gave examples of various case studies pertaining to response to urban crisis in India and Abroad.

In the end, Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE; Former Honorary Secretary who was conducting the proceedings of the seminar, presented the Vote of Thanks to the august gathering and media personnel for active participation.



**Engineers
presenting their
papers on World
Habitat Day-
2025**

FELICITATIONS!



Chief Guest & Guest of Honour while presenting R. L. Sharma Memorial Gold Medal to Er. Ranjeev Sawheny for presenting the Best Technical Paper, Rudra Bhagwati Silver Medal to Er. P K Nanda for presenting 2nd Best Technical Paper and IEI Bronze Medal to Er. Anil Kumar for presenting 3rd Best Technical Paper during the year 2024-25 on 58th Engineers’ Day.

GRATITUDE

This Centre is grateful to Er. D S Pawar, FIE; for donating engineering books for the use of engineering students in particular and whole of the engineering fraternity in general.

Energy Conservation Day – 2025 celebrated



1. Sh. G P Singh, IAS, Managing Director, Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd., Power Development Department, J&K Govt., *Chief Guest*, Dr. Sanjeev Anand & Dr. Yatheshth Anand, Keynote Speaker, Er. Anil Verma, FIE; Chairman & Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE, Hony. Secretary, on the dais on Energy Conservation Day
2. A Section of Audience present during the seminar.

The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Centre celebrated Energy Conservation Day at Institutional Complex, Sector -3, Channi Himmat, Jammu. The function was attended by Engineers from various Departments, Organizations and Senior Engineers along with Members of the Committee of IEI, Jammu Local Centre.

On this occasion, Sh. G P Singh, IAS, Managing Director, Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd., Power Development Department, J&K Govt. was the *Chief Guest* whereas Er. Anil Verma, FIE; Chairman, IEI Jammu Centre presided over the function.

At the outset, Er Anil Verma, FIE; Chairman in his *Welcome Address* spoke about the importance of this day mooted by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency in 1991 and exhorted upon all stakeholders to use this essential commodity judiciously in view of growing energy demand in the country. He also advocated for adoption of Renewable Energy means to meet the power demand and suggested installation of Solar Roof Tops under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. It will result in a big way in saving the environment from burning of coal & gas for generation of electricity.



Dr. Yatheshth Anand

It was followed by Keynote Addresses by:

- Dr. Sanjeev Anand, Associate Professor, School of Energy Management, SMVDU on “Indoor Air Quality Assessment and its improvement using HVAC Systems” &
- Dr. Yatheshth Anand, Associate Professor, School of Mechanical Engineering, SMVDU on “Low - Cost & sustainable solutions for energy efficiency in buildings”.



Dr. Sanjeev Anand

Later, Er. Sanjeev Rohmetra, Executive Engineer, JPDCL, J&K PDD; Nodal Officer for PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana for JPDCL spoke about Integration of renewable energy through solar in our energy ecosystem. He dwelt at length about Solar integration which is a straight-up conservation play by way of cutting demand as every kWh generated on-site is a kWh you don't have to pull from coal or gas. Further, it helps in Peak-shaving as mid-day sun coincides with India's highest load; feeding that power back to the grid trims peak-coal plants.



Sh. G P Singh, IAS

Sh. G P Singh, IAS; Managing Director, Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd. said that this day reminds us that energy is not merely a commodity—it is a national asset, a driver of development, and a responsibility we hold in trust for future generations. Energy conservation is no longer optional, no longer advisory—it is an economic, environmental, and administrative necessity.

He further said that India is among the fastest-growing economies in the world, and J&K is steadily progressing on the path of growth and infrastructure development. However, with growth comes increased demand for electricity and energy conservation by way of smart usage is the only way forward. It will help J&K UT to reduce dependence on costly power purchases.

He also was clear in saying that no reform can succeed without public participation. Power theft, misuse and wastage are not just violations of law—they are acts against society. Every unit of electricity wasted today increases the burden on honest Consumers tomorrow.

Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE; Honorary Secretary, presented *Vote of Thanks* to the august gathering present on the occasion and also thanked the media personnel for their coverage of the function.



Er. Sanjeev Rohmetra

58th Engineers' Day celebrated (Continued from Page....1)



Chief Guest & Guest of Honour while honouring the engineers by presenting Mementoes on 58th Engineers' Day

Chief Guest & Guest of Honour also presented Mementoes to Er. P. K. Nanda, Er. B. L. Rawal, Er. Ranjeev Sawhney, Er. Sachin Tickoo, Er. Heemdeep Singh, Er. Joy Ganjoo, Er. Akash Dusgotra & Er. Anil Kumar for presenting two or more technical papers during the year 2024 – 25 on this occasion.

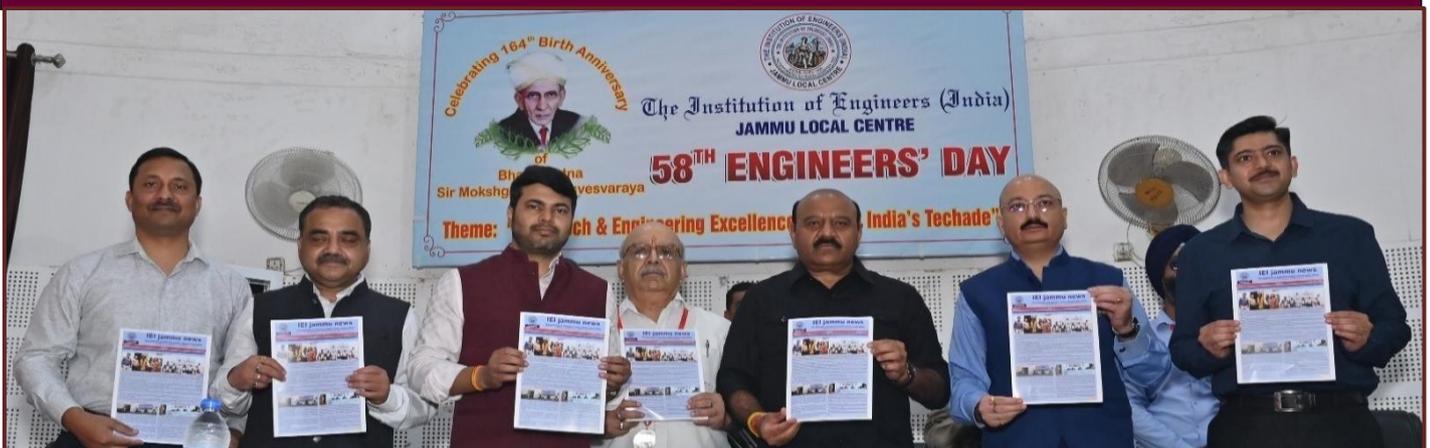
Dr. Devansh Yadav, *Guest of Honour* highlighted the contributions of Sir. M. Visvesvaraya. He informed the house that Sir Visvesvaraya was not just an engineer but a nation builder. During his lifetime, he pioneered various projects thereby laying the groundwork for India's industrial might. He called upon the engineers present in the house to learn the ideals of honesty and integrity from him so as to overcome the day-to-day challenges by blending technology and innovation so as to provide a sustainable future.

Sh. Surinder Kumar Choudhary, *Chief Guest* on the occasion paid rich tributes and honoured the legacy of Bharat Ratna Sir. M. Visvesvaraya, the visionary engineer who's birth anniversary marks this day. He called upon the engineers to imbibe the exceptional qualities of Sir M. Visvesvaraya in their day-to-day works and design solutions that are innovative, sustainable and technology driven so as to provide a better future for generations to come. He also insisted the young and serving engineers to work with dedication, zeal and enthusiasm and never feel shy to take guidance from the senior engineers who are Members of the IEI. He also requested the IEI to conduct more and more training programmes for the budding engineers.

Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE; 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 present on the occasion for making this function a grand success.

Also, a book titled "Musings Unabated" authored by Er. L. K. Mengi, FIE; Former Managing Director, J&K Housing Board was also launched under the annals of IEI at a discounted price for engineers as a goodwill gesture by Er. Mengi. Pertinently, this is the 2nd book written by the author.

Chief Guest & Guest of Honour releasing first issue of 23rd Volume of quarterly Newsletter of Jammu Centre called *IEI Jammu News* in presence of Editorial Board comprising of Er. Anil Verma, Chairman cum Editorial Director, Er. P. K. Nanda, Er Sumil Goyal, Er. Amit Sethi & Er. Avneet Gupta, Hony. Secretary on 58th Engineers' Day



IEI COMPLEX

SECTOR – 3, CHANNI HIMMAT, JAMMU



The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre has created facilities at Institutional Complex, Sector – 3, Channi Himmat, Jammu which comprises of State-of-the-art Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya Centre for Arbitration & Conciliation - Domestic & International”, AC Auditorium and 06 Nos. AC Double Bed Rooms. In addition to this, there is an Air-Conditioned library which can be used by the AMIE students and other engineers of this region for consulting the latest technical books for updating their knowledge.

The rooms can be utilized by the Corporate Members of the Institution for their/their guests' use. Auditorium can be utilized for techno-commercial activities like Technical Seminars, Commercial Exhibitions, Science Exhibitions, Book Fairs, etc. related to engineering/technological fields and the like. Further, corporate members of this Centre & engineers are informed that now Auditorium Hall will also be available to them for small parties and mini functions with restriction that DJs will not be allowed to be played inside it. Centre for Arbitration & Conciliation is also available for official and corporate meetings.

It is pertinent to mention here that "Donation to the Institution is exempted from Taxable Income of the donor under Section 80G (5) (vi) of Income Tax Act.

Hence engineers of this region are requested to donate generously for the upliftment of Jammu Local Centre.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

World Engineering Day

On 4th March, 2026 (Tuesday)

&

World Water Day

On 22nd March, 2026 (Sunday)

Theme: **"Awaited"**

The interested Corporate Members, Colleague Engineers & Engineering Students are requested to submit the Papers by 17th March, 2026 upto 4:30 PM for the World Water Day, so that the same are listed for presentation.

Don't be a
watt-waster,
be an energy
master.



Less Waste,
Future Taste



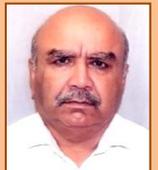
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**Happy & Prosperous
New Year 2026**

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