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The Institution of Engineers (India) celebrates World Habitat Day- 2023



Photo Caption : Er. P. K. Nanda, MIE Presenting paper on World Habitat Day alongwith Er. Vinod Sharma, FIE; Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, FIE, Chairman & Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE Hony. Secy. on the dias

The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre celebrated **World Habitat Day** at Channi Himmat, Jammu, in which Er. Vinod Sharma, FIE; Former Commissioner, FDA (Food & Drug Administration) J&K Govt. was the Chief Guest and Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, FIE; Chairman, IEI, Jammu Local Centre, and Sachin Tickoo, Honorary Secretary were present among large number of engineers, professionals and members of the civil society on the occasion.

A seminar on the theme **“Resilient Urban economies. Cities as drivers of growth and recovery”** was organized on the occasion.

In her Welcome address, she said that World Habitat Day is an occasion to reflect on the critical role those resilient urban economies plays in driving growth and recovery in our rapidly urbanizing world. She emphasized that resilience in urban economies refers to their capacity to endure shocks and adapt to changing circumstances, a quality that has been severely tested in recent times. Amidst worldwide issues such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate emergency, cities have demonstrated their capacity to adjust and come up with new ideas. She said that it is essential that we continue to invest in constructing resilient urban economies that not only stimulate growth and recovery but also advance social equality and environmental sustainability.

Four numbers of the technical papers on the theme were presented by Er. P. K. Nanda, MIE; Er. B. L. Rawal, MIE; Er. Vijay Kumar Sharma, MIE & Er. Mir Muneer Hussain, MIE.

While speaking on the occasion Chief Guest, Er. Vinod Sharma said that all the stakeholders must work together in an effective and mutually beneficially manner to implement measure for a Carbon Free Jammu & Kashmir and create sustainable settlements. He further emphasized to create green zones within Jammu City during implementation of Smart City Mission in Jammu.

While speaking on the occasion, Sachin Tickoo said this Day is celebrated to reflect on the state of human settlements and human habitat, to remind and remember that cities are not mere collections of buildings and roads. Cities are vibrant ecosystems of human potential and innovation. They are our future. We must work to improve access to electricity, water, sanitation, transport, and other basic services while

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investing in education, skills development, digital innovation, and entrepreneurship. He emphasized that Local action is vital and global cooperation indispensable. He further presented the Vote of Thanks to the august gathering and media personnel for active participation.



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