

59th Engineers' Day Celebrated with Enthusiasm in Jammu; Engineers Urged to Drive Technological Sovereignty and Viksit Bharat 2047



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 16th 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 - Sonapat 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 inter alia 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. 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. Sumit 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 draw backs 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 were 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.

Jammu Police Arrests Absconder Wanted in Long-Pending Criminal Case in Bishnah

JAMMU, 15 April 2026: In a significant action aimed at ensuring effective execution of judicial processes and bringing wanted persons to justice, Jammu Police has arrested an absconder wanted in connection with FIR No. 163/2020 registered at Police Station Bishnah under Sections 382/323/325/34 IPC. The arrested accused has been identified as Vivek Sharma @ Gopi, son of Kedar Nath, resident of Nougren, Tehsil Bishnah, District Jammu. The accused had been continuously remaining absent before the Hon'ble Court, following which a Non-Bailable Warrant (NBW) had been issued against him. The arrest was made by a police team of Police Station Bishnah in compliance with the judicial process and the warrant issued by the Hon'ble Court of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Bishnah. The accused has been taken into custody and further legal proceedings are being conducted in accordance with law. The action underscores the commitment of Jammu and Kashmir Police towards ensuring effective execution of warrants, preventing evasion of judicial proceedings and upholding the rule of law. Jammu and Kashmir Police appeals to all persons against whom warrants have been issued to comply with the directions of the Hon'ble Courts and cooperate with the judicial process.

J&K Police crack theft case within 24 hours in Bandipora; Stolen Cash recovered, 01 arrested

September 15: J&K Police in Bandipora have cracked a theft case within 24 Hours of receiving a complaint, regarding the theft of ₹3.30 lakh in cash from a house in Bazipora Ajas. On September 14, 2026, Police Post Ajas received a written complaint from Ghulam Nabi Mir son of Ghulam Mohd Mir, resident of Ajas Bazipora, stating that on September 13-2026, some unknown persons had entered his house and stolen cash amounting to ₹3,30,000. Accordingly, a case FIR under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Sumbal and investigation was taken up. During the course of investigation, police teams examined technical evidence and CCTV footage and questioned several suspects. Through sustained investigation and analysis of available evidence, a lead was developed and one suspect, identified as Tawfeeq Ahmad Kalwathoo son of Ghulam Mohd Kalwathoo resident of Bakshibal, Hajin, was identified and subsequently apprehended. During questioning, the accused allegedly disclosed his involvement in the theft and revealed that he had spent ₹20,000 of the stolen amount on purchasing a motorcycle and ₹16,000 on a mobile phone, while the remaining cash had been kept in his room. On the basis of the disclosure, a police team conducted a search of the specified premises and recovered the remaining stolen cash from the accused's room. The motorcycle and mobile phone allegedly purchased from the stolen proceeds have also been taken into possession as part of the investigation.

J&K Police arrests 04 drug peddlers; Contraband substances recovered

September 15: Continuing its sustained efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, J&K police have arrested 04 drug peddlers in Baramulla, Bandipora & Awantipora and recovered contraband substances from their possession. In Baramulla, a police party during naka checking at Devar area apprehended a suspected drug peddler identified as Syed Ahmad Shah son of Syed Mustafa Shah resident of Devar. During his personal search, approximately 02 grams of heroin-like substance, one mobile phone and ₹4,000 net cash were recovered and seized as per due procedure. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 214/2026 under Sections 8/21 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Pattan, and further investigation has been initiated to ascertain the source and intended supply of the recovered narcotic substance. In Bandipora, during dynamic naka checking at Shok Baba Sumlar near Hatchery, a police party of Police Post Sumlar, led by DO Sumlar, intercepted a scooter bearing registration number JK15C-5452. During search, a polythene bag containing contraband-like substance Charas, weighing approximately 1.150 Kg (1,150 grams), was recovered from the said scooter. The person in possession of the vehicle disclosed his identity as Haris Fayaz son of Fayaz Ahmad Wani resident of T.A. Shah. He has been arrested and the scooter used in the commission of crime has also been seized. In this connection, a case vide FIR No. 148/2026 under Sections 8/20 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Post Sumlar, Police Station Bandipora, and further investigation is underway. Moreover, a police party of Police Post Aloosa apprehended another suspected drug peddler during naka checking at Sangri Top, Aloosa. The accused, identified as Umar Lateef Ganie son of Mohd Lateef Ganie resident of Krankshiv Colony, Sopore, was intercepted while travelling from Kehnusa towards Watlab. During checking, approximately 53 grams of Charas was recovered from his possession. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 149/2026 under relevant provisions of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Bandipora, and further investigation has been initiated. In Awantipora, during naka checking at Punzoo Shaldraman, a police team headed by SHO Police Station Tral, intercepted an auto-rickshaw bearing Registration No. JK13D-8919, driven by Maqsood Ahmad Lone son of Farooq Ahmad Lone resident of Chak Noorpora, Awantipora. The vehicle was subjected to a thorough search, during which approximately 1.50 kg of poppy straw was recovered. He has been arrested and accordingly a case vide FIR No. 104/2026 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Tral, and investigation has been initiated. The auto-rickshaw used in the commission of the crime has been seized in accordance with the law. J&K Police reiterates its firm commitment to eradicate the menace of drugs from society and urges the public to cooperate by sharing any information related to drug trafficking.

Police Foil Bovine Smuggling at Lakhanpur; 20 Bovines Rescued, 2 Arrested

KATHUA, 15 SEP:- Tightening the noose of bovine smugglers within the district, J&K Police Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Ms. Mohita Sharma IPS rescued a total 20 bovines at NHW Truck Terminal & Keerian Gandiyal, PS Lakhanpur area, 02 persons arrested and seized both vehicles involved. In the first instance, on dated 14.09.2026 a police team led by SHO PS Lakhanpur under the supervision of Addl. SP Kathua & DySP DAR Kathua during naka/ checking at NHW Truck Terminal Lakhanpur noticed the movement of one suspicious vehicle (Truck) bearing Registration No. JK22-3639 which was being driven by a person namely Pupinder Singh S/o Darshan Singh R/o Talab Tillo Jammu & his accomplice namely Shiv Dutt S/o Chaman Lal R/o Paloura Jammu enroute from Punjab towards J&K UT was signalled to stop for checking. During checking of the said vehicle, 16 bovines (06 Cows and 10 oxen) were found loaded in the vehicle mercilessly which were rescued, two persons arrested and seized 01 vehicle involved. On this, FIR No.126/2026 U/S 223/BNS, 11/PCA act was registered at PS Lakhanpur and further investigation into this matter has been set into motion. In the second instance, on dated 14.09.2026 a police team led by SHO PS Lakhanpur under the supervision of Addl. SP Kathua & DySP DAR Kathua during naka/ checking at Keerian Gandiyal, Lakhanpur noticed the movement of one more suspicious vehicle (Mahindra Pick Up) bearing Registration No. JK02AM-1885 which was being driven by an unknown person enroute from Kathua, J&K towards Punjab side was signalled to stop for checking.

Yuva Sanatan Dharma Sabha Launches Free Meal Service at Sunderbani



Sunderbani, September 15: Yuva Sanatan Dharma Sabha Sunderbani launched a free meal service for patients and their attendants at Sub-District Hospital Sunderbani on Tuesday. The initiative was announced from the Hanuman Temple in Sunderbani, where young Sanatan volunteers offered Prasad to Lord Hanuman before starting the service. Hundreds of Yuva Sanatan Dharma Sabha workers then reached the hospital and distributed free meals among patients and their attendants. The volunteers actively participated in the service and personally served food to needy patients and their family members. A large number of young Sanatan volunteers remained present during the programme. The Sabha has decided to continue the free meal service every Tuesday evening for patients and needy attendants. Arun Kumar Sharma said that serving needy patients and their families is a social responsibility. He said the Sabha aims to involve youth in community service and ensure that assistance reaches

people in need. He said the Tuesday meal service will continue regularly in the coming weeks. Sharma also appealed to more young people to participate in such welfare activities. He said providing meals to patients and attendants may be a small initiative, but it can offer meaningful support to families during difficult times. He added that the Yuva Sanatan Dharma Sabha will continue undertaking more public welfare activities in the future. Yuva Sanatan volunteers including Sanjeev Sharma, Dr. Ajay Sharma, Rakesh Gupta, Dhieraj Sharma, Vikram Dutta, Monu Gupta, Sonu Sharma, Sajjan Dogra and Rajan Dogra were among those present. The volunteers jointly managed the arrangements and distributed meals to patients and attendants. Patients and their attendants appreciated the initiative and expressed gratitude to the Sabha members. The Sabha reiterated that the service will not remain limited to a single day and will continue every Tuesday evening. The initiative, which began from the Hanuman Temple, will now serve as a regular platform for helping needy people at the hospital. The Yuva Sanatan Dharma Sabha also pledged to continue community welfare and service activities in the future.

Election of Student Presidium Held at Government Degree College, Paloura

The election for various posts of the College Student Presidium for the academic session 2026-27 was successfully conducted at Government Degree College, Paloura under the able guidance of the Principal, Dr. Savi Behl. The election was organised and supervised by the Student Welfare Committee with the participation of the Class Representatives (CRs) of all semesters. The process was conducted in a fair, transparent and democratic manner, reflecting the College's commitment to student participation, leadership development, democratic values and responsible citizenship, in consonance with its quality-assurance initiatives under NAAC.



Following the election, Nowneet of Semester V was elected as Student President, Vanshika of Semester III as Student Vice President, Lakshay Raina of Semester III as Student Treasurer, and Danish Raina of Semester I as Student

General Secretary. The Principal of the college congratulated the newly elected members and appreciated the Student Welfare Committee and Class Representatives for ensuring the smooth conduct of the election. The newly elected Student

Free Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening Camp Held at Garkhal NTPHC



J a m m u D a t e : 15.09.2026 Under Project AAROH, a Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Initiative exclusively for women was successfully organized at NTPHC Garkhal, Block Akhnoor, Jammu. The initiative was supported by General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re) and implemented by Human Organisation For Patronisation of Environment (HOPE). Medical & Health Team Present The camp was attended by Manjot Kumari (FMPHW) and Sudesh Kumari (FMPHW), who

actively supported the screening, awareness, community mobilization, and smooth conduct of the camp under Project AAROH. Awareness & Medical Guidance A comprehensive awareness session was conducted to sensitize women about breast and cervical cancer, common risk factors, early warning signs, preventive measures, and the importance of regular screening. The health team emphasized the importance of early detection and timely medical consultation and encouraged women to remain aware of their health, undergo regular