The Institution of Engineers (India) Delhi State Centre

<u>Report</u>

First Northern Region IE (I) Alumni Meet, 2017

IEI Alumni Association with Delhi State Centre organised the First Northern Region IE(I) Alumni Meet in the august "Engineers Bhawan" Auditorium of Delhi State Centre on September 3, 2017. This has been organised in continuation of the earlier two such meets held in Chennai for Southern Region and Ahmedabad for Western Region. The program was attended by a large number of Alumni from across 8 (Eight) states of North India viz. Delhi, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Uttrakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and Jammu & Kashmir and included many successful entrepreneurs, eminent professionals, educationists, and many distinguished personalities.



Arrival and welcome of the Chief Guest Shri Ashwani Lohani, Chairman, Railway Board

The inaugural session started with lighting of the ceremonial lamp and invocation. Shri Devendra Gill, Chairman Delhi State Centre welcomed the guests and participants and lauded the efforts of Organisers and the large number of Alumni who were present.



Shri Devendra Gill, Chairman, Delhi State Centre delivering welcome address and Guests lighting the lamp

IEI Alumni meets have generated great enthusiasm amongst the Alumni community which is evident from overwhelming attendance seen during the North Meet. He urged all the alumni to participate in the IEI activities whole heartedly and in more progressive manner. Large number of IEI Alumni are to be brought to the Association and many have lost all contact with IEI. Together we all Engineers have to reduce miseries and sorrow and enhance happiness quotient of the common man.

It was a great moment when Hon'ble Shri Ashwani Lohani, Chairman, Railway Board, distributed the Distinguished Alumni Awards for the Alumni and released the third edition of IEI Alumni Newsletter. Shri Ashwani Lohani, Chairman, Railway Board was also conferred with Distinguished Alumni Award. Shri OP Goel, Past President, IEI honoured him with this award.



Chief Guest Shri Aswani Lohani delivering his address Presentation of IEI Distinguished Alumni Award by



Chief Guest



Release of the Newsletter.



Receiving the Memento, Chief Guest



Shri O P Goel, Past President, IEI delivering his Address



Recipient of Mrs Balagulshan Tandon Award

On this occasion, meritorious students securing highest marks in Section-A&B Examination from Delhi State Centre were also facilitated by Mrs Balagulshan Tandon Award. They also received their Prize Money and Certificate from the Chief Guest.



Address by the Chairman IEI Alumni Association

Address by the SDG IE(I)



Presentation of IEI Distinguished Alumni Award to Shri Ashwani Lohani by Shri O P Goel, Past President, IEI

The Chairman, IEIAA, in his talk assured that he, with his Office bearers would work tirelessly towards fulfilling vision of the President IE(I) Er. Navin B. Vasoya, whose direction helped generate great enthusiasm in the Alumni Community and continue with the Membership drive, bringing the Alumni back in to the hub of activities of the Institution.

Shri O P Goel, Past President, Lt Gen J S Ahluwalia (Retd), Chairman, Safety & Quality Forum, IEI, Shri Pradeep Chaturvedi, Council Member and Maj Gen S Bhattacharya, VSM (Retd), Secretary & Director General also graced the occasion and shared their valuation views with the august gathering.

Later Maj Gen S Bhattacharya, VSM (Retd), Secretary & Director, General, IE(I) also addressed the audience and briefed them about various issues concerning IEI and it's alumni career growth opportunity.

Shri Praveen Kr Singh, Honorary Secretary, Delhi State Centre IE(I) presented the Vote of Thanks and this concluded the Inaugural session of the meet.

After High tea, the second session started with a technical talk on "High Speed Traction in India" by Shri V K Dutt, Former Additional Member/Electrical, Railway Board, an Alumni where he briefed various improvement and adoption of latest techniques in Indian Rail Track system to realise the mission of introducing High Speed Rails in India. He explained

This was followed by another technical talk on "A New Tool for Enhancing Service, Reliability and Safety across Industry" by Shri Keshav Chandra, Former Member/Mechanical, Railway Board, another IEI Alumni where he stressed on implementation of Electronic reporting of safety, quality related issue across industry for enhanced reliability.

After lunch break, last part of meet was the usual Open House Session. This found very active participation by the Alumni and many concerns, suggestions and ideas were discussed. Most of the Alumni were thankful for the current leadership of IE(I), which they found was very responsive. Most of the Alumni promised to help identify more Alumni and have them as members of both Institution of Engineers (India) and IEI Alumni Association.

Some of the significant outcomes of the meet include

- identifying many Alumni who are not members of IE(I) and who have now come forward to become members and be active participants
- enthusiasm and volunteerism demonstrated by many alumni where they were willing to start and nurture many programs for students and other alumni
- support for mentorship program and request by many mentees