

REPORT

24th DR S P LUTHRA MEMORIAL LECTURE

Delhi State Centre of The Institution of Engineers (India) organized **24th Dr S P Luthra Memorial Lecture** on July 27, 2017 at Institutions' Premises. On this occasion **Prof. Prem Vrat**, Pro-Chancellor, Professor of Eminence & Chief Mentor, The North Cap University was the **Chief Guest**. & delivered Memorial Lecture on topic "*Quality of Engineering Education: The Need for Introspection*".

The Memorial function started with homage paying ceremony by garlanding of photograph of Dr S P Luthra by dignitaries.

Welcoming the Chief Guest and audience, Shri Devendra Gill, Chairman, The Institution of Engineers (India), Delhi State Centre apprised the audience about Dr. S.P. Luthra's contribution to Delhi State Centre, new direction he gave to the activities of the Centre and brought element of engineering education in the activities of the centre.

Prof J K Gehlawat, Immdt Past Chairman, Delhi State Centre of The Institution of Engineers (India) introduced Prof Prem Vrat, Chief Guest of the function to the audience.

Delivering the Memorial Lecture, Prof Prem Vrat highlighted on the current technical education system in India. He mentioned that uncontrolled opening of Engineering Colleges with no proper monitoring has led to dilution of technical education standards in India during last one decade. Prof Prem Vrat stressed that Colleges should be made capable to deliver three major components to the students, viz. attitude, skill and knowledge respectively in order to ensure utmost employment. Prof Vrat sought the attention of audience towards recent released report of NASCOM mentioning that only 25% of Engineering students passed out every year in India are employable. Citing various reasons for deterioration of technical education in Engineering Colleges today, Prof Vrat mentioned that huge imbalance in every year aspects of technical education alongwith poor quality and shortage of faculty is the major cause. This is leading to the trust of society falling towards the Engineering education. Prof Vrat mentioned that the strength of the students appearing in the Colleges in 2017 are same as 2006, since this sector has not been able to deliver the desirable result to the society. Urging Professional Institution like The Institution of Engineers (India), Prof Prem Vrat stressed that time has come for professional institution to take lead role in revamping the technical education system and work strenuously for its revival with focus on attitude skill and employability.

Shri Praveen Kr Singh, Honorary Secretary proposed the vote of thanks. Nearly 60 members of The Institution of Engineers (India) and other invitees attended the programme.