

REPORT
World Habitat Day 2019
October 7, 2019

Delhi State Centre of The Institution of Engineers (India) organized World Habitat Day 2019 on October 7, 2019 at Institution's Premises. On this occasion, Shri Rajesh Goel, Chairman & Managing Director, Hindustan Prefab Limited was the Chief Guest of the function and delivered the Key-note address on the theme: "Frontier Technologies as an innovative tool to transform waste to wealth".

Delivering the welcome address, Shri Dinesh Kumar, Chairman, IEI mentioned that The theme for World Habitat Day 2019 is "Frontier Technologies as an innovative tool to transform waste to wealth". The world's cities produce every year 7 – 10 billion tonnes of solid, liquid, domestic, industrial and commercial waste. Managing waste properly is essential for building sustainable and liveable cities, but it remains a challenge for many developing countries and cities. This year, World Habitat Day is calling attention to the issue of waste, wishing to change the discourse into a positive one, where waste is presented as an opportunity to bring about wealth and change in the communities and cities where we live.

Further he stated that Lack of adequate waste management has resulted in excessive air, soil and water pollution, threatening public health, ecosystems and biodiversity, as well as accumulating immense quantities of waste in the world's oceans. At the same time sustainable waste management presents opportunities. New frontier technologies and innovative solutions can present important circular economy opportunities for cities and human settlements.

Dr S M Goel, Member, Delhi State Centre Committee-IEI (India) delivered the address on this occasion and Shri V R Bansal, Supt, Supt Engineer, North MCD on topic: "Waste to Wealth" also gave presentation.

Dr Meena Vidhani, Dy Director (Planning), Delhi Development Authority speaks on topic "Engineering Solution related Land Pooling & Housing Construction in Delhi, NCR".

Guest of Honour Shri Anant Kumar, ADG (Tech), Central Public Works Department apprised about The purpose of World Habitat Day is to reflect on the state of our towns and cities, and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter. It is also intended to remind the world that we all have the power and the responsibility to shape the future of our cities and towns.

Chief Guest of the function Shri Rajesh Goel, Chairman & Managing Director, Hindustan Prefab Limited started his address spoke about How to Manage Waste Effectively that Currently, every year the country produces a whopping 62 million tonnes of waste out of which 45 million tonnes of waste remains untreated. The need of the hour is to extend the reach and accessibility of startups like these so that more people become aware about waste management

Shri Jitendra Kumar Sharma, Honorary Secretary, The Institution of Engineers (India), Delhi State Centre coordinate the event and proposed the vote of thanks.

Nearly 120 members, guests and invitees attended the function.

