

TECHNICAL ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT BY CENTRES

Name of Centre		Meerut Local Centre	
Title of Activity:	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day		
Activity under Divisional Board	Statutory Days		
Date:	17-05-2023	Venue:	Conference Hall, BSNL, Tejgarhi, Meerut

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Brief Report :-

The event was celebrated in collaboration with BSNL, UP (West), Meerut in their conference hall. The programme started with the lighting of lamp and presentation of bouquets to guests.

At the outset, the chairman of Meerut Local Centre of IEI, Er. M.L. Jain welcomed the dignitaries and the participants which included Engineers of BSNL and Members of IEI. Er. Surya Kant, ITS, CGM, BSNL UP(W) Telecom Circle, Meerut was the Chief Guest and Er. Raj Deo, ITS, PGM (CFA), BSNL, UP(W) and Er. P.P. Shrivastava, IP&TBWS, Senior GM (HR/Admin), BSNL, UP(W), Meerut were the Guests of Honour.

There were three speakers, all of them engineers of BSNL-Er. Ashish Kumar, AGM (Mobile), Er. A.K. Bansal, ADT (IT) and Er. Archana Arora, SDE (CMTS). They gave their presentation on the theme for this year, "Empowering the Least Developed Countries through Information and Communication Technologies". The speakers elaborated the least developed countries (LDC) as low income countries confronting severe structural impediments to sustainable development. They are highly vulnerable to economic and environmental shocks and have low levels of human assets. Currently 46 countries have been listed as LDCs, which are mainly African countries numbering 33. The list includes 9 countries from Asia, one Caribbean and 3 Pacific countries. The speakers told that the information and communication technologies (ICTs) are crucial in reducing poverty, improving access to health and education services and creating new sources of income and employment for poor. They discussed in details the application of ICTs in improving human assets index as it has great impact on improvement of education, health, industrialization and environment resulting in economic growth, employment opportunities and overall prosperity.

The Chief Guest and Guests of Honour also shared their experiences about the digital transformation of society over the years. Mementos were presented to the guests and

speakers. The Hony. Secretary, IEI Meerut Local Centre, Er. R.P. Agrawal presented vote of thanks. Er. Rajneesh Kumar was the convener of the programme. The event was covered by the leading news papers of Meerut next morning with the news and photos of the celebration.