

# Press Release

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## Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble L.G e-Inaugurates projects worth Rs 137.35 Crores completed under World Bank funded by JTFRP

Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K today e-inaugurated (09) projects worth Rs 137.35 crores completed by J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency under the World Bank funded , *Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project*

Hon'ble L.G inaugurated the (29) Oxygen Generation Plants constructed by J&KERA under the CERC (Contingency Emergency Response) component of the World Bank funded JTFRP. Work on the (30) Oxygen Generation Plants was taken up by J&KERA on war footing in later part of 2021 and got completed within the shortest possible time. The project involved the procurement and installation of the PSA(Pressure Swing Absorption) based "Manifold Oxygen Plants" which have been recommended by the WHO (World Health Organization) for the treatment of the COVID-19 patients suffering from acute respiratory stress and critical to the recovery of seriously ill COVID-19 patients. The availability of this critical care equipment's at the sub-district and community level hospitals will be significant in scaling down the deaths caused due to the COVID-19.



The project also involved the construction of the building for housing of the oxygen generation plant as per the prescribed specifications, installation and procurement of electro-mechanical components of main oxygen concentrator, air compressor, air receiver tanks, filtration system, air dryers, oxygen receiver tanks, bulk cylinders, oxygen regulating manual tanks, oxygen flowmeters, digital gas alarm, compressed air, Nitrous gas system which will

be backed up with the 24X7 power supply with 125 KVA transformers, 150 KVA servo-stabilizers and all other necessary wherewithal to make the plants fully operational round the clock.

It was said that installation of (29) OGP's at the hospitals located in most remote areas across the U.T having a cumulative capacity of around 11,000 LPM can be termed as one of the most significant accomplishment under the JTFRP. With the installation of these facilities in most remote areas of UT like *Mendhar, Sunderbani, Surankote, Banihal, Gandoh, Batote, Banihal, Chenani, Katra, Hajin, Tangmarg,, Qazigund, Zainapora, Yaripora, Akhnoor, Chowki Chaura, Bani, Hirannagar, Gaghwal, Ramgarh, Beerwah, Chari-Sharief Gurez, Tangdar, Tral, Kellar, Kangan, Uri and Kreeri.*

With the commissioning of these Oxygen Generation Plants completed at a cost of Rs 69.00 Crores more than 16 lac people living in these most remote areas of the UT have been provided with the life saving facility of medical grade oxygen at the nearest Govt Health facility.

Earlier, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Chief Executive Officer, JKERA/ JTFRP while briefing about the Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project said that during the last 2 years 132 sub-projects out of the total of 213 sub-projects have been completed at the cost of ₹ 428.79 Cr. while as work on remaining 81 sub-projects is in the advanced stage of execution.

The dramatic turnaround in the implementation of JTFRP is evident from the fact that during last two years 90% of procurement and 80% of disbursements under the project have been undertaken during the (2020-2021) as against 10% of procurement and 20% disbursements achieved during the initial (04) four years of the project i.e. from 2016-2019.

The upgradation of the (5) vital road projects –namely- *Parimpora-Soibugh road in Srinagar/Budgam, Rigid Concrete Pavement road from Civil –Secretariat to Rambagh in Srinagar, Anji-Panasa in Reasi, Halmullah- Panchpora –Kralkut in Anantnag and Litter-Chakura-Chowdhary Bagh in Pulwama and one bridge 43 M Span steel deck bridge over Anji Nallah at Sukhal Nallah at Sukhal Ghati in Reasi* completed at a cumulative cost of Rs 35.74 crores will provide the improved road connectivity to population of around 5 lac souls living in these various areas and provide them with the faster and improved access to markets, health, educational facilities and lead to creation of more jobs in tourism and other sectors.

The study on the Multihazard Risk Assessment in J&K and two significant IT based tools for the Strengthening of the Disaster Management in the UT namely Development of DSS (Decision Support System) and DRDB (Disaster Risk Database) developed under the JTFRP were also released on the occasion by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.

The tools developed would definitely revolutionize the Disaster Management Infrastructure in J&K and give Disaster specialists and concerned line agencies dealing with emergencies a latest and modern tools to timely forecast the various impending calamities thus prevent loss of precious lives and property due to these.

The Upgraded Building Codes for J&K developed under World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project were also unveiled by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor on the occasion.