

Workshop on multi hazard risk assessment organised



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JAMMU, Feb 26: ERA organized a workshop on Multi Hazard Risk Assessment for Jammu and Kashmir at Radisson Blu Hotel in Jammu today.

The workshop was held as part of Capacity Building and training of agencies responsible for Disaster Management under the ongoing Jehlum Tawi Flood Recovery Project funded by the World Bank. The Government of Jammu and Kashmir, with the technical and financial support of World Bank, formulated the JTFRP for reconstruction and future flood mitigation activities after the September 2014 floods.

CEO ERA/JTFRP Dr Raghav

Langer in his key note address said that the objective of Jehlum Tawi Flood Recovery Project is to support the recovery and increase disaster resilience in targeted areas of the state, and increase the capacity of the State entities to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. He added that this is the first World Bank sponsored project in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Project is divided into seven components, which included Reconstruction and strengthening of critical infrastructure, Reconstruction of roads and bridges, Restoration of urban flood management infrastructure, Strengthening and restoration of

livelihoods, Strengthening of disaster risk management capacity and Contingent Emergency Response and Implementation Support. Chief Guest on the occasion VK Singh Director General SDRF, HG, CD and Fire and Emergency Services emphasized on the coordination between the various line department and laid stress on better coordination for better outcome of the projects. Vote of thanks was given by Iftikhar

Ahmad Hakim, Director Planning and Coordination, JTFRP. The key experts from RMSI consultants Dr Muralikrishna M and Dr Murari Lal engaged by JTFRP highlight-

ed the importance of Multi Hazard Risk Assessment for J&K, which also includes review of Flood and Earthquake Hazard Studies, Climate Change Impact on Hydro Met Hazard and Food Security. The expected outcome of the study includes Quality Hazard, vulnerability and risk for all development sectors specific to hazard through scientific based approach, risk informed decisions for development, risk mitigation and emergency planning, real time forecasting of risk from key hydro-meteorological events with core lead time to save lives and loss to infrastructure and property and training and capacity building of state officials on disaster risk reduction planning and operation and maintenance of Decision Support System (DSS).

The workshop was attended by Professor SK Pandita, Director Disaster Management University of Jammu, Prof GM Bhat, Geology Department University of Jammu, Aamir Ali Director Disaster Management JTFRP, MS. Babu, MD, CVPPPL and Satinder Singh Rana, Director ERA, Jammu, and Iftikhar Ahmad Kakroo, Director Technical, JTFRP. The workshop was also attended by representative of different line departments and including PWD, PHE, I&FC, Department of Remote Sensing, Town Planning, Geology Mining, Industries & Commerce etc.