

# Press Release

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## World Bank Technical Review Mission concludes 4 day visit to Jammu.

Jammu: The 2- member World Bank Technical team comprising of Shri Peeyush Sekhsaria, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist and Shri. Manzoor Khan Operations Specialist, today concluded it's 4- day visit to Jammu. During its visit to Jammu the team reviewed the progress of ongoing Projects being executed by JKERA under World Bank funded Jhelum & Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP). The visiting team had series of meetings with senior officers of ERA and R&B Jammu and also visited various sites during its stay in Jammu.

During their visit to various schools, which included GPS Beli Charana, GHS Chak Majra, GPS Gujjar Basti, GMS Purana Pind, the World Bank Team lauded the work done by JKERA in the execution of project. The school buildings have been



constructed using the BaLA ( Building as A Learning Aid) design under component-I of JTFRP i.e. Reconstruction and strengthening of critical

infrastructure of World Bank Funded JTFRP Project. The Team had interactions with Teachers, Staff, Community members and children studying in these schools. The stakeholders appreciated World Bank & JKERA for constructing the schools buildings using creative Bala design and expressed gratitude to the World Bank for providing state of the art school infrastructure in remote areas. Senior officers/officials of R&B Jammu, which is the Project Implementation Unit for the construction of school buildings, also accompanied the World Bank and ERA Team

The Technical team also visited the 300 LPM Manifold Oxygen Plant at GAH, Gaghwal, one of the (30) Manifold Oxygen Plants constructed by J&KERA under Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project across the UT.

During the visit to Rs. 13.24 crore sub project involving the construction of 58 mts Steel Motorable Bridge from Katheel Ganjoo to Barsoa over Ghordi Nallah and 50 mts span Steel Motorable Bridge from Barsoa to Patri over Barmeen Nallah along with approach roads in Udhampur district, the team was informed that these motorable bridges will be the vital link between Katheel, Ganjo, Plarn, Rmain, Barmeen, Kuh Nallah, Barata, Barsoa, Pathri, Bari, Sanetar and Bhatyari villages. Construction of these bridges will give boost to socio-economic activity in the region.

During their visit to Rs 16.71 crore, 18.29 km Sidhra Surinsar Road, the team expressed satisfaction on the progress of the work . The team also visited the 11 km long Tutan Di Khuie to Khada Madana Road being upgraded at the cost of Rs.26.62 crores.

Peeyush Sekhsaria, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist said that the World bank is glad to know that the schools building built under JTFRP, across the UT under World Bank funded project have considerably upgraded the education sector and pleased to hear that the enrollment in

schools has increased considerably after the construction of BaLA based buildings.

The World Bank Team was accompanied by Director Technical Iftikhar Ahmad Wani, Director Jammu Ajay Kumar Raju, Project Manager Transport Ashok Kumar Khokhar, Project Manager Hydraulic Nand Kishore Gupta and other senior officers/officials of ERA and consultants.