## JICA organizes procurement and disbursement seminar

Varanasi: Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), organized the Procurement and Disbursement Seminar under Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA) Loan 2022 on June 23rd and June 24th at the Rudraksh International Cooperation & Convention Center (RICCC), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, which has been constructed by Japan's Grant Aid through JICA The seminar was inaugurated in the presence of Mr. SAITO Mitsunori, Chief Representative. JICA India Office; MIYAMOTO Shingo, Minister (Economic and Development) Embassy of Japan in India; Mr. Rajat Kumar Mishra, Additional Department Secretary. Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India; Mr.



Manoj Bisht, Senior Accountant Officer, CAAA, DEA, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India; and Mr. Deepak Agarwal, Divisional Commissioner, Varanasi. Speaking at the ceremony, Mr. SAITO Mitsunori, Chief Representative, JICA India Office, said, "It is an immense pleasure to hold JICA's Procurement and Disbursement Seminar 2022 at the RICCC, an iconic symbol of close

Japan-India relations while we celebrate the 75th anniversary of India's independence and the 70th anniversary of Japan-India diplomatic relations. India continues to be JICA's largest partner in the world. But the critical thing is the smooth implementation of projects and the speedy delivery of development benefits to the people. Through accelerating project execution, JICA would like to contribute to India's efforts to create a solid economic and social foundation for future prosperity. Also the seminar would provide an excellent opportunity to deepen mutual understanding at the operational level between executing agencies and JICA.

The seminar aimed at enhancing project executing agencies' understanding on various aspects of JICA's ODA Loans, including procedural matters, for smooth project implementation. The first day of the seminar included discussions around topics such as ODA Loan Outlook and Overview Disbursement: Disbursement Management, Procedure and Common Discrepancies. On day two of the seminar discussions were held on the Specific Issues Disbursement and Brief Recapitulation by Each Group; the Promotion of RICCC and its utilization; Public Relations in JICA India Office; presentation on ODA projects by JICA India, presentation on procurement procedures by JICA headquarters; and Efficient Project Management & Project Execution by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation.