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## Boosting Sewerage Treatment through Yamuna Action Plan Project (III)



L-R: Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Mr. Kenko Sone, Minister (Economic & Development), Embassy of Japan; Mr. U.P Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR), GOI; Mr. R.R Mishra, Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga; Mr. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat; Mr. Vijay Dev, Chief Secretary of Delhi; Mr. Dinesh Mohaniya, Vice Chairman, DJB; Mr. Shalabh Kumar, Member (WS) and Mr. Arvind Kejriwal (at the podium).

On July 8, 2019, the ground-breaking ceremony of 564 Million Litres per Day (MLD) Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) supported by JICA was held at Okhla, New Delhi, under the Yamuna Action Plan Project (III). The objective of the Project is to augment sewage treatment capacity by constructing and renovating Sewerage Treatment Plants and sewer lines for improved sanitary conditions of the residents. The STP is expected to treat the sewage generated by around 4 million people of Delhi.

Mr. Arvind Kejriwal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi and Chairman of Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and Mr. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti Ministry, Government of India (GOI) inaugurated the construction of the STP. The inauguration ceremony was also attended by Mr. Nikhil Kumar, CEO, DJB; Mr. Kenko Sone, Minister (Economic & Development), Embassy of Japan and Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Representative, JICA India, amongst other dignitaries.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Representative, JICA India said, "JICA has supported construction of STPs and related sewage facilities since 1992 for water quality improvement of Yamuna River. JICA's cumulative support for Okhla STPs is expected to treat more than 20% of wastewater discharged by Delhi citizens. I hope that the plant becomes a good case of high quality infrastructure infused with advanced technologies and great magnitude."

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## **Congratulating all students on completion of Training on Advanced Mould in CIPET Lucknow and Wishing them Success in bringing change in the Manufacturing Sector**



Mr. Matsumoto, Chief Representative, JICA India observes Training of Students

On July 30, 2019, the ceremony for completion of Advanced Mould Development and Training Program under the Verification Survey for Engineer Training for Modular Dies in India supported by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) was organised at the Central Institute of Plastic Engineering & Technology (CIPET) Lucknow. The training involved necessary technology for modular mould engineering such as technology for product designing, technology for mould designing and technology for assessment of mould product.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Representative, JICA India said, "I want to congratulate all students for successfully completing the Advanced Mould Development and Training Programme. The knowledge that you have attained will help you contribute for improvement in manufacturing competitiveness and creating more employment opportunities in India. Our vision is in line with the Government's "Make in India" policy which is aiming to generate 100 million employment in manufacturing sector by 2020 and "Skill in India" policy to promote human resource development. The Japanese enterprises possess technological expertise in various fields that assists in fulfilling the industry needs and have a positive impact on the social welfare of a country. I believe that the Training of Trainers (ToT) and Training of Students (ToS) can strengthen current curriculum of CIPET Lucknow and every training system is conducted in sophisticated and sustainable way."

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## **Seven New JICA Volunteers Deployed to India for Sharing their Knowledge and Experience**



The Volunteers in the JICA India Office during their orientation session

On August 1, 2019, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) deployed 7 new volunteers to India to promote international cooperation through the sharing of knowledge and experience and to work as a bridge between the people of India and Japan. With these new volunteers, widely known as Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs), India has a total of 18 volunteers in as many as 10 states which are Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Delhi, West Bengal, Uttarakhand and Andhra Pradesh.

Speaking about the deployment, Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Representative, JICA India said, "JICA has deployed these JOCVs to enhance the cooperation in the economic and social development of India as well as to promote international goodwill and deepen mutual understanding between the citizens of two countries. These JOCVs are well trained and skilled in their respective domains, and will help accelerate progress in their areas of work. JICA realizes that the existing 11 JOCVs has made to catalyze growth in income generation of farmers, improvement in Japanese language skills and enhancement of swimming skills of students. We would want such contribution to be extended to all parts of India by the new JOCVs, strengthening the relationship between India and Japan."

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## **Promoting Capacity Development for Railway Safety by Visiting Rolling Stock Maintenance Facilities under Technical Cooperation Project**



Indian officials and JICA experts while having a discussion at the site.

On August 1, 2019, under the ongoing Technical Cooperation (TC) Project 'Capacity Development on Railway Safety', which aims to enhance the capacity of the Indian Railways (IR) and the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL), JICA Experts visited Rolling Stock Maintenance facilities to have knowledge sharing with Indian counterparts in order to deepen mutual understanding of methodology for Rolling Stock maintenance in India and Japan.

JICA Experts visited Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) Car Shed in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh and Carriage & Wagon Workshop in Jagadhari, Haryana to understand Rolling Stock maintenance practices and actual maintenance status of running gear (bogie/wheelset) to promote improved maintenance quality on Rolling Stock in Indian Railways.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Takuo Kuwahara, JICA Expert for Rolling Stock Maintenance said, "During the site survey, JICA Experts team had a discussion with Indian counterparts on details of the forthcoming training program of Indian officials in Japan scheduled in November 2019, besides the Rolling Stock maintenance practices followed in India. JICA Expert team will frame training program based on the mutual understanding with Indian counterparts. We believe that tailor-made training program in Japan would be a good opportunity for Indian counterparts to understand Japanese knowledge and experiences so as to contribute to the safe railway operation in India." This TC project is to be implemented during the next one and half years. The first training program in Japan in the field of Accident Investigation was conducted in early July 2019. Another four training programs in Japan in the field of Rolling Stock maintenance, Rail welding, Track maintenance, Safety Management will be conducted within the current fiscal year 2019.

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## **Second Bamboo Workshop to Boost Production and Value Chain Management in North East States**



Dignitaries sitting at the dais at the workshop

On August 9, 2019, the one-day workshop on "Production and Industrial Use of Bamboo: Issues, Prospects and Challenges" was held in Tripura. After the first workshop which was held in August 2018 with a focus on bamboo handicrafts, this second workshop focuses on expansion in production, industrial use and value chain management of bamboo. JICA has been extending the ODA loan to Tripura state in implementation of forestry projects and "The Project for Sustainable Catchment Forest Management", launched in 2018.

Mr. Biplab Kumar Deb, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tripura; Dr. U. Venkateswarlu, Chief Secretary, Tripura and Mr. Mevar Kumar Jamatia, Hon'ble Forest Minister, Tripura delivered their opening remarks as the Chief Guests. Professor Shozo Shibata from Kyoto University was invited as the special guest speaker, spoke about his research outcomes on bamboo species in Mizoram state as well as the opportunities for collaboration between Japan and India in the bamboo sector. In addition to the Government officials and Japanese representatives, many experts and practitioners of the sector addressed the audience on both production and value addition aspects.

Speaking at the occasion, Mr. Toru Uemachi, Senior Representative of JICA India said, "Reflecting the policy of both governments, JICA will continue collaborating with states in capacity building of people utilizing bamboos as well as vigorously exploring the possibilities in improving value chains and in connecting the Indian and Japanese business in the bamboo sector."

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## **Dispatching JICA Experts for Railway Safety Management and Track Maintenance under Technical Cooperation Project**



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On August 9, 2019, under the ongoing JICA Technical Corporation (TC) Project 'Capacity Development on Railway Safety, in continuation with site survey of Rolling Stock Maintenance conducted last week, JICA Experts for Railway Safety Management and Track Maintenance implemented site survey with Indian counterparts this week in order to deepen mutual understanding of methodology and practice for Safety Management and Track maintenance in India and Japan.

JICA expert team for Railway Safety Management visited New Delhi Railway Station and Indian Railways Institute of Transport Management in Lucknow to understand the actual procedures of works carried out in station area and attended the seminar on safety management meant for Railway's Chief Safety Officers to exchange views on the forthcoming training program in Japan. Parallely, JICA Expert team for track maintenance visited Operation Control Office in Delhi, Training Centre in Ghaziabad, and Station/Yard tracks in Ghaziabad, Tughlakabad and Ambala to observe track condition and discussed the status of the quality of track maintenance work and issues for improvement of Indian Railways.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Makoto Ishida, Chief Advisor of JICA expert team who led site survey of Track Maintenance in this week said, "Indian side requested to be informed of the better practice of track maintenance under limited track possession time efficiently. In this site survey, the idea of improvement regarding track maintenance in Indian Railways has been identified. Track maintenance group training program in Japan scheduled in October this year will be organized based on our discussion. We hope that this training program in Japan serves as a good opportunity for Indian Railways officials to understand Japanese knowledge and experience and to draft their action plan to improve maintenance and safety management work regarding technical, structure implementation and mind set point of view."

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## Promoting Sustainable Forest Management with People's Participation and Technical Advancement



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On September 20, 2019, JICA organised the 10th edition of the Project Directors Meeting of JICA-Supported Forestry & Natural Resource Management Projects, in New Delhi,. The one-day meeting entailed deliberations on issues, challenges and opportunities pertaining to forestry and natural resource management projects for 14 states including Odisha, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Gujarat, Nagaland, Himachal Pradesh, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Meghalaya, Haryana and Punjab. Dignitaries at the event included by Mr. D.K Sinha, Inspector General of Forests (EAP), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoFC&CC), Government of India and Mr. A.K Bansal, Former Additional Director General, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change among other senior officials from the State Forest Department, including Chief Project Directors and Project Directors.

JICA has been the largest development partner to the forestry and natural resource management sector in India is associated continuously for 30 years with the Government of India for these projects. JICA is focused and committed towards enhancing environmental conditions for the people of India through our projects leading to increased forest cover, effective soil and moisture conservation, livelihood and capacity development of communities on the forest fringes and the introduction of technology-based management processes. Through this Project Director's meeting JICA aims to hold a productive discussion about the day-to-day issues, processes and best practices under JICA forestry project in India.

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## Voice of JICA Staff



### **Mr. Vineet Sahai Sarin**

It has been a great journey with JICA for close to three decades now. During the course of my work with JICA, I have had the privilege of gaining diverse experiences in formulation/ implementation / monitoring of projects that have helped me not only to hone my professional skills and abilities but also to effectively contribute to the development of India, which is, professionally and personally, very gratifying and continues to motivate me further. During my long association with JICA, in addition to project management related works, amongst other things, I have had the opportunity to author the “Guidelines for Designing of Forestry Projects for JBIC (now JICA) Assistance in India” India Office, 2005. The said guidelines were prepared after extensive consultations with the Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India and JICA Head Quarters. MoEFCC accepted the said guidelines for preparation of candidate projects by states for seeking JICA’s assistance. Further, I have also authored a paper on ‘Joint Forest Management’ and a Sectoral Paper on ‘Forestry Sector in India’.

### **About Mr. Sarin:**

With 28 years of experience in international development banking sector and 1 year in private sector, Mr. Sarin has worked across diverse sectors starting with Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan from 1991 ~ 1999; with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) from 1999 until 2009 and with JICA from October 2009 to present day. He is currently working as a ‘Chief Development Specialist’, with JICA India office, and is the National Staff In-charge for ‘Forests & Natural Resource Management sector’. Additionally, he is also in charge of certain projects in urban transport (metros and ITS), higher education, solid waste management and tourism sectors.

Mr. Sarin has delivered lectures as a ‘Guest Lecturer’ at the ‘Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy’, Dehradun, (the highest body of Government of India to train Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers for both induction & refresher training courses) on several occasions, at the invitation of the Academy. On a regular basis, he has also made presentations on JICA’s perspective and assistance in the forestry and natural resource management sector at various national (workshops and seminars) and international forums (in Japan, Turkey, Egypt and Thailand).

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