Signed Loan Agreements to Strengthen India-Japan Relationship

A total of eight loan agreements were signed during October - December 2018.

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<th>Agreement Signing Date</th>
<th>Project Name</th>
<th>Amount (million Japanese Yen)</th>
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<td>October 30, 2018</td>
<td>Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System Project Phase 3 (Tranche III)</td>
<td>53,675</td>
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<td>October 30, 2018</td>
<td>North East Road Network Connectivity Improvement Project Phase-III (Tranche I)</td>
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<td>Project for Sustainable Catchment Forest Management in Tripura</td>
<td>12,287</td>
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<td>Project for the Construction of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail</td>
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<td>October 30, 2018</td>
<td>Project for Renovation and Modernisation of Umiam-Umtru Stage III Hydroelectric Power Station</td>
<td>5,497</td>
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<td>Project for the Construction of Turga Pumped Storage</td>
<td>29,442</td>
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<td>Project for Dairy Development</td>
<td>14,978</td>
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<td>Chennai Metro Project (Phase 2) (I)</td>
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On October 30, 2018, JICA signed five loan agreements amounting to a total of 2,46,942 million Japanese Yen. The signing ceremony took place in Tokyo.

Apart from this another loan agreement of 29,442 million Japanese Yen was signed on November 2, 2018 in New Delhi for the construction of pumped storage systems in West Bengal.

On December 21, 2018, JICA signed two loan agreements amounting to 90,497 million Japanese Yen was signed in New Delhi.
Enhanced Mobility by Inaugurating New Section of Delhi Metro's Pink Line (Line 7)

On October 31, 2018, over 17 kilometer stretch of the Delhi Metro’s Pink Line, running from Shiv Vihar to Trilokpuri Sanjay Lake metro station was inaugurated. The stretch is part of the upcoming 59 km long Majlis Park-Shiv Vihar Corridor under Phase-III of Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System Project, which is supported by JICA.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Representative, JICA India said, “Delhi Metro project is a shining example of Indo-Japanese partnership. Delhi Metro’s success story is being emulated by other cities in India and abroad. In 2018, Delhi Metro has built over 57 km of new lines with JICA’s cooperation. With opening of this section, Delhi metro network will become 314 km long with 229 metro stations. JICA recognizes that this stretch will be a major boon for the eastern and northern fringes.”

Commenced Technical Cooperation Project for Capacity Development on Railway Safety

On December 4, 2018, JICA and the Ministry of Railways (MOR), Government of India (GOI) held the First Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting to commence “The Project for Capacity Development on Railway Safety”. The Technical Cooperation (TC) project to be implemented during the next two years, aims to enhance the capacities of the Indian Railways (IR) and the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) with regard to safety of the railway network.

Held the 7th Edition of the ‘IIT Hyderabad - Japan Collaboration Academic Fair’

On October 26, 2018, JICA held the 7th Edition of the ‘IIT Hyderabad - Japan Collaboration Academic Fair’ organized under the JICA-FRIENDSHIP Project, with the purpose to introduce a clear vision of career in Japan to the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (IIT-H) students including study environment, career, and life in Japan. The fair was attended by more than 200 students who received energetic and encouraging messages from the special guest speaker for this years’ occasion, Dr. Yuichiro Anzai, former President of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) and other speakers.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Representative, JICA India said, “Enhancing the Academia-Industry network between Japan and India is one of the most important investments for both countries’ long-term friendship. In this connection, JICA has been engaging in various initiatives with IIT-H. Introducing this unique scholarship program for the youth is a long-term investment that aims at improving the future of the two nations. It gives me immense pleasure to invite the talented graduates of IIT Hyderabad to encounter interesting research topics, cultural experiences and future opportunities in Japan.”
Inaugurated the Jharkhand Horticulture Intensification by Micro Drip Irrigation Project

On October 8, 2018, the JICA-supported Jharkhand Horticulture Intensification by Micro Drip Irrigation Project was inaugurated by Mr. Raghubar Das, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand in Ranchi. JICA has signed an agreement with the Government of India to provide an Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan of 4,652 million Japanese Yen (approximately Rs. 300 Crore) to the Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society (JSLPS) under Department of Rural Development (DRD), Government of Jharkhand for the promotion of Micro Drip Irrigation (MDI) in the state.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Takayoshi Tange, Senior Representative, JICA India made an inaugural speech. “The Project would reach 30,000 women farmers, who are members of Self Help Groups formed by JSLPS, and the Project adopts a holistic approach wherein farmers are provided with MDI system, poly nursery house and vermin compost unit as a package, on a cost sharing basis, along with intensive training on horticulture and marketing. At a larger level, the Project aims to promote empowerment of women.”

Inaugurated the Orissa Integrated Sanitation Improvement Project (Phase II)

On December 5, 2018, the inauguration ceremony of a 36 Million Liters per Day (MLD) Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) was held at Bidanasi, Cuttack under Orissa Integrated Sanitation Improvement Project (II). The objective of the Project is to construct sewerage and drainage facilities thereby improving sanitary conditions of the residents including the underprivileged in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack cities, and improving water quality of surrounded rivers.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Representative, JICA India said, "In order to improve the living condition within twin cities Cuttack and Bhubaneswar in Odisha, JICA has been supporting the construction of three STPs and related sewerage and drainage facilities in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. This Project is special in a sense that Government of Odisha has established a special entity, called WATCO (Water Corporation of Odisha Limited), for sustainable operation and maintenance."

Extended Champions for Societal Manufacturing (CSM) Project till 2020

On October 24, 2018, JICA extended the duration for the Champions for Societal Manufacturing (CSM) Project until September 2020. Initially, the CSM Project was supposed to be operational from 2013 to 2018, with this extension, and adding the former VLFM (Visionary Leaders of Manufacturing) Project, the duration of JICA’s support for this movement becomes 2007 to 2020. After more than 10 years of effort on VLFM and CSM Projects, with recognition of its effectiveness, scaling up the courses has been strongly required from the industry. To enhance capability of faculties and demonstrators to provide courses to meet societal needs will be the main challenge in the extended phase of the CSM Project.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Representative, JICA India said, "Today, the Indian society is facing a historic turning point. People's lifestyles are changing through rapid economic growth and globalization. JICA has been supporting the development of visionary leaders in Indian manufacturing to lead innovations that bring social change and realize the better society. Also, we believe that having more visionary leaders of manufacturing contributes to the Government of India's Make in India policy in very efficient and sustainable manner. We are happy that we will continue this initiative for another two years bringing more leaders to the Indian society."
**Summit and Voice of JICA Staff**

**Highlighted the Vision for Open Defecation Free India at World Toilet Summit 2018**

On November 19, 2018, Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Representative, JICA India, attended the World Toilet Summit 2018, a sanitation-focused conference, held in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The summit is organised annually in different countries since 2001 and this was the third time the summit was held in India.

Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, as a Key Note Speaker, presented the session "Tackling Sanitation Needs: Multi-stakeholder & Multi-sectoral Approaches are Necessary". Mr. Matsumoto remarked that "JICA has been supporting India’s water and sanitation sector for over 30 years through ODA loans, technical cooperation and grants, making us one of the largest contributors to the sector. Through our experiences, we learnt that building toilets is not enough; there exists various needs of people, especially of women, which should be addressed for sustainable sanitation, such as safety, water connection, and maintenance. Further, awareness among the public concerning toilet is critical and plays an instrumental role in achieving the goal. The social innovation in toilet would be possible only when it provides community-based, low-cost and water saving solution."

**Voice of JICA Staff**

**Ms. Kaori Honda**

I am pleased to be associated with the JICA projects in the water and sanitation sector. This quarter has been wonderfully engaging for us as the Orissa Integrated Sanitation Improvement Project’s Sewerage Treatment Plant was inaugurated and JICA voiced its support for Open Defecation Free India at World Toilet Summit 2018. I have been supporting the projects which focus on development of water supply and sewage treatment infrastructure for all over India and have been closely working with Japanese stakeholders for smooth execution of these projects since the past 2 years.

**About Ms. Honda:** Ms. Honda has worked as an international development consultant in project management, social development and evaluation for about 15 years and has a varied experience of working in agriculture, livelihood improvement and women empowerment projects.

**Shashi Khanna**

I am delighted to be part of Umiam-Umtru Stage III Hydroelectric Power Project and the Project for Construction of Turga Pumped Storage, loan agreements for which have been signed in this quarter. These projects are aimed to reduce the power shortages and strengthen the power supply in their respective areas. Previously, in JICA, I have worked on various other power projects which aimed at a similar outcome, i.e. improving power generation, transmission, distribution and upgradation of technology. I have managed Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project in West Bengal, Haryana Transmission Project, Madhya Pradesh Transmission Project and Bangalore Distribution Upgradation Project amongst others. Through these projects, JICA is working towards ensuring 24/7 power supply in the specific states for a holistic development of the area.

**About Ms. Khanna:** Ms. Khanna has been working with JICA (erstwhile JBIC/OECF) since 1990 for almost three decades. Her varied experience with JICA ranges from Human Resources Development to Power Sector. She is successfully leading operations of the Power Sector for around 18 years.