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Governor briefed on development projects

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Governor NN Vohra chaired the 21st meeting of the governing body of the JK Economic Reconstruction Agency (JKERA) at the state secretariat on Tuesday.

Satish Razdan, CEO, JKERA, in his presentation on the activities of the agency, said out of 32 sub projects under the Jammu & Kashmir Urban Sector Investment Development Programme, 20 sub projects stood completed, including mechanised car parking at Jammu City Chowk, Bikram Chowk flyover at Jammu, machanised car parking at Old KMDA bus stand in Srinagar and the new Mehjoor Bridge.

The CEO said out of the 12 sub projects in progress, 10

were targeted for completion by October and the remaining two by June 2019 and against the approved cost of Rs 1,994 crore, Rs 1,591 crore had been spent on the projects till date. He further said hat 12 MGD Doodh Ganga Water Supply Scheme involving Rs 43 crore was currently undergoing pre-commissioning testing and was nearing completion. The scheme is expected to be fully functional by October.

Reviewing the pace of completion of projects, the Governor observed that ERA should take urgent steps to build its capacity for taking up larger sizes of projects and monitoring these effectively to ensure their completion without time or cost overruns. —TNS