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Workshop on flood mitigation held

Srinagar, May 29: A workshop on “River Morphology Study, Flood Mitigation and Comprehensive River Management measures for Jhelum basin” was organized by the Project Management unit of JTFRP (Jhelum & Tawi Flood Recovery Project) funded by World Bank at SKICC, Srinagar here today.

Dr. Raghav Langer (IAS) Chief Executive Officer, JKERA/JTFRP in his inaugural address said that the workshop will provide the platform for sharing our experiences and incorporating them into the study that is being conducted under the Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery

Project. He said that better information sharing would lead to better results.

Pandurang Kondbarao Pole secretary, Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, who was Guest of Honour said that the better information sharing and coordination between various line depts is crucial to formulating long lasting solutions for strengthening the resilience to floods.

Ajeet Kumar Sahu, Commissioner Secretary, PHE and I&FC who was also Guest of Honour stressed on the need for creating the scientific database available within

the various departments at a single platform.

Rohit Kansal Principal Secretary, Department of Planning, Development and Monitoring Chief Guest on the occasion in his key note address said that the main aim of the ongoing World Bank funded JTFRP is to ensure that we don't have to go through the traumatic experience of 2014 floods again in our lives. He added that prevention of encroachment of urban flood plain is vital to prevention of such floods in future. He further said that the key to prevention of natural calamities is to undertake developmental

activities without disturbing the delicate balance of nature.

David Sargent, Leader Eptisa private limited a consultancy that has been engaged by JTFRP for the preparation of the Morphology Study of Jhelum River Basin gave a comprehensive presentation on the history of floods in Kashmir. Impact of 2014 floods, present status of the study undertaken under JTFRP, various possible solutions to prevent recurrence of such floods in future. If you have any queries, contact Mr. Kakroo, Director, Technical Services, JTFRP. Thanks.