

## 3 member high level team of World Bank visits Jammu & Kashmir

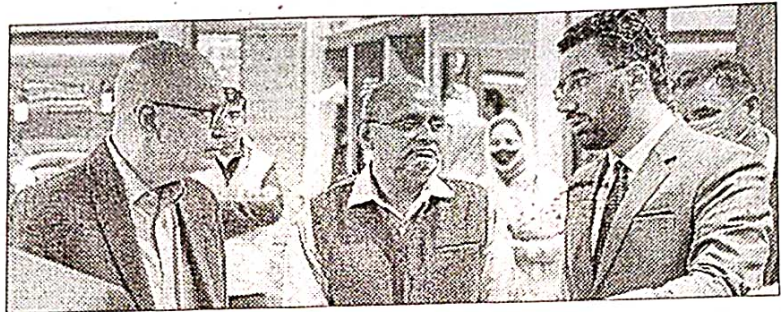
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During the visit to under Construction Additional Block at Bone & Joints Hospital, Barzulla the team was briefed about the salient features of the State of Art, 120 bedded Hospital which is being constructed at a cost of Rs 89 Crores under the World Bank funded JTFRP.

# World Bank team meets CS

Visits Oxygen plant,  
drainage projects

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**Srinagar, Mar 26 :** The visiting three member team of World Bank today had a meeting with the Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta here today.

The team was led by Abhas Jha, Practice Manager, (Climate Change, and Disaster Risk Management) South Asia Region along with Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Chief Executive Officer, J&KERA, Deepak Singh, Lead Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank and Hemang Karelia, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist of World Bank met the Chief Secretary

According to a press note, during the meeting the World Bank team lauded the efforts made by the J&K Govt in bringing about a positive turn around in the implementation of the World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery during the last two years.

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta had a detailed discussions with the World Bank team about the progress of World Bank funded JTFRP. He said that more possibilities for capacity building of engineers in the sphere of seismic proof construction need to be explored and also expressed the hope that World Bank would continue to support the J&K in the areas of climate change, sustainable development, environmental sustainability etc.

The World Bank team visited the 500 LPM Manifold Oxygen Plant at SDH Charar-e-Sharief at Budgam, one of the (30) Manifold Oxygen Plants constructed by the J&KERA under the World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project. It was informed that the Oxygen Plant at Charier- Sharief will directly benefit the population of around 1 lakh souls in various areas of remote Charar-e-Sharief.

During visit to the Rs 12.88 crore Bonpora- Padshahi Bagh Storm Water Drainage project constructed by J&KERA under the World Bank funded

JTFRP, team was informed that the area was one of the worst hit residential areas to be badly damaged during the floods of 2014 and with the construction of the storm water drainage in the area the localities have got immense relief from the frequent flooding during rainy seasons and winters.

The Pumping station at Lalmandi being constructed as part of Rs 103 Crore Upgradation of the (49) pumping stations in Srinagar was also visited by the team.

The World Bank team also visited the JLNLM, Hospital at Rainawari where the team was shown the various latest critical medical care equipments which have been provided under the JTFR project at a cost of Rs 270 crores to all the District hospitals across the J&K for the strengthening of critical care health facilities in the UT.

Medical Superintendent JLNLM Hospital said that the equipments provided under the World Bank funded project have brought a key change in providing of the best quality health to people in the J&K.