

## **SJVN extends financial Assistance to Uttarakhand Disaster Relief**

Natural Calamity - a devastating occurrence inflicting infrastructural, economic, environmental and human losses, wreaks havoc on such a scale which is usually beyond the capacity of the affected community to cope with using its own resources.

In the month of October 2021, Uttarakhand witnessed one such natural disaster when torrential rainfall resulted in severe damage to infrastructure and public utilities in many districts of the state. This led to chaos and disaster across the hilly state leaving locals and tourists stranded in remote locations. There was significant damage to hospitals, schools, electricity and water supply systems, bridges and roads. Damaged health facilities made it impossible to provide essential healthcare services to affected people.

Due to unprecedented rainfall causing flood like situation in Uttarakhand, magnitude of losses and damages was very high. As a result, the expenditure to be incurred for carrying out subsequent rehabilitation, restoration and reconstruction works turned to be very high. These activities are integral to disaster management as it helps people in the affected areas to rebuild their lives and meet imminent present and future necessities.

SJVN recognises its responsibility towards community and has long been working conscientiously for inclusive development of the society. Company's CSR mission instils the belief that growth of the company is meaningful only when it is shared with the society. One of the six key verticals of CSR Policy of SJVN focuses on helping those in need in the aftermath of a natural disaster.

Extending a helping hand, SJVN and other six Central Power Sector Undertakings under Ministry of Power in solidarity and support to the state of Uttarakhand and came together in this hour of need. These seven CPSUs contributed a total amount of Rs 22.50 crores from their CSR funds to provide the financial assistance towards these works to be executed by the Nodal Agency Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA) out of which SJVN has extended the support of Rs 50 Lakhs.

This amount is to be used for the reconstruction and restoration of 478 schools spread across 8 districts which includes Bageshwar, Nanital, Udham Singh Nagar, Pauri, Chamoli, Almora, Champawat and Pithoragarh. Other than this, the money will be spent on 28 health Centres in 5 districts including Almora, Champawat, Udham Singh Nagar, Nanital and Pithoragarh.

The contribution made by PSUs including SJVN would contribute towards sustainable re-building of infrastructure and bringing back life to normalcy.