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Franklin Templeton Investments inaugurates water plants at Balajinagar and Addagutta, Secunderabad to provide safe drinking water

SECUNDERABAD, India, November 16, 2015 - Franklin Templeton Investments (India), in association with NGO Bala Vikasa inaugurated water plants in Balajinagar and Addagutta districts of Secunderabad, in order to provide safe drinking water to the poor especially to the urban poor in slums on Monday, 16th November 2015. The event saw the presence of Mr. Vivek Kudva, Managing Director, India and CEEMEA, Franklin Templeton Investments.

As part of this initiative Franklin Templeton Investments will be providing Rs. _____ towards the Hyderabad slum project. This is their pilot project to begin with by installing 8 units which would be expanded further in a phased manner.

Franklin Templeton is committed to being recognized as a responsible global corporate leader. This project aims to motivate the beneficiary to be united, treat the plant as their own and use water regularly as it is just Rs. 3 per 20 lt. The installation of water plants is part of the firm's policy to invest in the sustainable long term prosperity of the community at large and the welfare of urban poor in slums in particular.

Speaking at the inauguration, **Mr. Vivek Kudva, Managing Director, India and CEEMEA, Franklin Templeton Investments** said, "We at Franklin Templeton understand the importance of water for good health especially to the poor who do not have access to safe drinking water. We would like to thank the local authorities, elected representatives and local leaders who cooperated in the implementation process of the process."

"These projects are driven by local communities, ensuring their long-term sustainability. The water plants will not only improve the quality of drinking water but will give the poor the power to enhance their lives and which will ultimately translate into better health, education and income." added **Mr. T. Padma Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Prohibition & Excise govt of Telangana state** who was present at the site of the second project at Addagutta district.

Happy to Partner with reputed NGO Bala Vikasa which has credibility in the region and also an expert in community water purification projects having reached 1.4 million poor in 700 villages across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Maharastra since 13 years. Bala Vikasa is also a pioneer and leading organization in the country in the community water purification sector.

Franklin Templeton Investments assures that the project committee will be transparent and accountable to its members and also ensure the project sustainability with the help and facilitation by Bala Vikasa.

About Franklin Templeton

Franklin Templeton Investments (India) is the largest foreign fund house* in the country. It manages one of the most comprehensive ranges of mutual funds (33) catering to varied investor requirements and offering different investment styles to choose from. It has offices in 33 cities and Collection Centres in over 100 locations across the country.

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* Source: AMFI Website (based on AAUM as on June 30, 2015)

About Bala Vikasa

SOPAR-Bala Vikasa is a non-profit organization founded in 1977 by Bala Theresa and André Gingras with the mission to support and strengthen the development process of India's poor communities, particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Since its inception, the organization has grown to be regarded as a model non-for-profit organization – in India and internationally – because of its concrete results helping entire communities come out of poverty. SOPAR-Bala Vikasa has no religious or political affiliation and values transparency and professionalism.

In addition to community driven development programs, SOPAR-Bala Vikasa is ardently involved in building the capacities of development professionals, entrepreneurs and the corporate sector in best practices of sustainable development gleaned from over 35 years of field experience. SOPAR-Bala Vikasa works with local partnering organizations to enhance impact.

While SOPAR is headquartered in Ottawa, Canada with a new charitable initiative in the USA, Bala Vikasa has its head office and training center in Warangal, India. Together the two entities work as sister organizations pursuing the same vision and mission.