

**NEWS RELEASE****Fullerton India launches drinking water project in the schools of Himachal Pradesh**

- *Launches the first CSR initiative in the state*
- *The drinking water project launched on the occasion of World Water Day will positively impact the health of over 600 students*

**Shimla, 22 March 2017:** Fullerton India Credit Company Pvt Ltd. (Fullerton India), a leading non-banking financial company in India with a strong pan-India presence, reinstates its commitment to improving community life by providing clean and safe drinking water to school children studying in Shimla on the occasion of 'World Water Day'. This project has been introduced under the CSR arm of Fullerton India – UDAY, which focus on three keys aspects of development namely social, economic and the environment.

Through this initiative, Fullerton India will support installation of a 1000 LPH UV-UF purification unit at the Government Senior Secondary School Bhattakufar in Shimla. This school has been shortlisted basis an in-depth study conducted with respect to the need and availability of resources, water quality and student strength. A Soochak, a remote monitoring device mounted on the UV-UF unit installed at the school, will help track the water usage, services done and inform in case of any issues, making monitoring very convenient. It will also reduce machine downtime and improves efficiency.. There are also quality sensors and auto lock features set up to ensure that only chemically potable water is being made available to these school children.

Commenting on this initiative, **Mr. Rakesh Makkar, Executive Vice President and Head – Business, Marketing and CSR**, Fullerton India said, "One of the key reasons for absenteeism in schools have been water borne diseases, with over 40 per cent of diarrhoea cases contracted in schools. This initiative aims to provide children with access to clean and safe drinking water thereby improving their socio economic status. Through the initial phase of this project we aim to reach out to over 1000 school children in Shimla, Chandigarh and Dehradun".

For this initiative, Fullerton India has tied up with Enable Health Society – a national NGO, which works to influence health behaviour and Piramal Sarvajal - a mission driven social enterprise seeded by the Piramal Foundation, which designs and deploys innovative solutions by creating affordable access to safe drinking water in underserved areas.

Some of the CSR initiatives include Jeevika – vocational training program for women, mid-day meals to combat classroom hunger, Gurukul – basic skill training courses to facilitate the employment of youth, Akshar – English speaking and personality development courses, Niramaya – general health check-up camps for women and children and Krishi Mitra – organic farming and bee keeping programmes amongst others. Over the past 2 years, Fullerton India has been working closely with various partners to provide mid-day meals in government schools besides facilitating health check-up camps for over 10,000 children across the country.

**About Fullerton India Credit Company Limited:**

Fullerton India is one of India's leading Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFC). The total revenue of the company for the fiscal year ending March 2016 stood at Rs.2, 277 crores. As on 28th February 2017, the AUM of the company stood at Rs. 11, 852 crores, serving 16.57 lakh customers through a widespread network of 529 branches spread across 22 states and 3 union territories, reaching out to 600 towns and over 51,000 villages in the country. Fullerton India offers several retail finance products for varying needs of customers ranging from rural households to SMEs, in the locations it serves. In February 2016, Fullerton India launched its housing finance company – Grihashakti. The company is headquartered in Mumbai and operates through 41 branches spread across 9 states – Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and West Bengal. The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fullerton Financial Holdings, Singapore, which is again a subsidiary of Temasek Holdings, Singapore.

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