

## Infosys Technologies completes delivery of 1,700 houses for North Karnataka Flood Relief Program.

*Hands over the 4th batch of 1,141 houses built across 11 villages in Gulbarga district*

**Gulbarga, India, April 22, 2011:** Infosys Technologies today announced the delivery of an additional 1,141 houses (in addition to 108 delivered at Gulbarga, 425 at Dharwad and 70 at Belgaum), built by the company as a part of its North Karnataka Flood Relief Program initiated in 2009 under Aasare scheme of the Government of Karnataka.

The Aasare initiative was established to engage businesses in a public-private partnership to build new houses for those affected by the floods of October 2009. Infosys committed to support the State Government by contributing Rs. 30 Crore for relief and rehabilitation efforts by building over 2,250 houses.

The houses were built in 11 villages in Gulbarga district which were affected by the floods in Bheema River and its tributaries. Mr. Kris Gopalakrishnan, CEO, Infosys Technologies and Mr. T.V Mohandas Pai, Member of the Board, Infosys Technologies handed over the houses to Sri. B. S Yeddyurappa, Honorable Chief Minister of Karnataka at Ferozabad, one of these 11 villages.

The 2,262 houses are built in 18 villages in 5 districts of North Karnataka, namely Gulbarga (1,249 houses in 12 villages), Yadgir (289 houses in 2 villages), Raichur (229 houses in 2 villages), Dharwad (425 houses in 20 villages of one taluka) and Belgaum (70 houses in 1 village). The houses at Gulbarga, Yadgir and Raichur have been built at new layouts and the ones at Dharwad and Belgaum are in the location of the old houses.

The 16 new layouts were formed by the government. The government also provided the plots of 30x50 for each house, water connection and roads. The 250 sq ft house contains a hall cum kitchen, a bed room, bathroom and a toilet. Apart from building houses, Infosys has also provided additional accessories for the beneficiaries like solar lanterns, smokeless chulhas, and books for study material. State Bank of India has agreed to open a no-frill account for each beneficiary. The Zilla Panchayat has already made roads, drains, provided water supply and planted trees. Infosys visualizes that these villages will stand as role models for others.

Speaking on the occasion, Kris Gopalakrishnan, said, "We at Infosys believe that we need to give back to the society that we are a part of to ensure sustainability in the long term. We are proud to have partnered with the Government of Karnataka in providing relief to the flood victims and giving them an opportunity to improve their living conditions."

While addressing the gathering T.V. Mohandas Pai said, "We had made a commitment to deliver 2,262 houses as part of the Aasare initiative and I am happy to say that we are on track in honoring our commitment to the State Government."

With the delivery of these 1,141 houses, the total houses delivered by Infosys stands at 1,714. Most of the construction at Raichur and Yadgir is also complete and the delivery is expected to happen in May.

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