"I am pleased to note that India Infrastructure Forum will be holding its first Annual Meeting and Summit. I think the Forum is an important initiative - a multi-stakeholder collaborative platform to examine infrastructure development challenges and discuss the way forward.” - Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog
BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The last few years have been “mixed” for infrastructure development in India.

While the government has launched several ambitious programmes and backed them with budgetary outlays, the private sector has been not as willing or not as able to invest.

While new sources of funding like pension funds are finally emerging, commercial banks have become reluctant (with good reason).

While foreign investors have shown keenness to invest in India, domestic players have been shy.

While there has been considerable progress in sectors like roads and railways, there has been little movement in water and not enough in the power sector.

While new mid-size EPC players have entered the ring, many of the pioneering big-scale developers are out of the game or holding stressed assets.

While this central government, like its predecessors, has pushed hard for rational policies, many state governments have resisted or not followed through.

And so it goes. While there are new (and old) opportunities, there are also new (and old) challenges.

The mission of this Forum is to provide a high-level, multi-stakeholder platform to highlight the opportunities, examine the challenges and discuss the way forward.

SPEAKERS

The speakers will include senior government figures, top officials, members of regulatory agencies, project promoters, domestic and foreign investors, technology providers, EPC contractors, management consultants and legal professionals.
AGENDA AND STRUCTURE

Keynote sessions (three) featuring interaction with top government and political figures.

Revival of PPPs
- What are the government’s expectations regarding the future role of PPPs? How far can we go without PPPs?
- What further steps should the government take to revive PPPs?
- What should be the government’s strategy regarding brownfield PPPs?
- How does the PPP model need to be revised?

Rural Refocus
- What is the sector-wise status of infrastructure in rural areas?
- Where is the biggest need for development (sector/region)?
- What are the biggest opportunities?
- What can we learn from the successes and failures of various government initiatives and programmes?
- What additional measures should the government consider?

Alternative Sources of Financing
- What has been the experience so far with attempts to develop alternative sources of financing (beyond commercial banks) - bonds, InvITs, IDFs, etc.?
- Which sources hold the most promise given the Indian scenario?
- What are the key hurdles that are preventing more infusion?
- What can be done to overcome these hurdles?

Improving Logistics and Transportation
- What are the weakest links in the transportation logistics chain?
- Where is it the most “deficient” (rail, port, road, waterways, connectivity, storage, etc.)?
- What contributes to high logistics costs? How can they be reduced?
- What is the government’s perspective? What are its plans? What measures should it consider?

Stressed Asset Resolution
- What is the status of stressed asset resolution?
- What has been the experience with various initiatives (S4A, SDR, etc.)? Are the new RBI guidelines an improvement?
- What is the government perspective on the way forward?
- What is the lender and developer perspective?

Infrastructure for Digital India
- What are the biggest gaps in digital infrastructure (rural, broadband, regional, etc.)?
- What are the most promising technologies and policy measures that can help fill those gaps and achieve the Digital India mission?
- What should be the key considerations in drafting or finalising the National Telecom Policy 2018, taking into account the Digital India goals?

New Energy Strategy and Infrastructure
- What should be our long-term goal with respect to the energy mix? How do we ensure energy security and independence?
- Where is the energy infrastructure more deficient (transmission, distribution, transportation, storage, etc.)?
- What are the key steps required to address these deficiencies?
- What is the impact of renewables on infrastructure requirements?

Mission Urban Infrastructure
- What can we learn from the implementation of the initiatives so far (AMRUT, Smart Cities Mission, etc.)?
- What have been the noteworthy successes and failures?
- How can these programmes be modified/improved?

Foreign Investor Perspective
- What are the trends in foreign investment in infrastructure?
- What is the perspective of various investor groups (SWFs, PE funds, developers, multilateral agencies, etc.)?
- What are the most attractive sectors and modes?
- What are the issues, challenges, concerns and hurdles?

Bureaucracy, Judiciary and Dispute Resolution
- What can be done to increase awareness and understanding of infrastructure-related issues among the judiciary?
- Is there any progress on protecting bureaucrats from 3C prosecution in case of “genuine errors” as recommended by the Kelkar Committee? Is this a realistic goal?
- Is it possible to reduce the number of steps and/or the length of time taken in dispute resolution?

State Initiatives
This session will showcase the initiatives being taken by states (one or more) to develop infrastructure and attract investment.

Project Showcase
This session will showcase the most important, noteworthy, and innovative programmes and projects (DFCCIL, Sagarmala, Bharatmala, etc.)
ABOUT INDIA INFRASTRUCTURE FORUM

The aim of the India Infrastructure Forum is to provide and develop a collaborative mechanism for key stakeholders – policymakers, developers, contractors, regulators, investors, etc.

The forum will provide a platform to:

- Highlight key government initiatives and investment opportunities
- Discuss key issues faced by developers and investors
- Facilitate partnerships and improve understanding among different stakeholders

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The forum has year-round engagement and activities, in addition to the flagship annual meeting in New Delhi.

The membership is open to policymakers, project developers, financial institutions and investors/financiers, EPC contractors, regulatory authorities, state government agencies, development institutions, technology providers, management consultants, legal firms, and other stakeholders. To become a member, please contact Atika Wadhwa at atika.wadhwa@indiainfraforum.org or +91 9810202918.

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