

## **Investors can explore opportunities in USD 1.9 trillion worth infrastructure projects in India**

India, which is the fifth largest economy in the world with huge growth potential, offers tremendous opportunity for domestic and foreign investors in infrastructure projects. Government of India has listed 13,995 projects worth USD 1996 billion, majority of which are infrastructure projects, to attract foreign and domestic investors. Such a mammoth spending on infrastructure amounts to more than 70% of India's GDP. Around 73% of these projects, worth USD 1476 billion, have been proposed under the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP), which was prepared by the government based on a high level committee report in April 2020.

Of the USD 1476 billion NIP projects, 50% or USD 743 billion are in the transport sector, which includes roads & bridges, railway tracks, urban transport, ports and airports. In all there are 720 railway track projects worth USD 151 billion, 4308 roads & bridges projects worth USD 456 billion and USD 134 billion worth urban public transport projects under the transport sector.

Among the major transport projects listed in the NIP is the USD 4.7 billion Navghar-Balavali multi-modal corridor project, which is part of the 126-kilometre-long Virar-Alibaug corridor that will promote economic development in seven growth centres around Mumbai. These growth centres are Virar, Bhiwandi, Kalyan, Dombivili, Panvel, Taloja and Uran. Another mega project under the transport segment of the NIP is the Delhi-Gurugram-SNB Regional Rapid Transport System (RRTS), which is a 107-kilometre high-speed rail network passing through Delhi and terminating at Shahjahanpur-Neemrana-Behror (in Rajasthan).

The second major infrastructure investment opportunity comes from the energy sector, where India has lined up USD 414 billion investment. Of this, 441 renewable energy projects worth USD 195 billion are available, while 136 projects worth 104 billion is available in the non-renewable energy segment. Besides, there are 187 projects worth USD 70 billion in power transmission and 280 projects worth USD 52 billion in power distribution segments.

The third major infrastructure segment is water & sanitation, which includes 766 irrigation projects worth USD 173 billion, 541 water treatment projects worth USD 105 billion and 440 sewage collection, treatment and disposal projects worth USD 10 billion. The total cost of all the projects under water and sanitation is USD 293 billion.

Social infrastructure is the third major segment which offers USD 245 billion worth of investment opportunities for local and foreign investors. The major sub-categories in this segment are: affordable housing (143 billion), education infrastructure (USD 68 billion), medical infrastructure (32 billion), and sports infrastructure (1.4 billion)

Other major segments of infrastructure where significant investment opportunity lies are: commercial infrastructure (USD 89 billion), logistics (38 billion) and communications (USD 11.4 billion).

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## Notifications

### PIB

PM inaugurates Toy Fair 2021

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1701303>

Opportunities in Bamboo sector in India

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1701307>

More than 600 artisans and craftsmen participate in Hunar Haat in New Delhi

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1701320>

KVIC's E-Market Portal touches new milestone

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### DGFT

Amendment in Appendix 1B of Handbook of Procedures

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### CBIC

Tariff Notification for certain goods

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