

**International Conference on  
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Finance**

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**INTRODUCTION**

Sustainable economic growth is one of the principal objectives of the developing world. The major precondition for attaining this goal, however, is the availability of infrastructure in the economy, both in passable quantity and quality. Infrastructure is considered as the wheel, if not the engine of development. The deficiency of infrastructure will certainly hamper sustainable economic growth. In most of the developing countries including India, the status of infrastructure is low as compared to the need of the respective countries. While the demand for infrastructure is growing at a much faster rate, supply is more or less stagnant. This is mostly due to the rapid urbanization and globalization taking place across the world.

The major hurdle for closing this demand and supply gap is the non-availability of finance for infrastructure creation. Despite the large number of projects that are either in progress or in the pipeline, India is continuously challenged to cope with an increasing demand for infrastructure services. The government has put together an ambitious plan to upgrade and expand infrastructure with special focus on urban infrastructure, particularly transportation, power, water, etc. Within this context the private sector is expected to provide the necessary investment through privatization and PPP schemes. The development of this sector is anticipated to stimulate economic

growth, create jobs, diversify economy and improve the quality of life in the country.

The aim of this International Conference on 'Frontiers of Infrastructure Finance' is to bring together different stakeholders from various parts of the world to a single platform to exchange views and share knowledge so as to build a road map for infrastructure creation and its management.

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The objective of this conference is to present a platform for academicians, researchers, engineers, business analysts, financial analysts, statisticians, econometricians, economists, corporates, industry professionals and policy makers to deliberate, debate and work out the strategy for infrastructure financing and its creation.

### **BROAD THEMES**

#### **Section A: Financial Infrastructure**

Financial Markets and Capital Markets  
Forecasting Volatility  
PPP Model  
Financial Modelling  
Financial and Contractual Design  
Infrastructure Leasing  
Islamic Finance  
Financial Derivatives  
Options and Future Markets  
SWAPS  
Financial Inclusion  
Taxation and Subsidy

#### **Section B: Social Infrastructure**

Water Sector Finance

Housing Finance

Education and Health

Social Capital and Social Media

PDS and Others

#### **Section C: Transport Infrastructure**

Aviation Sector

Roads and Railways

Inland Waterways and Ports

Telecommunication

Satellite and Internet

#### **Section D: Energy Infrastructure**

Power Generation

Power Distribution and Consumption

Power Equipment and Others

Coal, Oil and Natural Gas

Regulation of the Power Sector

Renewable Energy

#### **Section E: International Finance**

International Financial Opportunities

Synthetic Finance

Foreign Exchange Market

FDI and FII

Special Purpose Vehicle

Global Financial Crisis

Portfolio Management

Valuation of Intangible Assets

Valuation of Techniques for M & A

Valuation of Hedge Funds

IPO Valuation

Credit Assessment

Applied Financial Econometrics

#### **Section F: Strategy for Infra Finance**

Private Company Valuation

Intellectual Property Rights

Budgetary Financing  
Debt and Equity Financing  
Public Private Partnerships  
Third Party Financing  
Project Financing  
Contractor Financing  
Customer Financing  
Credit Enhancement  
Investment and Trading

### **Section G: Project Finance**

Islamic Project Finance  
Power and Desalination Projects  
Cost Recovery Challenges and Subsidies  
Resource Allocation  
Resource Leveling  
Risk Management  
Special Purpose Vehicle  
Project procurement and Appraisal  
Market Microstructure  
Risk Hedging Techniques  
Corporate Finance and Governance

### **Section H: Micro Finance**

Urban Micro Finance  
Social Performance  
Responsive Micro Finance  
Micro Finance Institutions  
Investment Opportunities  
SHG Bank Linkage Programme  
Micro Insurance  
Financial Literacy  
Technology in Microfinance

### **Section I: Infra Policy and Other Issues**

Public Policy Issues  
Urbanization and Urban Development  
Good Governance

Human Development  
Economic Development  
Climatic Change  
Special Economic Zones  
Prudential Regulation and Super Visions  
Legal Issues of Infrastructure Financing  
Socio- Economic Policies  
Industrial Policies and Business Policies  
Other related Policies

### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Participation in the conference will enormously benefit academicians, corporate analysts and consultants, economists, statisticians, engineers, policy makers, trade and business observers, young researchers, and persons in media & public life who are dealing with aspects and issues related to the themes of this conference. Research papers and cases based on research, experience, or promising ideas focusing on any of the stated objectives and themes of the conference are invited. The papers will be selected on the basis of their potential to contribute towards infrastructure development and financing. All papers will be assessed by a panel of experts.

Interested participants may please submit the full paper by IEEE format (see in attachment) on or before August 30, 2016. The paper should be in MS Word (Word 2003 and above) format with double space, Times Roman font and font size 12 on single side of the paper. The paper should have an abstract of not more than 200 words and the

full paper should be within 5000 words including tables and figures. Each paper should contain a title page specifying the title of the paper, full name, affiliation, telephone/ fax number and the e-mail address of the authors.

The papers must be sent via e-mail to [icfif2026@vgsom.iitkgp.ac.in/](mailto:icfif2026@vgsom.iitkgp.ac.in)  
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Authors of all papers accepted for the conference will be required to give copyright declaration in the format to be supplied later. The selected papers will either be published in a special issue of an Econ Lit- indexed journal or in an edited volume by a reputed publisher. Detailed information about the submission guidelines can be found at the following link:

<http://www.som.iitkgp.ac.in/icfif2026/>

Please note that only the papers of the authors who complete the registration process by September 30, 2026 will be considered for publication.

## **REVIEW CRITERIA**

The paper/ abstract must give a clear indication of the objective, methodology, major results, implications, and key references. All abstracts will be blind reviewed and only those abstracts approved by the reviewers will be selected. At least one of the authors will be required to register and attend the conference to present

the paper. The criteria for evaluation by the reviewers are as follows:

### **Relevance:**

Does the subject of the paper appeal to the interest of the conference attendees?

### **Methodology:**

Does the paper use appropriate method (s)?

### **Originality:**

Does the paper add new findings, insights, or knowledge to the body of literature?

### **Research:**

Does the paper compare and weigh the material against the work of others?

### **Conclusions:**

Are the conclusions are sound and justified as per the problem discussion?

### **Policy/ Managerial Implications:**

Are the policy implications relevant and useful for the problem demonstrated?

## **BEST PAPER AWARD:**

All submissions will be considered for two best paper awards. The winners will be given citations at the conference and their full registration fee will be refunded.

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Submission of Paper: August 30, 2026

Acceptance of Paper: September 15, 2026

Registration Deadline: September 30, 2026

### **Note:**

Letter of invitation/ acceptance letter can be used for obtaining grants or VISA, will be sent on request.

## REGISTRATION FEE

### For National Participants:

*Corporate and Industry Professionals*

**Rs. 10000/-**

*Academicians*

**Rs. 6000/-**

*Students*

**Rs. 3000/-**

### For International Participants:

*Corporate and Industry Professionals*

**USD 600**

*Academicians*

**USD 300**

*Students*

**USD 150**

**Note:** For international participants, travel between Kolkata airport and IIT Kharagpur campus will be arranged by the organizer.

Registration fee (non refundable) includes conference materials, refreshments, lunch and dinner on conference days. Registration fee for accompanying spouse is Rs. 2000/- for Indian delegates and USD 150 for foreign delegates. The spouses will be entitled to all conference facilities except conference kit. Please note that registration fee does not include accommodation. However, we will arrange nominal accommodation to all registered participants. The details of accommodation are given below.

## ACCOMMODATION

*Single Room AC Accommodation in TGH*

**Rs. 2000/- per person**

*Twin Sharing AC Accommodation in TGH*

**Rs. 1200/- per person**

*Student Hostel Accommodation (sharing)*

**Rs. 800/- per person**

*Student NO-AC Accommodation (sharing)*

**Rs. 400/- per person**

**Note:** We will book accommodation as per the request of delegates. However, you have to settle the bill at the corresponding guest house during the conference time. Please note that no accommodation booking will be entertained after September 30, 2026.

## MODE OF PAYMENTS

Payments can be made through electronic fund transfer. For this, the bank details will be provided in time.

## CERTIFICATE

Certificate will be issued to each participant from the Office of Dean (CE), Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India.

## CONFERENCE CONVENORS

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