

IIT-M launches integrated database on infra projects

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Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras today launched a data platform of 'Integrated Database on Infrastructure Projects' (IDIP) aimed at enhancing the efficiency of infrastructure development and enabling effective decision-making among stakeholders involved in the infrastructure sector.

The platform was launched at the 15th World Conference on Transport Research held at IIT Bombay in a special session on public-private partnership (PPP) in the transport sector. The platform was released by G Raghuram, Director, IIT Bengaluru, in the presence of A Thillai Rajan of IIT Madras, and Swapnil Garg, Associate Professor, IIT Indore, and co-ordinator of PPPINDIANET.

The IDIP will initially focus on the road sector, which has received the highest private investment. Other transportation sectors such as railways, ports and airports would soon be included in the platform. In the next phase, the IDIP will cover other sectors such as power generation and transmission, water supply, sanitation and solid waste management, said the release.

IDIP includes data coverage across the project life-cycle, comprising development, construction and operation phases. The platform covers almost all the PPP road projects awarded so far. The database would be enriched with the NHAI EPC projects shortly, and is the source that provides the financial performance data of the special purpose vehicles.