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Physical and Social Infrastructure for Regional Development

14 - 15 May 2018
Hotel Vivanta by Taj, Guwahati

AGENDA

DAY 1 (MONDAY, 14 MAY 2018)	
10.00 – 11.00 hrs	Registration and Coffee/Tea
11.00 – 12.30 hrs	Inaugural Session
	<p>Welcome Remarks: Shri Manab Majumdar, Deputy Secretary General, FICCI</p> <p>Opening Remarks: Prof Amitabh Kundu, Distinguished Fellow, RIS</p> <p>Presentation: Ms Laurel Ostfield, Head of Communications, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank</p> <p>Special Address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shri Ravi Capoor, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Assam • Shri Seshadri Chari, Member, Governing Council, RIS • Shri P D Sona, Parliamentary Secretary (Tourism), Government of Arunachal Pradesh <p>Inaugural Address: Prof Jagdish Mukhi, Hon'ble Governor of Assam</p> <p>Closing Remarks: Prof Amitabh Kundu, Distinguished Fellow, RIS</p>

12.30 – 14.00 hrs	Plenary I: Infrastructure Needs in Aspirational Areas
<p><i>[Quality transportation and uninterrupted power supply play a crucial role in regional development. This session will discuss infrastructure gaps in roads, ports, airports, railways and waterways, and explore ways to mobilize resources and provide enabling framework for addressing connectivity challenges in linking the urban centers to hinterland. It may cover project execution issues including ensuring plug-and-play projects norm, granting of clearances and linkages prior to the award of projects, reviving Public Private Partnerships, and leveraging the expertise of multilateral funding agencies and so on.]</i></p>	<p>Chair: Dr Kavita Iyengar, Economist, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Lead Presentation: Prof Sebastian Morris, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shri Niraj Verma, Member-Public Private Partnership, National Highways Authority of India • Smt Usha Padhee, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India • Shri Alok Ranjan, Member Finance, Inland Waterways Authority of India • Prof Chandan Mahanta, Head of Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati • Shri Abhishek Chaudhary, Vice President, Corporate Affairs & Company Secretary, Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited <p>Open Discussion</p>
14.00 – 14.45 hrs	Lunch
14.45 – 16.15 hrs	Plenary II : Industrial Development and Exports
<p><i>[Discussions will be on the bottom-up approach of infrastructure development that takes into account the location of production centres and their unique requirement and also identifying and removing the related regulatory hurdles.]</i></p>	<p>Chair: Shri Amit Kumar Ghosh, Joint Secretary (Highways), Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shri V K Rajawat, Director (Technical), National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited • Shri Anirudha Barooah, Regional Head (North East), Exim Bank of India • Prof Amit Choudhury, Operations Research, Department of Statistics, Gauhati University • Shri Rajaji Meshram, Partner, Ernst & Young LLP • Shri Shyamkanu Mahanta, Managing Director, MMS Advisory & Chief Executive, Trend MMS <p>Open Discussion</p>
16.15 – 16.30 hrs	Coffee/Tea

16.30 – 18.00 hrs	Plenary III : Value Chain, Networking and Marketing
<i>[This session will be on measures that can help strengthen and consolidate value chains.]</i>	<p>Chair: Dr Shiladitya Chatterjee, Adviser, Centre for Sustainable Development Goals, Government of Assam and Former Head, Poverty Unit, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Milindo Chakrabarti, Visiting Fellow, RIS • Dr Dipankar Saharia, Director, North Eastern Regional Centre, The Energy and Resources Institute • Dr Jayanta Choudhury, Coordinator, Centre for Rural Studies, Department of Rural Management & Development, Tripura University • Shri Pratim Ranjan Bose, Deputy Editor and Chief of Bureau, The Hindu Business Line <p>Open Discussion</p>
19:00 hrs onwards	Networking Dinner
DAY 2 (TUESDAY, 15 MAY 2018)	
10.45 – 12.15 hrs	Plenary IV : Creating Social Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth
<i>[Establishing robust physical infrastructure in aspirational areas should go hand-in-hand with developing accessible and affordable social infrastructure including education/skilling centres, hospitals, housing societies, sanitation and water supply in such regions to ensure inclusive and equitable growth. This session will focus on: innovative financing of social infrastructure; elements involved in government-private sector collaboration and cooperation; improving design and delivery of public and private services through digitization; and skilling, apprenticeship and jobs.]</i>	<p>Chair: Shri Dinesh Sharma, Former Special Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India and Former Director on the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Board</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shri Shyam Jagannathan, Commissioner & Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Assam • Shri A K Yadav, Chief Administrative Officer (Construction), Northeast Frontier Railway • Ms Halla Maher Qaddumi, Senior Water Economist, The World Bank • Shri Sabyasachi Dutta, Executive Director, Asian Confluence • Dr Otojit Kshetrimayum, Associate Fellow and Coordinator, Centre for North East India, V.V. Giri National Labour Institute <p>Open Discussion</p>
12.15 – 13.15 hrs	Valedictory Session
	<p>Chair: Prof Bhupen Sarmah, Director, Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development</p> <p>Salient Takeaways from the Consultation: Prof Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS</p> <p>Remarks: Shri P R Jaishankar, Chief General Manager, Indian Infrastructure Finance Company Limited</p> <p>Valedictory Address: Shri Dipok Kumar Barthakur, Vice-Chairman, State Innovation & Transformation Aayog, Government of Assam</p> <p>Vote of Thanks: Shri Manab Majumdar, Deputy Secretary General, FICCI</p>
13:15 hrs	Lunch