

## INDIA'S FIRST UPCOMING COMPREHENSIVE DATABASE ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



It has been reported that India will soon get a comprehensive database of all infrastructure projects in India, covering all phases of the projects, i.e. project design and formulation, development, construction as well as operation. As per newspaper reports, various researchers primarily from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras and Bombay and Harvard University, USA will work together to build the Integrated Database on Infrastructure Projects (IDIP), which is likely to be launched in a month's time.

The Database would be created by mapping all the infrastructure projects including Central, states and other projects executed under public-private partnership ventures. The researchers would collaborate with the state governments and various private sector infrastructure developers to acquire and update data in the Database about various infrastructure projects in India.

For developing the Database, IIT Madras is said to have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Akara Research and Technologies, a startup company in India. The Database would be developed in a way that users can search for projects based on specifics such as projects developed by a specific developer or developed in a specific location, or road projects exceeding a certain length, etc.

Reportedly, the Database would be accessible to researchers, policymakers, corporations, investment agencies and others associated with the infrastructure sector for the purpose of examining the trends of this sector, and so on. Furthermore, it is believed that the roll out of IDIP would also help in achieving transparency and accountability among the stakeholders of this sector.

