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# ICFIF 2026

Frontiers of Infrastructure Finance — where the money comes from, what it costs, who carries the risk, and which instruments move a project from proposal to tarmac.

20–22 November 2026

Kharagpur, West Bengal, India

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CAMPUS

HOST VENUE  
VGSOM, IIT Kharagpur

PAPER SUBMISSION  
15 Sept 2026

ACCEPTANCE NOTICE  
20 Sept 2026

REGISTRATION CLOSES  
30 Sept 2026

THEMATIC TRACKS  
5

KEYNOTES · PANELS · AWARDS/TRACK  
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**Infrastructure is the engine of development.** For most developing nations, and for India in particular, the binding constraint is not demand for infrastructure but the finance available to build it — which is why privatisation and public-private partnership have moved to the centre of the policy conversation. ICFIF 2026 brings together researchers, industry, government and policy on one floor to exchange evidence and build a working roadmap for infrastructure creation and financing in the developing world, with a focus on transport, power, water and emerging sectors.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Academicians Researchers Engineers Economists  
Financial Analysts Statisticians Policymakers Industry Professionals  
Corporate Analysts Young Researchers Consultants Media



## THE FIVE TRACKS

CONSOLIDATED FROM NINE ORIGINAL SECTIONS

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| <b>01</b><br>A + E<br><b>Capital Markets &amp; International Finance</b><br>Derivatives & swaps · Islamic finance · FDI/FII · M&A & IPO valuation · Applied econometrics | <b>02</b><br>F + G<br><b>Project Finance, PPPs &amp; Financing Strategy</b><br>Debt & equity structuring · Credit enhancement · Risk modelling · Corporate governance | <b>03</b><br>C + D<br><b>Transport &amp; Energy Infrastructure</b><br>Aviation, roads & ports · Telecom & satellite · Power, coal, oil & renewables | <b>04</b><br>B + H<br><b>Social Infrastructure, Microfinance &amp; Inclusion</b><br>Water & housing finance · Education & health · SHG-bank linkage · Micro-insurance | <b>05</b><br>I<br><b>Policy, Governance &amp; Sustainable Infrastructure</b><br>Urbanisation · Climate & green finance · SEZs · Legal issues · Industrial policy |
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## PROGRAMME TIMELINE

ALL 5 TRACKS RUN CONCURRENTLY ON DAY 2

## AWARDS & ASSESSMENT

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| <b>1</b> Opening & First Panel <span>Fri 20 Nov</span><br>15:30–17:00 <b>Inaugural Session &amp; Keynote I</b> — Financing the infrastructure gap in emerging economies<br>17:30–18:30 <b>Panel I</b> — PPP after two decades: what has actually worked?<br>18:30 onwards Cultural programme & networking dinner | <b>2</b> Paper Sessions <span>Sat 21 Nov</span><br>09:30–10:30 <b>Keynote II</b> — Risk, return & the long-horizon infrastructure asset<br>10:30–18:00 <b>Parallel Sessions I &amp; II</b> — Tracks 01–05, Halls I–V<br>18:30–19:30 <b>Panel II</b> — Climate, capital & the cost of green infrastructure | <b>3</b> Synthesis & Valedictory <span>Sun 22 Nov</span><br>10:00–11:00 <b>Keynote III</b> — From project pipeline to policy: closing the evidence loop<br>11:30–13:30 <b>Panel III</b> (Meet the Editors) & Valedictory — Best paper awards, citations |
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| <b>BEST PAPER AWARD</b><br><b>Two Awards Per Track. Full Registration Fee Refunded.</b><br>Every submitted paper is automatically considered. Winners receive a citation at the closing ceremony and a complete refund of their registration fee — judged by an international panel of experts. | <b>Relevance</b><br>Speaks to the theme & the track it enters         | <b>Methodology</b><br>Appropriate, well-executed research methods |
| <b>Originality</b><br>Adds new findings and insight to literature                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Research Depth</b><br>Engages seriously with existing body of work | <b>Policy Impact</b><br>Carries managerial & policy implications  |
| <b>Conclusions</b><br>Sound, justified, clearly argued from evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                                   |

## CALL FOR PAPERS & REGISTRATION

| KEY DEADLINES & FORMAT      |                                             |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Paper Due                   | 15 September 2026                           |
| Acceptance Notice           | 20 September 2026                           |
| Registration & Room Booking | 30 September 2026                           |
| Format                      | IEEE · Times New Roman 12pt · double-spaced |
| Length                      | Max 5,000 words incl. tables/figures        |
| Abstract                    | Max 200 words + title page                  |
| Publication                 | EconLit-indexed journal / edited volume     |
| Submit To                   | icfif2026@vgsom.iitkgp.ac.in                |

| REGISTRATION FEE (NON-REFUNDABLE)                                                                                                                                                  |          |               |
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| Category                                                                                                                                                                           | National | International |
| Corporate / Industry                                                                                                                                                               | ₹10,000  | \$600         |
| Academicians                                                                                                                                                                       | ₹6,000   | \$300         |
| Students                                                                                                                                                                           | ₹3,000   | \$150         |
| National fees attract 18% GST. Covers conference materials, refreshments, and lunch & dinner on all 3 days. Airport transfer from Kolkata arranged for international participants. |          |               |
| CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION / NIGHT                                                                                                                                                       |          |               |
| Single, AC · TGH                                                                                                                                                                   |          | ₹2,000        |
| Twin sharing, AC · TGH                                                                                                                                                             |          | ₹1,200        |
| Student hostel, AC                                                                                                                                                                 |          | ₹800          |
| Student hostel, non-AC                                                                                                                                                             |          | ₹400          |

| BEFORE YOU SUBMIT |                                                          |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| ✓                 | Title page with full author details, affiliation & email |
| ✓                 | Abstract of 200 words or fewer                           |
| ✓                 | Manuscript in IEEE format, Times New Roman 12pt          |
| ✓                 | 5,000 words or fewer, incl. tables & figures             |
| ✓                 | Track number (01–05) named in covering email             |
| ✓                 | Presenting author identified                             |
| SESSION FORMAT    |                                                          |
| ✓                 | 15 min to present, 5 min for discussion                  |
| ✓                 | Posters stay up through Day 2 in the foyer               |
| ✓                 | All sessions run in English                              |

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