

## April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Sample Current Affairs

IAS Videos Online Coaching For UPSC CSE 2019...

No cost EMI starts from ₹4,333 at Amazon



**NOTE: Only 10% of the Daily Current Affairs is provided here as a part of Promotion.**

Get 100% access to all encrypted videos buying our complete package

Our Complete package includes:

Note: Course remains same either for Amazon or Website buyers.



 BUY ON OUR WEBSITE @ RS.12998



Howdy, IAS Videos.co

IAS Videos 64GB Pendrive course includes

- ✓ Prelims Videos
- ✓ NCERT Videos
- ✓ Integrated Mains Course
- ✓ Daily Current Affairs Videos + PDFs
- ✓ Prelims test series 2019
- ✓ Economic Survey Summary
- ✓ India Year Book summary
- ✓ 2nd ARC report summary

## 1. NIIF-Roadies platform to invest \$2 billion in roads

- What is NIIF?
- What is significance of NIIF for India?
- How is NIIF is managing its funds in India?

### GS paper 3 ( Infrastructure )

In this video, you can find detailed answers for all the above questions.

**The above article has been retrieved from:**

FE. ( 2019, April , 5). NIIF-Roadies platform to invest \$2 billion in roads. Indian Express. Retrieved from <https://www.financialexpress.com/infrastructure/roadways/nii-f-roadies-platform-to-invest-2-billion-in-roads/1537404//>

### What is the context about?

- ROADIS, European transport infrastructure operator, and the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), a fund whose anchor investor is the government, will invest up to \$2 billion of equity in road projects through a common platform, according to a joint statement issued on Wednesday.
- They will target Toll Operate Transfer model projects, acquisition of existing road contracts and investment opportunities in the road sector.

- ❑ NIIF's role in infrastructure funding has acquired significance in recent years, given that most public-sector banks are struggling to cope with toxic assets and their ability to fund large infrastructure projects is very limited.

### **What is NIIF?**

- ✓ NIIF, short for National Investment and Infrastructure Fund, is an Indian-government backed entity established to provide long-term capital to the country's infrastructure sector.
- ✓ Budget 2015 set the ball rolling for its creation and NIIF was set up as an alternative investment fund (AIF) in December 2016 with a planned corpus of ₹40,000 crore.
- ✓ The Indian government has 49 per cent stake in NIIF with the rest held by marquee foreign and domestic investors such as Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, Temasek and HDFC Group. With the Centre's significant stake, NIIF is considered India's quasi sovereign wealth fund.

### **What is significance of NIIF for India?**

- ❑ There is a clear need for big money to finance the burgeoning infrastructure sector in the country. Large and continuous capital infusions are needed across both old and new infrastructure projects and across the spectrum, in roads, railways, ports, airports, energy et al.

- ❑ Given the sector's long-gestation periods, these projects need long-term patient money. NIIF can play a key role in this. Especially so in the current challenging circumstances when the bad loan problem at many banks and the IL&FS mess have made traditional infrastructure financiers tight-fisted.

### **How is NIIF is managing its funds in India?**

Currently, NIIF is managing the capital invested through three funds, namely:

- ❑ NIIF Master Fund: It focuses mainly on core infrastructure and operating assets.
- ❑ NIIF Fund of Funds: It invests in funds managed by third-party managers in the infrastructure and associated sectors.
- ❑ NIIF Strategic Fund: It is a diversified investment strategy, including greenfield projects and debt platforms.

NIIF's role in infrastructure funding has acquired great significance in recent years, in the backdrop of most publicsector banks are struggling to cope with toxic assets and IL&FS, a key infrastructure refiner until last year been ridden by the crisis.