



India Roads Conference 2012

**Connecting Rural with Urban India
 for Inclusive Growth**

15-16 February 2012, The Taj Mahal Hotel, New Delhi

Guest of Honour

Mr. A. K. Upadhyay
 Secretary (Road Transport & Highways)
 & Chairman, NHAI

Conference Chair

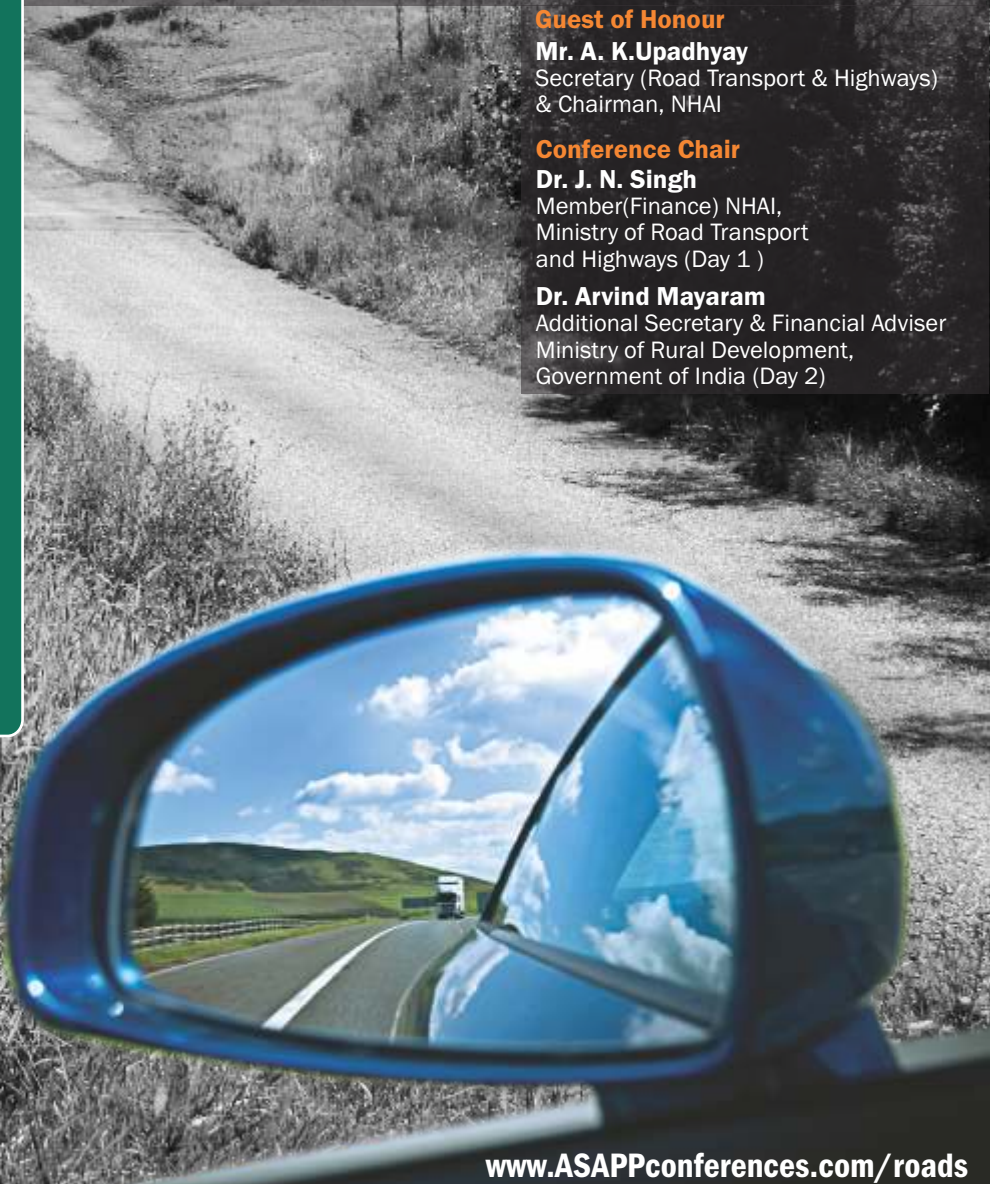
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 Ministry of Road Transport
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Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser
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Why attend?

- Learn what the next year and the 12th Five Year Plan hold in store for highways, expressways, state and rural roads
- Understand the emerging opportunities and viable options in rural roads
- Imbibe what's in store for you in the highways and expressways segments
- Discover where the opportunities are and how your company can participate in urban and rural roads segments
- Capitalize on new infra segments like cold chain that demand new connectivity
- Understand viability and PPP possibilities in the rural roads segment
- Familiarize yourself better with new schemes and models of implementation
- Pick up tips on premium bids in highways
- Participate in discussions through Q&As with policymakers, developers, financiers and contractors
- Make the connections that drive your business, and seek answers from your peers attending the conference to specific cases
- Recommend to policymakers new solutions to existing or projected issues
- Take a couple of days off from work to think, learn and network



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Outlook : India's road sector

Among the few that performed well in infrastructure last year is the roads sector. Inclusive growth will remain the underlying theme for the 12th Five Year Plan. With a 4 per cent growth aimed in agriculture growth, Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh has announced that “In the 12th Plan (2012-17), we will pay special attention to the remote areas of our country and to rural areas. Connecting such areas by rail and road will get the top-most priority.”

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) and the state road development corporations will be busy next year. A major part—about 20,000 km—of the National Highways Development Programme's (NHDP) Phase IV will be bid out in 2012. On another front, the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), targeted at covering rural habitations with motorable roads, will see a large augmentation in budgetary allocation in the 12th Plan, and will be more aggressive. Many states have shown aggression in connecting their states' cities, towns and villages better next year.

While more projects likely to be offered next year onwards on an EPC model, experts forecast that many rural road projects may be awarded through PPP by bundling in packages: New pilot schemes including the “modified EPC basis” will be on the anvil.

How will our country achieve the objective that the Prime Minister has set? Practitioners in the roads and related industries will have a critical role to play, starting with a platform such as this conference to understand, analyse, discuss and recommend ways forward.

About the conference

Our conference is headed by a Conference Chair, an eminent personality connected with the policymaking sphere relating to the industry. The Chair, along with Session Chairs, leads and summarises the conference's key points, and makes recommendations to policymakers and the industry.

ASAPP Conferences believes that interactivity at conferences results in better spread of understanding ground issues as well as in involving our delegates in discussions in regards to operations, technology and

policy. Such interactivity also helps in evolving critical issues and taking them further in the form of recommendations.

Consequently, the conference is replete with panel discussions, often involving delegate participation, and exhaustive Q&A sessions.

A typical session opens with the Session Chair's lengthy introduction to the session's main subject. This is followed by related addresses by the panelists in that session, a panel discussion, and Q&A. The session concludes with a comprehensive summary by the Session Chair.

The conference will have three formats of discussion:

- ▶ Presentations
- ▶ Panel discussions
- ▶ Q&A sessions

The conference will provide plenty of offline opportunities during coffee and lunch breaks to network and learn from speakers and fellow-delegates.

Key Topics

- ▶ Looking forward to the new Five Year Plan: Issues and ways forward
- ▶ Premium bids in highways
- ▶ Rural connectivity plan analysis
- ▶ Aiming for quality construction
- ▶ Project management and monitoring processes in roads
- ▶ Third party inspection in roads
- ▶ Financing highways and rural roads
- ▶ Viability of rural roads
- ▶ Tendering processes
- ▶ Modified EPC and other new modes of delivery
- ▶ Connectivity as enabler of cold chain and agricultural warehousing industries
- ▶ Domestic and international case studies in roads sector
- ▶ Recommendations and ways forward



Takeaways

The objective of the 5th India Roads Conference 2012 is to help the sector understand new policies, analyse new trends, discuss new issues and probe new answers:

- ▶ What are the lessons the policymakers have learnt from the 11th Plan in infrastructure, and how will they translate into roads sector?
- ▶ How much of the outlay can and should attract private investment?
- ▶ How will negative VGF (premium) highways fare next year?
- ▶ Should more expressways figure in future plans?
- ▶ Will “Modified EPC”, which operates like PPP, work better?
- ▶ What is the government planning to augment private participation in rural roads?
- ▶ Will rural roads projects achieve scale to attract competition from bigger players who can assure quality?
- ▶ How can the tendering process for awarding rural road projects be improved, especially as the segment is starting to attract bigger, national players?
- ▶ In what ways will enhanced connectivity multiply investments in cold chains and other rural segments?

Speaker profile

Our speakers comprise of Industry Leaders and Experts who will share their knowledge and experience through keynote addresses, presentations, panel discussions and case studies.

Our past India Roads conferences have included the following speakers:

- ▶ **Arnab Bandopadhyay**, Senior Transport Engineer, South Asia Region- Sustainable Development Unit, The World Bank- India Country Office
- ▶ **A.V.Sinha**, Former Director General (Road Development) & Special Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
- ▶ **B.H.Anil Kumar**, MD, KRDC
- ▶ **B.P.Chandrashekhar**, Director Technical, NRRDA
- ▶ **B.S.Singla**, MD, HSRDC

- ▶ **Cesare Sacconi**, MD, ICMQ India & Founding Member, Special Project of Infrastructure and Construction
- ▶ **Dharmesh.M.Mashru**, CEO, Gujarat Apollo Industries Ltd
- ▶ **K.K.Kapila**, Founder Chairman, IRF
- ▶ **Mahadev Singh Khandela**, MOS, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
- ▶ **Masahiro Shirato**, JICA Expert- Expressway Development (Policy advisor), Ministry of Road Transport & Highway
- ▶ **Nishi Mittal**, HoD, Traffic Engineering & Safety (TES), CRRRI
- ▶ **Neeraj Vijay**, Deputy GM- MPRDC
- ▶ **N.K.Sinha**, Chairman, IRF-Indian Chapter
- ▶ **Pushkar Kulkarni**, CEO, Efon India Pvt Ltd
- ▶ **Raghav Chandra**, Addl Secretary (Roads), MORTH
- ▶ **Raj Kalady**, MD, PMI
- ▶ **Rexy Ravindra**, Director, Vinergy
- ▶ **Sachin Bhatia**, CEO, Metro Road Systems Pvt Ltd
- ▶ **Satish Pendse**, President, Highbar Technologies Ltd
- ▶ **S.M.Sabnis**, Chief Engineer, Maharashtra (PWD)-MSRDC
- ▶ **Sunil Bose**, Director, CRRRI
- ▶ **Sudhir Hoshing**, CEO (Roads Business), Reliance Infrastructure
- ▶ **T.K.Malhotra**, President, Federation of Indian Automobile Association (FIAA)
- ▶ **V.K.Yadav**, President, Indian Roads Congress
- ▶ **V.L.Patankar**, Member Technical, NHAI

Who should attend

Policymakers, stakeholders, managers, engineers and decision makers from:

Government agencies, regulatory agencies, road construction firms, road contractors, road development agencies, banks and financial institutions, construction equipment providers, road products and service providers, project management and consultant firms, international financial agencies, engineers, infrastructure development organisations, land and quality surveyors, technology providers, road operators and legal firms.

Delegate fees

The fees include all networking opportunities, lunch, coffee and snacks, and full access to the conference as mentioned below

Basic participation fee - ₹24,000 + 10.30% Service Tax (Per Person)

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