



When Private Investment Leaves, Public Pays the Price

India's infrastructure ambitions stand at a critical crossroads. In July, repeated reports highlighted collapsing bridges, sinking roads, and urban transport projects running over cost and time. These are not isolated accidents but a systemic failure that exposes the fragile link between policy ambition and financial accountability. While the government projects record capital expenditure allocations for highways, railways, and urban expansion, the accountability mechanisms to ensure quality and safety remain weak.

The financing of infrastructure, largely driven by public-private partnerships and loans backed by public banks, continues to suffer from opacity. Contractors often cut corners to meet inflated deadlines, with project overruns silently absorbed by state budgets or passed on to the public through hidden costs. Meanwhile, financial institutions struggle with mounting non-performing assets in infrastructure portfolios. This raises a fundamental question: who benefits from this model of infrastructure growth? Certainly not the public, who face collapsing bridges and unsafe transport systems.

What India needs is not just more money poured into cement and steel, but a structural shift in how projects are financed and monitored. Independent audits, citizen oversight, and strict penal clauses for faulty work must become standard practice. Infrastructure must be seen not as ribbon-cutting events or GDP boosters, but as a long-term public good tied to financial transparency. Only then can India bridge the dangerous gap between grand announcements and ground reality

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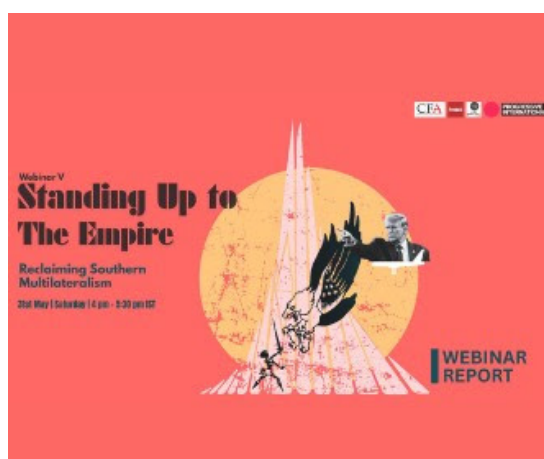
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