

# Conference on Recent Developments in Public Procurement

March 7, 2025

The Conference on Recent Developments in Public Procurement was organized by Procurement Research Centre, Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM) on 7th March 2025 at Scope Convention Centre, New Delhi. The conference aimed to discuss the recent changes in the domain of Public Procurement; Economic development through Make in India & MSME Development; different modes of financing for Infrastructure projects and latest international trends in the domain of Public Procurement.

Shri Amarendu Roy, CMD/SAIL, the chief guest, Shri Shantanu Roy, CMD/BEML, as special guest and Shri Ranjay Sharan, Ex- Director/Projects, NPCIL, as special guest graced the event by their presence and also unveiled the Special Issue on Public Procurement of NIFM Journal 2025 with Shri Sanjay Aggarwal, Advisor (PPD), Shri Praveen Kumar, Director-AJNIFM and Shri Rajiv Lochan Bharadwaj, Head PRC.

The one-day conference comprised of five sessions as detailed below: -

<b>Session - I</b>	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Recent changes in the domain of Public Procurement	<b>Panelist</b> Sh. Sanjay Aggarwal, Advisor (PPD), DOE Sh. Prakash Mirani, CMO-Services, GeM
<b>Session -II</b>	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Recent trends in infrastructure financing	<b>Panelist</b> Sh. Kumar V Pratap, Ex-JS (Infrastructure Policy & Finance), DEA Sh. Rakesh Ranjan, Ex Advisor, NITI Aayog Sh. Mukesh Kumar Singh, Ex-CMD/IRCON & Prof. AJNIFM
<b>Session -III</b>	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Economic development through Make in India & MSME Development	<b>Panelist</b> Sh. Kanwal Preet Singh, EDRS (G), Ministry of Railways Ms. Rukmani Attri, Joint Development Commissioner

<b>Session -IV</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<p>Sh. Ranjay sharan, Ex-Director/Projects, NPCIL- EPC through QCBS</p> <p>Dr. Angel Ranjan Singh, Addl. Prof. Hospital Administration, AIIMS</p> <p>Delhi- “Procurement Data Governance System: A Model for Ensuring Congruity &amp; Propriety in Public Procurements.</p>	
<b>Session -V</b>	<b>Panel Discussion</b>  International trends in Public Procurement	<b>Panelist</b>  Sh. Vinay Sharma, Ex-Global Director, World Bank  Sh. Mukul Kumar, Ex- Chief Regional Procurement Coordinator (East Africa), African Development Bank  Sh. Stephane Bessadi, Senior Procurement Specialist, Asian Development Bank (Through VC)	

The conference was attended by about 275 delegates from central government, ministries/departments, different state governments, PSUs, Private Organisation and Academic Institutions.

# Conference on Recent Advances in Public Procurement

## 4th March 2024

The Conference on Recent Advances in Public Procurement was organized by Procurement Research Centre, Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM) on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Scope Convention Centre, Delhi. The conference aimed to discuss the emerging areas in Public Procurement like Vendor Selection Methods, Digitization of Public Procurement and Project Management.

Shri Vinay Sharma, Former Director-World Bank, the chief guest and Padma Bhushan Dr Ajai Chowdhry, Co-Founder of HCL Ltd, graced the event by their presence and also unveiled the Special Issue on Public Procurement of NIFM Journal 2024 with Shri Praveen Kumar, Director-AJNIFM and Dr. Madhu Ranjan Kumar- Head PRC. The one-day conference comprised of five sessions. The title of the five sessions were Make in India through Public Procurement, Public Procurement of Project, Quality in Public Procurement, Innovations Public Procurement and Advances in Digital Procurement. The speakers of the five sessions were Retd. Procurement Professionals, Executive Professionals working for Government, PSUs, Private and Professors. It was attended by about 210 delegates from central government, different state governments, PSUs, Private Organisation and Academic Institutions. The conference speakers provided informative insights on the following topics:

- i. Public Procurement as a source of People centred growth
- ii. Semi-Conductor manufacturing in India- A source of competitive advantage.
- iii. Project management in the construction of new parliament building
- iv. Implementing make In India Policy through Public Procurement.
- v. Alternative Methods for efficient project execution
- vi. Quality in Public Procurement
- vii. Role of Bureau of Indian Standards in ensuring Quality in Public Procurement
- viii. Deciding how to do when bidding for large infrastructural tender
- ix. Use of Artificial Intelligence in deduplicating part numbers in large manufacturing database
- x. Innovations in Vendor Selections Methods – Moving beyond QCBS.
- xi. Advances in Digital Procurement in GeM
- xii. Advances in Digital procurement in Indian Railways
- xiii. Use of machine learning to identify reasons of delay in project





# Conference on Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution with special focus on International Arbitration

## 30th November 2023

The Indian Railways Institute of Logistics & Materials Management (IRILMM) in association with Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM) organized the conference on “Arbitration and Alternatives Dispute Resolution with special focus on International Arbitration” on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Gulmohar hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The conference was aided by Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. (SAM) as knowledge partner and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) as the supporting Institution.

The event was graced by the presence of Hon’ble Shri R. Venkataramani, Attorney General for India, as the chief guest and Shri Naveen Gulati, Member, Railway Board, Ministry of Railway as the guest of honour. The one-day conference comprised of five sessions. The speakers of the five sessions were eminent lawyers, Retd. Judges of High Court/Supreme Court, Practicing Arbitrators, Professionals working with Government and PSUs. It was attended by about 130 delegates from central government, different state governments and PSUs. The conference speakers provided informative insights on the current state of Arbitration in India in the domain of procurement. The recent amendment in 2023 to the Arbitration and Reconciliation Act was also discussed in the conference.



# National Conference on Use of Smart Contract in Public Procurement and Supply Chain

## 17th March - 18th March 2023

The National Conference on Use of Smart Contracts in Public Procurement and Supply Chain was organized by the Procurement Research Centre, Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management on 17th and 18th March 2023 at Scope Convention Centre, Delhi. The conference aimed to discuss the use of blockchain technology in Public Procurement. The two-day conference consisted of 7 lectures followed by the questions from the audience.

Professor R. K. Shyamasundar, Professor Emeritus IIT Bombay (keynote speaker), Dr. Manoj Kumar Tiwari (Director, NITIE Mumbai), Dr. Amit Kumar Vishwakarma (Blockchain Consultant, PRC-AJNIFM), Dr. Parwat Singh Anjana (Post Doctorate, IIT Hyderabad), Shri Deepak Lalan (Associate Director, Accenture India), Mrs Swati Bhide (Partner, IBM India) and Dr. Sandeep Shukla (Professor, IIT Kanpur) presented their lecture. The conference witnessed the participation of nearly 100 delegates from different organizations including Indian Railways, Department of Telecom, Indian Navy, Indian Army, GeM, CBI, CRPF, CSIR, Department of Telecom, Department of Water Resources (Odisha), SAI, CDFD, UPPWD, Public Health Engineering Department Meghalaya, Yantra India Ltd., World Bank, AMU, NIT Raipur, IITK, DTU, MIET Meerut, GKCIET, Rajdhani College, NICF, Indian Bank, Union Bank of India, ONGC, MSCTC Ltd., BPCL, NHSRCL, MRVC, NBCC, BSNL, TCIL, NCRTC, Goa Shipyard Limited, AVNL, Metaverse Blockchain, Ircon International Limited and Trisys. Students and researchers from different academic institutions were invited to make poster presentations and the best presentation was rewarded.





# International Conference on Data Analytics in Public Procurement and Supply Chain {ICDAPS}

## 10th June - 11th June 2022

An “International Conference on Data Analytics in Public Procurement and Supply Chain” {ICDAPS} was organised by Procurement Research Centre, AJNIFM and National Institute of Industrial Engineering (IIM Bombay now) on 10th June - 11th June 2022. Prof. David Simchi-Levi (MIT, USA) and Prof. Kiran Fernandes (Durham University, USA) were the keynote speakers.

The primary focus of the conference was the applications of data analytics and machine learning in public procurement and supply chain management. The purpose of this event was to bring both scholars and professionals to share and discuss emergent issues in the role of data analytics in mediating the relationship between digital procurement and supply chain performance. It emphasized the cutting-edge methods proposed in recent years in the context of data mining techniques (text mining and cluster analysis), artificial intelligence, and the role of new technologies (e.g., IoT, blockchains, edge computing) and the latest scientific knowledge areas (e.g., analytics, big data, risk management) in procurement and supply chain.

