

National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development

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Recently, the Government of India in consultation with the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has notified the <u>National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)</u> as a "public **financial institution"** under the <u>Companies Act. 2013</u> aiming to boost infrastructure financing in the country.

- The Companies Act of 2013 regulates incorporation, responsibilities, directors, and dissolution of companies. It partially replaced **the Companies Act, 1956.**
- This notification enhances NaBFID's capacity to **fund large-scale infrastructure projects,** strengthening the national infrastructure finance system.
- NaBFID, established in 2021 by the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development Act (2021) as India's fifth All India Financial Institution (AIFI) to support longterm infrastructure financing, including the development of bonds and derivatives markets.
 - As of February 2024, NaBFID as a specialised Development Finance Institution (DFI) has sanctioned over Rs 86,804 crore for infrastructure projects across the country, with 50% of the sanctions having long tenures of 20 to 50 years. NaBFID plans to sanction over Rs 3 lakh crore by March 2026.
- Other Four AIFIs:
 - Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)
 - National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
 - National Housing Bank (NHB)
 - · Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

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