



**Type of event**Face to face



**CPD Hours** 6 Formal RICS India Construction Conference is a pivotal gathering for construction professionals seeking to navigate the dynamic and evolving industry landscape. What sets this conference apart is its tailored approach to the India construction market, offering specific insights and forecasts that are directly actionable. It's a unique platform for networking, where industry leaders, policymakers, and innovators converge, fostering unparalleled opportunities for professional connections and collaboration.

During the conference we will dive deep into how latest digitalisation techniques are reshaping construction, offering an unparalleled opportunity to stay ahead in technological adoption. Continuing the momentum from last year's focus on sustainability, we'll explore sustainable development with an emphasis on ecofriendly practices and materials, aligning with global environmental goals.

Attending the India Construction Conference 2024 means staying informed about the latest industry trends, technologies, and regulations. It's an opportunity to enhance your skillset with practical knowledge, expand your professional network with valuable connections, and gain a competitive edge in the market.

This is your gateway to the future of construction, providing a platform for growth, learning, and advancement in the construction sector. Don't miss this opportunity to shape and be shaped by the future of construction. Join us for an experience on 13th June!



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8:30

# **Registration and Networking**

9:40

# Housekeeping and conference briefing

9:50

### Welcome adress

Ashwani Awasthi, Managing Director-South Asia, RICS

10:00

### Opening Fireside Chat: Construction forecast for the next decade: Setting the scene

Embark on an insightful exploration of the future with the opening fireside chat, which aims to chart the course of India's Construction Industry into its next Epoch. The discussions will shine a light on how global economic trends and evolving environmental standards are influencing local construction practices, emphasising India's commitment to sustainable development. We'll navigate through the complexities of regulatory policies, uncovering their impact on construction activities and the vast potential for growth that lies within. Along with this, the session aims to spotlight emerging trends in the industry, underscoring the necessity for adaptability and competitiveness in a rapidly changing world.

Moderator: Neeraj Bansal, Partner, Co-Head and COO - India Global, KPMG in India In conversation with

- Vinayak Pai, MD & CEO, Tata Projects (Tentatively confirmed)
- Ashwini Bhide IAS, Managing Director, Mumbai Metro (Invited)
- Neel Raheja, Group President, K Raheja Corp. (Invited)

10:45

### **Networking coffee break**



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# Panel discussion: Digital transformation in construction: Beyond the basics

This session delves into the transformation of the construction industry through the adoption and integration of the latest digital technologies such as AI, use of Robotics and Automation, drones, digital twins, IoT, data analytics, etc. It highlights the necessity for substantial shifts in industry practices and mindsets to expedite digital transformation, with a focus on significantly boosting productivity and efficiency. The primary objective of this discussion is to offer practical, actionable insights into how digitalisation is fundamentally changing the landscape of construction, ranging from innovation in the building process to the effective management of structures after their completion.

Moderator: Sunjaay Athanki MRICS, Director – Global Delivery Hub (GDH), Linesight Panelists:

- Argenio Antao MRICS, COO, Colliers
- Siddhartha Dey, Vice President-Commercial Management, HCC
- Sonali Dhopte, Chief Strategy Officer, Excelize
- Dr. Amarnath CB, AVP BIM and Digital Adoption, Reliance Industries Limited
- Speaker from Capricot



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# Panel discussion: Status of infrastructure projects over the coming decade in urban areas

This conference session will focus on the extensive scale and scope of infrastructure projects anticipated in urban environments over the next decade. As cities worldwide grapple with rapid urbanisation, changing demographics, and the need for sustainable development, the infrastructure sector is poised to play a critical role in shaping the future of urban landscapes.

Moderator: Aditya Desai, Executive Director & Head, Investor Solutions, JLL Panelists:

- Santosh Rai, Operations Director & Chief Business Officer, HCC
- Anshumali Srivastava, Chief General Manager, NHAI
- Darshan Bamb, Senior Project Officer, PMRDA

13:15

#### **Lunch Break**

14:00

### Panel discussion: Synergising the old with the new: Strategies for repurposing

Repurposing often involves the challenge of balancing old preservation with the need for modern functionality. This session will explore the multifaceted approach to repurposing existing buildings structures. It aims to highlight innovative projects, best practices, and the pivotal role of collaboration among stakeholders in repurposing to foster sustainable development, enhance community well-being, and contribute to India's growth trajectory towards its centennial celebration.

Moderator: Deben Moza FRICS, Senior Executive Director Head of Project Management Services, Knight Frank India

### Panelists:

- Vipul Gupta, National Operations Director PDS India Business, JLL
- Jonathan Yach MRICS, JDY Consulting
- Raman Sapru, Director Design & Engineering, K Raheja Corp.

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# Panel discussion: Cost, Capital, & Regulation: Navigating financial and legal landscapes

This session aims to demystify the complexities surrounding the financial and regulatory aspects of construction projects. It will delve into effective strategies for cost management, securing and capital deployment, adhering to regulatory standards, and utilising arbitration for dispute resolution. The discussion will cover the implications of financial planning, regulatory compliance, and the role of arbitration in ensuring project success and integrity.

#### **Panelists**

- Speaker from Dentons Link Legal
- Amit Goenka, CEO, NiFCO
- Pawan Swamy MRICS, Chairman and Managing Partner, Credberg Advisors
- Ciaran McCormack, Regional Director GCC & India, Linesight
- Jatin Shah, Chief Strategy Officer, Colliers

16:00

### **Networking coffee break**



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### Panel discussion: Decarbonising Construction: Achieving sustainability goals

Efforts to decarbonise construction operations are crucial for mitigating environmental impact and achieving the sustainability goals. Innovative technologies, methodologies, and best practices are being leveraged across the construction lifecycle to reduce carbon emissions. This session aims to explore solutions that includes adopting low-carbon materials, implementing energy-efficient design principles, retrofitting existing buildings, and embracing circular economy principles. The session will also talk about the standards such as Environmental Product Declarations (EDPs) and the RICS Whole Life Carbon Assessment (WLCA) and how it is playing vital roles in guiding these efforts and enhancing sector accountability.

Moderator: Ajay Sharma MRICS, Managing Director-Valuation Services, Colliers
WLCA lead presentation: Anil Sawhney FRICS, Interim Head of Sustainability, RICS (Virtually)
Panelists:

- Shiela Sri Prakash, Founder and Chief Architect, Shilpa Architect
- Sobha Rani FRICS, FAIQS, Founder, Veadik Consulting Solutions Pvt Ltd &
   Esttareal Solutions Pvt Ltd.
- Raman K, Director, GBCI, India
- Ajay A. Deshpande, Adjunct Professor, Ashank Desai Center for Policy Studies, IIT-Bombay

17:30

#### Vote of Thanks and Conference wrap up

Anupam Saxena MRICS, Head of University Partnerships and Early Engagements, RICS

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We are RICS. Everything we do is designed to effect positive change in the built and natural environments. Through our respected global standards, leading professional progression and our trusted data and insight, we promote and enforce the highest professional standards in the development and management of land, real estate, construction and infrastructure. Our work with others provides a foundation for confident markets, pioneers better places to live and work and is a force for positive social impact.

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