



## 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the BRICS Task Force on PPP and Infrastructure

9 April 2021



India hosted the first meeting of the BRICS Task Force on PPP and Infrastructure under India's Presidency in 2021. India was represented by Shri Baldeo Purushartha, Joint Secretary (Head of the Indian Delegation), Ms. Archana Mayaram, Director and Ms. Shreshtha Saraswat from Infrastructure Policy & Finance Division, Ministry of Finance.

The meeting was attended by the Ministry of Finance delegates from Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa.

During the inaugural address, Shri. Purushartha apprised the members of India's infrastructure theme under its 2021 Presidency, viz. ***'Social Infrastructure: Financing and Use of Digital Technologies'*** and the mandate given by the BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) to the Task Force to prepare a Technical Report on this theme based on BRICS countries responses to a questionnaire.

Ms. Mayaram outlined the broad contours of the questionnaire, key aspects of the proposed Report and the timeline for implementation of the Task Force's deliverable in 2021. Member countries acknowledged the importance of collaboration and knowledge sharing on the social infrastructure theme. The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled to be held in July 2021.