

L&T IDPL Road Project Bags 'Best Infrastructure Project' Award

The Vadodara-Bharuch Project developed by L&T Infrastructure Development Project Limited (L&T IDPL) has won the 'Best Infrastructure Project' Award in the Roads and Highways Sector of the Dun & Bradstreet-Axis Bank Infra Awards 2011.

Dun & Bradstreet is the leading provider of global business information, knowledge and insight; and Axis Bank is the leading arranger of infrastructure finance and the third largest private sector bank in India.

The 83.3 km stretch of Vadodara-Bharuch Highway on NH-8 caters to the high-density traffic between Mumbai and Delhi, and is a part of the Golden Quadrilateral. A jewel in the crown of the National Highways network, it was the first project offered on DBFOT basis in India with an upfront negative grant of ₹ 471 crore.

Executed on schedule and within budget with highly efficient operations and maintenance systems in place using superior technology, the project set a benchmark for BOT toll-road projects in the country.



Mr. T.S. Venkatesan (second from left), Vice President, Developmental Projects (Roads & Bridges Sector), receiving the Best Infrastructure Project award for L&T IDPL in Mumbai on October 17, 2011.



A stretch of the Vadodara-Bharuch highway.

Engineering achievements of this project include value engineering in design of pavement and structure and re-use of milled material from the replaced carriageway, and also a sustainability initiative. The project has a robust and efficiently managed toll highway with a state-of-the-art toll management system. It uses advanced systems for toll and route operations like video surveillance systems, emergency communication systems,

dynamic message signboards, vehicle tracking systems, and advanced software for toll analytics, road maintenance and route operations.

The D&B-Axis Bank Infra Awards honour leading infrastructure companies from the construction, power and telecom sectors for their performance on various financial and non-financial parameters. D&B uses a proprietary model to choose the award winners based on various qualitative and quantitative factors. Projects are evaluated based on nominations received from companies. Industry experts and eminent professionals from infrastructure and allied sectors are a part of the independent jury.