

India, Japan launch \$600 mn fund for climate projects

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The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIF), a state-owned entity, unveiled a \$600 million (about ₹4,900 crore) India-Japan Fund on Wednesday. This venture is in collaboration with the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), a financial institution backed by the Japanese government.

This marks NIIF's inaugural bilateral fund. The target corpus of \$600 million will see a 51 per cent contribution from JBIC and a 49 per cent input from the Indian government, as stated in NIIF's press release.

The fund aims to channel investments into India's envi-

ronmental conservation sectors, encompassing renewable energy, e-mobility, and circular economy areas like waste management and water management. Moreover, it seeks to bolster collaboration between Indian and Japanese enterprises across various sectors.

In March 2022, both India and Japan set a collaborative goal: a 5 trillion yen inflow in the form of public and private investment and financing from Japan to India over an upcoming five-year span. Hayashi Nobumitsu, Governor of JBIC, highlighted the growing interest of Japanese companies in the Indian market. This interest stems from the current global instability, supply chain disruptions, and India's pivotal role as a leader in the Global South.