FM unveils ₹6 lakh-cr. asset monetisation plan

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled an ambitious ₹6 lakh-crore National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) that included unlocking value by involving private firms across infrastructure sectors – from passenger trains and railway stations to airports.

As many as 25 Airports Authority of India (AAI) airports as well as 40 railway stations and an unidentified number of railway colonies have been identified for getting private investments.

Under the plan, private firms can invest in projects for a fixed return using the InvIT route as well as operate and develop the assets for a certain period before



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transferring them back to the government agency.

"The asset monetisation pipeline takes the National Infrastructure Pipeline to the next phase where you are looking at public-private partnership," she said.

Stating there is no transfer of ownership or land, she said "the NMP talks about brownfield assets where there is a completed asset which is either languishing or remaining not fully monetised." The total indicative value for Centre's core assets has been estimated at ₹6 lakh crore over the 4-year period from FY22 to FY25.