

Dr. B. Padma S. Rao, Scientist G and Chair, Environmental Impact Assessment, Audit & Planning (EIAAP) Division, CSIR-NEERI, participated as a panelist at the BRICS Transport Working Group Side Event organized by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on 10 July 2026 in Nagpur. During the panel discussion on "Climate-Resilient Infrastructure," she delivered a presentation on "Strengthening Environmental Impact Assessment through Climate Change Risk Assessment and Resilience Planning." She emphasized that transport projects should be planned by considering future climate risks such as floods, heavy rainfall, and heat waves so that roads, railways, airports, and other transport systems remain safe, reliable, and functional even during extreme weather events.

She also highlighted the need to include climate risk assessment, better drainage, nature-based solutions, and disaster preparedness in the Environmental Impact Assessment process to build more resilient and sustainable infrastructure. The discussion brought together representatives from government and industry to exchange ideas on emerging challenges and opportunities, strengthening cooperation among BRICS countries. Her presentation contributed meaningfully to the discussions.

