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Shivanshu Thaplyal is a Partner in the Energy, Infrastructure & Resources team. Shivanshu regularly advises on corporate/commercial matters and policy and regulatory issues.

Shivanshu's primary sector focus is Power (both conventional and non-conventional), Transport, Urban Infrastructure, Ports and Mining, with a specialisation in handling Public Private Partnership projects. Shivanshu actively advises clients on bidding for infrastructure projects as also on procurement laws in India. Shivanshu also has significant experience in corporate transactions and has represented a number of clients in domestic and transnational mergers and acquisitions, takeovers and joint ventures and corporate structuring transactions.

Shivanshu is recognised as Acritas Stars – independently rated lawyer by Acritas Stars Survey 2019, a 'Notable Practitioner' by IFLR1000 2020 and 2021, 'Commended External Counsel of the Year 2020' by Asia Mena In-House Community and 'Recommended Lawyer' by Legal500 2021.

Representative Matters:

In his area of expertise, Shivanshu has advised and represented the following clients:

Energy

- Kalpataru Power Transmission Limited on sale of its stake in 1 (one) transmission asset to Adani Transmission Limited:
- Kalpataru Power Transmission Limited on sale of its stake in 1 (one) transmission asset to IndiGrid Trust;
- Kalpataru Power Transmission Limited on to sale of its stake in 3 (three) transmission assets to CLP India Private Limited;
- A German wind energy company on their entire India operations in the wind energy sector;
- Blue Planet Environmental Solutions India Private Limited on successfully winning a bid for two waste to energy projects in the state of Kerala;

Bengaluru Chennai Kolkata Mumbai NCR Singapore



- A large conglomerate in India on setting up of a captive solar generation plant;
- A data centre company on setting up of a captive solar generation plant;
- India Power Corporation Limited on acquisition of Meenakshi Energy Private Limited;
- Enel Green Power SpA on its acquisition of 68% stake in BLP Energy Private Limited, the utility, wind and solar subsidiary of the Bharat Light and Power (BLP) group of companies; and
- Power and Energy International (Mauritius) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tenaga Nasional Berhad on its acquisition of 30% stake in GMR Energy Limited.

Infrastructure

- A German mobility company on the bid process for a railway project in India;
- A German mobility company on the bid process for a metro railway project in India being implemented on PPP basis:
- A German railway company on the bid process for a metro railway project in India;
- Blue Planet Environmental Solutions Pte Limited on various acquisitions in India in the waste management sector:
- A Netherlands based railway company on a proposed joint venture in India in the railway sector;
- Kalpataru Power Transmission Limited on the bid process for Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project;
- Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) on legal and regulatory matters in relation to the conduct of its bids for Metro projects in Mumbai;
- MMRDA on the bid documentation and process for a bulk water supply scheme for a region in India;
- MMRDA on the bid process for BKC Smart City project;
- MMRDA on providing legal and regulatory inputs on the draft Unified Metro Bill being prepared by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India;
- Cochin Shipyard Limited on setting up, operating and maintaining a professional ship repair facility at the premises of Board of Trustees of Port of Mumbai; and
- JSW Infrastructure Limited on a concession agreement with the Ministry of Railways under the joint venture model as provided in the participative models in rail connectivity and capacity augmentation projects policy of Ministry of Railways.



Resources

- Usha Martin Limited on transfer of steel facility to Tata Steel Limited, in particular advising on all aspects related to transfer of iron ore and coal mines;
- A global diversified metal and mining company on first of its kind silver streaming transaction in India;
- Nuvoco Vistas Corporation Limited on the acquisition of the entire shareholding (100% share capital) of the Emami Cement Limited from the existing shareholders;
- Vedanta Limited on the distressed acquisition of Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd through the corporate insolvency resolution process;
- Nirma Limited on advise in the mining sector;
- ACC Limited on advise in the mining sector;
- An Australian mining company on a proposed joint venture in India in the mining sector;
- Bank of Baroda on the financial assistance availed by JSW Steel Limited for financing the upfront payment obligations under the tender documents and acquisition of Iron ore mining leases in Odisha; and
- Clients on the consequences of the cancellation of the allocated coal blocks and its effect on existing contracts and legal rights.

Publications and Presentations:

Shivanshu has authored the following contributions:

- Warehousing Receipts in India: Past, Present and Future (2020)
- "Are rooftop solar projects driving India towards a 'utility death spiral'?" – Hindu Business Line (2020);
- "The Devil's in The Details (Railway expansion and modernisation)" – EPC&I Magazine (2018);
- "Getting the Deal Through 2017" India Chapter on Public Private Partnerships;
- "A Sustainable Blueprint for Smart Cities" Infrastructure Today (November 2016);
- "UDAY An ambitious Indian Distribution Sector Bailout"
 Power Today (September 2016);
- "Mines and Mineral Ordinance 2015" Lexology;
- "Legal Round Up Corporate Law (2014) PL (CL)
 December 60" Practical Lawyer; and
- "Censorship Beyond Censorship" Legal 500 (2013).