

Nifty Reits & InvITs Index

Why in News?

Recently, India's first-ever Real Estate Investment Trusts (Reits) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) Index was launched by National Stock Exchange Indices Ltd, a subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange of India.

What is the Nifty Reits & InvITs Index?

About:

- The index aims to track the performance of Reits and InvITs that are publicly listed and traded on the NSE.
- The weights of securities within the index are based on their free-float market capitalization, subject to a security cap of 33% each and an aggregate weight of top-3 securities capped at 72%.
- The index has a base date of 1 July 2019 and a base value of 1,000.
- The index will be reviewed and rebalanced on a quarterly basis.

Top Constituents:

- The top constituents of the Nifty Reits & InvITs index include Embassy Office Parks Reit,
 Powergrid Infrastructure Investment, Mindspace Business Parks Reit, and India Grid Trust.
- The index has 57.5% weight to Real estate, 35.6% to power, and 6.8% to services.

What is Infrastructure Investment Trust?

- An InvITs is a collective Investment Scheme similar to a mutual fund, which enables direct investment of money from individual and institutional investors in infrastructure projects to earn a small portion of the income as a return.
- InvITs are listed on exchanges just like stocks through Initial Public Offering (IPO).
- InvITs are regulated by the <u>Securities and Exchange Board of India</u> (SEBI) (Infrastructure Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014.

What is a Real estate Investment Trust?

- REIT refers to an entity created with the sole purpose of channeling investible funds into operating, owning or financing income-producing real estate.
- **REITs are modeled on the lines of mutual funds** and provide investors with an extremely liquid way to get a stake in real estate.
- It is a type of security that provides all types of investors, big or small, with an outlet for regular income, portfolio diversification, and long-term capital appreciation. Like any other security, REITs can enlist themselves on a stock exchange.
- In India, the REIT were introduced by the SEBI in 2007.

What is SEBI?

■ The SEBI was established on 12th April, 1992 in accordance with the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992.

- Major Function:
 - To protect the interests of investors in securities. To regulate the securities market.

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