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ADB to invest in Indiaâ??s Health Startups

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India’s Economic Affairs Secretary, Subhash Chandra Garg, asks the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to invest in fintech and health startups, speaking at the ADB annual board meeting. The aim is to help improve the quality of life in Asia while sharpening focus on infrastructure lending by ensuring loan disbursals within a year of request.

ADB, a multilateral lender, is aiming at creating ‘Strategy 2030’ with the aim to eradicate extreme poverty and to achieve sustainable growth in Asia and the Pacific.

The bank is being urged to undertake a more direct attack on poverty, malnutrition illiteracy, and including digital illiteracy. For this, ADB needs to review its administrative processes for delivering its finance and services to help realise its vision. The bank also needs to take into consideration the number of poor people living in the country besides income inequality and geographical imbalances, for resource allocation.

In addition, suggestions given included substantially expanding its private sector operations, especially equity financing and investment in new instruments of financing, like infrastructure investment trust.