

GMR Power & Urban Infra Ltd — 29 May 2026 Credit Rating Summary

Section	Details
Agency	Infomerics (IVR)
Rating Change	BBB- → BBB (1 notch upgrade)
Outlook (Current vs Previous)	Stable vs Stable
Key Drivers of Change	Equity Infusion: Raised ₹900 Cr (₹800 Cr equity + ₹100 Cr warrants) in Q4FY26, drastically improving capital structure. Arbitration Inflows: Received ₹1,083 Cr from GMR Kamalanga Energy settlement and ₹653 Cr from asset divestments used for debt reduction. Deleveraging: Consolidated Net Worth jumped from ₹180.42 Cr to ₹1,264.94 Cr, reducing gearing from 56.37x to 9.09x. Operational Growth: Revenue grew 15.6% to ₹7,331.86 Cr; EBITDA margins expanded to 27.56% (vs 26.28% FY25).
Rated Instruments	Bank Loan Facilities (Long Term): ₹380.00 Cr (Reduced from ₹385.30 Cr) • IVR BBB / Stable
Key Observations	(+) High Financial Flexibility: 83% of debt is at subsidiary levels with stronger standalone cash flows. (+) Diversified Revenue: Significant shift toward smart metering projects and coal trading providing growth momentum. (+) Repayment Structure: 57% of FY27 debt is owed to promoter/group companies, allowing flexibility in servicing priorities. (-) Low Interest Coverage: Despite the upgrade, ISCR is thin at 1.22x (FY26), up only marginally from 1.06x. (-) High FY27 Repayment Load: ₹1,489 Cr debt maturing in FY27 requires continued asset monetization or refinancing. (-) Tender Sensitivity: Profitability remains exposed to intense competition and volatile input costs (coal/steel).
Investor Impact	Leverage: Massive drop in gearing (56x to 9x) significantly lowers insolvency risk. Dilution: Recent ₹900 Cr infusion has already diluted equity; focus now shifts to ROE recovery. Margins: Improving margins suggest better project selection, but high debt servicing costs still eat into PAT. Execution Risk: Future value hinges on the "Smart Metering" segment growth and timely land parcel sales.
Agency / Cross Analysis	Same Agency (Infomerics): Upgrade signals a shift from "Stressed/Turnaround" to "Improving/Stable." What Changed: Last year's "Monitorables" (equity infusion and arbitration wins) have now materialized into "Strengths." Outlook Alignment: The agency maintains a Stable outlook despite the upgrade, recognizing that while the balance sheet is repaired, operational cash flow coverage of debt (ISCR 1.22x) is still not robust enough for a further immediate upgrade. Conclusion: Improvement. The rating captures a genuine de-risking of the consolidated entity.
Final Inference	Real Improvement but Liquidity-Dependent. The upgrade is earned through massive balance sheet repair (Equity + Arbitrations), but the entity remains a "sale-to-survive" story for FY27 debt obligations. Equity upside depends on whether smart metering can replace one-time gains with sustainable PAT.