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IICA Achieves Key Milestones with AISHE Recognition

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) has achieved a significant milestone by obtaining its **AISHE (All India Survey on Higher Education) Code** as a stand-alone institution under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. This recognition enables the Institute's inclusion under the **PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme**, a flagship initiative of the Government of India aimed at facilitating access to educational loans and financial assistance for students pursuing higher education.

The allotment of the AISHE Code strengthens IICA's integration with the national higher education framework and enhances opportunities for students to benefit from various government-supported educational financing schemes. Through the PM Vidyalaxmi platform, eligible students can conveniently access information on education loans, submit applications online, and monitor the status of their applications through a transparent and student-centric digital system. The initiative seeks to ensure that financial limitations do not hinder access to quality education.

With this development, students enrolled in eligible academic programmes at IICA will be better positioned to avail themselves of the benefits offered under the PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme, subject to the applicable guidelines and eligibility criteria prescribed by the Government of India and participating financial institutions.

Building upon this achievement, IICA has also been onboarded under the Government of India's **One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)** initiative. As a result, faculty members, researchers, officers, and students of the Institute now have access to a comprehensive collection of high-impact international scholarly journals and research databases.

Launched in alignment with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat@2047, the ONOS initiative aims to provide equitable and seamless access to global research resources across Higher Education Institutions and Research & Development organizations throughout the country. The initiative is closely aligned with the objectives of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, which emphasizes the importance of research, innovation, and knowledge creation in driving academic excellence and national development.

Under ONOS, national-level licenses have been secured for journals and publications from leading international publishers, opening access to an extensive repository of scholarly literature across disciplines. Access to these resources is facilitated through a centralized platform managed by the Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre under the University Grants Commission (UGC). The first phase of the ONOS initiative is operational from

1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027.

These developments reflect IICA's continued commitment to strengthening its academic and research ecosystem, expanding learning opportunities for its students, and supporting faculty and researchers with access to world-class knowledge resources.



National Stakeholder Consultation Series on Ease of Doing Business: First Consultation Successfully Hosted by IICA in Hyderabad

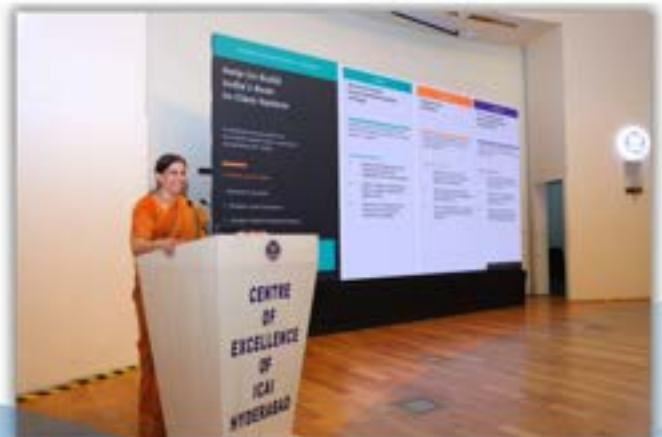
The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Government of India, through the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), is conducting a structured multi-city National Stakeholder Consultation Series on Ease of Doing Business. The initiative seeks expert inputs on the rationalisation of the filing and compliance framework under the Companies Act, 2013, and is directly aligned with the Viksit Bharat @2047 vision.

The consultation covers the full corporate lifecycle across three stages: Entry, Operations, and Exit. Insights gathered will directly inform the next phase of corporate regulatory reform in India.

This initiative is open to representatives from corporates, industry experts, finance and compliance professionals, sectoral associations, academia, and policy think tanks. Members are encouraged to participate and contribute their valuable perspectives to help shape practical and forward-looking recommendations for strengthening the ecosystem.

The consultation sessions are being attended by senior officials and representatives from the following institutions Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Regional Directors and Registrars of Companies, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), and Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).

The inaugural consultation under the aegis of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs' nationwide stakeholder engagement on Ease of Doing Business was successfully conducted on 28 April 2026 in Hyderabad. Organised by IICA, the session witnessed participation from over 90 stakeholders, including representatives from industry, professional bodies, and the regulatory ecosystem, coming together to deliberate on strengthening the MCA filing architecture under the Companies Act, 2013.





The consultation featured opening remarks by **Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, DG & CEO, IICA**, followed by a **Special Address by Ms Richa Kukreja, Regional Director (SER), MCA**. Technical deliberations were led by **Dr. Garima Dadhich, Head, School of Business Environment (SBE), IICA**.

Structured discussions were held across the corporate lifecycle – Entry & Incorporation, Annual & Ongoing Compliance, and Exit & Special Filings. Key themes included:

- Rationalisation and consolidation of e-forms
- Expansion of Straight Through Processing (STP)
- Pre-filled and intelligent filing systems
- Interoperability across regulatory frameworks

The interactive format, including live polling and open-floor inputs, enabled practical, experience-driven feedback from stakeholders, contributing to a more grounded and implementable reform approach.

IICA expresses its sincere appreciation to its co-hosting partners: the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), FICCI,

ASSOCHAM, the Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI), and NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad (Knowledge Partner), for their valuable support in facilitating meaningful stakeholder participation.

Stakeholders are encouraged to attend the consultation session in their city and additionally submit written responses electronically at:

<https://iica.nic.in/mcaeodbform>

The concept notes, which provides the detailed framework and questionnaire, is available at the submission portal.

Interested members could register through the online registration form: <https://forms.gle/TcB5mxPoQLUoAo968>

The inputs received would inform the Ministry's ongoing efforts towards building a simplified, efficient, and future-ready corporate compliance framework aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.



Three-Day Brainstorming Workshop of Core Working Group on ESG

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) successfully convened a three-day brainstorming workshop from 25th to 27th March 2026, bringing together members of the Core Working Group (CWG) on Corporate Affairs and ESG to deliberate on key strategic priorities and emerging dimensions in the ESG landscape.

The brainstorming workshop served as a collaborative platform to engage in in-depth discussions on strengthening ESG frameworks, enhancing alignment with national and global sustainability standards, and identifying actionable pathways for responsible business

conduct in India. The sessions focused on refining approaches to ESG integration, improving disclosure practices, and addressing evolving regulatory and stakeholder expectations.

The workshop witnessed the active participation of distinguished CWG members, including Mr. Viraf Mehta and Mr. Shankar Venkateswaran, Adjunct Faculty at IICA, whose insights and domain expertise enriched the deliberations. Their contributions were instrumental in advancing discussions around practical implementation challenges and opportunities within the ESG ecosystem.



Batch 19th of Director's Certification Course in Corporate Governance Launched

School of Corporate Governance & Public Policy, The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), conducted the orientation session for **Batch 19 of its flagship Director's Certification Course in Corporate Governance on April 30, 2026 at New Delhi**, marking the

commencement of a new cohort of senior professionals committed to strengthening governance practices in India.

This batch comprises **60 participants**, including Board Members, Independent Directors, and senior executives from diverse

sectors, reflecting a growing emphasis on robust corporate governance and responsible leadership across corporate India.

The **four-month certification programme** is designed to deliver a comprehensive and immersive learning experience. It includes **over 30 hours of live online sessions across 21 interactions**, complemented by case-based learning, peer discussions, and a capstone project. The programme will culminate in a **one-day in-person immersion and graduation ceremony at the IICA campus**.

The curriculum is structured across six modules covering key dimensions of corporate governance, including regulatory frameworks, board governance, financial stewardship, risk oversight, ESG integration, and emerging areas such as technology, cyber security, and artificial intelligence. The programme aims to build a pipeline of **competent and certified corporate directors** equipped to contribute effectively to boardrooms.

Welcoming the participants, **Niraj Gupta**, Head of the School of Corporate Governance & Public Policy at IICA, provided an overview of the programme's objectives, structure, and relevance in today's dynamic regulatory environment. He highlighted the importance of aligning board practices with evolving legal frameworks and global governance standards. The orientation session featured a special address by **Robin Banerjee**, who delivered an engaging session on corporate governance through practical case studies. He emphasized that effective governance must go beyond compliance and be rooted in integrity, transparency, and accountability, while also underscoring the importance of ESG principles and long-term value creation.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by **Manoj Singh**, Course Coordinator, who expressed appreciation to the participants and nominating organizations for their continued trust and engagement with IICA's capacity-building initiatives.

The banner features the IICA logo and name at the top left. The main title 'Orientation of DIRECTOR'S CERTIFICATION IN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE BATCH 19' is centered. To the right is a circular image of the IICA building. Below the title is a large grid of 40 small video call windows showing participants. On the left, a blue sidebar lists key features with icons. At the bottom, four icons represent the programme's components: 30+ hours of live online sessions, case-based learning, one-day immersion, and certification.

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Orientation of
DIRECTOR'S CERTIFICATION
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BATCH 19

- 30 APRIL 2024**
Orientation Session conducted for Batch 19
- 40 senior professionals**, including Board Members, Independent Directors and senior executives, onboarded
- 4-month programme** with **30+ hours** of live online sessions, case-based learning and peer engagement
- Building **future-ready board leaders** with strong governance, ESG and strategic oversight capabilities
- One-day immersion** at **IICA Campus** and certification on successful completion

30+ HOURS LIVE ONLINE SESSIONS | **CASE-BASED LEARNING & PEER INTERACTION** | **ONE-DAY IMMERSION AT IICA CAMPUS** | **CERTIFICATION ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION**

First Assessment of Arbitrator Qualifying Assessment Program (AQAP) to Create a Cadre of World-Class Arbitrators for Viksit Bharat

The first assessment cycle of the IICA Arbitrator Qualifying Assessment Program (AQAP) was conducted in-person from April 24-26, 2026, at the IICA Campus, Mansar. The event was organised by the Centre of Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution (CEADR) at the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, as a 3-day, 3-tier rigorous assessment for certification as an arbitrator. As a first-of-its-kind initiative, the program aims at creating a pool of professionally trained and globally benchmarked arbitrators to make India an international arbitration hub for Viksit Bharat.

Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director-General & CEO, IICA, welcomed and felicitated the Chief Guest, **Justice (Retd.) Hemant Gupta**, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India and Former Chairperson, India International Arbitration Centre, along with the other two independent experts involved in the assessment, namely **Shri Anish Wadia C. Arb** and **Shri AJ Jawad**.

Justice Hemant Gupta, who presided over the assessment, emphasised that in order to increase the credibility of arbitrators and arbitration as a profession, a mindset shift is needed from ad hoc to a market-based, efficiency-driven approach. He appreciated the 3-day rigorous, applied, and well-articulated arbitration assessment program of IICA aligned to global benchmarks. He motivated the first cohort delegates to be different and be effective in their role as arbitrators, since confidence-building is a shared responsibility.

Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh emphasised that if India aims to become a developed

nation with a multi-trillion-dollar economy, it must build a fast, efficient, and cost-effective dispute resolution system. He highlighted that international businesses overwhelmingly prefer arbitration to resolve disputes and noted that the massive backlog of cases and delays discourages investment and weakens economic growth. He referred to reforms such as the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), which improved business exit mechanisms, but said that a broader legal infrastructure reform is still needed. He also shared the vision of IICA to contribute to this national priority of creating a robust dispute resolution ecosystem.

While delivering the vote of thanks, **Prof (Dr) Naveen Sirohi**, Head, CEADR, IICA, emphasised the commitment of the Centre of Excellence in augmenting the dispute resolution ecosystem in India through creating a pool of world-class arbitrators and mediators at par with global standards. He thanked all the experts for their support in the successful completion of the flagship arbitration assessment program and acknowledged the dedication of all participants along with the IICA core organising team.

Centre of Excellence in ADR, IICA is transforming the ADR landscape in India through its flagship initiatives on mediation and arbitration, namely;

- **IICA Certified Mediator Program (ICMP)** - a 100+ hours, 3-month online program running into the 23rd batch,
- **IICA Certified Arbitration Professional (ICAP)** - a 250+ hours, 9-month hybrid program running into the 2nd batch, and
- **Arbitrator Qualifying Assessment Program (AQAP)** - a 3-day, 3-tier rigorous assessment program to create world-class arbitrators.



IICA Trained Executives of Epsilon Carbon Pvt Ltd. in Strategic CSR at Vijayanagar, Karnataka on 17 April 2026

The School of Business Environment, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), conducted a One-Day CSR Certification Training for the executives of Epsilon Carbon Pt. Ltd. on 17 April 2026 at the company's Vijayanagar Plant in Bellary District, Karnataka. The programme was designed to strengthen the leadership team's understanding of the evolving CSR ecosystem in India and to enable them to align the company's social investments with regulatory requirements and long-term business priorities.

The training featured thematic sessions, through expert inputs, interactive discussions, and a hands-on group exercise, Epsilon executives worked on conceptualising a high-impact CSR project and shaping a five-year CSR roadmap for the organisation. The programme concluded with a brief valedictory and distribution of certificates, marking an important step in enhancing Epsilon Carbon's capacities for responsible and impact-oriented corporate citizenship.



ESG & BRSR Capacity-Building Workshop in Shillong

The School of Business Environment at the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) successfully conducted a One-Day Workshop on “ESG & BRSR Essentials for Responsible & Sustainable Business” in Shillong on 10 April 2026. The programme witnessed participation from corporates, public sector undertakings, government officials, academicians, and sustainability professionals from the region.

The workshop focused on strengthening participants’ understanding of ESG frameworks and Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR), with particular emphasis on regulatory expectations, disclosure requirements, and practical implementation strategies. Participants engaged in focused deliberations on ESG integration, data-driven reporting, and alignment with evolving national and global sustainability standards.

The sessions also addressed emerging themes, including the role of governance in ESG adoption, challenges in BRSR implementation, and the importance of integrating sustainability into core business strategy. The programme provided a platform for knowledge exchange, peer learning, and discussion on best practices from industry and policy perspectives.

Dr. Garima Dadhich, Associate Professor and Head, School of Business Environment, IICA, set the context for the day by emphasizing the growing importance of ESG and BRSR as a strategic instrument for responsible business conduct, the need for strengthening corporate readiness, and the critical role of capacity-building initiatives in aligning disclosure with performance and long-term value creation.



Capacity-Building Workshop on Climate Risk Management & Sustainable Finance in Bengaluru

The School of Business Environment at the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) successfully conducted a One-Day Workshop on “Climate Risk Management & Sustainable Finance” in Bengaluru on 24 April 2026. The programme brought together corporates, financial institutions, sustainability professionals, policymakers, and academicians for focused deliberations on emerging climate and finance imperatives.

The workshop centred on building a deeper understanding of climate risk as a strategic and financial issue, along with the evolving landscape of sustainable finance instruments and capital allocation. Participants engaged in discussions on climate risk assessment, regulatory frameworks, governance considerations, and the integration of sustainability into business strategy and financial decision-making.

The sessions addressed key themes including sustainable finance innovations, climate risk frameworks and tools, leadership and board-level governance, and decarbonisation

pathways, along with practical insights on GHG accounting and sectoral transition strategies. The programme enabled participants to examine real-world applications, emerging trends, and best practices across industries.

Dr. Garima Dadhich, Associate Professor and Head, School of Business Environment, IICA, set the context for the day by highlighting the growing importance of sustainable finance as a strategic lever for managing climate risks and enabling low-carbon transitions. She emphasised the need for businesses to move beyond traditional financing approaches towards innovative financial instruments such as green bonds, sustainability-linked instruments, and transition finance, aligned with emerging regulatory and market expectations. She also underscored the critical role of capacity-building initiatives in strengthening institutional readiness, integrating climate considerations into financial decision-making, and aligning capital allocation with long-term resilience and value creation.



CSR–SDG Alignment Framework

Demonstration for the Government of Meghalaya

The School of Business Environment (SoBE), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), conducted a strategic engagement with the Department of Planning, Government of Meghalaya, during its visit on 8–9 April 2026 in Shillong. The meeting witnessed active participation from senior officials of the State Government and members of the Meghalaya SDG team.

The visiting team demonstrated the CSR–SDG Alignment Framework and its application in the State context through a detailed tutorial and IICA-filled demonstration, including key implementation challenges and practical solutions. The session highlighted critical aspects such as the need for robust NIF–SIF mapping, avoidance of double-counting of top CSR-contributing companies and ensuring clear district-level upward reporting mechanisms for effective data integration.

Discussions further emphasised the importance of equitable distribution of CSR expenditure across districts, particularly in geographically dispersed and underserved regions of Meghalaya. The exercise also reconfirmed the adaptability of the CSR–SDG alignment template, even in States with relatively smaller CSR volumes, making it a scalable and practical tool for decentralised planning.

Officials from the Government of Meghalaya appreciated the initiative and expressed their commitment to taking the exercise forward with continued technical support from IICA. The engagement marks a significant step towards strengthening data-driven CSR planning and SDG alignment in Meghalaya, enabling more targeted, transparent, and outcome-oriented development interventions at the State and district levels.



Inaugural Session of the IICA Certified Mediator Program (Batch-23)

After successfully conducting twenty-two batches and training over 500 mediators, **Centre of Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution (CEADR)** inaugurated Batch-23 of the flagship **IICA Certified Mediator Program (ICMP)** on 1 April 2026, marking another milestone towards augmenting the mediation ecosystem in the country.

The Inaugural Session started with an address by **Prof (Dr) Naveen Sirohi (Program Director, ICMP and Founding Head, CEADR)**, who shared IICA's journey and its crucial contribution in creating new-age professionals for the growth of the Indian economy. Prof Sirohi introduced the session plan to the participants and highlighted the distinguished panel consisting of international and national

experts to be engaged for delivery during the program. It was followed by an introduction of all participants.

The program started with 31 participants from diverse professional backgrounds, including bureaucrats, lawyers, consultants, chartered accountants, Insolvency professionals, corporate executives and researchers with an average experience of 15+ years.

The Inauguration Session set the stage for an engaging learning experience for the participants, where they can look forward to interactive live sessions, case studies, mock mediations, and practical exercises designed to enhance their mediation skills and knowledge.



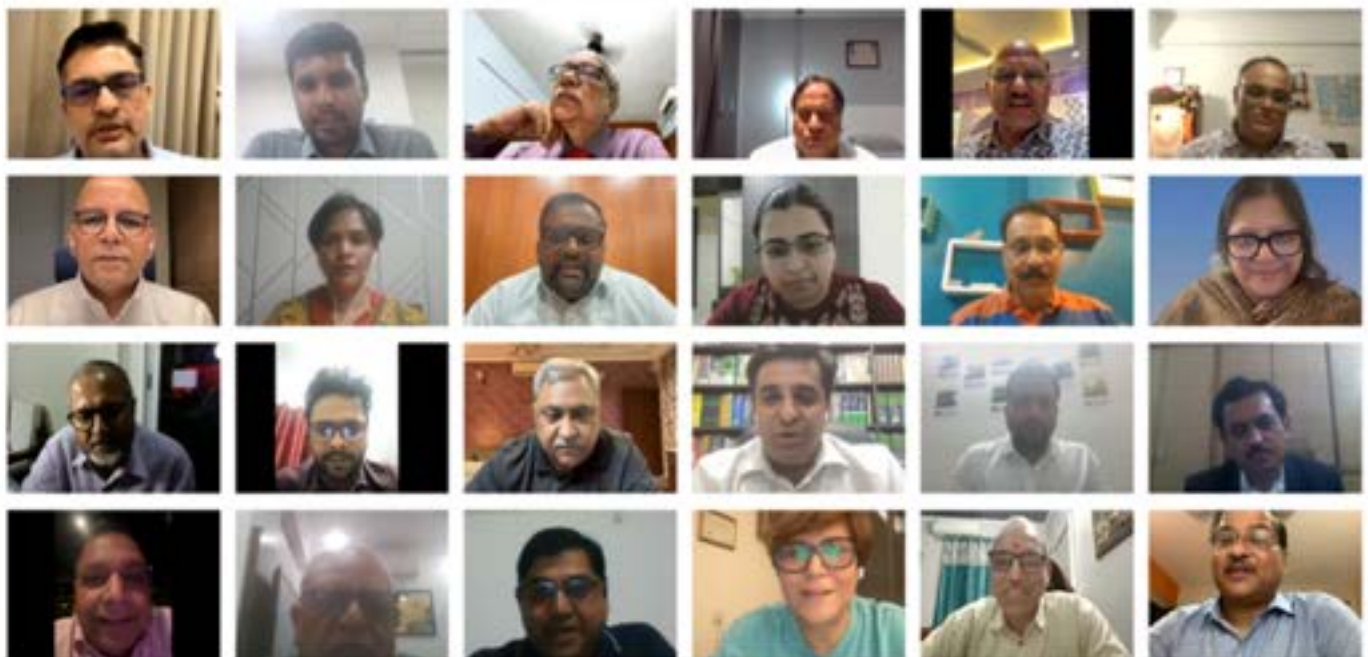
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PGIP Highlights

- **Internship Presentations by External Faculties:** Mr. Madhusudan Sharma (IP), Mr R.K. Gupta (CA), Mr. Maninder Tiwari (CA) & Mr. Mukul Anand Singh (PGIP Alumni & IP)
Date: 06. April. 2026 to 20. April. 2026

Mr. Madhusudan Sharma took the internship presentations for the 6th batch trainees and gave valuable feedback along with providing valuable suggestions for improvement from 6th April to 9th April. Mr. R K Gupta took the internship presentations on 10th April. Followed by Mr. Maninder Tiwari who took the internship presentations from 13th to 17th April. Mr. Mukul Anand Singh took the internship presentations on 20th April.



- **IBC Pulse Conference at PHDCCI**

Mr. Vikram Kumar focused on The IBC Amendment Act, 2026 Passed by Lok Sabha on 30.03.2026, Gazette notification issued on 6th April at PHD Chambers. The 6th batch trainees along with Ajai Singh-CPE-PGIP, Vishwajeet Singh-Consultant-PGIP and Intern Khushi Singh attended this event at PHDCCI.





- **Latest IBC Reforms by Mr. Vikram Kumar Date: 21. April. 2026**

Mr. Vikram Kumar focused on the latest IBC reforms at IBC Amendment Act, 2026 Passed by Lok Sabha on 30.03.2026, Gazette notification issued on 6th April. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Act, 2026 is the most structurally significant reform to Indian insolvency law since the Code's enactment in 2016. Passed by the Lok Sabha on March 30 and the Rajya Sabha on April 1, 2026, the Act introduces an entirely new resolution track, legislatively extinguishes certain judicial doctrines, recalibrates the balance between secured and statutory creditors and lays the groundwork for India's first comprehensive cross-border and group insolvency framework. For practitioners advising on distressed assets, leveraged acquisitions, secured lending, and restructuring, the amendments require an immediate rethink of standard transaction architectures.



Faculty News

- **Prof. (Dr) Naveen Sirohi Delivers Expert Session on “ADR and IBC” at Presidency University, Bengaluru**

Prof. (Dr.) Naveen Sirohi, Founding Head of the Centre for Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution (CEADR) at Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, delivered an expert session on **“ADR and IBC: Shared Tapestry on Commercial Dispute Resolution”** at Presidency University, Bengaluru, on 17 April 2026.

The session focused on the growing intersection of **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)** and the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)** in commercial dispute resolution. During the session, Prof. Sirohi:

- Explained the growing intersection between ADR mechanisms and the IBC in commercial dispute resolution.
- Discussed the practical applications and distinctions between mediation, arbitration, and insolvency processes.
- Highlighted emerging career opportunities in ADR, insolvency practice, and corporate law beyond traditional litigation.
- Shared insights on evolving legal and regulatory trends shaping modern commercial dispute resolution frameworks.

The session reflected the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs’s continued efforts through CEADR to strengthen academic engagement and promote awareness of contemporary dispute resolution frameworks.



- **Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs at PNGRB Confluence 2026**

Prof. (Dr.) Naveen Sirohi, Founding Head of the School of Finance at Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, participated in **“Confluence 2026,”** the inaugural flagship event organised by the **Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB)**.

The conference brought together senior leaders from the oil and gas sector to deliberate on regulatory frameworks, ongoing reforms, and emerging focus areas in the energy sector. During

the event, Prof. Sirohi delivered the background setting for the discussion on **“Balancing Ease of Compliance and Regulation”**, highlighting the importance of aligning robust regulation with operational agility to support India’s gas-based economy.

The panel featured distinguished industry leaders and policymakers and concluded with an engaging interaction with the audience. The participation reflected the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs’s continued engagement with key regulatory and industry stakeholders on contemporary policy and governance issues.



IICA in News

IICA concludes first assessment of Arbitrator Qualifying Assessment Program (AQAP), aims to create a cadre of world-class Arbitrators for Viksit Bharat

NEW DELHI, 22 June 2024 – A report by PIB India

The first assessment cycle of the IICA Arbitrator Qualifying Assessment Program (AQAP) was conducted between April 24-26, 2024, at the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) Campus, Gurgaon. The event was organized by the Centre of Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution (CEADR), a 5-star rigorous assessment for arbitrators in the country. The event was the first of its kind in the country.

A first-of-its-kind initiative, the program aims at creating a pool of professionally trained and globally benchmarked arbitrators to make India an international arbitration hub for Viksit Bharat.



Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Naveen Sirohi, Director-General & CEO, IICA, welcomed and motivated the Chief Guest, Justice (Retd.) Hemant Gupta, former Judge, Supreme Court of India and former Chairperson, India International Arbitration Centre, along with the chief and independent experts involved in the assessment, namely, Shri. Ajaykumar, Shri. C. Ash and Shri. A. J. Parashar.

Justice Hemant Gupta, who presided over the assessment, emphasized that in order to increase the credibility of arbitrators and arbitration as a profession, a rigorous and multi-stage assessment is needed. He also highlighted the importance of the 5-star rigorous, applied, and well-articulated arbitrator assessment program of IICA engaged by global benchmarks. He noted that the first cohort of arbitrators to be selected for the program will be the first cohort of arbitrators, which will be a global benchmark.

Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Naveen Sirohi emphasized that of India aims to become a developed nation with a multi-trillion-dollar economy, it must build a fast, efficient, and cost-effective dispute resolution system. He highlighted that international businesses increasingly prefer arbitrators to resolve a dispute and noted that the rigorous handling of cases and delays discourage investment and restrain economic growth. He referred to reforms such as the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), which improved business and investments, but said that a similar legal infrastructure reform is still needed.

Following the vote of thanks, Prof. (Dr.) Naveen Sirohi, CEO, IICA, emphasized the commitment of the Centre of Excellence in engineering the dispute resolution ecosystem in India through creating a pool of world-class arbitrators and mediators at par with global standards. He thanked all the experts for their support in the successful completion of the dispute resolution assessment program and acknowledged the dedication of all participants along with the IICA core organizing team.

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- 2. IICA Certified Arbitration Professional (ICAP) – a 200+ hours, 9-month hybrid program running into the 2nd batch, and
- 3. Arbitrator Qualifying Assessment Program (AQAP) – a 5-day, 5-star rigorous assessment program to create world-class arbitrators.

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A draft consultation note on the Companies (Incorporation) Amendment Rules, 2024, proposing amendments to the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014, has been prepared with a public notice dated 17 April, 2024. The consultation is placed on the website with a request for information of stakeholders for the purpose of public consultation. Suggestions/comments on the proposed amendments, along with brief justification, may be submitted through the e-Consultation Module available on the website of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs from 19 May, 2024.

In addition, MCA, through the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), is undertaking consultation to seek stakeholder inputs on the rationalisation of the filing compliance framework under the Companies Act, 2013. Concept note for the same is placed on the website on the same day and inputs/remarks for the rationalisation of stakeholders for the purpose of public consultation. The consultation covers the full corporate lifecycle across their design – entry, operations and exit. Responses may be submitted electronically using the website – <https://ica.nic.in/consultations>. The last date to submit the comments is 29 May, 2024.

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12 May 2026	Kolkata (ICAI Bhawan, 7, Anandi Lal Poddar Sarani (Russell Street), Park Street area)
19 May 2026	Mumbai (National Stock Exchange (NSE), Exchange Plaza, C-1, Block G, Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC), Bandra (East), Mumbai, Maharashtra)
22 May 2026	Jodhpur (NLU Jodhpur)
26 May 2026	Guwahati (Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), House No. 36, 1st Floor, Jorpuhuri, H.C. Barua Road, Uzan bazar, Guwahati, Assam)
29 May 2026	Bhubaneswar (CMA Bhawan, Plot No. A/122/2, Naya Palli, Nilakantha Nagar, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar, Odisha 751012.
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