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IICA Celebrates 77th Republic Day with Patriotic Spirit and Sportsmanship

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) celebrated the 77th Republic Day of India with great enthusiasm, patriotic fervour, and a spirit of camaraderie. The celebrations reflected not only respect for the Constitution and democratic values of the nation but also highlighted teamwork, discipline, and healthy competition. A friendly cricket tournament was organized, bringing together teams from CRC, Prime Services, and IICA. The matches were played in a spirited and sportsmanlike atmosphere, fostering unity and mutual respect among participants. After an exciting series of matches, the final match was contested between Prime Services and IICA. The final witnessed enthusiastic participation and competitive play, keeping the audience engaged throughout. Demonstrating excellent team-

work and determination, Team IICA emerged victorious, winning the final match and securing the championship. The trophy was ceremoniously handed over to the winning IICA team by the Director General & CEO of IICA during the Republic Day event. The moment was met with applause and pride, symbolizing encouragement for sportsmanship, collaboration, and excellence beyond academic and professional pursuits. The celebration successfully blended national pride with recreational engagement, reinforcing IICA's commitment to holistic development, employee well-being, and fostering a vibrant institutional culture. The event concluded on a high note, leaving participants and attendees with memorable moments and renewed patriotic spirit.



MCA Secretary's Visit to IICA

Ms. **Deepti Gaur Mukherjee**, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, visited the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) on 8-9 January 2026 in connection with an official programme. The programme was attended by **Mr. Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh**, DG & CEO, IICA, along with Heads of Schools and Centres, including as well as **Col. Amandeep Singh Puri**, CAO, IICA, **Sh Sudhaker Shukla**, **Dr. Garima Dadich**, **Dr. Naveen Sirohi**,

Dr. Lata Suresh, **Dr. Pyla Rao** and other staff members. During the visit, Ms. Mukherjee interacted and emphasized the Institute's pivotal role in capacity building, corporate governance, and policy-driven initiatives. The visit reaffirmed the Ministry's continued guidance and support to IICA in furthering its institutional mandate. She also inaugurated the "Chintan Shivir" of SFIO officers which was hosted at IICA.



IICA and National Productivity Council Explore Strategic Convergence for Viksit Bharat



The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs) hosted a high-level delegation from the **National Productivity Council (NPC)** led by **Smt. Neeraja Shekhar**, Director General, and **Shri Umashankar Prasad**, Deputy Director General (Group), to explore areas of collaboration in training, research, productivity, sustainability, and compliance support.

The delegation was warmly welcomed by the **Director General & CEO, IICA Sh Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh** who felicitated the dignitaries with shawl and memento. In his address, the DG & CEO, IICA, emphasized the growing and evolving demands from industry and the need for institutions to remain relevant to national priorities. He underlined that India's leadership has



articulated a clear vision for the future, and institutions must collectively contribute—both individually and collaboratively—towards achieving the goal of **Viksit Bharat**. During the visit, detailed presentations were made on IICA's mandate and activities by the Heads of various Schools and Centres. The presentations highlighted IICA's multifaceted role in **education, training, research, advocacy, and advisory services**, supporting both government and private sector initiatives.

Speaking at the interaction, **Smt. Neeraja Shekhar, DG, NPC**, highlighted that NPC was established in 1958, soon after India's independence, when the country faced limited resources and an urgent need to improve productivity. She recalled the historic productivity delegation to Japan, which laid the foundation for institutionalizing productivity efforts in India.

Since then, NPC has expanded its work from the **industrial sector to agriculture, services, MSMEs, sustainability, green productivity, and ESG-linked initiatives**.



Smt. Shekhar further noted NPC's active engagement with the **Asian Productivity Organization (APO)**, facilitating international exposure, inter-country study visits, expert exchanges, and productivity benchmark-

ing frameworks. These initiatives help assess industrial readiness, organizational strength, financial capability, and manufacturing maturity, particularly for **MSMEs**.

MOU Signing Programme

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Insolvency Professionals of ICAI (IIPI-ICAI) and PGIP 8th Batch Registration Launching

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), under the aegis of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, marked two important milestones on 15 January 2026 with the launch of registrations for the 8th Batch of the Post Graduate Insolvency Programme (PGIP) and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Insolvency Professionals of ICAI (IIPI-ICAI) in New Delhi.

The registrations for the 8th Batch of PGIP— IICA's flagship two-year full-time programme for aspiring Insolvency Professionals—were formally inaugurated by Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General & CEO, IICA, and Dr. Ashok Kumar Mishra, Chairman & Part-Time Director, IIPI-ICAI, in the presence of senior officials, faculty members, students, and key stakeholders. IBPS, the examination partner for PGIP, joined the event virtually, reaffirming its continued association with the programme.

On the occasion, the Director General & CEO, IICA, highlighted PGIP's role as a nationally significant programme for developing competent and ethical insolvency professionals aligned with India's evolving insolvency framework. The signing of the MoU with IIIPI-ICAI marks a major step towards strengthening institutional collaboration in insolvency education, research, training, and capacity building, contributing

to a robust and future-ready insolvency ecosystem. Senior representatives from IIIPI-ICAI emphasized the importance of sustained collaboration with IICA to ensure high standards of professional assessment, examination integrity, and knowledge sharing. The event concluded with reaffirmation of IICA's commitment to academic excellence, institutional partnerships, and capacity building in the domains of corporate governance and insolvency.



School of Business Environment

IICA Concludes Regional Workshop on Climate Risk Management & Sustainable Finance



The School of Business Environment, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) successfully conducted a One-Day Regional Workshop on Climate Risk Management & Sustainable Finance at NSE International Exchange (NSE IX), GIFT City, Ahmedabad, on 9 January 2026. The workshop brought together policymakers, regulators, industry leaders, academicians, and practitioners to deliberate on advancing climate-resilient and sustainable financial systems, child rights, and social resilience in business strategies. The programme featured a Special Address by the MD & CEO of NSE IX, who shared insights on the strategic vision of GIFT City and NSE IX as emerging global financial hubs, highlighted sustainability reporting tools, and emphasised the importance of transition finance for hard-to-abate sectors. A Keynote Address was delivered by the Executive Director of IFSCA, who discussed the evolution of India's sustainability disclosure frame-

work, the ESG ecosystem in India, and the growing relevance of transition finance and blended finance models. Dr. Garima Dadhich set the context for the workshop by outlining the significance of sustainable finance, key tools and frameworks, India's progress, and global developments in managing climate-related risks. The technical sessions covered themes such as managing physical and transition climate risks, corporate disclosures, regulatory perspectives, GHG accounting standards, and decarbonisation strategies, offering practical insights and real-world perspectives for businesses and institutions. The workshop included power-packed technical sessions, thematic discussions, and guest addresses, and witnessed active participation from ESG and sustainability professionals, finance practitioners, and academicians. The discussions remained engaging, insightful, and collaborative throughout the day.

IICA-UNDP India Conduct Two-Day Training on Business & Biodiversity Conservation

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), in collaboration with UNDP India, successfully conducted a two-day In-Person Training Programme for the Certificate Programme on Business & Biodiversity Conservation, focusing on the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD), with technical support from Momentum India. Designed to strengthen nature-related risk as-

essment and disclosure capabilities among professionals, the programme brought together participants from diverse sectors to deepen their understanding of the TNFD framework and its relevance in the Indian business context. The training combined conceptual grounding with practical, case-based learning to enable participants to translate nature-related considerations into actionable business and reporting strategies.



Day 1 of the training focused on building a strong conceptual foundation on nature-business linkages and the TNFD recommendations. Participants were introduced to the rationale for nature-related financial disclosures and the TNFD framework, with comparative insights vis-à-vis other disclosure frameworks. A significant part of the day was dedicated to the LEAP

approach, covering the Locate, Evaluate, Assess, and Prepare phases through interactive sessions and case studies. Engaging discussions and experience-sharing sessions enabled participants to reflect on early adoption experiences and practical challenges in applying TNFD within organisational and value-chain contexts



Day 2 provided participants with an immersive and application-oriented learning experience. The day began with a field visit to the Aravali Biodiversity Park, New Delhi, offering firsthand exposure to biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration, and urban nature management. Subsequent sessions delved into TNFD measurement architecture, metrics, and global best practices adopted

by early TNFD adopters. The programme concluded with a valedictory address by Dr. Garima Dadhich, Course Director and Head, School of Business Environment, IICA, who reflected on the importance of mainstreaming biodiversity considerations into corporate governance and sustainability reporting, and encouraged participants to translate learning into actionable outcomes.

IICA Concludes Sixth and Final Advisory Committee Meeting on Adapting NGRBC for the Automobile Manufacturing Sector



The School of Business Environment successfully concluded the sixth and final Advisory Committee Meeting on the Adaptation of the National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct (NGRBC) for the Automobile Manufacturing Sector on 19 January 2026. The meeting was held in a hybrid format at the UNICEF Office, New Delhi. This meeting marked an important milestone in IICA's policy advocacy efforts, reaffirming its commitment to promoting a responsible, inclusive, and sustainable business ecosystem in India.

The meeting was attended by key senior representatives/members from Ministry of Labour and Employment, NITI Aayog, SEBI, International Labour Organisation, UNICEF, Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA), Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), Partners in Change and Safe in India Foundation (SIIF), along with other distinguished organizations and industry experts.



IICA - GeM Knowledge Session on Planning and Risk Management in Public Procurement

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) successfully delivered a focused knowledge session on "Planning and Risk Management in Public Procurement" for officers and officials of the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) on 15 January 2026 at GeM Headquarters, New Delhi. Organized as part of GeM's internal capacity-build-

ing initiatives, the session leveraged IICA's institutional expertise in public procurement, contract management, governance frameworks and MSME-oriented procurement reforms, further strengthening the long-standing and trust-based institutional partnership between IICA and GeM.



The programme was conducted in hybrid mode, with participation from approximately 50 GeM officials, comprising around 15 officers attending in physical mode at GeM Headquarters and about 35 participants joining through WEBEX online mode, ensuring wider institutional outreach and engagement. The session provided structured and practice-oriented insights into the legal and regulatory framework governing public procure-

ment, strategic procurement planning, risk identification and mitigation, and the role of contracts as effective risk-allocation mechanisms. Key themes also included liquidated damages, total cost of ownership (TCO), spend management and supplier competition, supported by case studies and real-world procurement scenarios relevant to GeM's digital procurement ecosystem.



The deliberations witnessed active participation and interaction from GeM officials, focusing on operational challenges, bid evaluation practices, contract enforcement and value-for-money decision-making in large-scale Government procurement. At the conclusion of the programme, Shri Satya Narayan Meena, Additional CEO, GeM, felicitated IICA's subject matter expert, Shri Rajesh Batra, Head - Centre for MSME, with a memento, in recognition of the knowledge session and IICA's continued institutional support to GeM's capacity-building initiatives. The felicitation took place in the presence of Shri Khush Tyagi (Assistant Director), Shri

Aman Sharma (Training & Communications), and Shri Praneet Kumar Singh (Chief Manager - Training, GeM), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. The gesture reflected GeM's recognition of IICA's role as a national knowledge partner in public procurement reforms and professional capacity building. The successful conduct of the session reaffirmed IICA's commitment to governance excellence, institutional collaboration and capacity development, while laying a strong foundation for future joint programmes, customized training and policy-oriented engagements between IICA and GeM.



Five Day Familiarization Capacity Building Programme



The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, organized a Five-Day Familiarization Capacity Building Programme on "Public Procurement (Policy and Procedures)" from 19-23 January 2026 at Goa, endorsed by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. The programme saw participation from officers of the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, along with PSUs and

institutions such as NHAI, ICMR, SAIL, HPCL, BPCL, Numaligarh Refinery Ltd., OADB, IIT Kanpur, NSSTA, UCO Bank and Bank of India. The programme was led by Sh. Rajesh Batra, Head - Centre for MSME, IICA, with faculty support from Sh. D. P. Sen, Sh. Ritesh Singh and Sh. Chittaranjan Samantray, and featured expert inputs from Sh. Sudesh Kumar, Department of Expenditure. Through expert-led sessions and case studies, the programme strengthened understanding of procurement policies, GeM, MSE and Make in India provisions, contract management and risk mitigation, reinforcing IICA's role in promoting procurement excellence and transparent governance.

IICA-Centre for MSME Hosts GeM Capacity Building Programme in West Bengal



In the context of India's expanding market, growing manufacturing potential, and the national vision of becoming a developed country by 2047, the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), through its Centre for MSME, organised a two-day Capacity Building Programme on "Navigating Procurement via Government e-Marketplace (GeM)" for officials of Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran (P) Ltd. (BRBNMPL) on 30-31 January 2026 at Salboni, West Bengal. The programme focused on building practical understanding of the GeM portal for buyers, sellers, and service providers, with an emphasis on enhancing efficiency, transparency, and inclusivity in public procurement. Participants were trained on best practices related to tendering, bid preparation, evaluation, award of contracts, and utilisation of advanced GeM features, along with insights into managing procurement complexities and process flows.

The programme commenced with opening remarks by Mr. Rajesh Batra, Head - Centre for MSME, IICA, who highlighted GeM's role as a transformative digital platform in strengthening governance and accountability in public spending. Sessions were conducted by in-house and external subject matter experts, including Shri Kush Tyagi and Mr. Rajesh Batra, offering hands-on insights and practical guidance. The interactive sessions encouraged active participation, knowledge exchange, and collaborative learning among participants. The programme concluded with a valedictory address and vote of thanks on 31 January 2026. Participants appreciated the programme's content, resource persons, and training methodology, underscoring its relevance in strengthening procurement capabilities through GeM.

Centre for Independent Director

Power Talk IICA Power Talk Series under Independent Director's



The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) hosted the IICA Power Talk Series on 16 January 2026 under the Independent Director's Database - Director's Colloquium initiative. The session provided a valuable platform for Independent Directors, board members, and governance profes-

sionals to engage in focused discussions on emerging governance challenges and boardroom practices. The Power Talk Series continues to support informed leadership and effective decision-making by fostering dialogue on contemporary issues in corporate governance.

School of Corporate Governance and Public Policy

IICA-SoCGPP Builds Future-Ready Boards Through Directors' Certification Master Class

The School of Corporate Governance & Public Policy (SoCGPP), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), successfully conducted the Directors' Certification Master Class

in Bengaluru from 07-09 January 2026, bringing together board members and senior leaders for an in-depth engagement on evolving board responsibilities and practical corporate governance.

programme witnessed participation from 56 leaders representing 38 organisations, including 11 public sector enterprises and 27 private limited companies, comprising Independent Directors, Executive/Functional leaders and senior management professionals. Through 13 structured sessions, discussions focused on board effectiveness, director responsibilities, audit committee oversight, financial literacy, risk identification and governance re-

silience in an increasingly complex environment. The three-day capacity building programme was led by Dr. Niraj Gupta, Head, SoCGPP, Mr. Manoj Singh, Chief Program Executive, SoCGPP, and Mr. Mathew John, Chief Program Executive, CBEL, reinforcing IICA's commitment to strengthening board leadership, accountability and future-ready governance practices.



Academics

Centre for Postgraduate in Insolvency and Bankruptcy

PGIP Highlights

IBBI Chairperson Shri Ravi Mittal launches IICA PGIP



Chairperson of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), Shri Ravi Mittal launched the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) PGIP program, presiding over as chief guest at an event on the campus on Monday. Addressing the students, the IBBI Chairperson assured them of strengthened institutional support and announced that efforts would be made to ensure one-year internship opportunities at IBBI for a few selected PGIP students. He further stated that students interested in research activities may apply for an upcoming IBBI research programme, and upon selection, they would have the opportunity to be on the rolls of IBBI. The welcome address at the website launch event was delivered by Sh Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Direc-

tor General & CEO, IICA, who highlighted the Institute's commitment to capacity building, academic excellence, and close engagement with regulators and industry. During the event, Shri Sudhaker Shukla - HoD Centre for Insolvency and Bankruptcy, IICA presented a brief overview of the activities and achievements of the Centre for PGIP, outlining its academic rigor, industry interface, and growing alumni network.

The website is a dedicated digital platform designed to connect PGIP alumni with current students. It will enable continuous interaction, knowledge sharing, problem-solving, and enhanced industry exposure for students through alumni engagement.



Dr. (Ms.) Mukulita Vijayawargiya brings over four decades of distinguished experience in the legal field, having served in diverse roles as an advocate, law teacher, researcher, Ph.D. guide, law officer, and civil servant as a member of the Indian Legal Service (ILS). Her international academic engagements include serving as a Visiting Scholar in Japan and Australia. She has also contributed significantly as a legislative draftsman in the Ministry of Law and Justice and as a member of a regulatory body. Prior to joining the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India in April 2017, she held the position of Ad-

ditional Secretary in the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, and served as Course Director at the Institute of Legislative Drafting and Research, where she led programs on appreciation and foundational aspects of legislative drafting. Drawing upon her extensive expertise in legal practice, legislative drafting, academia, and public service, Dr. Vijayawargiya delivered an intensive session on legal drafting techniques. She highlighted the importance of precision, regulatory compliance, and clarity in drafting insolvency-related documents, thereby equipping students with essential professional drafting skills



IICA Staff and Faculty Pay Tribute to India's Martyrs



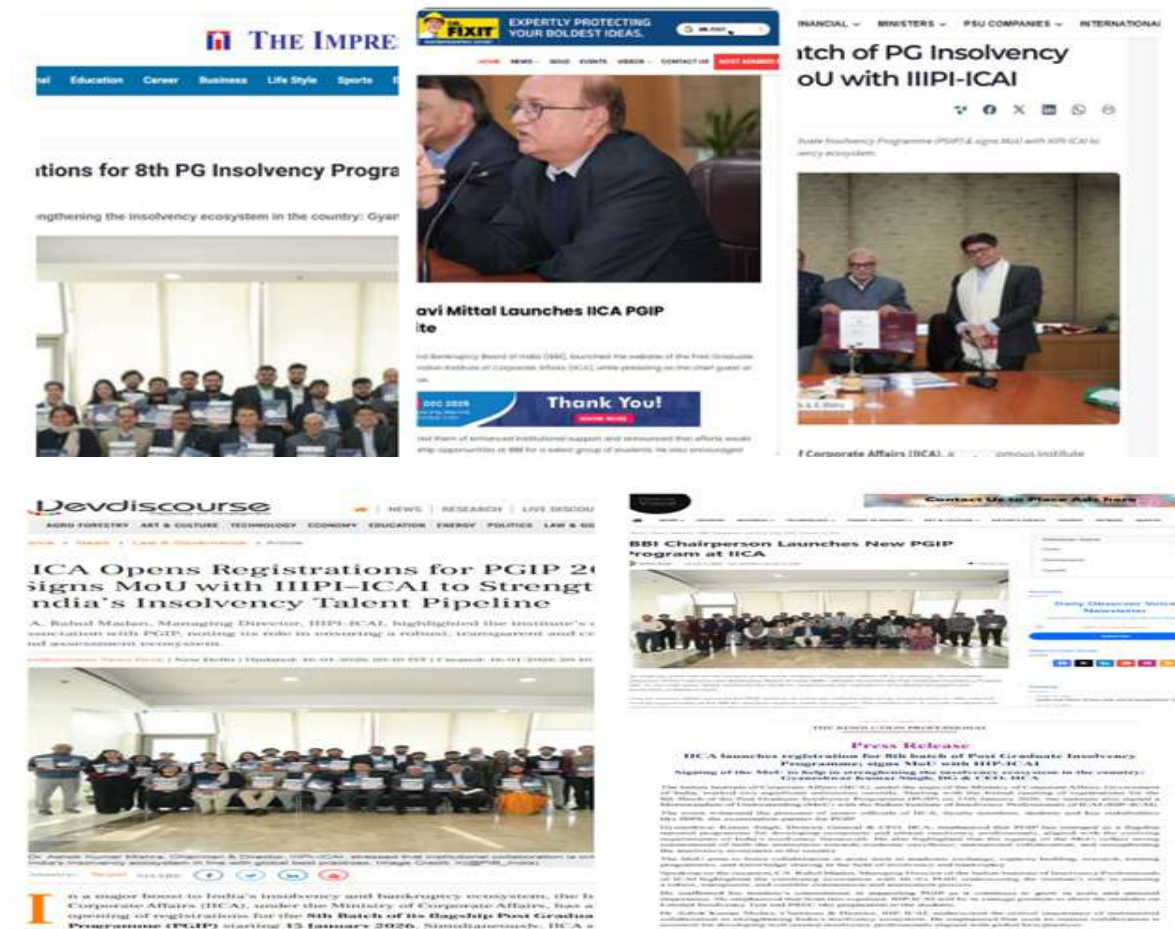
On the occasion of Martyrs' Day, the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) paid heartfelt tribute to the brave men and women who laid down their lives for India's freedom. At 11:00 a.m. on 30 January, faculty members, officers, staff, and students observed two minutes of silence, suspending all activities as a solemn mark of respect and remembrance for the martyrs and their enduring legacy.

This collective moment of reflection served to express gratitude and reaffirm the Institute's commitment to the ideals of peace, unity, and dedicated service to the nation. The spirit of the martyrs' sacrifice continues to inspire integrity, responsibility, and a shared resolve to contribute towards a stronger and more vibrant India.

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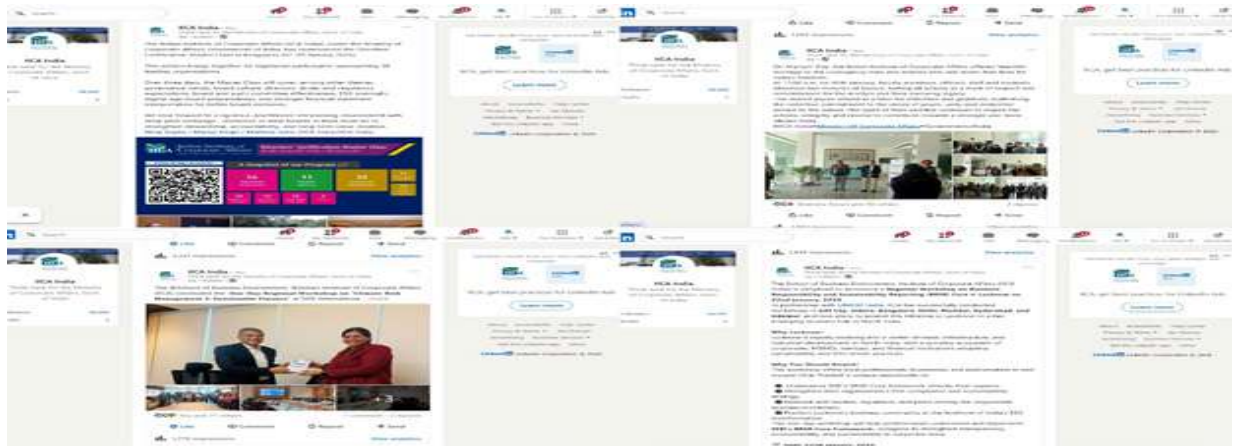
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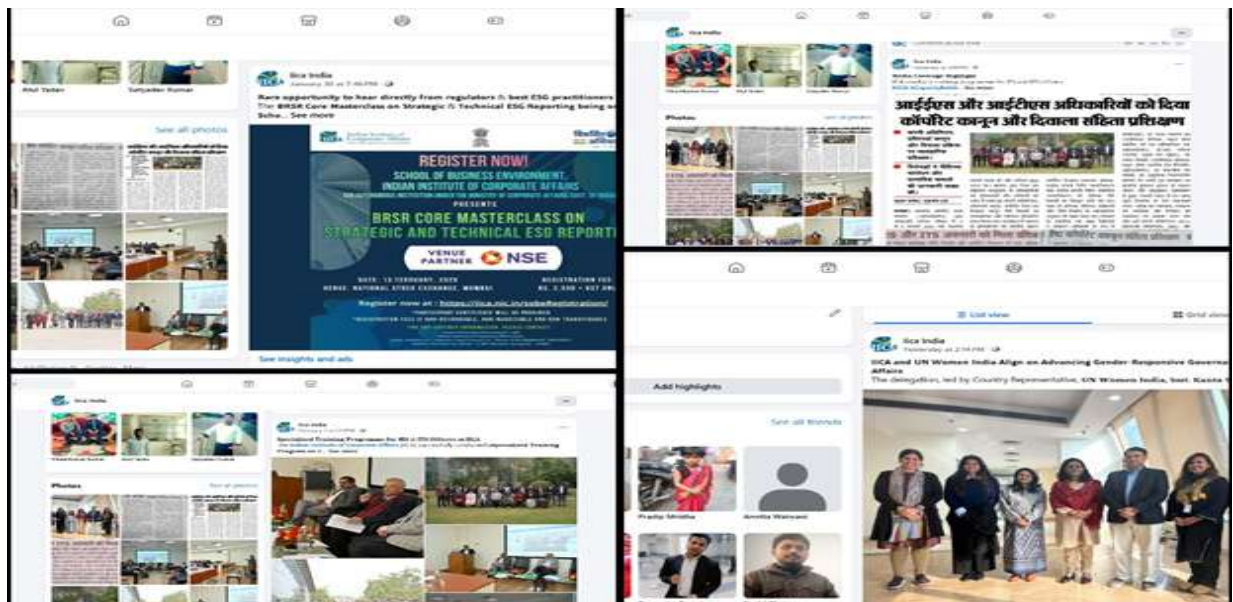
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Glimpses from our Social Media outreach

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FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES

School of Business Environment

1. Launch of Batch V of IICA Certified ESG Professional: Impact Leader Programme

Last date for registration: 20 February 2026

More details and registration form available at <https://iica.nic.in/esgcsr/>

2. BRSR Core Masterclass on Strategic and Technical ESG Reporting

Venue: National Stock Exchange, Mumbai

Date: 13 February 2026

Registration Fee: 2,500 + GST

Register at <https://iica.nic.in/sobeRegistration/>

Mobile: 7906739025.

School Of Corporate Law, Competition Law and Market Regulation

1. IICA and NALSAR has published a notification in relation to the LL.M in Insolvency and Bankruptcy Laws - 4th Batch for admissions for Academic Year 2026-2028.

For more details, kindly visit: - <https://nalsar.ac.in/admission-notification-2-year-llm-program-in-insolvency-bankruptcy-laws-0>

School of Corporate Governance & Public Policy Announces

1. Director's Certification in Risk Governance & Leadership

For more details, kindly visit: - https://iica.nic.in/Forthcoming_Programmes.aspx

Centre of Board Excellence & Leadership (C-BEL)

1. Directors Certification Programme for Audit Committee Members

Duration 4 Months Virtual

For More details kindly visit: - https://iica.nic.in/images/Forthcoming_Program-26

Centre For Insolvency and Bankruptcy

1. Post Graduate Insolvency Programme (Batch-8)

For more details, kindly visit: - www.iica.nic.in/pgip/

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Centre for MSME

1. DoE-endorsed Five-Day Familiarization Capacity Building Programmes on "Public Procurement (Policy and Procedures)" (19-23 January 2026 at Goa)

2. DoE-endorsed Five-Day Familiarization Capacity Building Programmes on "Public Procurement (Policy and Procedures)" (02-06 February 2026 at IICA, IMT Manesar, Distt. Gurugram)

3. Three Day Capacity Building Program: "Navigating Procurement via Government e Marketplace (GeM), Strategic Contracts (including EPC) - Dispute Resolution & Risk Mitigation" (23-25 February 2026 at Puri, Odisha)

4. DoE-endorsed Five-Day Familiarization Capacity Building Programmes on "Public Procurement (Policy and Procedures)" (16-20 March 2026 at Pune)



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