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Fourth Edition of National Conference on Responsible Business Conduct (NCRBC) 2026



The fourth edition of the National Conference on Responsible Business Conduct (NCRBC) 2026 was inaugurated in New Delhi. The two-day conference has been organised by the School of Business Environment (SBE), under the theme "ESG-led Transformation for Viksit Bharat."

Delivering the Special Address, Shri Nitin Gupta, Chairperson, National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA), emphasised that Responsible Business Conduct is integral to the vision of Viksit Bharat and to fostering competitive enterprises, trusted markets, inclusive growth and environmental sustainability.

Shri Gupta observed that India has made significant progress in strengthening sustainability disclosures and must now focus on enhancing their quality, reliability and decision usefulness. He emphasised that sustainability information should be relevant, comparable, evidence-based and verifiable, supported by robust methodologies, reliable source systems and effective internal controls. Highlighting the growing importance of credible sustainability reporting, Shri Gupta stated that sustainability information must be subjected to the same discipline and rigour that underpin financial reporting and audit. He stressed that the principles of documentation, traceability, reconciliation, control ownership, evidence retention,

professional scepticism and independent examination are equally essential for ensuring the credibility of sustainability disclosures.

He further emphasised that sound governance must precede assurance. Boards, Audit Committees, management and finance functions, he said, have a critical responsibility to ensure that sustainability disclosures are firmly aligned with organisational policies, investments, risk management processes and actual performance outcomes. Shri Gupta also underscored the need to adopt a proportionate and pragmatic approach to sustainability reporting while leveraging technology and strengthening institutional capacities, particularly across value chains and among MSMEs. He noted that credible, decision-useful sustainability information would enhance investor confidence, facilitate improved access to capital, strengthen the global competitiveness of Indian enterprises and contribute meaningfully to India's sustainable development journey and the vision of Viksit Bharat.

Delivering the Welcome Address, Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General and CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), stated that India's aspiration of becoming a USD 30 trillion economy by 2047 requires Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles to move beyond regulatory compliance and become an integral part of the country's economic development model.

Shri Singh emphasised that Responsible Business Conduct is deeply rooted in India's civilisational ethos and has evolved through progressive policy and regulatory reforms. Referring to the evolution of the

country's responsible business framework, he highlighted the journey from the Voluntary Guidelines on Corporate Social Responsibility issued in 2009 to the introduction of the mandatory Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) framework in 2021. He further noted that Section 166(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 had incorporated the principle of stakeholder primacy into Indian corporate law well before it gained wider global recognition, reflecting India's early commitment to integrating sustainability with corporate governance.

Describing India's evolving sustainability landscape as a transition from "ESG 1.0" to "ESG 2.0", Shri Singh observed that ESG is no longer confined to regulatory compliance but is emerging as a strategic driver of long-term enterprise value, effective risk management and business resilience. He stressed that this transition calls for stronger legal, governance and accountability frameworks to ensure that sustainability commitments are credible, enforceable and aligned with fiduciary responsibilities. Outlining the priorities for the next phase of India's ESG journey, Shri Singh emphasised the need to integrate sustainability considerations into board-level decision-making, strengthen legal and regulatory frameworks for sustainability data assurance to address the risks of greenwashing, and leverage emerging technologies, including Artificial Intelligence, to enhance the quality, traceability and transparency of sustainability data across value chains. Shri Singh stated that robust governance frameworks, credible disclosures and effective assurance mechanisms would be critical to strengthening investor confidence, enhancing the global competitiveness of Indian enterprises and ensuring that ESG contributes meaningfully to India's long-term economic growth and the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

In a special address, Mr. Jesper Moller, Deputy Representative (Programmes), UNICEF India, said child rights must be integrated into core business strategy rather than treated as a philanthropic concern, noting that India is

home to over 400 million children who represent its future workforce and consumers. He illustrated how decisions such as maternity leave, workplace crèches and responsible supply chain practices directly affect children's wellbeing, citing the example of a young mother at a tea estate in Assam whose employer's family-friendly policies improved both her child's care and the company's employee retention.

In a further special address delivered virtually, Ms. Helen Brand, Chief Executive, ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants), reaffirmed ACCA's partnership with IICA on sustainable business practices, describing India's economy as a "rocket ship bound to the moon" given its rapid growth and rising global influence. Citing ACCA's Global Talent Trends Report 2026, she noted that a growing majority of finance professionals worldwide now want careers that make a positive social impact, and that an employer's reputation on social and human rights issues is an increasingly important factor where professionals choose to work.

Delivering the concluding address of the inaugural session, Professor Garima Dadhich, Head, School of Business Environment, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, described responsible business conduct as essential to Viksit Bharat and called for sustainability to be viewed as a foundation for growth rather than a compliance exercise. She outlined three guiding philosophies for the conference, generational responsibility, cultural anchoring in the Rig Vedic call for collective action, "Sangachhadhwam Samvadadhwam Sam Vo Manamsi Janatam," and alignment with India's G20 vision of "One Earth, One Family, One Future," and noted that this year's deliberations are anchored in the Union Budget 2026-27 that has placed green growth, climate transition and sustainable infrastructure at the very centre of the nation's fiscal priorities. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance has also called for stronger ESG frameworks, sharper disclosures and more rigorous impact assessments.



Following the inaugural session, a High-Level Panel on "ESG, Governance and Board-Level Disclosures," moderated by Professor Garima Dadhich, brought together regulators and industry leaders to examine how responsible business conduct can be embedded into corporate governance. Shri Amarjeet Singh, Whole-Time Member, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), cautioned against rushing to converge with global standards, saying India should chart its own glide path suited to its stage of development rather than align hastily with international frameworks. Shri Arun Kumar Singh, Chairman, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), said over-promising and under-delivering is "far better" than under-promising, and called on regulators to reward companies for ambition and intent rather than penalise them for falling short. Intent and trust play the key role in governance. Dr. Arunabha Ghosh, Chief Executive Officer, CEEW (Council on Energy, Environment and Water), said ESG is too often treated as a "headache" rather than an opportunity, pointing to an estimated USD 4 trillion investment opportunity in India's green economy. Shri Shailesh Pathak, Senior Advisor, National Stock Exchange (NSE), said capital "goes to where it sees opportunity, but stays where it has trust," describing the Social Stock Exchange as a transparent bridge between capital and social enterprises. Shri George Varghese, Managing Director, Kirloskar

Industries Limited (KIL), recounted how tighter emission norms, initially seen as a cost burden, ultimately opened international markets for his company's products. CA Pramod Jain, Chairman, Sustainability Reporting Standards Board (SRSB), Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), said India has become one of the first countries to make ESG assurance mandatory rather than voluntary, lending board disclosures the same credibility as financial statements. Prof. Garima Dadhich, Head, School of Business Environment, IICA duly moderated the panel. With substantive participation of more than three hundred and fifty senior corporate leaders, ESG professionals, policymakers and international delegates, and thought-provoking deliberations led by eminent speakers, the first day of NCRBC 2026 laid a strong foundation for the sessions to follow. The second day will feature further High-Level Panels on sector-specific guidelines for strengthening ESG integration, responsible value chains across global and domestic supply networks, mainstreaming ESG in MSMEs for competitive and inclusive growth, strengthening sectoral ESG adoption beyond BRSR, and reenvisioning environmental metrics in ESG reporting frameworks, concluding with a valedictory session. Therefore, with an elaborate two-day agenda, IICA's NCRBC 2026, held with support from the partner organisations UNICEF, Partners in

Change and ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) as Lead Partners, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) as Associate Partners, and UN Women, CEEW (Council on Energy, Environment and Water), WRI India and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) as Session Partners, aims to position responsible business conduct as integral to India's journey toward becoming a developed, inclusive and ethically grounded nation by 2047.

Valedictory session featuring a Keynote Address by Hon'ble Justice Shri Abhay S. Oka, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, a Valedictory Address by Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General and CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, and a Vote of Thanks by Professor Garima Dadhich, Head, School of Business Environment, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs.

Delivering the Keynote Address, Hon'ble Justice Shri Abhay S. Oka, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, opened his remarks by asserting that the right to live in a pollution-free environment is an intrinsic part of the fundamental right to life guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Hon'ble Justice Oka emphasised that the meaning of Viksit Bharat must itself be understood through the constitutional vision of India, particularly the Fundamental Rights, the Directive Principles of State Policy and the Fundamental Duties. He observed that development can be truly transformative only when it protects human dignity, advances social justice and safeguards the environment for present and future generations. Hon'ble Justice Oka traced the evolution of this jurisprudence to the enactment of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, which was brought into force in the aftermath of the Bhopal gas tragedy, one of the most devastating industrial

disasters in the country's history. He observed that the tragedy had served as a turning point in India's environmental jurisprudence, compelling the state to institutionalise a comprehensive legal framework for environmental protection. Hon'ble Justice Oka then drew a sharp distinction between the treatment of tax laws and environmental laws in India, noting that while a degree of legal tax avoidance through the use of loopholes is often tolerated within the tax regime, no such leeway can be extended to environmental law, since exploiting a loophole in this domain amounts to a direct violation of the fundamental rights of citizens. He said that large-scale environmental destruction carried out in the name of progress disproportionately burdens future generations, who will inherit a degraded environment, and added that it is invariably the poorest citizens, including those who work on the streets, who bear the brunt of severe air quality and extreme heatwaves resulting from such environmental damage. Hon'ble Justice Oka remarked that a nation's true progress cannot be measured by economic indicators alone, and that environmental well-being must be treated as an equally critical marker of national development. He called upon corporates, regulators and civil society to internalise the constitutional and legal obligation towards environmental protection, social equity and justice, rather than treating it as a discretionary or peripheral concern. Hon'ble Justice congratulated IICA for hosting a Conference to deliberate on the importance of responsible conduct by businesses which is aligned with the Constitutional ethos of social equity and environmental protection.

Delivering the Valedictory Address, Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, DG and CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, reflected on the two days of deliberations at NCRBC 2026, describing the conference

as a significant milestone in India's journey towards ESG-led transformation for a Viksit Bharat. He stated that Environmental, Social and Governance considerations have evolved beyond a compliance checkbox to become a foundation for business resilience, effective risk management, investment attraction and sustainable innovation. Responsible business is ultimately driven by responsible individuals and courageous leadership, rather than by regulation alone. He noted that the conference had brought together regulators, policymakers, industry leaders and civil society on a shared platform to deliberate on the future of responsible business conduct in India. Reflecting on the breadth of discussions held over the two days, spanning board-level disclosures, climate finance, sector-specific guidelines, responsible value chains, MSME competitiveness and environmental reporting metrics, he said the conference had reaffirmed the interconnectedness of India's sustainability agenda across regulators, industry and civil society. He emphasised that the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, through its School of Business Environment, remains committed to serving as a national knowledge and capacity-building hub for advancing responsible business conduct across India's corporate ecosystem. He noted that the insights and recommendations generated through the conference's High-Level Panels would inform the Institute's continuing policy research and capacity-building initiatives in the years ahead. He called upon India's businesses, regulators and civil society institutions to continue working in close partnership to strengthen the credibility, comparability and reliability of ESG disclosures. He reaffirmed that India's responsible business conduct framework, rooted in the country's own philosophical and legislative traditions, should continue

to evolve in step with global best practice while remaining anchored in India's specific developmental priorities. He observed that the growing participation of India's Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the ESG ecosystem would be central to ensuring that the benefits of responsible business conduct are inclusive and widely shared. He concluded by expressing appreciation for the active participation of all delegates, speakers and partner organisations over the two days. Reflecting on the success of NCRBC 2026, Shri Singh remarked that next year, IICA shall continue to serve as a collaborative and credible National platform for “ESG as a catalyst for a globally competitive Viksit Bharat @2047.”

Earlier in the day, the Conference featured five High-Level Panels addressing sectoral reporting, responsible value chains, MSME integration and environmental metrics. The High-Level Panel 4 titled “Sector-Specific Guidelines for Strengthening ESG Integration,” featured Smt. Surabhi Gupta, Chief General Manager, SEBI, who noted that the BRSR framework was initially designed as a simple, sector-agnostic baseline, but must continue to evolve as materiality concerns and sector-specific data gaps emerge. She also highlighted SEBI's ongoing efforts to strengthen the ESG ratings ecosystem through more granular data and sustained stakeholder engagement. Ms. Robin Hodess, Chief Executive Officer, Global Reporting Initiative, stressed the need to align India's sectoral metrics with globally recognised standards to reduce the compliance burden on companies operating across jurisdictions.

Then the High-Level Panel 5 titled “Responsible Value Chains across Global and Domestic Supply Networks,” examined the global move towards mandatory due diligence and the continuing gap between corporate commitments and

implementation on human rights and labour standards. The panel emphasised capacity-building for MSME suppliers, partnership-based compliance and the growing role of technology and artificial intelligence in improving supply-chain traceability.



The High-Level Panel 6 titled “Mainstreaming ESG in MSMEs for Competitive and Inclusive Growth,” opened with a keynote address by Shri Sivasubramanian Ramann, Chairperson, PFRDA. Shri Devendra Kumar Singh, Chairperson, Cooperative Election Authority, highlighted the potential of Udyam-linked data to support targeted policy interventions, while cautioning that policy design must reflect the predominance of micro enterprises. The representative of the Ministry of MSME underlined the need to combine compliance with a clear business case, supported by incentives for energy, water and waste management.

Then the High-Level Panel 7 titled “Beyond BRSR: Strengthening Sectoral ESG Adoption and Integration,” featured Shri Ajay Tyagi, Former Chairman, SEBI, who called for a gradual transition from a common reporting baseline to sector-specific frameworks developed through multi-stakeholder consultation. The panel also emphasised greater interoperability across global standards and a shift from backward-looking compliance reporting to forward-looking sustainability planning, supported by credible assurance. The last

High-Level Panel titled, “Re-envisioning Environmental Metrics in ESG Reporting Frameworks,” brought together Dr. Ajay Mathur, Former Director General, International Solar Alliance; Dr. Virinder Sharma, Member (Technical), Commission for Air Quality Management; and Shri R.R. Rashmi, Former Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The panel examined measures to improve the rigour, reliability and comparability of environmental metrics within India’s sustainability reporting architecture.



Following the High-Level Panels, Professor Garima Dadhich, Head, School of Business Environment, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, proposed the Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to the chief guest, DG & CEO IICA, eminent speakers, delegates, conference partner organisations and to the team of the School of Business Environment-Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs for their invaluable contributions in making NCRBC 2026 a landmark platform for advancing Responsible Business Conduct in India. She emphasised that the true success of the Conference would be reflected not merely in the deliberations held over two days, but in the collective actions and partnerships that emerge to accelerate ESG-led transformation and contribute towards the vision of a sustainable and globally competitive Viksit Bharat by 2047.

The valedictory session concluded with a cultural performance by “We Are One,” an internationally acclaimed dance group of differently-abled artists, followed by the announcement of the winners of the conference hackathon.



With two days of substantive deliberations across the inaugural session and eight High-Level Panels, NCRBC 2026 brought together policymakers, regulators, industry leaders, professional bodies and international partners, reaffirming responsible business conduct as integral to India's journey toward becoming a developed, inclusive and ethically grounded nation by 2047

Fifth Batch of Directors' Certification in Corporate Governance for Defence Officers

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), in partnership with the Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), Ministry of Defence, successfully conducted the Fifth Batch of its Directors' Certification in Corporate Governance for Defence Officers, inaugurating the program on 13th July 2026 and concluding it with a valedictory session on 24th July 2026, both held at the IICA Campus in Manesar, Gurugram. The two-week program brought together 30 senior officers representing all three services of the Indian Armed Forces, orienting them in the conceptual and regulatory frameworks of corporate governance to prepare them for leadership and Independent Director roles on corporate boards. With this batch, IICA and DGR have together trained 150 defence officers across five batches since the program's inception in August 2024.

At the inaugural session, Lt Gen Sanjay Sethi spoke to the value senior defence officers bring to boardrooms, pointing to their grounding in ethics, accountability, and disciplined risk management as qualities well suited to the independent judgment and transparency modern boards demand. Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General & CEO, IICA, spoke on the evolving role of boards- from compliance-driven oversight to active strategic stewardship, and touched on recent Ease of Doing Business reforms by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, as well as the growing importance of ESG oversight and technology-related risk for directors. Gp Capt Susanta Biswas, VSM, representing the Directorate of Training-DGR, reaffirmed the strong and continuing association between DGR and IICA in building corporate capacity for transitioning

officers, while Dr. Niraj Gupta, Head of the School of Corporate Governance & Public Policy, IICA, delivered the Welcome and Thematic Address setting the conceptual baseline for the fortnight ahead.

The program concluded with a valedictory session on 24 July 2026 with the felicitation of dignitaries by the DG & CEO, followed by feedback from the participating officers on their two-week journey. Lt Gen Jatinder

Kumar Gera addressed the gathering in preparing defence officers for boardroom roles. Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh delivered the DG & CEO's address, followed by the keynote address from Shri Apurva Chandra, Secretary (Retd.), Government of India. The session closed with certificate distribution to the 30 participating officers and a Vote of Thanks from Col. Amandeep Singh Puri, Chief Administrative Officer, IICA



Masterclass on BRSR Core Conducted to Strengthen ESG Disclosures

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), through its School of Business Environment, conducted a one-day masterclass on “Mastering BRSR Core: Disclosures, Assurance, and Value Chain Reporting” on 17 July 2026 in New Delhi, with participation from over 120 professionals. The workshop focused on the transition from NGRBC to BRSR Core, key challenges in value chain ESG disclosures, interpretation of key performance indicators, audit-ready documentation, and strategies for organisational preparedness.

The sessions provided practical insights

into ESG data governance, greenhouse gas accounting, and assurance frameworks, while emphasising the shift towards measurable and assured performance indicators under BRSR Core. Interactive exercises enabled participants to identify materiality gaps in sustainability reporting and explore approaches for strengthening disclosures through stakeholder engagement. The workshop underscored IICA's role in supporting corporates in navigating evolving sustainability disclosure requirements and enhancing the credibility of ESG reporting in India.



Five-Day Familiarization Capacity Building Programme on “Public Procurement (Policy and Procedures)”

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, through its Centre for MSME, successfully organized a Five-Day Familiarization Capacity Building Programme on "Public Procurement (Policy and Procedures)" from 20-24 July 2026 at Sinclairs Retreat, Ooty. The programme was conducted under the aegis of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and endorsed by the Department of Expenditure (DoE), Government of India, underscoring its significance in strengthening public procurement systems.

With India's growing manufacturing capabilities and the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, public procurement has emerged as a strategic tool for governance, economic growth, and industrial development. The programme aimed to strengthen participants' understanding of procurement

policies, regulatory frameworks, procurement planning, tendering, bid evaluation, contract management, and risk mitigation while promoting transparency, efficiency, and value-driven procurement practices. It also focused on key Government initiatives such as Make in India (MII), the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, MSE Procurement Policy, and the Government e-Marketplace (GeM).

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from officers and professionals representing Central Government Ministries, Public Sector Undertakings, Autonomous Bodies, Financial Institutions, Academic Institutions, and Statutory Bodies. Participants came from organizations including the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Delhi Jal Board, Paradip

Port Authority, BRIC-NABI, Ministry of Home Affairs, Directorate General, ITBP, Oil India Ltd., GAIL (India) Limited, Board of Radiation & Isotope Technology (BRIT), General Insurance Corporation of India, IIT (ISM), Dhanbad, NTPC Mouda, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL). The diverse participation enriched discussions through cross-sectoral knowledge sharing and peer learning.



The curriculum comprehensively covered the entire public procurement lifecycle, including the regulatory framework, E-procurement, procurement through GeM, procurement from MSEs and startups, advanced bidding and tendering procedures, contract execution and management, procurement of services, vendor evaluation, supply chain risk management, and contract performance and closure.

The programme adopted an interactive learning approach through Expert-led classroom sessions, Case studies and real-life procurement scenarios, Structured presentations and guided discussions, Question-and-answer sessions and peer interactions. Participants also received comprehensive reference materials to facilitate continued learning and implementation within their respective

organizations.

The sessions were led by experienced faculty members including Sh. Rajesh Batra, Programme Director and Head, Centre for MSME, IICA; Sh. D.P. Sen, Faculty; and Sh. Venkatesh Palani, Faculty.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Sh. Rajesh Batra and concluded with a valedictory session in which he summarized the key takeaways and encouraged participants to apply the acquired knowledge in their organizations. Participants expressed strong appreciation for the programme structure, depth of content, expertise of resource persons, and the practical orientation of sessions. The programme successfully met its objectives of strengthening procurement capabilities, enhancing policy comprehension, and promoting best practices in public procurement.

Capacity Building Programme on Understanding & Excelling in Corporate Governance with a Focus on Non-Financial Reporting and Related Disclosures

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), in collaboration with the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), successfully conducted a three-day Capacity Building Programme from 01-03 July 2026 at Hotel Gateway Grandeur, Guwahati, Assam. The programme was attended by 39 senior officials from various Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs).



Designed around the theme "Understanding & Excelling in Corporate Governance with a Focus on Non-Financial Reporting and Related Disclosures," the programme aimed to strengthen participants' understanding of contemporary corporate governance practices, statutory and regulatory compliance, and the rapidly evolving landscape of environmental, social and governance (ESG) reporting. Through expert-led sessions, practical discussions and interactive deliberations, participants gained valuable insights into governance frameworks, directors' responsibilities, non-financial reporting requirements and emerging sustainability disclosure standards.

The programme commenced with a Welcome and Thematic Address by Dr. Niraj Gupta, Head, School of Corporate Governance & Public Policy, IICA, who

highlighted the growing importance of good governance, transparency and responsible corporate conduct in the public sector.

The technical sessions were delivered by CS Amit Gupta. The day began with an in-depth discussion on the Governance and Compliance Framework under the Companies Act, 2013, covering the statutory provisions governing corporate entities and key compliance requirements. This was followed by a detailed session on the Compliance Framework under the Companies Act, 2013, providing participants with practical insights into corporate compliance mechanisms and regulatory expectations.

The post-lunch sessions focused on the Duties, Responsibilities and Liabilities of Directors, highlighting the fiduciary responsibilities of board members, legal obligations and governance best practices.

The day concluded with an engaging session on Non-Financial Reporting and Related Disclosures under the Companies Act, 2013, including Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), where participants explored disclosure requirements and the increasing significance of non-financial information in corporate reporting.

The second day focused on the evolving regulatory landscape governing non-financial reporting and corporate disclosures under securities laws. CS Amit Gupta led the opening session on Non-Financial Reporting and Related Disclosures under the Securities Laws, explaining the disclosure framework

applicable to listed entities and the expectations of market regulators.

The subsequent session on Moving Beyond Compliance – The Role of Proxy Advisory Firms examined the growing influence of proxy advisors in strengthening corporate governance, improving board accountability and enhancing shareholder engagement.

Participants also attended a session on Secretarial Standards – Board and General Meetings, which discussed the statutory standards governing board and shareholder meetings and emphasized the importance of procedural compliance in effective corporate governance.



highlighting India's evolving sustainability reporting framework. This was followed by a session on Materiality and ESG Strategy, where participants learned how organizations identify material ESG issues and integrate sustainability considerations into corporate strategy and long-term value creation.

The final day was dedicated to advanced ESG reporting frameworks and emerging sustainability practices. Mr. Sudipto Das commenced the day with a session on ESG Ratings, explaining the methodologies adopted by rating agencies, key assessment parameters and the implications of ESG ratings for investors and organisations.

In the afternoon, Mr. Sudipto Das introduced participants to the National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct (NGRBC) and SEBI's Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) disclosures,

This was followed by a comprehensive session on ESG Reporting Frameworks, covering globally accepted reporting standards and best practices, including the importance of harmonised sustainability disclosures for improving transparency and stakeholder confidence.

In the post-lunch session, Dr. Niraj Gupta delivered an insightful lecture on Modern Corporation and Corporate Governance: Concepts, Emerging Trends and Best Practices. The session explored the evolution of corporate governance, changing stakeholder expectations, board effectiveness and the future direction of governance in an increasingly dynamic business environment.

The programme concluded with a Certification and Valedictory Session, during which participants reflected on the key learnings and appreciated the practical

relevance of the programme. Certificates were presented to all participants, marking the successful completion of the three-day capacity building initiative.

IICA Certified ESG Professional–Impact Leader Programme for Batch-V

The School of Business Environment, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, successfully conducted a series of intensive in-person learning engagements for Batch V of the IICA Certified ESG Professional–Impact Leader Programme from 14–16 July 2026. Designed to bridge

conceptual learning with practical application, the engagements provided delegates with opportunities to analyse complex sustainability issues, participate in simulated decision-making processes and translate their learning into effective corporate advice.



The programme commenced on 14 July 2026 with an ESG Committee Meeting Simulation. Working in assigned company groups, delegates participated in a simulated Board-level ESG Committee meeting and presented their findings on ESG scoping, materiality assessment, benchmarking and strategic

recommendations. The exercise enabled delegates to experience the dynamics of a Board Committee interaction and strengthened their ability to communicate clear, evidence-based and defensible ESG advice. Together, the ESG Committee Meeting Simulation and the NCRBC hackathon

created an integrated and practice-oriented learning experience. The sequence enabled delegates to move from analysis and deliberation to presentation and

reflection, reinforcing the experiential learning approach at the core of the IICA Certified ESG Professional-Impact Leader Programme.

Flagship Arbitration Program-2nd Batch



Hon'ble Mr Justice AK Sikri

International Judge, Singapore
International Commercial Court

Dr Rajiv Mani

Secretary, Legislative Department
& Department of Legal Affairs,
Ministry of Law and Justice

Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh

Director-General & CEO, Indian
Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)

Prof (Dr) Naveen Sirohi

Program Director, ICAP & Head,
CEADR, IICA

The Centre of Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution (CEADR) at Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) recently organised the virtual Inaugural Session of the second batch of the IICA Certified Arbitration Program (ICAP). ICAP is India's gold standard in arbitration training, including 250+ hours of comprehensive and practical content across 20+ modules delivered by a pool of global experts over a period of 9 months with two campus immersions.

The program aims at creating soft infrastructure for Viksit Bharat@2047 through education, training, research, advocacy and advisory on contemporary issues. The ICAP aims to create a pool of next-generation, globally benchmarked arbitration professionals in India.

Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director-General & CEO, IICA, welcomed the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Justice AK Sikri, International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court and Guest of Honour, Dr Rajiv Mani, Secretary, Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice.

In his Inaugural Address, Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director-General & CEO, IICA, shared statistics and studies conducted in arbitration and emphasised that the need of the hour is to standardise the arbitration landscape through institutional arbitration in India.

In his Special Address, Guest of Honour, Dr Rajiv Mani emphasised various government initiatives for India to emerge as a global hub of arbitration. While emphasising the need for specialised institutions to train arbitrators and arbitration practitioners in

India, Dr Mani referred to IICA's Certified Arbitration Program "as a big game-changer" in the domain.

Delivering the Keynote Address, Chief Guest, Hon'ble Justice AK Sikri, lauded the efforts of IICA in contributing towards strengthening the arbitration ecosystem in India by referring to the IICA Certified Arbitration Program as "really a very commendable step". While referring to arbitration as "a load-bearing wall of commercial dispute resolution in every advanced economy", he observed that

arbitration is no longer a fashionable or lucrative alternative; it has now become a structural necessity in the dispute resolution regime across the world.

Prof (Dr) Naveen Sirohi, Program Director & Head, CEADR, IICA shared the cohort profile highlighting that it comprises 81 delegates bringing together a highly distinguished multidisciplinary blend of law, finance, engineering, corporate and public sector expertise with 20+ years of average delegate experience.



IICA Certified Mediator Program (ICMP)-Batch-24th

After successfully conducting 23 batches and training over 600 mediators, the Centre of Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution (CEADR) at IICA inaugurated the 24th Batch of the IICA Certified Mediator Program (ICMP) on 1 July 2026, marking a significant step forward in strengthening the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) ecosystem in India.

The Inaugural Session began with a compelling Keynote Address by Prof. (Dr.) Naveen Sirohi, Program Director and Founding Head, CEADR, who outlined IICA's

impactful journey in shaping modern mediation professionals vital to India's economic and institutional development. Dr Sirohi introduced the session plan and announced the distinguished lineup of national and international experts who would be leading the program.

This new batch comprises 33 seasoned professionals from diverse fields, including bureaucrats, lawyers, consultants, bankers, chartered accountants, insolvency professionals,

corporate executives, and researchers - each bringing over 15 years of experience on average



The program promises an immersive and practical learning journey with live sessions, mock mediations, case studies, and skill-building exercises tailored to sharpen participants' understanding and application of mediation strategies. The inauguration set the tone for what is expected to be an enriching and transformative experience.

Corporate Mitra Scheme Awareness Webinar Organized by IICA Shillong for NER

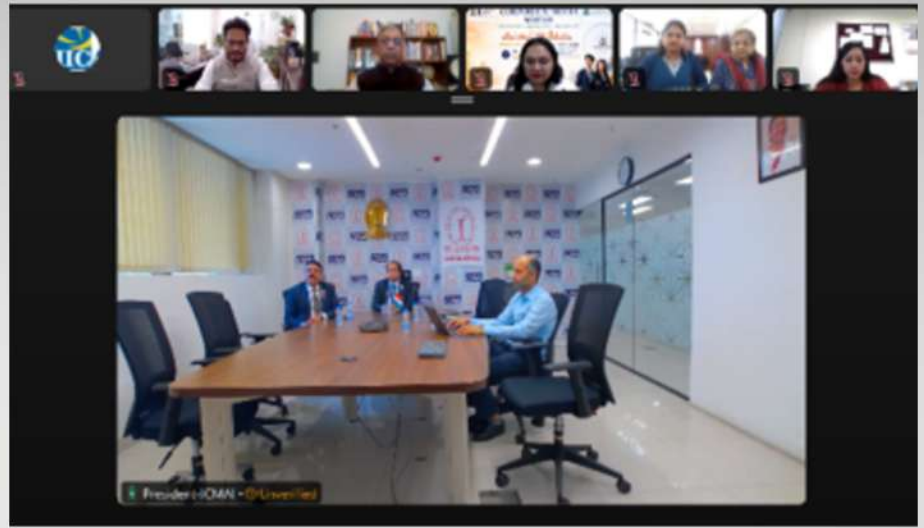
The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) Shillong, working under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, has successfully concluded a major awareness campaign across the Northeastern Region (NER). Introduced in the Union Budget 2026-27, the Corporate Mitra Scheme is a strategic plan designed to support local small and medium businesses (MSMEs) in alignment with the national vision of a Viksit Bharat @ 2047. By training and accrediting young graduates as "Corporate Mitras," the government is building a specialized team of business support para-professionals. These accredited individuals will act as trusted advisors to handle heavy administrative burdens like regulatory compliance, taxation, accounting, and legal matters, freeing up local entrepreneurs to focus entirely on innovation, scaling, and market growth.

Arunachal Pradesh

The regional awareness campaign kicked off successfully on 24 July 2026 with a high-impact webinar organized in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), Arunachal Pradesh. The session was supported by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) as the lead co-host, alongside supporting co-hosts ICSI and ICAI. Gracing the webinar, CMA Sh. Chittaranjan Chattopadhyay, President of

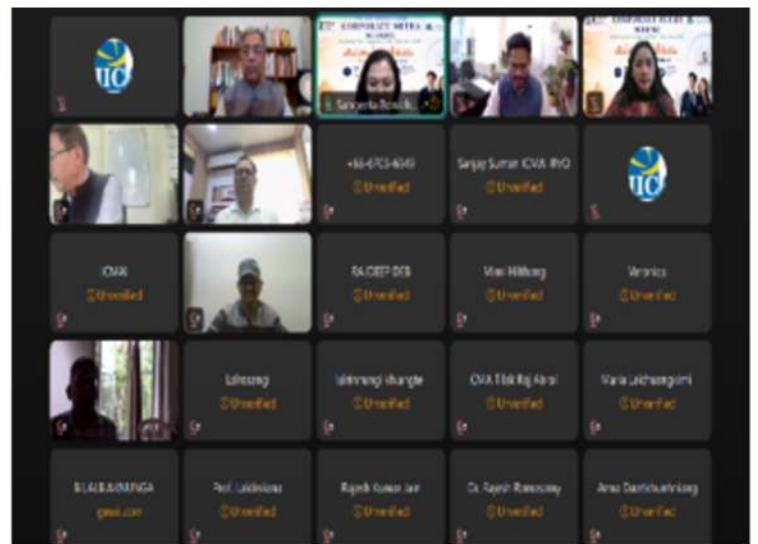


ICMAI, delivered a powerful keynote speech underscoring the foundation of the program, noting that "building a skilled professional workforce is highly important to support MSMEs and contribute to India's larger vision of a Viksit Bharat @ 2047". The event drew enthusiastic participation from more than 150 students, faculty members, and aspiring young professionals from across the state.



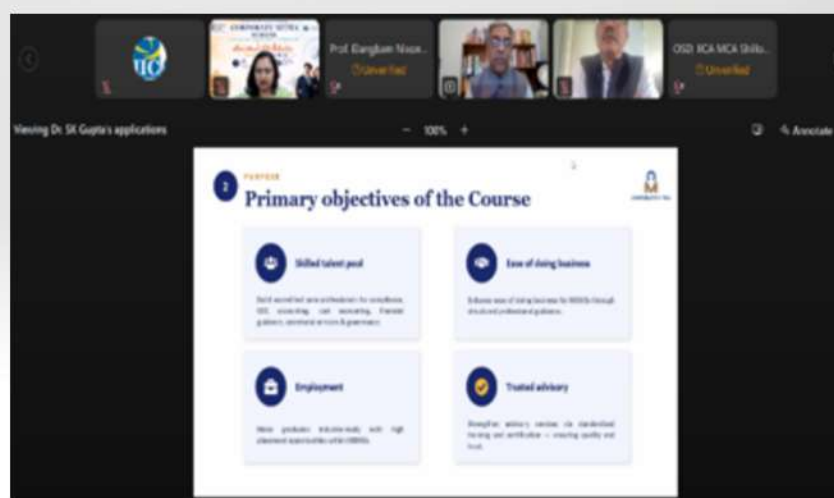
Mizoram

Moving across the region, a highly successful webinar was organized on 27 July 2026 to actively sensitize and mobilize stakeholders across the state. Facilitated directly by Mizoram University in Aizawl, the program saw ICMAI step up as the lead co-host, with dedicated backing from ICSI and ICAI. Expert addresses by CMA Manoj Kumar Anand (Vice President, ICMAI) and Prof. Vanlalchhawna (Dean at Mizoram University) highlighted the massive economic potential of the state, calling the scheme epoch-making for Mizoram's industrial growth and sustainable livelihoods. The interactive event generated massive interest, witnessing an overwhelming and enthusiastic crowd of more than 650 central/state university students, researchers, and local entrepreneurs.



Meghalaya

On 28 July 2026, IICA Shillong teamed up with the National Law University (NLU) Meghalaya to host a highly engaging promotional webinar for local youth. For this state event, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) served as the lead co-host, with structural support from ICSI and ICMAI. The keynote address was delivered by Shri Cyril V Darlong Diengdoh, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya. He praised the institutional synergy of the program, noting how "the scheme complements existing state entrepreneurship programs, such as PRIME and the Meghalaya Investment Promotion Authority," and urged students to "actively leverage this affordable certification pathway to transform into trusted, high-value economic professionals within their own communities". More than 250 local students and stakeholders actively attended the session.



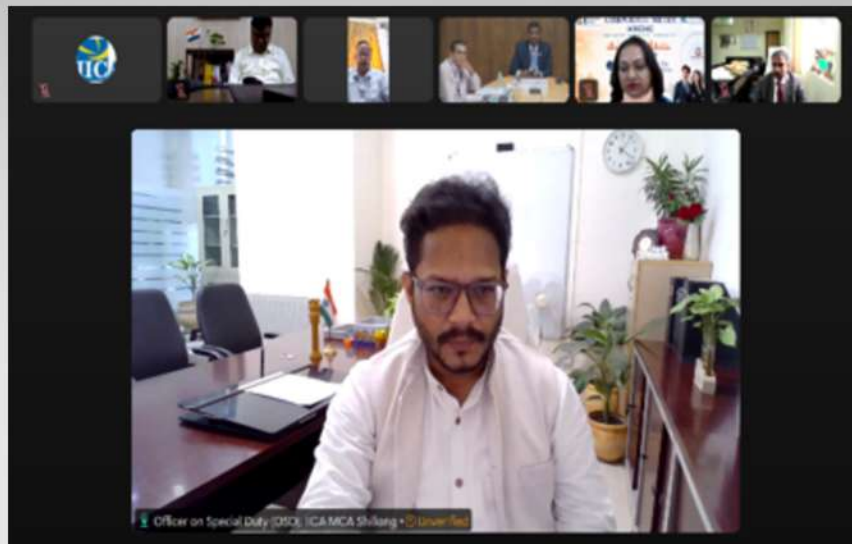
Sikkim

The state awareness campaign culminated on 31 July 2026 with an engaging webinar organized in close collaboration with Sikkim University. This final leg was championed by ICAI as the lead co-host, with co-hosting assistance from ICSI and ICMAI. The Keynote Address was delivered by Shri M. Ravi Kumar, IFS, Principal Director, MSME, Commerce & Industries Department, Government of Sikkim, who shared practical insights on the program's flexible structure. He remarked that "Corporate Mitras can work part-time, supplementing income while supporting local businesses, with the scheme offering industry-relevant training



tailored to MSME needs". The webinar wrapped up with wholehearted participation from over 240 local university students and business owners.

To encourage strong local enrolment and build long-term business capacity in the region, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has built exclusive safety nets and incentives directly into the scheme's rollout framework:



Strict Seat Reservation: A total quota of 200 seats is exclusively reserved for candidates from the Northeastern Region to maximize local uptake.

Special Financial Incentive: All eligible candidates hailing from the Northeast receive a major 50% fee concession on the overall course price.

12-Month Training Roadmap: The program is divided cleanly into a 6-month bilingual academic phase (144 online hours + 6 live webinar hours in English and Hindi) followed by a 6-month real-world mandatory on-the-job training phase within registered professional firms.

Digital Onboarding Portal: Eligible candidates can review course content relevance, stipends, and age limits, and complete their digital registration via the central government network at the Swayam Plus Official Portal.

Academic LLM Highlight

Inaugural Programme of 3rd Batch (Date: 16th July 2026)

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), in collaboration with NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, inaugurated the Orientation Programme for the 3rd Batch of the LL.M. in Insolvency & Bankruptcy Laws (2025-27), reaffirming its commitment to nurturing future leaders in insolvency, restructuring, and corporate law.

The programme was graced by Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, (Director General & CEO, IICA). In his inaugural address, he reflected on the evolution and transformative impact of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) in strengthening India's corporate and financial ecosystem. Emphasising that legal excellence must be guided by morality, ethics, and integrity, he encouraged students to cultivate the enduring habits of reading, researching, writing, and remaining informed, underscoring these as essential attributes of every legal professional.



The Orientation Programme offered a comprehensive introduction to the academic and institutional ecosystem at IICA, laying a strong foundation for an enriching learning experience. As part of the programme, two dedicated student committee viz Recruitment Coordination Committee (RCC) and Research & Publication Committee (R&P) were constituted to facilitate industry outreach, placement coordination, and promote a culture of research, academic engagement, and scholarly contributions in the field of Insolvency & Bankruptcy Laws.

PGIP Highlights

1. GD & PI for PGIP 8th Batch (Date: 3rd July 2026):- GD & PI was conducted for GIPCET 2026 shortlisted students. Many students showed their interest to join the Post Graduate Insolvency Programme. The results were declared by 5th July for final selected candidates.

2. Inaugural Programme of 8th Batch (Date: 20th July 2026): - The Postgraduate Insolvency Programme (PGIP) was officially launched on 20th July 2026 at the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Manesar, Gurugram. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Shri. Ravi Mittal & Justice Ashok Bhushan, Former Chairman NCLAT.



Delivering the inaugural address, Justice Ashok Bhushan, Former Chairperson, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) and Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, described the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC) as one of India's most transformative

economic reforms. Highlighting the remarkable evolution of the insolvency framework through legislative amendments and judicial interpretation, he encouraged participants to cultivate a habit of continuously studying landmark judgments and engaging in legal research, emphasizing that judicial precedents remain the cornerstone of professional excellence in insolvency practice.

In his keynote address, Shri Ravi Mittal, Chairperson, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), reminded participants that PGIP is designed not merely to create employment opportunities but to develop highly competent Insolvency Professionals (IPs) and Resolution Professionals (RPs) capable of handling complex insolvency assignments. Stressing the importance of statutory timelines, professional integrity and practical implementation of insolvency processes, he encouraged participants to prepare themselves to become effective leaders in corporate rescue and business revival



Welcoming the new batch, Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General & CEO, IICA, described PGIP as the Institute's flagship capacity-building initiative that has played a pioneering role in developing India's insolvency ecosystem since its launch in 2019. He highlighted several new academic initiatives introduced in the programme, including enhanced emphasis on research, analytical thinking, AI-enabled learning, financial modelling, structured finance and ethics.

Emphasising that ethics forms the foundation of the insolvency profession, he encouraged participants to embrace continuous learning while adapting to emerging technologies. He also announced institutional recognition for excellence in research, reinforcing IICA's commitment to promoting academic inquiry and knowledge creation.

Addressing the participants, Shri Sudhaker Shukla, Head, Centre for Insolvency and Bankruptcy (CIB), IICA, presented an overview of the programme and its evolution into India's premier residential insolvency education programme. He outlined the multidisciplinary curriculum, which integrates law, finance, management, valuation, technology and experiential learning to prepare participants for the rapidly evolving insolvency and restructuring landscape.

The inaugural ceremony concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Col. Amandeep Singh Puri, Chief Administrative Officer, IICA. The formal proceedings were followed by an interactive introduction of the participants, group photographs and networking over lunch, providing an opportunity for the incoming cohort to engage with distinguished guests, faculty members and fellow participants.



3. Legal Systems, by Shri Pyla Narayana Rao, Associate Professor, IICA (Date: 21st to 23rd July 2026)

The sessions provided participants with a comprehensive understanding of the Indian legal system, its institutional framework, and the fundamental legal principles that underpin insolvency and corporate law. The module laid a strong foundation for the interdisciplinary learning journey ahead, equipping participants with essential legal knowledge for effective insolvency practice.

4. Overview of Insolvency & Bankruptcy by Shri Sudhaker Shukla, Head, CIB (Date: 24th July 2026)

This session provided participants with a comprehensive overview of India's insolvency framework, tracing the evolution of insolvency laws and the objectives of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC). The session introduced the key stakeholders, institutional framework, and resolution processes under the Code, enabling participants to develop a strong conceptual understanding of the insolvency ecosystem and its role in promoting timely resolution, value maximization, and economic growth.

5. Insolvency: Setting the Backdrop Business Failures, Economic Rationale and Principles by Shri Ashish Makhija (Date: 27th July 2026 to 1st August 2026)

Participants attended an insightful series of sessions by Mr. Ashish Makhija, Managing Attorney, AMC Law Firm, on the evolution and significance of insolvency law. The sessions explored the economic rationale behind insolvency, examining the causes of business failures, global financial crises, non-performing assets (NPAs), landmark corporate failures such as Lehman Brothers and Satyam, the role of Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs), and RBI initiatives for addressing stressed assets. The programme also introduced participants to the historical evolution of insolvency laws in India, the objectives of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC), and its comparison with international insolvency frameworks, providing a strong conceptual foundation for understanding the country's insolvency ecosystem.



Orientation Sessions for LL.M. 3rd Batch and PGIP 8th Batch on 16th and 20th August

Empowering Students with IICA's Academic & Research Resources

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) organised comprehensive orientation sessions for the LL.M. 3rd Batch on 16 August 2026 and the PGIP 8th Batch on 20 August 2026, aimed at familiarising students with IICA's academic ecosystem, institutional facilities, and extensive learning and research resources.

The sessions were conducted by Dr. Lata Suresh, Head- Knowledge Resource Centre and Head-IPCC, who provided students with an overview of the key activities and services of Institutional Partnership and Corporate

Communication (IP&CC) and the Knowledge Resource Centre (KRC). She highlighted the important role played by these institutional support systems in facilitating students' academic learning, research, professional development, and overall academic journey at IICA.

During the orientation, students were introduced to IICA's modern academic infrastructure, including smart classrooms, computer laboratories, high-speed Wi-Fi-enabled facilities, discussion and reading spaces, digital learning facilities, and other resources that promote interdisciplinary learning, knowledge sharing, and research.



A significant focus of the sessions was on the extensive facilities and services provided by the Knowledge Resource Centre (KRC). Students were familiarised with access to print and electronic books, national and international scholarly journals, e-databases, the Institutional Repository, DELNET, document delivery services, reference and research assistance, plagiarism detection support, citation guidance, and personalised research support. The students were also introduced to MYLOFT (My Library on Fingertips), which enables them to access

subscribed library resources and digital content remotely, anytime and anywhere, 24x7, through their devices. This facility ensures that students can continue their learning and research beyond the physical premises of IICA, providing seamless and convenient access to essential academic resources whenever required.

Dr. Suresh also highlighted the significance of the Government of India's One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) initiative, explaining how it facilitates access to a wide range of internationally reputed scholarly

journals and research publications. Students were encouraged to make effective use of these resources to remain abreast of the latest developments in their respective fields and strengthen the quality and evidence base of their academic research.

The orientation sessions also incorporated practical demonstrations and discussions on OPAC and catalogue searching, literature-searching techniques, database navigation, advanced search strategies, and the effective use of digital research tools. These activities were designed to strengthen students' information-literacy and research skills and enable them to independently discover, evaluate, and utilise high-quality academic information.

The sessions provided an opportunity for fruitful and interactive engagement with the LL.M. and PGIP students, who displayed enthusiasm and keen interest in exploring the academic and research facilities available at IICA.

Dr. Suresh encouraged the students to make the best possible use of the Institute's rich academic ecosystem and assured them of continued support from the KRC and IP&CC throughout their learning and research journey.

The orientation sessions reaffirmed IICA's commitment to creating a technology-enabled, resource-rich, and research-oriented academic environment that empowers students to learn, innovate, and excel in their respective professional domains.

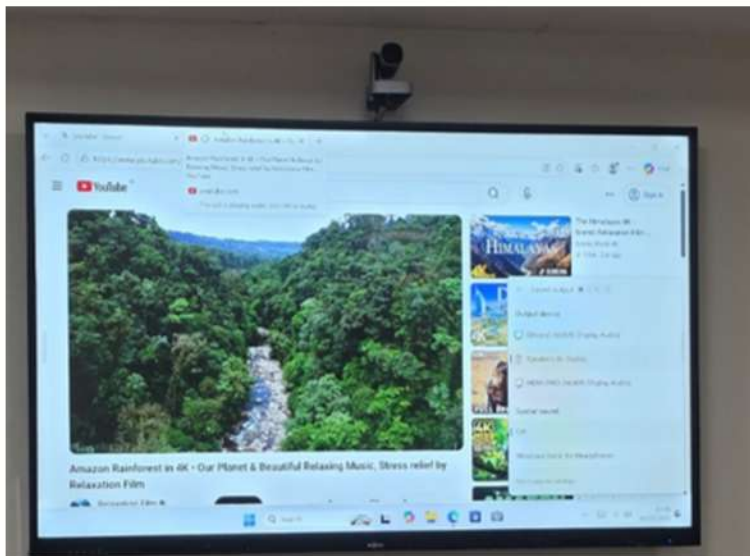


IICA Digital Lab Revamped to Strengthen Technology-Enabled Learning and Research

The Digital Lab at the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) has been completely renovated and upgraded with modern technology and advanced digital equipment,

further strengthening the Institute's technology-enabled academic and research environment.

The Digital Lab underwent a comprehensive upgrade during 2014–2015, with the objective of providing students, faculty, researchers, and other users with improved technological infrastructure to support their academic and professional requirements.



The revamped facility is now equipped at the Knowledge Resource Centre with new desktop computers, advanced digital equipment, and improved infrastructure, creating a more efficient and user-friendly environment for teaching, learning, research, digital literacy, and innovation. The upgraded Digital Lab reflects IICA's continued commitment to providing

modern learning infrastructure and enabling users to effectively leverage technology in their academic and research pursuits.

The Institute looks forward to welcoming students, faculty, researchers, and other users to experience and benefit from the enhanced facilities of the renovated Digital Lab.

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IICA inaugurates its Second Batch of Flagship Arbitration Program

Chief Guest Justice AK Sikri lauded IICA contribution in strengthening arbitration ecosystem in India

IICA's arbitration Program "as a big game-changer" says Dr Rajiv Mani, Secretary, Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice

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The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) under Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt of India recently organised the Inaugural Session of the second batch of the IICA Certified Arbitration Program (ICAP) virtually by the Centre of Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution (CEADR).

The program is a flagship initiative of IICA aligned to the mandate of creating soft infrastructure for Viksit Bharat@2047 through education, training, research, advocacy and advisory on contemporary issues. The ICAP aims to create a pool of next-generation, globally benchmarked arbitration professionals in India.



Hon'ble Mr Justice AK Sikri Dr Rajiv Mani Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh Prof Dr Narayan Singh



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Fourth Edition of IICA's National Conference on Responsible Business Conduct (NCRBC) 2026 held in New Delhi

Inaugural session of NCRBC 2026 Calls for Positioning ESG-led Responsible Business Conduct as a Driver of India's Economic Competitiveness on the Path to Viksit Bharat

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The fourth edition of the National Conference on Responsible Business Conduct (NCRBC) 2026 was inaugurated in New Delhi. The two-day conference themed "ESG-led Transformation for Viksit Bharat" has been organised by the School of Business Environment (SBE) of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.



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Fourth Edition of National Conference on Responsible Business Conduct (NCRBC) 2026 Concludes in New Delhi

Valedictory Session's Keynote Address delivered by Hon'ble Justice Shri Abhay S. Oka calls for Strict Enforcement of Environmental Law on India's Path to Viksit Bharat

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The fourth edition of the National Conference on Responsible Business Conduct (NCRBC) 2026, organised by the School of Business Environment (SBE) of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, concluded recently in New Delhi.

The valedictory session featured Keynote Address by Hon'ble Justice Shri Abhay S. Oka, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, address by Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General and CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, and a Vote of Thanks by Professor Garima Dadhich, Head, School of Business Environment, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs.



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IICA Inaugurates Eighth Batch of its Flagship Post Graduate Insolvency Programme (PGIP 2026-28)

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The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, today inaugurated the Eighth Batch (2026-28) of its flagship Post Graduate Insolvency Programme (PGIP). The programme welcomed participants from diverse professional backgrounds and was attended by distinguished members of the insolvency ecosystem, faculty members, senior officers of IICA.

Delivering the Inaugural Address, Justice Ashok Bhushan, Former Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) and former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, underscored the transformative impact of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016, describing it as one of India's most significant economic reforms. He noted that the Code replaced fragmented legal framework with a comprehensive insolvency regime that has evolved through legislative amendments and numerous regulatory reforms. Justice Bhushan encouraged participants to develop the habit of studying landmark judgments and undertaking continuous learning, emphasizing that judicial precedents are indispensable learning tools for every insolvency professional.



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Ministry of Corporate Affairs' 'Corporate Mitra Scheme' Awareness Webinar Successfully Organized by IICA Shillong for the youth and enterprises of Arunachal Pradesh

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The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Shillong, under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, successfully organised a webinar on recently, for awareness and sensitization of the Corporate Mitra Scheme among the youth, students, MSMEs, professionals and enterprises of Arunachal Pradesh.

The webinar was conducted as part of the Corporate Mitra Scheme Awareness Campaign for the Northeast Region (NER), in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU)-Arunachal Pradesh and support of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) - as the lead co-host and the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) - as the support co-host.

The Scheme aims to empower MSMEs, primarily in the Tier-3 & 2 cities, by supporting them in playing their part in the larger vision of a Viksit Bharat @ 2047. The scheme embodies the vision of a formalized, financially sustainable, and a thriving MSME sector by creating a strong support ecosystem for the MSMEs, through facilitating access to a pool of qualified, accredited and trusted para professionals "Corporate Mitras".

The Corporate Mitras are envisaged to provide accessible, affordable, and quality compliance and business support services to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), while creating a pool of trained para-professionals by equipping young graduates with industry-relevant knowledge and practical skills. The initiative is expected to strengthen the MSME ecosystem and enhance



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Corporate Mitra Scheme Awareness Webinar organized by IICA Shillong, Ministry of Corporate Affairs witnessing overwhelming participation of youth and enterprises of Mizoram

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Fourth National Conference on Responsible Business Conduct Concludes in New Delhi

The fourth edition of the National Conference on Responsible Business Conduct (NCRBC) 2026, organized by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Government of India, concluded successfully in New Delhi. The conference served as a platform for deliberating on the importance of responsible business conduct aligned with India's constitutional ethos of social equity and environmental protection.

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IICA Inaugurates Eighth Batch of its Flagship Post Graduate Insolvency Programme

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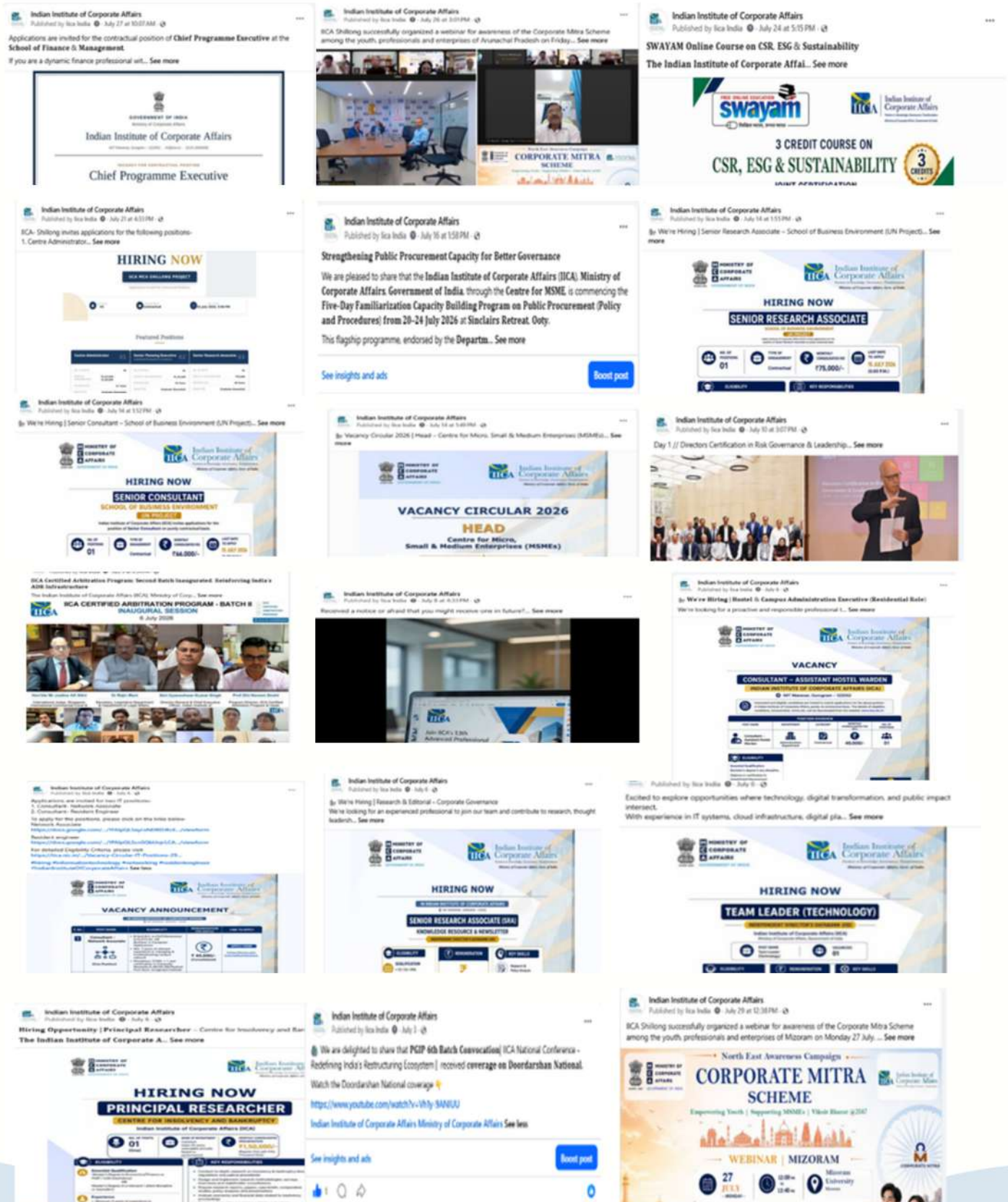
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There is an excellent opportunity for experienced professionals and researchers with experience in innovation, startups, and technology leadership, and add policy to current focus on innovation, product development, and capacity building in Indian business ecosystem.

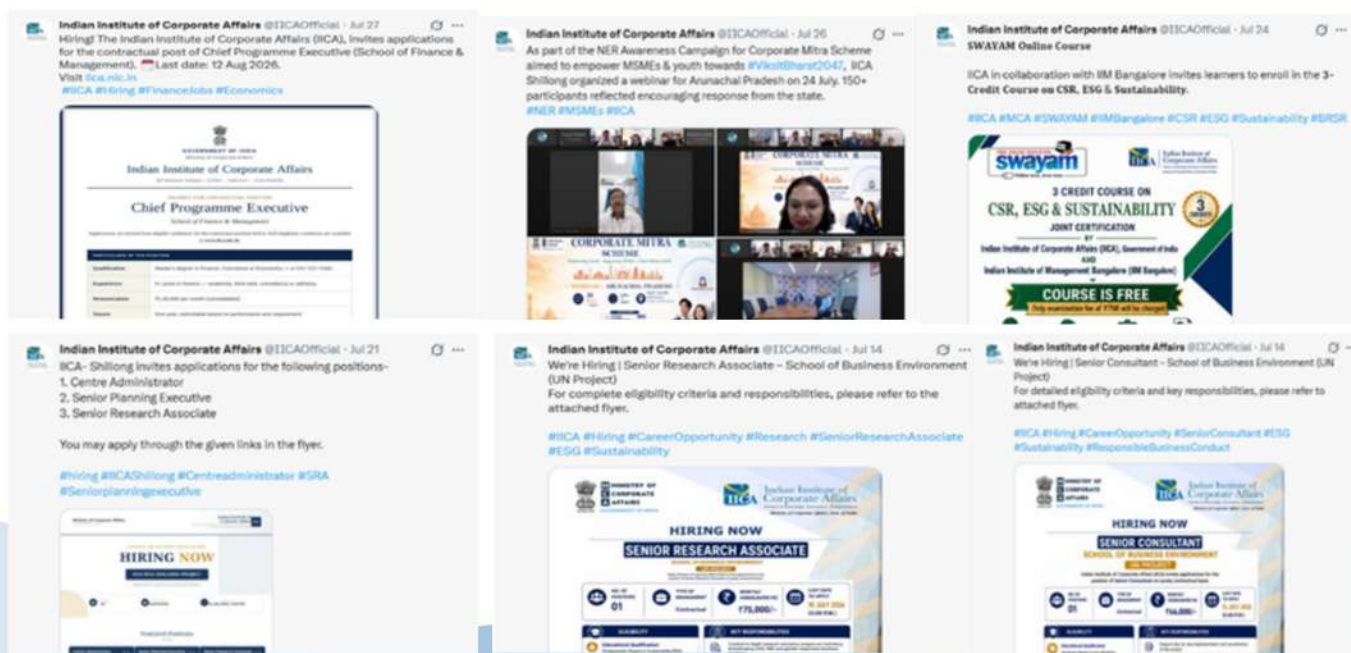
Position: Principal Researcher (Contract)
Location: U.S.
Monthly Remuneration: \$12,000.00 (Consultant)
Application Deadline: 27 July 2023 (EST 19:00 UTC)

If you meet the eligibility criteria or know someone who will, please let us know if you are interested, with your resume.

Working Hours: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday
Compensation: \$12,000.00 (Consultant) Monthly
Job ID:



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Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs @IICAOfficial · Jul 14
 Vacancy Circular 2026 (Head – Centre for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs))
 For the detailed notification, eligibility criteria, and application process, please visit icaai.in or scan the QR code in the vacancy circular.
[#ICA](https://icaai.in) [#Hiring](https://icaai.in) [#Vacancy2026](https://icaai.in) [#MSME](https://icaai.in)



VACANCY CIRCULAR 2026
HEAD
 Centre for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)
 ON DEPUTATION/ CONTRACT/PERMANENT BASIS
 PAY LEVEL / REMUNERATION
 LEVEL-10 (Pay Band) ₹1,23,100 – ₹2,15,900
 LEVEL-11 (Pay Band) ₹1,75,000 – ₹2,35,000
 Pay Level of Head of Centre

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 IICA invites applications for the **Advanced Professional Course in Competition Law & Market Regulation- Batch XIII**
Admissions are now open.
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Looking to master **Competition Law and Market Regulations?**

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 Pay Level: ₹1,00,000 - ₹1,20,000

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 We are hiring! Team Leader (Technology)
 Applicants can apply: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS...
 Last date to apply: 13 July 2026
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TEAM LEADER (TECHNOLOGY)
 Pay Level: ₹1,00,000 - ₹1,20,000

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 We're Hiring! (Research & Editorial) – Corporate Governance
 We're looking for an experienced professional to join our team and contribute to research, thought leadership, and knowledge initiatives in the corporate governance space.
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 Pay Level: ₹75,000 - ₹1,00,000

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 Applications are invited for two IT positions-
 1. Consultant - Network Associate
 2. Consultant - Resident Engineer
 Apply here: Network Associate: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS...
 Resident Engineer: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS...
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 Consultant - Network Associate
 Consultant - Resident Engineer
 Pay Level: ₹1,00,000 - ₹1,20,000

Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs @IICAOfficial · Jul 7
 Hiring Opportunity | Principal Researcher – Centre for Insolvency and Bankruptcy, IICA
 Position: Principal Researcher (Contract)
 Vacancies: 01
 Monthly Remuneration: ₹1,50,000 (Consolidated)
 Application Deadline: 27 July 2026 (5:00 PM)
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HIRING NOW
PRINCIPAL RESEARCHER
 Pay Level: ₹1,50,000 - ₹1,80,000

Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs @IICAOfficial · Jul 3
PGP 6th Batch Convocation | IICA National Conference - Redefining India's Restructuring Ecosystem | received coverage on Doordarshan National.
 Watch the Doordarshan National coverage <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...>



INSOLVENCY ECOSYSTEM
 career opportunities
 DD Morning Show (Insolvency Ecosystem) | career opportunities | DD National
 Watch it on DD 10.15 | Learn from experts | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...>

Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs @IICAOfficial · Jul 29
 IICA Shillong successfully conducted the Mizoram webinar on 27 July, on Corporate Mitra Scheme-empowering MSMEs & youth towards www.shreem2047.com. The event witnessed overwhelming response with 650+ students, professionals and entrepreneurs participating.
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CORPORATE MITRA
 Pay Level: ₹1,00,000 - ₹1,20,000

Announcements (Forthcoming Programme)

School of Finance and Management

1. Masters in Financial and Economic Security (MFES) - Batch 2; in collaboration with Rashtriya Raksha University. *Formerly Masters in Financial and Economic Crimes (MFEC)

Last Date: 31 August 2026 | Class Commencement October 2026
Visit: <https://iica.nic.in/mfes>

2. IICA Valuation Certificate Program (IVCP) - Batch 6

Last Date: 30 September 2026 | Course Commencement: October 2026
Visit: <https://iica.nic.in/valuation>

Centre for MSME

1. Three-Day Capacity Building Program: "Navigating Procurement via Government e Marketplace (GeM), Strategic Vendor Management & Contract Administration"
11-13 August 2026 at Dehradun

2. DoE-endorsed Five-Day Familiarization Capacity Building Programme on "Public Procurement (Policy and Procedures)"
17-21 August 2026 at Goa

Centre for Regulatory Governance

1. Foundational Course on Regulatory Governance (FCRG) - Batch-8
*Formerly IICA Regulatory Governance Program (IRGP)

Last Date: 31 August 2026 | Class Commencement: September 2026
Visit: <https://iica.nic.in/regulatory-governance>

Centre of Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution

1. IICA Certified Mediator Program (ICMP) - Batch 25

Last Date: 15 September 2026 | Course Commencement: October 2026
Visit: <https://iica.nic.in/mediation>

2. IICA Certified Arbitration Program (ICAP) - Batch 3

Last Date: June 2027 | Course Commencement: July 2027
Visit: <https://iica.nic.in/arbitration>

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