

Highlights

Independence Day Celebrations

15 August, 2022

Shri Praveen Kumar, Director General & CEO, IICA hoisted the Indian National Flag on 76th Independence Day at the IICA Campus.

Shri Kumar expressed his thoughts about freedom & importance of the Independence Day celebrations. The speech was well taken by the audience with applause & appreciation.



Essay Writing Competition

29 August, 2022

During the Swachhta Pakhwada, an Essay writing competition was organised at the Knowledge Resource Centre. There was an active participation by the staff and the students of GIP.

Mr. Shrivastsava was declared the winner. Shri Nand Kishore, Finance Officer, IICA received the second and Mr. Rakshit was declared 3rd winner.



Mr Shrivastsava, GIP Student Batch 4, received the 1st prize



Shri Nand Kishore received the 2nd prize



Mr Rakshit received the 3rd Prize

Dr Lata Suresh Head-KRC was the coordinator of the event. Dr Garima Dadhich and Dr P.N. Rao were the Jury members. The Certificates along with the cash prize was distributed by the DG & CEO in the conference room.



Swachhta Pakhwada - Webinar of "Role of Corporate in Swachhta Mission"

26 August, 2022

IICA has organised a webinar on "Role of Corporates in Swachhta Mission" on 26 August, 2022 as part of Swachhta Pakhwada 2022 (16-31 August 2022).

The Chief Guest of the Webinar was Padma Bhushan Dr Bindeshwar Pathak. Dr Lata Suresh after welcoming the guests and participants introduced Dr Pathak who is the Founder of Sulabh Sanitation, Social Reform and Human Rights Movement and invited him to deliver the Keynote address. Dr Pathak started the speech with the quote of Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi's that "one ounce of action more important than tons of knowledge". He also stated the problem of the society regarding the practice of open defecation and manual scavenging by the people for their livelihood and also there are no toilets in Schools and public places and mentioned that there is no ideal disposal of human waste not only in India but globally as well. He also stated the innovative actions he has taken for utilizing the proper waste management to useable fertilizer and a model for reducing water consumption.



The next session was a Panel discussion which was moderated by Dr Garima Dadhich. The Panelists were Sh N M Prusty, Shri Sujoy Mojumdar, Shri Prashant Hota , Mr Samuel and Shri Vikrant Mahanjan .

Sh N M Prusty discussed about Sanitation from a CSR perspective.

Shri Sujoy Mojumdar talked about Inter-governmental perspectives on challenges in achieving universal sanitation coverage in India.

Shri Prashant Hota spoke on Achievements and Challenges in Implementation of Sanitation Projects.

Shri Samuel spoke on the Alignment of CSR initiatives with National Missions and Global goals in the context of Swachhta.

Shri Vikrant Mahanjan discussed on Reaching the unreached, future strategies with collaboration.

Dr Garmia Dadhich while thanking all the panellists invited Dr Lata Suresh-Head-KRC to deliver a special address on How knowledge transfer acts as a key to successful project implementation and achieving SDGs. Dr Lata in her talk stressed upon the need of Knowledge transfer. She said that adoption of multiple ideas from various people can make huge difference.

The webinar was attended by the Ministry officials, Students and faculty of IICA, ICLS and other institutions.



Guest Lecture for Maldives Civil Servants on “Public Private Partnership (PPP)” by IICA Faculty

26 August, 2022

Prof Naveen Sirohi from IICA addressed a delegation of Civil Servants from Maldives on Public Private Partnerships (PPP) in a program conducted by National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India. The program was conducted at Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie and the session was delivered on 26.08.2022. The session was highly appreciated by all participants.



Guest Lecture for Bangladesh Civil Servants by IICA Faculty under Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC)

25 August, 2022

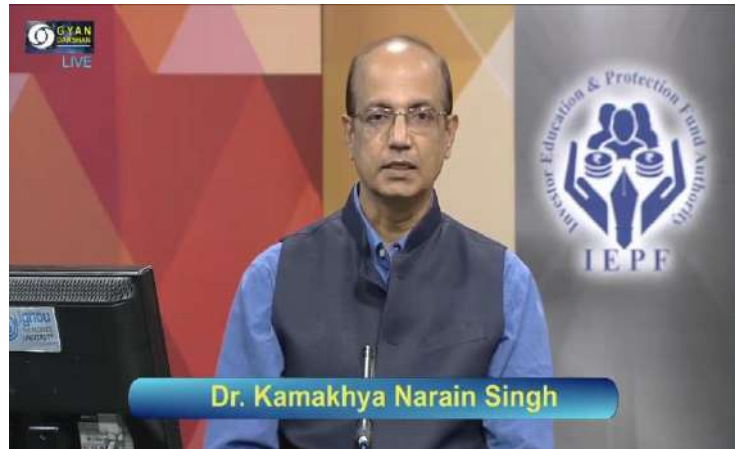
Prof Naveen Sirohi from IICA addressed a delegation of Civil Servants from Bangladesh on Public Private Partnerships (PPP) in a program conducted by National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India. The program was conducted at National Forest Academy, Dehradun and the session was delivered on 25.08.2022. The program was conducted by NCGG under Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) initiative of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The session received great feedback from the participants.



A live presentation on the topic of “Investor Education – Fundamental Analysis of Securities.”

11 August, 2022

On behalf of IEPFA-IICA, a live presentation was made on 11th August, 2022 on the topic of “Investor Education – Fundamental Analysis of Securities.” This presentation was under the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav initiative, by IEPF Authority, which is conducting a tele-lecture series of Investor Education Programme through distance learning mode of IGNOU Gyandarshan.



A research paper on “Financial inclusion impact on financial resilience of old aged women: Empirical study from India” has been submitted with Emerald Group (IJBIM) for publication

Purpose

With a growing number of elderly women in India, studies on their financial well-being have gained a lot of attention. This study examines the impact of financial inclusion on financial resilience while controlling for a range of factors. The role of various proxies used to comprehend financial inclusion score was also examined on an individual’s ability to cope with and recover during an unexpected financial emergency.

Design/methodology/approach

Using a pan India survey by NCFE (2019), this study analysed data of 1664 aged women (aged at least 60 years). The empirical model was analysed using logistic regression. To check the robustness of the model, we carried out alternative measures.

Findings

The findings of the study indicate that financial inclusion plays an important role in improving the financial resilience of old-aged women. Among various proxies used to measure financial inclusion, holding savings products, insurance products, and reliance on family members to save money for these old women in a bank are some of the significant determinants of financial resilience.

Practical/Policy implications

The findings of the study have many practical implications for policymakers and regulators in guiding old-aged women to cope with an unexpected financial shock. Appropriate financial education programs could be designed to improve their financial access and usage.

Originality/value

Most of the studies on financial resilience focus on subjective measures like financial literacy.

Financial inclusion is one such aspect which could provide a broad objective perspective on the ability of an individual to bounce back from a financial emergency. To the best of the knowledge of authors, extant literature is limited in the context of old-aged women in India.

Earlier, a policy brief in the form of thematic-note was written on “Jan Samarth Portal - Value Creation for Investors and Borrowers” and published on the IICA website.

IICA – IIM Bangalore signed MoU for cooperation in Research & Academics matters

10 August, 2022

The School of Corporate Governance & Public Policy, IICA signed a MoU with IIM Bangalore on 10th August, 2022 at its Bangalore campus.

This MoU aims to share core competencies of both the institutions and enhance cooperation in research & joint studies in the field of Corporate Governance, Capacity building of directors & corporate sector and such other relevant areas of common interest.

The occasion was graced by Prof Rishikesh Krishnan, Director IICA Bangalore and Shri Praveen Kumar, DG & CEO IICA. The ceremony was attended by Prof Padmini Srinivasan, Dr. Niraj Gupta, Ms Greeta Vergeese, Prof Rejie George.



Relinquishment of Charge

Dr. Kamakhya Nr. Singh associated with IICA as IEPF Research Chair has relinquished the charge w.e.f. 31.08.2022. During the last two years, he worked on various research projects, aligned with various government policies and chair professor mandate.

Dr. Abha Yadav associated with IICA as Associate Professor (on deputation), School of Competition Law & Market Regulation has relinquished the charge w.e.f. 26.08.2022 in pursuance of her repatriation to her parent organization.

The School of Competition Law & Market Regulation at IICA has been established with the core objective of meeting the capacity building needs in the area of Competition Law and Market Regulation. The School conducts long term and short-term courses for training of various stakeholders such as officials of Ministries, Government departments, regulatory authorities, public and private sector enterprises, students and other practitioners of competition law.

Capacity Building Programmes/Activities

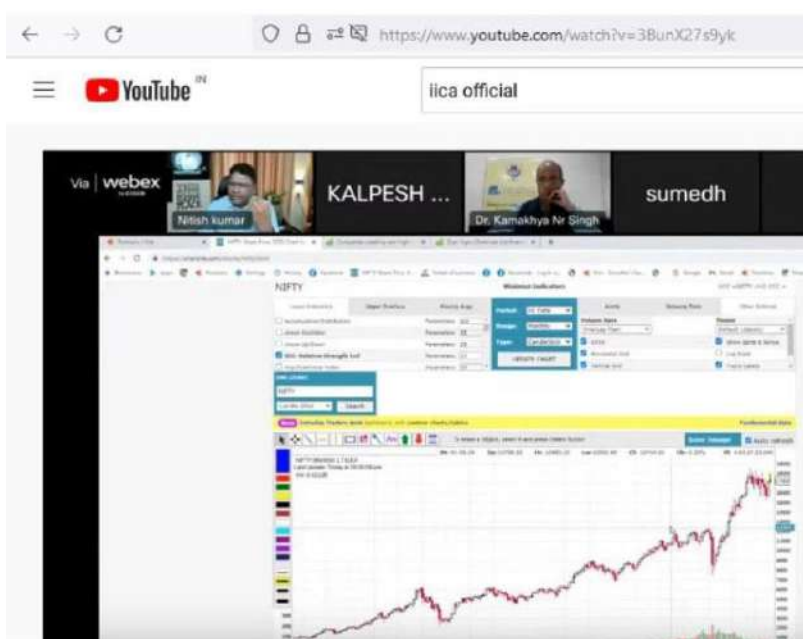
In the latest series of Investor Education and Protection webinar hosted by IEPFA Research Chair at IICA, a webinar on “Technical Analysis and Derivatives Trading in Securities Market”

29 August, 2022

A subject expert and practitioner, Mr Nitish Kumar, shared his knowledge and experience of trading. This webinar focused on developing investor awareness on “what to know/watch out for” before investing in securities market and “what to avoid” for ensuring investor protection while investing in securities market!

The discussion in the Webinar was held in Rajbhasha of India to enable wider reach of the financial awareness creation and financial knowledge sharing to larger segment of investors in India.

The webinar was watched by more than 1200 people on the official YouTube channel of IICA.



Four Day Capacity Building Program on “Procurement (Policy & Procedures based on GFR, GeM & E-Procurement) and Contract Management for Good Governance: Challenges in Implementation”

23-26 August, 2022

Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs through its Centre for MSME has organised Four Day Capacity Building Program on “Procurement (Policy & Procedures based on GFR, GeM & E-Procurement) and Contract Management for Good Governance: Challenges in Implementation” held during 23-26 August, 2022 at Hotel Grande Delmon, Goa.

The program was designed to provide insights on major issues like intricacies in Public Procurement, Enhancing efficiency of Public and Private sector through effective supply chain management, evolving trends in public procurement, e-procurement, Government guidelines & policies, regulatory issues and its practical aspects as well.

Besides, in view of the various amendments brought out in Public Procurement Order (PPO) of Government of India to promote domestic manufacturing and value addition in the country, the capacity building programme addressed the issues concerning various Departments, sectors with regard to the implementation of the Order. In this regard, a dedicated session was focused on – “Make in India & Public Procurement”.

The programme organized by IICA, witnessed engaged participation from 29 Professionals (Chief Vigilance Officer, Addl. DGM, Chief Manager, Senior Manager, Manager, Asst. Manager, Section Officer, Dy. Chief Engineer) involved in public procurement from major Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) / Govt. bodies under various Ministries of Govt. of India.

The programme started with welcome address by Mr. Rajesh Batra, Head-Centre for MSME / IP&CC, IICA on 23rd August, 2022 followed by sessions of the day - i) Risk Management in Public Procurement for Good

Governance ii) Vendor Management for ensuring effective Procurement sourcing, delivered by Mr. Rajesh Batra, Head-Centre for MSME / IP&CC, IICA as Faculty / Subject Matter Expert.

The programme was concluded with Valedictory Address by Mr. Rajesh Batra, Head-Centre for MSME / IP&CC, IICA on 26th August, 2022 followed by distribution of Certificates.

The participants appreciated the programme content, Resource Persons and training sessions.



ICAI – IICA Roundtable Sessions on ESG

23 August, 2022

The Sustainability Reporting Standards Board of ICAI which is mandated for formalizing Reporting standards related to sustainability & responsible business conduct, organized Roundtable sessions on the topic “ESG – Disrupting The Boardrooms on 23.08.2022 in Mumbai with stakeholders for ensuring contribution of wide range of thoughts and consensus among concerned parties.

Considering the importance of subject matter for board members including Independent Directors, ID Databank members were also invited to wider participation. The Roundtable sessions received appreciable response and engaged stakeholders in serious discussion.



Regional Awareness Workshops for National CSR Awards 2022

Bangalore:

The Regional Awareness Workshop on the National CSR Awards 2022 in Bangalore was organised by IICA on 08 August 2022 at ICAI Bangalore with the support from the various nominating organizations. Dr. Niraj Gupta, Nodal Officer, gave the introductory remarks for National CSR Awards 2022. Shri Praveen Kumar, DG & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs gave the inaugural address and motivated the participants to participate in National CSR Awards. CA Srinivas T, Chairman ICAI Bangalore gave the special address in the workshop. Shri Ravi Raj Atrey, Programme Manager NCSRA presented on the process involved for the National CSR Awards 2022. Q&A Session was facilitated by NCSRA Secretariat. Among the participants were the Sr. Corporate leader based in Bangalore.



Hyderabad:

The Regional Awareness Workshop on the National CSR Awards 2022 in Hyderabad was organized by IICA on 09 August 2022 at CII Hyderabad. Dr. Niraj Gupta, Nodal Officer, gave the introductory remarks for National CSR Awards 2022. Ms. Swathi, Managing Trustee, NATCO Trust and Shri Raja Mogli, Chairman, ICSI Hyderabad gave the inaugural addresses. Shri Ravi Raj Atrey, Programme Manager NCSRA presented on the process involved for the National CSR Awards 2022 followed by the Q&A session. Among the participants were the Sr. Corporate leaders from various companies based in Hyderabad and nearby region.



Chennai:

The Regional Awareness Workshop on the National CSR Awards 2022 in Chennai was organised by IICA on 10 August 2022 at ICAI Chennai. Dr. Niraj Gupta, Nodal Officer, NCSRA gave the introductory remarks for awards process. CA Sripriya Kumar, Central Council Member, ICAI gave the inaugural addresses. Shri Ravi Raj Atrey, Programme Manager NCSRA presented on the process involved for the National CSR Awards 2022. Among the participants were the Sr. Corporate leaders from various companies from Chennai.



Kolkata:

The Regional Awareness Workshop on the National CSR Awards 2022 in Kolkata was organised by IICA on 24 August 2022 at ICAI Kolkata with the support from the various nominating organizations. Dr. Niraj Gupta, Nodal Officer, gave the introductory remarks for National CSR Awards 2022. CA Debayan Patra, Vice Chairman, EIRC and CA Vishnu Tulsyan, Treasurer, EIRC gave the inaugural addresses. Shri Ravi Raj Atrey, Programme Manager NCSRA presented on the process involved for the National CSR Awards 2022. Among the participants were the Sr. Corporate leader based in Kolkata.

**Guwahati:**

The Regional Awareness Workshop on the National CSR Awards 2022 in Guwahati was organised by IICA on 25 August 2022 at FICCI Guwahati. Dr. Niraj Gupta, Nodal Officer, gave the introductory remarks for National CSR Awards 2022. Shri Tarun Chandra Saharia, Director, Department of Public Enterprises, Assam gave the inaugural addresses and share his thoughts on importance of CSR activities by companies. Shri Ravi Raj Atrey, Programme Manager NCSRA presented on the process involved for the National CSR Awards 2022. Among the participants were the Sr. Corporate leader based in Guwahati.

**Online:**

The Regional Awareness Workshop on the National CSR Awards 2022 in Kolkata was organised by IICA on 18 August 2022 online. Dr. Niraj Gupta, Nodal Officer, gave the introductory remarks for National CSR Awards 2022. Dr. Praveen Kumar, DG & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs gave the inaugural addresses. Shri Ravi Raj Atrey, Programme Manager NCSRA presented on the process involved for the National CSR Awards 2022. Among the participants were the Sr. Corporate leaders from various parts of the country.

Sensitization of ESG Narrative in India

An ESG sensitization drive organized by School of Business Environment, IICA through PAN India Series

School of Business Environment (SoBE), IICA, organized a series of ESG Sensitization programmes to create awareness about the material ESG issues and the significance of ESG integration for value creation. The programme aimed at understanding the challenges faced by the corporations during its journey of ESG integration and brings them to fore for the Regulatory Body to address and provide viable solutions for the same.

Snapshot of the ESG Sensitization Programmes

IICA in collaboration with UNICEF organized the programme series “Sensitization of ESG Narrative in India” at Chennai, Bengaluru, Mumbai and Delhi. The programme witnessed an overwhelming response with almost 250 participants from various organizations PAN India registering for attending these programmes.



Chennai Programme on Sensitization of ESG Narrative in India

2 August, 2022

SoBE, IICA organized a Discussion on Sensitization of ESG Narrative in India in Chennai on 2 August, 2022 with the support of Partners in Change and SICCI at Turyaa Hotel, Chennai.

The programme commenced with the Key note Address delivered by Sh. Praveen Kumar, DG & CEO, IICA. Eminent Speakers like Sh. G. K. Singh, Joint Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Caste, Mr. Shankar Venkateswaran, Advisor – Sustainability, Mr. Nikhil Tambe, CEO Energy Consortium, IIT Madras, Ms. Geetanjali Master, Partnerships specialist, UNICEF and Dr. Garima Dadhich, Associate Professor & Head, SoBE, IICA, shared their views and insights pertaining to ESG.



The audience comprised a mix of Senior and middle level officers from various Corporations and CSOs as well.

Bengaluru Programme on Sensitization of ESG Narrative in India

22 August, 2022

SoBE, IICA organized the “Sensitization of ESG Narrative In India” in Bengaluru on 22 August, 2022 with the support of Bosch Limited and FICCI. The program was hosted by Bosch Limited in their premises Bosch Learning Campus, Bilekahalli, Bengaluru.

Eminent speakers from the Academia as well as the Corporates were invited to share their insights on the various relevant topics. Mr. Bose Varghese, Head Green Initiatives, Infosys, Prof. Vasanthi Srinivasan, IIM Bengaluru, Ms. Meital Rusdia, Chief Field Office for Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka- UNICEF, Mr. Rishit Kumar Samrani, Treasurer and Sustainability Officer, Bosch in India, shared their experiences and views.



A vibrant heterogeneous mix of professionals comprised the audience belonging to various corporations like Wipro Ltd., Capgemini, IBM India Pvt. Limited, Landmark Group, ALSTOM, Brillio, HCL Foundation etc. working in the senior and middle management positions.

Mumbai Programme on Sensitization of ESG Narrative in India

24 August, 2022

The next programme in the series was organized on 24th August, 2022 in Mumbai. The programme was organized with the support of Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd. and FICCI. The programme was hosted by Godrej in their Godrej plant at Vikhroli Mumbai.

Eminent speakers like Dr. Mukund Rajan, Chairman, Ecube Investments Pvt. Ltd., Mr. George Menezes, Advisor Sustainability, Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd., Ms. Rajeshwari Chandrasekar, Chief Field Office - Maharashtra, UNICEF, Mr. Avilash Dwivedi, Head CSR, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd (AFS) addressed relevant issues pertaining to ESG in India which were proactively assimilated by the robust gathering of officials working in the senior and middle management level from various corporations like HDFC, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., World Bank, Bajaj Auto Limited, CRISIL, Central Coalfields Limited, NTPC, GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals limited, LIC Housing Finance Limited etc.



Delhi Programme on Sensitization of ESG Narrative in India

26 August, 2022

Last of the programme series was organized in Delhi and was held on 26 August, 2022 at FICCI. The programme at Delhi saw a gathering of senior and middle management officials from various organizations like Wapcos Limited, JK Tyres & Industries Limited, SRF Limited, Roop Automotives Limited, NSDC, GMR Airport Developers limited, KPMG, Accenture, Bosch, Maruti Suzuki India limited etc.

The programme commenced with Sh. Praveen Kumar, DG & CEO, IICA delivering a Key Note Address. Eminent speakers Sh. Shankar Venkateswaran, Sustainability Advisor, Sh. Pramod Kumar Rai, Associate General Counsel, Nestle India Limited, Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Vice President & Director, HCL Foundation and Ms. Geetanjali Master, Partnership Specialist - UNICEF for sharing their insights and knowledge pertaining to the material issues of ESG.



Key Takeaways

Assimilating the insights of all the eminent speakers in the various programmes, the Key Takeaways are summarized below -

- The importance of ESG for Climate Action to achieve Net Zero Target was highlighted along with the necessity to understand the intent and the need to contribute effectively to climate action without resorting to green washing.
- Understand the scope of innovation and exploring new markets through the present trends of ESG in India.
- Importance of investing in “S” of ESG for value creation in Businesses and communities. The importance of creating policies that are able to address the concern areas of the stakeholders and creation of implementable family friendly policies are key to value creation.
- Comprehend the Challenges faced by the organization while trying to integrate ESG into their business strategy. Data measurement in absence of a standardized & uniform framework for measurement has been acting a deterrent for providing accurate data.



FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES

Centre for MSME

- Four Day Capacity Building Program on “Procurement (Policy & Procedures based on GFR, GeM & E-Procurement) and Contract Management for Good Governance: Challenges in Implementation” - *17-20 October, 2022 at Goa*
- Accelerate SMEs Advancement Program for Revitalizing MSMEs - New Approaches & Strategies to enhance SMEs Growth & Competitiveness - *15-17 November, 2022 at Goa*

School of Finance

- IICA Valuation Certificate Programme (IVCP)-
*Registration Open:
Last Date of Registration:30 November, 2022
Course Commencement : January, 2023*

School of Business Environment

- Certified ESG Professional: Impact Leaders (6 Month Online Program)
Registrations open from September, 2022
- ICP in Implementing CSR Projects (3 months Online Program)
- Course on Business & Human Rights (3 months Online Program)

Knowledge Resource Centre

- 3-month Certificate Course in Research Theory, Design and Methods -
*Registration Open : July 1, 2022
Registration Close : September 10, 2022
Online Classes : October 01, 2022
Examination: January 15, 2023*

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