



HIGHLIGHTS

GIP CET 2020



In view of the situation arising out of the coronavirus pandemic, GIP decided to make its entire admission process online. In the current scenario, it has become more imperative to have the complete admission process online, which also includes the online verification of the certificates. For the admission process, a three step approach was adopted. Candidates who were eligible for the Graduate Insolvency Programme appeared for the online proctored written exam, which was conducted on May 10, 2020. The second step of the process was Group Discussion and then Personal Interviews under the supervision of the Industry Experts from different domains and expertise. The GD & PI started from May 18 to May 23, 2020. Based on assessment marks, the results are declared and the first phases of admissions are out to candidates.

Friday Talk Series



The business community today is contending with unprecedented challenges stemming from the global spread of the corona virus. This pandemic continues to shake Indian markets which were already in a perilous state before Covid-19 struck. With the prolonged country-wide lockdown, global economic downturn and associated disruption of demand and supply chains, the economy is facing a protracted period of slowdown. Centre for Insolvency and Bankruptcy, IICA continued with “Friday Talk Series”, a series of web talks bringing together academicians from top-notch universities across the world to deliberate upon the Impact of COVID-19 on Insolvency laws.



22 May 2020



Third meeting of the Grand Jury of National CSR Awards 2020 was held on 22 May 2020 through video conference mode on IICA's e-blackboard platform to shortlist the nominations received for National CSR Awards 2020. The meeting was chaired by Shri Jugal Kishore Mohapatra, Chairman, Grand Jury. Newly designated representative of Dept. of Public Enterprises, Govt. of India was welcomed and introduced in the Grand Jury. The meeting was attended by all the members. Dr.

Garima Dadhich, Nodal officer, NCSRA made a presentation on observations of the Expert Committee on nominations. Grand Jury shortlisted the nominations and approved the formats and guidance note for detailed submission by shortlisted companies. Meeting was also attended by Shri Ravi Raj Atrey, Programme Manager, Shri R.L. Arora, Consultant, and Ms Priti Boipai, Project Assistant from NCSRA Secretariat.

2nd Meeting of the Grand Jury of National CSR Awards

2 May 2020



Second Meeting of the Grand Jury of the National Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Awards 2020 was conducted on 2 May 2020 through video conference. The Jury meeting was chaired by Shri Jugal Kishore Mohapatra, Chairman, Grand Jury, National CSR Awards and was attended by four Members. Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary (CSR), Ministry of Corporate Affairs also deliberated in the

meeting. Dr. Garima Dadhich, Nodal Officer, National CSR Awards welcomed the members present and thereon Agenda items were taken up. The purpose of the meeting was to focus on policies to be adopted to draw up nominations for next phases of National CSR Awards and to review observations of Expert Committee on the same. Jury also deliberated upon shortlisting of the nominations received for NCSRA 2020. Meeting was also attended by Shri Abhijit Phukon, Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Shri Ravi Raj Atrey, Programme Manager, NCSRA, and Ms Priti Boipai, Project Assistant, NCSRA.

Launch of the VI batch of ICP in Strategic CSR



NFCSR announces the launch of the VI batch of 9 month online course "ICP in Strategic Corporate Social Responsibility (ICP In Strategic CSR)".

ICP in Strategic CSR has been designed to create a skilled and capable workforce, having a 360 degree understanding of various aspects of CSR, so that they are able to take the mission and actual intent of CSR, ahead. Those trained, it is envisaged, would be highly valued for their professional expertise and merit in the field of CSR in India.

The curriculum will be delivered online through LMS over a period of 9 months, with participants getting insights into the key aspects of CSR through relevant course material and having online interactive sessions with domain experts from Ministry, Corporates and Academia and Capstone projects as well.

CSR interventions during Covid 19 crisis

Going by the multiple nature of the COVID-19, the government machinery and resources are not sufficient to fight against the pandemic. Businesses, philanthropy and civil society all are responding to COVID 19 together. Businesses are grappling with this unforeseen crisis and trying to mitigate several challenges. Corporate as a third pillar of social, environmental and economic development in India have stepped up to support the efforts in various ways. CSR programmes are now either directed towards COVID-19 preparedness and response or actively preparing to contribute in this direction. A compendium is being developed by IICA that will exhibit the innovative and necessary CSR activities, being undertaken by the top 100 companies in India. The Compendium captures the CSR initiatives of the companies from FMCG, Manufacturing, IT /ITeS sectors and PSUs who have positively impacted the lives of lakhs of people in various developmental sectors in accordance with the Schedule VII and SDG indicators. The publication will not only create a sense of awareness and responsibility but will also foster active participation and involvement of many more organizations for the betterment of society during the trying times.

"MSME Today & Tomorrow" Needs, Gaps and Way Forward (In light of COVID - 19 Crisis)

Centre for MSME, IICA successfully organized a Webinar on "MSME Today & Tomorrow" Needs, Gaps and



Way Forward (In light of COVID - 19 Crisis) on 2nd May, 2020 in collaboration with Federation of Buying Agents for 178 + stakeholders & members of MSME ecosystem, including leading startups, International Trade and business owners to assess **how the COVID-19 pandemic is hugely impacting small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in different sectors across the Country and what should be the post lockdown Navigation implementation plan for MSMEs.**

The Webinar session was started with the introductory remarks of Shri Lokesh Prashar, President of Federation of Buying Agents, who briefed participants about the credentials of Speaker – Mr. Rajesh Batra. A presentation was made by Mr. Rajesh Batra, Head Centre for MSME, IICA and in his presentation he stressed on the importance of start-ups and MSMEs in the country as the harbingers of hope during this unprecedented crisis. Webinar presentation oriented the participants about the 10 Steps Implementation Plan for SME's – for Navigating their business Post Covid – 19. He explained how Small changes within a business can go a long way in preserving much-needed capital. Even when the lockdown eases, business income will take time to recover and SMEs must continue to adapt to the 'new norm'. The presentation given by him covered the following aspects :



- Assessment of MSME Landscape
- Overall Demand for Finance in MSME Sector & Finance Gap
- Existing Enabling Environment for Growth of MSME Finance
- Existing Concerns & Challenges for MSMEs
- Potential Interventions to increase access to MSME Finance
- Changed Circumstances in Coronavirus Lockdowns for MSMEs
- Recent Announcements in the light of Covid – 19 crisis.
- 10 Step Implementation Plan for SME's – Navigating Post Covid-19

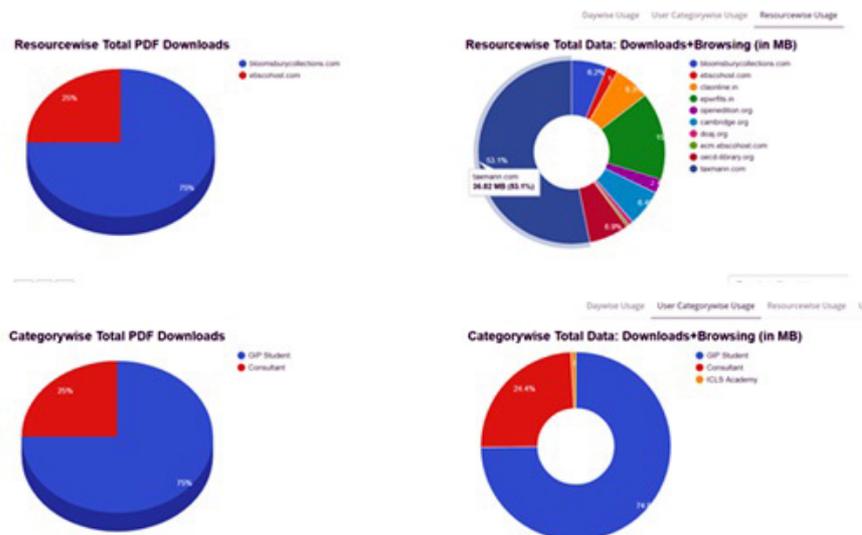
The presentation was applauded by the participants. 86% of the participants have appreciated this webinar as Excellent and Very Good.

Services being provided uninterrupted during Covid-19 Pandemic

IICA Knowledge Resource Centre has provided all the digital services uninterrupted during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Users can access the resources remotely with the RemoteXs facility. Apart from the subscribed ones, the following databases were also provided to the users:

1. EBSCO Business Source Ultimate, eBook Academic Collection and HBR Ascend and HBR eBooks
2. Bloomsbury Collections- Databases and eBooks (through user-id & password also)
3. Cambridge University Press- Free access to Academic textbooks on Cambridge Core
4. LexisNexis Subscription services (through user-id & password).
5. EPWRF India Time Series.
6. EBSCO Collection Manager.
7. Open Edition.
8. J-Gate (through user-id & password)

In addition to above mentioned databases KRC has provided 40+ Open Access e-Resources Links, J-Gate. KRC is also providing full text e-resources to the individual users as per their request. KRC is managing e-newspaper and magazine service to its users on daily/weekly basis. The Institutional repository developed using open source software Dspace now have more than 1137+ books, articles, case studies etc on various subject areas of Corporate Affairs which is being used by the users for their academic and research purpose. KRC is also managing email campaign to alumni regarding institute's ongoing webinars, panel discussions and current course curriculum etc.

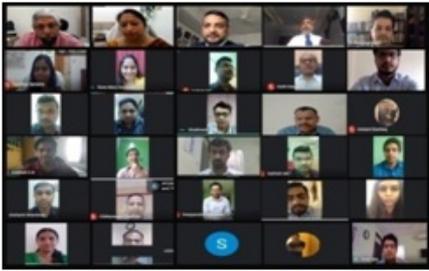


CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES/WEBINAR

IICA's First E-MDP on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code for NICF Officials

26-29 May, 2020

School of Finance successfully conducted IICA'S first Online Management Development Programme on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code with 32 NICF officials from May 26-29, 2020. The training was designed to



provide an overview of insolvency and bankruptcy code to the participants, with specific reference to telecom sector. The faculty consisted of varied pool representing policy makers, implementers, private players and academicians. The program was highly appreciated by the participants.

Webinar on Role of IEPFA in Investor Education and Protection Fund

23 May, 2020



School of Finance along with ICSI and IEPFA successfully conducted webinar on role of IEPFA in investor education and protection on May 23, 2020. The panel of experts consisted of Shri Manoj Pandey (Joint Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs), Dr. Kamakhya N. Singh (IEPFA Chair Professor, IICA), Dr Naveen J Sirohi (Head, School of Finance, IICA), CS Ashish Garg (President, ICSI) and CS Nagendra D. Rao (Vice President, ICSI). The webinar was attended by more than 20,000

participants from all over India.

Weekly Webinar Series organised by School of Competition Law and Market Regulation & FOIR Centre, IICA



The School of Competition Law and Market Regulation & Forum of Indian Regulators (FOIR) Centre at IICA conducted two webinars as part of a weekly webinar series organized by the school to create awareness on various regulatory concepts, issues and International best practices. The webinar series covers a range of topics from the field of regulatory affairs and market regulation and engages speakers from across the globe including academicians, subject experts and Senior regulatory officials. The participants of the webinars include officials from FOIR member organizations, government officials, academicians and others working in the field of regulation.

Webinar with Mr. Stephen Gibson, Board Member and Interim Chair of the UK Government's Regulatory Policy Committee (RPC) on "Better Regulation Framework in UK and the Role of Regulatory Policy Committee" was held on 20th May 2020. Mr. Gibson, in his session covered in detail the fundamentals of Better Regulation, Impact assessment and Regulatory Scrutiny in the UK. The regulators learned from the best practices followed in the United Kingdom and seemed eager to apply the same in their area of regulation in India. Mr. Dhanendra Kumar, Former Chairman, Competition Commission of India (CCI), congratulated the speaker for an excellent presentation and shared his experience with respect to regulatory impact assessment.



Webinar with Ms. Loretta Joseph, Fintech Advisor to Mauritius Government's Financial Services Commission (FSC) on "Regulation of Digital Assets" was held on 27th May 2020. Ms. Loretta explained the concept of blockchain technology to the participants from a regulatory and Industry point of view. She encouraged the participants to read the white paper on Bitcoin titled "Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System" authored by Mr. Satoshi Nakamoto, the mystery inventor of bitcoins

.Various aspects of blockchain such as crypto currencies, types of blocks in a blockchain, need for blockchain,

Coins vs. tokens, Initial Coin offering (ICO's), crypto trading process and challenge of global regulations were covered in the session.

Ms. Loretta shared reference material to the session, which was shared with the participants prior to the webinar. The session was engaging, and energetic participation was seen in the webinar. Questions were taken up from the participants at the end of the session, which led to a healthy discussion.



Webinars for students of Advanced Professional Course in Competition Law & Market Regulation



The School of Competition Law and Market Regulation organized two Webinars for the APC students with Dr. Kaushik Krishnan on “Economics and Competition Law” held on 3rd May 2020 and with Dr. Rupal Rautdesai on “Importance of IPRs in Merger Control” held on 17th May 2020. The School has received an overwhelming response from the students. The feedback was great as both the faculties engaged the class and the sessions were quite debating.

online Breakout Session conducted on “Leveraging CSR Funds by devising SMART Fundraising Strategy” for the 3-month ICP in Implementing CSR Projects Course



The participants of the 3 month ICP in Implementing CSR Projects certificate course have been attending the online practicum sessions being delivered by the experts from Industry and Academia. As a part of their Skill Enhancement exercise, the Learners participated in the breakout session, wherein they prepared their Fundraising pitch and presented the same through various powerpoint presentation in front of the panellists.

The participants were divided into 6 Groups comprising of 5 members each. They were given one hour to prepare their presentation for pitching their organisation for leveraging CSR funds by their Fundraising Strategies.

Each Group was given 10 minutes to present their pitch and they were subjected to a Q & A session by the panel members for 5 minutes.

The online breakout session was unique considering it gave the learners to experience the real time off-site participation and achieve the objective of understanding the processes and techniques involved in fundraising through CSR.

Webinar on - Impact of Covid-19 on Valuation



School of Finance, IICA conducted webinar on “Impact of Covid-19 on Valuation” on April 24, 2020. The webinar was attended by more than 300 participants from seven countries (Abu Dhabi, Bangladesh, Dubai, India, Nepal, Singapore and Zimbabwe) comprising of Board Members, CEOs, CA, CS, CMA, Insolvency Professionals, Management and Financial Consultants, Analysts, Treasury Officers,

Businessman, Entrepreneurs, Banker, Angel Investors, Lawyers and Students.

The panel consisted of industry experts, practitioners and academicians. The main topics covered during the webinar are:

- Economic & Market Conditions and its likely impact on valuations
- Impact of COVID-19 on valuation concepts, principles and approaches
- Application of Income Approach under COVID-19
- Application of Market Approach under COVID - 19
- Impairment of Assets
- COVID and Force Majeure - Concepts, Implications and Risk Mitigation
- Impact and Assessment of COVID-19 on key items of Financial Statements

The group of participants highly appreciated the webinar and requested to organise more such webinars in near future.

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES	
School of Corporate Law <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three months Certificate Course in "Insolvency and Bankruptcy Laws & Procedure "• Six months Certificate Course on "Corporate Law"	School of Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IICA Valuation Certificate Program (IVCP)
School of CG&PP <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four Months Certificate Course In Corporate Governance	NFCSR <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IICA Certificate Program in "Strategic Corporate Social Responsibility"

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