

BRIEF REPORT

Five-Day Familiarization Capacity Building Programme on “Public Procurement (Policy and Procedures)” *Endorsed by the Department of Expenditure, Government of India*

Dates: 20 - 24 July 2026

Venue: Sinclairs Retreat Ooty

Organized by: Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India

In the backdrop of India’s expanding market size, strengthening manufacturing capabilities and the national aspiration of achieving *Viksit Bharat @2047*, public procurement assumes a critical role as a strategic instrument of governance, economic growth and industrial development. Recognizing the increasing complexity, regulatory evolution and strategic importance of procurement, the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), through its Centre for MSME, organized a **Five-Day Familiarization Capacity Building Programme on “Public Procurement (Policy and Procedures)”** from **20 to 24 July 2026** at Sinclairs Retreat Ooty.

The programme was conducted under the aegis of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and was formally **endorsed by the Department of Expenditure (DoE), Government of India**, reinforcing its relevance, credibility and alignment with national procurement reforms.

The programme was designed to:

- Strengthen conceptual clarity and practical understanding of public procurement policies, procedures and regulatory frameworks.
- Enhance institutional capacity for transparent, efficient and value-driven procurement of goods, works and services.
- Build competencies in procurement planning, tendering, bid evaluation, contract management and risk mitigation.
- Promote compliance with evolving Government of India procurement policies, including Make in India (MII), Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, MSE procurement policy and GeM guidelines.
- Enable participants to manage procurement as a strategic function contributing to efficiency, accountability and fiscal prudence.

The programme witnessed active and engaged participation of 30 officers and professionals representing a diverse cross-section of **Central Government Ministries, Autonomous Bodies, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), Financial Institutions, Academic Institutions and Statutory Bodies**. Key participating organizations included:

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 diversity of participants enabled rich peer learning, cross-sectoral perspectives, and constructive deliberations

The sessions comprehensively covered the end-to-end public procurement life cycle with emphasis on both policy and practice. Key thematic areas included:

Public Procurement Landscape in India	Regulatory Framework and E-Procurement
e-Procurement: Systemic shift (CPP Portal, GeM)	Procurement from MSE Vendors & Startups under policies like the Public Procurement Policy for MSEs, National Security, Make in India (MII) Order, which support the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan initiative
Advanced Bid & Tendering Procedures	Tender Opening, Evaluation & Award
Execution of Contracts (Goods & Works) Handling Complex and EPC Contracts	Red flags in Public Procurement - Vigilance insights
Vendor Registration, Evaluation, and Performance / Supply Chain Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan	Procurement of Services
Deep Dive - Government e-Marketplace (GeM)	Contract Performance and Closure

The programme adopted an interactive and practice-oriented pedagogy comprising:

- Expert-led classroom sessions
- Case studies and real-life procurement scenarios
- Structured presentations and guided discussions
- Question-and-answer sessions and peer interactions

Participants were provided with comprehensive reference materials and presentations to facilitate post-programme application and institutional learning.

The programme was delivered by a blend of experienced internal and external subject matter experts, including:

- **Sh. Rajesh Batra** - Programme Director & Faculty, Head - Centre for MSME, IICA
- **Sh. D.P. Sen** - Faculty
- **Sh. Venkatesh Palani** - Faculty

Programme Highlights

This programme reaffirmed IICA's role as a national capacity-building institution supporting governance reforms, procurement excellence and MSME-inclusive growth.

- High levels of participant engagement through focused discussions and analytical questioning.
- Practical insights drawn from case studies and real-world procurement challenges.
- Enhanced understanding of policy intent, compliance requirements and operational best practices.
- Strong emphasis on integrity, transparency and accountability in procurement decision-making.
- Development of a collaborative learning environment fostering professional networking and institutional bonding.

The programme commenced on **20th July 2026** with a welcome address by **Sh. Rajesh Batra**, Head – Centre for MSME.

The programme concluded on **24th July 2026** with a valedictory address by **Sh. Rajesh Batra**, wherein key learnings were summarized and participants were encouraged to translate insights into organizational practice.

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.


