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## **Brief Report**

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

**15 January, 2026 | New Delhi**

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The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) successfully delivered a focused knowledge session on “**Planning and Risk Management in Public Procurement**” for officers and officials of the **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)** on **15 January 2026** at **GeM Headquarters, New Delhi**.

Organized as part of **GeM’s internal capacity-building initiatives**, the session leveraged IICA’s institutional expertise in **public procurement, contract management, governance frameworks and MSME-oriented procurement reforms**, further strengthening the long-standing and trust-based institutional partnership between **IICA and GeM**.

The programme was conducted in **hybrid mode**, with participation from **approximately 50 GeM officials**, comprising **around 15 officers attending in physical mode** at GeM Headquarters and **about 35 participants joining through WEBEX online mode**, ensuring wider institutional outreach and engagement.

The session provided structured and practice-oriented insights into the **legal and regulatory framework governing public procurement, strategic procurement planning, risk identification and mitigation**, and the role of **contracts as effective risk-allocation mechanisms**. Key themes also included **liquidated damages, total cost of ownership (TCO), spend management and supplier competition**, supported by **case studies and real-world procurement scenarios** relevant to GeM’s digital procurement ecosystem.

The deliberations witnessed **active participation and interaction** from GeM officials, focusing on **operational challenges, bid evaluation practices, contract enforcement and value-for-money decision-making** in large-scale Government procurement.

At the conclusion of the programme, **Shri Satya Narayan Meena, Additional CEO, GeM**, felicitated IICA’s **subject matter expert, Shri Rajesh Batra, Head – Centre for MSME**, with a **memento**, in recognition of the knowledge session and IICA’s continued institutional support to GeM’s capacity-building initiatives. The felicitation took place in the presence of **Shri Khush Tyagi (Assistant Director), Shri Aman Sharma (Training & Communications)**, and **Shri Praneet Kumar Singh (Chief Manager – Training, GeM)**, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.

The gesture reflected GeM’s recognition of IICA’s role as a **national knowledge partner in public procurement reforms and professional capacity building**.

The successful conduct of the session reaffirmed IICA’s **commitment to governance excellence, institutional collaboration and capacity development**, while laying a strong foundation for **future joint programmes, customized training and policy-oriented engagements** between IICA and GeM.



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