

Corporate Governance Symposium

**EFFECTIVE CSR & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE**

"Emerging Trends, Challenges & The Way Forward"

Thursday, 27 January 2022 | 3:00 P.M. (IST)

SERIES - 4

The mandate of CSR under Section 135 of Companies Act 2013 has been aligned with national priorities including- education, public health, water conservation, livelihood, natural resource management whereas, identification of more such priority areas for inclusion in the list is still evolving. The subject has gained attention for national interest and has become a familiar for debate and discussions amongst researchers, organizations, and standard setters on its potential role, and the responsibility of the corporate sector in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Also, the stakeholders are increasingly becoming more aware of its importance, particularly concerning its role in ensuring a proper balance in the long run between the commercial viability of a firm and its loyalty to society.

In context of CSR and ESG, there are a variety of issues and challenges being faced by corporate boards which include (i) Several companies not reporting on constitution of committee; (ii) high transaction costs faced by the companies with low prescribed budget in forming a standalone CSR committee for monitoring purposes; (iii) disclosure of information; (iv) effectiveness of committees on achieving compliance with standards; (v) issues related to formulation and monitoring of the Policy of the company from time to time, etc. The board committees need to take a holistic and comprehensive view while addressing these issues and challenges in accordance with recent amendments in the Companies Act, 2013 and subordinate legislations keeping in mind emerging themes such as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Social Enterprises, Business and Human Rights, etc as well as BRSR.

In view of emerging trends, impact of the recent amendments related to CSR as well as challenges being faced by them in framing, implementing, and oversighting of the policies and role in strengthening the overall corporate governance frameworks in the organizations, ASSOCHAM is organizing the **Corporate Governance (Virtual) Symposium - Series 4 "Effective CSR and Sustainability Committee"** on Thursday, 27 January 2022.

The conference will be deliberated by eminent speakers and participants from the government, regulators, corporate governance practitioners, CSR and sustainability professionals, directors on board of corporates, members of the professional institutions, CFOs, legal heads, compliance heads, among others.

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Key Discussion Highlights

- Applicability, Composition and functions of CSR and Sustainability Committee
- Regulatory and Penal provisions under
 - The Companies Act, 2013 and
 - SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015
- Recent amendments and relaxations under regulations
- Emerging trends, challenges, and preparedness of CSR Committee beyond COVID-19
- Concurrent Effectiveness measurement mechanism and proven strategies
- Capability building of CSR Committee and Mitigating the issues and challenges faced by them
- Sharing of the global best practices, cases and examples by professionals and board members

Special Address

- ❖ **Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, IAS (Retd.)**, Former Director General & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs; Former Secretary, Dept. of Public Enterprises, Government of India; & Independent Director on the Corporate Board
- ❖ **Mr. Amitabh Banerjee IRAS**, Chairman & Managing Director, Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd.
- ❖ **Dr. Abhijit Phukon**, Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India


Eminent Guests and Speakers

- ❖ **Ms. Preeti Malhotra**, Chairperson ASSOCHAM National Council for Corporate Affairs, Company Law and Corporate Governance & Chairman, Smart Bharat Group
- ❖ **Mr. Viraf M. Mehta**, Advisor, Partners in Change; Member, NHRC core group on Business Environment and Human Rights; Member, NAP Expert Advisory Group; Ex-member of NGRBC and BRSR drafting and review committees
- ❖ **Dr. S. K. Gupta**, Former MD & CEO, Insolvency Professional agency of ICAI & MD, RVO of Institute of Cost Accountants of India
- ❖ **Adv. GP Madaan**, Managing Partner, Madaan Law Offices
- ❖ **Dr. Garima Dadhich**, Associate Professor & Head - School of Business Environment, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)
- ❖ **CS Savithri Parekh**, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer, Reliance Industries Limited
- ❖ **Mr. Rajinder Kumar**, Advisor – Legal, Indus Towers Limited
- ❖ **Mr. Abhishek Ranjan**, Director - Sustainability, Brillio Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
- ❖ **Dr. Sanjay Bhardwaj**, Director and Head- Development Sector, Mazars in India
- ❖ **Mr. Vijay Sachdeva**, Co-Chairman, ASSOCHAM National Council for Corporate Affairs, Company Law and Corporate Governance & Deputy National Leader (North), Risk and Advisory Services, Haribhakti & Co. LLP

Who Should Attend

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| ✓ MDs, CEOs, Directors | ✓ Regulatory Bodies |
| ✓ Board of Directors | ✓ Global Consulting Firms |
| ✓ CSR Heads, Legal Heads, CFOs | ✓ Business Schools and Law Universities |
| ✓ CSR, ESG, and Compliance Professionals | ✓ ESG and Consultancy Firms |
| ✓ Members of Professional Institutions (CS, CA, CMA) | ✓ Academicians |

Registration

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