

National Summit on CSR: Partnering the National Agenda

Confederation of Indian Industry and the National Foundation for Corporate Governance organised the National Summit on CSR: Partnering the National Agenda on April 29, 2015 in New Delhi to discuss the development of transformational new partnerships to address the developmental issues faced by the country.

While inaugurating the conference, the Honourable President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee unveiled the logo of Sammaan: The CSR Exchange, a joint initiative of the CII, BSE and the IICA. This BSE enabled IT platform is designed to facilitate interactive collaboration on Corporate Social Responsibility. The IICA IA Hub would provide the validated credentials for the Implementation Agencies through a rigorous due diligence process and highlights their strengths.

The sessions conducted during the conference were '*National Schemes – The new paradigm for partnerships*' and '*The Boardroom Conversation*'.

Eminent speakers who shared their knowledge with the participants during these sessions were **Mr. Ram Sewak** Sharma, Secretary, Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, **Mr. Lov Verma**, Secretary, Department of Department of Empowerment of the Disabled, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, **Mr. Sunil Arora**, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, **Mr. Chandrajit Banerjee**, Director General, CII, **Mr. Rakesh Bharti Mittal**, Chairman, CII National CSR Summit 2015 and Vice Chairman, Bharti Enterprises, **Mr. Pabitra Narayan Roy Chowdhury**, Advisor, Strategic Planning and Sustainability, **Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee**, DG&CEO, IICA, among others.

Dr. Chatterjee, in his address to the participants, stated that the new Companies Act had provided an opportunity for the corporate sector to partner in India's development.

He further said that the IICA had been mandated to maintain a list of credible civil society organisations and the first set of NGOs had been put up on the IICA website.

Others present at the event were **Mr. Nikhil Pant**, CPE, NFCSR, **Ms. Gayatri Subramaniam**, CPE, NFCSR, **Ms. Swagata Sen Pillai**, Sr.

Programme Executive, Centre for Institutional Partnerships and Corporate Communications, **Ms. Mayuri Misra**, Programme Executive, NFCSR and **Ms. Geetanjali Gaur**, Programme Executive, NFCSR from IICA.