

International Conference on
“Connecting Voices
to
Combat Corruption”

Saturday, 23rd April 2016 - 9.00 am to 4.00 pm

Hotel ITC Grand Chola, Chennai

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OVERVIEW

India ranks 76 out of 168 countries in the Corruption Perception Index for the year 2015, as per the Transparency International report, with a score of 38 for corruption in public sector undertakings on a scale of 0 (highly corrupt) and 100 (very clean).

Corruption is a considerable obstacle to economic and social development around the world. It has a negative impact on sustainable development. However, it remains widespread in the country and there have been many instances of political, bureaucratic corruption, corporate frauds, public funds embezzlement, fraudulent procurement practices and judicial corruption. The government has put in place a well developed legal and institutional framework, with institutions including the Central Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Comptroller and the Auditor General, and the Central Vigilance Commission. The Supreme Court has taken a firm stance against corruption in recent years and made several important rulings. Another achievement has been the enactment of the Right to Information (RTI) Act in 2005, which grants citizens access to government information and a mechanism to control public spending. In spite of this progress, the law enforcement and reforms have a long way to go.

Particularly in businesses, it is found that corruption can obstruct growth, increase costs, and pose serious legal and reputational risks. Companies should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery. All companies need to have robust anti-corruption measures and practices to protect their reputations and the interests of their stakeholders.

India, being looked upon as a “bright spot” in the global economic arena, cannot afford to have corruption and lack of governance pulling down its potential. There is an urgent need to fight corruption and improve transparency, Governance and integrity at all levels.

Keeping this background in the mind, Governance Regulation Anti Corruption through Education (GRATE), The Madras Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI), Anti Corruption Academy of India (ACA), New Delhi and Institute of Directors (IOD) have joined hands to organize an International Conference on “Connecting Voices to Combat Corruption” on 23rd April 2016 at Hotel ITC Grand Chola, Chennai.

CONFERENCE TOPICS

The Conference would have 4 technical sessions following the Inaugural on the following topics:

- *Business Ethics & Board Room Governance*
- *Anti Corruption – Legal Framework & Challenges*
- *Securities, Investment & Market-Good Governance*
- *Crime, Law & Social Change*

SPEAKERS

Professor Nikos Passas from International Anti Corruption Academy, Vienna, Mr. Richard Stockdale, CEO of Lloyds TSB Global Services, Mr. Dominic Le Moignan, Director International Governance and Risk Institute, Mr. T.S. Krishnamurthy, Former CEC, Gol, Mr. Ali, Anti Corruption Academy, New Delhi, Mr. Mohan Parasaran, Senior Advocate, Mr. V. Sunderasan, SEBI, Mr. R.K.Raghavan, CBI among others would be sharing with you their perceptions and prescriptions for collection action is essential for bringing an end to a systemic issue that is too complex for any single entity to tackle alone

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VENUE

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REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE

Only by invitation / Subject to confirmation by the Organizers

ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

Governance Regulation Anti Corruption through Education (GRATE) is a public Trust, whose objective is to connect the voices against corruption from the four segments of society namely the civil society, professionals and technologists, industries and businesses and finally the parents and GenNext and it is led by Dr. Satyamurthy, IAAS (Retd), Former Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

The Madras Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) is one of the premier industrial promotional organizations in Southern India and is currently into its 180th year of service to Trade & Industry.

Established in the year 1836, the Chamber has been an integral part of the growth of commerce & industry. The Chamber has more than 500 members in its fold across a wide variety of industries. The Chamber partners with the State and Central Government in various developmental policies and programs and plays a powerful role in policy making and advocacy, commissioning studies of importance on subjects which affect the trade and Industry.

Anti Corruption Academy of India (ACA), New Delhi is a pioneering institution which produce, manage and disseminate anti-corruption knowledge, good practices and all tools necessary for the construction and effective implementation of measures and policies in a systematic and inclusive way and involves all stakeholders to tackle corruption.

Institute of Directors (IOD) was established in July 1990, as an independent wholly non-profit apex association of directors to spearhead India's quality revolution and build brand India by focusing on directors training and development. Its focus is on building tomorrow's boards by realigning their moral compass and making them more ethical, transparent, accountable and equitable.

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