

Programme on “IFSC Enabled Global Platform for Indian Enterprise – Direct Listing and Sustainable Finance”

held on 16th March, 2026 at NSE Auditorium, BKC, Mumbai

The Sustainability Standards Board (SSB), ICAI, in association with the Western India Regional Council (WIRC), ICAI, organized a programme on “IFSC Enabled Global Platform for Indian Enterprise – Direct Listing and Sustainable Finance.” The programme brought together eminent speakers and industry experts to deliberate on emerging opportunities in global finance, startup ecosystems, ESG frameworks, and sustainable finance. The session commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp followed by the Institute Anthem, setting a formal and auspicious tone for the event. The programme began with welcome and opening remarks by CMA (Dr.) Ashish P. Thatte, Chairman, Sustainability Standards Board, ICAI. He highlighted the importance of sustainability in global financial integration and the role of IFSC in enabling Indian enterprises to access international markets. This was followed by addresses from CMA Neeraj D. Joshi, Vice-President, ICAI, and CMA T.C.A. Srinivasa Prasad, President, ICAI, who emphasized the Institute’s commitment to promoting sustainability, transparency, and global competitiveness among professionals and enterprises.

The Keynote Address was delivered by Shri Pradeep Ramakrishnan, Executive Director, IFSCA, who was the Guest of Honour and provided deep insights into the regulatory framework and opportunities available through IFSC for direct listing and sustainable finance. He elaborated on how IFSC acts as a gateway for Indian companies to integrate with global financial markets.

The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks by CMA Mihir Vyas, Chairman, WIRC, ICAI.

The first technical session on “Overview of Startup Ecosystem – Professional Perspectives” was delivered by CS Makarand Lele, Past President, ICSI and Member, SSB. He provided a comprehensive understanding of the startup landscape in India, highlighting regulatory

frameworks, growth opportunities, and the evolving role of professionals in supporting startups. The post-lunch session began with a session on “Direct Listing” by Ms. Hetal Kotak, Head Listing, NSE IX, who explained the concept, benefits, and procedural aspects of direct listing in international financial markets. She emphasized how direct listing can be a strategic route for companies seeking global capital access. This was followed by a session on “ESG Rating” by Ms. Vineeta Shetty, Managing Director, NSE Sustainability Ratings and Analytics Ltd. She discussed the growing importance of ESG ratings, methodologies involved, and their impact on investor decision-making and corporate reputation.

A key highlight of the programme was the panel discussion on “Sustainable Finance”, featuring distinguished panelists CMA Yatrik Vin, Former Executive President, Group CFO and Head of Corporate Affairs, NSE Ltd., Ms. Nishtha Tewari, AGM, SEBI, Shri Gaurav Yadav, Deputy Manager – Sustainability and PSD (Power & Carbon Markets), NSE Ltd. and CMA Arunabha Saha, Moderator. The panel deliberated on critical aspects of sustainable finance, including ESG integration, regulatory developments, carbon markets, and the future of green financing in India. The discussion provided valuable perspectives on aligning financial systems with sustainability goals. The programme concluded with closing remarks and a vote of thanks by CMA (Dr.) Ashish P. Thatte, Chairman, Sustainability Standards Board, ICAI, who appreciated the contributions of all speakers, participants, and organizers and thereafter it concluded with rendition of National Anthem.

The event provided the insights into IFSC as a global financial gateway, understanding of direct listing mechanisms, awareness of ESG ratings and sustainability frameworks and practical perspectives on startup ecosystems and sustainable finance. It served as an enriching platform for professionals to enhance their knowledge and align with global trends in finance and sustainability.



Shri Pradeep Ramakrishnan, Executive Director, IFSCA, Guest of Honour is being felicitated by CMA T.C.A. Srinivasa Prasad, President, ICMAI along with CMA Neeraj D. Joshi, Vice-President, ICMAI, CMA (Dr.) Ashish P. Thatte, Chairman, Sustainability Standards Board, ICMAI and CMA Mihir Vyas, Chairman, WIRC, ICMAI at the event of SSB held on 16.03.2026 at Mumbai



CMA (Dr.) Ashish P. Thatte, Chairman, Sustainability Standards Board, ICMAI felicitating Ms. Hetal Kotak, Head Listing, NSE IX at the event of SSB held on 16.03.2026 at Mumbai



Ms. Vineeta Shetty, Managing Director, NSE Sustainability Ratings and Analytics Ltd. speaking in the technical session of ESG Rating at the event of SSB held on 16.03.2026 at Mumbai



Ms. Nishtha Tewari, AGM, SEBI speaking as a panelist for the session on Sustainable Finance at the event of SSB held on 16.03.2026 at Mumbai



CMA (Dr.) Ashish P. Thatte, Chairman, Sustainability Standards Board, ICMAI felicitating CMA Yatrik Vin, Former Executive President, Group CFO and Head of Corporate Affairs, NSE Ltd. at the event of SSB held on 16.03.2026 at Mumbai



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CS Makarand Lele, Past President, ICSI and Member, SSB deliberating on the topic of Overview of Startup Ecosystem – Professional Perspectives at the event of SSB held on 16.03.2026 at Mumbai