

Topics under Companies Act, 2013 and Corporate Governance

1. A study to be commissioned to assess the effectiveness and stakeholder benefits of MCA's central facilities such as CPACE and CRC
2. Capacity building for MSMEs:
 - Regulatory Compliance & Governance
 - Financial Preparedness & Strategic Planning
 - ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) Compliance
 - initiatives to encourage and facilitate MSMEs in adopting the LLP format, thereby promoting structured growth and formalization.
3. Capacity Building for FPOs: Financial Readiness & Compliance
 - Strengthening internal financial controls and reporting systems
 - Training on regulatory updates, disclosures, and compliance obligations.
 - Encouraging Agri-Entrepreneurship through FPOs
4. Study on current MSME compliances/ EoDB for MSMEs- a study to improve EoDB through de-regulation and reduction in compliances.
5. Quantitative analysis of how de-regulation will facilitate the EoDB
6. Research on Ease of Doing Business (EoDB): NFCG should expand its research efforts in the domain of EoDB
7. Behavioral impact of decriminalizing compoundable offenses under the Companies Act, with particular focus on its influence on corporate compliance and governance in the unlisted space
8. Corporate governance dialogues increasingly include digital risk management, cyber accountability, and governance of emerging technology impacts — especially Artificial Intelligence (AI).
9. Corporate Social Responsibility under Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013
CSR in India : Compliance, Enforcement & Way Forward:
 - Critical analysis of CSR practices in India – Aligning CSR with Government initiatives;
 - CSR in India – How impactful and transformative the journey has been so far – Further removing Hinderances for Stakeholders to collaborate effectively;
 - Streamlining CSR Regulations and easing out the existing framework of Corporate Social Responsibility – Suggestions.

10. Need to implement series of Reforms in Companies Act, 2013 including various topics
 - Promote of LLP for MSME Business
 - Role of MSME in Development of North East state.
 - Role of FPO in Agri economy/Agri Tech
 - Decriminalization of provisions under Companies Law , LLP Act etc - to promote Ease of doing Business in India and promoting Cost effective Compliance.

11. Oppression and Mismanagement – Prevention and Remedies under the Companies Act, 2013 – Needed to balance the interests of Minority Shareholders viz a viz Majority Shareholders.
 - Role of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) in addressing problem of Oppression and Mismanagement – Case Law Dissemination

12. Streamlining the Investor Education and Protection Fund Rules under IEPF Authority of the Companies Act, 2013. Challenges in existing provisions & suggestions a move needed for Investors convenience and reducing existing timelines/Turnaround Time.

13. Existing Mechanism of Penalties as administered under the Companies Act, 2013 – case laws – Move to prioritize Compliance and Accountability by Corporates.

14. Significant Beneficial Owner Rules under the Companies Act, 2013 for ensuring transparency in Corporate ownership – streamlining of challenges faced by companies – For greater Certainty and avoiding potential legal challenges.

15. Jurisprudence fostered and established by NCLT and NCLAT providing Speedy and Expeditious dispensation of Justice, a game changer in in the landscape of

Company Law Litigation In India in the backdrop of Decisions/Orders of the Tribunals – case laws Dissemination.

16. Greater Shareholders engagement and participation through Virtual / Online General Meetings – a descriptive analysis to encourage virtual meeting going ahead – To promote broader participation of all the Stakeholders with convenience.
17. Speedier Incorporation and Winding up the Companies under the Companies Act, 2013 – Recent changes in rules /provisions and what more needs to be done to promote a more pragmatic Corporate framework.
18. Restructuring under the Companies Act, 2013 : provisions on 'Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations', Corporate Debt Restructuring, demergers, fast track mergers for small companies/holding subsidiary companies – Focussing on leaner time line and less onerous Legal framework.
19. Raising Capital under the Companies Act, 2013 – streamlining challenges faced by companies. Giving due priority to MSMEs, Startups and Small Set ups.
20. Enhancing Available Avenues for appointment of Directors on the Board – streamlining the Regulatory process – With a view to tap talented and professionally qualified professionals as Directors.
21. Study on recent changes in Related Party Transactions – Disclosure Regime
22. Board Succession Planning – Global and India perspective – For Seamless and smooth Leadership transition.
23. Evolving Corporate Governance and Digital Transformation, Cyber Security, Data Privacy etc
24. Enhancing Trust among stakeholders – Key to Corporate Governance and Collaborative Relationship.

Topics under Competition Law

1. Latest developments in Anti Trust Laws;
2. New Settlement and Commitment Regime under Competition Act;
3. Digital Competition Law;
4. Interface between Competition Law and Data Privacy;
5. Competition Law and Sustainability

Topics under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

1. Implementation of Cross-Border Insolvency: International Divergence, Challenges and Opportunities for India
2. Stress in micro, small and medium enterprises sector and effectiveness of pre-packs
3. Role of mediation in the insolvency process across the several jurisdictions
4. Critically assessing the ineligibility criteria under Section 29A of the IBC
5. Role of IBC in development of credit and bond market in India

Topics under Financial Reporting

1. Role of various Stakeholders including Audit Committees in Strengthening Governance and Building Trust – Seminar on Interaction with Audit Committee members, CFOs, Auditors etc
2. Streamlining Accounting Disclosures under Companies Act with SEBI LoDR
3. Impact of emerging Fintech in Audit & Finance
4. Global Sustainability Disclosure Standards – Does it Meet India's Needs
5. Risk Management - Measurement of risk from financial and compliance perspective to business and strategic risk and integrating ERM in strategic decision making.
6. Expectations from Audit and Audit Regulation – Partners to conduct research/seminar on the case studies based on the judgement of NFRA. This can be compiled and published and seminars can be conducted based on the individual case study.
7. Certification courses – These can be short duration and certificate programme – For Industry / Accounting / Audit Professionals for enhancing Financial literacy and Compliances
8. Expectation Gap - fraud and going concern in an audit of financial statements
9. Auditors Independence and Conflicts of Interest