

Regional Business Forum

“Empowering SMEs for Sustainable Growth: The Board’s Role in Innovation, Finance and Workplace Transformation”

Date: Saturday, 8th March 2025 at The Chancery Pavilion, Bengaluru

Flow of the Event		(Timing 09:30 – 13:40 hrs)
	Registration / Networking	09:30 – 10:00 hrs
	Lighting of the Lamp	10:00 – 10:10 hrs
Opening Remarks	Shri. D.V. Prasad, IAS (retd) Hony. Chairman – Institute of Directors, Bengaluru Region former Addl. Chief Secretary of Karnataka & former CMD, Food Corporation of India	10:10 – 10:20 hrs
Keynote Address Success Story	Dr. S. Jothi Neeraja MD and CEO People Tree Group of Hospitals	10:20 – 10:35 hrs
Special Address	Ms. Uma Reddy Sr. Vice President Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry	10:35 – 10:50 hrs
Guest of Honor Address	Mr. Nitesh K. Patil, IAS Director Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Department of Industries and Commerce	10:50 – 11:20 hrs
Tea / Coffee		11:20 – 11:50 hrs
Topic	Building Future-Ready MSME’s: Strategies for Growth & Resilience”	11:50 – 12:10 hrs
Speaker	Ms. Yeshasvini Ramaswamy Founder & CEO Culturelytics	
Topic	Innovative Financial Solution for MSMEs”	12:10 – 12:30 hrs
Speaker	Mr. Debasish Pradhan Asst General Manager Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)	
Topic	Building Resilient SME workplaces through Strategic Governance	12:30 – 12:50 hrs
Speaker	Mr. Sidhartha Mehra Strategic Advisor / Startup Mentor	

Topic **Merging Entrepreneurial Vision with Board Governance and Emerging Technologies for Lasting Impact**

12:50 – 13:10 hrs

Speaker **Ms. Bindu Sastry**
Founder & Managing Director
Mauverick

Topic **The Role of Directors in Ensuring Compliance Controls: Focus on Anti-Money Laundering, Fraud Prevention and Corporate Ethics**

13:10 – 13:30 hrs

Speaker **Mr. Suresha Iyer**
President
JMR Infotech

Interaction with audience (Q & A)

Closing Address **Mr. R.G. Rajan**
Honorary Zonal Director – Institute of Directors
Former Chairman & Managing Director – RCF/NFL/PDIL
Former Chairman FAI/SCOPE, Author & Columnist

13:30 – 13:40 hrs

The Programme Ends at 13:40 hrs

Followed by Lunch & Networking