

Regional Business Forum

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

Date: Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Hotel Lalit Ashok, Bengaluru

Flow of the Event		(Timing 09:30 – 13:20 hrs)
Registration / Networking		09:30 – 10:00 hrs
Lighting of the Lamp		10:00 – 10:10 hrs
Opening Remarks	<b>Shri. D.V. Prasad, IAS (retd)</b> 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	TBC <b>Mrs. Mythily Ramesh</b> Co-Founder & Director NextWealth Former Independent Director - Karnataka Bank Member of Board Governors - IIM Udaipur Former Independent Director, WEP Digital Former Member of Board IIMPACT	10:20 – 10:35 hrs
Special Address	<b>Ms. Uma Reddy</b> Sr. Vice President Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry	10:35 – 10:50 hrs
Guest of Honor Address	<b>Mr. Nitesh K. Patil, IAS</b> Director Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Department of Industries and Commerce	10:50 – 11:20 hrs
Tea / Coffee		11:20 – 11:50 hrs
Topic	<b>Building Future-Ready MSME’s: Strategies for Growth &amp; Resilience”</b>	11:50 – 12:10 hrs
Speaker	<b>Ms. Yeshasvini Ramaswamy</b> Founder & CEO Culturelytics	
Topic	<b>Building Resilient SME workplaces through Strategic Governance</b>	12:10 – 12:30 hrs
Speaker	<b>Mr. Sidhartha Mehra</b> Chief Financial   Human Resource Officer Zolo	
Topic	<b>Merging Entrepreneurial Vision with Board Governance and Emerging Technologies for Lasting Impact</b>	12:30 – 12:50 hrs
Speaker	<b>Ms. Bindu Sastry</b> Founder & Managing Director Mauverick	

<b>Topic</b>	<b>The Role of Directors in Ensuring Compliance Controls: Focus on Anti-Money Laundering, Fraud Prevention and Corporate Ethics</b>	
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Mr. Suresha Iyer</b> President JMR Infotech	<b>12:50 – 13:10 hrs</b>
<b>Interaction with audience (Q &amp; A)</b>		
<b>Closing Address</b>	<b>Mr. R.G. Rajan</b> Honorary Zonal Director – Institute of Directors Former Chairman & Managing Director – RCF/NFL/PDIL Former Chairman FAI/SCOPE, Author & Columnist	<b>13:10 – 13:20 hrs</b>
<b>The Programme Ends at 13:20 hrs</b>		
<b>Followed by Lunch &amp; Networking</b>		

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