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CONVENTION SERIES
on
'BOARDS'



Presentation of
IODGLOBAL Driving Excellence
Award for Leadership
IDEAL - 2026



Felicitation of
IOD Life Members

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Taj Deccan
Hyderabad

THEME:

**Unlocking Enterprise Potential:
The Board's Strategic Role**

ABOUT THE CONVENTION

The Institute of Directors (IOD) National Convention 2026, Themed “Unlocking Enterprise Potential: The Board's Strategic Role,” will bring together directors, policymakers, regulators, and industry leaders to deliberate on the evolving role of boards in a complex and interconnected global economy. Hosted in Hyderabad, the convention aims to strengthen boardroom leadership across corporate, financial, and public sectors, with a strong emphasis on governance in the financial domain, including regulatory compliance, risk oversight, audit integrity, and capital stewardship.

The convention will also address broader priorities such as ESG integration, sustainable finance, and climate responsibility, alongside technology governance covering digital transformation, cybersecurity, data privacy, and AI-led innovation.

A special Felicitation Ceremony will feature the presentation of the IODGLOBAL Driving Excellence Award for Leadership (IDEAL), while also honouring distinguished IOD Life Members for their contribution to corporate governance and leadership excellence.

KEY DELIBERATIONS

- Strengthening board accountability and governance frameworks in line with evolving regulatory expectations, particularly across financial markets, audit practices, and supervisory engagement.
- Enhancing board oversight of financial performance, capital allocation, risk governance, and compliance within the banking and broader financial sector.
- Integrating ESG principles and sustainable finance into board strategy, with a focus on climate risk, energy transition, and responsible business practices.
- Governing digital transformation through robust oversight of data privacy, cybersecurity, AI-driven innovation, and emerging technology risks.



PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

The programme brings together high-impact plenary sessions, engaging fireside chats, and cross-sector discussions spanning finance, governance, technology, and sustainability. It offers practical insights into emerging boardroom priorities, encourages interactive audience engagement, and includes focused dialogues on high-growth enterprises. Participants also benefit from valuable networking opportunities and a special segment recognizing excellence in leadership and corporate governance.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The convention is ideal for board members, independent directors, and chairpersons, along with CEOs, Managing Directors, CFOs, and CXOs across sectors. It is especially relevant for leaders from banks, NBFCs, insurance companies, and capital market institutions focusing on financial governance and regulatory compliance. Regulators, policymakers, and government representatives will also benefit from the discussions. Additionally, audit committee members, risk and compliance professionals, ESG and sustainability leaders, and technology heads will gain valuable insights. Legal professionals, will find the convention highly relevant.



CONVENTION TOPICS

- Boards Beyond Compliance: Steering Growth, Innovation & Enterprise Risk
- From Hyderabad to the World: Boards Leading Global Growth & Enterprise Resilience
- The Independent Director: Strategic Challenger, Guardian & Steward
- From Disclosure to Decarbonisation: The Board's ESG Challenge
- Data as a Strategic Asset: AI, Data, Quantum & the Next Technology Frontier
- Effectiveness of Board Committees in a Changing Enterprise: The Second Line of Governance



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Recognising Visionary Leadership | Honouring Excellence | Celebrating National Impact

Honouring Exceptional:

- Corporate Leaders
- Directors & Board Members
- Entrepreneurs & Innovators
- Public Leaders
- Social Impact Champions

Celebrating Excellence In:

- Boardroom Excellence & Ethical Governance
- Innovation & Enterprise Transformation
- ESG & Sustainable Growth
- Leadership with Societal Impact
- Nation-Building through Responsible Enterprise

A Mark of Distinction for Leaders Driving Change

Where leadership, governance, and excellence converge.

ABOUT US

INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS (IOD), India :

Established in India in 1990, the Institute of Directors (IOD) is an apex national association of Corporate Directors under India's 'Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860'. Currently, it is associated with over 30,000 senior executives from Govt, PSU and Private organizations, India and abroad.

IOD, India is committed in its endeavour of building boards of the future. The IOD, India's activities extend from Boardroom Training, Research, Publications, Board Advisory Services, Monthly Lectures to Workshops and networking of Members, Directors and Global Leaders through various National & International Conventions and platforms to debate the issues of topical interest, held in India and abroad.

The IOD, India's 'Masterclass for Directors' covers training in Corporate Directorship, and 'Golden Peacock Awards' in 15 different corporate disciplines, have become global benchmarks.

REGISTRATION PACKAGE

Includes Lunch, Dinner, Tea / Coffee, Refreshments and Literature for Conference Proceedings & Souvenir etc.

Non-Residential Registration Fee	Indian Participant (in ₹)	Overseas Participants (US \$)
IOD Members (Active)	Complimentary for IOD Members	
Non IOD Members:	7000	100

* Pre-registration is required

*Exclusive of all taxes

EMINENT SPEAKERS

At the previous editions held in Chennai and Mumbai



1. **Hon'ble Justice U. U. Lalit**
Chairman, Institute of Directors, former Chief Justice of India
2. **Hon'ble Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi**
Vice-Chairman - Institute of Directors, Judicial Member, Lokpal of India
former Chairperson, Law Commission of India, former Chief Justice, Karnataka High Court
3. **Thiru. Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar**
Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu
4. **Hon'ble Justice P. S. Dinesh Kumar**
Chairman & Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) former Chief Justice of, High Court of Karnataka
5. **Thiru P. Venkataramanan**
Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, Government of Tamil Nadu
6. **Dr. P. Anbalagan, IAS**
Principal Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra, (Department of Industries, Investment & Services)
7. **Tukaram Mundhe, IAS**
Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Government of Maharashtra
8. **Dr. G. S. Sameeran, IAS**
Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation
9. **Smita Jhingran, IRS (Retd.)**
Whole Time Member, National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)
10. **K. V. R. Murty, IDAS (Retd.)**
Whole Time Member, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
11. **Hans Raj Verma, IAS (Retd.)**
Director General, Council of State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation of India (COSIDICI)
12. **Amb T. S. Tirumurti, IFS (Retd.)**
former Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations former Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India
13. **U. Subba Rao**
General Manager, Southern Railway
14. **Eugene Mayne**
Founder & Group CEO, Tristar Group, UAE

15. **Vijay Karia**
Chairman and Managing Director, Ravin Group of Companies
16. **Dr. Niranjana Hiranandani**
Founder and Chairman, Hiranandani Group
17. **Gautam Thakur**
Chairman, Saraswat Co-operative Bank Ltd.
18. **Pooja Anant Bajaj**
Executive Director, CSR ESG and, Board Director, Bajaj Electricals Limited Serves on the Boards of Bajel Projects Ltd. & Indef Manufacturing Ltd.
19. **Balaji Nagabhushan**
Group Chief Administrative Officer, Tristar Group, UAE
20. **Sankaranarayanan Padmanabhan**
Chairman, Tata Chemicals Limited and Rallis India Limited
21. **M. P. Vijay Kumar**
Executive Director and Group CFO, Sify Technologies Limited
22. **Prasanna Kumar Motupalli**
former CMD, NLC India Ltd.
23. **Vaishali Babu**
MD & CEO, BSE Clearing Limited (BSECL)
24. **Dr. Indu Shahani**
Founding President & Chancellor, ATLAS SkillTech University; former Sheriff of Mumbai
25. **Santosh Kumar Singh**
Chief Sustainability Officer, Larsen & Toubro Limited
26. **Shailesh Nigam**
Chief Operating Officer, AAF (American Air Filter) EEMEA, CIS & SAARC
27. **Ravichandran Purushothaman**
President, Danfoss Industries, India
28. **Usha Subramaniam**
Country President, Grundfos India Pvt. Ltd.
29. **Rajiv Gupta**
Group President, PB Fintech Ltd.; Director, PB Pay and PB Account Aggregator
30. **Krishna Chaitanya**
Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Fund Management Corporation Limited

Among others