

## Message from Chairman, Governing Board-IIPI



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*Dear Member,*

The IBC, 2016 has successfully waded through several challenges and won accolades. Now the need is being felt across the stakeholders to transform it from a basic insolvency regime, as it exists today, to an all-inclusive world class robust insolvency ecosystem. This future form of insolvency ecosystem in India has been envisioned as IBC 2.0. From this perspective, the ensuing FY 2023-24 is very crucial. The IBC Version 2 i.e., IBC 2.0 aims to increase the effectiveness of IBC by expediting the IBC processes and by maximizing the realisation value. Further, areas related to Cross Border Insolvency, Group Insolvency and Individual Insolvency will also be covered under IBC 2.0.

As a frontline regulator, IIPI has been shouldering responsibilities by introducing out of the box initiatives for enhancing efficiency and efficacy of the Indian insolvency ecosystem in line to the IBC.2.0, such as Peer Review Framework, Mentorship Program, and collaborations with world class premier institutions/universities in India and abroad. Furthering this objective, IIPI has constituted a committee to shoulder the responsibilities in preparing for IBC 2.0.

Value maximization of the Corporate Debtor undergoing CIRP is one of the primary objectives of the IBC, 2016 which is very crucial for transformation of the insolvency

ecosystem into IBC 2.0. Though looks simple, value maximization is itself a multifaced idea which includes value creation, value protection and value conservation among others. As per the data with IBBI, till December 2022, 847 Avoidance Transaction applications have been filed amounting to ₹2.82 lac crore out of which 143 cases have been settled and ₹0.05 lac crore clawed back, which is very less and is a major concern for all of us. Keeping these challenges of IPs in mind, IIPI organized an International Conference (Virtual) on “Avoidance Transactions under IBC – Improving Outcomes” on March 29, 2023, in which Shri. Sudhaker Shukla, WTM-IBBI, Mr. Paul Bannister, Head-Policy, Insolvency Services, Government of the UK, enlightened the participants on importance of Avoidance under IBC regime. Besides, domain experts from India and abroad shared their views in the panel discussion. On this occasion, IIPI also released a publication titled 'Avoidance Transactions – Improving Outcomes' which is based on the Report of Study Group constituted in this regard.

### Inclusive Growth of Membership

The membership base of IIPI includes 2,696 registered IPs and 22 Insolvency Professional Entities (IPEs). IIPI has continuously maintained its position as the largest IPA of the country with members from diverse academic and professional backgrounds. In this short span of about six years, IIPI has secured pan-India presence having significant representation from each and every region of the country. IBBI data shows that IIPI has 981 registered IPs in the Northern Region, 777 in Western Region, 588 in Southern Region and 310 in Eastern Region of the country. This demographic plurality is indeed the primary asset and strength of IIPI, aiding in success of the institute.

### Recent Initiatives

Insolvency profession is a relatively new but highly multifaced and vibrant profession. Therefore, interdisciplinary research becomes critical. Furthering IIPI's endeavour of providing high quality research insights to insolvency professionals, policy makers and other stakeholders of the IBC, the IIPI-Board has recently provided go ahead for signing of research related MoU

(Memorandum of Understanding) with two premier institutions of the country IIM Ahmedabad (IIMA) and National Law University, Delhi (NLUD). Some of the recent initiatives are as follows:

- Three research proposals have been approved under “IIPI Research Project Scheme” for FY 2023-24.
- MoU is being signed with IIMA for launch of Residential Management Development Program for IPs with a focus on managerial skill development.
- Alliance is being formalized with INSOL International-UK, for providing INSOL-UK's co-membership to IIPI members at significantly concessional terms.
- As per suggestion made by the Chairman, IBBI in an open house by IIPI, a list of about 80 areas received from all sections of the profession, where IPs are facing lack of clarity or need guidance was sent to him. Response received would be shared with the professionals.

So far, IIPI has constituted 15 Study Groups out of which the Reports of 11 Study Groups have been published and are also available on IIPI website. Presently, four following Study Groups are under progress:

- New roles and responsibilities of IPs across the entire value chain of stress asset management ecosystem.
- Usage of Taxonomy/XBRL as Technology Solution for IBC Processes.
- Contribution of IPs in timebound Resolution under IBC.
- Analysing reasons for delay during CIRP through Case Studies.

### Capacity Building

During the previous Financial Year 2022-23, IIPI conducted 42 Webinars, 12 EDPs (Executive Development Programs), 08 LIE Preparatory Virtual Classroom Programs, 06 PRECs, 02 Hybrid Seminars and 07

miscellaneous events for capacity building of insolvency professionals. We have also diversified our programs by involving various stakeholders of the IBC including Ministry of Corporate Affairs, IBBI, RBI, banks, academia, NCLT members, foreign experts, and industries.

Insolvency profession can be better termed as a profession of professions. Under the IBC, you have been bestowed with several crucial responsibilities such as taking over the business of corporate debtors, running the business, value maximization, tracing, and claw back value lost in PUFE transactions, resolution of the Corporate Debtor and implementation of the Resolution Plan among others. All these require huge practical knowledge and experience for which cooperation and active participation of all the stakeholders is crucial.

Members should use the facility of 'Discussion Forum', and 'Mentorship Portal' and come forward for peer review services. The Members according to their interest can write to IIPI for participation in Study Group, Research Projects, and contribution in IIPI Journal.

Given the emerging challenges in the current and proposed dispensations, there is a need for preparing IBC ecosystem for next phase of growth by anticipating future changes and imperative requirements. For the purpose, IIPI has constituted a Board level committee of its directors to recommend measures in this regard. A survey is also being conducted to seek feedback/comments from IPs and other stakeholders. You are requested to provide valuable comments and aid the effort.

In the past over 2.5 years, *The Resolution Professional*, quarterly research journal of IIPI, has established itself as a credible platform for dissemination of information and knowledge-sharing among the stakeholders of the IBC and developing a global world view among IPs. I hope you will enjoy reading this edition of the journal.

Wish you all the best.

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