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## ICAI to extend peer review framework to insolvency professional entities

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The Insolvency professional entities (IPEs) play an important role by offering support services to insolvency resolution professionals (IRPs), resolution professionals (RPs), and liquidators. Their responsibilities include verifying and processing creditors' claims, finalising Committee of Creditors (CoC) meeting agendas, and ensuring statutory compliance, among other tasks.

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In addition to providing support services, IPEs have the capacity to independently undertake insolvency assignments. The peer review is obligatory for IPs associated with the Indian Institute of Insolvency Professionals of ICAI (IIIPI) who have managed or been involved in ten or more cases of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) or liquidation within the three years following the launch of the framework in July 2022. Presently, peer reviews for over 30 such professionals are in progress.

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### **IIIPI** brings insolvency professional entities under peer review framework

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The IPEs provide support services to IRPs/RPs/ Liquidators including verifying and processing claims of creditors, finalising the agenda for the meetings of the Committee of Creditors (CoC), running the Corporate Debtor as Going Concern, preparing Information Memorandum, ensuring statutory compliances, preparing Expression of Interest (EoI) and finalising suitable Resolution Applicants (RAs) etc.

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The Peer Review is mandatory for IIIPI's Insolvency Professionals (IPs) handling or having handled ten or more cases of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP)/ Liquidation in the past three years since the launch of the Peer Review Framework of IIIPI in July 2022.

Currently peer review of more than 30 such professionals is under progress.

Institute of Insolvency Professionals of ICAI (IIIPI), promoted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is the largest frontline regulator under IBC in India with about 63 per cent of Insolvency Professionals as its Members.

IIIPI actively works under the aegis of Insolvency and Bankruptev Board of India (IBBI) to build professionals' capacity and provide policy inputs to regulators.



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## Cross-border insolvency framework should consider country-specific issues: IBBI Whole-Time Member

Cross-border insolvency framework should take into account country-specific circumstances to promote effective resolution of insolvency cases, Insolvency, and Bankruptcy Board of India IBBI Whole Time Member Sudhaker Shukla on Wednesday said.

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Cross-border insolvency framework should take into account country-specific circumstances to promote effective resolution of insolvency cases, Insolvency, and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) Whole Time Member Sudhaker Shukla on Wednesday said. He emphasised on the need for learning from the best practices of foreign countries and contextualisation of those. Addressing the Insolvency Professionals (IPs) on the occasion of the 7th Foundation Day of the Indian Institute of Insolvency Professionals of ICAI (IIIPI), Shukla said recent studies have shown that cross-border insolvency may not yield the desired results without a group insolvency framework. "Best practices of one country can't exactly be implemented in another. There have been large deviations from the UNCITRAL (United Nations Commission on International Trade Law) model in implementing Cross-Border Insolvency Framework from one regime to another wherein each and every regime has carved out exceptions as per their requirements," Shukla said. He asked the IPs (Insolvency

Professionals) to be ready for various upcoming challenges like digital assets, and cryptocurrencies to ensure that the Indian insolvency ecosystem continues to excel. Also, he suggested that the IPs should use their expertise in recommending appropriate measures for vulnerable corporates in expediting the resolution process.

Ashok Haldia, Chairman, of the IIIPI-Board, highlighted various capacity-building activities of IIIPI, stating that IBC is a very dynamic law and will change with the changing horizons of the national economy, global economy, and technology. IPs need to change, adopt, and adapt accordingly. He expressed hope that frameworks on group insolvency, cross-border insolvency, individual insolvency, and other areas will come soon. The Indian Institute of Insolvency Professionals (IIIPI), promoted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), operates under the supervision of IBBI. Its primary focus is on enhancing professionals' capabilities in the field of insolvency and providing valuable policy recommendations to regulators. 

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To appreciate and critically analyse the reasons of time delays and haircuts along with the extent to which these are attributable to the roles of IPs, Indian Institute of Insolvency Professionals of ICAI (IIIPI) recently constituted a Study Group on Contribution of Insolvency Professionals in Resolution under IBC& under the Chairmanship of CA. Subodh Agarwal, former president- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), and an experienced Insolvency Professional

(IP). The report of the said study group has been recently released and published by IIIPI.

The Study Group Report presents a critical perspective on the contributions and role of an IP in reference to (a) Stakeholders awareness and improvements in Financial Governance frameworks; (b) Timelines of Resolution Process; (c) Timelines of Liquidation Process; (d) Value Maximization in Resolution; and (e) Value Maximization in Liquidation.

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IBBI hints at simultaneous rollout of cross-border and group insolvency frameworks

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Best practices of one country can't be exactly implemented in other countries, says IBBI Wholetime Member Sudhaker Shukla

#### BY KR SRIVATS

India may go in for simultaneous introduction of cross border insolvency and group insolvency frameworks, Sudhaker Shukla, Whole Time Member of IBBI has indicated.

This is however subject to necessary approvals coming for such an approach, Shukla said at an event to mark the 7th Foundation Day of Indian Institute of Insolvency Professionals of ICAI (IIIPI) in the capital.

"Both can be rolled out simultaneously if approvals come through. Increasingly, we realise that without group insolvency the aspect of cross insolvency will not work at all. So perhaps group insolvency needs priority to cross border. That wisdom is there," Shukla said.

Shukla's remarks are significant as international bodies had earlier recommended that India can go ahead and introduce cross border insolvency framework without having a group insolvency framework in place.

Shukla also said that India is now confident to say what kind of regime the country would be having under cross border insolvency framework moving forward. "We are much more informed than earlier," he added.

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