

Report

REGIONAL AWARENESS WORKSHOP (WEST) **National Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Awards 2020** & **National Action Plan on Business & Human Rights**

Bombay Chamber of Commerce organized Regional Awareness Workshop (West), on February 7, 2020. There were 36 delegates participated in the workshop.

Government of India, Ministry of Corporate Affairs has instituted National Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Awards with technical and logistics support from the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) to recognize companies for their CSR interventions that have made a transformative impact on society.

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has announced the Second cycle of National CSR Awards 2020. Regional Awareness Workshops on National CSR Awards 2020 have been planned in different regions of the country in association with different Industry Chambers with following objectives:

1. To attract more number of quality nominations in different categories of awards;
2. To build capacities of the Nominating organizations; and
3. To aware companies about nomination procedures.

Bombay Chamber was one of the nominating agencies for this CSR Awards. In the workshop, Shri. Manmohan Juneja, Regional Director (West Region), Ministry of Corporate Affairs Govt. of India, brief about Government commitment to CSR. He explained delegates about the National CSR Awards. Dr. Garima Dadhich, Nodal Officer, NCSRA gave an Introduction to the Scheme of National CSR Awards-2020 and explained the process involved for application for awards. National CSR Awards 2020, seeks to recognize outstanding CSR projects/ programmes in following three categories as per Scheme of National CSR Awards 2020:

1. Four awards for excellence in CSR, based on CSR spend
2. Five awards for CSR in Aspirational Districts / Difficult Terrains
3. Eleven Awards for CSR in National Priority Areas

(Three awards, one in each of the above categories are reserved for MSMEs.)

Shri. Ravi Raj Atrey, Programme Manager, NCSRA and Dr. Garima Dadhich explained Nomination filling in the details and clarified doubts of delegates queries related to filing up the nomination form.

After the session Smt. Aparna Mudiam, Deputy Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India spoke about National Action Plan on Business & Human Rights.

At the end Ms. Usha Maheshwari delivered a vote of thanks. Feedback of delegates was overwhelming and delegates showed interest in filling up a nomination form.

After this session Bombay Chamber of Commerce & Industry filled up 26 nominations of different industries under below categories.

- Excellence in CSR, based on CSR spend – **8 applications.**
- CSR in Aspirational Districts / Difficult Terrains – **9 Applications.**
- CSR in National Priority Areas – **8 Applications.**

