

Workshop on “Trends in ESG Practices and Transparency”

Speaker’s Name & Designation: Diya Sengupta, Vice President at ISS ESG

Attendees- Energy and Environment Batch 2021-23

Online | July 30 ,2022| 11:30 am – 1:00 pm| Participants- 42

Synopsis:

On the 30th of July 2022, the students of Batch 2021-23, Energy and Environment specialisation of SIIB attended a Workshop by Ms. Diya Sengupta on Trends in ESG Practices and Transparency. Ms. Diya initiated the session with a thought provoking and engaging trivia round around the student’s proficiency in ESG and Sustainability providing a platform for all the participants to portray their interpretations and ideas forwards with the help of the trivia.

Continuing the discussion, Ms. Diya mentioned about the focus that ESG has gained over the past decade and especially after the pandemic. Further, the speaker spoke about the Emergence of ESG reporting in India and talked about the introduction of mandates in corporate reporting. She then showcased a specific timeline of ESG Disclosures and how they have transformed with the emergence of newer regulations and guidelines like the Company Act of 2013. Guiding Frameworks was brought into the light as Ms. Diya introduced the concept of BRSR reporting and provided a brief her inputs on ESG Rating agencies and SEBI’s role in regulatory framework and its proposed regulatory framework for BRSR, ERPs and ESG Investing for Mutual Funds.

The ‘Net Zero’ target was discusses upon and how companies are planning to assess their carbon footprint data and analyse their. Ms. Sengupta also talked about India’s Regulatory targets and how solutions are being localised to achieve their SDG targets. The speaker further continued the session by specifying the partnerships with corporate, Academia and Think Tanks that are playing a significant role in achieving our SDG targets. Ma’am spoke about Sustainable and ESG focused Funds and how Sovereign Green bonds are likely to usher in a Net Zero Economy. Banks and Financial institutions are now recognising ESG Standards and Policymakers and Investors are taking a greater interest in ESG investing.

A comparison was made regarding Responsible Investment Regulation in BRICS countries. Next she continued the session by trying to instil values in the batch to be responsible sustainability practitioners. The students of SIIB gained immense knowledge on how to make calculated decisions rather than using biases. The workshop was interactive throughout with Q&A session at the end which were very well explained by Ms. Sengupta

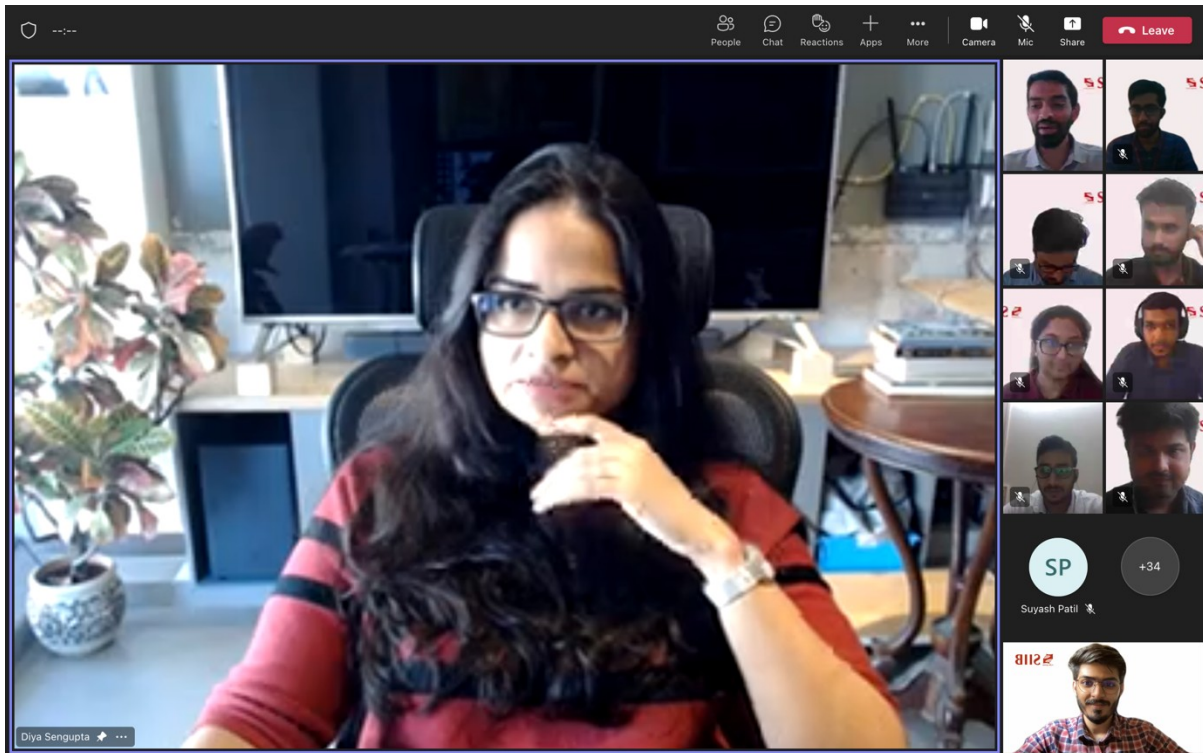
Feedback:

1. “The workshop was very interactive and well delivered with a lot of insights on the trends and emergence of ESG as a sector in our country as well as globally. ” – Sushrut Jadhav, MBA, Energy and Environments Batch 2021-2023.
2. “The session was absolutely insightful and was brilliantly delivered by Ms. Diya Sengupta and she made the entire lecture very interactive and knowledgeable in a very fun and interesting fashion ” – Alekhya Lingham, MBA, Energy and Environment, Batch 2021-2023.

Overall Feedback:

The session was helpful for the students to understand and acknowledge ESG as a domain in the world and the country right now. It also enlightened the students to be responsible ESG practitioners and inspired them to invest in social causes as well.

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