

PRESS RELEASE

Message from Mr. K Rajaraman, Chairperson, IFSCA on the occasion of IOSCO World Investor Week, 2025

Five years back, IFSCA was established by the Government of India as the unified regulator for development and regulation of financial services market in the IFSC. IFSCA has made rapid strides on several fronts cutting across a range of financial products and services including capital markets, fund management, banking, insurance etc. Today, the IFSC is rapidly emerging as a global hub for cross-border financial services, offering a world-class regulatory and business environment with around 1,000 entities already registered or regulated by IFSCA to carry out various permissible activities.

One of the main objectives of IFSCA is to develop the IFSC as a leading financial hub for attracting global capital into India, as we move towards achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047. In order to attract global capital, I strongly believe that the development of IFSC as a financial centre should be based on trust and transparency ensuring that the interests of investors are protected.

As an associate member of International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO), IFSCA is celebrating the IOSCO World Investor Week 2025 ("IOSCO WIW") in coordination with various market infrastructure institutions (MIIs) and other market participants during the week starting October 06, 2025 on the themes "Technology and Digital Finance", "Artificial Intelligence" and "Fraud and Scam Prevention". During the IOSCO WIW, a plethora of activities are being organised on a range of topics related to investor education and protection.

At a time when the global financial landscape is rapidly evolving with the advent of Artificial Intelligence and the meteoric rise of digital finance, I am sure that the events during IOSCO WIW would help in generating greater awareness and clarity about the opportunities and challenges associated with it.

Customers/Consumers of services offered by Regulated entities including investors are our primary stakeholders. GIFT IFSC has a large number of such corporate and retail customers who access services of Regulated entities. Over 11,500 retail depositors who are NRIs or Persons of Indian Origin/Foreigners, 3500+ Investors in Alternate Investment Funds and over 15 lakh retail investors for global access, etc., are very important stakeholders whose interests need to be protected by Regulated entities and IFSCA.

I would like to inform that IFSCA will also be releasing "Stewardship Code" and "Consumer Charter" during IOSCO WIW. These initiatives are aimed to further strengthen investor protection in the IFSC.

Given the current geopolitical landscape, I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all stakeholders to propose innovative / out-of-the box ideas as part of Next-

Generation Reforms in the IFSC in keeping with the IFSCA motto: आ नो भद्राः क्रतवो यन्तु विश्वतः। ie., Let noble thoughts come to us from all directions.

I convey my best wishes to consumers and investors in the GIFT IFSC ecosystem all the stakeholders who are participating in the IOSCO World Investor Week, 2025.

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