

Global securities leaders meet in New Delhi, focus on investor protection and debt markets

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Global securities industry leaders gathered in New Delhi on Tuesday to discuss strengthening investor protection, improving financial literacy and deepening global debt markets at the BSE-ICSA Public Conference 2026.

The conference was organised by the Bombay Stock Exchange Brokers' Forum (BBF) in collaboration with the International Council of Securities Associations (ICSA) as part of ICSA's 39th Annual General Meeting being held from March 8–11 in the national capital.

Senior representatives from securities market associations and financial institutions from several countries, including Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Sweden, Taiwan, Türkiye and the United Kingdom—participated alongside Indian market stakeholders.

Delivering the keynote address, K. Rajaraman, chairperson of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), highlighted the growing role of capital markets in supporting economic development and the need to strengthen investor protection frameworks while advancing financial literacy.

Urban Funered, chairman of ICSA and CEO of the Swedish Securities Markets Association, said the gathering provided a platform for securities market associations worldwide to exchange ideas aimed at creating safer and more efficient markets.

BBF Chairman Anup Gupta stressed the need for greater global cooperation as capital markets become more interconnected and technology-driven. "Capital markets today operate within an increasingly interconnected global financial ecosystem where technology, innovation and cross-border participation are transforming the investment landscape," Gupta said, adding that continued dialogue between regulators, policymakers and industry associations is vital to maintain investor confidence.

Moderating the session on financial literacy, Uttam Bagri, programme convenor and former chairman of BBF, emphasised that informed investors are essential for the sustainability of capital markets.

“The sustainability of capital markets ultimately depends on the confidence and participation of investors. As innovation continues to reshape financial products and services, investors must be empowered with the knowledge to understand both the opportunities and the risks,” Bagri said. He further added, “Investor protection must therefore go beyond regulation to include strong financial literacy initiatives, transparent disclosures and responsible product design.”

Anurag Bansal, Vice Chairman of the Bombay Stock Exchange Brokers’ Forum, said the participation of global securities market associations highlights the growing importance of international collaboration in shaping financial markets and enables industry leaders and policymakers to exchange ideas and strengthen transparent, resilient, and inclusive capital markets.