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Workshop on Competition Law & Public Procurement

The public procurement observatory at IIML (www.procurementobservatoryup.com) was established in 2013 to create a platform for observing public procurement processes and advocating better practices by initiating dialogue among relevant stakeholders for enhancing public procurement performance in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The observatory pursues qualitative and quantitative analysis of public procurement across various Indian states and shares it with government officers and citizens through a portal, blogs, tweets, newsletters, workshops and training sessions. By observing procurement process and advocating better procurement practices, it aims to encourage significant savings in public procurement. The observatory has developed various key performance indicators (KPIs) to understand and benchmark the public procurement across eight Indian states: Delhi, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. It has also developed a process visualization tool to help users better understand procurement process on various KPIs.

While the main emphasis is on the state of UP, the secondary audience includes other Indian states and PSUs that operate on public funds. The observatory is also working towards developing a collaborative network of public procurement experts from within India as well as across the globe and is exploring partnerships with leading institutions such as University of Hull (UK) and University of Cincinnati (USA) for open discussion and collaboration on competition in public procurement, open data sharing and information federalism.

The observatory in collaboration with the Competition Commission of India and the World Bank Group organised a workshop on "Competition Law and Public Procurement" at IIM Lucknow Campus on November 28. Mr. Ashok Chawla, Chairman Competition Commission of India delivered the inaugural address and the UP Chief Secretary was the keynote speaker. Around 70 delegates including important dignitaries from UNICEF, World Bank, Competition Commission of India, UP government and several PSU's attended the workshop. Deliberations on topics ranging from understanding competition in public procurement, its journey and concerns as well as World Bank's initiatives for improving competition in public procurement were carried out in the workshop. The observatory also gave a detailed presentation on public procurement process visualisation tool that has been developed by the observatory.

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