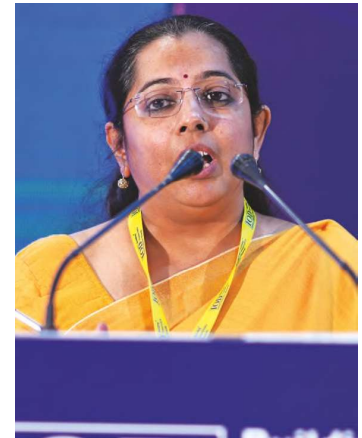




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Distinguished speakers of the Plenary Session – II (L to R)

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**Dr. Goel** emphasized the need for risk management to be central in boardroom discussions in today's unpredictable business environment. With technological advancements, increased competition, and the influence of digital platforms, businesses face greater risks, including reputational and financial damage from misinformation. He stressed that **'Boards must move beyond strategy to proactively identify and mitigate risks.'** Dr. Goel highlighted that compliance is no longer optional, and businesses must prioritize transparency, fraud prevention, and governance standards. He also pointed out the rising threat of cyberattacks and misinformation. In conclusion, he urged businesses to adopt AI-powered systems for early threat detection and focus on securing the future by fostering a culture of accountability, transparency, and strategic foresight.

## PLENARY SESSION II: D&O Liability Insurance as Part of Board Risk Management

The session was moderated by:

**Mr. Umesh Pratapa**

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The Session had the following distinguished speakers:

1. **Ms. Deepali Ananth Rao**  
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The Speakers of the session highlighted the critical role of Directors and Officers (D&O) liability insurance in boardroom risk management, focusing on the importance of corporate governance and legal responsibilities. Speakers emphasized how directors

must navigate complex legal challenges and the necessity of having clear agreements to manage legal expenses, especially in the face of growing global regulations. Directors were reminded that accountability extends beyond company operations, continuing even after closure. The discussion stressed compliance with legal frameworks to prevent financial and reputational risks. While D&O insurance can safeguard directors during legal disputes, speakers cautioned that coverage may not always be complete, particularly during investigations where companies may refuse to cover legal costs. The complexity of global regulations, particularly EU laws on cybersecurity, AI, and ESG compliance, was highlighted as a major concern, with violations risking heavy penalties. The session concluded by underscoring the risks associated with prolonged legal proceedings in critical matters such as fraud or harassment, which can significantly impact organizational reputation. Directors were encouraged to remain vigilant, proactive, and informed to manage these evolving challenges effectively.

This was followed by an interactive **Q&A session** with the audience.

## PLENARY SESSION III: Advanced Risk Management Strategies for Boards

The Session was moderated by:

**Mr. Shujath Bin Ali**

Global General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer  
Re sustainability Limited  
Hyderabad, India

The Session had the following distinguished speakers:

1. **Ms. Sundari R. Pisupati**  
Co-Founder & Co-Managing Partner  
Tempus Law Associates  
Hyderabad
2. **Mr. VGVS Sharma**  
Founder  
Tophole Management & Consulting Services  
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3. **Mr. Vishal Shah**  
Partner- Assurance  
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