

Calcutta Chamber of Commerce hosts BSE CEO



Hari Shankar Halwasiya of President Calcutta Chamber of Commerce and Sundararaman Ramamurthy Managing Director & CEO BSE Limited did a session on Understanding The SME IPO on Thursday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta Chamber of Commerce, one of India's oldest and most respected trade bodies established in 1830, hosted a special session focused on the opportunities for MSMEs and SMEs through IPOs, with a keynote address by Shri Sundararaman Ramamurthy, Managing Director & CEO of BSE Limited. The event began with a warm welcome address by Hari Shankar Halwasiya, President of the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce. He extended a respectful welcome to Ramamurthy, acknowledging the honor of his presence and valuable insights. The gathering also included senior chamber members Anant Saharia, Sr. Vice President, and Annurag Jhunjhunwala, Vice President, along with distinguished guests, media representatives, and members from across the business community. In his address, Halwasiya highlighted the pivotal role played by MSMEs and SMEs in India's economy — contributing nearly 30% to the GDP, and playing a significant role in exports and employment generation. He underscored how SME IPOs provide an effective path for small businesses to raise capital, expand operations, and foster innovation, all while offering investors a unique opportunity to diversify their portfolios.

Sundararaman Ramamurthy, Managing Director & CEO of BSE Limited, stated, "Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) are a vital force in India's economic landscape. At BSE, we are committed to empowering these businesses to grow and access capital. I encourage SMEs to dream big, embrace strong governance, and consider listing as a path to creating long-term value. However, with growth must come integrity — credibility is non-negotiable. As regulations evolve, it's essential for SMEs to move forward with responsibility and vision."