

**Legal and Regulatory Issues in Power Sector**  
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**Introduction**

The need to build a robust infrastructure is one of the significant goals for any country which wants to achieve high growth rates. More so, for emerging economies like India, which have always been saddled with the problem of weak infrastructure. Power Sector being an important part of infrastructure, it is necessary to have a robust power sector. Even after more than two decades of Independent Regulatory Commissions in place, there is a raging debate on, whether the regulatory commissions are really independent the way it was envisaged? If not, is there a need to strengthen the regulatory mechanism further? There are issues related to competition, such as, competitive bidding. The success of Open Access in power sector has been patchy, which is a cause of concern. There are lessons to be learnt from the best practices of regulation and competition in power sector India also has ambitious program of power generation through renewable energy sources. There would be new regulatory issues that would emerge in such a scenario.

The two day management development programme, which seeks to discuss these issues threadbare, has the following objectives:

**Programme Objectives**

1. To examine the role of Independent Regulatory Commissions in Power Sector
2. To examine the role of government in developing power sector.
3. To discuss the issues related to competition in power sector.
4. To get an in depth understanding of dispute resolution mechanism in Power Sector
5. To know the changes in regulatory landscape that would be required to strengthen the power sector.

**Programme Content**

1. Role of Regulator versus Competition Commission of India - Issues, National and International Cases.
2. The role of other stakeholders, such as DISCOMs, GENCOs in the domain of Power Sector
3. Industry and power sector
4. Environment and Land Acquisition Issues.
5. International best practices in regulation of power sector.

**Target Group**

1. Personnel from Electricity Regulatory Commissions, DISCOMs, GENCOs TRANSCO, Power Trading Corporations, Power Exchanges.
2. Industry.
3. Civil Society concerned with Power Sector.