

# INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2024

## 1<sup>ST</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION OF INSOLVENCY PROFESSIONALS & REGISTERED VALUERS

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) jointly with ICSI Institute of Insolvency Professionals (ICSI IIP) and ICSI Registered Valuers Organization (ICSI RVO) organized the **1<sup>st</sup> National Convention of Insolvency Professionals & Registered Valuers** on January 13, 2024 at Scope Auditorium, New Delhi. The convention, themed “Insolvency, Bankruptcy and Valuation: Achievements, Challenges and Expectations,” provided a platform for insightful discussions on navigating the complexities of the Indian insolvency landscape and charting a path for a more robust and efficient ecosystem.

The Convention received esteemed presence of eminent speakers: Hon’ble Mr. Ashok Kumar Bhardwaj, NCLT Judicial Member, Hon’ble, Dr. P.S.N Prasad, NCLT Judicial Member, CS Manish Gupta, then President, ICSI, CS B. Narsimhan, then Vice-President, ICSI, Dr. Navrang Saini, Chairman, ICSI Registered Valuers Organisation, Mr. P. K. Malhotra, Chairman, ICSI Institute of Insolvency Professionals, Dr. Ashok Kumar Mishra, Former NCLAT (T) Member, Mr. N.K. Bhola, Former NCLT (T) Member, Shri AS Chandhiok, Former ASG & Sr. Adv., CS Virender Ganda, Past President, ICSI & Sr. Adv., CS Ranjeet Pandey, Past President, ICSI, Shri Gopal Krishna Agarwal, Independent Director, ICSI IIP, Mr. JK Gover, Managing Director, Ducturus, CS Rajiv Choubey, Group General Counsel-DBL & DCBL, CS G.S Sarin, IP and PCS, Mr. Anil Goel, Founder & Chairman, AAA Insolvency Professionals LLP, Dr. Risham Garg, Associate Professor of Law NLU(D), CS (Dr.) Ajay Garg, Corporate Lawyer and Registered Valuer, Dr. Rajiv Singh, Director, RS Valuation Services, CS Nitin Somani, Founder, Sundae Capital, CS Chander Sawhney, Founder & CEO, Transique Corporate Advisors, CS Kulbhushan Parashar, Director, Corporate Capital Ventures. The convention featured interactive panel discussions on critical topics, including: Quandaries Present in the IBC, Fate of Pre-Packaged Insolvency, Insolvency against Personal Guarantors, and The Art of Valuation in Insolvency Cases.

## GLOBAL FOOTPRINT : INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR

Date	January 11, 2024
Topic	CS Overseas Opportunities in UAE
ICSI Leadership	CS NPS Chawla, Chairman International Affairs Committee and Council Member, The ICSI CS Rupanjana De, Council Member, The ICSI

Panelists	CS R Lakshmanan, Senior Partner, MCA Management Consultants, UAE CS Raghvendra Verma, Chief Legal, Compliance & Risk Officer and CS, ISON Xperiences Group, UAE Mr. Narasimha Das, Partner, Crowe UAE CS Kavita Gujarathi, Risk and Compliance Manager, MBK Auditing, UAE
Link	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0JJU00tqLcA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0JJU00tqLcA</a>

## ICSI CONVOCATIONS

- The second bi-annual Northern Region Convocation for FY 2023-2024 was held on January 02, 2024, at Sirifort Auditorium, New Delhi. Membership certificates were awarded to 35 Fellow members and 354 Associate members. 4 PMQ awardees were also felicitated on the occasion.
- The second bi-annual Southern Region Convocation for FY 2023–24 was held on January 10, 2023, at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of Textiles and Management, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Membership certificates were awarded to 7 Fellow members and 92 Associate members.
- The second Region Convocation for FY 2023-2024 was held on January 14, 2024, at ICSI CCGRT, Kolkata. Membership certificates were awarded to 15 Fellow members and 95 Associate members. 1 PMQ awardee was also felicitated on the occasion.

## MASTER KNOWLEDGE SERIES: EEE

The ICSI, with the intent of reviving, refreshing and sharpening the knowledge of its members on the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI Regulations has launched a Master Knowledge Series: EEE: Enable, Evaluate, Excel. The capacity building initiative is an attempt to keep members abreast of the various amendments in these laws and to enable them to brush up their knowledge on the subjects. During the month, following webinars were conducted:

Topic	Faculty	Date	Links
NCLT – Appearance & Court Crafts	CS Nesar Ahmad, Former President, The ICSI	January 03, 2024	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNBysUkTwk8&amp;t=483s">www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNBysUkTwk8&amp;t=483s</a>
Statutory Requirement of Valuation of Securities	CA Tarun Mahajan, Regd. Valuer, CFA(USA), CVA(USA), FCA	January 10, 2024	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDO0VJ5p61l&amp;t=240s">www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDO0VJ5p61l&amp;t=240s</a>

Shareholders' Democracy and Activism	Mr. Shriram Subramanian Founder and MD InGovern Research Services	January 17, 2024	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyOFpCIANuA&amp;t=408s">www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyOFpCIANuA&amp;t=408s</a>
Cyber Security, Data Privacy and IT Laws	Mr. Rathindra Das Group Head Legal, CS & Compliance Officer, Route Mobile Limited	January 24, 2024	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q58uDXraiIM&amp;t=171s">www.youtube.com/watch?v=q58uDXraiIM&amp;t=171s</a>

## ICSI FELICITATED WINNERS OF 2<sup>ND</sup> GURU SHRESTHA AWARDS-2023

ICSI in its endeavour to acknowledge the immense contribution of educators in education conducted 2<sup>nd</sup> Gurushrestha awards during the year 2023. The purpose of "ICSI Gurushrestha" award is honouring those Teachers and Lecturers/Professors across India who have through their commitment and industry contributed immensely to improve the quality of Commerce/Finance Education at School as well as College /University level and have augmented the lives of their students. The nominations received were evaluated through a multi-layered evaluation process through an expert group and eminent jury comprising top academicians of the country. The Jury Meeting of ICSI GuruShrestha Awards-2023 was held on December 24, 2023. The winners of ICSI Gurushreshtha awards were felicitated on January 12, 2024 during Yuvotsav-2024.

## ICSI PUBLICATIONS RELEASED AT THE 23<sup>RD</sup> ICSI NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

### • CHARTER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board is responsible for governance oversight, key decisions making, setting up the company's strategic goals, explore growth opportunities and to protect the interest of shareholders of the company and other stakeholders. Importance of the functions discharged by the Board, has laid the foundation for articulating the Charter of Board of Directors by the ICSI comprising legal, regulatory, as well as desirable good practices to be followed by the Board while discharging its responsibilities. The Charter of Board of Directors was released at the ICSI Corporate Governance (CG) Awards presentation ceremony held on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 at New Delhi.

### • CHARTER OF NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC) is responsible to find suitable candidates who are qualified to become Directors and who may be

appointed in senior management. It also specifies the manner for effective performance evaluation of the Board, its committees and individual Directors. The much important role of NRC is in deciding the remuneration of senior executives. Importance of the functions discharged by the NRC has laid the foundation for articulating the Charter of NRC by the ICSI comprising legal, regulatory, as well as desirable good practices to be followed by the NRC while discharging various tasks assigned to it.

### • GUIDANCE NOTE ON ANNUAL SECRETARIAL COMPLIANCE REPORT (REVISED EDITION)

Regulation 24A of SEBI (LODR) Regulations mandates Annual Secretarial Compliance Report for listed entities. The Guidance Note on Annual Secretarial Compliance Report was issued by the ICSI in the year 2019 with the objective to provide guidance to Company Secretaries in Practice on verification of annual compliances of the listed entity and reporting thereon. Since then, the SEBI has come out with numerous amendments in the various regulations falling under the purview of the Annual Secretarial Compliance Report. In order to provide updated guidance on the matter, revised edition of the Guidance Note on Annual Secretarial Compliance has been released.

### • COMPANY LAW: EXPLORING PROCEDURAL DIMENSIONS

In view of increasing emphasis on adherence to compliance norms coupled with the fact that significant amendments that have taken place in the Companies Act, 2013 since its inception, a comprehensive knowledge pertaining to the procedural aspects of Company Law has become essential. For the purpose, this practical oriented publication has been brought out.

### • MSME READY RECKONER

As enterprises operating on the model of excellence in a particular area, it is inevitable that MSMEs require guidance and handholding on all other fronts especially governance. It is to serve this purpose, the ICSI has formed the MSME & Startup Board and rolled out the initiative MSME & Startup Catalyst wherein Company Secretaries may serve as advisors to these MSMEs guiding their way through legislative requirements. In furtherance of its commitment, the ICSI with the intent of aiding both MSMEs and Company Secretaries alike, has launched a publication titled MSME - Ready Reckoner. The publication touches upon some of the most significant areas concerning the MSMEs and seeks to add to the government's agenda of promoting ease of doing business.

## PMQ, CERTIFICATE AND CRASH COURSES

The Institute in its continuous endeavour to equip the members with necessary knowledge and skills commenced courses on diverse topics including Crash Course on Social Audit (Social Impact Assessment), Certificate

Course on CSR Professionals and Certificate Course on Business Responsibility & Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) and Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) during this month, as per the following details:

Course	Date of commencement	Participants
Crash Course on Social Audit (Social Impact Assessment)	January 15, 2024	238
Certificate Course on CSR Professionals- Batch 10	January 23, 2024	266
Certificate Course on BRSR and ESG- Batch 2	January 24, 2024	139

Project Report Presentation by the candidates of the three PMQ courses on Corporate Governance, Internal Audit and Arbitration was held during the current month through online mode.

### PEER REVIEW OF PRACTICE UNITS

During the month, more than 80 Peer Reviews were completed. Certificate has been issued and the updated list of Peer Reviewed Units is available at ICSI Website and can be accessed at the weblink: <http://tinyurl.com/Peer-reviewed-units>

### E-LEARNING FACILITY

ICSI Learning Management System (LMS) has been offering E-Learning services to the students and members to upgrade their professional skills with the ease of anywhere anytime learning. In the current month 2898 users have been onboarded for LMS facilitation for Online Pre-Examination Test, Online Classroom Coaching video content, ODOP, E-EDP, E-CLDP, Knowledge on Demand, Certificate Courses, Crash courses. All together more than 179000 active users are being benefitted with various self-paced learning courses on LMS.

### VIEWS/REPRESENTATIONS/SUGGESTIONS SUBMITTED

Date	Purpose	Authority
January 03, 2024	Framework for Social Impact Assessment Standards and request to consider recognition to ICSI Institute of Social Auditors as SRO.	SEBI
January 18, 2024	Request to consider the qualification of Company Secretary at par with other professional qualifications for the purpose of various posts of Specialist Officers in Banks.	IBA
January 18, 2024	Request to recognize Company Secretary in Practice to conduct Compliance Audit of various intermediaries under various regulations issued by the SEBI.	SEBI

### JOINT PROGRAMME WITH IIM BANGALORE

ICSI joined as an Academic Partner in the International Conference on the Changing Landscape of Corporate Governance & Sustainability: Walking the Talk hosted by the IIM Bangalore on January 12-13, 2024. CS Dwarkanath Chennur, Council Member, The ICSI was the Guest Speaker at the Conference. The Conference was attended by CEOs, Board members, senior executives, academic leaders, policymakers, and practitioners. ICSI as a brand building exercise provided copies of its publication Handbook on Business Responsibility and Sustainability as part of the Conference kit for all delegates.

### ICSI (GUIDELINES FOR ATTIRE AND CONDUCT OF COMPANY SECRETARIES), 2020 AMENDED

The aforesaid Guidelines have been revised consequent to the issuance of ICSI (Management and Development of Company Secretaries in Practice) Guidelines, 2023. These Guidelines specifically define the dress code to be adhered to by the Company Secretary in Practice and also by Company Secretaries in employment. Guidelines also provide guidance on the etiquettes to be adhered to while attending physical or virtual hearings. The same are available at [https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Guidelines\\_AttireandConduct\\_CS2020.pdf](https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Guidelines_AttireandConduct_CS2020.pdf)

### ICSI (CPE) GUIDELINES, 2019 AMENDED

The Institute has amended ICSI (Continuous Professional Education) Guidelines, 2019, with a view to review award of CPE credits to overseas members and CPE Credits for joint programmes organized with other bodies. The amended guidelines effective from January 18, 2024 are available at [https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Revised\\_CPE-Gls.pdf](https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Revised_CPE-Gls.pdf)

### ICSI-ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

The ICSI signed MoUs with the following academic institutions during the month:

Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University	Kolhapur	January 01, 2024
D Y Patil Agriculture and Technical University	Kolhapur	January 18, 2024

### PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMPANY SECRETARIES

The ICSI stands committed to help all the associated companies and availing the services extended by the cell to conduct their recruitment drives for the position of Company Secretary/ CS Trainee in a time bound, hassle-free and mutually beneficial manner, and to help the members and students in getting the right placement offer. The Institute receives requests from various offices of the Government/ PSUs/ Banks/ Corporates regarding the positions of Company Secretary/ CS Trainee from time to time and resumes of eligible Members and Students are sent to them.

During the month, following placement opportunities were posted on the Placement Portal:

S. NO.	ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	DESIGNATION
1.	Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited	Dibrugarh	AM/ DM / Manager
2.	Central Registration Centre	Manesar	CRC Executive
3.	DME Development Limited	Delhi	Deputy Manager
4.	Exim Bank	Mumbai	Compliance Officer
5.	International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)	Gujarat	CGM (Risk Management)
6.	Kerala Fibre Optic Network Limited (KFON)	Trivandrum	Company Secretary
7.	Ministry of Corporate Affairs	Kolkata	Young Professional
8.	National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development	Mumbai	Company Secretary
9.	NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)	Ahmedabad, Bengaluru	Executive Secretary
10.	Office of Official Liquidator, HC, Bombay	Mumbai	Drafting Counsel
11.	REC Limited	Delhi	Multiple Positions
12.	Aceware Fintech Services Private Limited	Chennai	Company Secretary
13.	Altruist Fostering Services	Mumbai	Company Secretary
14.	Audi Delhi South	New Delhi	Company Secretary
15.	Autoline Industries Limited	Pune	Asst. CS
16.	Banganga Paper Mills Limited	Nashik	CS & Compliance Officer
17.	Banka Biolo Limited	Hyderabad	CS & Compliance Officer
18.	BGSE Financials Limited	Bengaluru	CS & Compliance Officer
19.	Bhoruka Park Private Limited	Bengaluru	CS & Legal Officer
20.	C3 Multi Speciality Hospital Limited	Indore	Company Secretary
21.	CCL Flowers Private Limited	Bengaluru	Company Secretary
22.	Century Textiles and Industries Limited	Mumbai	Asst. CS
23.	Clean Solar Power (Tumkur) Pvt. Ltd.	New Delhi	Assistant Manager
24.	Clean Wind Power (Piploda) Pvt. Ltd.	New Delhi	Assistant Manager
25.	Coal Mines Associated Traders Pvt. Ltd.	Kolkata	Company Secretary
26.	Contagious Online Media Network Pvt. Ltd.	Mumbai	Assistant Manager
27.	Electronics Mart India Limited	Hyderabad	Asst. CS
28.	Equipp Social Impact Technologies Ltd.	Hyderabad	Company Secretary
29.	Finshore Management Services Limited	Kolkata	Company Secretary
30.	Gokul Agri International Limited	Ahmedabad	Company Secretary
31.	Gosree Finance Limited	Cochin	Company Secretary
32.	HCL Technologies Limited	Noida	Company Secretary
33.	Honda R&D (India) Private Limited	Manesar	Asst. General Counsel
34.	Hydrise Foods Private Limited	Noida	Company Secretary
35.	Indic EMS Electronics Private Limited	Bengaluru	Company Secretary
36.	ISMT Limited	Pune	Executive - CS
37.	KCL Infra Projects Limited	Indore	Company Secretary
38.	Kinetic Engineering Limited	Pune	Asst. CS
39.	Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Co Ltd.	Mumbai	Compliance Officer
40.	Lux Industries Limited	Kolkata	Secretarial Executive
41.	Maitri Enterprises Limited	Ahmedabad	CS & Compliance Officer



42.	Manohar Filaments Private Limited	Delhi	Multiple Positions
43.	MNM Stock Broking Private Limited	Ahmedabad	Company Secretary
44.	Mount Intra Finance Private Limited	Kolkata	Company Secretary
45.	MPJ Jewellers (GB) Private Limited	Kolkata	Company Secretary
46.	Nagpur Power and Industries Limited	Mumbai	Company Secretary
47.	OCFO Enterprises Private Limited	Bengaluru	Company Secretary
48.	Orange City Housing Finance Pvt. Ltd.	Mumbai	Company Secretary
49.	Orchid Pharma Ltd	Gurgaon	Asst. CS
50.	Oswal Pumps Limited	Karnal	Company Secretary
51.	Parashmani Medical Centre Pvt. Ltd.	Durgapur	Company Secretary
52.	Parmax Pharma Limited	Rajkot	CS & Compliance Officer
53.	Pune (Purandar) International Airport Ltd.	Mumbai	Company Secretary
54.	Radiant Cash Management Services Ltd.	Chennai	Company Secretary
55.	S J Logistics (India) Limited	Thane	Company Secretary
56.	SGX Minerals Private Limited	Mumbai	Company Secretary
57.	Shah Metacorp Limited	Ahmedabad	Asst. CS
58.	SPS Steels Rolling Mills Limited	Kolkata	Company Secretary
59.	Suzuki Motor Gujarat Private Limited	Ahmedabad	Assistant Manager
60.	The Associated Journals Limited	New Delhi	Asst. CS
61.	TM Solutions Private Limited	Kolkata	Exec. Legal & Compliance
62.	UTI AMC Limited	Mumbai	Company Secretary
63.	Vishal Fabrics Limited	Ahmedabad	Company Secretary
64.	Vital Chemtech Limited	Ahmedabad	CS & Compliance Officer
65.	Wealth Cafe Business Advisors Pvt. Ltd.	Mumbai	Compliance Manager
66.	Zensar Technologies Limited	Pune	Asst. CS

For more details, kindly visit ICSI Placement Portal - <https://placement.icsi.edu>

## STATUS OF REGISTRATIONS AND POSTINGS AT THE PLACEMENT PORTAL

(As on January 29, 2024)

Registered Users			Total no. of Vacancies
Members	Students	Corporates	Jobs/ Trainings
18,591	25,387	5,874	11,252

## ICSI-SECTION 8 COMPANIES

### ICSI INSTITUTE OF INSOLVENCY PROFESSIONALS

#### • BOOK RELEASES:

- **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition and Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Rules and Regulations), 8<sup>th</sup> Edition:** The Bare Act and its Regulations updated till November 2023 in a pocket book format.
- **IBC Digest:** A Compendium of Research Outcomes: This publication is a collection of

Research Articles submitted by our members for this editorial. This publication will bring to its readers both retrospective and prospective viewpoints relating to Insolvency and Bankruptcy realm. With over 10 Research Articles, this collection is a first of its kind publication for ICSI IIP.

- **Comprehensive Guide for Limited Insolvency Examination, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition:** This book serves as a guide for how to ace the exam that makes a professional an Insolvency Professional and open up a sea of opportunities for themselves. This is based on the latest syllabus as made applicable by IBBI.
- **Voluntary Liquidation: A Handbook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition:** A handbook that serves as an end-to-end guide for all aspects related to Voluntary Liquidation under IBC.

All the publications are available for sale at the ICSI IIP website <https://icsiip.in/publications.php> and Amazon marketplace.

## • CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:

ICSI IIP felicitated selected members with a “Certificate of Appreciation” in the 1<sup>st</sup> National Convention of IPs and RVs organized jointly by the ICSI with ICSI IIP and ICSI RVO on January 13, 2024 at SCOPE Auditorium, New Delhi. Since the inception of the Code, the Insolvency professionals are working round the clock to save the ailing corporates and bringing back distressed monies in the ecosystem. To facilitate and encourage them, ICSI IIP awarded a “Certificate of Appreciation” to its members who have done excellently well and resolved the most corporate debtors under the Code. The certificate was awarded to those professional members of ICSI IIP who have resolved 3 or more corporate debtors as on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

## • WORKSHOPS

Date	Subject	Speaker(s)	YouTube link
January 06, 2024	Knowledge Session on PUFE Transactions under IBC	IP, CFA and CAIIB Raghuram Manchi IP and CS Prakul Thadi	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tnOloip53ts">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tnOloip53ts</a>
January 19, 2024	Enhancing Multifaceted Skills required under IBC - IP as a Financial Expert	IP and CA Avil Jerome Menezes	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pmjme-BEOaY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pmjme-BEOaY</a>
January 24, 2024	Enhancing Multifaceted Skills required under IBC - IP as a Lawyer	Advocate Sumant Batra	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPboVA9U6Sg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPboVA9U6Sg</a>

## • WEBINAR

Date	Subject	Speaker(s)	YouTube link
January 05, 2024	Anatomy of IBC Case Laws - 12	IP, CS and CMA Siva Rama Prasad Puvvala	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6avlbyh5WHk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6avlbyh5WHk</a>

## ICSI REGISTERED VALUERS ORGANISATION

Date	Activity	Topics / Title
January 16-22, 2024	50 Hours Online Course	Valuation of Securities/ Financial Assets

## INSTITUTE OF GOVERNANCE PROFESSIONALS OF INDIA

### • LOGO OF INSTITUTE OF GOVERNANCE PROFESSIONALS OF INDIA UNVEILED

With the intent to exhibit and embody the broader objectives of the Company and to epitomize the purpose for which it has been established, the ICSI has changed the name of its Section 8 company ICSI-GRKF (ICSI Governance Research and Knowledge Foundation) to Institute of Governance Professionals of India. The Company intends to take forward its purpose to generate, spread and impart knowledge, directly or in association with person(s) having similar objects or engaged in similar activities by way of Research, Publications, Training and Education. The areas of focus of these activities would include Corporate Laws, Governance, Management, Business Sustainability and CSR, Capital and Financial Markets, Economic Laws and Policies, Information and Control Systems and Allied Disciplines. To create brand image & visibility, a dedicated logo and masthead for the entity has also been created which was released at the Presentation Ceremony of ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance, 2023 held on January 05, 2024 at New Delhi.

## ICSI-CCGRTs

### ICSI-CCGRT HYDERABAD

- CORP CON-2024 - 1<sup>st</sup> Research National Conference on 'Developments and Trends in Corporate Laws and Governance'*

ICSI CCGRT, Hyderabad organised CORP CON-2024 -1<sup>st</sup> Research National Conference on 'Developments and Trends in Corporate Laws and Governance' jointly with Centre for Corporate and Competition Laws [CCCL], NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad at NALSAR University campus during January 05-07, 2024. CORP CON – 2024 was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur, Vice Chancellor, National Law University, Jodhpur, Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice Chancellor of NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, Shri Jaipuria Praveen, CEO, Continental Coffee Limited, Hyderabad and CS Venkata Ramana R, Council Member, ICSI & Program Director.

The 3 days Conference was focussed on various topics viz. ADR Mechanism, IBC, Corporate and Securities Laws, Labour Laws, Banking, FEMA & Insurance Laws and Corporate Governance. Research papers were submitted by 60 Research Scholars on various

related themes and sub-themes and around 35 research scholars were made the presentations during the technical sessions/panel sessions.

Shri Ramalingam Sudhakar, Hon'ble President, National Company Law Tribunal, New Delhi was the Chief Guest for Valedictory Session. CS Manish Gupta, CS B Narasimhan, CS Venkata Ramana R, and CS Pawan G Chandak represented ICSI at the Valedictory Session.

- *12<sup>th</sup> Corporate Leadership Development Program [CLDP]:*

ICSI CCGRT, Hyderabad organised its 12<sup>th</sup> batch of Residential CLDP during January 10-25, 2024. The program was attended by 16 participants from parts of the Country. CS Chivukula Vasudev, CFO, Ramky Infrastructure Ltd. addressed the participants during Inaugural Session as Chief Guest. During the 15 days residential CLDP, participants were also taken to MCA Bhawan, Hyderabad. Hon'ble Judicial Member Shri V R Badrinath addressed the participants followed by witnessing live proceedings at NCLT Court sessions in Hyderabad Bench. The participants were also taken to Official Liquidator office and CS U K Shah, Official Liquidator, Hyderabad addressed the participants. The Valedictory Session was presided over by CS Maharani T S, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer, GATI Ltd. as Chief Guest.

## ICSI-CCGRT MUMBAI

- *16<sup>th</sup> Residential Corporate Leadership Development Program (CLDP)*

The 16<sup>th</sup> Residential Corporate Leadership Development Program (CLDP) took place from January 09, 2024 to January 24, 2024 with 28 participants spanning across the country. CS Nehal Shah, Senior Director, Head Compliance Legal & Secretarial at Care Rating Ltd., graced the inaugural session as the Chief Guest. The valedictory ceremony was presided over by CS S.N. Ananthsubramanian who offered his heartfelt congratulations and celebrated the achievements of all participants who successfully concluded the CLDP program.

- *One-Day Orientation Program*

One-day Orientation Program (ODOP) was conducted on January 17, 2024 in two sessions, attracting the participation of over 75 students from diverse regions within the state. The primary objective was to illuminate the diverse roles and responsibilities integral to this career, uncover the expansive opportunities it presents, and offer valuable insights into the journey toward achieving the esteemed qualification of a Company Secretary.

- *Workshop on Dynamics of Board Behaviour on January 05, 2024*

The ICSI-CCGRT, Mumbai, organised a workshop on the Dynamics of Board Behaviour on January 05,

2024, featuring distinguished speakers CS Sudhakar Saraswatula, Former Vice-President of Reliance Industries Ltd., and CS K. Venkataraman, Practising Company Secretary. The event drew participation from over 50 professionals. The workshop provided a platform for deepening understanding and fostering best practices in board dynamics, reinforcing the crucial role of Company Secretaries in steering boards toward excellence.

- *Training Program on SBO & ESG on January 20, 2024*

The ICSI-CCGRT, Mumbai conducted a training program on January 20, 2024 as a resounding success, focusing on Significant Beneficial Ownership and Environmental Social & Corporate Governance. Esteemed speakers, CS Devendra V. Deshpande, Practising Company Secretary and Past President-ICSI, and CS Minal Bhosale, Company Secretary, CRISIL Ltd., shared their expertise with over 60 participants from across the state.

## INITIATIVES FOR EMPLOYEES

- *Webinar on "Lifestyle Modification to Prevent Chronic diseases" by Dr. Reddy's Foundation*

A webinar was organized on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 on the occasion of Chronic Health awareness month on the topic "Lifestyle Modification to Prevent Chronic diseases" by Dr. Reddy's Foundation for the benefit of ICSI employees and pensioners. All employees/veterans participated in the webinar presented by Dr. Go. Bharani.

- *Service Award Function on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2024*

On the occasion of 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day, a Service Award Function was organized, alongside Republic Day Celebrations, to recognize the employees who have rendered 15, 20, 25, 30 & 35 years for their relentless and dedicated service to the Institute. In the function, 5 employees received the Award from the President CS B. Narasimhan, under different categories of awards, which was aired live across locations.

- *Birth Day celebration of Employees*

Birth days of employees for the month of January 2024 was celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> January at HQ Lodi Road and Noida.

## INITIATIVES FOR STUDENTS

### CENTRALIZED FREE ONLINE CLASSES FOR EXECUTIVE AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMME

ICSI introduced free online Centralized classes for the students of Executive and Professional Programme (New Syllabus) from December 01, 2023 onwards. These Classes will be conducted free of cost for the students. The classes are being conducted for the students eligible to appear in June 2024 examination and the duration of the classes will be 4-5 months. The best faculties in the country will be taking these classes and special sessions

of experts will also be conducted. Students registered for these classes will be eligible to get exemption from pre-exam test subject to clearing of tests of respective group/s. Further, students registered for these classes will also be given free access to online doubt clearing classes conducted by the Institute.

### DEDICATED HELPLINE NUMBER FOR STUDENT QUERIES

The ICSI has introduced a dedicated helpline number to handle queries related to Student Registration, Post Registration, Class Room Teaching and Enrolment. Students can contact at 0120-4082170 (From Monday to Friday 9.30 A.M. to 5.30 P.M.).

### YUVOTSAV-2024 WAS ORGANISED ON JANUARY 11-12, 2024

Yuvotsav-2024, National Conference of Student Company Secretaries was organised on January 11-12, 2024 in Delhi/NCR. Students participated in various competitions in through their Regional/Chapter Offices. They were required to register online by remitting the requisite fee for the same. Around 23 competitions were organised during Yuvotsav-2024. Legal Puzzle, Elocution Competition, Debate Competition, Fashion show were some of the competitions which were organised during Yuvotsav-2024. All interested students were requested to contact their respective regional/Chapter office to participate.

The You tube link of Yuvotsav-2024 is: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FGi\\_T9MibA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FGi_T9MibA)

### ICSI WAIVER/ CONCESSION SCHEME FOR INDIAN ARMED FORCES, PARAMILITARY FORCES, AGNIVEERS AND FAMILIES OF MARTYRS

The Institute in alignment with the various initiatives of Govt. of India has launched ICSI Waiver/ Concession scheme for Indian armed forces, paramilitary forces, Agniveers and families of Martyrs. Under the scheme, 100% concession will be given to the following categories in full Fee payable at the time of Registration in CS Executive programme. While all other fees, including those for trainings be applicable in full as per their respective category:

- *Wards and widows of martyrs (who have died during service; either during battle casualty or due to any other reason) of Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Indian Navy and all para-military forces.*
- *In Service/ Retired personnel of Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Indian Navy and all para military forces (including defence personnel who have taken retirement under short service commission).*
- *Wards of all personnel of Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Indian Navy and all para military forces (including wards of defence personnel who have taken retirement under short service commission).*

- *Candidates who are inducted as "Agniveer" under AGNEEPATH Scheme of the Government of India after completing four years under the Scheme (upon submission of documentary evidence for the same).*

### SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED EXECUTIVE & PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMME UNDER OLD & NEW SYLLABUS DECEMBER 2023 EXAMINATION

First Executive Programme Examination under New Syllabus 2022 and Executive & Professional programme Examination under syllabus 2017 for December 2023 which was scheduled from 21<sup>st</sup> December to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2023 conducted smoothly with zero error. Admit Card released on scheduled date - December 12, 2023 for Executive & Professional for December 2023 Session of Examination.

### COMPULSORY SWITCHOVER TO NEW TRAINING STRUCTURE EXTENDED UPTO MARCH 31, 2024

The Institute has decided to provide one last opportunity to its students to complete the requirement of short-term training under earlier/modified training structure till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024. The Compulsory Switchover to New Training Structure shall now be applicable w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024.

### LAUNCH OF NEW TRAINING GUIDELINES 2024 IN YUVOTSAV- 2024

The Institute has launched its Student Training Guidelines 2024 during Yuvotsav-2024 (National Conference of Student Company Secretaries) organized by ICSI on 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The link for these Guidelines are available on the website of the Institute at: [ICSISStudentTainingGuidelines15012024.pdf](https://www.icsi.org/ICSISStudentTainingGuidelines15012024.pdf)

### EXTENSION OF CONDUCTING 15 DAYS CLDP ON NON-RESIDENTIAL BASIS UPTO MARCH 31, 2025

The Institute has decided to extend conducting of 15 days class room mode Corporate Leadership Development Programme (CLDP) on non- residential basis by Regional Offices, Diamond and Platinum grade Chapter for a period up to March 31, 2025. However, CCGRTs will continue to conduct CLDPs in residential mode only.

### TOTAL YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS CS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR REGISTRATION OF PCS FOR IMPARTING LONG-TERM TRAINING

The registration of PCS for the purpose of imparting long-term training shall now be considered by including the total years of experience as a CS (both in employment and in practice).

### ICSI SAMADHAN DIWAS

ICSI successfully conducted the 39<sup>th</sup> Samadhan Diwas, on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. Samadhan Diwas is a unique initiative of the ICSI wherein "on-the-spot" resolution is provided on issues/grievances of trainees and trainers.



The purpose of the Samadhan Diwas is to facilitate the stakeholders to resolve their queries on the spot. In the Samadhan Diwas students get opportunity to present their cases and directly interact with the ICSI officials.

## REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES BY REGIONAL/ CHAPTER OFFICES AT THE TIME OF EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME REGISTRATION

Institute has facilitated Executive Programme students to register directly for the Executive Programme classes at the time of Executive registration. Executive Programme students can now register directly for the Executive Programme classes conducted by the Regional/Chapter Offices at the time of Executive Programme registration. This will help the students to join classes at their nearest Regional/Chapter Office.

## PAPER WISE EXEMPTION ON THE BASIS OF HIGHER QUALIFICATIONS

The Institute has decided that the students enrolling into the Company Secretary Course under New Syllabus, 2022 shall be eligible for paper-wise exemption (s) based on the higher qualifications acquired by them. Accordingly, necessary announcement including process of claiming paper-wise exemption has been shared for information to all concerned: [https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/ATTENTION\\_STUDENTS\\_RECIPROCAL\\_EXEMPTION\\_NEW\\_SYLLABUS\\_2022\\_Updated.pdf](https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/ATTENTION_STUDENTS_RECIPROCAL_EXEMPTION_NEW_SYLLABUS_2022_Updated.pdf)

## PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMME PASS CERTIFICATE OF ICSI IN DIGILOCKER

The Institute decided to issue Professional Programme Pass Certificate online via DIGILOCKER. The same initiative was Launched at 50<sup>th</sup> National Convention of ICSI at Kolkata with the support of the National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Govt of India. The students who passed on or after June 2021 Session of Examination can download Professional Pass Certificate from DIGI Locker. Announcement and Communication via Bulk Mail has been sent to students for extracting their Professional Pass Certificate for June 2022 & December 2022 Session of Examination

## ACTIVATION OF CHANGE ELECTIVE SUBJECTS FOR STUDENTS OF PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMME NEW SYLLABUS (2022)

Automation of Professional Registration of New Syllabus 2022 with two elective subjects on SMASH w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023. After launching Professional Programme Registration of New Syllabus, the Institute received numerous requests to change the elective subject originally selected during registration. To facilitate these students, the Institute decided to accommodate change requests for Professional Programme New Syllabus (2022) students w.e.f., November 21, 2023.

## REAL TIME GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS

The Institute has prepared Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the queries received from Stakeholders / Students to give more clarity on the issues and real time guidance. The FAQs are hosted on website at:

- *FAQ for Executive Switchover*  
[https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Executive\\_FAQ\\_SW\\_23022023.pdf](https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Executive_FAQ_SW_23022023.pdf); [https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Declaration\\_to\\_cater\\_switchover\\_Request\\_of\\_executive\\_&\\_professional\\_old\\_ysllabus\\_students.pdf](https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Declaration_to_cater_switchover_Request_of_executive_&_professional_old_ysllabus_students.pdf)
- *FAQ for Professional Switchover to New Syllabus:*  
[https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Executive\\_FAQ\\_SW\\_23022023.pdf](https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Executive_FAQ_SW_23022023.pdf)

## COMPANY SECRETARY EXECUTIVE ENTRANCE TEST (CSEET)

During the month, following initiatives were taken for the CSEET students:

- *CSEET (January 2024 session)*  
January 2024 session of CSEET was held on January 06, 2024. Last date for registration for CSEET was December 15, 2023.
- *Centralized free online Classes of CSEET*  
ICSI introduced free online Centralized classes for the students of CSEET from December 16, 2023 onwards. These Classes are being conducted free of cost for the students.
- *CSEET classes (January 2024 session)*  
CSEET Classes are being conducted by Regional/Chapter Offices for the students appearing in CSEET to be held in January 2024. Details of Regional/Chapter offices conducting classes are available at:  
<https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/websiteClassroom.pdf>
- *Registration for CSEET Classes at the time of CSEET Registration*  
CSEET students can now register directly for the CSEET classes conducted by the Regional/Chapter Offices at the time of CSEET registration. This will help the students to join classes hassle free at their nearest location.  
Link to register [https://smash.icsi.edu/Scripts/CSEET/Instructions\\_CSEET.aspx](https://smash.icsi.edu/Scripts/CSEET/Instructions_CSEET.aspx)
- *Exemption to Graduates and Post Graduates from appearing in CSEET and enabling them to take direct admission in CS Executive Programme*

The Institute has decided to grant exemption to the following categories of students from appearing in CSEET enabling them to take direct admission in CS Executive Programme.

Graduates (having minimum 50% marks) or Post Graduates (without any criteria of minimum % of marks) in any discipline of any recognized University or any other Institution in India or abroad recognized as equivalent thereto by the Council.

To get exemption from CSEET on the basis of above qualification, such students shall be required to pay applicable exemption fees along with the requisite registration fees for the Executive Programme. For more details, please click

[https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/granting\\_exemption\\_230621.pdf](https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/granting_exemption_230621.pdf)

- ***Paper bound CSEET Reading Material to be provided mandatorily to all students***

The Institute has decided that the ***CSEET Guide – I*** and ***CSEET Guide – II*** (will be sent to all the students registering for CSEET by post, for which ₹500 will be taken at the time of registration from the students registering for CSEET in addition to ₹1000 (CSEET Registration fee).

- ***CSEET Reference Reading Material (I and II) will be provided on optional basis to all students at the time of CSEET registration***

CSEET Reference Reading Material (I and II) will be provided optionally to all the students at the time of CSEET registration. Students are required to remit ₹1000 in addition to ₹1500. The same is available at: <https://www.icsi.edu/reference-reading-material/>

## ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

- ***Student Company Secretary and CSEET Communique***

The Student Company Secretary e-journal for Executive/ Professional Programme students of ICSI and CSEET Communique covering the latest update on the subject on the CSEET have been released for the month of **January, 2024**. The journals are available on the Academic corner of the Institute's website at the link: <https://www.icsi.edu/e-journals/>

- ***Research Tab under Academic Portal for students***

A new research tab has been added under the Academic Portal to sensitize the students on emerging issues through research based academic outputs. The Research Tab can be accessed at <https://www.icsi.edu/student-n/academic-portal/research-corner/>.

- ***Recorded Video Lectures***

ICSI has been recording video lectures of eminent faculties for the students of ICSI which help them

to prepare for the examination. Students of the Institute can access recorded videos available on the E-learning platform by logging in to <https://elearning.icsi.in>

Login credentials are sent to all registered students at email. After successful login, go to “My courses” or “My Communities” section, where you can find the recorded videos and other contents.

- ***Info Capsule***

A Daily update for members and students, covering latest amendment on various laws for benefits of members & students available at <https://www.icsi.edu/infocapsule/>

## TRANSCRIPTS & EDUCATION VERIFICATION

It has been observed that on completion of Course the professionals are also applying for Foreign Courses / degrees /or immigration based on CS Qualification. 28 such Transcripts were issued in this line in the month of December 2023 under review. Likewise, on request of the employer/PSU/government authorities and other Education verifier agencies, 8 Education Verification requests of CS students were processed in the month of January 2024.

## ICSI CAREER AWARENESS

- ICSI through the support of Ministry of Defence is conducting extensive Career Awareness Programmes in various Army public Schools in the country to sensitize the students, parents and teachers about the CS Profession.
- Career Awareness Programmes, Career Fairs being conducted across the country by ICSI-HQ and Regional Chapter offices on regular basis to create awareness regarding CS Profession amongst the prospective students.

ICSI-HQ organised and conducted following Career Fairs during the month in addition to the other programmes being conducted by RC/Chapter offices across the country:

School Name	Date	Venue
Delhi Public School	January 08, 2024	Palm Beach Rd, near NRI Complex, Phase 2, Sector - 52, Nerul, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra 400706
The Shri Ram School, Moulisari	January 12, 2024	V-37, Moulisari Ave, DLF Phase 3, Sector 24, Gurugram, Haryana 122002
The Shri Ram School Aravali	January 12, 2024	Hamilton Court Complex, Phase IV, DLF City Gurugram – 122002