



THE INSTITUTE OF Company Secretaries of India

भारतीय कम्पनी सचिव संस्थान

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Dear Professional Colleague,

Subject: Appeal to Members for voluntary Contribution for COVID-19 and Supportive measures undertaken by ICSI

The spread of COVID-19 virus has warranted the need for dedicated efforts on the part of each one of us. While appreciating the Government of India including all the State Governments for their multifarious initiatives to control the situation, we also extend our gratitude towards the Regulatory Authorities for taking cognizance of the gravity of the public health situation and relaxing various regulatory and compliance requirements for Corporates and Professionals.

The ICSI stands committed to taking all possible measures in containing this pandemic that has affected the entire world. Realising its social responsibility in these trying times, the ICSI has undertaken following measures:

- a) Allowed all the officials and employees (including contractual) PAN India to work from home to avoid any exposure to COVID-19 or its spread.
- b) Contribution of a sum of INR 5 (five) lakh to the Prime Minister National Relief Fund or 'PM-CARES' Fund.
- c) Voluntary contribution of one-day salary by employees of ICSI.

Further, the ICSI has taken following initiatives to support its members and students:

A. For Members

- a) Representation to MCA for relaxation of regulatory compliance requirements;
- b) Relaxation in Guidelines for Compulsory Attendance of Professional Development Programmes and shifting it entirely to online/virtual mode;
- c) Online Certification courses to support their continuous learning;
- d) Obtaining Program Credit Hours through self-assessment series;
- e) Extension of time period for obtaining mandatory PCH for the current block of 2017-20 upto 30th June, 2020;
- f) Publishing of April, 2020 issue of Chartered Secretary in e-mode only.

B. For Students

- a) Temporary relaxation for complying with the requirement of **Pre-Examination Test and One Day Orientation Programme** for enrolment to June, 2020 Examination;
- b) Extension of date for filing Examination Form;
- c) Facility of e-MSOP has been extended to all the candidates who have completed Company Secretaryship Final/ Professional Programme examinations including the newly qualified candidates;
- d) E-learning facilities through Live Webcast for students will soon be made available.

In addition to above, understanding the gravity of the situation and realising the need to support those affected by COVID-19, we appeal all our worthy members, to come forward and support to the cause by making voluntary contributions by clicking the following link:

<http://www.icsi.in/DonationCovid19/>

The consolidated amount shall be deposited to the Prime Minister National Relief Fund or 'PM-CARES' Fund. All contributions are eligible for Section 80G benefits.

We are hopeful that with appropriate precaution and committed efforts on the part of all of our stakeholders, we shall soon be able to overcome this situation and come out as a much stronger nation.

Regards,

(CS Ashish Garg)

President

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