

## **Rajkot Chapter History**

It is in beginning of year 2002, Company Secretaries of Rajkot had in-principle, decided for formation of a Satellite Chapter (Note: the Concept of satellite chapter is now removed by ICSI at present) in Rajkot to serve the Members and students of the Institute of entire Saurashtra – Kutch region. Then, a local member of the Institute, visited, with application to office of each and every Company Secretary of Rajkot, and obtained signature on the application for requesting the ICSI to grant approval of Satellite Chapter.

On 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2002, Company Secretaries of Rajkot had made an application to the Western India Regional Council of the ICSI for setting up of Satellite Chapter and request to grant approval for holding of Meeting of Members of Rajkot for passing Resolution required for formation of the Chapter. The WIRC had, vide its letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2002, granted approval to hold such General Meeting of the Members. On 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2002.

And then, the glorious moment came for Company Secretaries of Rajkot....on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2002, at 5:00 o'clock evening, the Rajkot Satellite Chapter of WIRC of ICSI was formally inaugurated by Mr. S. Gangopadhyay, the then President of the Institute, in worthy presence of Mr. Keyoor Bakshi, the then Central Council Member of ICSI, Mr. Ravi Kapoor, the then WIRC Chairman, Mr. Tejas Shukla, the then Chairman of Ahmedabad Chapter, Shri Ashok Mehta, the then Secretary, WIRC, Shri Arvind Gaudana, the then WIRC Member, Shri Umesh Ved, the then WIRC Member, Shri Devesh Pathak, the then WIRC Member, Shri Tejas Shukla, Shri Deepak Rachchha, the then Secretary, Ahmedabad Chapter, Shri Ashish Doshi, immediate past Chairman, Ahmedabad Chapter, Late Shri Bipin Acharya, past member of the Central Council of the Institute, and other dignitaries were present.

The inaugural function was organized at premises of Rajkot Engineering Association, Gondal Road, Rajkot.

Due to sustained efforts by the Chapter, students and members were increased in Saurashtra region and on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2004, the Rajkot Satellite Chapter was converted into Fully Fledged Chapter under “D” Grade. The conversion was celebrated at Hotel Krishna Park, Gondal Road, Rajkot in worthy presence of Mr. Ashok Mehta, Chairman of WIRC and other dignitaries.

Since then, Rajkot Chapter had made continuous efforts for providing services to students of ICSI and Members of the Institute. In the journey, the Chapter had seen falling strength of students two times, once in 2002 and once in 2008, and at one point of time, the danger was stopping of examination center in Rajkot. However, thereafter, the Chapter put more efforts and at present, the strength of members and students has been increasing remarkably.