



Dear friends

7th July, 2014

Two adages come to my mind as I look back at the developments related to our profession and the Act, over the last month or two. ***“The baby that cries gets the milk”*** and ***‘Thaalidavanu baaliyaanu’*** (roughly translated from Kannada - ***One who waits, thrives / Patience pays***). After ‘wailing professionally’ and ‘waiting patiently’, MCA did take note of the representation of our Central Council regarding the threshold limit for appointment of Wholetime CS in Companies. The twin approach has given hopes to an Amendment to the Act which is likely to give relief from certain oppressive provisions. We need to wait and watch.

While we have proved that we are endowed with both the above attributes (patience and raising concerns when required) and can ‘get things done’, we need to establish how we can turn adversities into opportunities in our journey towards professional excellence.

Spoorthiful beginning.....

Taking off from where I left last in June, I am happy to share that the first ever tree planting activity of the Bangalore chapter was a reasonable success in its own way. About 45 members (with family) were inspired to make the trip to Spoorthivana on 14th June and plant saplings as a group CSR activity. The tasty breakfast in our new chapter building, journey in a hired HAL bus, walk in the woods, digging and planting, watering, sipping tender coconut water under the shades of wild trees, walking back to the Guest House for a sumptuous meal with a brief talk on Spoorthivana and environment protection was a memorable experience. The pictures below say it all. I would like to thank all our members and their families for the joyful participation. Mr. Ashok Tandon, Executive Director & CS of HAL deserves special mention for having facilitated the bus, free of cost for the entire trip.

Masterly Master Class.....

Till date, 3 Master Classes have been conducted on CA2013 with the green initiative continuing in the form of saplings as mementoes to speakers from

Bangalore. I must say the gesture was well appreciated as also the Master Class. Aristotle said ***“Well begun is half complete”***. With our Chapter Founder Chairman (1974-77) and Past President of ICSI (1979-80), Mr. R Rajagopalan kick-starting the Master Class, it truly began well. With numbers swelling beyond expectations, it was a problem of plenty the first Saturday but thanks to our Bangaloreans’ ***‘swalpa adjust maadi’*** attitude, and the resourceful duo Puttaraju & Venugopal’s (my Men Friday in the chapter currently 😊) quick arrangements, things fell in place. The galaxy of speakers from diverse background and rich experience deserve our heartfelt thanks and gratitude. Kudos to our members who added to the zing with their questions and views. Do visit <https://www.icsi.edu/bangalore/Resources.aspx> for the ppts @ Master Class on 21st & 28th June, 2014.

Members maange more.....

The other interesting knowledge session we had was on Friday, 27th June, 2014. As part of the Study Circle Meeting, your chapter had organized a talk by Mr Karthik Ranganathan, a young international tax lawyer who captivated the audience with his address on “International Tax for CS”. His session left the members asking for more. Surely, more can be expected in the form of a 1 day seminar on related topics of tax.

Demystifying the Budget.....

You can look forward to a scintillating discussion on the Union Budget, 2014-15 on Friday, 11th July, 2014. A panel of experts will share their thoughts, post Budget presentation by the new Government on 10th July.

Hangout.....

Our maiden attempt at technology usage - Google hangout – at the 2nd Interactive session with the ROC on 5th June, 2014 was a success, thanks largely to Dattatri, our IT Committee Chairman, Mr. Srinivasan, a senior member and a few other members who worked in the background. We will strive to use G hangout on more occasions in the future.

Beyond Company Law.....

Our other initiatives include capacity building course on certain subjects for which preparations are in full swing. You can await a formal announcement shortly. An

'Induction Programme for CS in Employment' on the lines similar to 'PCS Induction Programme' is slated later in this month.

✚ Condolence.....

I regret to share the sad demise of one of our senior PCSs Mr. A M Lalvani (ACS 246) in June, 2014. Our deepest condolence has been conveyed to the family.

✚ Opportunity knocking one last time.....

Those who heard CS Gopalakrishna Hegde at the Master Class have an update on the new building. Yes, during August the building will be inaugurated and ready for use. This also means many of you have very little time left to make up your mind and contribute to the Building Fund. Big or Small - support in every form and kind is welcome. As I mentioned in one of my earliest communications, it is a ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY. Seize it and donate. You will feel happy to be part of a lasting legacy.

Warm regards

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