Dear Professional Colleagues,

"*The secret to mastery in any field is to forever be a student.*" –Martin Palmer

Companies Act 2013 has offered a lot of opportunities but alongside it has also thrown upon us challenges in terms of competence, knowledge management and delivery of quality services. We have to reorient ourselves and multiply our efforts in line with changing needs and establish ourselves as indispensable to Corporate Governance process. We are going through a phase where knowledge and intellect are of utmost importance. We need to be epitome of excellence in the applicability of our diversified knowledge in order to get brand equity for our profession. In this competitive environment, we cannot compromise with professional excellence. It should be our endeavour to strive for excellence and come up to the expectations of our stakeholders.

In the ever changing and demanding business & corporate environment, we all have to keep pace with the changes happening around us. It is our persistent endeavour to equip our members with sound knowledge and attitude so as to enable them to face dynamic challenges offered by the world. Northern India Regional Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India is always in forefront of providing best of the services to the stakeholders.

NIRC-ICSI is focused in its approach and is organising series of quality professional development programs focusing on Companies Act, 2013 and other laws for the members so that members can avail each and every opportunity of learning and provide quality and value added services to various corporates and clients. Following the same, during the month, NIRC has organised various Workshops, Study Circle Meetings, Study Group Meetings, One Day Seminar, Two Day Induction Program for Company Secretaries in Practice, Practising Company Secretaries Meeting etc. on Companies Act, 2013 and issues in implementing companies act.

In the month, the following initiatives have been taken by the NIRC by introducing for the First Time the Two Day Induction Program for Company Secretaries in Employment and 15 Day Class Room Series on Companies Act, 2013.

The NIRC has put its best efforts to invite eminent speakers from the industry and profession. Few of the eminent speakers are CS Ilam C Kamboj, AVP-Legal & Company Secretary, Hero Motocorp Ltd, CS B Murli, Senior Vice President-Legal & Company Secretary, Nestle India Ltd., CS N K Sinha, Company Secretary, ONGC Ltd., Dr.Bhavna Barmi, Sr. Clinical Psychologist, Fortis Group of Hospitals.

As continuing efforts, NIRC organized Campus Placement for students for 15 Months Training/Modified Training Structure in which 29 Company/PCS/Law Firm participated .Around 150 students have participated in the event and out of them 134 candidates got short-listed. Some of the leading companies were ONGC Tripura Power Company Ltd., Perfetti Van Melle India Pvt. Ltd., JK Paper Ltd., Ansal Housing & Construction Ltd., Godfrey Phillips India Limited., ITDC Ltd., HPCL Mittal Energy Ltd., DLF Ltd.etc. We plan to carry this focused activity further in a big way to support our young members & students.

Friends, this year NIRC-ICSI will be celebrating 43rd Foundation Day from 25th to 31st July, 2014. The celebrations will start with the inauguration of the Foundation Week and plantation of saplings followed by the various other programs for members as well as students (Details of these programs are published elsewhere in the Newsletter for your reference). I appeal to all of you to attend these programs in large number to make them grand success.

With a view to promote the profession of Company Secretaries across the region and to spread its awareness to the areas where NIRC finds potential for both the development and growth of the profession, NIRC has opted to keep its Regional Conference at Dehradun (Detail is published elsewhere in the newsletter)

NIRC is organising "RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION-2014" for the members with an objective to enticing members to excel and updatetheir knowledge and to bring together the views and experiences of different people on similar issue.(Detail is published elsewhere in the newsletter)

The Convocation of Northern Region is going to be held on Saturday the 26th July 2014 to award the certificate of membership of the Institute to newly qualified members admitted after 10th April 2013 to 31st March 2014.The convocation would enable the newly qualified members to feel about the dignity of being a member of the Institute and to generate belongingness amongst the members with the Institute.

We are pleased to inform you that due to persistent efforts of Lucknow Chapter of NIRC of ICSI under the able guidance of Team ICSI, Definition of Accountant in Rule 2(e) of UP VAT Rules, 2008 has been amended to include Company Secretary vide notification dated 27.06.2014.This is remarkable recognition for Company Secretaries. Opportunities are never ending. It just needs an inquisitive eye to find the pin from the hay. We have to equip ourselves with the diversified knowledge and channelize it in a focused manner to bring out the best results. Newer areas of opportunities can be explored by us in the areas of public spheres. There are opportunities galore in the local bodies of the government which can be explored for mutual benefit of both society and profession. We are of the view that lot of opportunities for Company Secretaries are still left to be explored at the State/District Level Government Institutions/Departments. I take thisopportunity to request all of you to kindly come forward and give your suggestions atchairman.nirc@icsi.edu specifying the areas where the services of the Company Secretaries can be utilised at the local level. I assure you that we will give due importance to your suggestions and take up the matter with the Local Government Authorities through ICSI.

At the end, I once again request you to kindly come forward and give your suggestions for the further growth of the profession through chairman.nirc@icsi.edu

Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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