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## **Press Release**

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**BHUBANESWAR, 30 August 2018**: The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) is celebrating its Golden Jubilee Year and in these fifty glorious years of its existence with many milestones achieved, the Institute today stands as a Premier National Professional Body with an objective to develop and regulate the profession of Company Secretaries. This enriching journey which started in year 1968 with the small infrastructure, has now expanded to length and width of the country.

To mark this historic occasion, the Golden Jubilee Year National Convention of Company Secretaries (46th Edition) and International Conference (6th Edition) is being organised on the theme 'A Journey of 50 Glorious Years - Connecting from Grassroots to Global' from 30<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 at Bhubaneswar.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik inaugurated ICSI's Golden Jubilee Year National Convention of Company Secretaries (46th Edition) and International Conference (6th Edition) at Bhubaneswar today.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, while addressing the august gathering of eminent scholars, professionals, senior government officials, experts in various fields and other dignitaries, congratulated The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) for attaining institutional excellence and being a torch bearer for the cause of Good Corporate Governance for the last 50 years. He also appreciated the selfless contribution and dedication of the institute and its stakeholders towards shaping new India 2022 through good governance.

Hon'ble Chief Minister said, "Company Secretaries play an important role and they contribute to the growth of the company. Odisha is a Manufacturing Hub of Eastern India. I hope, the company secretaries will get a fair share through Make in Odisha Campaign. Odisha has received huge investment proposals through this campaign. 60% of this we have already implemented."

Among others Shri Arun Misra, Chairman, Tata Steel SEZ Limited also graced the occasion.

CS Makarand Lele, President, The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) in his presidential address said "Half a century ago, the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) was founded with an objective to develop and regulate the profession of Company Secretaries. Today the Institute is hill-walking with professional excellence towards success as a global leader in Governance. Captivating glorious contribution towards the culture of good governance, it is proud to proclaim that from a role limited to the erstwhile Companies Act, 1956 in initial days, today the triumph of professional excellence in the service of nation is ranging in progressive laws of the country including Companies Act, 2013, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, GST, Taxation laws, Securities Laws, Intellectual Property Rights, Due Diligence, Capital Market and many others, where we are leading in shaping the corporate culture of the nation. The Institute is also working towards the segment wise role of Company Secretaries championing the various services".

"Taking the niche of professional excellence in serving the best practices of governance at the panchayat level to adoption of Secretarial Standards by a sister foreign institute in Malaysia speaks loud of its flying colours connecting from 'Grassroots to Global", added President, ICSI.

The ICSI's Golden Jubilee Year national Convention will observe intellectual deliberations on contemporary Sub-Themes as under:

- CS as Corporate Saviour-Professional DNA
- CS in New Age Legislative Paradigm
- CS in Economic Growth and Nation Building
- Governance, Risk Management and Compliances Global Perspective
- ICSI Vision 2022- A path from dream to success
- Transforming Profession to New Opportunities

Amongst the august gathering present at the inauguration were CEOs and CFOs of leading corporate houses of the country and accomplished practising company secretaries from across India.

About The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, (ICSI): The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, (ICSI) is premier national professional body set up under an Act of Parliament, i.e., Company Secretaries Act, 1980, for the regulation and development of the profession of Company Secretaries in India. The Institute functions under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. The Institute, being a pro-active body, focuses on top-quality education to students of Company Secretaries Course and best quality set standards for CS members. There are currently over 55,000 members and around 3.5 Lakh students.

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