ICSI salutes the indomitable spirit of Indian Women *on* International Women's Day

"Corporate law in India expanded its reach and thrown open a plethora of opportunities for young professionals today. As such, I have always maintained that there is no difference between a man and a woman – both of who are equipped with the tools to success. To excel and flourish, what they need is the indomitable spirit of Leadership and a Passion for excellence. Company Secretaries, besides focusing on their areas of expertise, should look to take on challenging opportunities that bolster individual growth. Perseverance, along with a conscious attempt to move beyond the boundaries that one has set in their mind is the key to success. And success does not discriminate on the basis of Gender."

CS Preeti Malhotra
Partner E-Vehicles & Executive Director, Smart Global Group
Past President of The Institute of Company Secretaries of India,
Chairperson of Smart Cities India Forum,
Chairperson of National Council of Corporate Governance,
Corporate Affairs & CSR of Associated Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ASSOCHAM).

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"Greetings & Best Wishes on International Women's day. I would consider anyone to be a success if:

- They are in good health when they are close to retirement
- They have an excellent relationship with their spouse & children
- They have been in touch with friends from school/college & have participated in activities with them
- They have developed an interest in activity other than their work - For example: social service or an activity like gardening

While growing well in their careers

These are the spokes of the SUCCESS Wheel of life.

Today a lot of women have broken the much spoken about glass ceiling but there are more challenges ahead. For women (or for that matter men too) to be successful in today's highly competitive workplace, they need all the support they can get at home. All the successful women I know of, greatly depend on their parents or in laws to take of the early childhood of their children as dependable support systems are still few in India. As our children grow older and leave, our parents and our in laws grow old and we need to take care of them - we don't have good support systems for old people either.

While there are these challenges - there is a multifold increase in the opportunities available to women today - even our armed forces are welcoming women for combat roles!

Technology has also provided options like working from home or flexi hours which are a big boon for women

All said and done exciting times lie ahead for all those women who start off on their career today & I am sure each one of you will succeed in the path you have chosen."

CS S Subhasri
Executive Director
Shriram City Union Finance Ltd ., Chennai

"In today's competitive world, stress is our constant companion in our professional careers. Hence, a balanced work-home life assumes significant importance. In this, the culture at workplace, the support of peer group and guidance of team leaders paves the way to healthy work environment which stimulates our quality of life. I feel blessed to find that my family at Sohan Lal Commodity Management (SLCM) provides me constant support and motivation which renews my energy to tackle any challenge professionally or personally.

Cheers to Women Power & wish you all a Happy Women's Day!"

CS Meenakshi Nayyar
Head Legal
Sohan Lal Commodity Management Pvt. Ltd.

"Eighth day of March is celebrated as International Women's Day globally by the United Nations. It celebrates womanhood and pays tribute to the indomitable spirit of women around the world and across the globe. This day, we celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievement of Women in order to promote gender parity in every sphere of our lives. Being a woman myself, it gives me immense pleasure to convey my heartiest wishes on this day as President, The Institute of Company Secretaries of India. My wishes are not only for women but also for the men who respect, motivate and contribute to the lives of women, be it as father, brother, son, friend, colleague or in any other capacity. I as a Woman believe in interdependence and I wish the Society a happy intertwined life.

God has gifted woman with an exclusive combination of beauty, compassion and intellect. I wish all to celebrate the spirit of womanhood not only today but everyday."

CS Mamta Binani
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