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The Institute of Company Secretaries of India organises its 1st International Conference of ICSI Overseas Centre in Dubai, UAE



The Institute of Company Secretaries of India in association with ICSI Middle East (DIFC) NPIO, organised its **1st International Conference of ICSI Overseas Centre** at Dusit Thani, Dubai, on 23rd March 2022 on the theme - **Redefining Good Governance: Innovation Compliance, Sustainability, Inclusion.**

Mr.K.Kalimuthu, Consul (Economic, Trade &Commerce), Consulate General of India, Dubai, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and **Major General (Retd.) Sharafuddin Sharaf, Chairman, UAE - India Business Council (UIBC) and Vice Chairman, Sharaf Group,** was the Guest of Honour.

Appreciating the theme chosen for the Conference, **Mr. Kalimuthu said “Company Secretaries are living up to the terms used in the theme. You are at the forefront of compliance and are the torchbearers working as an extended arm of the Government managing challenges flawlessly”**. He also gave a brief of Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), signed between India and UAE, which will be rolled out soon and is targeting a trade of US\$100 billion between the two countries.

Major General (Retd.) Sharafuddin Sharaf expressed his delight that ICSI chose Dubai for this Conference and emphasized that having multicultural and multinational entrepreneurs and professionals has contributed to the vibrant growth of Dubai. On the same lines he acknowledged the efforts of **Company Secretaries** and said **“Company Secretaries are playing a vital role in UAE ensuring that decision making is well documented and is in compliance with the laws and regulation of the country”**.

CS Devendra V Deshpande, President, The ICSI, gave an insight of how the Institute is proposing to hold discussions with Regulatory Authorities in Dubai to engage ICSI members at various positions and avail their services. He also apprised that ICSI would launch a Certificate Course for ICSI members to keep them abreast with foreign laws and enhance their employability in the International Market.

The event also witnessed **four pertinent Panel Discussions** on:

- **Corporate Governance- Board Diversity and Stakeholders Engagement**
- **Cyber security- Data Privacy, Protection and Governance**
- **ESG- A New Business Mandate**
- **Startups – Opportunities and Challenges**

The Institute is also participating in a special Panel Discussion **at the India Pavilion, Dubai Expo on 24th March, 2022 on Company Secretary - Fostering Innovation for Sustainable Growth at 3 PM (Dubai time)**. This is the first time that a professional body from India is representing the country on the global stage.

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About ICSI

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) is a premier 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. It functions under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. The Institute, being a pro-active body, focuses on best and top-quality education to students of Company Secretaries Course and best quality set standards for CS members. The Institute has over 67,000 members and about 2 lakh students on its roll.