



## Press Release

Chief of Bureau

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### **University Grants Commission recognizes Company Secretary Qualification as equivalent to Post Graduate Degree**

The University Grants Commission has recognized Company Secretary Qualification as equivalent to Post Graduate Degree based on representations submitted by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

This recognition will leverage the Company Secretary Profession across the globe, giving the members of the Institute an opportunity to pursue Ph.D. in Commerce and Allied Disciplines.

To keep pace with the changing dynamics of global governance framework, the Institute has carefully designed and benchmarked the Company Secretary Course content. In accordance, the profession has evolved and has gained its due recognition in different jurisdictions world over.

Besides this, ICSI also has a full-fledged academic and research wing that enhances the acumen and expertise of its members and students and encourages them to undertake research in crucial areas like Corporate Governance; Company Law; CSR; Tax Laws; Securities Laws; Capital Market; Finance; Accounting; Economic and other Commercial Laws etc.

The academia in the country has hence acknowledged the Company Secretaries in the field of teaching / training and are also inviting them as guest faculty in Universities / Colleges / Academic Institutes.

Thanking the University Grants Commission, CS Nagendra D Rao, President, The ICSI said, "This recognition will open up another world of opportunities for Company Secretaries. Such recognitions reaffirm the fact that with the increasing focus on good governance, the demand for Company Secretaries, as skilled professionals, is both ubiquitous and inevitable.

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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 64,000 members and about 2.5 lakh students on its roll.