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ICSI PRESS CONFERENCE

20th National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries to be inaugurated on 5th July, 2019 at Bengaluru.



From L to R- CS Ashok Kumar Dixit, Officiating Secretary, ICSI, CS Nagendra D. Rao, Council Member, ICSI, CS Ranjeet Pandey, President, ICSI, CS Manish Gupta, Council Member, ICSI and CS Pradeep Kulkarni, Chairman, Bengaluru Chapter of ICSI

The National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries which is one of the most significant events of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India enters its 20th edition this year and is being organised at Wonderla Resort, Bengaluru on 5th - 6th July, 2019. The theme of the conference is "Expanding Dynamics of professional excellence"

The event which marks the reiteration of the important role and responsibilities of a Company Secretary is looked forward by not only Company secretaries but also regulators, Corporates and academicians.

Addressing the curtain raiser press conference, CS Ranjeet Pandey, President, The ICSI said, "The presence of practising professionals in India Inc. can be compared somewhat with water. It changes form with change in industry, the sector, the legal framework encasing and even so the

dynamic socio-political environment. Given the ever increasing role of the professionals, it is high time that the brigade of Company Secretaries especially those in practice ensure good governance in their personal conduct while moving forward in their professional pursuits."

Company Secretaries in practice are trusted by the regulators for their role, responsibility and accountability towards the multifarious stakeholders. Understanding the novelty of this role, the Institute of Company Secretaries of India leads the way with its various initiatives aimed at upskilling and honing our members to perform their designated accountabilities with utmost diligence

Deliberating further upon the event, CS Ranjeet Pandey exemplified the need for constant upgrading of the existing skill set of the professionals. He said, "the theme for this year's conference 'Expanding Dynamics of professional excellence' has been a thoughtful attempt of the ICSI to lend the members an insight into the upcoming alterations and challenges in the corporate scenario. The sub-themes focussed on emerging areas of Artificial Intelligence and Start-ups and expansion of existing activity base in Secretarial Audit are a forthright endeavour to strike a chord between the existing and expected role of professionals".

The Conference commencing its Inaugural Session on July 5, 2019 shall culminate on July 6, 2019, and would witness an assortment of deliberations by experts and professionals in their respective arenas representing both the regulatory and corporate side. Continuing with the norm, a Souvenir-cum-Backgrounder containing theme articles, messages from persons of eminence and other interesting features will be brought out to commemorate this mega annual event.

The Conference will cover important topics -Secretarial Audit, Companies Act, SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, Start-ups, Artificial Intelligence, Regulatory Expectations and Governance.

Company Secretaries & other Professionals in Secretarial, Legal and Management disciplines shall be participating in the Conference.

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