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Smt. Smriti Z Irani, Former Cabinet Minister, graces ICSI Northern Region Convocation



The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organised its Convocation for Northern Region on 23 May 2025, in New Delhi, for around 500 young members of the Institute.

Former Cabinet Minister, Smt. Smriti Z Irani, graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest.

Congratulating the newly inducted members of the ICSI, **Smt. Irani** said, "Company Secretaries are the ethical spine of the corporate world. You must abide by your Motto - Satyam Vada, Dharmam Chara, while advising the corporates. The ICSI has uniquely placed you on the 'Agnipath' of providing your expert guidance in a judicious manner. Remember, the future is built by design and discipline and you must strive to become an exemplary professional, doing your best every day."

She also commended the ICSI for its contribution to the growth and development of Panchayat Governance in India.

Addressing the students, **CS Dhananjay Shukla**, President, The ICSI, urged the new members to embrace opportunities and understand their responsibility towards the profession and the ICSI, which is today being looked upon as the leading body in promoting good governance across the globe.

The ICSI President also talked about the **Fee Waiver** scheme for Indian armed forces, Paramilitary forces, Agni veers, Families of Martyrs and Wards of Indian armed forces & paramilitary forces, registering for CS Executive Programme and for students from Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh registering for the CSEET and CS Executive Programme, and outlined some of the recent initiatives for ICSI stakeholders:

- 2-year Full-time MBA in Maritime Regulations and Compliance Management, in collaboration with Gujarat Maritime University, that encompasses CS curriculum and maritime laws and regulatory practices to enhance employability of CS students.
- Joint Certificate Course on Corporate and Securities Markets Compliances (CSMC) Executive & Professional Programme, with National Institute of Securities Markets NISM, for ICSI students.
- ICSI Certificate Course on UAE Business Manager that aims to equip professionals with the knowledge and skills for roles in the United Arab Emirates.
- ICSI Guiding Principles on Stewardship (IGPS) that outlining best practices for responsible investment, encompassing environmental, social, and governance factors, to empower Institutional Investors and Service Providers.

CS Pawan G Chandak, Vice President, the ICSI, **CS** Manish Gupta, Former President, the ICSI, CS Suresh Pandey, Central Council Member, the ICSI, **CS** Asish Mohan, Secretary, the ICSI, and **CS** Himanshu Harbola, Chairman NIRC of ICSI, were also present on the occasion.

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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., the Company Secretaries Act, 1980, for the regulation and development of the profession of Company Secretaries in India. It functions under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. The Institute, being a pro-active body, focuses on top-quality education for students of the Company Secretaries Course and sets the best quality standards for CS members. The Institute has over 76,000 members and about 2 lakh students on its roll.