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Inauguration of 17th National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries at Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh

Sitting on the Dias (From L to R)- CS Dinesh Chandra Arora, Secretary, The ICSI, CS Vineet K. Chaudhary, Council Member, the ICSI, CS Mamta Binani, President, The ICSI, Hon'ble Shri A.R. Kohli, Former Governor of Mizoram, CS Ashish Garg, Council Member, The ICSI, and CS Gurvinder Sarin, Chairman, Chandigarh Chapter of ICSI. CS Manish Gupta, Chairman, Northern India Regional Council of ICSI addressing the gathering



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Hon'ble Shri A R Kohli, Former Governor of Mizoram inaugurated the 17th National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries organised by The Institute of company Secretaries of India , on the theme "PCS @ Startup – Accelerate – Outpace" at Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh recently.

Emphasising on Good governance Sh Kohli said, "With rights comes the duties and obligations and Good Corporate Governance leads to good business regime". He congratulated the ICSI for organising this Conference as it offered a great platform for enlightening and capacity building of the professionals in key areas which would benefit the corporates as well as society at large.

The two day annual congregation of Practising Company Secretaries started on a high note with a large number of experts addressing the august audience during the threadbare deliberations .

CS Mamta Binani, President, ICSI, while addressing the august gathering emphasised that , "It is the right time now that Company Secretaries should optimally unleash the various opportunities offered by the government through its Start-up drive . Company Secretaries need to perform dual role: firstly a Company secretary himself can accelerate as a young and profound entrepreneur and secondly as a compliance officer he can help in realizing 'ease of doing business' drive for entrepreneurs in running their startups. In both ways, Company Secretary will rationalize his contour in the nation building process".

The Companies Act, 2013, opened doors for company secretaries in number of areas such as insolvency, winding up, valuation, corporate restructuring etc., in addition to the vibrant areas such as secretarial audit and other related attestation services, opportunities for company secretaries have widened immensely, she added.

The Conference focussed on the Key aspects and deliberated the theme in the following technical sessions :

- Startup India- Professional Opportunities for PCS-
 - Goods and Services Tax.
 - Arbitration Law.
 - Insolvency and Bankruptcy Laws.
 - Real Estate Act.
- National Company Law Tribunal, Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2016, Competition Law.
- Spiritual Well-Being /Self -Motivation.
- Ease of Doing Business in India – Facilitation and Obstructions.

CS Ashish Garg, Council Member, The ICSI and Chairman PCS Committee in his Welcome Address, said that, Company Secretaries as governance professionals have proven their knowledge and skills at various levels and a Company secretary is recognised in the corporate hierarchy as a crucial key link between management and the stakeholders.

CS Vineet K Chaudhary, Council Member, The ICSI and Programme Director said that Company Secretary being a profound entrepreneur and Compliance Officer can help in achieving inclusive growth of Indian economy by taking forward the Initiatives of Government of India.

The 17th National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries concluded successfully on day two. Hon'ble Justice Shri M. M. Kumar, President, National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) was the Chief Guest at the Closing Plenary. In his valedictory address, he emphasised on the Key Role played by Company Secretaries and other professionals in achieving inclusive growth of Indian economy by following corporate governance in letter and spirit which will further help achieve 'Ease of Doing Business' a major initiative of Government of India, in the right manner.

Speaking on the occasion, while delivering the vote of thanks, CS Dinesh Chandra Arora, Secretary, ICSI said, "the 17th National conference of Practising Company Secretaries was an opportunity for

the participants to express their creative and innovative ideas for the growth of CS profession”.

About The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, (ICSI):

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