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The INSTITUTE OF COMPANY SECRETARIES OF INDIA (ICSI) concluded its' WIRC Annual Regional Students' Conference, 2013 which was hosted by the Goa Chapter at the Institute Menezes Braganza, Panaji, Goa which was held from August 30 to September 1, 2013

Over 140 Students from WIRC Chapters in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Maharashtra and Goa participated in the event.

Over the three days, eminent faculty addressed the students on the theme "CS – Believe it and Achieve it". Besides the academic discussions there were cultural events and "The Big Quest" – a corporate quiz contest. A wide range of topics on the new Companies legislation and the impact on the students' career were explained to the students. The practical aspects of the profession, conduct of board and general meetings, business etiquette, approach to examinations, motivational and attitudinal changes, preparation needed for attending job interviews, and issues in ethical hacking were deliberated in depth.

Shri Manohar Parrikar, Honourable Chief Minister, Government of Goa, at the Valedictory function stated that with the coming into force of the **Companies Act, 2013** the role of Company Secretaries was being widened and that there were various areas in which the Members of the Institute could assist the Government of Goa. He said that his Government faced many governance issues and he needed the support of many professionals to bring about professionalism and accountability in the bureaucracy. In a happy turn of events for the Institute, he said that he would favourably consider the request of the Goa Chapter for land so that the Chapter could operate in better premises and improve its services to the Goan student body. Mr Parrikar was happy to know that the Chapter was conducting coaching classes for its student body, which currently numbered about 850 students. Mr Parrikar encouraged the Student body to live the theme of the conference and Believe and Achieve the professional qualification speedily.



Shri S N Ananthasubramanian, President, Council of the ICSI, in his valedictory address encouraged the participants by highlighting the growing importance of the profession of Company Secretary and the role that they will play when the new Companies Act comes into force. He said that the **role of Company Secretaries had been clearly defined and the profession was now moving towards being recognised as Corporate Governance Officers**. With the increased recognition it was incumbent of the Institute and the professionals to live upto the expected standards and self regulate so that the Government and institutions in the Corporate world had confidence in the work done by professionals.



The conference concluded with the felicitation of the winners of the “Big Quest” quiz contest and students who had completed the professional examination programme at the June 2013 session.

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