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## Press Release

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### The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) Launches Full - Time Residential Integrated Company Secretaryship Course



**From Left to right on the dais: CS M.S Sahoo**, Secretary, ICSI, **CS Atul Mehta**, Council Member, The ICSI and Co-Chairman, ICSI-CCGRT Management Committee, **CS R.Sridharan**, President, The ICSI, **Shri Uday S. Kotak**, Executive Vice-Chairman, Kotak Mahindra Bank , **Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan**, Managing Director and CEO, BSE Ltd , **Shri K.Sethuraman** , Group Company Secretary, Reliance industries, **CS Vikas Y Khare**, Vice-President, The ICSI and **CS Goplachalam**, Dean ICSI-CCGRT.

**World Entrepreneur of the year 2014 , Shri Uday S. Kotak, Executive Vice-Chairman and Managing Director Kotak Mahindra Bank, launched the Full - Time Residential Integrated Company Secretaryship Course at ICSI- Centre for Corporate Governance Research and Training (ICSI-CCGRT) at Navi Mumbai today.**

**In his inaugural address, Shri Uday S. Kotak, expressed that, "Interesting time is going on now and there is need for Minimum Government and Maximum Governance and Company Secretary is one such pillar which can deliver maximum governance" . He said that, the CS get the role of carrying the torch of maximum Governance where entrepreneurship & professionalism play a vital role. He emphasised that combining these two roles is crucial and ICSI has vital role to play in the same, He added.**

Shri Ashish Kumar Chauhan, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, BSE was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. Shri Chauhan, in his address said that, "technology is about creating social structure and ICSI is playing a very important role in creating quality CS professionals. In this fast moving society CS plays a role of Lord Krishna to Arjuna. Each CS has a responsibility on his shoulder to drive the brand to a path of success legally and morally." Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan also released ICSI publication, 'Companies Act, 2013 – A Ready Referencer' authored by Shri K. Sethuraman , Group Company Secretary, Reliance industries.

**CS R Sridharan, President, The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) while** delivering Presidential Address on the occasion informed that the Full Time Company Secretaryship Course is a knowledge initiative of the The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) for developing well rounded Governance Professionals. The Course is an interactive program focusing on experiential learning and combining class room lectures, discussions, class exercises, case studies etc.

There would be industrial visits and the students would be given practical exposures to various aspects of the profession through practice sessions, experiential learning, mock meetings and short training guided by practising and employed professionals, he informed. He also informed that the face of CS profession has changed from ministerial to managerial as now CS is Key Managerial Personnel. To create a unique brand and to develop soft and cognitive skills, theoretical knowledge to practical approach, the ICSI has launched its full time Residential Integrated Company Secretaries Course. The innovative and conducive environment is primary to equip students to think independently and the course will offer the same.

Based on the experience, the course would be gradually extended to other Regional / Chapter offices of ICSI, informed President, ICSI.

**CS Vikas Y. Khare, Vice-President , ICSI** introduced the guests and felicitated **Shri Uday Kotak , Executive Vice-Chairman and MD, Kotak Mahindra Bank & world entrepreneur of the year 2014** on behalf of ICSI. In his address, he informed that , The Students undergoing this course would be exposed to real life organisational situations, professional dilemmas etc. to enable them to develop holistic perspective towards decision making as Company Secretaries. He also informed that ICSI has made all efforts to facilitate the students for getting training from reputed industry/service firms. Experts from industry would be addressing the students and sharing their experience.

**CS M S Sahoo, Secretary, The ICSI.** gave an overview of the Full Time Residential Integrated Company Secretary Course and said, “that Companies Act, 2013 has enhanced the role of Company Secretaries in the Corporate Sector and in order to build a niche cadre of professionals who can shoulder the responsibilities assigned to them in an evolving business environment and ensure governance in true letter and spirit. The course will be imparted through experts from Academia/Industry and Practice. The students will get a very good chance to meet the industry experts. Moreover, this course will facilitate the students in getting trained and understanding the industry requirement and playing a vital role as Governance Professionals, informed Mr. Sahoo.

**CS Atul Mehta, Council Member and Co-Chairman, ICSI-CCGRT Management Committee** delivered the welcome address.

**CS Gopalachalam , Dean, ICSI-CCGRT, delivered the vote of thanks.**

## **About the Course**

The curriculum of the course includes the syllabus of the Company Secretaryship Course as notified by ICSI from time to time. The first year would cover the seven subjects of Executive Programme and the second year would cover nine subjects of the Professional Programme; which are as under: Executive Programme (7 Papers), which includes

- Company Law
- Cost and Management Accounting
- Economic and Commercial Laws
- Tax Laws and Practice
- Company Accounts and Auditing Practices
- Capital Markets and Securities Laws
- Industrial, Labour and General Laws

### **Professional Programme (9 Papers)**

- Advanced Company Law and Practice
- Secretarial Audit, Compliance Management and Due Diligence
- Corporate Restructuring, Valuation and Insolvency
- Information Technology and Systems Audit
- Financial, Treasury and Forex Management
- Ethics, Governance and Sustainability
- Advanced Tax Laws and Practice
- Drafting, Appearances and Pleadings
- Electives 1 out of below 5 subjects
  - Banking Law and Practice
  - Capital, Commodity and Money Market
  - Insurance Law and Practice
  - Intellectual Property Rights - Law and Practice
  - International Business-Laws and Practices

The selection process of this course is purely based upon the entrance examination. The entrance procedure will follow online examination by ICSI. The entrance would be based on different section like Reasoning, English and Numerical Aptitude. In lieu of online entrance examination, scores of recognized tests, namely, CAT, XAT, NMAT, GMAT, SNAP, MH-CET would also be considered. After the written examination the procedure will follow the Group Discussion and/or interview. The Integrated Course on Company Secretaryship is being launched in the Pilot Stage and the best candidates have been admitted to the Programme, selected through:

### **The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)**

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) is a premier national professional body. Its vision is “to be a global leader in promoting good corporate governance”. The mission of the Institute is “to develop high caliber professionals facilitating good corporate governance”.

Constituted under the Company Secretaries Act, 1980 to develop and regulate the profession of Company Secretaries, it functions under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.

ICSI has its headquarters at New Delhi, four Regional Councils at New Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai and 69 Chapters across India including one overseas Chapter at Dubai. It has established Centre for Corporate Governance, Research and Training at Navi Mumbai. It has 88 examination centers across the country and one overseas centre in Dubai. In addition, the Institute has appointed 33 counselors to act as a bridge between ICSI and the students in those towns where the Institute does not have chapters. The ICSI has on its rolls over 35,000 qualified members both in Employment & in practice. Over 4.5 lac students are currently enrolled in the Company Secretaries Course.

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