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15th National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries on the theme “The facilitator for Corporate Growth”, Inaugurated at Mumbai Today



Mr. P K Malhotra, Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India inaugurated the 15th National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries, on the theme “PCS: The facilitator for Corporate Growth” at Mumbai today. In his Inaugural Address, he expressed that with rights comes the duties and obligations and that the Good Corporate Governance leads to good business regime.

CS R Sridharan, President of the ICSI, in his Presidential Address expressed that, when we talk about getting better, we essentially talk about opportunities and attendant challenges being unfold in the present and the capacity to look beyond. When we look into future the present become guiding factor. The ‘present’

professional situation having been settled down, now is time to work towards the seizing opportunities without any anxieties in mind.”

Speaking about The Companies Act, 2013, he said that 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 in such a way that one would not have imagined the profile of company secretaries, probably even a couple of decades ago.

CS Vikas Y Khare, Vice President of the ICSI, introduced the theme of the Conference and while introducing the Theme of the 15th NATIONAL CONFERENCE of PRACTISING COMPANY SECRETARIES- ‘PCS - The facilitator for Corporate Growth, he **informed that the two day Conference will be deliberating on the aspects such as :**

- 1. Governance and E-Governance**
- 2. Enhancing Quality of Professional Services**
- 3. Exploring New Areas of Practice**
- 4. Independent Director & Related issues**
- 5. Corporate Valuer**
- 6. Related Party Transactions - What PCS should know?**
- 7. Secretarial Audit & Annual Return**

He expressed that, “the conference would be an opportunity for the participants to express their creative and innovative ideas for the growth of our profession. “Regulators across the Board are adopting the policy of ‘growth–enhancing governance’. ‘Growth’ and ‘Good Governance’ being strongly correlated have opened up new vistas of practice for Governance Professionals, added Mr. Khare.”

CS Anil Murarka, Past President and 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 Atul Mehta, Programme Director, 15th National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries and Council member, ICSI introduced the chief guest and also welcomed the delegates in the city that never sleeps.

CS Ragini Chokshi, Chairperson, WIRC of ICSI, arranged for release of the following publications.

- Competition Law in India (In Nutshell with Checklist);
- One Person Company (Ready Reckoner);
- Guidance Note on Annual Return (Release 1.1); and
- Guidance Note on Secretarial Audit

During the inaugural session, Souvenir cum Backgrounder was also released.

CS M.S. Sahoo, Secretary, The ICSI, proposed a vote of thanks.

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