Dear Members and Students,

NIRC has recently made an appeal to the Newly Elected President, ICSI for reconsidering the decision of discontinuing various training programs for students viz. SIP, TOP, PDP, EDP etc. (except MSOP) and bring the position to status quo ante. Text of the said appeal is reproduced hereinafter. The said appeal was immediately responded by the President, ICSI assuring to take appropriate steps.

Appeal (as made to the President, ICSI)

Date: 23.01.2015

Dear President Sir,

As your good self is kindly aware that as per modified training structure, students of ICSI are not required to mandatorily pursue any training program except 15 months/ 12 months on the job training and thereafter, 15 days Management Skills Orientation Program. Further, ICSI has also discontinued the mandatory training relating to Information Technology, etc.

Sir, May I humbly submit that the curriculum of Company Secretaryship, primarily being a distant learning program, requires special focus and attention on grooming the personality of the students. We, at NIRC, have, for the last few years, given special emphasis on conducting specialized programs for improving the soft skills of students and budding members. I would also like to share that the response of students and budding members attending such programs has been phenomenal and encouraging.

Sir, with your permission, I would like to state that the decision of the ICSI for discontinuing all the other training/ orientation programs shall have major repercussions on future of our profession including:

a) Strong dent to the capability/ quality of upcoming members of the ICSI as students who would not be required to attend any programs for personality development / professional development. I have my own doubt if the students will attend any programed which we organize with there being a mandatory requirement.

b) Conducting various training programs viz. Student Induction Program, Executive Development Program, Professional Development Program and Oral Tuition Classes were main source of revenue for Regional Councils and chapters of the Institute, but as per modified training structure, students are required to only undergo 15 days Management Skills Orientation Program; thus the decision of the ICSI has already shown a direct negative impact on the revenue of the Regional Councils & Chapters. Chapters are being deeply hit, by all means, as a result of this decision. In this regard we have also received e-mail from few chapters.
c) Such programs also provide a platform to a few members, who have interest in academics and having academic background to come and guide the students and upcoming members about their profession and career, therefore, discontinuance of these programs has created an adverse impact on belongingness and connectivity of those members from the ICSI and students will also be deprived from taking advantage of their expertise and professional experience.

d) By attending such programs, students get an opportunity to intermingle with each other, learn from each other, make new professional friends etc. This decision has abolished such opportunities and is making our Company Secretaryship curriculum a strict distant learning program, with no realization of the real environment.

e) Students get a chance to interact with the senior members of CS fraternity through these programs.

f) While students come to the Regional Councils / Chapters to attend such programs, a personal bond and attachment is created among members and also belongingness to the profession, which would disappear now, with decision of discontinuing these programs.

g) Discontinuation of IT training will also have adverse impact on the students.

h) Further, the compulsory requirement of the eligibility tests in the Oral Tuition classes was the main reason of attracting the students for Oral Tuition classes, but after the discontinuance of this requirement, training programs were the main source of publicizing the Oral Tuition classes. Both such decisions have adversely affected the revenues of Regional Councils and Chapters.

In view of the above, I on behalf of NIRC and all the chapters covered under its jurisdiction, request your goodself to kindly re-consider the decision of discontinuing various training programs for students and bring the position to status quo ante. Further, if your goodself consider it necessary that old training structure can’t be restored, then our worthy Council may consider introducing some alternative training modules, which may take care of our above concerns.

Keenly awaiting your reply.

Regards,

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Chairman, NIRC-ICSI