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49th National Convention of Company Secretaries

On the Theme

"Good Governance: The Universal Dharma"



The Institute of Company Secretaries of India is organising its 49th National Convention of Company Secretaries, on 6-7-8 January, 2022, **at The Bangalore Palace, Bengaluru**, on the theme **"Good Governance: The Universal Dharma"**.

With a total participation of around 15000 Professionals, Academicians, Corporate Executives, Senior Officers from the Government and other stakeholders, the 49th National Convention, to be held in Hybrid Mode, will witness deliberations from Leaders from across the globe.

Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Hon'ble Governor, Karnataka; Shri Basavaraj Bommai, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Karnataka and Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India, have kindly consented to grace the occasion and address the august gathering.

The annual congregation would also witness the benign presence of **His Highness Shri Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamraja Wadiyar** in a Special Session organised on the 2nd day of the Convention.

Besides the above, the three-day Convention will witness deliberations from a galaxy of eminent personalities and speakers from the Government, Regulators, Industry, Academia and the profession on the following sub themes:

- 1. Transformational Leadership: Good Governance
- 2. Governance: Challenges & Opportunities in Digital Era
- 3. CSR & Charity Governance
- 4. Corporate Boards: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion towards effective Governance
- 5. Board Independence: Raising Governance Standards
- 6. NCLT: Harmonising varying practices and evolving role of Professionals

Briefing the Press Conference about the National Convention, CS Nagendra D Rao, President ICSI, said, "With Good Governance being progressively viewed as a catalyst in enabling trust, transparency and accountability in an organisation, the need for structuring a robust governance framework that facilitates effective decision making, has risen considerably. Good Governance is no longer just a compliance mandate and as Governance Professionals, Company Secretaries today have taken over the responsibility of ensuring that it becomes an all pervasive culture, not just within the organisation but also all across". He further added "The theme has been rightly chosen to reflect on the renewed role of Company Secretaries as an important driver of an equitable and sustainable development".

CS Devendra V Deshpande, Vice President, ICSI, CS C Ramasubramaniam, Council Member, ICSI and Chairman, 49th National Convention Organising Sub-Committee, CS N Balasubramanian, Chairman, SIRC, The ICSI & Programme Coordinator, CS Vijay Kumar Sajjan, Chairman, ICSI Bengaluru Chapter & Programme Facilitator and CS Asish Mohan, Secretary, ICSI were also present at the Press Meet.

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About ICSI

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) is a premier professional body set up under an Act of Parliament, i.e., Company Secretaries Act, 1980, for the regulation and development of the profession of Company Secretaries in India. It functions under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. The Institute, being a proactive body, focuses on best and top-quality education to students of Company Secretaries Course and best quality set standards for CS members. The Institute has over 67,000 members and about 2.5 lakh students on its roll.