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PROGRESS REPORT

(January - July, 2020)

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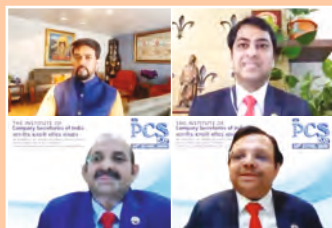


REGISTERED
VALUERS
ORGANISATION



MEETING WITH DIGNITARIES

Taking forward our pursuit for exploring opportunities for the profession and also joint participation in flagship government initiatives, meetings with the following dignitaries were organised:



Shri Anurag Singh Thakur
Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Government of India



Late Shri Lalji Tandon
The then Hon'ble Governor of Madhya Pradesh (File photo)



Shri Kamal Nath
Hon'ble Former Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh



Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar
Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour and Employment



Shri Ajay Tyagi
Chairman, SEBI



Shri Injeti Srinivas
Former Secretary, MCA



Shri Manoj Pandey
Joint Secretary, MCA and Council Member (Govt. Nominee), ICSI



Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh
Joint Secretary, MCA



Shri K.V.R. Murty
Joint Secretary, MCA



Ms. Anjali Bhawra
Additional Secretary, MCA



Shri Tulsi Ram Silawat
Hon'ble Health Minister, Madhya Pradesh



Shri Yogendra Garg
Principal Commissioner, GST Policy



Justice Shri A K Sikri
Former Judge, Supreme Court of India

CAPACITY BUILDING AND KNOWLEDGE UPDATION

(i) WEBINARS

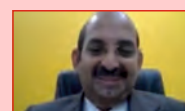
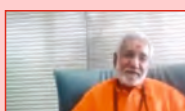
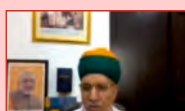
Governance: From Grassroot To Global

Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, **Prof. Ramesh Arora**, Chairman, Management Development Academy, **CS (Dr.) Shyam Agrawal**, Past President, ICSI



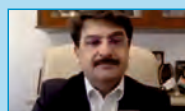
Mastering the Art of Work Life Balance

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, **Pandit Vijay Shankar Mehta**, Life Management Guru, **CS (Dr.) Shyam Agrawal**, Past President, ICSI



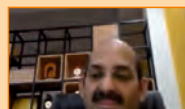
MSMEs: The New Age Catalyst for Indian Economy

Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Government of India, **Shri Rajiv Chawla**, Chairman, Integrated Association of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises of India



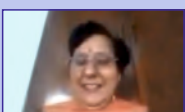
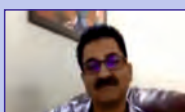
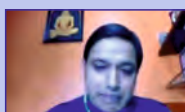
Impact of COVID-19 on the Indian Economy: Opportunities & Threats

Shri Injeti Srinivas (IAS), Former Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India
CS Ranjeet Pandey, Immediate Past President, ICSI



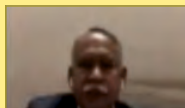
4 Day Online Master Class on Labour Laws

Shri Santosh Gangwar, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/c) for Labour & Employment



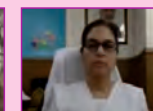
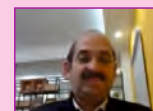
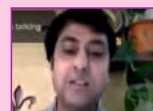
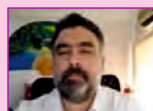
NCLT Amidst Pandemic

Hon'ble Mr. Justice AK Sikri, Former Supreme Court Judge, **Hon'ble Mr. Balvinder Singh**, Member NCLAT, **Hon'ble Mr. Jinan KR**, Member NCLT Kolkata Bench



Fitness! A way of Life

Shri Kiren Rijju, Hon'ble Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports (I/c), **Shri Gagan Narang**, Olympic Medalist, **Shri Manish Batavia**, Sports Commentator



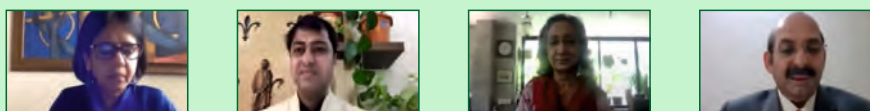
Aatmanirbhar Bharat: The Dawn of a New India

Shri Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha,
Shri K.J. Alphons, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha



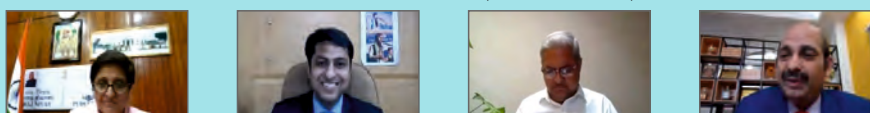
World Environment Day: 'Time for Nature'

Ms. Sunita Narain, Director General, CSE & Editor, Down to Earth
Ms. Sumaira Abdulali, Environmentalist & Founder, Awaaz Foundation



Youth for Nation Building

Dr. Kiran Bedi, Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry
Shri Anil Gupta, Council Member (Govt. Nominee), The ICSI



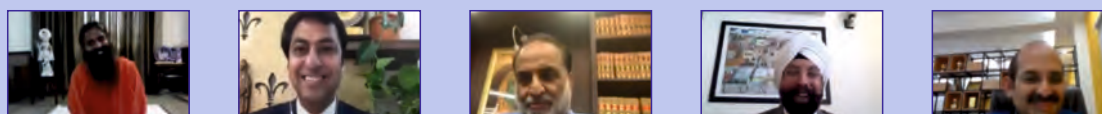
Role of IEPFA In Investor Education & Protection

Shri Manoj Pandey: Joint Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, **Dr. Kamakhya Nr. Singh**, IEPFA Chair Professor, IICA
Dr. Naveen J Sirohi, Head, School of Finance, IICA



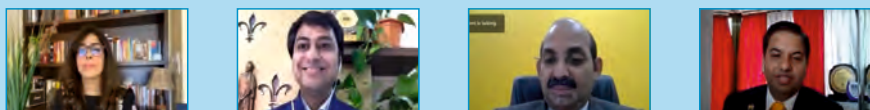
Yoga: Way to Manage Stress

Swami Ramdev, Yoga Guru, **Dr. Girish Ahuja**, Past Council Member, ICSI



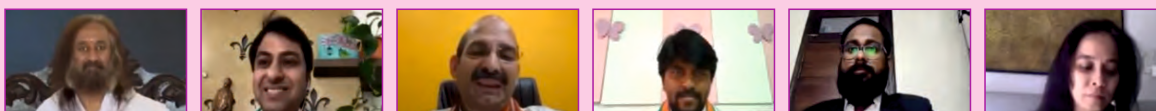
Dream, Dare, Deliver

Ms. Priya Kumar, Motivational Speaker



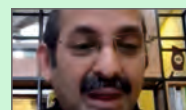
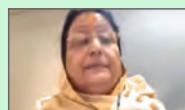
Balancing the Mind, Body & Soul

Gurudev Sri Sri Ravishankar



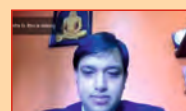
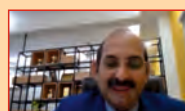
Life Management Skills For Success

Swami Avdheshanand Giri Ji Maharaj, Acharya Mahamandaleswar of the Juna Akhara
Smt. Malini Laxman Singh Gaur, Former Mayor of Indore and Member of Legislative Assembly, MP



Transforming Challenges into Opportunities

Amogh Lila Prabhu, Vice President, ISKCON Temple, Dwarka



Healthy Living, Happy Living



Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty,
Chairman and Founder,
Narayana Health

Determination and Disclosure of UPSI case Studies



Shri V S Sundaresan,
Executive Director, SEBI

Companies Fresh Start Scheme



Shri K.V.R Murthy,
Joint Secretary, MCA

Crisis Management: The New Age Strategic Professionalism



Shri Sandeep M. Tamgadge,
IPS Addl. DGP, Nagaland

Secretarial Audit- Audit & Reporting During Lockdown



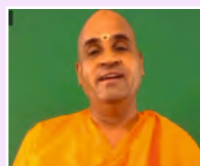
CS K Sethuraman,
Group Company Secretary
and Chief Compliance Officer,
Reliance Industries Limited

Cyber Security Threats & Challenges



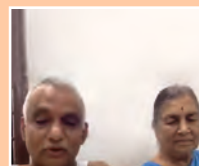
Dr. Varun Kapoor, IPS,
Additional Director of Police,
Madhya Pradesh

Positivity & Power of Thoughts



Sri Sri Sri Swami
Veereshananda Saraswathi,
President, Ramkrishna-
Vivekananda Ashrama
Tumakuru, Karnataka

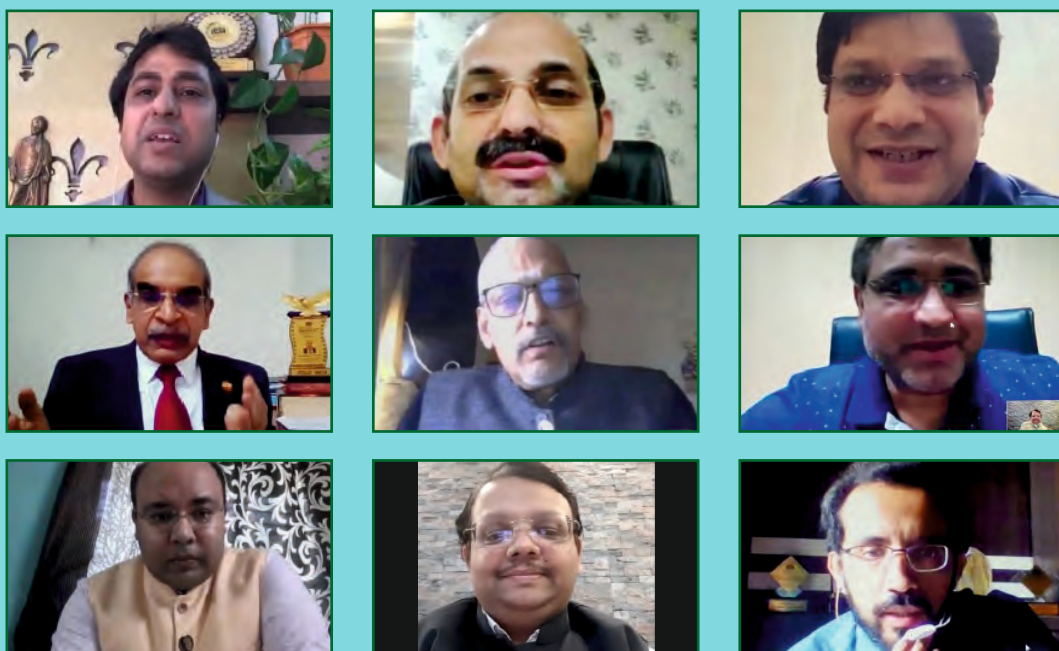
Ordinary Faces, Extra Ordinary Work: Making Difference in Peoples's Life



Padma Shri Dr. Prakash
Amte & Dr. Mandakini Amte
Magsaysay Awardee,
Social Worker and Founder
Lok Biradari Prakalp

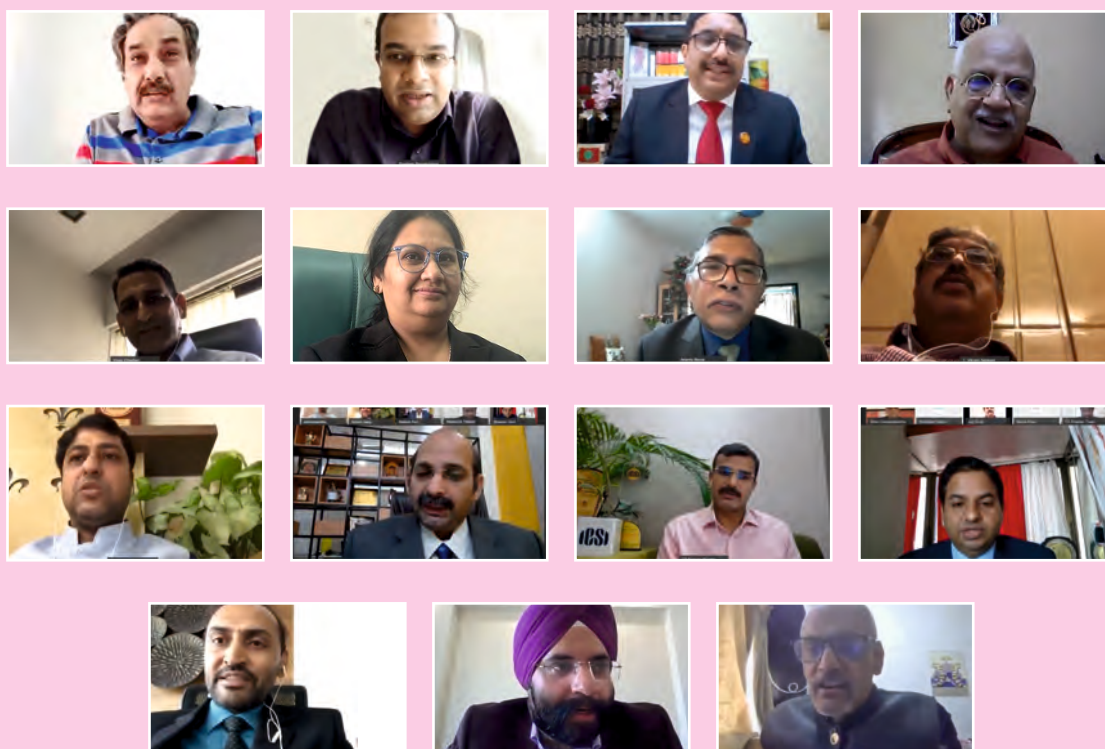
(ii) TWO DAYS ONLINE WORKSHOP ON NEW DYNAMICS NEW OPPORTUNITIES

The Institute organized a first of its kind Two Days Online Workshop on the theme New Dynamics New Opportunities during May 23-24, 2020. Over 600 participants comprising Members and Students of the Institute participated in the Two Day Workshop. The deliberations during the two days covered contemporary topics such as RERA, Arbitration, Secretarial Audit - Scope, Planning & Strategies, NGOs, Societies, Nidhi Companies, Producer Companies, CSR, FEMA, MSMEs. A motivational session on Embarking on a Journey towards Success & Satisfaction was also organized.



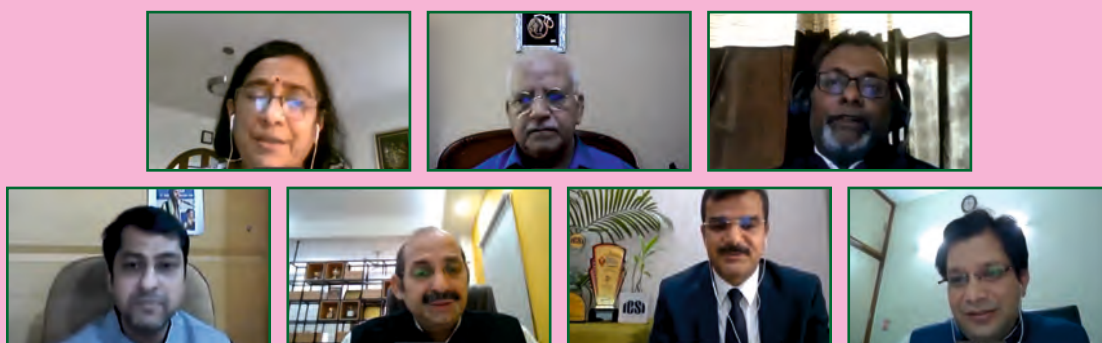
(iii) 3 DAYS ONLINE WORKSHOP ON SECURITIES LAWS & CAPITAL MARKETS

The Institute organized a 3 Days Online Workshop on Securities Laws & Capital Market during June 5-7, 2020. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jog Singh, Former Judicial Member, SAT was the Chief Guest at the Inaugural Session. Various aspects pertaining to Capital Markets, SEBI (LODR) Regulations, SEBI Act, 1992 – Penalties, Adjudication, SCN, Appearances before SEBI, SAT Appeal, SC, SAT, SEBI Orders Compliance vis-à-vis Governance challenges, Insider Trading and Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices were deliberated.



(iv) PROGRAMME FOR FAMILIARIZATION OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

The MCA & IICA launched the Independent Directors databank under the Companies Act, 2013 with an aim to strengthen the institution of Independent Directors. Keeping in view the same and the role of Independent Directors in strengthening the governance structure of India Inc., the ICSI in joint collaboration with IICA introduced a Programme for Familiarization of Independent Directors. The 3 hour Online Course was held on 20th June, 2020 covering aspects pertaining to the Due Diligence entailing in Becoming an Independent Director and Code of Conduct and Liabilities for Independent Directors.

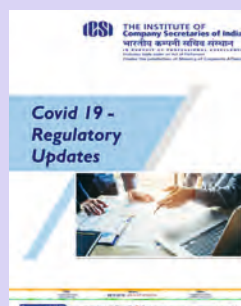


(v) ICSI CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION: SELF-ASSESSMENT MODULES

In an attempt to assist members in fulfilling the necessary requirement of obtaining Programme Credit Hours, the Institute rolled out this unique initiative under which members were given an option to undertake online Examination in any of the six modules, as provided under the programme and obtain 10 PCH for each module qualified, for the block period 2017-20. As on 31st July, 2020 total number of registrations under the programme are 2438. Now, the members can avail the benefit of the programme upto 30th September, 2020.



(vi) PUBLICATIONS



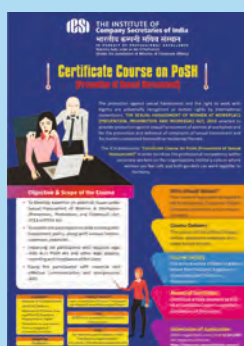
Guidance on applicability of Secretarial Standards

(vii) ICSI RVO – ONLINE BATCHES OF EDUCATIONAL COURSE

Understanding the need to provide an opportunity to professionals hailing from varied backgrounds to encash upon the time of lockdown during pandemic and enhance their professional capabilities, the ICSI RVO launched the 50 Hours Educational Course on Valuation of Securities or Financial Assets through online mode. Commenced from 18th April, 2020, the batches garnered an overwhelming response not only from the CS fraternity but from members of other professional institutions as well.



Certificate Course on Women Directors: to serve as a platform to women aspiring to become a director, a whole vista of opportunities, right direction to walk on and requisite skills.



Certificate Course on POSH: to promote an all-around sensitisation towards Prevention of Sexual Harassment at workplaces.

Certificate Course on Certified CSR Professionals: Fourth batch of the Certified CSR Professional Course has been launched to develop more and more CSR professionals for the benefit of the society at large.



Certificate Course on Forensic Audit: In order to acquaint the ICSI members and students with the practical nuances relating to Forensic Audit domain, the Institute has launched the second batch of the certificate course on Forensic Audit in association with KPMG in India.

Certificate Course in Goods & Services Tax: Fourth batch of the Certificate course in GST has been launched by the Institute in association with BSE Institute Ltd.

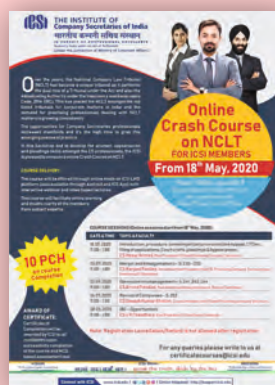


(ix) ICSI ONLINE CRASH COURSES

ICSI, realizing the need of updated knowledge for members on evolving areas having impact on the profession of Company Secretaries has accordingly introduced online crash courses on

- Compliances of Securities Laws
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Laws related to Arbitration
- IT Tools for Professionals
- National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)
- Corporate Meetings
- Audit, Report and Certifications

Commenced during the last week of April, 2020, the Courses have received overwhelming response and over a cumulative registration from 900 members.

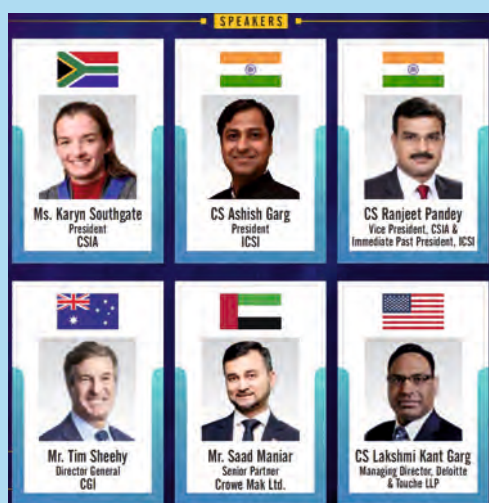


(x) ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR EMPANELMENT OF PEER REVIEWERS

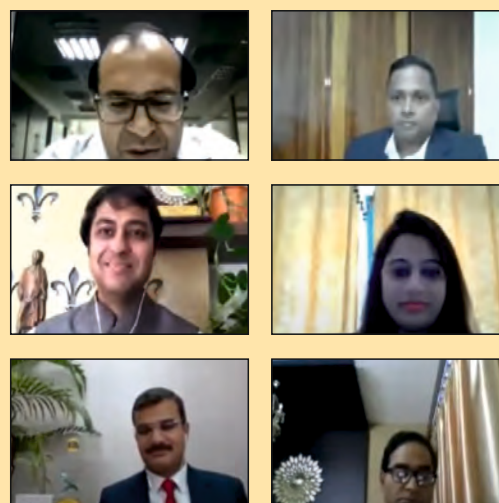
During these hard times caused by the outbreak of COVID-19, it is well understood that the learning of our members should not stop. Accordingly, an online training programme for empanelment of Peer Reviewers was organized on 17th May, 2020. More than 250 members participated in the training programme. Keeping in view the demand from the members, more such training programmes will be organized in near future.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON GLOBAL ECONOMY: ROLE OF PROFESSIONALS AND WAY



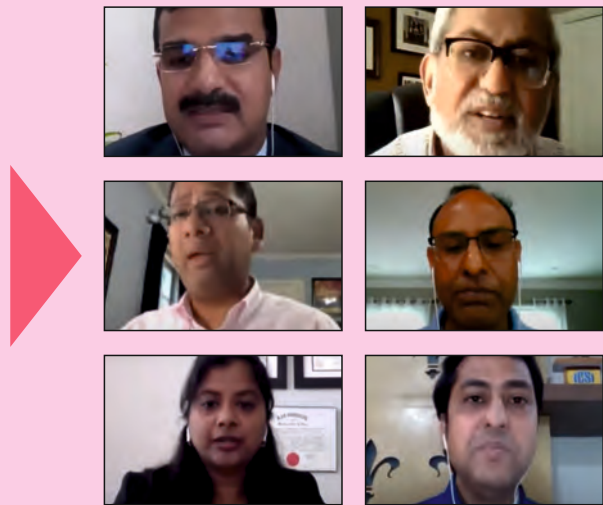
INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE REGULATIONS (ESR)



INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON DIGITALISING CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IN A COVID-19 AGE



INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON EMPOWERMENT OF THE COMPANY SECRETARY: INTERNATIONAL VIEW



EXPANDING HORIZONS

OPENING OF NEW CHAPTER OF ICSI

With the intent of expanding the governance base in all corners of the nations, the Institute recently made a new entry in the existing list of Chapters by inaugurating a new Chapter at Panipat (Haryana).



FACILITATION AND STANDARDISATION

- **ICSI EXPERT ADVISORY BOARD SCHEME**

The Expert Advisory Board formulated by the Institute comprising 20 members is a conglomeration of experts from various fields including Corporate laws, Securities laws, legal advisory, finance, media and other relevant areas with rich Industry experience. The Board shall provide the advice and guidance in various matters pertaining to Corporate & Security Law.

- **RELAXATION IN GUIDELINES FOR COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES FOR THE CURRENT BLOCK 2017-20**

In view of the lockdown imposed Pan-India, the time period for obtaining the mandatory PCH for the current block of 2017-20 has been extended to 30th September, 2020. Further, with a view to facilitate the members in obtaining the mandatory PCH the following measures have been taken:

- (i) Ceiling of maximum 8(eight) PCH through webinars is relaxed.
- (ii) Webinars upto 30th April, 2020 shall be completely free of cost.
- (iii) Members may obtain upto 60 PCH by qualifying the online assessment modules.
- (iv) Members may obtain 10 PCH for every PMQ/Certificate Course at the time of enrolment.
- (v) Such members are allowed to make payment of annual membership fee, starting w.e.f. 1st April, 2020, on furnishing a declaration that they undertake to complete the shortfall in PCH requirement by 30th June, 2020.

- **FACILITY OF E-CREDIT HOURS**

With a view to facilitate the members to comply with the ICSI (Guidelines for Compulsory Attendance of Professional Development Programmes by the Members), 2019 and complete the credit hours before the current block of three years ending on March 31 2019, the Council has decided to grant the credit hours through e-learning programmes/webinars, online exam and certification courses etc.

- **ICSI (CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION) GUIDELINES, 2019**

The ICSI (Continuous Professional Education) Guidelines, 2019 replace the erstwhile Guidelines for Compulsory Attendance of Professional Development Programmes by the Members and have come into force from 1st April, 2020. Under these guidelines it shall be mandatory for all the members irrespective of whether they are in practice or otherwise, to secure 20 CPE Credits in a year through structured and unstructured learning program. However, no carry forward for excess Program Credit Hours from one year to another year will be allowed.

- COMPLIANCE SOFTWARE FOR PRACTISING COMPANY SECRETARIES**

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India while understanding the need for a dedicated Compliance Software for the Practising Company Secretaries to manage their practice operations and serve their clients efficiently with the help of Information Technology has entered into a collaboration with Complinty for providing integrated Compliance Software.



- REVISED EFFECTIVE DATE FOR APPLICABILITY OF ICSI AUDITING STANDARDS**

In view of the developments arising due to the spread of Covid-19 pandemic, the mandatory applicability of ICSI Auditing Standards CSAS-1 to CSAS-4 is hereby extended for Audit Engagements accepted by the Auditor on or after 1st October, 2020.

- REVISED EFFECTIVE DATE FOR APPLICABILITY OF ONLY PEER REVIEWED UNITS FOR ISSUE OF DILIGENCE REPORT FOR BANKS**

In view of the current situation, the requirement to issue Diligence Report for Banks in case of Consortium Lending / Multiple Banking Arrangements by Peer Reviewed Units only shall be effective from 1st July, 2020 instead of 1st April, 2020.

- RELEASE OF SHORT VIDEO ON QUALITY REVIEW**

With a view to create awareness among members and other stakeholders regarding the various aspects and significance of Quality Review an illustrative flyer and a short video was released at the hands of the Chairperson and other members of the Quality Review Board.



- TRAINING PROGRAMME TO EMPANEL PEER REVIEWERS**

To ensure that the objectives of Peer Review are achieved in letter and spirit and the Reviewers are duly equipped with the thorough understanding of the procedure, manner, prescriptions, guidelines and other related aspects of conducting Peer Review, a training programme was organized to empanel Peer Reviewers at Indore on 7th March, 2020.

- **EXTENSION IN DATE FOR PAYMENT OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE FEE FOR FY 2020-21**

The annual membership fee and certificate of practice fee for FY 2020-21 has become payable w.e.f. 1st April, 2020. The last date for payment of annual membership fee and certificate of practice fee will be 30th June, 2020.

- **DOCUMENTS DOWNLOADABLE FROM THE DIGILOCKER PLATFORM**

In the wake of digitization and in an attempt to issue documents to all the members in a standard format and make them electronically available on real-time basis, the Institute of Company Secretaries of India had connected itself with the DigiLocker platform of the Government of India. The initiative was launched on 5th October, 2019 in the presence of the Hon'ble President of India. In addition to their identity cards and Associate certificates, members can also now access and download their Fellow certificates and Certificates of Practice from the Digilocker anytime, anywhere.



REPRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- **RECOGNITIONS RECEIVED**

Company Secretaries have been accorded relaxation in the condition of entry to actuarial profession for the qualified members of the Institute from the Institute of Actuaries of India (IAI) - A Statutory body established under an Act of Parliament.

- **REPRESENTATIONS SUBMITTED FOR GAINING RECOGNITIONS**

With a view to explore professional opportunities for our esteemed members, the Institute submitted its representations as mentioned below:

- **Mediator under Consumer Protection Law:** To allow Company Secretaries as Authorised Representatives and consider the qualification of Company Secretaries for empanelment as Mediator with the Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.



- **Audit under Goods & Services tax (GST):** Request to authorise Company Secretary to conduct Audit u/s 35(5) & Special Audit u/s 66 of the CGST Act, 2017 and to certify Form GSTR-9C u/r 80(3) of CGST Rules, 2017 – Submitted to Special Secretary of the Office of the GST Council Secretariat.



- **3rd Party Audit & Certification under Labour Laws:** To consider Company Secretaries in Practice for empanelment as expert for conducting Third Party Audit and Certification under Section 37 of the proposed 'The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2019'- Submitted to Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, Hon'ble Chairperson, Standing Committee on Labour.



- **3rd Party Party Certification/ Audit Scheme:** To consider formulation of Third Party Certification/ Audit Scheme in the State of Madhya Pradesh and to authorise Company Secretaries in Practice Submitted to Shri Kamalnath, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh.



- Request to authorise Company Secretaries to act as **Authorised Collection Centre (ACC) for e-stamping** Submitted to Principal Secretary (Revenue)-cum Divisional Commissioner, Govt. of NCT of Delhi and also letters were sent to twenty-one States and UTs.
- Request to appoint CS on the pay roll of the **Public Sector Undertakings**.
- Request to consider Peer Reviewed Company Secretary in Practice (PCS) for engagement by an administrator while discharging his functions under Regulation 7 (2) (a) of the **SEBI (Appointment of Administrator and Procedure for Refunding to the Investors) Regulations, 2018**.
- Request to introduce mandatory Compliance Certificate under the **Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013** and Rules made thereunder and authorise Company Secretaries in Practice
- Request to authorize Company Secretary in Practice to conduct **Concurrent Audit of Banks submitted to Governor, RBI**.

ICSI TASK FORCE

• TASK FORCE ON BANKING AND FINANCE SECTOR

The ICSI has constituted a Task Force on Banking and Finance Sector to explore and identify the areas where Company Secretaries can render services to the banking and finance industry and to suggest measures for the capacity building of the members to take-up these future assignments. The Task Force is being chaired by Shri DK Mittal, Ex-Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Government of India.

The first meeting of the Task Force on Banking and Finance was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 to deliberate upon the views to be submitted by the Institute to Reserve Bank of India on the 'Discussion paper on Governance in Commercial Banks in India'.



• ICSI-CORE GROUP ON NCLT

ICSI has constituted a Core Group on NCLT. The objective for the constitution of this Core Group inter-alia is to upgrade the representation and advocacy skills of Company Secretary Professionals and to suggest standardization of diverse practices being followed at various NCLT benches. The Core Group is being chaired by Chief Justice (Retd.) Shri M M Kumar, Hon'ble President, NCLT.

• TASK FORCE ON START UPS, MSME & EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

The Task Force has been constituted to create awareness amongst Start Ups and MSMEs about the role of Company Secretaries in their entrepreneurial pursuits and to set up help desks/ contact centres in this regard at various institutions across the Country and abroad.

• TASK FORCE ON LABOUR LAWS

The Institute has constituted a Task Force on Labour Laws to deliberate upon the Labour Codes for giving suggestions and views from ICSI on the same and exploring opportunities for Company Secretaries in Labour Laws.



REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES

- Committee for finalizing the Business Responsibility Reporting (BRR) Format for Listed and Unlisted companies



- High Level Committee constituted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) for preparation of investigation manual for Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO).
- Committee on the Corporate Governance Guidelines for Insurers in India by Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority of India (IRDAI)
- Accounting and Finance Services Sectional Committee of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

ICSI FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES

- **2nd LEADERSHIP SUMMIT– ‘SANKALP’**

The 1st Leadership Summit of ICSI was an attempt to not only instill conviction but also strengthen the commitment level of the Central Council, the Regional Councils, Chapters and even so the members of Team ICSI including the HODs; hence the name ‘Sankalp’.



The focus of the event was laid at not only chalking out and deliberating upon the road ahead but to align the PAN India goals and objectives of the Institute, while undertaking team building and motivating all India Leadership. The event brought together both Office Bearers and members of Internal management for target setting with the intent of building the Brand ICSI.



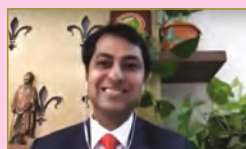
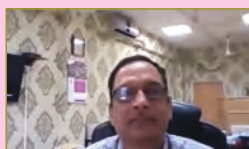
- **PCS DAY**

Taking the spirit of faith, confidence and instilment of greater responsibility in the practicing brigade of this profession, by the regulatory authorities the celebrations of ICSI PCS Day was conducted through day-long deliberations with dignitaries from the Government and India Inc. on June 15, 2020. The Inaugural Ceremony was presided over by **Shri Anurag Singh Thakur**, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs and his address instilled amongst the members a new zeal to serve the nation.

INAUGURAL SESSION



SPECIAL SESSION



PANEL DISCUSSION - EMERGING ECOSYSTEMS & BUSINESS FRAMEWORK: REINVENTING THE PROFESSION



PANEL DISCUSSION - FROM PROFESSION TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP : THE TRANSFORMATION



INITIATIVES FOR STUDENTS

• PLACEMENT DRIVE FOR PROFESSIONAL AND EXECUTIVE PASSE STUDENTS

The Institute with an objective to provide a common platform to CS Trainees and Trainers organized an exclusive CS Trainee Drive on 5th March, 2020 at ICSI House, Noida. The event was successfully organized in terms of bridging the gap between Corporates/Firms and aspiring students as the drive witnessed an overwhelming response from many organizations. Corporate Houses such as HT Media Group, Apollo Tyres Ltd, BSES, DMIC, etc. apart from eminent Practicing Company Secretary Firms, participated in the CS Trainee Drive. The aspiring trainees were given multiple opportunities to face interviews with different companies. A total of 21 Companies and PCS firms participated in the Drive and shortlisted 70 trainees out of 101 students.

• REORGANIZATION OF SUBJECTS OF MODULE-III OF THE PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMME (NEW SYLLABUS-2017)

The following Elective Papers of Module - III of Professional Programme (New Syllabus - 2017) have been discontinued with effect from December, 2020 examinations-

- (i) Forensic Audit
- (ii) Direct Tax Law and Practice
- (iii) Valuations and Business Modelling

Further, the following five elective papers shall be included in Module - III of Professional Programme (New Syllabus - 2017) with effect from December, 2020 examinations:

- (i) Banking - Law and Practice,
- (ii) Insurance - Law and Practice,
- (iii) Intellectual Property Rights - Laws and Practices,
- (iv) Labour Laws and Practice and
- (v) Insolvency - Law and Practice.

• 5 DAYS ONLINE PROFESSIONAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING (PSDT) FOR CS TRAINEES & ASPIRANTS

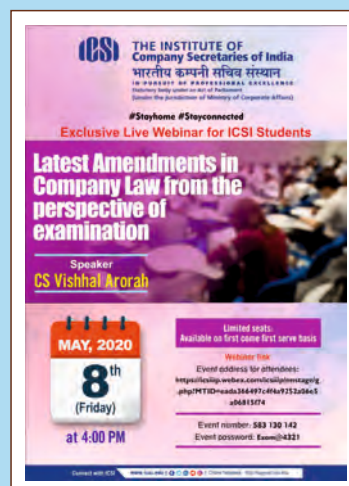
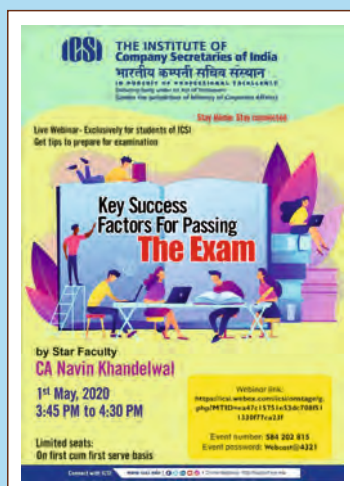
In view of the present situations, the Institute in a novel attempt introduced an Online Professional Skill development Training Programme for the CS students encompassing all aspects of practical training over a period of 5 days.



• e-MSOP MADE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS DURING THE PERIOD OF LOCK DOWN DUE TO COVID-19

Due to complete lock down in the nation on account of the outbreak of COVID-19, the ICSI has relaxed the eligibility criteria for taking admission in e-MSOP by temporarily removing the two years' time bar between professional pass and e-MSOP registration, so that all professional pass students irrespective of their year of passing in professional examination may avail the facility of e-MSOP subject to fulfillment of other conditions as mentioned in the guidelines.

• WEBINARS FOR STUDENTS



- TEMPORARY RELAXATION FOR COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF PRE-EXAMINATION TEST AND ONE DAY ORIENTATION PROGRAMME**

As per the guidelines, for enrolment to June, 2020 Session of CS Examinations, the students are required to comply with the following requirements:

- Pre-Examination Test (for students of Executive and Professional Programme under 2017 New Syllabus)
- One Day Orientation Programme (for students of Foundation and Executive Programme registered on or after 1st June, 2019)

In view of unprecedented crisis in the country due to Corona Virus outbreak, it has been decided to temporarily relax the conditions pertaining to Pre-Examination Test and One Day Orientation Programme

- MERGING COMPANY SECRETARIES JUNE, 2020 SESSION EXAMINATIONS WITH DECEMBER, 2020 SESSION**

In wake of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) has decided to merge the Company Secretaries June, 2020 session Examinations for Foundation, Executive (Old and New Syllabus), Professional (Old and New Syllabus) and Post Membership Qualification (PMQ) Course examination with the Company Secretaries December, 2020 Examinations.

- E-VIDHYA VAHINI - FREE ONLINE CRASH COURSE FOR STUDENTS**

ICSI started an online crash course e-Vidhya Vahini for the students of the Institute in line with the initiatives taken by Government of India in the field of education during widespread pandemic. The prime objective of conducting online crash course is to prepare the students of the Institute for the examination who are appearing in the June 2020 exam session scheduled to be held in August, 2020.



- EXTENSION IN THE PERIOD OF COMPULSORY SWITCH OVER FROM OLD TO NEW TRAINING STRUCTURE**

As per the recommendations of the Council and subsequent approval of the Ministry of Corporate affairs, temporary relaxations have been granted under Regulation 46 BA and 46BB. Now the period of compulsory switchover of training as prescribed under Regulation 46 BA of the CS Amended Regulations 2020 has been extended for another period of six months i.e., upto 2nd February 2021. Further, The students under CS Amendment Regulations, 2020 are allowed to start their 21 months Practical training after completing 15 days Online EDP out of the 30 days EDP as prescribed in regulation 46 BB of CS Amendment Regulations, 2020. However, they will be required to complete the remaining 15 days of EDP on classroom mode within six months of starting the Practical training once the regions and chapters are reopened for conducting such training.

INITIATIVES FOR CSEET STUDENTS

- **COMPANY SECRETARY EXECUTIVE ENTRANCE TEST (CSEET) TO BE CONDUCTED ON 29TH AUGUST, 2020 THROUGH REMOTE PROCTORED MODE**

Taking cognizance of Covid-19 pandemic, The Institute of Company Secretaries of India has decided to conduct the first CSEET on Saturday, 29th August, 2020 through Remote Proctored Mode instead of conducting the same from Test Centres. All eligible candidates would be allowed to appear for the test through laptop/desktop from home/any such other convenient place.

- **CARRY FORWARD OF CSEET FEES PAID FOR AUGUST, 2020 SESSION TO NOVEMBER, 2020 SESSION**

In view of the requests received from students on account of lack of internet connectivity and other technical issues, and to facilitate such candidates in the present times, the Institute has decided to grant benefit of carrying forward the credit of CSEET fees paid by the candidates for the August, 2020 session to November, 2020 session. Candidates willing to do so can avail the benefit by submitting a declaration in this regard.

- **FREE ONLINE CSEET CLASSES FOR CS ASPIRANTS**

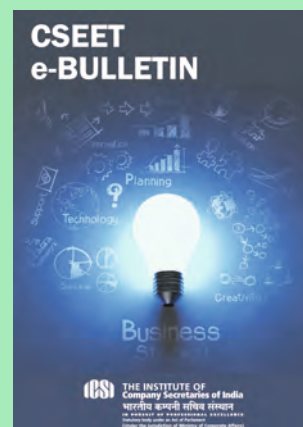
ICSI is not only providing virtual classes for its students but for the students who aspire to be Company Secretaries and are registered for CSEET (CS Executive Entrance test). ICSI is rolling out free CSEET online classes for all students registered for CSEET. These classes shall be taken by renowned faculties.

- **MOCK TEST ON CSEET**

The 5 Mock Test series on CSEET has been developed and placed on the ICSI website for practice of candidates appearing in the first CSEET scheduled to be held in July, 2020.

- **CSEET e-BULLETIN**

The May issue of the CSEET e-bulletin covering the latest update on the subject on the CSEET is also placed on the ICSI Website. The same is available on the Academic corner of the Institute's website at the link: <https://www.icsi.edu/e-journals/>



ENHANCING BRAND EQUITY

In last six months the ICSI as a brand has grown many folds. The ICSI and the Company Secretaries Profession has not only carved its niche in the metros but also in the far flung areas of the country. ICSI's brand building initiatives to promote ICSI and the CS profession has generated awareness among the students, corporates, regulators, government and general public at large. The Institute has enhanced its brand equity using advertising campaigns and promotional strategies. Various image building initiatives were taken to create greater acceptability of the CS course and the profession.

Press Coverage of ICSI events, announcements

547

Press Conferences

1

Exclusive Interview and Write ups of ICSI Spokesperson in Print media

12

Coverage on Electronic Media

8

Number of Videos Created for Brand Promotion

6

Half hour special episodes / Interview on Electronic Media
(News18 MP & CG, DD National Network, Rajya Sabha TV, Red FM)

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• SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE



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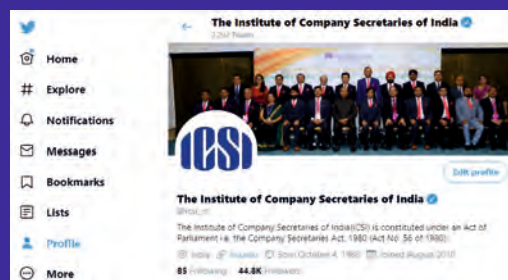
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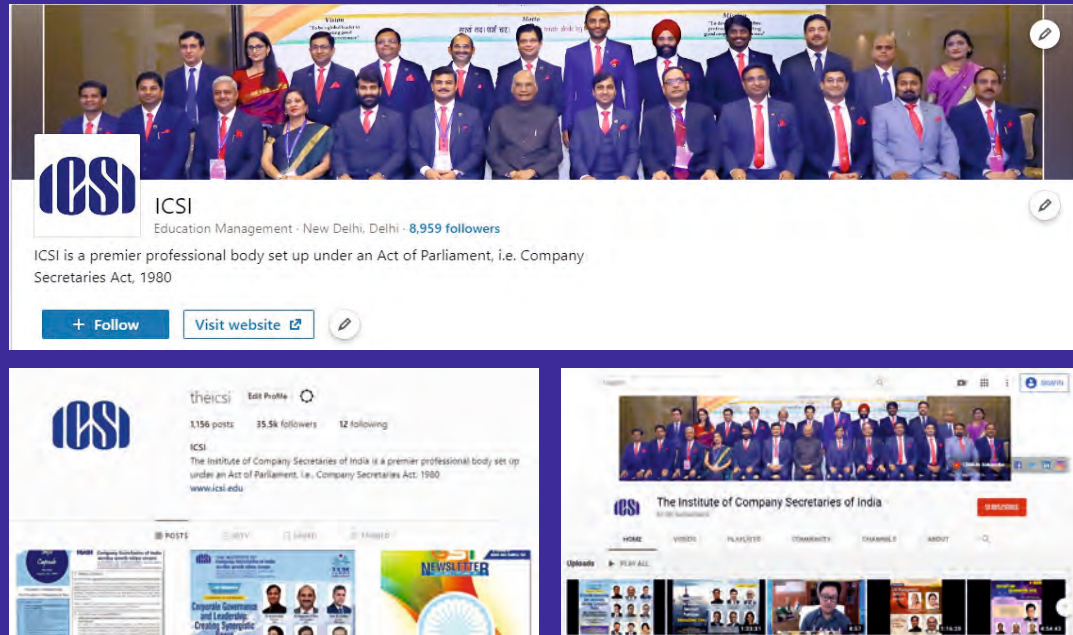


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• COLLABORATIONS WITH NEWSPAPERS

ICSI initiated the idea of providing special e-newspapers to CS members during the COVID-19 Lockdown period. Tie-up proposal for providing e-papers were finalised with Indian Express, Financial Express, Free Press Journal, Chhapte Chhapte & Dainik Vishwamitra on Free of Cost basis for the members. The Newspapers are compiled in a single mail and is being sent to all members on daily basis.



SOCIAL INITIATIVES

• 71ST REPUBLIC DAY – 2020

Republic Day holds great significance to all of us, as it is the occasion when we honour the day on which the Constitution of India came into absolute effect while replacing the Government of India Act, 1935. To rejoice the glory of India, the Institute celebrated 71st Republic Day, 2020 on January 26, 2020 through flag hoisting at the Head Quarters, Regional Offices and Chapters Pan India.



• INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – 2020

The ICSI celebrated womanhood on the 8th March, 2020 a Full day Seminar on International Women's Day was organised by Indore Chapter. The event was graced by Ms. Aryama Sanyal, Airport Director who presided over as the Chief Guest at the event and under whose leadership the Indore Airport, Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport was bestowed with the award of best airport in Asia Pacific region by prestigious Airport Council International (ACI). The day was celebrated with much fanfare at various other ICSI Chapters and Regional Councils.





• INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

The celebration of the International Day of Yoga, 2020 was held in the presence of both national and international guests. Bifurcated into two segments; Dr. Pamela Smith from USA, Dr. Shabnam Das Kar and Dr. Namrata Bagaria from Canada deliberated upon the various aspects of Wellness & Immunity in the first hour, followed by live Yoga session administered by renowned Yoga Trainer, CS Sudhir Jain in the presence of Shri Gopal Krishna Agrawal, Former Council Member (Govt. Nominee), ICSI, Shri Anil Gupta, Council Member (Govt. Nominee), ICSI, and Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Manoj Nesari, Director, The All India Institute of Ayurveda.

WELLNESS & IMMUNITY



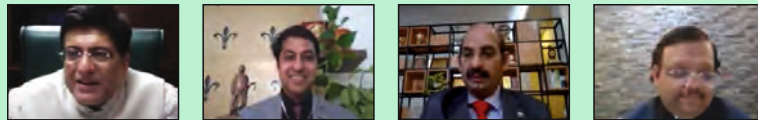
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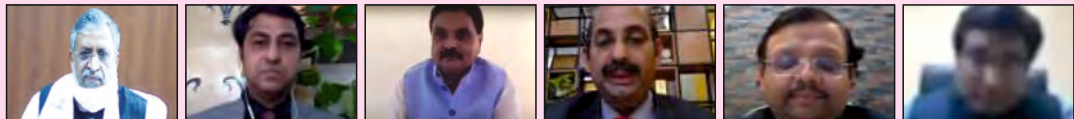
- **GST DAY**

Three years ago when the Government of India had in a revolutionary move had clubbed indirect taxes to launch a new 'Good and Simple Tax' or GST, the ICSI had in a truly understanding move stood up to play the role of India's GST Partner and this is just one of the instances where the ICSI has tried to play its role in the achievements of the goals envisioned for New India of 2022. Given the pandemic and the restrictions along with, the GST Day of 2020 was celebrated by connecting with the members and students of the Institute through Webinar mode, as the accomplishment ceremony of three years of the Good and Simple Tax.

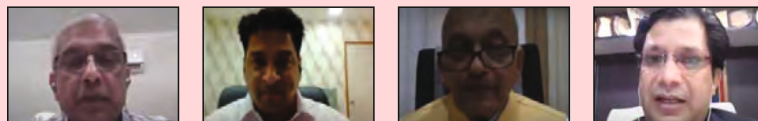
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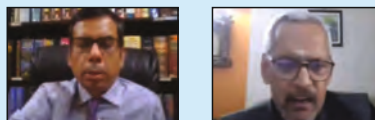
TECHNICAL SESSION-1: "GST- THE WAY FORWARD"



TECHNICAL SESSION-2: "PERTINENT ISSUES AND PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN GST"

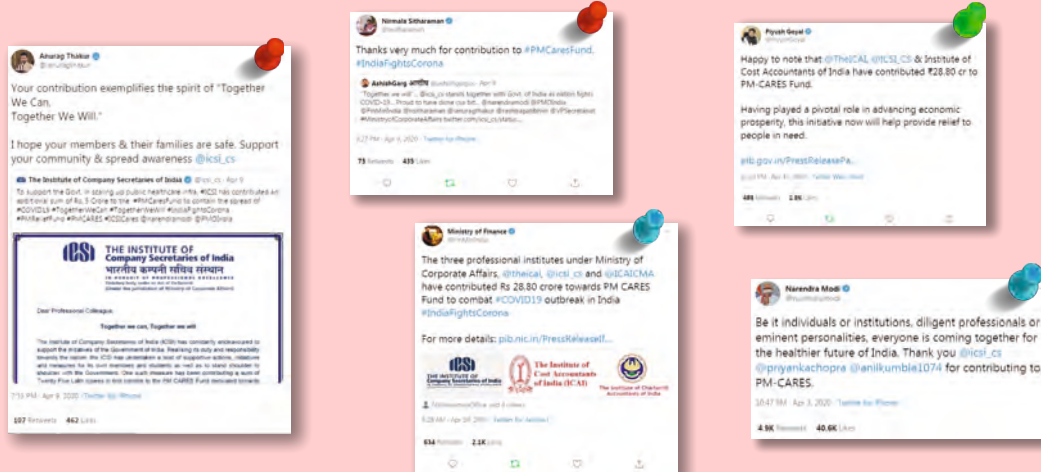


TECHNICAL SESSION-3: "CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN WRIT JURISDICTION IN GST"



- **CONTRIBUTION TO PM CARES FUND**

ICSI in the very first tranche had contributed a sum of rupees Twenty Five Lakh to the PM CARES Fund which was acknowledged and appreciated by the Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister. The same has been followed by a second tranche of Five Crore Rupees.



• ICSI ACADEMIC CONNECT

A communication has been sent to members on the theme ICSI “Academic Connect” seeking their support on review of study materials, support in providing lectures/ written materials, class room teaching, faculty in training programmes of ICSI and in the joint programmes with Universities & Institutions, act as moderator/ examiner, recording of training sessions, preparation and review of MCQ, articles and research papers etc. More than 200 profiles have been received and a data base has been created based on their specialization. Their expertise will be utilized for student related initiatives.



• ICSI SIGNATURE AWARD



ICSI signed MoU with IIM Ranchi

- ## ANNOUNCEMENT OF ENHANCED BENEFITS UNDER COMPANY SECRETARY BENEVOLENT FUND

The Company Secretaries Benevolent Fund (CSBF) provides safety net to the Company Secretaries who are members of the Fund and their families in the times of distress. The benefits accorded to the members have been enhanced as follows:

- Annual income limit for deserving cases raised from Rs. 5 lakh to Rs. 7.5 lakh.
- Medical reimbursement limit for members raised from Rs. 60,000 to Rs. 75,000.
- Education allowance for children raised from Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 50,000.
- Financial assistance to dependents in case of death under non-member category raised from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 75,000.
- Medical reimbursement under non-member category raised from Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 50,000.



ICSI IT INITIATIVES

The benefits of imbibing technology in every sphere of activity of the Institute have always been in the foresight leading to new and regular IT initiatives being taken by the Institute for both students and members. During the last few months the following initiatives were undertaken:

- Enrolment module for June exam session 2020 modified to re-open of enrolment.
- Reconciliation process for SMASH portal for student registration, enrolment, switchover etc.
- New portal and payment Gateway developed for 15 days e-Academic programme.
- Software developed to auto-reconcile payment received through STIMULATE portal for trainings.
- Annual membership fees portal upgraded with pre-checks with eCSin, UDIN and credit hours.
- UDIN portal has been upgraded with new limits for the new financial year and to issue fresh limits to peer reviewers.
- Integration of UDIN portal with peer reviewer's Practicing units data.
- Development of COVID-19 Donation App.
- Website upgraded to include 'Subject wise Monthly Updates', 'Sample Case Studies' and 'Communication to students' in Academic Portal; 'Case Digest' and 'COVID 19-Regulatory updates' in knowledge repertoire; 'Automation of Training Services' in Training; 'ICSI Online Examination for award of PCH' and Crash Courses by ICSI as separate page.
- Development of Online Module - ICSI NPIO Dubai – Membership Scheme - First Phase of Development is complete and sent for Final UAT.
- Development of StartUp Portal - Prototype Model has been created and available for review
- Creation on new location for CCGRT in training portal and assigning all kind of roles to create the short term training programmes.

- Generation of MCA data and sending weekly updation in MCA portal.
- Development of CSR portal is in progress.
- Development of mechanism for free registration for training programme for peer reviewers.



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Membership Scheme for the year ending 31st December 2020

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

FOR INDIVIDUAL
 Members, Students, and Licentiate of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) who are resident of UAE.
 Non-Members who are holding any professional qualifications such as CA, CMA, CPA, Lawyer etc. and resident of UAE.

FOR CORPORATE
 Entities registered in UAE
**This scheme is currently being launched for the residents of UAE only.*

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS FOR INDIVIDUALS & CORPORATES

- For Individuals: Only Registered members shall avail the benefits of the ICSI Middle East (DIFC) NPIO [NPIO] scheme.
- For Corporates: The organisation may depute up-to 3 employees for attending the programs.
- Free access to the Professional Development Program organised by NPIO subject to prior registration and availability of seats.
- The Credit Hours will be awarded as per ICSI guidelines.
- Access to regular communication from NPIO and insight on regulatory updates of UAE.
- Opportunity to submit your success story/profile to showcase in ICSI Journals subject to ICSI discretion.
- Opportunity to become a member of NPIO Subject Expert Panel.
- Networking Opportunities

** Any further notification issued by ICSINPIO will prevail over this scheme.*



INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES
 ICSI Member - AED 200/-*
 Licentiate /Students - AED 150/-*
 Non-Members - AED 300/-*


CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP FEES
 Corporate - AED 750/-*

For online registration log on to
<https://apps.icsi.edu/ICSINPIO>

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS
 Membership fees shall be payable through cheque/bank transfer (only from UAE bank account) on single payment basis at NPIO Bank Account only.
Beneficiary Name: ICSI Middle East DIFC NPIO, **Account Number:** 90010200029752,
IBAN: AE2011000010200029752, **SWIFT:** BARBAEAD000
Branch: Bank of Baroda, Sheikh Rashid Building, Dubai Main Branch, Box Dubai.

*This scheme is discounted scheme considering COVID-19 situation for this year only.

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