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Shri Kiren Rijiju addresses a special programme organised by the ICSI on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav



The Institute of Company Secretaries of India organised a **Special Programme** under **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** on the theme "**Atmanirbhar Bharat: Vishwaguru Bharat – Creating professionals as torch bearers of Good Governance"** in New Delhi today.

Shri Kiren Rijiju, Hon'ble Minister of Law & Justice, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and **Shri Rajesh Verma, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs**, was the Guest of Honour.

Shri Kiren Rijiju acknowledged the contribution of the Institute and said "Though the Company Secretaries always remain in the background, they are the ones who make companies grow big, strengthen the economy and are the foundation of Atmanirbhar Bharat".

Shri Rijiju also appreciated the efforts of the Institute in bringing the far-flung areas of North-East into the mainstream by going an extra mile and waiving fee for the students of North-Eastern States of India.

Lauding the contribution of the Institute in all endeavours of the Ministry towards reviving the economy and easing it for doing business, **Shri Rajesh Verma**, said "Company Secretaries are the catalyst in promoting and upholding Good Governance in the country and their role remains vital in ensuring that the Corporate Sector delivers outstanding sustainable performance year after year".

Overwhelmed with the trust reposed on the Institute time and again, **CS Devendra V. Deshpande**, **President**, **The ICSI**, said that the Institute is aspiring to become a thinktank of Good Governance Practices and explore newer areas of service in the future. He also mentioned the introduction of ICSI BRSR Awards for all companies who have taken up Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting.

The programme had in-depth deliberation on the theme with two aptly curated technical sessions:

- India@75: Expanding Role of Governance Professionals
- Bharat A Vishwaguru in promoting Good Governance

The following publications were also released on the occasion at the hands of the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour:

- Special Issue of Chartered Secretary on "Bharat Ki Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav"
- Publication on "75 Years of Indian Economy and Way Forward"
- Launch of Youth Board Meeting Flyer

CS Ashish Mohan, Secretary, The ICSI and other Council Members were also present on the occasion.

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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 pro-active 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 69,000 members and about 2 lakh students on its roll.