



THE INSTITUTE OF
Company Secretaries of India

भारतीय कम्पनी सचिव संस्थान

IN PURSUIT OF PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

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(Under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Corporate Affairs)



2019 YEAR
ROUND-UP

TOP
100
MILESTONES



1. Arbitration Law Recognition

In response to representations submitted by ICSI to the Ministry of Law and Justice, Company Secretaries have been included in the list of qualification and experience of Arbitrators in the Eight Schedule in the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2019.

2. Recognition by NSDL and CDSL

Both the depositories, the National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) and Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL) has authorised Company Secretary in Practice (PCS) to issue Networth Certificate to be submitted by the issuers at the time of admitting securities in NSDL and CDSL.

3. Secretarial Audit for Private Companies

As per the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Amendment Rules, 2020, every company having outstanding loans or borrowings from banks or public financial institutions of one hundred crore rupees or more, shall annex with its Board's report a secretarial audit report, given by a company secretary in practice.

4. Certificate of Non-Disqualification of Directors

Understanding the need for a uniform format pursuant to Regulation 34(3) and Schedule V Para C clause (10)(i) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 for the issuance of certificate mentioned hereinabove, the Institute has developed a format for the same.

5. Annual secretarial audit report for unlisted material subsidiaries of all listed companies

As per SEBI Circular dated 8th February, 2019, in order to avoid duplication, the listed entity and its unlisted material subsidiaries shall continue to use the same Form No. MR-3 as required under Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder for the purpose of compliance with Regulation 24A of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as well

6. Annual Secretarial Compliance Report - Listed Entities and their Material Unlisted Subsidiaries

The Institute submitted a draft to SEBI which the Regulator vide Circular dated February 08, 2019 notified in the form of Prescribed Format for Annual Secretarial Compliance Reporting required to be submitted by a PCS for Listed Entities as well as for their Material Unlisted Subsidiaries.



Subsequently the ICSI rolled out a Guidance Note on Annual Secretarial Compliance Report for assisting the members in preparation of the ASCR.

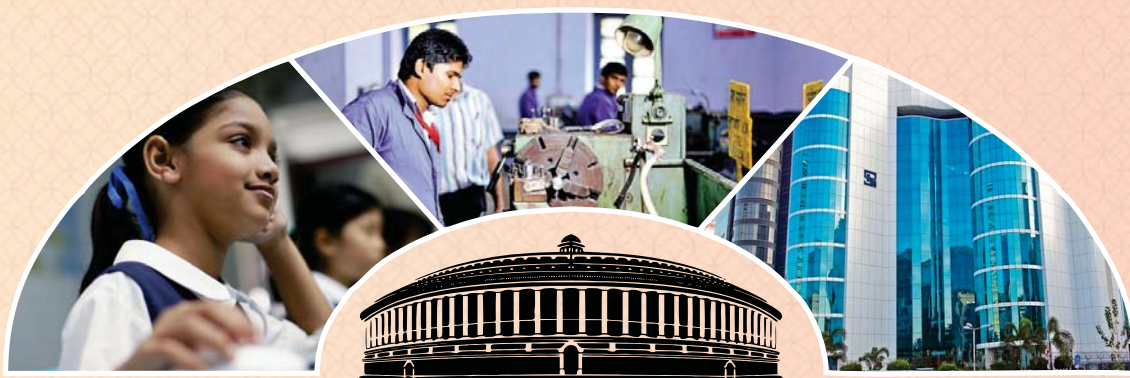
7. Half yearly Reconciliation Certificate for unlisted public companies

As per the Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Third Amendment Rules, 2019, "Every unlisted public company governed by this rule shall submit Form PAS-6 to the Registrar with such fee as provided in Companies (Registration Offices and Fees) Rules, 2014 within sixty days from the conclusion of each half year duly certified by a company secretary in practice or chartered accountant in practice."

II REPRESENTATIONS SUBMITTED: PAVING THE ROAD AHEAD

Apart from the recognitions received representations are being submitted to the Authorities concerned as follows:

8. Request to authorise Company Secretary to Conduct Audit and Special Audit under the Goods and Services Tax Law. **Authority : Members of GST Council / Finance Minister of Different States on different dates**
9. Request to Recognize Company Secretaries as Compliance Officers under the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015. **Authority : Securities and Exchange Board of India**
10. Request to provide exemption to the Company Secretaries from undertaking the SICCE Examination of NISM. **Authority : Securities and Exchange Board of India**
11. Issue of Secretarial Audit and Annual Secretarial Compliance Report by a Peer Reviewed firm of Company Secretary in Practice. **Authority : Securities and Exchange Board of India**
12. 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. **Authority : Securities and Exchange Board of India**
13. Request for inclusion of the services of Company Secretaries in the Classification of Services under the Trade Marks act, 1999 and Trade Marks Rules, 2017. **Authority : Controller General of patents, Designs & Trade Marks**
14. Request to formulate Third party Certification/ Audit Scheme in various States and to authorize Company Secretaries in Practice for the same. **Authority : Labour Commissioners of different states on different dates**



15. Request for introduction of Audit of compliance of labour laws and to authorise Company Secretaries in Practice for conducting Labour Audit under the proposed Labour Codes. **Authority : Minister of State for Labour and Employment, (Independent Charge), Govt. of India**
16. Request to secure recognition for Company Secretaries for appearance before Consumer Forums. **Authority : Hon'ble Minister of State, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution**
17. Request for recognition to Company Secretaries under Regulation 34(7) of the IRDAI (Insurance Brokers) Regulations, 2018. **Authority : Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority**
18. Request for inclusion of CS in the definition of Accountant under Explanation to Section 288 (2) (b) of the Income Tax Act, 1961. **Authority : Hon'ble Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs**
19. Request to authorise Company Secretary in Practice to appear before the Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT) and Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal (DRAT). **Authority : Hon'ble Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs**
20. Request to allow Company Secretaries as Authorised Representatives under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. **Authority : Hon'ble Minister of State, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution**
21. Request to consider the qualification of Company Secretaries for the empanelment as Mediator under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. **Authority : Hon'ble Minister of State, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution**
22. Grant of recognition to the Company Secretaries as Document Writers under the Tamil Nadu Document Writers Licence Rules, 1982. **Authority : Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu**
23. Request to appoint Company Secretary on the Pay Roll of the Public Sector Undertakings. **Authority : Hon'ble Minister of State (HI&PE)**
24. Request to authorize Company Secretary to conduct Audit & Special Audit under the Goods and Services Tax Law under Section 35(5) and Special Audit under Section 66 of CGST Act, 2017 and to certify Form GSTR-9C under Rule 80 (3) of the Central Goods & Services Tax Rules, 2017. **Authority : Office of the Goods and Services Tax Council Secretariat**
25. Comments on Draft Copyrights Rules 2019 - suggested format of annual transparency report on non-financial disclosures and certification of the same by Company Secretary in Practice. **Authority : Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade**
26. Views and Suggestions of ICSI on SEBI Consultation Paper on SEBI (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 1993. **Authority : Working Group on SEBI PMS Regulations, SEBI**
27. Suggestions of ICSI on The Draft Code on Social Security, 2019. **Authority : Ministry of Labour & Employment**
28. Suggestions/Comments/ Inputs of ICSI on the Draft Code on Wages (Central) Rules, 2019. **Authority : Ministry of Labour & Employment**

29. Views and Suggestion of ICSI on the Draft Rules under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.
Authority : Department of Consumer Affairs
30. Views and Suggestions of ICSI on the Consumer Protection (Mediation) Regulations, 2019.
Authority : Ministry of Labour & Employment
31. Request to authorize Company Secretaries in Practice to issue Certificate of Compliance under Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Point of Presence) Regulations 2018 read along with Circular No. PFRDA/2019/13/REG-POP/1 dated June 17, 2019.
Authority : Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
32. 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 authorize Company Secretaries in Practice for the same. **Authority : Ministry of Women and Child Development**

INTERNATIONAL FOOTPRINT

33. Opening of ICSI Overseas Centre , USA – Extending ICSI Frontiers

In view of globalization of profession and frequent changes in the corporate world, the Institute has set up ICSI Overseas Centre, USA at New Jersey. The Overseas Centre while acting as Facilitation Centre will strengthen the global outreach of the profession and facilitate the students & members residing in USA in advancing their academic acumen, capacity building and in turn better professional and placement opportunities.

34. Inauguration of ICSI Middle East Centre (Dubai)



The ICSI incorporated ICSI Middle East (DIFC) NPIO ('NPIO') as a Non Profit Incorporated Organization under the Non Profit Incorporated Organization Law, DIFC Law No. 6 of 2012 of Dubai on September 24, 2019. The Inauguration Ceremony of the NPIO was organized on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at Roda Al Murooj, Financial Centre Road, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

35. CSIA Council Meeting and ICSI-CSIA International Conference in India

ICSI hosted the Council meeting of Corporate Secretaries International Association Limited (CSIA) on 9-10 September, 2019. At the meeting held on 10th September, 2019, CS Ranjeet Pandey, President, ICSI was unanimously elected as Vice-President of CSIA for the year 2020.



On 11th September, 2019, ICSI-CSIA International Conference was organized on the theme "Redefining Global Governance - Dawn of a New Era" at New Delhi.

- 36. Launch of Secretarial Practice Guide** on meetings of the Board of Directors by Malaysian Association of Company Secretaries (MACS) by adopting SS-1



- 37. President, Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administrators of Nigeria visits ICSI**

Mr. Bode Ayeku, President, Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administrators of Nigeria visited the ICSI Headquarters, New Delhi to discuss the Board Evaluation and Corporate Governance Evaluation in India as it is recently introduced in Nigeria, amongst other issues of mutual interest.

IV CAPACITY BUILDING

- 38. Certificate Course on Arbitration, Mediation and Conciliation**

In view of the recognition received under the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2019 and with the objective of capacity building of ICSI members, the ICSI is associating with the IMC International ADR Centre, Mumbai as well as with National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru for conducting joint certificate course on Arbitration, Mediation and Conciliation.

- 39. Certificate Course on Forensic Audit in association with KPMG**

The Institute has launched the Certificate Course on Forensic Audit in association with KPMG. The objective of this course is to acquaint ICSI members and students in the Forensic audit domain considering the increase in financial frauds. This will also help the professionals who have been working in related domains.

- 40. Certificate Course on Start-ups**

The Award Ceremony of the ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance witnessed the ICSI and Startup India launching a joint Certificate Programme on Capacity Building to support Startup Ecosystem. The Course will equip the members with specific knowledge of all legal provisions relating to Startups and also familiarize them with emotions attached to startup culture and startup ecosystems trends.



41. Course on Data Analytics

Realizing the need to build the capacity of our members in the area of data analytics, the Council approved the launch of Certificate Course on Data Analytics. This Course is a Foundation level course aimed at building awareness around the concepts of Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence.

42. Recognition accorded to corporate Study Circles

ICSI gave recognition to new Study Circles created by various corporate groups. These Study Circles shall open new doors of professional discussion and deliberation.

43. Classroom Training – ICSI RVO

In order to enrich our professionals in the area of Valuation, classroom training has been provided at 17 locations wherein a total of 391 members participated.

44. Publications

In an attempt to enhance the knowledge repository of the professionals, the Institute has rolled out a host of publications:



- o Guidance Note on Related Party Transactions (RPTs)
- o Model Code for Meetings of Non-Corporate Entities
- o Guidance Note on Report of the Board of Directors
- o Company Secretary in Practice – Ready Reckoner
- o Guidance Note on Prevention of Insider Trading

45. Training of Trainers (ToT) Program

With a view to enhance the quality of guidance provided to the trainees during their practical training, the institute has initiated a one day Training of Trainers (TOT) Program. The TOT program is aimed at harnessing the skill set of trainees through the Trainers mentoring them and provide them an environment to build their competencies in core, ancillary and hybrid areas.



46. Unique Document Identification Number (UDIN)

Aimed at enabling stakeholders to verify the authenticity of documents signed or certified by Company Secretaries in Practice, UDIN shall not only prevent counterfeiting of attestations/ certifications but also ensure compliance w.r.t ceilings on the number of certification / attestation services. The mechanism shall facilitate identification of every document attested by PCS thereby acting as a trust enhancer by facilitating verification of genuinity of documents. Dedicated FAQs on UDIN have been rolled out for assistance to members in generation of UDIN.

**47. Employee Company Secretary Identification Number (eCSin)**

In an attempt to monitor the appointment and cessation of Company Secretary and to bring about greater transparency by creating a platform to identify the Company Secretaries employed in a particular company the ICSI has brought forth the mechanism of eCSin. FAQs on eCSin have been brought out to assist the members in generating eCSin.



While initially made applicable on a voluntary basis, both these initiatives have been made mandatory by the Council of ICSI w.e.f. 1st October, 2019.

48. ICSI Auditing Standards

With the aim of strengthening the present governance scenario and to bring standardization and uniformity in the professional arena, the Institute has issued 4 (four) Auditing Standards which have been made applicable on recommendatory basis on Audit Engagements accepted by the Auditor on or after 1st July, 2019 and the same shall be mandatory for Audit Engagements accepted by the Auditor on or after 1st April, 2020.

The ICSI has further brought out the Guidance Notes on Auditing Standards to assist the members in adopting the Auditing Standards.



49. Strengthening Peer Review Mechanism

- o In order to phase-in Peer Review gradually, the Council has not only affixed the Ceiling on number of Annual Secretarial Compliance Reports to be issued by PCS but has also decided to mandate undertaking of such reporting by Peer Reviewed Members only.



- o Further, to equip the Reviewers with thorough understanding of the aspects of conducting Peer Review, 11 Training Programmes were organized to empanel Peer Reviewers wherein 107 members registered participation.

Particulars

Jan-July, 2019 2018

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| • No. of training programmes conducted | 11 | 2 |
| • No. of members trained / participated at the training programmes | 107 | 19 |
- o Third Edition of Peer Review Manual was released to provide necessary guidance to members.

50. Strengthening Quality Review

- o To familiarize Quality Reviewers with the Quality Review Process, their roles, responsibilities, duties and submission of Reports to the Board, a Training Programme for Quality Reviewers was organized on February 19, 2019 at ICSI-CCGRT, Navi Mumbai.
- o A total of 48 Quality Reviewers have been empanelled under the process.
- o A dedicated publication has been brought out under the aegis of Guide to Conduct Quality Review for the Reviewers.



51. ICSI (Guidelines for Advertisement by Company Secretaries), 2020

The Council of the ICSI at its 266th meeting held on 9th January, 2020 approved the Guidelines for Advertisement by a Company Secretaries. The Guidelines deal with the manner in which a Company Secretaries whether in practice or otherwise can advertise the services provided by him/her or his/her firm and the particulars of his/her firm through a write-up.

52. ICSI Guidance on Scale of Fees for various professional services rendered by Practicing Company Secretaries

This Guidance on Scale of Fees for various Professional Services containing scope of various professional services and guiding principles for fixing the scale of fee would ensure transparency between the client and the PCS and also pave the way for a just and reasonable scale of fees to be charged by professionals on the basis of their experience, expertise, exposure, operational costs, associated risks, penalties for wrong certification and the market forces.

53. 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 2020, the Council has amended the ICSI (Guidelines for Compulsory Attendance of Professional Development Programmes by the members) to grant the credit hours through e-learning programmes/webinars, online exam and certification courses etc.

54. ICSI (Guidelines for Attire and Conduct of Company Secretaries), 2020

The intent behind these Guidelines is to provide the rules of etiquette and decorum for appearance before the courts, statutory bodies and quasi judicial bodies such as NCLT, NCLAT, SEBI, CCI, etc., ensure respect for authority and build a brand for the profession of Company Secretaries.

55. The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (Protocol Guidelines), 2019

Another set of guidelines under the aegis of 'The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (Protocol Guidelines), 2019' provide for the protocol to be followed for orderly conduct of various programmes and other formal events of the Institute in a well planned and professional manner so as to accord a focused learning experience to the participants at every programme.

56. ICSI (Branding Activities & Media) Guidelines, 2019

Understanding the significance of our Regional Offices and Chapters, as our true brand ambassadors, the ICSI (Branding Activities & Media) Guidelines, 2019 have been rolled out to propagate uniformity in their attempts to promote Brand ICSI.

57. Format of intimation to be given to the previous incumbent (Company Secretary)

The primary requirement under Clause (8) of Part I of the FIRST SCHEDULE to the Company

Secretaries Act, 1980 is of prior communication with the previous incumbent which is intended for reasons of professional courtesy. In accordance with the above, the Council has approved the format to be issued by Company Secretaries.

58. Introduction of New Awards

The Institute introduced the following new categories of awards apart from the Best Regional & Chapter Awards to encourage the chapters:



- o Best Study Centre Awards
- o Emerging Chapters Award
- o Best Chapter Award for CAP Activities
- o Best Chapter Award for Class Room Teaching Activities
- o Best Chapter for Placement Services
- o Best Chapter for Student Registration

59. Expanding the Awards base for Excellence in Corporate Governance

- o **New Award Categories :** The ICSI in an attempt to motivate corporates across all segments introduced various new categories of awards. Under the new arrangement, the Awards for Best Governed Companies were given to companies in the Listed and Unlisted Segment further categorizing them into Large, Medium and Emerging categories.
- o **ICSI Best Secretarial Audit Report Award :** The Institute with the aim of recognizing the efforts of Company Secretaries in Practice in their roles as Secretarial Auditors in elevating the culture of governance in corporate sector and enhancing the importance of Secretarial Audit Reporting in the years to follow has instituted the Best Secretarial Audit Report Award.
- o **ICSI Award for Best Company Secretary in Employment :** The Council has approved the award for Best Company Secretary in Employment to be conferred from the year 2020 onwards.



60. Core Group on Secretarial Audit

A Core Group comprising Senior Practitioners, Bureaucrats and Company Secretaries in Employment has been constituted to revisit the existing format of the report and to make recommendations thereon for its revision, and make such other recommendations as may be considered necessary.

61. ICSI PCS Portal: A step towards enhancing Connectivity

A dedicated Portal has been developed with the intent of bridging the gap between the practising professionals specializing in their areas of activity and the corporates looking out for such professionals. With its dual search mechanism – the first being a skill based search developed on the basis of specialization and the other being a name based search; the Portal comes across as an all-inclusive platform to serve the varied needs of the corporates comprehensively.



62. In principal-approval of Council to empanel vendors for providing e-library for legal books and Case Digest on discounted rates

VII

STRENGTHENING CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

63. Participation in Policy/Rule making activities of Government / Regulatory Authorities

- o Primary Market Advisory Committee of the Securities and Exchange Board of India
- o Committee to Advise on Valuation Matters constituted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and administered by IBBI
- o Insolvency Law Committee constituted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to recommend amendments to Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code of India
- o High Level Committee of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs on Corporate Social Responsibility



64. In-principal approval for creation of Arbitral Institution under Arbitration And Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2019

The Council of the Institute has decided to incorporate a new subsidiary company/society to act as Arbitral Institution under Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2019 after the notification of relevant provisions.

65. Centre of Excellence in Research and Training

Continuing in its attempt to provide research and training avenues readily accessible to the members and students, the ICSI has intended to initiate the development of two new Centres of Excellence for Research & Training (CERTs) at:

- o Kolkata (West Bengal)
- o IMT Manesar, Gurugram (Haryana)



66. Opening of new Chapter of ICSI

With the intent of expanding the governance base in all corners of the nations, the Institute during the year inaugurated six (6) new Chapters at:

- Belagavi (Karnataka)
- Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh)
- Patiala (Punjab)
- Panipat (Haryana)
- Karnal (Haryana)
- Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu).

Apart from these new premises have been taken on lease at Ludhiana, Thrissur, and Bhayander to meet the changing needs of the stakeholders therein.



67. Opening of new Study Centres

In the months gone, various Study centers have been opened across the nation.

68. Opening of new Examination Centres

The Institute has in an attempt to expand horizons and enhance the access to students has relaxed the existing distance parameters for opening of new Examination centres. Furthermore, covering the four directions, North, South, east and West; new centres have been opened at:

- Amritsar (Punjab)
- Gandhidham (Gujarat)
- Mathura (Uttar Pradesh)
- Port Blair (Andaman & Nicobar)
- Tirunelveli (Tamil Nadu)
- Bellary (Karnataka)
- Imphal (Manipur)
- Patiala (Punjab)
- Rewari (Haryana)
- Vapi (Gujarat)

IX INITIATIVES FOR STUDENTS

69. One Day Gap

To provide to the students ease in undertaking the examination, the ICSI has decided to modify the examination schedule from December, 2019 session onwards wherein for the CS Executive Programme one paper of Module-I shall be followed by one paper of Module-II. Similarly, for the CS Professional Programme, one paper of Module-I shall be followed by one paper of Module-II and one paper of Module-III, and the cycle shall be further repeated across the entire schedule.

70. One more attempt under Executive Programme (2012 Old Syllabus)

The Institute has decided to give one more attempt to the students of Executive Programme (2012 Old Syllabus) in the CS Examinations. All such students who are not able to clear the Executive Programme during December, 2019 session may continue to appear in the 2012 Old Syllabus for one more session, i.e. June, 2020 session.

71. Academically Strong ICSI

o **Strengthening Class Room Teaching Centres** : To augment the quality of Class Room Teaching centres besides organizing Classes at various Regional/Chapter Offices/Study Centres of the Institute, mock tests/Crash Courses/Revision Classes are being conducted for the students enabling them to prepare for the examination in a much planned and focused manner.

o **'Academic Corner' - One stop solution for Academic needs** : Restructured the resource reservoir to bring study material, Guidance for Examinations, Sample Case Studies, Practice Test Papers, Student e-bulletin, and information about ICSI Academic Connect all at one place.

o **Reduction in time for efficient delivery of Study Material from 55 days to 30 days (inclusive of printing and dispatch)**

o **Library and Reading Room Facility in collaboration with Universities and Management Institutes across India** : As an initiative to provide library services to its Members and Students all over India, the ICSI has forayed into a tie-up with 54 Renowned Universities and Colleges of India for gaining access to their Library/Reading room facilities. The Study Material of Company Secretaryship Course and ICSI Publications will also be available in these Universities/ Colleges.

o **Video Bytes for Students on:**

- a) Coping up with Examination related stress
- b) Examination Preparation for June, 2019 exam and Academic Guidance
- c) Success stories of Rank holders of December 2018 examination.

72. Launch of International Commerce Olympiad

The ICSI entered into an MOU with the Science Olympiad Foundation to host the future Olympiads under the aegis of International Commerce Olympiad.



73. All Round development of CS Students



o Yuvotsav 2020: Future Meets Present : The National Conference has been given complete revamping this year to make it more cherishing and learning experience for the students. The 20th National Conference of Student Company Secretaries was held at Kolkata on 12th January, 2020 to mark the 157th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on the theme Yuvotsav 2020: Future Meets Present. ICSI Students along with other students and members participated in the event. 20 different competitions were held wherein teams from 34 Chapters and 4 Regional Councils participate.

o **One day Orientation Program for students of Foundation Programme :** To enable the students to understand the onerous responsibility they are going to take forward and the reason as to why this profession commands a coveted place, the Institute has launched a One Day Orientation Programme.

74. Empanelment of Trainers

The Institute with the intent of creating a pool of quality faculty for its various knowledge initiatives has undertaken the process of empanelling resource persons so as to benefit from their expertise, skills and knowledge. Apart from enhancing the quality of both CS education and CS professionals, such empanelment shall restrict the appointment as faculty to only those members of academia and other professions fulfilling the eligibility criteria.

75. Empanelment of Academic Resource Persons for Subject Committees

With the aim to strengthen the academics and to develop practical insights regarding various Subjects of Executive Programme and Professional Programme, New Syllabus, thereby, bridging the gap between theory and practice, the ICSI has constituted 'Subject Experts Committee' for each of the twenty four subjects covered in Executive Programme and Professional Programme.

X ICSI FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES

76. 1st 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.

77. 51st Foundation Day of ICSI : Hon'ble President of India graces the ceremony

The 51st Foundation Day of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India was celebrated in the benign and gracious presence of Shri Ram Nath Kovind, the Hon'ble President of India on the 5th of October, 2019 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Along with the First Citizen of the nation, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Minister of State, Ministry of Corporate Affairs; Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises and Shri Injeti Srinivas, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs presided over the event.



78. Highest ever Registration of Delegates

o **National PCS Conference** : Accredited with the maximum registrations witnessed by any PCS Conference till date, the National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries entering its 20th year was organized at Bengaluru on the 5th and 6th of July, 2019 on the theme 'Expanding dynamics of Professional Excellence'.



o **47th National Convention of Company Secretaries** : Organised under the theme 'Empowering New India – Reform, Perform, Transform', the 47th National Convention of Company Secretaries was held from 14th – 16th November, 2019 at the Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre, Jaipur, Rajasthan. The three day event was divided into multiple Technical and Special Sessions.



o **1st National Conference of Corporate CS** : The two-day National Conference of Corporate CS on the theme 'Governance beyond Compliance: Expanding Horizons for Company Secretaries' was held at Mumbai on 4th -5th January, 2020. The Conference was inaugurated at the hands of Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Governor, Maharashtra.



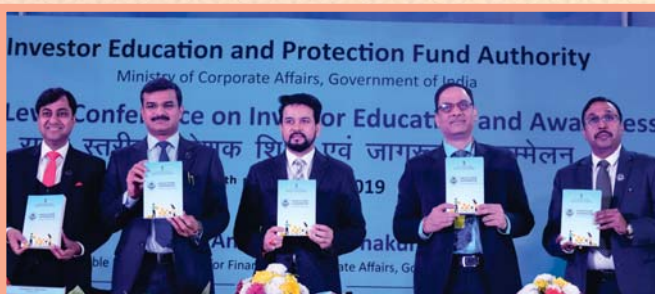
o **ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance, 2019** : The Award Function was held on 10th January, 2020 at The ITC Maurya, New Delhi. Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, MoS for Finance and Corporate Affairs and Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, Former Chief Justice of India were the Guests of Honour at the presentation ceremony and presented the Awards to the winner companies.



79. State Level Conference on Investor Education and Awareness

The ICSI organized an Investor Awareness Programme in association with the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority, Govt. of India and a Mega Career Awareness Programme for the youth of Himachal Pradesh on 20th December, 2019 at Sports Authority of India (SAI) Auditorium, Dharmshala, Himachal Pradesh.

Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Hon'ble Union Minister of State, Ministry of Corporate Affairs was the Chief Guest. Shri Injeti Srinivas, Secretary, MCA, Shri Manoj Pandey, Joint Secretary, MCA graced the event and address the gathering.



80. All India Teacher's Conferences across India - ICSI Teacher's Week celebrations

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India engaged with the Educators across India through the august Platform of ICSI Teachers Week and Empowered the torch bearers of Knowledge through thread bare sessions on the recent topics related to Companies Act 2013, GST Law etc. alongwith their updates on latest amendments by the Govt. of India.

ICSI Teachers Conferences on the Theme "Empowering Educators" were organised by ICSI Regional Councils at New Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai and ICSI Chapters during the ICSI Teachers Week across India at more than 40 Locations.



81. Other events:

o **PCS Day** : Pan India PCS Induction Programmes organized at Regional Councils and Chapters during June 15-22, 2019. The events comprised panel discussions, conferences, seminars aimed at instilling amongst the practising members a new zeal to serve the nation.



o **Capital Markets Week – Redefining the Indian Capital Market-Vision 2022** : The 'ICSI Capital Markets Week – 2019' was organised during August 9-17, 2019, on the theme 'Redefining the Indian Capital Market-Vision 2022'. Mega programs were organised at Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai and New Delhi.



o **GST Day** : Akin to our other GST centric initiatives, PAN-India celebrations were made of GST Day, as the accomplishment ceremony of two years of the Good and Simple Tax.

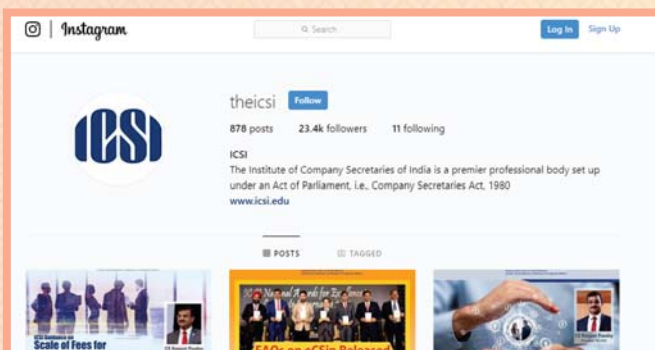
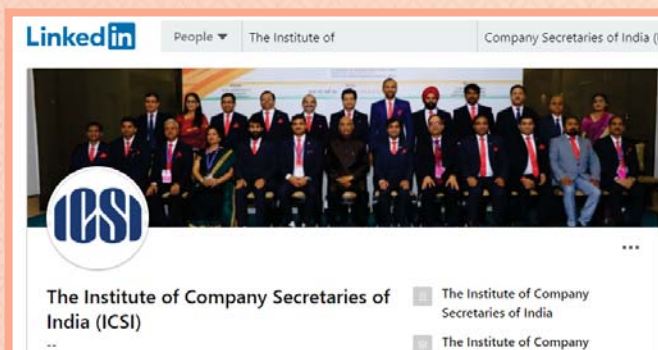
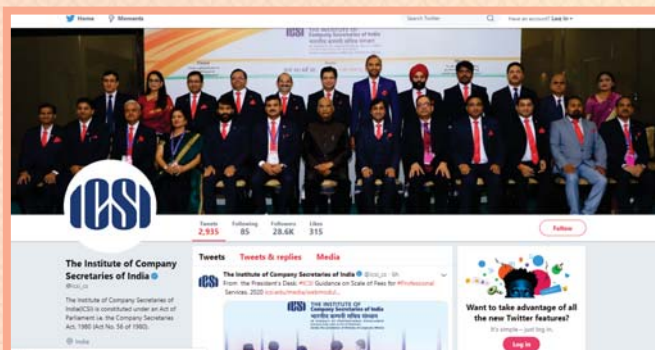
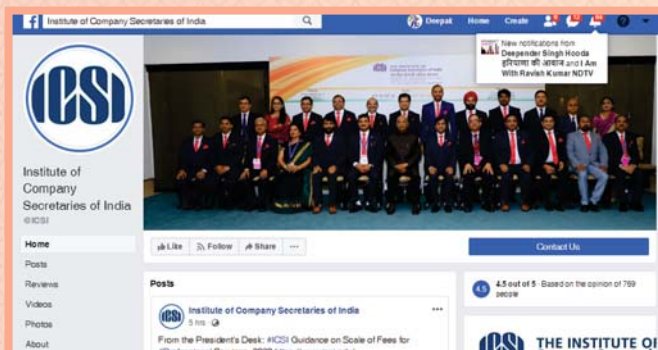
o **ICSI Convocations** : Convocations in the benign presence of dignitaries were successfully held for the different regions at Bengaluru, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Indore, Chandigarh, New Delhi, Ranchi, Mumbai, and Coimbatore.



82. In an attempt to enhance its brand equity, the Institute has undertaken various initiatives to create greater brand presence of the course and the profession.

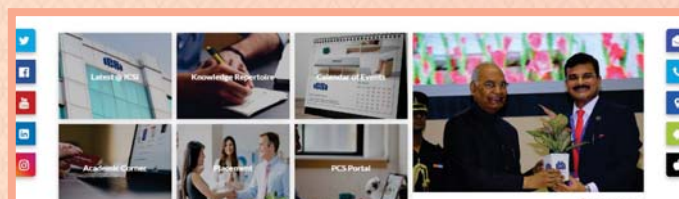
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Press Coverage of ICSI events, announcements	1100
Press Conferences	22
Exclusive Interview and write-ups of ICSI Spokesperson in Print media	20
Coverage on Electronic Media	19
Number of videos created for brand promotion	18
Half hour special episodes on Electronic Media (ET Now, Doordarshan, Times Now, CNBC TV18 and India Today TV)	9

Social Media Presence	Followers (till January 2020)	Social Media Presence	Followers (till January 2020)
Facebook	1,22,954	LinkedIn	10,826
Twitter	28,513	Instagram	23,300

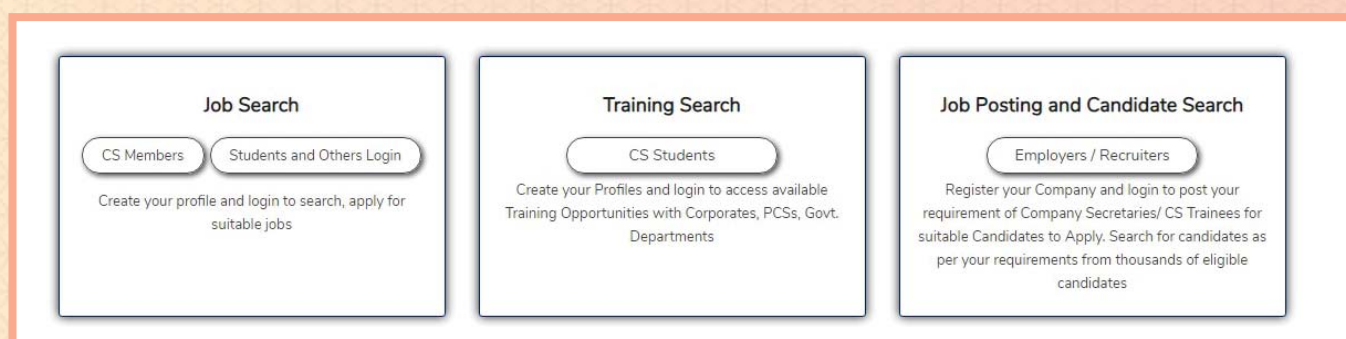


The benefits of imbibing technology in every sphere of activity of the Institute have always been in the foresight leading to new and regular IT initiatives being taken by the Institute for both students and members. During the last few months the following initiatives were undertaken:

83. Revamping of ICSI website
84. First phase of Disciplinary Mechanism Software
85. Launch of E-Chartered Secretary
86. Dedicated portals for UDIN and eCSin
87. E-learning Solution –Third Phase
88. E-Agenda Management Portal
89. Reimbursement Module for Employees
90. Conference Room Booking Facility
91. Dedicated App under 'Shaheed Ki Beti' Initiative
92. Online classroom teaching facilities
93. ICSI Placement Portal



The ICSI Placement Portal is a dynamic platform to create synergies between prospective employers and members and students on a lookout for appropriate placement opportunities. The Portal while saving time and effort and lending credibility to the placement Process minimizes third party intervention.



94. Short-term training module

A new short term training module has been designed and developed for the purpose of providing uniformity to the various processes involved in various short term trainings organized by ICSI.

95. Digital Platform for Certificate Courses

This platform facilitates the conduct of Certificate Courses in a completely automated environment including Registration, Fee Payment, Examination, Notifications and Certification. It is a complete end to end solution from Registration to Certification.

96. ICSI on DigiLocker Platform

The Institute On 5th October, 2019 launched digital Identity Cards for its members in association with the National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Digital India Corporation, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India. The Identity Cards

and Associate Membership Certificates will be available online and real time. The initiative will play a significant role in reducing the administrative overheads of the Institute, minimize the use of paper and will be convenient and time saving for the members.



XIII SOCIAL INITIATIVES

97. All inclusive development of the nation : Equality of opportunity

The Institute as part of its social responsibility initiatives and alignment towards the intent of inclusive growth of people from different parts of country has launched various schemes:

- o **100% Fee waiver Scheme for students of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and 50% Concession in fees for the students of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and North-Eastern States :** 100% percent Fee Waiver Scheme for the students from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and 50% Concession in fees for the students of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and North Eastern States.



- o **50% Concession in fees for the students of Himachal Pradesh :** Under the scheme 50% fee waiver will be provided to students belonging to Himachal Pradesh for registration to CS Foundation and CS Executive Programme.
- o **Concession in Fee for Registration to CS Course :** Concession in Fee for Registration to CS Course to the Widows and Wards of Martyrs, Permanent Disability cases, Serving / Retired Personnel of Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Indian Navy and all para-military forces.

98. Fit India – Fit ICSI Walkathon

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India celebrated its Foundation Day on, 4th of October, 2019 by aligning with the recently launched Fit India Movement. The ICSI organised

Pan India 'Fit India-Fit ICSI' Walkathons at all the Regional Councils and Chapter Offices of the Institute. Members and students along with their peers participated in the Walkathon which was flagged-off in the presence of dignitaries. The Fitness Pledge was also administered to propagate the adoption of a healthy lifestyle. The same was well appreciated by the Hon'ble President of India.



99. Go-Green Initiative

o Installation of Solar Panels at ICSI Lodi Road, and other ICSI Chapters : To conserve and protect natural resources for future generations and to protect human health, the ICSI as an initiative in this regard has intended to contribute to reducing global warming by installing solar panels at its various buildings. The first inauguration was held at ICSI HQ, Lodi Road, New Delhi. Two other Roof Top Solar Power Systems have been inaugurated at the Bhilwara and Jaipur Chapter of ICSI.



o Single Use Plastic Free ICSI – Sankalp se Siddhi : In pursuit of this vision and with the theme of India @ 75 – Sankalp se Siddhi in sight, the ICSI has stepped up to the responsibility and has intended to contribute to the national mission of 'Single use Plastic Free India' by launching 'Single use Plastic Free ICSI' initiative.

100. Enhancement of financial assistance under CSBF

The Managing Committee of Company Secretaries Benevolent Fund (CSBF) has increased the financial assistance accorded under the scheme (upto the age of 60 years) from Rs. 7.5 lakh to Rs. 10 lakh.

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