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Vision

"To be a global leader in promoting good corporate governance"

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"To develop high calibre professionals facilitating good corporate governance"

Faculty Profile

24th National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries

Date: 16th & 17th June, 2023, Venue: Novotel Visakhapatnam Varun Beach, Visakhapatnam

Theme: Company Secretary: Stepping Beyond Boundaries



**National Conference of
Practising Company Secretaries
(24th Edition)**

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Days & Dates
Friday & Saturday, June 16-17, 2023

Venue
Novotel Visakhapatnam, Varun Beach, Visakhapatnam



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Inaugural Session

Friday, June 16, 2023

Time - 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

CHIEF GUEST

Hon'ble Minister Shri Gudivada Amarnath

Minister for Industries, Infrastructure, Investment & Commerce, Information Technology, Handlooms & Textiles, Government of Andhra Pradesh



Hon'ble Minister Shri Gudivada Amarnath ji has been inducted into the cabinet in 2022 and is responsible for five key portfolios. He is the Minister for Industries, Infrastructure, Investments, Commerce & IT and has been driving the Investments and Promotions of the state from the forefront.

Following the footsteps of his father, Hon'ble Shri Gudivada Gurunatha Rao, who was a former MP and Minister, Shri Gudivada Amarnath ji who is an engineer by qualification entered politics at an early age of 21 in 2006 as Corporator from the Indian Congress Party for Greater Vishakhapatnam Municipal Corporation. He left his mark by achieving the best Corporator of the year award in 2006 and continued to soar in his political career.

In 2011, he resigned from the Congress Party and joined the YSR Congress Party and worked both as YSR Congress Party's state spokesperson and as in-charge of the Anakapalle Constituency. He is known to be a relentless fighter for the Party even when it was not in power.

In 2019 Andhra Pradesh Assembly elections, he contested and won from the Anakapalle Assembly Constituency. After the formation of Anakapalle district, the party appointed MLA Gudivada Amarnath as the president of Anakapalle parliamentary District YSRCP.

In 2022, he was appointed to the Andhra Pradesh State as Industries and IT Minister and he continues to promote the investments for the state of Andhra Pradesh. He strongly believes that People, Progress and Possibilities are three important pillars for any state to flourish and works relentlessly in that principle.

GUEST OF HONOUR

Hon'ble Shri M.V.V. Satyanarayana

Member of Parliament, Visakhapatnam



Hon'ble Shri M.V.V. Satyanarayana holds a B. A., from Andhra University, Visakhapatnam. He is Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Visakhapatnam Parliamentary Constituency & Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development, Chairman of the Visakhapatnam Airport Advisory Committee and Chairman of the Visakhapatnam District Road Safety Committee.

He joined the Y.S.R. Congress Party in Undi Village, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh in the presence of Sri Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Y.S.R. Congress President during Praja Sankalpa Yatra in 2018. He was Co-ordinator, Y.S.R. Congress Party Visakhapatnam Parliamentary Constituency in 2018. On 23rd May, 2019, he was elected as Member of the 17th Lok Sabha, representing Visakhapatnam constituency of Andhra Pradesh.

He established Srinivasa Constructions in the year 1997 and MVV Builders in Visakhapatnam in the year 2000 and has completed more than 100 Residential Projects. In 2005, he also started a Layout Venture in the name of Classic Farms & Estates in 90 Acres of land at Maddi Village, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam District. From 2012 to 2016, he completed Five Mega Construction Projects in Hyderabad. He was the President of Builders Association and also played an active role from Executive Member to Chairman of CREDAI and at present is the Ex-Officio Member of CREDAI.

He also founded MVV Cinema film Production Company and has produced seven films. He has also acted in Telugu and Kannada Films.

First Technical Session

Emerging Opportunities: Expectations & Challenges

Friday, June 16, 2023

Time - 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM

CS Ashish Garg

Former President, The ICSI



A Fellow Member of the ICSI, a Post Graduate in Economics (M.A.) and Commerce (M.Com.) and a Graduate in Law (L.L.B.) from the Vikram University, Ujjain, CS Ashish Garg was elected to the Central Council of the ICSI for the term 2015-2018 and re-elected for the second term in 2019 for four years. He was elected as the President of the ICSI for the year 2020.

During his first stint with the Central Council, he was the Chairman of Practising Company Secretaries Committee of the ICSI for the year 2015 and 2016 and it was under his leadership that the PCS Day was celebrated with full gusto on 15th June every year. While holding Chairmanship of the Core Group of GST of ICSI and Centre of Corporate Governance, Research and Training (CCGRT), he was also nominated by the ICSI as a member at the Cost Accounting Standards Board of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India.

Practising as a Corporate Law Consultant, he has over 22 years of experience in the areas of corporate laws, organizational restructuring, corporate legal counselling, representation and appearances for clients who are into manufacturing, production, processing and services sector. He has authored many articles and held press and media briefs for magazines, newspapers and TV channels and given professional lectures in India and abroad.

He has represented ICSI at various international forums including Malaysian Association of Company Secretaries (MACS), Annual Conference 2015 at Kuala Lumpur, International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN) Annual Conference 2016 at San Francisco, Institute of Directors Dubai Global Convention 2016, National Conference 2017 of Governance Institute of Australia at Melbourne, Annual Conference 2018 of The Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya (ICPSK) at Mombasa, International Professional Development Fellowship Program 2019 of ICSI at Spain and Portugal, The Institute of Valuers and Appraisers and the International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC) Business Valuation Conference 2019 at Singapore.

CS Gopalakrishna Hegde
Former Council Member, The ICSI



CS Gopalakrishna Hegde, an ambitious professional who loves challenges, is an effective leader with excellent communication skills. He is a Company Secretary and Chartered Accountant with over 35 years of experience in Corporate Finance, Accounts, Taxation, Audit, Secretarial, Legal, Systems, Personnel and Administration functions. He is the Director of Sri-Gem Corporate Services Private Limited, Bengaluru and Chairman of STRTA Consulting Services Private Limited, Bengaluru.

He received recognition as “Competent Communicator” and “Competent Leader” from Toastmasters International, a global organization engaged in education & training on Communication & Leadership Skills and is also a recipient of Certificate of Honour from Dr. D.G. Shetty Educational Society (R), Dharwad, Karnataka, conferring the title “VIDYA VIKAS” in recognition of the excellent services rendered in the field of education. He is also a recipient of “Prathibha Puraskara Award” Honour conferred by Shree Akhila Havyaka Mahasabha (R.) and the Certificate of Achievement “Advanced Leadership at Emerson”, Ohio, USA, 2011.

Previously, he was the Director- Finance, Legal & Company Secretary of Trident Powercraft Private Limited, a multi locational, multi product and multinational manufacturing company, part of Emerson Electric Co., USA. He also served as the Chairman of Bangalore Chapter of the ICSI in 2006, Chairman of SIRC of the ICSI in 2009 and provided successful leadership for the activities of 15 Chapters, all spread across 5 States in Southern India. He was a Council Member of the ICSI for two terms: 2011 – 2014 & 2015 – 2018.

CS Sony George Mathew
Partner, Regulatory Advisory & Support
SAS Partners Corporate Advisors



CS Sony George Mathew is a Law Graduate from Bangalore University and holds an MBA in Finance along with Associate Membership of the ICSI. He is a Corporate Law Professional with strong finance & business acumen. He is part of a team with a strong advisory, blended with an excellent execution teams in legal, business/factory setting up, pre-post transaction advisory and continuous compliance support.

He has worked with corporates from more than 25 countries. With over 17 years of experience in advising domestic and foreign subsidiaries in India, he is an expert in organisational building, product development, process management and stakeholder relations. He specialises in Corporate Law, Business Structuring, Due Diligence, M&A, Takeover and Capital Market Transactions.

He is a Past Member of National Committee on Aerospace & Defence of Indo-French Chamber of Commerce & Industry (IFCCI). He also acts as an Independent director for Indian subsidiaries during entry and growth stage. His Present & Past directorships include Macy's India (USA), Fonterra India (New Zealand), etc.

CS Jyoti Vineet Tandon
Co-Chair, ACFCS India Chapter
Founder, FinCrimeExpert.com
Senior Adviser, Ajcon EduFin P. Ltd.



CS Jyoti Vineet Tandon holds a dual proficiency in Commerce and Law, also holds professional qualification of a Company Secretary from the ICSI as well as Diploma in Financial Services Management from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies. She comes with a wealth of experience heading Compliance for organisations of international repute in the BFSI domain. In her capacity as Head Compliance, MLRO and Company Secretary, she has held leadership roles throughout her career journey spanning three decades. Being part of the Executive Management Committees at these organisations, she led them through their growth and change journeys, including handling JVs, mergers & takeovers.

A Fintech, CSR and WIN enthusiast, she has also driven key initiatives at the firms she was part of. She led the Voyager program for Compliance at Nomura, which successfully tested new technologies including AI and ML for use in surveillance and monitoring solutions.

She is an expert in policy, procedures, controls, regulatory, anti-money laundering and governance related matters and is well recognised as an industry leader and speaks at industry events on compliance matters.

On personal front, she loves travelling and connecting with people, and engages with NGOs in philanthropy.

Second Technical Session

Social Stock Exchange & Social Audit: New horizon for PCS

Friday, June 16, 2023

Time - 5:45 PM – 7:00 PM

Ms. Yukti Sharma

Vice President, NSE



Ms. Yukti Sharma is the Vice President, Regulatory division of National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. She is a Chartered Accountant with 20 years of post-qualification experience in Capital Market and Banking. Presently, she is leading the listing approval team of the Exchange, which is responsible to grant approval for Primary Market fund raising.

In her 15 years of tenure with NSE, she has served in various Regulatory verticals such as Investigation, Enforcement, Exchange Compliance and Listing. Prior to joining the National Stock Exchange, she has worked for organizations like Standard Chartered Bank and JP Morgan Chase.

CS Ranjeet Pandey
Former President, The ICSI



A Fellow Member of the ICSI and a Law Graduate from Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, CS Ranjeet Pandey, is a Practising Company Secretary having over 20 years of experience in the field of Corporate and Commercial Laws. He is also a registered Insolvency Professional. He is a prominent advisor in the areas of Corporate Governance, Compliances Management & Due-diligence, Corporate Restructuring and Insolvency & Bankruptcy. He is the Chairman of Governance and Compliance Standards Board of ICSI, Board Member of ICSI Institute of Social Auditors (ISA), Chairman of Advisory Committee of Professional Members of ICSI – IIP, and also member of Disciplinary Committee of ICSI-IIP.

He served as elected representative of the ICSI, Chairman of NIRC of ICSI for the year 2011 and President of the ICSI for the year 2019. While holding the position of Central Council Member, he contributed as Chairman, Corporate Law and Governance Committee of ICSI and & also chaired the Academic Committee of ICSI to bring out ICSI New Syllabus 2022. He was also the Vice-President of the Corporate Secretaries International Association Limited (CSIA).

With rich knowledge and experience of Corporate Governance, Capital & Financial markets, he also served as Ex-officio member of the PMAC of SEBI, Member of the Working Committee of MCA for streamlining working under the Companies Act, 2013, special invitee to the High Level Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility of Govt. of India and Member of the Committee to advise on Valuation Matters. He represented ICSI in Insolvency Law Committee, Govt. of India, was a special invitee to the working group of MCA for finalizing BRSR Framework of reporting for Listed and Unlisted entities and also chaired the ICSI Task Force on Insurance Law to develop and finalise the Draft format for the Annual Compliance Report to be issued for Insurance Companies.

During his tenure as President of the ICSI, the Institute launched initiatives for strengthening self-governance like UDIN, eCSin, and ICSI Auditing Standards. The Institute also had the privilege to host the Hon'ble President of India on the occasion of 51st Foundation day of ICSI during his Presidency. A firm believer of continuous training & skill development, he is a regular speaker/panelist at various national and international academic and industry forums. The media regularly solicits his views and opinions.

Ms. Krutika Shelke
Deputy Head
Social Stock Exchange, BSE Limited



Ms. Krutika Shelke is a dedicated professional working at the forefront of social impact and sustainable development. As a passionate advocate for positive change, she currently serves as a key member of the Social Stock Exchange (SSE) team, where she plays a pivotal role in enabling NGOs to register and understand the manifold benefits of being listed on the exchange. With a deep understanding of the unique challenges faced by NGOs, she leverages her expertise to guide and support them through the registration process. She assists in navigating the regulatory requirements, streamlining documentation and ensuring compliance with SSE's criteria. Through her meticulous approach and attention to detail, she helps NGOs seamlessly transition into the SSE ecosystem, empowering them to showcase their social impact and gain greater visibility.

Along with BSE SSE, she helps in supporting and nurturing startups and early-stage businesses with primary focus on Startup selection and Onboarding, Resource Allocation, Networking and Partnerships and Community Building to help these startups grow and succeed at Zone Startups India (based in Bombay Stock Exchange).

She was also the part of BSE Sammaan - a platform for CSR matchmaking and management, At Sammaan, her core focus was to manage corporate engagement and NGO onboarding research and to lead the outreach for potential NGOs to partner pan India, manage the NGO onboarding process, review and screen proposals, deliver and document the need-based assessment reports, collaborate with the technology team to test developed products.

She holds an MBS in Social Entrepreneurship from NMIMS. She continues to expand her knowledge and skills through ongoing professional development opportunities and certifications.

CS Nitin Somani

Founder Director, Sundae Capital Advisors Private Limited



CS Nitin Somani is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, a Chartered Financial Analyst and also a Registered Valuer for securities and financial assets. He is the Founder Director of Sundae Capital Advisors Private Limited engaged into merchant banking, capital market and valuation practice.

He has a rich experience of over two decades in capital markets, investment banking, M&A, Due Diligence, Valuations, Start-ups and Corporate Advisory. His experience varies across a wide range of industries and he has successfully undertaken various assignments in Capital Market.

Third Technical Session

Arbitration & ADR: Augmenting Professional Spectrum

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Time - 09:30 AM – 10:45 AM

CS (Dr.) Pundla Bhaskara Mohan

Advocate of High Court for the State of Telangana

Arbitrator & Conciliator and Former Member (Judicial), NCLT, Jaipur Bench



CS (Dr.) Pundla Bhaskara Mohan is a former Judicial Member and Head of the Department of Jaipur Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal. He is presently practising as an Advocate of High Court for the State of Telangana and also acting as Arbitrator and Conciliator. He is M.Com, F.C.S., LL.M., and Ph.D., in Law. He was enrolled as Advocate on 26th September, 1986 and was attached to the office of Late Sri V. Rajagopal Reddy, Senior Advocate of High Court till 28th April, 1988. He established independent practice w.e.f. 29th April, 1988 in the erstwhile High Court of Andhra Pradesh and is continuing his practice presently in the High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad in all branches of law. His important areas of practice are Writs and Revisions under the Constitution of India, Company Law and other Corporate Laws, Service Law, various Civil and Criminal matters, Arbitration Law, Commercial Taxes, Law of Contract, Banking and other Commercial Laws in the High Court.

He served the Government of India as an Additional Central Government Standing Counsel in the erstwhile High Court of Andhra Pradesh during 1995–1998. Presently, he is Standing Counsel for BSNL and Food Corporation of India in the High Court. He is associated with the International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution as a Founding Faculty Member since the year 2000 and with National Institutions like ASCI, ESCI and CIRE in conducting training programmes on Arbitration and Conciliation. He served the Osmania University during 2016 – 2018 as Member of Board of Studies of Faculty of Law and also convened the 1st National Law Exhibition in India. He was also associated with the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal as a ‘Resource Person’ in conducting programmes for Judicial Officers on the subjects relating to Alternative Dispute Resolution since September, 2006.

He was nominated as ‘Honorary Faculty’ of Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad and is appointed as a Panel Arbitrator for National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Ltd., Bombay. As an Advocate, he has handled over 300 Arbitration matters. He was awarded Ph.D., in 1998 for his thesis entitled “Prevention of Oppression and Mismanagement under the Companies Act, 1956 – Problems and Prospects” by the Osmania University, Hyderabad. Several of his articles have been published in leading law journals like A.I.R., A.L.T., A.L.D. and other books containing compilation of articles on the subject of law.

CS Devendra V. Deshpande
Former President, The ICSI



CS Devendra V. Deshpande is a Fellow Member of the ICSI and a Post Graduate in Commerce from Pune University. He was elected to the Central Council of the ICSI for the term 2019 – 2022 and served as Vice-President of the ICSI for the year 2021 before being elected as President of the ICSI for the year 2022.

With over 15 years of experience as a Practicing Company Secretary, he specialises in the field of Corporate Laws, Foreign Exchange Laws, Audit under Company Law and other Allied Laws, Secretarial Audit and Corporate Restructuring.

He served as the Chairman of ICSI Centre for Corporate Governance, Research and Training (CCGRT), Mumbai and ICSI CCGRT - Hyderabad (erstwhile ICSI Centre of Excellence (CoE)) in the year 2020 and headed the Information Technology Committee of the ICSI in the year 2019. He has also been a Member of various Committees constituted by ICSI including the Executive Committee, Corporate Laws and Governance Committee, Training & Educational Facilities Committee, Placement Committee, PMQ Course Committee, Election Reforms Committee and International Affairs Committee in 2019.

He has been actively associated with the Institute since 2004 and was elected to the WIRC of the ICSI for the term 2015 – 2018. He also served as Chairman of Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI in the year 2013 and was an active Managing Committee Member for the period from 2007 to 2014.

CS Jayan K.

Founding Partner, SVJS & Associates



CS Jayan K. is a Commerce and Law Graduate and a Fellow Member of the ICSI. He is one of the Founding Partners of M/s. SVJS & Associates, a firm of Company Secretaries. SVJS & Associates won the 1st ICSI Best PCS Firm Award from the Institute of Company Secretaries of India in the year 2021.

He has almost 2 decades of experience in company law procedures, compliance & governance, NGO management, arbitration and mediation. He is a Faculty Member of the Kochi Chapter of the ICSI for the last 16 years. In the year 2013, he chaired the Kochi Chapter of the ICSI. He also served as a Member of the Expert Group on Secretarial Standards of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India in 2021.

He is the Treasurer of Indian Institute of Arbitration and Mediation, one of the Pioneer organisations in ADR and the Treasurer of India International ADR Association. He is also instrumental in the promotion of Asia Pacific Centre for Arbitration and Mediation and the development of Peacegate – the dispute resolution App. He holds a Masters in Science (Yoga) as well.

Mr. Tariq Khan

Registrar, International Arbitration and Mediation Centre, Hyderabad



Mr. Tariq Khan is a seasoned disputes practitioner having over 10 years of experience. He was appointed as the Partner of a prominent law firm Advani and Co., New Delhi in 2021 and is currently the Registrar of International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IAMC), Hyderabad. He is also an Arbitrator, trained Mediator and Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb,UK).

Over the course of his career, he has been involved in more than 50 complex and high-stakes arbitrations, both domestic and international, across a variety of industries including construction, infrastructure, energy, joint-venture and intellectual property and worked with clients from around the world.

He is a Professor (Adjunct) at NALSAR University of Law and has authored several books including commentary on Indian Arbitration Law and Law relating to Micro Small and Medium Enterprises. He has more than 60 publications on Arbitration to his credit and has been recognised as an Arbitration expert by SCC Online.

He has conducted several training programme for arbitrators, mediators, IAS officers, corporate counsel, company secretaries, and he is a resource person in various national and international institutions. He is also serving as an Advisor to several ADR societies and is a member of the Scrutiny Committee of the Confederation of Alumni for National Law Universities (CAN) Foundation.

He has been listed in the Forbes Legal Powerlist, 2020-2021 as one of the top individual lawyers and the youngest lawyer listed in BW (Business World) Legal 40 under 40, 2020. He also featured in Fortune 500 (India) Magazine for authoring the best-selling book 'On the Rise'.

Dr. Chirag Balyan
Assistant Professor of Law
Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai



Dr. Chirag Balyan is an Assistant Professor of Law at Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai (MNLUM). His teaching assignment focus on subjects like Alternative Dispute Resolution, International Arbitration, Mediation, Research Methodology and Legal Methods.

He is the Coordinator at Arbitration Centre of the University. As a Founding Faculty Member of the University, he has been instrumental in setting up various research centres such as Mediation Centre, Maritime Centre, Criminal Law Centre etc., student led societies such as Moot Court Society, ADR Society etc. and various other academic initiatives. He was entrusted by the University with the task of coordinating India's first Masters' Degree in Mediation and Conflict Resolution. He is currently the Program Director of PG Diploma in Arbitration and Mediation.

He has co-edited three books on subjects like Commercial Arbitration, Specialized Arbitration, and Investment Arbitration. He has also prepared a survey report on Third Party Funding in India. He has many other journal articles to his credit. He frequently delivers lectures at organizations of national and international repute including the ICSI. Recently, he received the 'Outstanding ADR Educator' award by Asia Pacific Centre for Arbitration and Mediation.

Additionally, he is the National Joint Secretary of Law Teachers Division at International Council of Jurists, London. His previous assignment was to give research assistance to the Chief Justice of India and other judges of the Supreme Court of India.

Special Address

Expectation of Judiciary from Institutions and Professionals &

Practical tips for Professional Expertise

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Time - 10:45 AM – 11:15 AM

Hon'ble Justice Shri D.V.S.S. Somayajulu
Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh



Hon'ble Justice Shri D.V.S.S. Somayajulu was born on 26.09.1961 in a family of lawyers. He is a 4th generation lawyer. His father, late Sri D. V. Subba Rao, was the 3rd generation of a family of distinguished lawyers and a leading Advocate of repute at Visakhapatnam in the State of Andhra Pradesh, holding positions as Chairman, Bar Council of India, Mayor of Visakhapatnam, President, Andhra Cricket Association etc.

He had his early education at Visakhapatnam. He did his B. Com., at Dr. L.B. College, Visakhapatnam, and B. L., from Andhra University, Visakhapatnam. He was enrolled as an Advocate on the Roll of Bar Council of Andhra Pradesh and practiced law at Visakhapatnam. He had extensively practised before various mofussil courts and dealt with all kinds of cases with specialization in civil, commercial and arbitration matters. He had a very extensive practice in arbitration field for over 3 decades. He appeared in various cases involving domestic/international contracts, shipping contracts, shipbuilding contracts, engineering contracts, supply contracts and a variety of commercial contracts. He has appeared before erudite legal luminaries of national and international eminence in arbitrations all over India and abroad also. He was counsel for numerous Public Sector Undertakings and for a number of private companies and banks besides having a large private clientele. He was the President of the Andhra Cricket Association, Member of the Legal Committee of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), President of Bar Association, Visakhapatnam, The Waltair Club, Visakhapatnam, and General Trustee to the Visakha Music and Dance Academy, Mrs. AVN College, & Public Library, Visakhapatnam. He was nominated as 'Swatchh Bharat Ambassador' for Visakhapatnam.

He was appointed as Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad for the State of Telangana and the State of Andhra Pradesh and sworn-in on 21st September 2017. He is the first Advocate from a mofussil Bar in Andhra Pradesh who is directly elevated as a Judge of a High Court.

Fourth Technical Session

MSME & Startups: Catalyst to Economic Growth

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Time - 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

CS Sudhakar Saraswatula
Former Vice-President (Corporate Secretarial)
Reliance Industries Limited



CS Sudhakar Saraswatula is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Qualified Secretary of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, UK and a Law Graduate from Mumbai University, with over four decades of wide-spectrum of experience in Legal, Secretarial, Finance and Accounts fields. Presently, he is associated with Mehta & Mehta (Corporate Legal Firm) as Chief Consultant.

He has worked with Reliance Industries Limited as Vice-President (Corporate Secretarial) for 17 glorious years and with Berger Paints India Limited for about 15 years as Senior General Manager Finance & Accounts apart from other companies.

He was Member of Secretarial Standards Committee of ICSI and Vice-Chairman of Expert Committee on Secretarial Standards of ICSI for the year 2021 and 2022. He was also a Member of the Corporate Affairs Committee of PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry from 2017 to 2022. Currently, he is Member of Secretarial Standards Board of ICSI since 2016, Member of Vision Core Group and Vision Implementation Group of ICSI, Member of Member Ethical Standards Board of ICSI, Chairman of ICSI Business Responsibility and Sustainability Awards Committee and Member of the ESG Committee of Delhi Management Association affiliated to All India Management Association (AIMA).

He is a regular faculty at Institute of Directors, Guest faculty at Indian School of Business for Post Graduate Programme in Management for Family Business, Guest Faculty at National Institute of Securities Markets, K J Somaiya Institute of Management, Mumbai and ICLS Academy, a Central Training Institute of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Guest speaker at the programs organized by Marcus Evans, Wolters Kluwer's and IIT Roorkee and has addressed 800 plus workshops, seminars, conferences, training programs and webinars organized by ICSI, ICAI and ICMAI, several other Chambers of Commerce. He has contributed several articles on Corporate Laws, Management and Corporate Governance to professional journals and financial newspapers. He is a Faculty Member for SMTP / MSOP / CLDP of ICSI for over 20 years and Chairman of the Study Circle Committee of NIRC of ICSI for over 12 years.

Dr. Rajeev Roy

Dean Academics, XLRI Delhi-NCR



Dr Rajeev Roy is Dean Academics & Professor of Entrepreneurship at XLRI Xavier School of Management, Delhi-NCR and the CEO of XCEED, the campus incubator. After completing his PGDM from IIM, Ahmedabad, he had a short corporate stint and then, he started his own ventures. His entrepreneurial ventures include food processing, KPO, dairy products and microfinance.

He has been involved in entrepreneurship development in 14 countries across 5 continents. He has been a full-time faculty in business schools in India and USA. He has set up 6 incubators and accelerators in 4 different countries. He was founder CEO of 36Inc in Raipur which became India's 2nd largest Incubator and incubated over 100 startups within a year of being setup.

An online course in entrepreneurship anchored by him has been used by over 300 universities and colleges worldwide. He has trained over 1000 entrepreneurs and over 300 entrepreneurship educators. He has been directly involved in mentoring and advising over 100 startups in their growth phase. He has advised, consulted with and trained several large corporates and MNCs on topics related to product development, leadership and innovation.

CS Bala Nadar
Practising Company Secretary, Pune
Founder, Startupwala.com



CS Bala Nadar is a Fellow member of the ICSI with 15 years of professional experience and also holds a certification from Harvard Business School in Business Economics. He is also the Founder of Startupwala.com, India's #1 Online Legal Services Platform for Startups & SMEs. Startupwala has helped in setting up of more than 18,000 companies and Trademarking more than 60,000 brands across India.

Forbes Magazine enlisted him as Modern India's Game Changers in 2020 for his contribution in developing entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country and serving the largest number of Startups and SMEs in India.

He frequently speaks on Legal Technology, Startups and Entrepreneurship at Business Schools, Conferences and reputed business forums including NASSCOM, Google for Startups and Startup India.

Fifth Technical Session

Enhancing traits of Appearance before Tribunals & Quasi-Judicial Bodies

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Time - 12:45 PM – 1:45 PM

Hon'ble Justice Smt. T. Rajani
Member (Judicial), NCLT, Amravati Bench



Hon'ble Justice Smt. T. Rajani was born in Annambhotlavari palem in the Prakasam District to Smt. Ramathulasamma and Venkatappaiah. She did her School and College studies at Guntur. She joined Andhra University for Law in 1977 and completed Law in 1980. She got enrolled for law practice in April, 1981 and practised Law in Guntur from 1981 till getting selection as District Judge in August, 2002.

After 4½ months of training at Judicial Academy, her first posting was as 2nd Additional District Judge in Karimnagar and later worked as 1st Additional District Judge, Karimnagar; Judge Mahila Court, Hyderabad; Economic Offences Court, Hyderabad; District Judge, Medak; and Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Hyderabad. She was elevated to High Court on 1st January, 2017. On bifurcation of state, she went to Andhra Pradesh and retired on 6th November, 2020. She was appointed as Member (Judicial) NCLT in October 2021.

CS Nagendra D. Rao
Former President, The ICSI



CS Nagendra D. Rao is a Fellow Member of the ICSI, Law Graduate from University of Mumbai and also has a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce. He is the Designated Partner and Founder of CS Nagendra D. Rao and Associates, LLP, a firm of Practising Company Secretaries in Bengaluru. He was elected to the Central Council of the ICSI for the term 2019-2022 and served as Vice-President of the ICSI for the year 2020 and as President of the ICSI for the year 2021. He was unanimously elected as the Vice-President of the Corporate Secretaries International Association (CSIA) for the year 2022.

With over 16 years of experience in Corporate Sector, he specializes in Corporate and Securities Laws, Capital Markets Transactions, Business Planning, Mergers & Acquisitions, Financial Restructuring, Strategic Investment, Funds Planning & Arrangement, etc. Prior to setting up his whole-time practice, he has also worked in multinational companies.

He has been associated with the ICSI for several years now. He was elected to the Southern India Regional Council for two terms viz., 2011 to 2014 & 2015 to 2018 and has served as Chairman for the year 2015. Prior to that, he was elected to the Managing Committee of the Bengaluru Chapter of the ICSI for the period 2007-2010 and was elevated as Chairman during the year 2009.

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