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- Argala Strotam



Dear Professional Colleagues,

“*Rupam Dehi*” does not feel like asking only for physical beauty, but guidance to refine self. It became a desire to bring grace into my being and to remove the distortion in how I carry myself and my life.

“*Jayam Dehi*” does not feel like worldly victory alone. It became a prayer for victory over inner weakness, fear, confusion, and everything that pulls me away from my higher self.

“*Yasho Dehi*” does not feel like asking for praise from the world. It felt like asking for a life that carries dignity, truth, and divine worth.

“*Dvisho Jahi*” touched the deepest. It felt like a prayer to destroy hostility... not only from outside, but also the inner enemies that keep harming us: doubt, negativity, emotional heaviness, self-sabotage, anger, and old wounds.

Having celebrated the festival of Navratri, the shloka above seems apt for sharing. But with deeper understanding, each verse finds a new meaning. The Stotram began showing me that my biggest battles were not outside.

The last month saw us extending best wishes to each other for the onset of the Hindu New Year and just a few days ago, we were again putting up status and sharing messages to give our professional responsibilities a new start with the beginning of a new financial year.

And any form of New Year is a matter of signing up new resolutions. So, here’s one from my side. This month onwards, you will not see me dive into deep details and share the nitty gritty of all the happening in the month gone by – but just presenting snippets of it.

For one, I know you have been there with us in enlivening the journey of the ICSI events and festivals, and each one of you has a story of your own. And if for any reason you could not, we make sure that the pics and even sometimes proceedings are shared through the pages of this Journal.

So let’s keep it, crisp, short, and informative !!!

6TH IBMP: BRINGING BOARD MEMBERS ON BOARD WITH GOVERNANCE

Beginning with the most recent of events, as I pen this message, the soft breeze of Shillong is bidding us goodbye while we wrap up yet another successful edition of the ICSI Board Mentorship Programme with the Institute of Governance Professionals of India.

Yes, we proudly say that we are the conscious keepers of India Inc. – the trusted companions, the governance baton-holders, but at the same time we understand that it is not our journey alone and even if we tried – we would not be able to achieve it all unaccompanied. And it is imperative that we have the support of decision makers on the boards, and in them instilled the understanding of true meaning of trust, transparency, accountability,

and its significance in building a sustainable India Inc.

My heartiest commendations to the team and appreciations to all the participants who I am sure will now be writing the stories of their companies – a bit differently...!

ICSI WOMEN'S CONFERENCE : FROM PARTICIPATION TO LEADERSHIP

The week before, we had the delight of celebrating the spirit of womanhood at the ICSI Women's Conference in New Delhi. And it would not be an overstatement to say that what an absolute honour it was to be amidst women Governance Professionals from across the nation portraying grace, poise, strength and embracing leadership roles with elan... To me, it is their way of knocking at the right doors at the right time...!

The 2-day event saw women guiding women – giving away practical tips and lifelong wisdom in such a subtle tone – that each one of us was left amazed. Some lessons were so befitting that as a professional, even I would be imbibing them in my life.

As an institute which takes tremendous pride in its towering women presence amongst ICSI students, members and employees, the future ahead is definitely bright.

Alongside these two major events, numerous visits, meet ups and interactions brought us closer to our members, students and sharing of not just concerns and suggestions, but smiles and laughter – ones that will be cherished for a long-long time...

THE FUTURE AHEAD : BRIGHT AS EVER

One of the most novel initiatives that we have initiated this month is of expanding our 'Outreach'. Be it Member Outreach Programmes, Industry Outreach Programmes or our Outreach Programmes for NGOs - the intent is to find common ground, gain better understanding of each other and partner together in the process of nation building.

While the Member Outreach Programmes are a product of our intent to connect with our own fraternity in a much more fine-tuned manner, the

Industry Outreach Programme is an ICSI initiative empowering the Regional Offices and Chapters to join hands with Industry Associations, Chambers of Commerce, and similar allied bodies within their respective regional jurisdictions, all with the intent to conduct joint professional development programmes, and sector-specific training tailored to the evolving needs of our members and students.

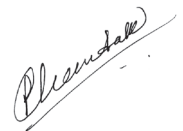
The ICSI Outreach Programme for NGOs is yet another initiative of ICSI and ICSI Institute of Social Auditors to build better awareness and understanding of the SSE Ecosystem, Listing Norms, Registration Procedures and listing amongst NGOs. The first such event finds its feet in Bhubaneswar and many more will surely follow.

The coming days will be finding us exploring the land of the rising Sun – Japan for the 19th International Professional Development & Fellowship Programme (IPDFP) and the cultural capital of Marathas – Pune for the 27th National Conference of Practicing Company Secretaries; and I am sure you all have blocked your diaries for both these events.

This year as one of our corporate legislations - the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code completes its 10 years of presence, support and easing out the creases in the closure of businesses; ICSI celebrates its presence and support through this dedicated issue of Chartered Secretary Journal. It goes without saying that both the ICSI Institute of Insolvency Professionals and the Insolvency Professionals will continue the good work and be a key role player in the making of a Viksit Bharat. To many more contributions in the times ahead...!!!

Stay tuned !!!

With warm regards



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