

Glorious Journey of ICSI

Inauguration of First Institute of Company Secretaries



Dr. B.C. Roy, Chief Minister of West Bengal, inaugurating the first Institute of Company Secretaries in Calcutta on 20 January 1957

Incorporation of the ICSI as Section 25 Company



The Institute of Company Secretaries of India was set up and registered as a Company on 4 October 1968, under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 with its registered office in New Delhi.

The First Examination

The first examination leading to the Associate Membership of the Institute was conducted in April 1969.

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The First Annual General Meeting

The First Annual General Meeting of the Institute as a Company was held on 31 March 1970



Group Photo After AGM

First Elections

First election of the Council was held in September 1970. The then Chairman Company Law Board, late Shri R Prasad, was the President until 1970.

First All India Conference of Company Secretaries

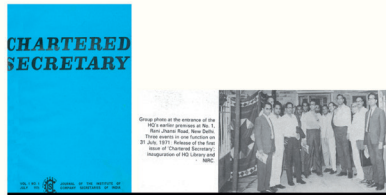


Shri R. Prasad, ICS, Chairman, Company Law Board, inaugurating the first All India Conference of Company Secretaries held in Madras on 21 May 1971. On his left, Shri R. Krishnan and on his right, Shri D.L. Mazumdar.

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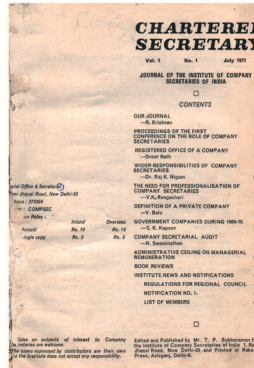
First Issue of Chartered Secretary Journal

The First Issue of Chartered Secretary (July 1971)



The first issue of Chartered Secretary was launched on July 1971 as a quarterly Journal to build up and construct a communication platform between Institute and its stakeholders. This issue covered the proceedings of the first conference of the Institute, articles of professional interest such as Company Secretaries Audit, need for professionalization of Company Secretaries, Wider Responsibilities of Company Secretaries, News and Notifications, Book review etc.

The First Content page of Chartered Secretary July 1971



Edited and Published by Mr. T.P. Subbaraman for the Institute of Company Secretaries of India

Some Cover Pages



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Inauguration of Library at ICSI HQ and Inauguration of NIRC of ICSI



31 July 1971

First National Convention of Company Secretaries

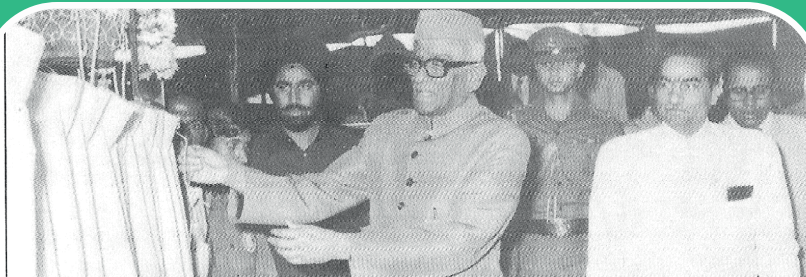


Inaugrated by the then Hon'ble President of India, Shri V.V. Giri on 22 September 1972.
(L to R) Sarvashri K.V. Raghunatha Reddy, V.V. Giri, R. Krishnan and Bedabrata Barua
(Dy. Minister for Company Affairs)



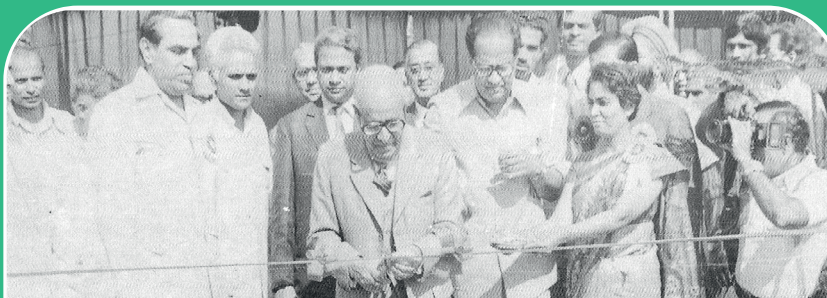
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Foundation Stone Laying of ICSI HQ



Shri Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, the then President of India, laying foundation stone of the 'ICSI House' on 21 March 1978, in the presence of Sarvashri Shanti Bhushan, Minister for Law, Justice & Company Affairs and C.R. Shah, President, ICSI.

Inauguration of ICSI HQ at Lodi Road



Shri M. Hidayatulla, the then Vice President of India, cutting the ribbon to mark the opening of 'ICSI House' in the presence of Shri P.R. Roy, President, ICSI, on 31 October 1981

CSBF



The ICSI Members Benevolent Fund renamed as **Company Secretaries Benevolent Fund**

PCS authorised to certify Annual Returns

Companies Amendment Act, 1988 defined Company Secretary in Practice and on 15 June 1988, the Company Secretaries in Practice were accorded recognition for certifying the Annual Returns under the erstwhile Companies Act, 1956.

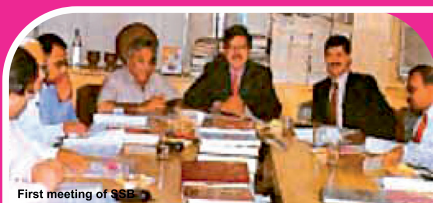
First PCS Conference

First National Conference of Company Secretaries in Practice organised in Hyderabad in 1999.

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Issue of Secretarial Standards

For the first time draft Secretarial Standards was introduced on transfer/transmission of shares in 1989 for members comments and was issued in 1990 after receiving the comments.



First meeting of SSR

Secretarial Standards Board was constituted in 2000.

PCS authorised to conduct Secretarial Audit [Section 204(1) of Companies Act, 2013]

Pursuant to the provisions of section 204 of the Companies Act 2013, every listed company and company belonging to class of companies as prescribed is required to annex with its Board's report, a Secretarial Audit Report given by a Company Secretary in Practice. Companies which are not covered under section 204 may obtain Secretarial Audit Report voluntarily as it provides an independent assurance of the compliances in the company.

Only a member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India holding certificate of practice (Company Secretary in Practice) can conduct Secretarial Audit and furnish the Secretarial Audit Report to the company.

Companies Act 2013 mandates, ICSI "SS-1" & "SS-2"



Section 118(10) of the Companies Act, 2013 mandates the observance of Secretarial Standards on General and Board Meetings specified by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India and approved by the Central Government.

Accordingly, the Secretarial Standards on Meetings of the Board of Directors ("SS-1") and Secretarial Standards on General Meetings ("SS-2"), as approved by the Central Government, have been issued by the ICSI for observance by all companies (except exempted class of companies).

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CS Foundation Course introduced



Foundation course was introduced in 1993 replacing the prelim examination.

CCGRT Navi Mumbai inaugurated

Inauguration of the Centre for Corporate Research and Training (CCGRT) on 16 May 1999, in Navi Mumbai by prominent dignitaries, including the Chief Justice of India (Dr. A S Anand) and Justice M.N. Venkatachaliah, Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission.



ICSI Vision & Mission adopted in 2003

Vision

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

Mission

"To develop high calibre professionals facilitating good corporate governance"

ICSI Symposium on 'Vision India 2020'



Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam, the then President of India, addressing the gathering in 2003

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ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance introduced

1st ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance
On November 19, 2001 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

Presented by
His Excellency Shri Krishan Kant,
Hon'ble Vice-President of India

Benign Presence of
Honble Justice Shri M N Venkatachaliah
Chairman of the Jury and Former Chief Justice of India

Shri Arun Jaitley
Hon'ble Union Minister of Law, Justice and Company Affairs

Best Governed Company	Second Best Governed Company
Infosys Technologies Limited	BSES Limited
Life Time Achievement Award	
Dr. Verghese Kurien, Chairman, Emeritus National Dairy Development Board & Shri Rai Bahadur Mohan Singh Oberoi, Chairman, The Oberoi Group	



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New ICSI Logo adopted

A new Logo of ICSI & Logo for Members was unveiled by Shri M. Hamid Ansari, Hon'ble Vice President of India on 20th December 2008 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on the occasion of the "ICSI National Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance 2008 function.

ICSI Logo



The Institute adopted a new logo which is indicative of the locale that is stationary, stable and solid and yet which is going, on the move, flying and scaling high. In order to be in line with the modern times that require one to be simple, clear, eye-appealing and articulate, the new logo adopted by the Council of the Institute represents contemporary professional outlook and proactive approach in delivery of services.

This change is a reflection of our inner growth and empowerment as the new identity of the Institute stands for stability and integrity. The core of the new identity "connecting for collective growth" is epitomized by four alphabets signifying a mature and multifaceted profession. The words CS in the centre of the identity integrate to form an upward arrow embodying the Institute's vision of growth and excellence in corporate governance. Set in a deep blue colour, the bold and elegant masthead lends it an air of authority and leadership. The letters 'CS' being used by the members shares a direct and umbilical relationship with the new identity of the Institute, and represents stability and integrity, which are hallmarks of our profession.



CS Logo was registered under section 23(2), Rule 62(1) of the Trade Marks Act, 1999 in the name of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India in 2011

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ICSI recieved Excellence Award

EXCELLENCE AWARD



The Institute received Excellence Award at the India Corporate week organised by MCA on 21 December 2009 for its initiative towards the growth of profession and corporate governance.

1st ICSI Convocation



ICSI CONVOCATION

To award Associate and Honorary Membership of the Institute, the Council of the Institute has approved holding of ICSI convocation (Region-wise) for every six months, since the second half of 2012. The first convocation for the Eastern Region was held on 09 November 2012 in Kolkata, the 2nd Convocation for Western Region was held in Mumbai on 19 November 2012, the 3rd Convocation for Northern Region was held on 24 November 2012 in New Delhi and the 4th Convocation for Southern Region was held on 30 November 2012 in Chennai.

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ICSI CSR Award introduced



1st CSR Excellence Award, 2016 - In Continuation to its endeavour of endorsing the Government's effort of promoting CSR amongst Indian corporate, the Institute of Company Secretaries of India instituted the 'ICSI CSR Excellence Awards' in 2016. The awards aim to promote the Corporate Social Responsibility in the Indian corporate.

1st PCS Day Celebrated



1st PCS Day was celebrated on 15 June 2016

1st CS Olympiad Award



The ICSI initiated CS Olympiad for students of Class 11 & 12, in association with Science Olympiad Foundation.

▶ The 1st International Company Secretaries Olympiad Awards Ceremony was held on 4 June 2017 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, to felicitate the toppers.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurates the ICSI Golden Jubilee Year



ICSI Motto and Motto Song adopted



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Udin Launched



eCSin introduced



ICSI 51st Foundation Day graced by the then Hon'ble President of India



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ICSI documents accessible from DigiLocker

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 on 5 October 2019.



DigiLocker

Your documents anytime, anywhere


CS Auditing Standards issued

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), recognizing the need to provide support to its members in developing auditing acumen, techniques and tools and for inculcation of best auditing practices among its members, issued the following Auditing Standards on 6th May, 2019:



**CSAS-1 :
Auditing
Standard
on the
Audit
Engagement**

**CSAS-2 :
Auditing
Standard
on Audit
Process
and
Documentation**

**CSAS-3 :
Auditing
Standard
on
Forming
of
Opinion**

**CSAS-4 :
Auditing
Standard
on
Secretarial
Audit**



Above Standards are mandatory from 1st April, 2021 and will bring substantial impact on the quality of audits performed by Company Secretaries and also bring consistency.

The ICSI has also issued Guidance Notes on CSAS-1 to CSAS-4 to facilitate the stakeholders to understand the Standards in its true spirit.

**Mandatory
w.e.f
1st April,
2021**

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CS Connect App Launched



Launch of Mobile APP "CS CONNECT"

The Samadhan Initiative Launched



The Samadhan is an initiative by the ICSI towards on the spot solution of the grievances of the trainees and trainers. It was launched on 27 February 2021

Hon'ble Home Minister graces 20th ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance



Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Home Minister & Minister of Cooperation, giving away the awards

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1st Leadership Development Programme



ICSI Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Programme



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1ST ICSI GURUSHRESHTHA AWARDS 2022

Award Ceremony - 1st ICSI GuruShreshtha Awards

Category - Commerce



Category - Management



Category - Law



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1st National Women's Conference

1st National Women's Conference
Held on 23-24 March, 2023 at Kolkata

Theme- Empowered Women: Inspiring a better Tomorrow

INAUGURAL SESSION



Hon'ble Former Vice President of India graces 51st National Convention of Company Secretaries

Chief Guest: Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Former Vice President of India

Guest: Smt. Anandiben Patel, Hon'ble Governor, Uttar Pradesh

51st National Convention of Company Secretaries
held on November 2-4, 2023, at Varanasi



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Inauguration of ICSI Centre for Corporate Governance Research and Training (CCGRT), Kolkata

Dr. C.V. Ananada Bose

Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal

inaugurates CCGRT Kolkata campus on 6 December 2023



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1st ICSI Board Mentorship Programme



1st ICSI Board Mentorship Programme
held in Ooty, Tamil Nadu on 12-13-14 September 2024

1st ICSI International ADR Centre



Inauguration of First ICSI International ADR Centre in Noida
on 29 February 2024

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ICSI National Sustainability Conference 2025

Dr. Prem Chand Bairwa,
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Rajasthan
inaugurates the ICSI National Sustainability Conference 2025,
held in Udaipur, Rajasthan on 26-27 July 2025



Aspirational East National Seminar on Start-ups, FPO and Agri Business

Shri Satish Chandra Dubey
Hon'ble MoS for Coal & Mines
graced the occasion on 12 September 2025



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ICSI Key Publications



And many more...

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Honorary Fellow Membership Conferred by ICSI

HFCS No.	Name	Designation
1	K.V. Raghunatha Reddy*	Hon'ble Minister for Labour Employment & Rehabilitation
2	R.C. Dutt*	Chairman Iron Ore Board
3	S.K. Dutta*	
4	Bedabrata Barua*	Hon'ble Deputy Minister for Law, Justice & Company Affairs
5	P.B. Menon	Joint Secretary, Department of Company Affairs
6	K.K. Ray*	Secretary, Department of Company Affairs & Chairman, Company Law Board
7	P. Krishnamurti*	Secretary, Department of Company Affairs & Chairman, Company Law Board
8	N.K. Sengupta (Dr.)*	Director General of Tourism
9	K.S. Bhatnagar*	Controller of Capital Issues and Joint Secretary to Government of India
10	H.R. Bhardwaj*	Hon'ble Minister of State for Law, Justice & Company Affairs
11	Arun Jaitley*	Hon'ble Union Minister of Law, Justice & Company Affairs
12	P.P. Chaudhary	Hon'ble Minister of State for Law & Justice and Corporate Affairs
13	Arjun Ram Meghwal	Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
14	Injeti Srinivas	Secretary, MCA
15	Kumar Mangalam Birla	Chairperson, Aditya Birla Group
16	Anurag Singh Thakur	Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs
*Deceased		

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ICSI GLOBAL FOOTPRINTS



Constitution of CSIA Corporate Secretaries International Association (CSIA) was formed on 22 March 2010 in Paris



CS Anil Murarka, President ICSI elected as President of CSIA w.e.f. 1 January 2012 at the Council Meeting of CSIA in Sanghai in September 2011



Group Photo after Inaugural Ceremony of ICSI Middle East (DIFC) NPIO Dubai



MACS launched Secretarial Practice Guide on meetings of the Board of Directors by adopting ICSI Secretarial Standard (SS-1)

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1st International Conference of ICSI Overseas Centre

Hosted by: ICSI Middle East (DIFC) NPIO



Special Panel Discussion at India Pavilion – Dubai Expo 2020



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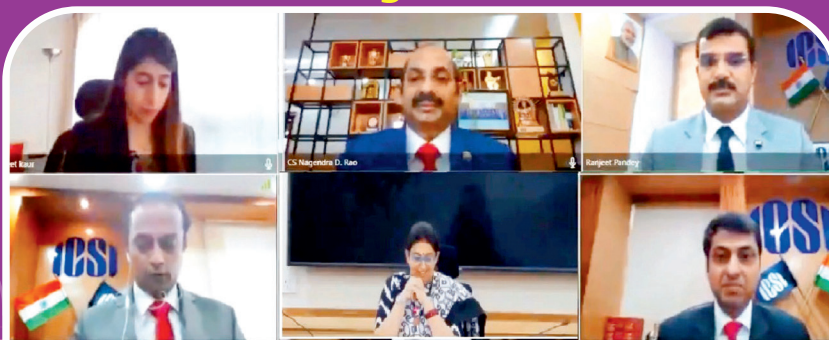
**Opening of ICSI Overseas Centre, USA
12 October 2019**



**Incorporation of ICSI Middle East (DIFC) NPIO
10 December 2019**



**Inauguration of ICSI Overseas Centre,
United Kingdom (UK)
24 August 2020**



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**Inauguration of ICSI Overseas Centre,
Singapore
19 December 2020**



**Inuguration of ICSI Overseas Centre, Australia
4 October 2021**



**Inuguration of ICSI Overseas Centre, Canada
1 September 2022**



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Presidents of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India



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Secretaries of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India



Saharia P.B.
(1968-1970)



CS Subbaraman T.P.
(1971-1993)



CS Narang S.P.
(Dr.) (1994-2002)



CS Jain N. K.
(2003-2012)



CS Sahoo M.S.
(Dr.) (2013-2014)



CS Arora Dinesh C
(2016-2018)



CS Mohan Asish
(Present)

Recognitions for CS Qualification

Benchmarking of ICSI Qualifications by UK ENIC (2018)

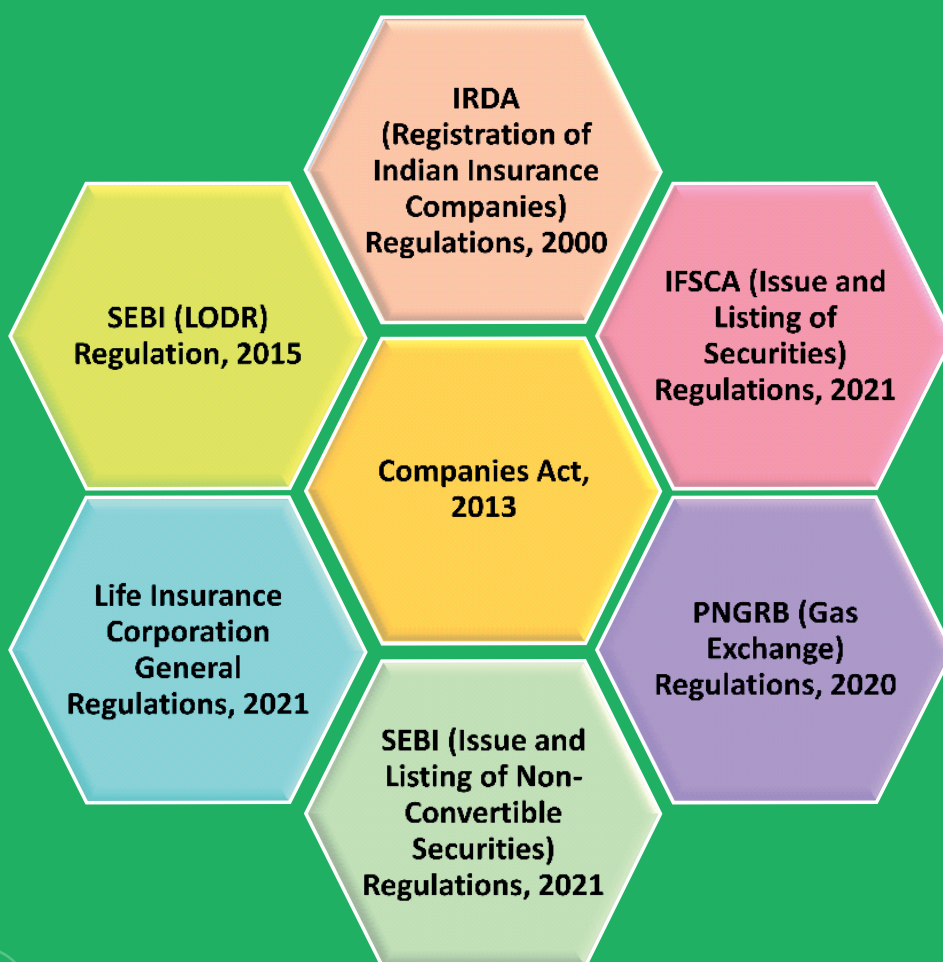
The ICSI qualification has been benchmarked as equivalent to a Master's degree in UAE and UK by UK NARIC (now UK ENIC), UK's National Agency responsible for providing informed advice and guidance on vocational, academic and professional qualifications in the year 2018.

University Grants Commission recognizes Company Secretary Qualification as equivalent to Post Graduate Degree

The University Grants Commission has recognized Company Secretary Qualification as equivalent to Post Graduate Degree. This recognition provides members of the Institute an opportunity to pursue Ph.D. in Commerce and Allied Disciplines.

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Recognitions for Company Secretary Profession



And many more...

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Section 8 Companies

INSTITUTE OF INSOLVENCY PROFESSIONALS (Subsidiary of ICSI and Insolvency Professional Agency of IBBI)

ICSI Institute of Insolvency Professionals (ICSI IIP) is a frontline regulator registered with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. ICSI IIP is registered under section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).

REGISTERED VALUERS ORGANISATION (A wholly owned subsidiary of ICSI and registered with IBBI)

In order to enable the members of ICSI, other professionals and eligible persons to register as Registered Valuers, ICSI has on November 22, 2017 incorporated a not-for-profit private limited company under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013, by the name ICSI Registered Valuers Organisation (ICSI RVO). ICSI RVO intends to enrol, educate, train and promote the profession of Registered Valuers as per the Companies (Registered Valuers and Valuation) Rules, 2017.

INTERNATIONAL ADR CENTRE

The ICSI Institute of Social Auditors (ICSI-ISA) has been established as a Company limited by shares under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013, under the aegis of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India. It represents a significant advancement in the governance of social impact assessment. Recognized by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) through its circular dated May 27, 2024, ICSI-ISA has been designated as a self-regulatory organization (SRO) for Social Impact Assessors, in accordance with Regulation 292A of the SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018.

INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AUDITORS

With the intent to facilitate Arbitration and Mediation at National and International level, the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) established its first ICSI International ADR Centre at Noida (U.P.). Hon'ble Mr. Justice P. Sathasivam, former Chief Justice of India and former Governor of Kerala inaugurated the ICSI International ADR Centre at ICSI House, C-36, Institutional Area, Sector - 62, Noida (U.P.) on 29th of February, 2024.

Institute of Governance Professionals of India (An ICSI initiative for nurturing governance and sustainability)

INSTITUTE OF GOVERNANCE PROFESSIONALS OF INDIA (Formerly ICSI Governance Research and Knowledge Foundation) is a company promoted by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), which is registered under erstwhile Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 (now section 8 under the Companies Act, 2013). It was incorporated on September 23, 2013.

ICSI NCLT PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION

"The ICSI NCLT Practitioners Association is a Section 8 Company, established under the Companies Act, 2013, specifically for practicing company secretaries who appears before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

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ICSI NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (2001)



1st ICSI National Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance were presented by His Excellency Mr. Krishnan Kant, the then Hon'ble Vice- President of India in the benign Presence of Hon'ble Justice M N Venkatachaliah, Chairman of the Jury and Former Chief Justice of India, Shri Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble Union Minister of Law, Justice and Company Affairs, Mr. Vinod Dhall, IAS, Secretary, Department of Company Affairs, Member of Jury, Senior Government officials in Year 2001.

1st ICSI CSR Excellence Awards (2016)



1st Best Secretarial Audit Report Award (2019)



1st ICSI Best PCS Firm Award (2021)



1st Business Responsibility and Sustainability Award (2022)



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ICSI Golden Jubilee Year Foundation Day Celebration

Chief Guest : Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
Guest of Honour: Shri P P Chaudhary Hon'ble MoS for Corporate Affairs and Law & Justice



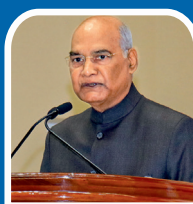
4 October 2017

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51st Foundation Day Celebration

Chief Guest: Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble Former President of India

Guests: Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs
Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises
Shri Injeti Srinivas, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs



5 October 2019

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52nd Foundation Day Celebration



Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal
Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary
Affairs and Heavy Industries &
Public Enterprises, Government of India



Mr. Upendra Tripathy
DG, International Solar Alliance



Mr. Manoj Pandey, IRS
Joint Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs,
Government of India



Mr. Amitabh Soni
Founder, Abhedya



Ms. Chhavi Rajawat
Sarpanch, Soda Village



CS (Dr.) Shyam Agarwal
Member, Appellate Authority
& Past President, ICSI



CS Ashish Garg
President, ICSI



CS Nagendra D Rao
Vice President, ICSI

4 October 2020

Glorious Journey of ICSI

53rd Foundation Day Celebration

Chief Guest: Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs

Guests: Dr. T.V. Somanathan, Secretary, Ministry of Finance
Shri Rajesh Verma, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs



4 October 2021

Glorious Journey of ICSI

54th Foundation Day Celebration

Chief Guest: Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance

Guest: Shri Amarjeet Sinha, IAS (Retd.), Member Public Enterprises Selection Board & Former Advisor to Prime Minister of India



4 October 2022

Glorious Journey of ICSI

55th Foundation Day Celebration

Chief Guest: Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India

Guest: Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs
Shri Manoj Govil, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs
BK Shivani



4 October 2023

Glorious Journey of ICSI

56th Foundation Day Celebration

Chief Guest: Smt. Anupriya Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers



4 October 2024