

EDITORIAL

As the world prepares to observe 'World Environmental Health Day' on September 26, the Government of India has undertaken several initiatives to reinforce the importance of global efforts aimed at achieving United Nations' SDGs such as Good Health & Well-being and Climate Action. To support Government of India initiatives and create awareness among its members, the ICSI is organizing, 'Aspirational East' a National seminar on Startups, FPO and Agri-business in the month of September. I invite members to actively participate in the event. The Institute also successfully hosted a 3 days' International Conference in the first week of September at Sydney, Australia, on the theme: 'Embracing Innovation, Enhancing Good Governance', which was attended by members from across the globe, with eminent speakers sharing their insights and engaging in thought-provoking deliberations on diverse topics.

The state of environmental health significantly affects the health and well-being of its people. This also applies to factory workers and employees in corporate offices, making their health, safety, security, and overall well-being a top priority for the management of the companies that employ them. As torchbearers of good governance, Company Secretaries can play an essential role in this area and can enhance human productivity by effectively monitoring the enforcement of safety and security regulations for employees in both factories and corporate settings.

Building on the above perspective, this month's issue of the Journal, on the theme '**Licensing, Registration & Regulation: Labour and Environmental Laws**', throws light on the dimensions of the regulatory framework, establishing interrelationship between the two laws.

The theme based articles on, '**Labour Laws in Practice: Licensing, Registration and Regulation – A Company Secretary Perspective**', '**Licensing, Registration & Regulation under Labour Laws: A Compliance Blueprint for Viksit Bharat**', '**Licensing, Registration & Regulation: Labour and Environmental Laws**', '**E-Compliance in Wage Laws: Licensing, Registration & Regulation**', '**Beneficial Legislation – Factories Act 1948**', '**Labour Laws and the Role of Company Secretary**', '**The Governance Horizon: Gig Labour Meets Green Capital!**', '**From Leave to Leverage: Gender Inclusion, Hybrid Work and Reimagining the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 for Viksit Bharat**', and '**Labour Welfare and Working Conditions in India: A Legal and Regulatory Analysis**' explicate the evolution of labour laws, integration of information technology, regulatory reforms and the contribution of Company Secretaries in developing a robust labour governance framework in organisations.

The articles titled, '**Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972: A Governance Perspective**', '**The Alchemy of Waste: How India's New E-Waste Rules are forging a Digital Circular Economy for Viksit Bharat@2047**'; and '**Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Compliance Framework: A Strategic Imperative for Company Secretaries**', on the theme have specific coverage on laws related to Environmental Protection and Conservation.

The article in Global Connect Section on '**Sustainability-Linked IPO Frameworks: Global Trends and India's Readiness**' delves on the domestic and global context of integrating SL-IPOs with ESG Metrics in organisations.

Happy Reading!

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