



त्वं वाययस्त्वं चिन्मयः। त्वमानन्दमयस्त्वं ब्रह्ममयः।
त्वं सच्चिदानन्दाद्वितीयोऽसि। त्वं प्रत्यक्षं ब्रह्मासि। त्वं ज्ञानमयो विज्ञानमयोऽसि॥४॥

(You are the very nature of the words, the nature of consciousness and bliss. You are the nature of the learned. You are the Real existence-consciousness-bliss - the one second to none. You are the portrayal of intellect. You are the nature of spiritual knowledge and of science.)

- Shri Ganpati Atharvashirsha



Dear Professional Colleagues,

The celebration of the festival of Ganesh Chaturthi is not a festival celebrated in singularity, but rather is one of unison, inclusivity and togetherness. The ten day long festivities not only give us an opportunity to visit and greet our loved ones but with that indulge in self-introspection and let go off of our 'vikaras' or negative traits and imbibe the positive ones of the very lord that we are praying to.

Indeed as the nation gears up for a few months of festivities ahead - the ICSI has celebrations of its own to prep up for and solicit your presence to.

This time as I begin with this penning down of feelings, I must begin with the celebrations of the younger members of the ICSI family, the students of ICSI.

JUNE 2025 EXAMINATIONS : RESULTS DECLARED – PATHS CHALKED

Each one of us who proudly places the two alphabets C & S before our names have our personal stories etched in our minds and hearts even after years of playing varied roles in the profession.

No professional activity or assignment can ever come close to the feeling of exhilaration, excitement and anticipation as has been the one that accompanied our Examinations and results during our days as a student of this Institution. The shared joys of achievement and accomplishment - the shared sorrows of those temporary failures - and yes, the pain that seemed so unsurmountable - brought us closer to each other. And even though we might have undertaken some of the biggest mergers and amalgamations, insolvencies and valuations, audits and certifications - when we sit together - the only times we reminisce is those good old student days.

The reason why I am sharing all these moments through the pages of this journal is not one but aplenty.

As for the members are concerned, the mention of these experiences is a reminder of the journey travelled, the challenges faced and the hurdles overcome - only to enliven our commitment to be the best professional brigade of this nation.

And as far as our dear students are concerned, you being the real stakeholders of this event - you would be divided on account of the success or failure that you would have come face to face with during these examinations.

While success would mean a step ahead in the journey, falling short of the required marks should in no way be considered as a fatality. But rather you should be looking up to the members of this very Institute for inspiration for they have been down this path before you.

I would urge all our members to take this upon themselves to motivate, to inspire, to guide and handhold the young, soon-to-be torchbearers of this profession as to what and how they need to proceed in their preparatory journey forward.

Trust me my dear students, when I say this, that you are not alone. You have the force of more than 75000 members ready to share your dream and help you achieve it all while realizing your true potential.

At this juncture, I am reminded of this famous chaupai of Shri Ramcharitmanas where Jamvant guides Hanuman into realising his true power and crossing an entire ocean,

जो नांघइ सत योजन सागर।
करइ सो राम काज मति अगर॥

(He who can leap over the ocean having a width of eight hundred miles and is a repository of intelligence will be able to do Sri Ram's business.)

I will be moving in my sharing journey in the order of the events closest in terms of their timeline.

ICSI 4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE : SAILING IN AUSTRALIAN WATERS

यस्तु संचरते देशान् यस्तु सेवेत पण्डितान्। तस्य विस्तारिता बुद्धिस्तैलबिन्दुरिवाम्भसि॥

(The intelligence of a person who travels to different countries and associates with scholars expands, much like a drop of oil spreads in water.)

- Subhashit Manjiri 11-89

As I pen this message, I am almost close to packing my bags, getting my speeches in order and heading to the land of Kangaroos – the scenically bestowed country of Australia. If the vision of ICSI is “to be a global leader in promoting good corporate governance” is our foundational thought, our words should be matched with our actions of equal or greater measure.

The launch of the first ICSI Overseas Centre and five thereafter, the launch of the first International Conference in collaboration with these Overseas Centres are our attempts to spread the word of governance, the thought of ESG and the ideology of shared action with the world.

Hoping for a governance-filled meet-up in the country of reefs.

THINGS-TO-DO

The header of the section very well explains it all. The activities listed below are the ones where I as your president and we as a Family solicit your presence, support and action.

4TH ICSI BOARD MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME : LEADING CHANGE WITH GUIDANCE

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Knowledge is like a Kamadhenu (the cow of plenty).

- Chanakya Neeti 8.14

As I return from the deliberations on Innovation and Governance, I would want you all to be ready to pack your bags with me on a short getaway to the lesser-known hills bestowed with greenery and amidst them the land of monasteries – the quite city of Kalimpong in West Bengal. And this time, I would not want you to come alone but rather bring along your entire Boards, the senior management, the Key Managerial Personnel, the Independent Directors or basically anybody and everybody in charge of the decision making; for a masterclass in governance – the 4th ICSI Board Mentorship Programme during September 18-21, 2025.

53RD NCCS : THE QUEEN OF ARABIAN SEA AWAITS

Even though the region for the National Convention of Company Secretaries is decided automatically on account of rotation; however, picking a city out of the long list of options and possibilities is a job that can be easily called a tough one.

Amidst the long deliberations, it is when we landed on Kochi that there was unison in our thought and a true meeting of our minds. The city that is known as much for its rich culture, heritage and history, is renowned for its scenic beauty, its magnificent sunsets and equally magnanimous backwaters.

And what better way would it be to foster both learnings and friendships than in this unique blend of a city which embraces both modernity, digital transformation and yet preserves its natural beauty.

So here I am, extending my heartfelt invitations to each one of you to join us at the Hotel Grand Hyatt Kochi Bolgatty

for the 53rd National Convention of Company Secretaries during October 30, November 01-02, 2025 by utilizing the benefit of the extension provided in the first block of Early Bird registrations. And as you make in your bookings, I would urge all of you to simultaneously try your hand at sharing your views by way of writing for the Souvenir on the various sub-themes under the theme ‘Progressive, Inclusive and Sustainable Bharat’.

Let us all enjoy serenity of the city of Kochi together !!!

25TH ICSI CG AWARDS : KEY TO SELF-EVALUATION AND PEER EVALUATION

“Always ask yourself if what you’re doing today is getting you closer to where you want to be tomorrow.”

- Paulo Coelho

The legacy of a quarter of a century, the ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance are one of the most awaited events of the year. And it is not just the Award Ceremony, but the event begins for the nation, with the rolling out of forms and soliciting applications. The Institute has been undertaking this exercise not only to recognize the best practices but to accord the corporates – irrespective of their structures and sizes – to evaluate themselves and to strive for the highest levels of governance.

With the date for the application been extended and the applications made open for the Best PCS Firm and Best Secretarial Audit Report Awards, I would expect nothing less than to have all of you send in your company’s reports with filled in forms and evaluate yourselves on the parameters of governance...

THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE : LEADING THE CHANGE – BEING THE CHANGE

The Institute, the Council and the Team, all are working in unison to provide our members with the best of avenues of knowledge and skill upgradation. Be it the Capacity Building Series for members on various contemporary topics or the one for students to render them office, market and industry ready, the intent is to be in the front.

Our meetings and greetings through the month with the Members of Parliament, Heads of Regulatory Authorities and so on, are all undertaken with the intent of finding common grounds.

And in no way, is any of us going to slow down. If the aim is to build a Viksit Bharat, the foundations shall be laid by this brigade of Governance Professionals and for that we shall all be marching forward with grit, with determination, commitment and dedication.

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Keep moving, keep moving...

- Aitareya Brahman 7.15

Yours Sincerely



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