The Government of India has taken major initiatives to bring development in the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The Institute of Company Secretaries of India aligning with the initiatives of the Government of India, and to achieve a growth process in which people from different walks of life can participate and benefit, has launched a special Fee waiver Scheme for the students of Jammu & Kashmir (UT) and Ladakh (UT).

The Council of the ICSI in its recent meeting accorded approval for providing 100% fee waiver for students belonging to Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh for registration to CS Foundation and CS Executive Programme. The Scheme which will be effective from 1st September, 2019 will help the students of these areas in fulfilling their aspirations and dreams to work in key managerial positions.

Launching the scheme, Shri Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, Member of Parliament (LS), Ladakh (UT) appreciated the efforts of the Institute, and said, “This initiative will immensely contribute towards bringing the students of Ladakh to the main stream”.
Informing about the Scheme, CS Ranjeet Pandey, President, ICSI said, “The Institute of Company Secretaries of India has always considered itself a proud partner in the varied initiatives of the Government of India. Though inclusive growth has been an agenda for the Government of India for long, we at ICSI firmly believe that the achievement of such a goal finds foundation in making available quality education to one and all. In an attempt to make professional education easily accessible, the ICSI has announced 100% concession in registration Fees for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh students intending to pursue CS Foundation/CS Executive Programme. We are hopeful that this initiative shall open doors of education and opportunity for the youth of the nation”.

Students belonging to Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh who have cleared the 10+2 or equivalent or Bachelor’s Degree or equivalent shall be eligible for fee waiver while registering for CS Foundation Programme and CS Executive Programme respectively.

Understanding the need for an infrastructural base to connect with the students, ICSI has also requested to Shri Namgyal to facilitate setting up of ICSI Study Centre at University of Ladakh.

Furthermore, ICSI intends to associate with the University of Ladakh to award “ICSI Signature Award” to the topper in the Bachelor’s Degree Examinations in Commerce. The ICSI Signature Award is comprising of a Gold Medal and a Certificate and the same is awarded to the Topper in the Convocation Ceremony / Annual function of the University. Besides, top three students of the B.Com. Examinations are eligible for full waiver of fee payable at the time of registration to Executive Programme stage of Company Secretaryship Course.

It is expected that the above initiatives will not only play significant role in promoting excellence but will also empower the youth of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and bring them to the mainstream by nurturing their brilliance.

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