

18 January 2026

List of Important Decisions taken in the Meeting of the Council dated 11th January 2026

1. The Council adopted the **Strategic Action Plan (2026-2030)** of the Institute, as recommended by the Strategic Group- ICSI Ascend which includes the internal organisational re-structuring and re-alignment of the Institute, for better service delivery to stakeholders.
2. The Council accorded its approval for the following, as recommended by the Strategic Group- ICSI Ascend:
 - (i) **Revised Organizational Structure** of various Directorates at ICSI.
 - (ii) **Consolidation of Committees** of the Council based on functional domains in alignment with the ICSI Guidelines and Directorates.
 - (iii) Revised Guidelines for **Good Council Practices**.
 - (iv) Revised **ICSI Code of Conduct and Ethics for Council Members and Senior Management of the Institute**.
 - (v) **Strengthening of Regional Offices and Chapters** of the Institute and **de-centralization of activities** at ICSI Headquarters for better stakeholder engagement.
3. The Council accorded its *in-principle* approval for the following proposals, as recommended by the Strategic Group- ICSI Ascend:
 - (i) **Consolidation of various Guidelines** of the Institute for administrative convenience.
 - (ii) **Rationalisation of Role and Functions of Infrastructure Committee** to streamline the process of acquisition, construction and disposal of Institute's premises.
 - (iii) Amendments in the **Delegation of Financial Powers** of the Institute.
 - (iv) **Liberalisation of the Regulatory Framework** for Company Secretaries in Practice.
 - (v) Amendments to the **ICSI Service Rules, 1979**.
4. The Council accorded its *in-principle* approval for framing of **ESG Policy of the Institute** as recommended by the Strategic Group- ICSI Ascend.
5. The Council accorded its *in-principle* approval to define the **eligibility criteria of Members** for co-option to the Committees of the Council.
6. The Council accorded its approval to **review the Terms of Reference and tenure of certain Boards of the Institute**, stipulating that the tenure of Boards constituted by the Council shall be *co-terminus* with the term of the Council along with rotation of Members every year.
7. The Council decided that the (i) National Convention of Company Secretaries, (ii) National Conference of Practicing Company Secretaries and (iii) ICSI National Awards for Excellence on Corporate Governance, shall be the only **National Programmes of the Institute**.

8. The Council accorded its approval for modifications in the **modalities of organising Foundation Day Events.**
9. The Council approved the recommendation of the Strategic Group- ICSI Ascend to **make ICSI International ADR Centre** at Noida, fully functional and thereafter, the ICSI International ADR Centres to operate as follows:

Dedicated Centres	Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai	Stage II
Regional Centres	Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kolkata	
Global Centres	Dubai, Singapore, Hongkong, London	Stage III

10. The Council considered the proposals of the Strategic Group- ICSI Ascend on the Curriculum, Course Structure and Training Structure of the Company Secretaryship Course and referred the same to the ‘Academic Board of ICSI’ for detailed analysis and to make suitable recommendations to the Council of ICSI.
11. The Council accorded its approval for launching “Knowledge on Demand” for students as recommended by the Training and Educational Facilities Committee.
12. The Council accorded its approval for dispatching the study materials to students registering for Executive Programme, upon receipt of the registration fee, irrespective of non-completion of verification of documents, or non-eligibility of the candidate, ensuring maximum early delivery of study materials.
13. The Council accorded its approval for launching a special drive for Company Secretaries Benevolent Fund (CSBF).
14. The Council approved the amendments in the ICSI Chapter Management Guidelines, 2024, as recommended by the Chapter Development & Coordination Committee, *inter-alia*, the amendments in cl. 15.1 (vi) of the said Guidelines, [viz- Election to Managing Committee of Chapters] extending the clause to Gold Grade Chapters also, wherein the Members who have previously occupied the position of Chairman therein shall, after completion of a cooling period of one Council tenure (i.e., four years), be eligible to contest or be nominated as Members of the Managing Committee of such Chapter and may also hold office-bearer positions, subject to the condition that the Grade of the said Chapter remains unchanged.
15. The Council accorded *in principle* approval for constitution of Chapter at Hisar.

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