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Vision

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

Motto

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FACULTY BOOKLET

27th National Conference of Practicing Company Secretaries

THEME

Company Secretaries as Leaders : AI, ESG & Stewardship

June 13-14, 2026 (Saturday & Sunday)

Hotel Conrad Pune



National Conference of Practicing Company Secretaries
(27th Edition)

Theme:

Company Secretaries as Leaders: AI, ESG & Stewardship

Faculty Profile

Dates and Days

June 13-14, 2026 (Saturday and Sunday)

Venue

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Day-1

13th June 2026

Inaugural Session

Time - 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Special Guest
Prof. (Dr.) Gourav Vallabh
Member (Part-Time)
Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister



Prof. (Dr.) Gourav Vallabh is a seasoned academician, financial expert and public policy contributor with over 25 years of experience spanning teaching, research, consulting and institution building. A Certified Financial Risk Manager (GARP, USA), he is a Fellow of the Lok Sabha, a Chartered Accountant, Company Secretary and holds a Ph.D., LL.B., and M.Com. (Gold Medalist). Currently Professor of Finance at XLRI, he has served as Director (ICAI) and Senior Professor in academic institutions of repute.

He has held several key roles in public policy and governance, serving as an Independent Director on the Board of many listed companies, a Visitor's Nominee at Banaras Hindu University (2015–17), and a Board Member of the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal. He served as a member of NITI Aayog's Transforming India's Gold Market Task Force (2018), which authored the landmark report shaping India's gold policy reforms. He was nominated as a Domain Expert in the Task Force on MoUs by the Department of Public Enterprises and served on the Expert Appraisal Committee of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. He served as an advisor to the Government of Rajasthan from 2005 to 2008 on land revenue administration and land reforms.

He is a frequent speaker at forums organized by various Government Ministries, IIMs, RBI, ICAI, ICSI, FICCI, CII and other leading institutions. A prolific writer and commentator on economic and social issues, he has authored 400+ editorials in prominent newspapers, two books, over 50 research papers and regularly appears on major national television channels. Recipient of the "Best Young Researcher Award" (2004) by ICWAI & IAA and multiple best paper awards, he has undertaken consultancy assignments for RBI, the Ministry of Education, and Bank of Baroda.

Beyond academia, he has contributed to public sector reforms, SSA improvements and SEZ policy. He has been a subject expert on panels for the Ministry of Urban Development, State Bank of India and PSCs. He brings a rare combination of academic depth, industry insight, policy experience and political understanding, with a keen interest in financial sector reforms, public finance, inclusive growth and economic governance.

Day-1

13th June 2026

First Technical Session

IPR Practices & Procedures

Time - 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Keynote Speaker

Prof. (Dr) Unnat P. Pandit

Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks (CGPDTM)

RoC, GI & SICLDR



Prof. (Dr.) Unnat P. Pandit is a distinguished academic and policy leader in the field of intellectual property, innovation, and entrepreneurship. He currently serves as the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks (CGPDTM) at the DPIIT, Government of India, while also holding the position of Professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University. His career spans academia, industry, and government, reflecting a unique blend of expertise and leadership. Formerly, he was the Dean of ABVSME at JNU and the Program Director of the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) at NITI Aayog. He also played a pivotal role as a member of the IPRTT, contributing to the drafting of India's National IPR Policy, and has served as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to the Commerce and Industry Minister, Government of India. In the private sector, Dr. Pandit was Head of IP in the pharmaceutical industry, bringing practical industry insights into his academic and policy work.

His professional academic contributions include membership in several high-level committees: the Innovation Committee for CSIR constituted by DSIR, MoS&T; the Screening & Expert cum External Monitoring Committee (SEEMC) for ongoing CSIR projects; and the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) for the Women Scientist Scheme-C (WOS-C) under the WISE-KIRAN division of DST, implemented through TIFAC. He also serves as a Board Member of the Forum on Indian Traditional Medicine (FITM) in RIS established by the Ministry of AYUSH, and as a BoG member of GTU, Ahmedabad.

Overall, Prof. Pandit has made significant contributions across academic, industrial, and bureaucratic domains, playing a central role in shaping India's IP, innovation, and entrepreneurship ecosystem. His career reflects a commitment to advancing knowledge, fostering innovation, and strengthening institutional frameworks that support India's growth in these critical areas.

Day-1

June 13, 2026

Second Technical Session

Compliance in the Age of AI

Time - 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM

Session Chair
Shri Deepak Goel
Scientist G and Group Coordinator
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology



Shri Deepak Goel is a distinguished technology and public policy leader with over three decades of experience in digital governance, public sector technology and institutional transformation. A career technologist with the National Informatics Centre (NIC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, he has contributed to the design, development and implementation of several mission-critical digital platforms and governance systems across diverse sectors, including science and technology, rural development, local governance and public accountability.

Over the course of his career, he has played a significant role in advancing India's e-Governance ecosystem and strengthening technology-enabled public service delivery. He was instrumental in developing the technology implementation framework for the Lokpal of India, contributing to the institutionalisation of transparent and accountable governance mechanisms through digital systems.

For nearly a decade, he has been associated with the Cyber Law functions of MeitY, working on issues at the intersection of technology, law, public policy and digital regulation. In his current role as Group Coordinator, Cyber Law Division, MeitY, he is engaged with matters relating to digital platform governance, intermediary accountability, online safety, data governance, emerging technologies and the evolving legal and regulatory frameworks shaping India's digital future.

Recognised for his ability to bridge technology, governance and policy, he brings a practitioner's perspective to contemporary debates on trust, accountability, innovation and responsible digital transformation in an increasingly interconnected world.

Shri Sanjay Sikdar
VP- Samsung SDS Global Delivery
Former Associate Partner-Data Modernization, IBM India



Shri Sanjay Sikdar has nearly 29 years of experience in IT consulting and GCC leadership, including AI-enabled digital transformation. He is an alumnus of IIT Kharagpur and, for the past three years, has been serving as Vice President and Global Delivery Centre Head at Samsung SDS India. In this role, he leads the India Tech GCC across diverse domains such as SAP Commerce, Adobe, AI, Cloud and Analytics.

Prior to this, he worked as a Program Director at IBM India for close to 20 years and spent 5 years at PwC. He has extensive international experience, having worked in the USA, Europe and the Asia-Pacific region for global clients, while also engaging with leading Indian clients such as Reliance and L&T. He has further enhanced his leadership skills through a program at Cornell University.

Shri Sorav Jain
Founder & CEO
echoVME Digital



Shri Sorav Jain is an entrepreneur, educator, AI creator and author who founded echoVME Digital in 2009 and later launched Digital Scholar in 2019. He has worked with 500+ brands, trained over 500,000 students, authored 5 books, built a 150-member team and grown a strong personal brand across Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn. Recognised as one of the Top 3 Global Digital Marketing Influencer and AI Creator of the Year 2025, he continues to shape India's digital marketing and AI creator ecosystem with empathy, practical education and future-ready frameworks.

Day-2

June 14, 2026

Special Session

Panel Discussion on CS Profession in the next decade

Time - 10:00 AM - 10:40 AM

CS Ashish Garg
Former President, The ICSI



A Fellow Member of the ICSI, a Post Graduate in Economics (M.A.) and Commerce (M.Com.) and a Graduate in Law (L.L.B.) from the Vikram University, Ujjain, CS Ashish Garg was elected to the Central Council of the ICSI for the term 2015-2018 and re-elected for the second term in 2019 for four years. He was elected as the President of the ICSI for the year 2020.

During his first stint with the Central Council, he was the Chairman of Practicing Company Secretaries Committee of the ICSI for the year 2015 and 2016 and it was under his leadership that the PCS Day is celebrated with full gusto on 15th June every year. While holding Chairmanship of the Core Group of GST of ICSI and Centre of Corporate Governance, Research and Training (CCGRT), he was also nominated by the ICSI as a member at the Cost Accounting Standards Board of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India.

He has represented ICSI at various international forums including Malaysian Association of Company Secretaries (MACS), Annual Conference 2015 at Kuala Lumpur, International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN) Annual Conference 2016 at San Francisco, Institute of Directors Dubai Global Convention 2016, National Conference 2017 of Governance Institute of Australia at Melbourne, Annual Conference 2018 of The Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya (ICPSK) at Mombasa, International Professional Development Fellowship Program 2019 of ICSI at Spain and Portugal, The Institute of Valuers and Appraisers and the International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC) Business Valuation Conference 2019 at Singapore.

Practicing as a Corporate Law Consultant, he has over 22 years of experience in the areas of corporate laws, organizational restructuring, corporate legal counselling, representation and appearances for clients who are into manufacturing, production, processing and services sector. He has authored many articles and held press and media briefs for magazines, newspapers and TV channels and given professional lectures in India and abroad.

CS Devendra V. Deshpande
Former President, The ICSI



CS Devendra V. Deshpande is a Fellow Member of the ICSI and a Post Graduate in Commerce from Pune University. He was elected to the Central Council of the ICSI for the term 2019 – 2022 and served as Vice-President of the ICSI for the year 2021 before being elected as President of the ICSI for the year 2022.

With over 15 years of experience as a Practicing Company Secretary, he specialises in the field of Corporate Laws, Foreign Exchange Laws, Audit under Company Law and other Allied Laws, Secretarial Audit and Corporate Restructuring.

He served as the Chairman of ICSI Centre for Corporate Governance, Research and Training (CCGRT), Mumbai and ICSI CCGRT - Hyderabad in the year 2020 and headed the Information Technology Committee of the ICSI in the year 2019. He has also been a Member of various Committees constituted by ICSI including the Executive Committee, Corporate Laws and Governance Committee, Training & Educational Facilities Committee, Placement Committee, PMQ Course Committee, Election Reforms Committee and International Affairs Committee in 2019.

He has been actively associated with the Institute since 2004 and was elected to the WIRC of the ICSI for the term 2015 – 2018. He also served as Chairman of Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI in the year 2013 and was an active Managing Committee Member for the period from 2007 to 2014.

Day-2

June 14, 2026

Special Session

Panel Discussion on Disciplinary Mechanism of ICSI

Time - 10:55 AM - 11:40 AM

Shri Sunil Dadhe, IA&AS (Retd.)
Former Dy. CAG & Director General
International Centre for Environment Audit and Sustainable Development



Shri Sunil Dadhe is a distinguished retired Indian Audit & Accounts Service (IA&AS) Officer with a robust academic background, holding an M.Com. from Pune University and a Post Graduate Diploma in Management from MDI Gurugram. His expertise encompasses the full spectrum of public audit, including performance auditing, compliance auditing and financial attest auditing. Additionally, he is a thought leader in environmental auditing and sustainability accounting.

He retired as Deputy Comptroller & Auditor General (C&AG) in the rank of Secretary to the Government of India, where he headed key offices under the C&AG of India in Delhi, Odisha, Maharashtra, etc. He has served as Advisor to the Ministry of National Economy, Government of the Sultanate of Oman, on secondment from the Government of India. He has also served as Director General of the Global Training Facility in Environment Auditing and the National Academy of Audit & Accounts, Shimla, roles that reflect his commitment to both national and global standards in public financial management and environmental governance.

In recent years, he has remained actively engaged in academia and public discourse. He was a key organizer of the Pune Urban Dialogue (April 2025), inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, panelist and speaker at ESG-focused events hosted by institutions such as IIT Gandhinagar, KPMG and the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics.

As a trainer and expert, he has addressed international audiences on auditing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including at the World Bank Roundtable in Bangladesh in 2019 and the INTOSAI Scientific and Practical Conference in 2020–2021. He has also led the design and delivery of training modules on “Greening Offices” for the C&AG of India and CBIC, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, and authored articles on environmental audit for the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) during 2017-2018.

CS Manish Gupta
Former President, The ICSI



CS Manish Gupta is a Fellow Member of the ICSI, a Law Graduate and has a Master's Degree in Commerce. He has been associated with the profession of Company Secretaries for the last 18 years, as a Practicing Company Secretary.

He has been elected as the President of ICSI for the year 2023 after being re-elected for the term of the Central Council for 2023-2026.

He is a registered Insolvency Professional with the IBBI and is empanelled as an Arbitrator with BSE and NSE. He is also empanelled as Mediator/Conciliator under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 with various Regional Directors.

He specializes in handling complex assignments on Corporate Law, Securities Law, and Taxation Law and is a regular speaker at training programmes, seminars, and conferences in India and abroad.

Day-2

June 14, 2026

Third Technical Session

Strengthening Stewardship through ESG Integration

Time - 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM

CS M. E. V. Selvamm
Former Company Secretary and Compliance Officer
Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Limited



CS Selvamm, a Fellow Member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, is a freelance Corporate Advisor on Legal and Finance arena. He is a Graduate in Law and a Post-Graduate in Management and Commerce.

He is a seasoned corporate professional having over three-decade long experience in the field of Finance, Law, Secretarial and Corporate Affairs - both in Private Sector and Public Sector Organisations. He held his last official position as an Executive Director of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), New Delhi. He got superannuated from his services during mid-2022.

Prior to joining ONGC, he was the Company Secretary and the Compliance Officer of BEML Ltd, Bengaluru – another Listed Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE), under the administrative control of the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, Government of India. Earlier he served KG Group of Companies at Coimbatore for about 15 years. He started his career with Ashok Leyland Ltd; Chennai as a Management Trainee.

During his CPSE services, he was the Chairman of the Committee of CPSE Company Secretaries constituted by the Department of Public Enterprises, Government of India during 2014 for aligning the DPE guidelines on Corporate Governance and Board of Directors with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Listing Regulations, 2015.

He was also a member of Expert Group on Secretarial Standards constituted by ICSI during 2020.

Ms. Poonam Jindgar
Vice President and Global Head, ESG and Sustainability
BirlaSoft Limited



Ms. Poonam Jindgar is a recognized Future Sustainability Impact Leader from IICA, MCA. She holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree from Netaji Subhash Institute of Technology/ University of Delhi and has earned multiple professional certifications including GRI (Global Reporting Initiative), Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, Design Thinking, SAFe, PMP, CMMI SVC & DEV, ISO 27001 and ISO 20K Lead Auditor, ISO 14001 and ISO 45001 (Trained), CSM-Agile, ITIL and a Certificate Program in Cyber Law.

In her current role, she leads the ESG and Sustainability function, helping organizations achieve their ESG objectives by defining and executing strategies aligned with customer expectations and regulatory requirements, thereby creating a competitive advantage. Prior to this, she headed Global Business Excellence with the key objective of delivering value beyond contractual agreements and ensuring profitability.

Her primary responsibilities include establishing and maintaining the organizational ESG framework across enabling functions, developing ESG data management systems to monitor performance against KPIs, publishing Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reports in accordance with GRI standards, driving continuous improvement through structured approaches, ensuring active participation in rating and reporting initiatives and building ESG capacity among diverse stakeholders.

Ms. Swati Tewari
Principal Counsellor
Confederation of Indian Industry



Ms. Swati Tewari is a senior ESG and sustainability leader with over 20 years of experience across investment banking and sustainability advisory. As Principal Counsellor at the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), she leads national-level ESG initiatives, working closely with corporates, regulators and multilateral stakeholders to strengthen India's sustainability ecosystem.

Her expertise spans climate transition strategy, carbon accounting, ESG governance frameworks, BRSR and global sustainability reporting standards, sustainable finance and value chain integration. She advises companies on embedding ESG into core strategy, risk management and long-term value creation.

She plays an active role in policy engagement with key institutions including SEBI, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Textiles and other regulatory and standard-setting bodies. She is a member of multiple ESG working groups and committees, including IICA, ICSI, SEBI ISF, contributing to the evolution of India's ESG disclosure and standards landscape.

She has authored over ten industry research publications on sustainable finance, board-level sustainability integration, business and human rights, and sustainability-driven business model innovation. She also leads executive capacity-building programs for CXOs and board members.

She holds an MBA in Finance and completed the Advanced Management Programme in Public Policy from ISB.

Day-2

June 14, 2026

Fourth Technical Session

Catalysing Growth for MSMEs & Start-ups

Time - 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Session Chair
Shri K Saravanan
Chief General Manager
Securities and Exchange Board of India



Shri K Saravanan is working as Chief General Manager at the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the Indian Capital Market Regulator since 1998 and is currently positioned in Department of Debt and Hybrid Securities. He is an Associate Member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

He has around 28 years of work experience within SEBI, having served across diverse departments including the Market Intermediaries Regulation and Supervision Department (MIRSD), Integrated Surveillance Department (ISD), Corporation Finance Department (CFD), Enquiries and Adjudication Department (EAD), and as part of the Quasi-Judicial Authority (QJA). His professional journey also encompasses significant contributions to NISM through content development, along with valuable experience gained during his tenure at the SEBI Regional Office (SRO) in Chennai.

A regular speaker at ICSI's capital market-related events, he has authored insightful articles in Chartered Secretary and Focus. He has been actively engaged in outreach programmes relating to corporate bonds, REITs, and InvITs, reflecting his deep commitment to strengthening India's capital market ecosystem.

Shri Jyoti Prakash Gadia
Founder and Managing Director, Resurgent India Limited



Shri Jyoti Prakash Gadia is the Founder and Managing Director of Resurgent India Ltd., a leading financial advisory firm, and co-founder of the fintech, ScoreMe.in. Resurgent is a market leader in debt raising and stressed assets advisory.

He is a Government-Nominated Member of the Council at the Institute of Cost Accountants of India and a Government-nominated Board Member of the National Board for Quality Promotion, Quality Council of India. Additionally, he holds prominent positions at ASSOCHAM, serving as Chairman of the MSME Committee for the Southern Region and as Co-Chairman of the Haryana State Development Council. He is also involved with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), where he serves as the Co-Chairman of the CII Northern Region Committee on SMEs. Furthermore, he holds the designation of Member, Finance at NAREDCO.

Under his leadership, Resurgent India Ltd. has grown into a one-stop shop for assorted merchant banking services. The firm has a country-wide presence and a talent pool of over 350 professionals. In addition, the fintech firm, ScoreMe, has been working with over 175 financial institutions to enhance risk management practices and digitize lending processes.

Resurgent also offers consultancy services to the Central Government, State Governments, PSUs, and Fortune 500 Companies. It is a transaction advisor to Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), Ministry of Finance. It also provides consultancy services to the National Highways Authority of India and Government-operated ports. Furthermore, Resurgent is empanelled with nearly all public sector banks, private banks and other financial institutions for furnishing TEV, LIE and ASM reports.

Dr. S. Glory Swarupa
Former Director General
National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises



Dr Glory is a passionate professional in the field of Management, Entrepreneurship & Skill Development and Science & Technology. She has earned Doctorate from Bhartiya Skill Development University (BSDU) Jaipur, in the areas of Entrepreneurship & Skill Development. With over 28 years of experience, she is an alumnus of National Institute of Technology (NIT), Warangal.

Over the course of her career, she has worked with five Union Ministries of the Government of India, contributing significantly to diverse sectors including plantation, environment, entrepreneurship, MSME, fisheries, and skill development. Her distinguished service spans the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, the Ministry of Fisheries, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, reflecting her deep commitment to advancing national priorities in enterprise and sustainable development.

She developed expertise in Policy Advocacy, Education, International Programs, Research, Training, Teaching, Extension, Documentation, Mentoring, Monitoring and Consultancy. She implemented Govt. of India schemes and programs in all States and Union Territories in Entrepreneurship & Skill Development; Innovation, Incubation & Startups; Science & Technology; Rural Development, Social Development, Agriculture & Allied sectors for growth and development of MSMEs in the country. She has handled several research projects independently, published 53 papers including 12 presented in International Conferences, authored 11 books, 14 Case Studies and made 6 Films.

She was the first Woman Director General of National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (NI-MSME) a self-financed and self-sustained organisation under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India.

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