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### ICSI awards Corona Warriors



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Live Webinar on "74th Independence Day - 2020"

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 at 4:00 PM



**From L to R: 1<sup>st</sup> Row:** CS Ashish Garg, President, The ICSI and Shri Rajesh Verma, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India

**From L to R: 2<sup>nd</sup> Row:** Shri Manoj Pandey, IRS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India and CS Nagendra D. Rao, Vice President, The ICSI

On the occasion of the 74th Independence Day of India, The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, organised a special Webinar on 15th August 2020, to honour the Company Secretary Professionals and Officials from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for their relentless efforts throughout the Covid-19 lockdown.

Though the celebration was modest this year due to Covid-19 restrictions, the occasion was graced by the august presence of Shri Rajesh Verma, IAS, Secretary MCA and Shri Manoj Pandey, IRS, Joint Secretary MCA as the chief guest and special guest on the occasion.

Acknowledging the services rendered by both ICSI and its Member Company Secretaries during the pandemic, Shri Rajesh Verma said “Company Secretaries are playing an immensely important role that has increased many folds, during these trying times, in building the nation. The Company Secretaries working round the clock at CRC, with the MCA officials, have been the real torch bearers, leading from the front”. He further added that “ICSI has been very constructive in its suggestions to the Ministry and is making a commendable progress in rendering service to the nation. As an extended arm of the Ministry, ICSI has ardently supported all the initiatives of the Ministry aimed at Nation Building.”

Shri Manoj Pandey emphasized on the efforts made by ICSI in ensuring the availability of its members, so that CRC Manesar continued to function during the lockdown and incorporated more number of companies in June and July 2020 than last year. He urged the Company Secretaries and the MCA Officials to take a pledge to continue with their contribution and exemplary show of commitment, work ethics and professionalism in building a self reliant India.

In his admiration for his fellow professionals, CS Ashish Garg, President ICSI, placed these Company Secretary Professionals and the MCA Officials in the same category as the frontline workers of the country and addressed them as “Corona Warriors”. He mentioned that around 35000 companies were incorporated under the Companies Act 2013, during the four months of the lockdown, with the unceasing support of these Corona Warriors and hence a Certificate of Appreciation was given to each one of them in the benign presence of Shri Rajesh Verma and Shri Manoj Pandey.

ICSI also launched the Compliance Software for Practising Company Secretaries, announced 3 Certificate Courses, released 10 publications and unveiled its Bi-Annual report on the occasion along with announcing the celebration of Senior Citizen Day on 21st August 2020.

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### **About ICSI**

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) is a premier professional body set up under an Act of Parliament, i.e., Company Secretaries Act, 1980, for the regulation and development of the profession of Company Secretaries in India. It functions under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. The Institute, being a pro-active body, focuses on best and top-quality education to students of Company Secretaries Course and best quality set standards for CS members. The Institute has over 65,000 members and about 3 lakh students on its roll.