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Stimulating Governance Sessions on 2nd Day of the 48th National Convention of Company Secretaries
The Institute of Company Secretaries of India on the second day of the three-day National Convention of Company Secretaries at Indore organised stimulating technical sessions.

The day witnessed the presence of Ms. Smita Bhardwaj, IAS Managing Director, MP Financial Corporation, Ms. Aditi Garg, IAS, CEO, Indore Smart City, Mr. Rohan Saxena, Executive Director, MPIDC and other senior government officials in the first technical session of the day. It was a panel discussion on the theme - **Rewriting the Rules of Good Governance**. The platform helped in clarifying matters and advocating the dynamics of rules and regulations of governance to bridge the gap between the law makers, professionals and corporates.

**Evolving Governance Framework – A global perspective**, where leaders from various governance institutes from across the globe were present to discuss and delve deeper upon the challenges and prospects for the profession in the wake of the paradigm shift in the global governance framework.

Since any mention of governance from grassroots to global is incomplete without Panchayats, the Institute having developed the Model Governance Code for Gram Panchayats, organized a thematic panel discussion on **Panchayats: At the cusp of new phase of governance** with dynamic youth icons as panelists, who are working at the grassroots.

“Empowerment comes from people’s participation in decision making at all levels and hence decentralization of power is very important for the present panchayat structure” said Mr. Gopal Krishna Agarwal, National Spokesperson of Bhartiya Janata Party for Economic Affairs & Former Council Member, ICSI, while moderating the session.

Ashish Garg, President, The ICSI emphasizing on the theme of the convention said, Sustainable Development has been the catalyst for coalescing of governance from grassroots to global level. Attuned to the imperative for developing probity in governance for a futuristic model that would have global relevance, ICSI has created a platform for dialogues between Regulators, Industry/Opinion Leaders, Professionals and Academicians, with this National Convention”.
The day ended with a special session on **Exploring Indian Ancient Scripture: Governance Lessons of the Future**. The panel was an interesting blend of corporate and spiritual leaders to deliberate on how the learnings of the ancient times is vital for corporates and professionals in balancing the interest and maximizing value for all their stakeholders.

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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 2.5 lakh students on its roll.