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**ICSI organizes 2nd National Women's Conference from 22-23 March  
2024 in Bengaluru**



The Institute of Company Secretaries of India organizes its 2nd National Women's Conference in Bengaluru. Acknowledging the pivotal role women play in propelling economic and social advancements, the conference aims to celebrate their noteworthy contribution across social, economic, cultural, and political spheres. The theme of the two-day (22-23 March 2024) National Women's Conference is 'Inspire Women Leadership - Accelerate Progress'.

Speaking at the occasion, **Ms. Vibha Padalkar, Managing Director & CEO, HDFC Life** appreciated and congratulated the ICSI for organizing 2nd National Women's Conference. She said "Company Secretaries are torch bearer of corporate governance, working hard behind the scene. It is good that many listed companies today have more women participation than mandated by SEBI. Companies which have more women are successful, profitable, have more expansion and customer outreach. Women who have excelled in their life should act as guiding light for other aspiring women and pass on the guidance to make life of other better. A lot is being done for the progress of the women so far but lot more needs to be done"

Our collective aim is to inspire and accelerate progress by promoting women leadership, ensuring equal opportunities, and breaking down barriers that hinder their advancement. The theme underscores the crucial role women play in shaping a progressive and inclusive future.

Acknowledging the role of Women Company Secretaries, CS B Narasimhan, President, the ICSI said, “Currently women account for nearly 50% of Company Secretaries (CS) in India and ICSI is working out a scheme to create more opportunities for them. The Institute has always been at the forefront when it comes to women’s empowerment. ICSI inspire and accelerate progress by promoting women leadership, ensuring equal opportunities, and breaking down barriers that hinder their advancement. In fact, important departments at the ICSI are also led by Women”.

The theme of the 2nd National Women’s Conference “Inspire Women Leadership – Accelerate Progress” embodies the spirit to celebrate women’s achievements and honour their legacy that will inspire the future generations of women to strive for excellence while rewriting the future into a more just and equitable world for all.

The sub-themes of the Sessions to be deliberated during the two-day’s conference are:

- I. Essentials for Impactful Leadership
- II. Embracing Technology for Ease of Compliance
- III. Significant Role of Women Directors & Company Secretaries in Corporate Sphere
- IV. Importance of Mental Health & Work-Life Harmony for Well Being

Distinguished guests and speakers from the Government, Regulators, Industry, Academia, and Profession are attend this two-day conference honoring both Women and their social, economic, cultural, and political achievements.

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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., the Company Secretaries Act, 1980, for regulating and developing the profession of Company Secretaries in India. It functions under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. The Institute, being a pro-active body, focuses on the best and top-quality education to students of the Company Secretaries Course and the best quality set standards for CS members. The Institute has over 72,000 members and around 2 lakh students on its roll