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ICSI 3rd International Conference in Singapore



The Institute of Company Secretaries of India organised its 3rd International Conference in Singapore, on 5-6 April 2024 on the theme **Building Resilient & Sustainable Economies**.

Mrs. Lim Hwee Hua, Acting Chair, International Valuation Standards Council & Former Minister, Prime Minister's Office (Singapore), graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and H.E. Dr. Shilpak Ambule, High Commissioner of India to Singapore was the Guest of Honour.

Expressing her delight, **Chief Guest, Mrs. Lim Hwee Hua**, said, "Both IVSC and ICSI are driven by a shared vision fully manifested in the world in which Company Secretaries act as strategic advisors of value creation within the organization. Company Secretaries are instrumental in defining governance models which are compliance based and are also forward looking. The vital role of international standards is the strength of institutions like ICSI."

Guest of Honour, H.E. Dr. Shilpak Ambule highlighted India's role on the global platform and said, "The theme of the conference is particularly apt, as fostering resilient and sustainable economies is crucial for both India and Singapore. ICSI plays a pivotal role in ensuring good corporate governance. By equipping Company Secretaries with the necessary knowledge and skills, ICSI fosters ethical conduct and compliance within companies, which in turn contributes to a more robust and sustainable financial ecosystem. He further added that Company Secretaries act as guardians of transparency, facilitating effective boardroom practices and ensuring accurate disclosures to stakeholders. Their expertise fosters trust in the business environment, contributing to the overall stability of each nation's economy."

CS B Narasimhan, President, The ICSI, gave an insight on the aspects resonating with Indian economy and our thought to become a Viksit Bharat soon since both the nations are on their way to becoming global destination for Fintech, Green Finance and more.

CS Manish Gupta, Immediate Past President, The ICSI, elaborated on the Institute's global presence and theme of the Conference **Building Resilient & Sustainable Economies**. He further informed the audience on ICSI's initiatives for equipping professionals beyond boundaries for strengthening the basic structure of Corporate Governance.

ICSI released the following publications on the occasion at the hands of the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour:

- CS Connect Mobile Application
- Corporate Governance from Compliance to Excellence (Handbook on Best Practices) Version 3.0

The two-day event unfolded stimulating discussions related to the theme of the conference, through the following Panel Discussions and Special Sessions:

- *Sustainability Reporting – A Challenge or An Opportunity*
- *Shifting Board Oversight from Operations to Risk and Strategy*
- *Unleashing the Power of AI in Compliance*
- *India -Singapore Bilateral Ties*
- *Confluence of ESG into Value Creation*
- *The Acceptance and Receptivity of DE & I*
- *Combating Money Laundering*

The Conference witnessed Seasoned Speakers from across economies, deliberating on pertinent topics and presented an unmatched opportunity of learning about the latest in governance and sustainability from around the world.

The knowledge partners for this unique two-day Conference were the **Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI)**, **Malaysian Association of Chartered Secretaries (MACS)** and the **International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC)**.

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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