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### ICSI hosts CSIA Global Governance Awards 2026 in Mumbai



The Institute of Company Secretaries of India organised the **Global Governance Awards** for **Corporate Secretaries International Association (CSIA) Limited**, in Mumbai, Maharashtra, on 27 February 2026.

Positioned as a flagship international event, the 2026 Awards honoured the trailblazers of responsible governance across CSIA's twelve member countries, celebrating individuals and corporates that are actively shaping the future of governance in an era defined by regulatory complexity, ESG accountability, and digital transformation.

Building on the momentum, this year's **Award Ceremony** began with two panel discussions on **ESG and Ethics & AI and Technology**, driving cross-border dialogue and bringing forth a comprehensive perspective to highlight unique country specific approaches.

This year the **Global Governance Awards 2026**, introduced three new categories recognising the critical role corporates play in embedding and advancing governance excellence across global markets. Together, these Five Awards reaffirm CSIA's commitment to elevating professional standards, strengthening boardroom practices, and fostering a unified international governance community.

The following Awardees were recognised this year, for challenging convention, embracing innovation, and setting new benchmarks for governance leadership.

- Global Corporate Secretary of the Year - Elsabé Kirsten (South Africa)
- Governance Professional of the Year - Kenneth Mutuma (Kenya)
- Rising Corporate Secretary of the Year - Charmaine Manzini (South Africa)
- Excellence in Governance (Listed and Unlisted Companies) - Nedbank (South Africa)
- Excellence in Governance – ESG - Duopharma (Malaysia)

More than 150 delegates from different countries witnessed the celebration of achievements, inspiring commitment to governance and reinforcing the foundation on which global commerce stands. The event was telecast live on ICSI YouTube Channel for wider reach.

Addressing the gathering, **CS Pawan G Chandak, President, the ICSI**, said, “The two Global Governance Institutions have come together today to celebrate righteousness and appreciate the optimism of creating a better world. It is a testament to our collective resolve to turn integrity into action and transparency into a global standard. Congratulations to all the winners tonight”

Appreciating ICSI’s support in successfully organising the Awards, **Ms. Funmi Ekundayo, CSIA President**, said, “When institutions like CSIA and ICSI synchronize their visions, the Awards become a vivid reflection of a unified stance: that a just society begins with the conscience of its corporate leaders. Congratulations to every winner, the true pioneers of the future we are building together.”

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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 top-quality education for its students and sets the best quality standards for CS members. The institute has over 79,000 members and around 2.5 lakh students on its roll.