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Dear Students,

Sub: Launch of Residential Integrated Program (Joint Certification Courses on Corporate and Securities Markets Compliances) exclusively for the students of ICSI

We are pleased to announce that the Institute has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM), an educational institution founded by SEBI, for introduction of Residential Integrated Program [Joint Certification Courses on Corporate and Securities Markets Compliances (CSMC)] exclusively for the students of ICSI. The collaboration with NISM reflects our shared commitment to academic excellence, professional development, and industry relevance. The launch of this course is in line with National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) which focuses on holistic development of students by integrating skill-based learning into the education system through collaborative approach, resulting in employability.

It is felt that the students pursuing CS Course should be given opportunity for skill based/experiential learning through collaborative approach. By leveraging NISM's unparalleled expertise in securities markets and ICSI's academic rigor and pedagogical excellence, we have crafted a residential integrated program, exclusively for CS students, through a Joint Certification, covering the entire CS curriculum, additional specialisation papers on securities market, industry exposure, learning market trading/mechanism through simulation technologies etc.

While facilitating completion of CS course through classroom teaching at NISM, it also covers many capital market courses of NISM, resulting in employability in the areas of capital market. It will be a two year course with intensive classroom teaching by experts including faculties to be invited as guest lecturers. At the end of each year, the students will also have to appear for a test to be conducted by NISM on securities market making them eligible to have two certificates from NISM and also complete the CS Course being conducted by ICSI. It may be noted that students are also required to appear for CS Executive and Professional examinations conducted by ICSI in June/December every year. However, completion of CS course and NISM certification are independent of each other.

The brief highlights of this course is as under:

1. There will be two certification courses: Corporate and Securities Markets Compliances– Executive (CSMC-Executive) and Corporate and Securities Markets Compliances– Professional (CSMC-Professional). The total number of seats for each program will be sixty (60).
2. Both the CSMC-Executive and (CSMC-Professional) courses will be independent certification programs. Students don't need to complete both courses. However, to enrol in the CSMC-Professional course, the student must first attend the CSMC-Executive course. Students who have cleared the CS executive program are eligible to enrol in the corporate and securities market compliance- Professional program.

3. The courses will be offered at the NISM campus and will be fully residential.
4. Admission of students/professionals will be through an entrance test/online interview. The candidates will complete the admission formalities and compliances at the NISM.
5. On completion of one one-year Program, the certificate will be issued to students jointly by ICSI and NISM.

This course is an ideal platform for those who are passionate about corporate and securities market compliances, and aspire to gain in-depth knowledge and build a long-term career in these areas. The program is suited for fresh graduates, postgraduates, and experienced candidates who are enrolled in the CS executive program and have a passion for compliance roles with listed companies and securities market stakeholders.

The program also includes application-based teaching pedagogy and industry internship that serves as a strong foundation for further grooming and growth into various career paths in the corporate/ financial/ securities markets compliance role. CSMC students are positioned to take up a wide range of roles and responsibilities of compliance professionals with the listed companies, market infrastructure institutions, and intermediaries.

The government's objective to achieve \$10 Trillion Economy by end of 2030 will be possible only through capital intensive industry with investment coming from both India and abroad making huge demands for professionals in Capital Markets especially with thorough knowledge of various Acts and Regulations associated with the securities markets.

The launch of this course in collaboration with NISM marks the beginning of a transformative educational experience that will equip the CS students with the skills, knowledge and align with the market demand and need of the India Inc. in a unique way.

I encourage students, aspiring their career as a CS and also acquire good knowledge in capital market, to make use of this opportunity and prepare themselves to grab it. Let us embark on this journey of discovery, learning, and unlock endless possibilities in the area of securities market. With your commitment, I am confident that we will achieve greater heights of professional excellence.

For more details regarding course curriculum, fees, and registration process, please refer to the <https://www.icsi.edu/home/icsi-nism/>

Warm Regards,

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