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CHIEF MINISTER OF KERALA, PINARAYI VIJAYAN, INAUGURATES ICSI'S GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR – 45th NATIONAL CONVENTION OF COMPANY SECRETARIES¹

The Institute of Company secretaries of India is celebrating this year's convention as Golden Jubilee Year National Convention of Company Secretaries (45th National Convention) from November 22-24, 2017 at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

The spectacular event had a grand opening and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri Pinarayi Vijayan in Thiruvananthapuram on November 22, 2017.

Amongst the august gathering present at the inauguration were Sadhguru, Founder, Isha Foundation and Shri B K Modi, Founder Chairman, Smart Group besides leading CEOs and CFOs of leading corporate houses of the country and accomplished professionals from across India.

In keeping with the Prime Minister's vision of New India 2022, the theme of the three-day annual convention is "Company Secretary: Shaping New India 2022 Through Good Governance" where the deliberation will focus on expanding its vision 'from 'good governance' to 'national governance' over the three days.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and released the 'National Convention Souvenir'. While inaugurating the Golden Jubilee Year National Convention of Company Secretaries (45th National Convention), he congratulated ICSI for attaining institutional excellence and being a torch bearer for the cause of Good Corporate Governance for the last 50 years. He also appreciated the selfless contribution and dedication of the institute and its stakeholders towards shaping new India 2022 through good governance.

CS (Dr.) Shyam Agrawal, President, of ICSI said, "At ICSI, our efforts have always been to redefine the way our corporate practices are undertaken, specifically with stress on improving corporate governance norms. The Institute has pioneered the conceptualization of the 'International Corporate Governance Code' and envisions to play a lead role in corporate governance".

He further stated "Since inception, ICSI has grown tremendously as the only recognized professional body in India to develop and regulate the profession of Company Secretaries."

The Golden Jubilee Year National Convention of Company Secretaries (45th National Convention) will discuss the basic tenets of achieving zero tolerance by adopting good governance practices for a pragmatic and progressive outlook of any company.

ICSI President during his address also stressed upon the Green protocol – A major movement in Kerala which defines the form of an enviro-cultural revolution. This movement is instrumental in changing the way we live in this Country and on this planet.

¹ Available at:

[https://www.icsi.edu/WebModules/Press_Release_ICSI's_Golden_Jubilee_Year_National_Convention_of_Company_Secretaries_\(45th_National_Convention\).pdf](https://www.icsi.edu/WebModules/Press_Release_ICSI's_Golden_Jubilee_Year_National_Convention_of_Company_Secretaries_(45th_National_Convention).pdf)

The 3 day convention will focus on contemporary themes such as Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016, GST-Good and Simple Tax, Life Skills, New India-New ICSI, NCLT and Governance from Ancient Indian Scriptures.

Hailing the contribution made by Company Secretaries in today's dynamic corporate environment, renowned spiritual leader, Sadhguru said, "The Company Secretaries play an important role in corporate governance and it is a great profession to in. They are the ones who bring in compliance to the business sector and help bring in integrity into Business thereby contributing to the building of a New India."

Shri B K Modi, Founder Chairman, Smart Group also graced the occasion and emphasized on the Role of Company Secretaries as Governance Professionals who can lead India into becoming a world leader in terms of ease of doing business. Also, he has stressed that Corporate secretaries has to align themselves to manage disruptions coming to corporate sector via changing technology.

Major publication like Charity Code of Governance was release during the event.

EPFO LAYS DOWN PROVISIONS TO HELP PENSIONERS IN SUBMITTING JEEVAN PARMAAN WITH EASE²

As per the provisions laid down, pensioners under Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 are required to submit Life Certificate annually in the month of November each year. From 2016 facility has been provided for submission of Jeevan Parmaan digitally as authentication for proof of identity of the individual pensioners.

In order to obviate the difficulties faced by the pensioners in submission of Jeevan Parmaan in the month of November 2017 following has been decided:

- 1) Those pensioners who have already submitted Jeevan Parmaan digitally for the previous year need not essentially submit digital Jeevan Parmaan for the current year. If they face any difficulty in doing so, they may submit paper based life certificate to the concerned pension drawing bank branches or can submit Jeevan Parmaan digitally as per their convenience.
- 2) Those who have not submitted Jeevan Parmaan digitally even once should submit Jeevan Parmaan digitally in the month of November 2017. The facility of submission of Jeevan Parmaan digitally are available in all offices of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), pension disbursing banks and common service centres. Further, digital Jeevan Parmaan has been made available in the UMANG App of EPFO.
- 3) Life Certificate in physical form may be accepted from such pensioners who have genuine reason for non-submission of digital Jeevan Parmaan and such reason should be recorded by pensioner while submitting the life certificate.

Suitable instructions to the field offices on above lines have already been circulated for compliance so that no pensioner faces any difficulty in this regard.

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