



# GOLDEN YEARS OF ICSI JOURNEY



**THE INSTITUTE OF  
Company Secretaries of India**

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# Message



**A** Jubilee is a carnival in the life of any Institution as it keeps making the entire commune to relish the successful assignment of the lighted torch from one spearhead to another and the Golden Jubilee is a grand celebration for that Institute to look back on significant milestone of their hard work, dedication and good work, and also to look forward on building celebrative milestones in the upcoming journey of their vision. Indeed the celebration of Golden Jubilee is one great event in the history of that Institute, and the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India is of much public importance and joy as it calls for successful implantation of good governance, transparency, accountability and directed reforms towards the larger good of larger masses. In the words of Jeremy Bentham, the effectiveness of any law justifies to produce and promote the 'greatest amount of happiness for the greatest number of people'. In a country like India, where the democratic government seeks to secure the greatest welfare to the masses, the purpose of the law in serving greatest amount of happiness to the greatest number of people is much dependent of the focussed and goal-oriented implementation of laws and regulations in the varied sectors of the country.

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, as a premier professional body with a vision "To be a global leader in promoting Good Corporate Governance", is persistently playing significant role in advancing the adherence to the laws and regulations in the related field, along with associating their proficiencies towards the directed operation of laws, rules and regulations in ensuring greatest happiness to the greatest people.

In the last five decades of its existence, the pioneering support and association for building the culture of good governance throughout the corporate landscape has certainly contributed for the inclusive growth of the nation as a step ahead.

The hard-work, dedication and commitment of the Institute towards the effective accomplishment of its vision and mission with precision, has undoubtedly witnessed the climbing of various landmark stairs year by year and decade by decade. On this joyous occasion of opening the celebration of Golden Jubilee of the Institute, what could have been more relishing treasure than experiencing the step by step achievements in the momentous journey of its golden years

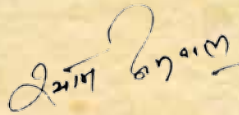


of its existence. The publication of the title **“Golden Years of ICSI Journey”** would surely mark one of the treasures for the Institute and entire professional commune in venerating this memorable day in the history of the Institute.

I am sure that this publication emphasizing the significant journey of the Institute in last five decades would not only communicate the tale of professional excellence of the Institute towards the establishment, advancement and sustainment of global principle of good governance, transparency and accountability, but would also inspire the upcoming generation in dedicatedly following their path towards nation building at length and breadth.

I am grateful to CS R Krishnan, Past President, ICSI who readily acceded to my request to author this **“Golden Years of ICSI Journey”** Mr. Krishnan’s passion, dedication and sterling contribution to the profession is unparalleled. As one intimately involved in the profession long before ICSI was born, as the senior most GDCS, he has eloquently scripted the long and arduous journey including trials and tribulations of the Institute during the last 5 decades. Ms. Sonia Baijal, Director, ICSI, Akansha Gupta, Executive (Academics), Sonu Lakhani, Executive (Academics) and Raju in the Institute located, assembled and provided valuable data and ingredients at very short notice and deserve our appreciation.

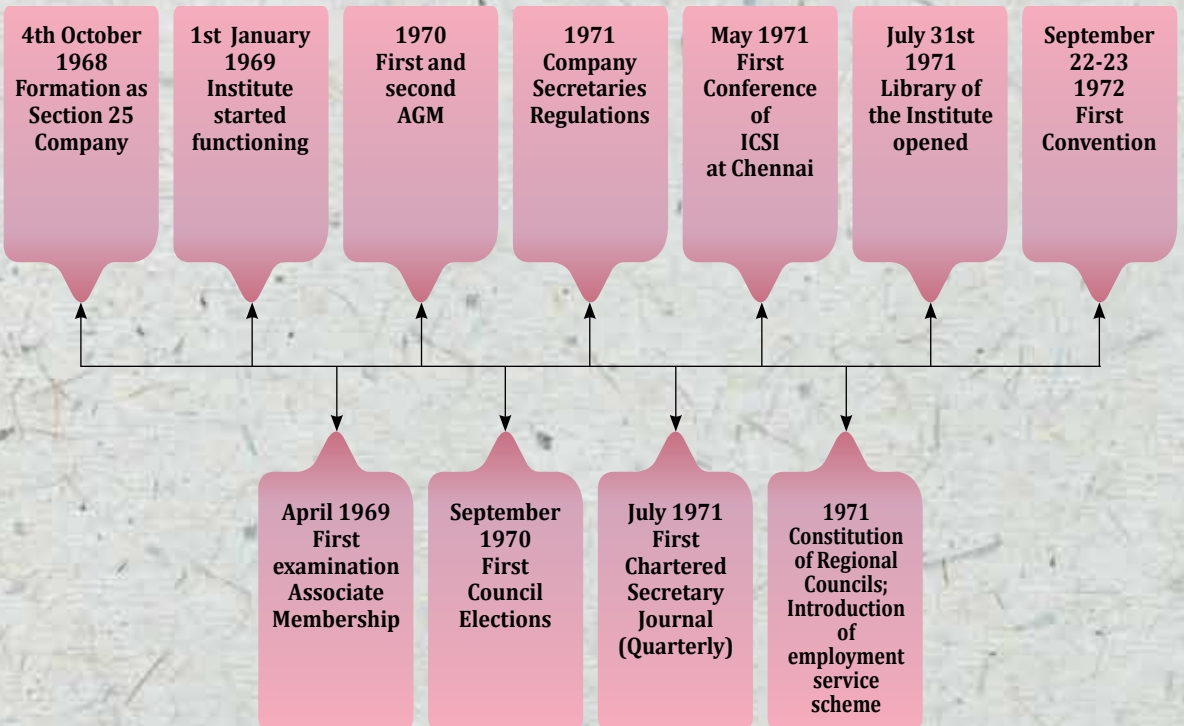
I congratulate the Institute and the entire professional fraternity on entering into the 50th year of its existence and marking a splendid triumph as a premier and dedicated Institute of governance professionals of the nation.



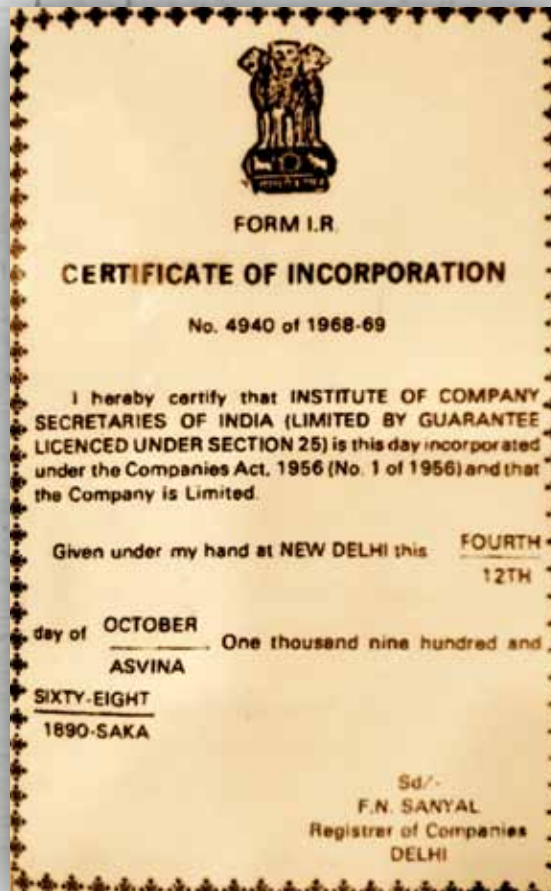
CS (Dr.) Shyam Agrawal  
President

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India

# 1968-1975



**T**he Institute of Company Secretaries of India was set up and registered as a company on 4th October, 1968 under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 with its registered office at New Delhi.



### **Maiden Reminiscenes**

Reading the remembrances of initial stages of the Institute sinks pleasant memories in the minds of the reader. Maiden events are always nostalgic. The Institute also took tiny maiden steps in from of opening of first library, first conference, first chapter, first convention etc.

### **The First Examination**

The first examination leading to the Associate Membership of the Institute was conducted in April, 1969.



## The First Conference

The Institute held its first conference on “Role of Company Secretaries” at Madras on 21st and 22nd May 1971. Shri R Prasad, the then C.L.B Chairman inaugurated the conference.

## The First Issue of Chartered Secretary

The first issue of Chartered Secretary was issued on July 1971 as quarterly journal that builds a communication platform between Institute and its stakeholders. This issue covered proceedings of the first conference of Institute, articles of professional interest such as Company Secretarial Audit, need for professionalisation of Company Secretaries, wider responsibilities of Company Secretaries etc which are of topical themes, Institute’s news & notifications, Book reviews etc.



Release of First issue of 'Chartered Secretary'

## The First Annual General Meeting

The First Annual General Meeting of the Institute as a Company was held on March 31, 1970,



Group photo after AGM

## The First Library

The library of the Institute was opened on July 31, 1971 by Shri Bedabrata Barua, the then Hon'ble Deputy Minister of Company Affairs.



Inauguration of the First Library on 31st July, 1971

## First Elections

First election of the Council was held in September 1970. The then Chairman Company Law Board, the late R Prasad was the president until 1970.

## The Regional Councils

The central council nominated the office bearers of four regional councils in 1971.

Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) was inaugurated on 31st August 1971 by the then Hon'ble Deputy Minister for Company Affairs, Shri Bedadratta Barua.



Inauguration of NIRC

Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute was inaugurated by the then Hon'ble Deputy Minister of Company Affairs, Shri Bedadratta Barua on October 11, 1971.



Inauguration of WIRC

The Eastern India Regional Council (EIRC) and the Southern India Regional Council (SIRC) were also formed in 1971.

The members of EIRC held a reception in Calcutta on September 16, 1971 in honour of Shri R. Prasad, the then Chairman Company Law Board.



Members of EIRC at the Reception Meeting



SIRC conducted its first meeting in Bangalore on December 13, 1971.



First Meeting of the SIRC session in Bangalore” and pate on page no. 6 under the head “The Regional Councils

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### **The First Publication**

Justic Shri J L Nain, the Chairman, MRTP Commission released the first book published by the Institute on ‘Company Secretary & the MRTP Act’ at workshop study organized by NIRC on February 02, 1974 at New Delhi at the price of Rs.12.

### **The First Regional Conference**

The First regional conference was organized by SIRC on the theme ‘Role of Company Secretary under the FERA 1973’ on April 20th,1974 at Chennai.



Hon 'ble shri K.K. shah, the then Governor of Tamil Nadu, inaugurating the conference

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### **First National Convention of Company Secretaries**

The first National Convention of company secretaries was held at New Delhi on 22-23 September, 1972 inaugurated by the President of India Mr. V.V. Giri



First National Convention of Company Secretaries on ‘Company Secretary - his place in Corporate Management’ Inaugurate by Shri V.V. Giri on 22nd September 1972

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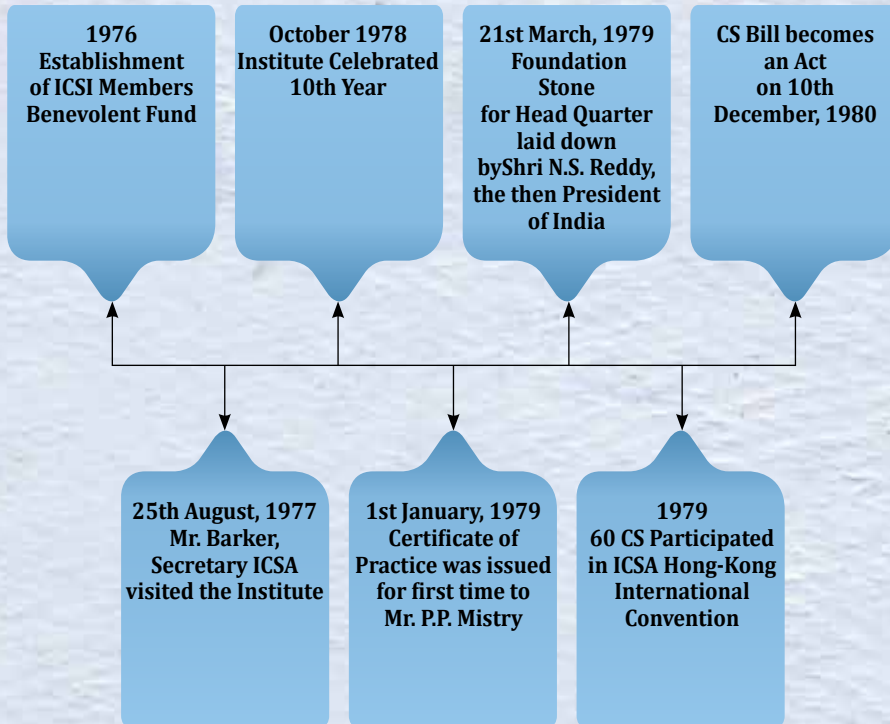
# Landmarks in ICSI History

## 1968-1975

- Incorporation of Institute of Company Secretaries of India as a non-profit company under section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 by the Government of India to regulate and develop the profession of Company Secretaries and to take over from the Government of India the entire work connected with the Company Secretaries examination and to carry on the same in all its branches.
- Company Secretaries Regulations, 1969 including criteria for admission to Associate and Fellow membership prescribed.
- 1st AGM held on 31st March, 1970 and 2nd AGM held on 26th September, 1970.
- Four Regional Councils constituted.
- First library opened in Headquarter.
- First issue of Chartered Secretary published as a quarterly journal.
- First National Convention, held and inaugurated by the President of India.
- Exemption received under Section 10(23A) of the Income Tax Act as a profession.
- Recognition of membership qualification by Ministry of Education for superior posts.
- Companies (Amendment) Bill, 1972 including a provision for qualification and appointment of Company Secretaries in companies of particular size introduced.
- Chartered Secretary became a monthly journal.
- Second National Convention inaugurated by the Vice-President of India.
- Prescription of Companies (Secretary's Qualification) Rules, 1975, specifying membership of ICSI as essential for companies having a paid-up capital of Rs.25 lakh or more.
- Coordination meetings with ICAI & ICWAI and reciprocal arrangement between ICSI & ICWAI on education, training and professional development.
- Registered Office shifted to A-1/111, Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi.
- Third National Convention at Calcutta inaugurated by Deputy Minister of Law, Justice and Company Affairs.



# 1976-1980



**D**uring this period the Institute achieved one of its major mile stones of getting the Company Secretaries Bill passed and it became an Act with effect from 10th December, 1980 and the Institute became Statutory Body from the status of Section 25 Company with effect from 1st January, 1981.

The foundation stone of Headquarters was laid during this period by late Shri N. Sanjeeva Reddy, the then Hon'ble President of India on 21st March, 1979.

## Institute Celebrates the 10th year of its Incorporation



Celebration of the tenth year by the Institute's employees

## Headquarters Foundation Stone

Shri. N Sanjeeva Reddy, the then Hon'ble President of India, laid foundation stone for Headquarter Building on 21st March 1978.



N Sanjeeva Reddy, laying foundation stone for Headquarters Building

## Global Networking

Mr. B Barker then Secretary, ICSA, London visited the Institute on 25th August 1977.



Mr. Barker's visit to the Institute in 1977

ICSA London invited the Institute to participate in their International Convention 1979. About 60 delegates from India participated in this programme.



Group photo of Indian delegation at the International Convention of ICSA

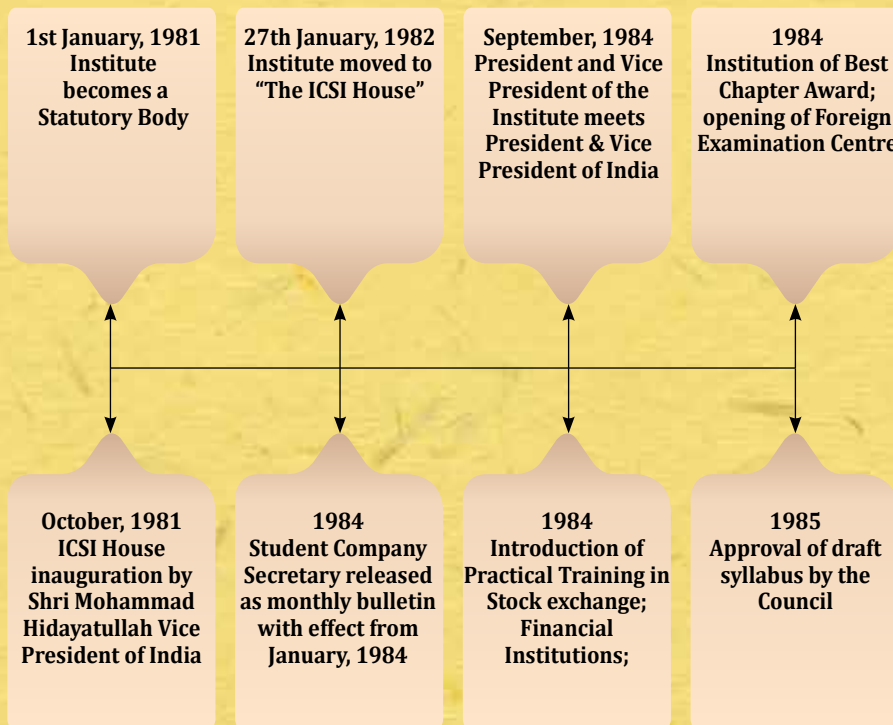


# Landmarks in ICSI History

## 1976-1980

- Revision of syllabus.
- Publication of Code of Conduct for observance by members.
- Establishment of ICSI Members Benevolent Fund.
- Fourth National Convention at Bombay inaugurated by Minister of State for Shipping and Transport.
- Completion of UNCTAD assignment.
- Fifth National Convention at Bangalore inaugurated by Supreme Court Judge.
- Introduction of schemes for merit scholarship and financial assistance to needy students.
- Amendments to regulations for issue of Certificate of Practice.
- Sixth National Convention at Goa inaugurated by Minister of Law, Justice and Company Affairs.
- Introduction of Revised Syllabus and All India Prize Awards for students.
- First election to Council and Regional Councils on proportional representation basis.
- Celebration of Tenth year of incorporation of the Institute.
- Foundation stone laid for Headquarter building by the President of India.
- Commencement of issue of Certificate of Practice to members.
- Recognition of membership qualification under the Income Tax Act and CLB Bench.
- Introduction of Company Secretaries Bill in Parliament.
- Seventh National Convention at Hyderabad inaugurated by the Governor of Andhra Pradesh.
- Participation in the 1st International Congress of Company Secretaries in Hong Kong.
- Approval of Company Secretaries Bill, 1980, by Parliament.
- Removal of foreign membership qualification from the Companies (Secretary's Qualification) Rules, 1975.
- Eighth National Convention at Jaipur inaugurated by the President of Supreme Court Bar.

# 1981-1985





**T**he pleasant memories of this period started with the Institute becoming Statutory Body with effect from January 01, 1981 and this occasion was celebrated at regional and chapter levels also.

The milestone that is noteworthy to mention here is the ICSI was inaugurated by Shri M Hidayatullah, the then Vice President of India on October 31, 1981 and the Institute moved to The ICSI House on 27th January, 1982. As regards professional development, a number of Joint Professional Development Programmes with ICAI and ICWAI were held, beginning of residential programmes by the Institute, programmes on emerging areas beyond company law such as arbitration, pollution control etc. were held. In addition, a number of programmes on emerging areas and soft skills were conducted at regional and council level.

Other initiatives of the Institute during this period includes approval of draft syllabus by the council of the Institute, institution of best chapter awards etc.,

## The Institute became Statutory Body

The Institute became Statutory Body constituted under Company Secretaries Act, 1980 on January 01, 1981.

Company Secretaries Regulations 1981 came into force with effect from 01 January 1981.

## Inauguration of ICSI House

ICSI House was inaugurated by Shri M Hidayatullah, the Vice President of India on October 31, 1981. The Institute moved to "The ICSI House" on 27th January 1982.

The Institute issued a draft secretarial audit report based on the suggestions received from All India workshop for PCS held in 1981.



Shri M. Hidayatullah the then Vice President of India inaugurated the headquarters building



ICSI House

## Meeting with President and Vice President of India

The President and the Vice President of the Institute met President and Vice President of India on 3rd September, 1984 and 17th September 1984 respectively on their assuming high offices.

The Council Instituted best chapter awards in 1984.

ICSI Members Benevolent Fund was renamed as "Company Secretaries Benevolent Fund".



The Then president of India Giani Zail Singh, glancing through the Institute Journal Chartered Secretary

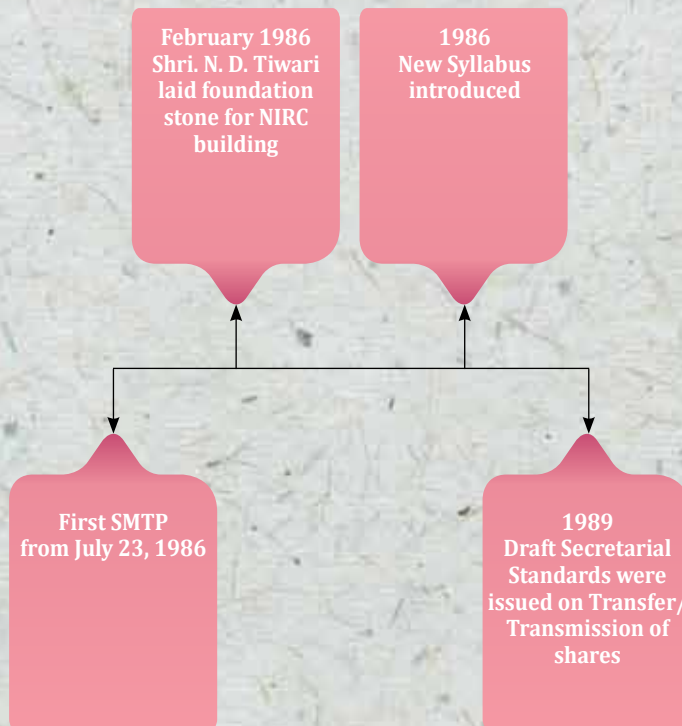
# Landmarks in ICSI History

## 1981-1985

- Conversion of the Institute as a statutory body under the Company Secretaries Act, 1980, effective from January 01, 1981.
- Inauguration of Institute building, “ICSI House” by the Vice-President of India.
- Ninth National Convention at Madras inaugurated by the Governor of Tamil Nadu.
- Introduction of prize awards for best articles in ‘Chartered Secretary’.
- Introduction of Professional Development Programmes in collaboration with the ICAI, ICWAI and the Indian Council of Arbitration.
- Recognition of membership qualification for all grades of appointment to Central Company Law Service and for certificates under the Import and Export Policy Regulations, Central Excise and Salt Act, Customs Act, Gold (Control) Act and by many State Financial Institutions.
- Tenth National convention at Bombay inaugurated by the Governor of Maharashtra.
- Memorandum of Secretarial Audit Report by a Task Force.
- Prescription of Company Secretaries Regulations, 1982.
- Conduct of first election to the Council and four Regional Councils as a statutory body.
- Publication of first list of Members under the Act.
- Participation in 2nd International Congress in Sydney, Australia, in 1983.
- Eleventh National Convention at Delhi inaugurated by the Minister for Law, Justice and Company Affairs.
- Opening of foreign examination Centre.
- Twelfth National Convention of Company Secretaries at Calcutta, inaugurated by the Governor of West Bengal.
- Introduction of ‘Student Company Secretary’ as a monthly publication.
- Introduction of Best Chapter Awards.
- Silver Jubilee Year for the Professional Examination in India.
- Thirteenth National Convention at Trivandrum inaugurated by the Minister of State for Industry and Company Affairs.
- Indian delegation participated in the 3rd International Congress in London.
- Recognition of Institute as a public institution of national importance under the Income Tax Act.



# 1986-1990



**D**uring this period the Institute has taken various initiatives in the form of introduction of new syllabus, setting up of training directorate, new publications and guidance notes, acquisition of premises by regional councils and chapters, introduction of first secretarial standard, joint professional programmes, international networking etc.



Shri N D Tiwari laying foundation stone for NIRC Building

Shri. N D Tiwari laid foundation stone for NIRC Building.

National Seminar on Trade Practices was held on September 06, 1986.

First Secretarial modular Training programme was held from 7-23, July 1986.

New syllabus was introduced in 1986.

Shri Shyamal Sen, the then President of ICSI visited ICOSA.

Companies Amendment Act, 1988 defined Company Secretary in practice and provided for signing of annual return of listed companies by Company Secretary in whole time practice.

Mr. Edward Chan, the then Chairman, Malaysian Association of ICOSA, visited the Institute on Nov 4, 1988.



Mr. Edward Chan, with Mr. TP Subbaraman

For the first time draft Secretarial Standards was introduced on transfer/transmission of shares in 1989 for members comments and was issued in 1990 after receiving the comments.

The Institute entered into an MoU with the Institute of Corporate Secretaries of Pakistan.

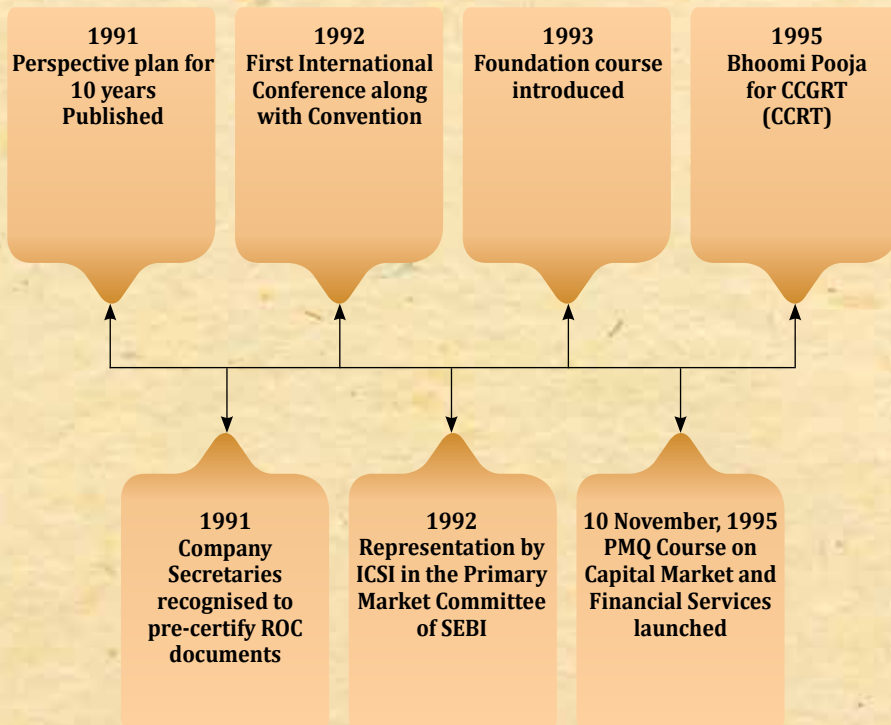


# Landmarks in ICSI History

## 1986-1990

- Introduction of New Syllabus from February 1, 1986.
- Recognition of Certification by Company Secretary by RBI and more State Financial and Industrial Development Corporations.
- Introduction of Secretarial Modular Training Programme for all Final passed candidates.
- Fourteenth National Convention in Goa inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Goa.
- Fifteenth National Convention at Delhi inaugurated by Minister of Industry.
- Companies (Amendment) Bill, 1987 introduced providing a core area of practice to company secretaries and defining secretary in whole-time practice.
- Companies (Amendment) Act, 1988 recognises company secretary in whole-time practice and provides for certification of compliances for incorporation of a company, commencement of business and fulfilling of requirements of Schedule XIII pertaining to managerial appointment and remuneration by company secretary in whole-time practice. It also provides an exclusive area of practice for signing of Annual Returns of listed companies.
- Sixteenth National Convention held at Calcutta dedicated to 40th Anniversary of India's Independence.
- 50th Council meeting held on 31st December 1988 commemorated as Golden Jubilee meeting.
- October 1988 issue of 'Chartered Secretary' highlights twenty years of Institute from 1968.
- Special All India annual prize award instituted to commemorate centenary celebration of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday.
- Seventeenth National Convention held at Bangalore.
- Eighteenth National Convention held at Bombay inaugurated by Former-Chief Justice of India.
- Introduction of Secretarial Audit for assisted companies by Manipur and Assam Industrial Development Corporations.
- Memorandum of Understanding on professional exchange of views entered into with Institute of Corporate Secretaries of Pakistan.
- President and Secretary participated in meeting of Asian Pacific Forum of six Asian countries and visited Malaysian Association and Singapore Association.

# 1991-1995



## Continuing Reminiscences

Company Secretaries were recognized in 1991 for pre certification of documents to be filed with ROC.

First International Conference of Company Secretaries in India along with national Convention was held on Nov 1-14, 1992 at Calcutta.

The Institute represented on the primary market committee of SEBI.

The profession was recognised under Section 44 of the Companies Act, 1956.

MOU between ICSA, Srilanka and the Institute was entered into on 14th November 1992.

Foundation course was introduced in 1993 replacing the prelim examination.



Introduction of foundation course

The Institute recognized as Research Institute under Section 35 of the Income Tax Act.

The Institute participated in MAICSA International Conference at Kuala Lumpur on June 22-23, 1993.

## Inauguration of NIRC Building

NIRC building was inaugurated on December 04, 1993.



Inauguration of NIRC Building



Bhoomi Poojan of CCRT was held on April 16, 1995



CCRT Bhoomi Poojan

President Prof Stephen Bristow, International Chief Executive M J Anisworth, ICSA London visited the Institute on February 03, 1995.

David Durham, Chief executive of Companies House, London and David Walke, AROC for London and Wales visited the Institute and had extensive dialogue with Dr. Narang, the then Secretary of the Institute.



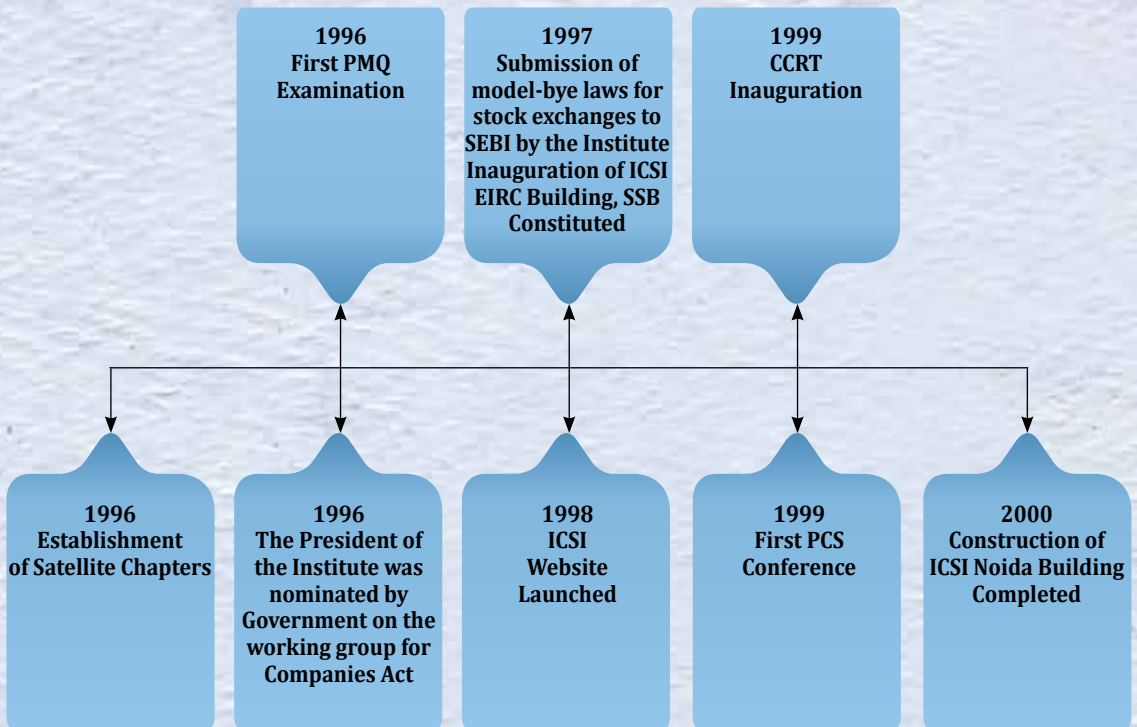
John Ainsworth presenting a set of ICSA publication to Dr. SP Narang

# Landmarks in ICSI History

## 1991-1995

- Nineteenth National Convention held at Delhi.
- Recognition of Company Secretary in practice for pre-certification of all documents to be filed with ROC.
- Perspective plan for ten years published.
- Recognition obtained for issuing certificates under FERA from RBI.
- Participation in conference organised by Sri Lanka Association of Chartered Secretaries.
- Twentieth National Convention and First International Conference held in Calcutta.
- MOU entered for professional co-operation among Pakistan, Sri Lanka and India.
- Silver Jubilee year celebrations for Institute's existence.
- Release of silver coin with Institute emblem.
- Recognition of the profession under Section 44AA of the Income Tax Act.
- Participation in MAICSA International Conference by President and Officiating Secretary at Kuala Lumpur.
- Recognition of ICSI as a Research Institution under Section 35 of the Income Tax Act.
- Foundation Course introduced replacing Preliminary examination for all 12th standard pass students and syllabus for Intermediate and Final examination rationalised and amended.
- 21st National Convention and 2nd International Conference held at Madras.
- 22nd National Convention of Company Secretaries held at Goa.
- Prof. Stephen Bristow, International President and M J Ainsworth, International Chief Executive of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, London visited the Institute's Headquarters and had discussions on areas of mutual co-operation and interaction.
- The Institute's proposal to introduce Post Membership qualification course in Capital Markets and Financial Services approved by the Government.
- A Memorandum of understanding signed with the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, London at Jaipur to identify the areas of mutual interest and co-operation.
- 23rd National Convention of Company secretaries was held at Jaipur and inaugurated by Union Minister for Environment & Forest.
- The Bhoomi Pooja for Research Centre at New Bombay (CCRT) held on 16th April, 1995.

# 1996-2000





**D**uring this period the Institute achieved mile stones such as setting up of Secretarial Standards Board, Opening of Centre for Corporate Research and Training (Now CCGRT), recognitions for pursuing Ph.D, MOU with ICAI, ICWAI for mutual synergies, global networking, introduction of its new PMQ course on capital markets etc.,

The first PMQ examination on Capital Markets and Financial Services was held in December 1996. The Institute entered into MOU with NLSIU, ICSA etc. during 1997. The Institute prepared model-byelaws for stock exchanges.

NSDL/CDSL allowed company secretaries in practice to conduct internal audit of depository participants.

Centre for Corporate Research and Training inaugurated and dedicated to the nation on 16th May 1999 at Navi Mumbai by Justice Dr. A S Anand Hon'ble Chief Justice of India.



Inauguration of CCRT Building

Hon'ble Justice M N Venkatachaliah, Chairperson National Human Rights Commission presided over the function.

Secretarial Standards Board was constituted in 2000.



First meeting of SSB

Announcement of approval of new syllabus was made in 2000. MOU between CS, CA and CWA Institutes was made in 2000.



MoU between CS, CA, CWA

Shri Arun Jaitley, the then Hon'ble Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Law, Justice and Company Affairs addressing the 28 National Convention and Fifth International Conference of Company Secretaries in the year 2000.

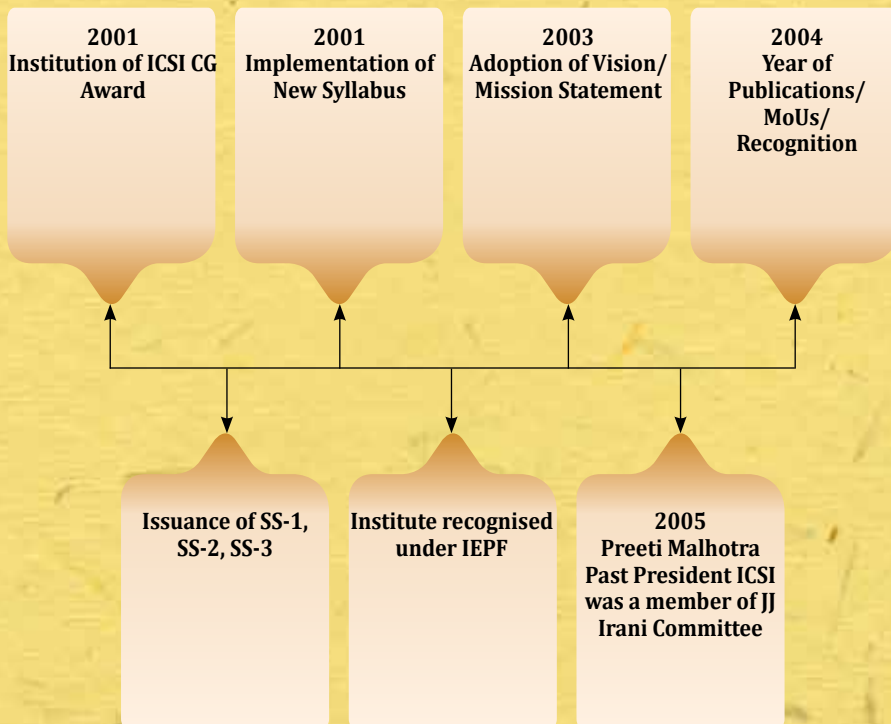


# Landmarks in ICSI History

## 1996-2000

- The 24th National Convention of Company Secretaries held at Calcutta.
- The President of the Institute nominated by the Government on the working group for the Companies Act.
- The Silver Jubilee National Convention and 3rd National Conference of Company Secretaries on the theme “Corporate Governance – Global Perspective” organised at Hyderabad.
- The ICSA, UK Division agrees in principle to recognize the holders of ICSI qualification for exemption from all but 3 of ICSA qualification scheme papers.
- The Institute prepared and submitted to SEBI draft of model Bye-laws for stock exchanges.
- 26th National Convention of Company Secretaries held at Pune.
- Signing of a MOU between ICSA, UK and ICSI providing agreement for mutual exemptions in certain papers.
- ICSI Website launched.
- First National Conference of Students of Company Secretaries Course held at Hyderabad.
- Introduction of the Companies (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999 in the Lok Sabha.
- The Securities Laws (Second Amendment) Act, 1999 authorises Company Secretaries in Practice to appear before Securities Appellate Tribunal under the SEBI Act, 1992, Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 and the Depositories Act, 1996.
- NSDL and CDSL allow Company Secretary in Practice to conduct internal audit of operations of participants relating to the depository operations.
- The ICSI-CCRT Centre for Corporate Research and Training at Navi Mumbai inaugurated and dedicated to the Nation by Hon’ble Dr. Justice A S Anand, Chief Justice of India.
- The 27th National Convention and 4th International Conference organised at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.
- First National Conference of Company Secretaries in Practice organised at Hyderabad.
- The Insertion of proviso to Sub-section (1) of Section 383A of the Companies Act, 1956 opens up a core area of practice for Company Secretaries.
- Memorandum of understanding between the three premier Professional Bodies in India i.e. ICSI, ICAI & ICWAI signed by the Presidents of the three Institutes to establish synergistic relationship between the three Institutes with a view to further strengthening their collective competencies and help to promote the image of their respective professions.
- Constitution of Secretarial Standards Board to formulate Secretarial Standards and also integrate, harmonize and standardize the prevalent diverse secretarial practices.
- 28th National Convention and 5th International Conference organised at Kolkata on the theme “Second Generation Reforms and Beyond – An International Perspective”.

# 2001-2005





**T**he milestones achieved during this period was introduction of new syllabus, constitution of National Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance, Introduction of Secretarial Standards, several other publications including guidance notes, recognition of company secretaries under clause 49 of the listing agreement, recognition of the Institute under IEPF, adoption of vision and mission statement etc.

The Central Government notified the Companies (Compliance Certificate) Rules, 2001.

Implementation of New Syllabus from September 1, 2001.

Visit of Mr. John Ainsworth, Chief Executive, and Ms. Alison Ainsworth, Director, Professional Education, The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, (ICSA), London to ICSI Headquarters, New Delhi.

Adoption of Vision Statement and Mission Statement by the Institute.

Dr. J.J. Irani Committee on New Company Law submitted its Report. Ms. Preeti Malhotra Past President of ICSI was member of this committee.

The Institute organized National Seminar on J.J. Irani Report in 2005.



Inauguration of National Seminar on J. J. Irani Report

The Institute jointly with SAICSA organized International Conference on August 2005 at Singapore.



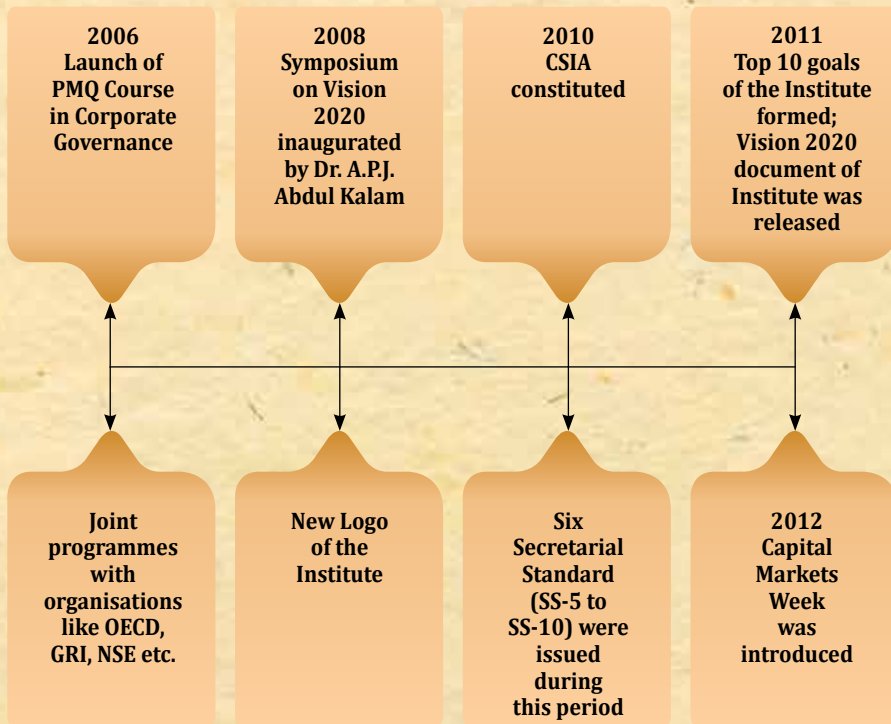
Mr. Jain at SAICSA International Conference

# Landmarks in ICSI History

## 2001-2005

- The Central Government notified the Companies (Compliance Certificate) Rules, 2001.
- Implementation of New Syllabus from September 1, 2001.
- Central Vigilance Commissioner delivered the Foundation Day lecture on “Leveraging Information Technology for Corporate Excellence”.
- 29th National Convention on the theme “Developments in Corporate and Cyberlaws — International Perspective” at Bangalore.
- Issuance of the Secretarial Standard on “Meetings of the Board of Directors” (SS-1)
- Organisation of First ICSI National Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance function at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. His Excellency Late Shri Krishan Kant, Former Vice President of India and Chief Guest of the function presented the Awards to the winners and delivered the key note address.
- Passing of Companies (Amendment) Bill 2002, Companies (Second Amendment) Bill 2002 and Competition Bill, 2002 by both Houses of Parliament, expanding employment and practice opportunities for Company Secretaries.
- Naresh Chandra Committee on Company Audit and Corporate Governance recommends provision for system of “pre-certification” and power to Central Government to direct ‘Compliance Audit’ by Company Secretaries.
- Issuance of the Secretarial Standard on ‘General Meetings’ (SS-2).
- 30th National Convention of Company Secretaries on the theme “Repositioning the Profession in the Changing International Business Environment” at Ahmedabad.
- Visit of Mr. John Ainsworth, Chief Executive, and Ms. Alison Ainsworth, Director, Professional Education, The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, (ICSA), London to ICSI Headquarters, New Delhi.
- Organisation of 2nd ICSI National Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance function at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. His excellency Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Hon’ble Vice President of India and Chief Guest of the function presented the Awards to the winners and delivered the key note address.
- Adoption of Vision Statement and Mission Statement by the Institute.
- Recognition to Company Secretaries in Practice to issue certificate regarding compliance of conditions of Corporate Governance as stipulated in Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement.
- Initiating of the process of introducing PMQ Course in Corporate Governance.
- Issuance of the Secretarial Standard on Dividend (SS-3).
- 31st National Convention of Company Secretaries on the theme Corporate Excellence and Professional Accountability at Agra.
- 35th Foundation Day Lecture by Shri Jagmohan, Hon’ble Union Minister of Tourism and Culture on the theme “Excellence through Good Governance”.

# 2006-2012





Major initiatives during this period includes global networking, increased recognitions, governance and green initiatives, Capital Market initiatives, Initiatives under IEPF, capacity building programmes, release of ICSI vision document, top ten goals of the Institute, international joint programmes with organizations like OECD, e-learning programmes for students, on-line registrations, implementation of new syllabus and change of nomenclature for different stages viz, Foundation Course, Intermediate Course, and Final Course to Foundation, Executives and Professional Programme, E-MSOP, implementation of ERP in the Institute, Introduction of Corporate Governance Week and Capital Markets Week as annual events, Introduction of Regional Convocation of ICSI bi-annually strengthening of infrastructure at regional and chapter levels, prestigious research projects with CCI, NSE, etc.

## Meeting of ICSI delegation with President of India.



ICSI Delegation with the then President of India.

Launch of PMQ Course in “Corporate Governance”

Launching of Web based e-learning Module for CS Foundation Programme

Implementation of New Syllabus

Completion of a research study on “Guidelines on Compliance of Competition Law” to the Competition Commission of India.

ICSI Symposium on Vision India 2020 inaugurated by Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam, Former President of India.



ICSI Symposium on Vision India 2020; Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam Addressing the gathering

Setting up ICSI Students Education Fund Trust to extend financial assistance to economically backward students with good academic record.

## International Conference jointly with Cass Business School

Organisation of International Conference jointly with Cass Business School, City University, London UK on the Theme “Global Economic Recession and Corporate Governance- Role of Governance Professionals” on June 23, 2008.



A view of participants of the International Conference at London jointly by ICSI and Cass Business School

## India Corporate Week

The Institute received Excellence Award at the India Corporate Week organised by MCA on December 21, 2009 for its initiatives towards the growth of profession and corporate governance.



The Institute receiving excellence award at India Corporate Week 2009.

## Constitution of CSIA

Corporate Secretaries International Association (CSIA) was formed on March 22, 2010 at Paris.



Launch of CSIA

International Conference on the theme Planet, People and Profit; The New International Paradigm for Corporates Sustainability was held on May 27, 2010 at Zurich jointly with National Foundation for Corporate Governance (NFCG) in 2010.



Meeting of delegates from Asian corporate governance forum and ICSI representatives was held at ICSI house.



Delegation of ACGA and representatives of ICSI

## ICSI Vision 2020

ICSI Vision 2020 was released at the gracious hands of H.E. Mr. E S L Narasimhan, Governor of Andhra Pradesh at the Presentation Ceremony for 11th ICSI National Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance on December 23, 2011 at Hyderabad.



Release of ICSI vision 2020

Mr. Arun Jaitely, Member of Parliament and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha was Chief Guest at closing plenary of 39th National Convention of Company Secretaries at Agra in the year 2011.



Shri Arun Jaitely at 39 National Convention of Company Secretaries at Agra

## Corporate Governance Week

Corporate Governance Week and Corporate Governance Conclave was introduced.



Corporate governance week 2011 and 2012 (left and right)



## Capital Markets Week

ICSI organized Capital Markets Week from April 23-28,2012



Inaugural session of ICSI Capital Markets Week 2012

The Institute had prepared Concept Paper on National Corporate Governance Policy. The first meeting of the committee constituted MCA to formulate a policy document on corporate governance. It was convened on April 5,2012 under the Chairmanship of Shri Adi Godrej, Chairman Godrej group.



First meeting of MCA Committee on CG policy

Deputy Director General, WTO Mr. Harsha V Singh visited the Institute on July 18,2012.



Mr. Harsha V Singh, DDG WTO interacting with Shri N.K. Jain Secretary and CEO ICSI and Shri Nesar Ahmad prdsident ICSI.

The Institute jointly with GRI focal point India organized first GRI South Asia Conference on sustainability reporting for sustainable on September, 26,2012.



First conference of ICSI with GRI focal point India

The Institute started organising region wise convocation bi-annually since November, 2012.



ICSI Convocation 2012

Constitution of Peer Review Board and Introduction of Peer Review guidelines.

# Landmarks in ICSI History

## 2006-2012

- Company Secretaries (Amendment) Act, 2006
- Launch of MCA-21 e-governance project and recognition to PCS for pre-certification of certain e-forms
- Authorisation of Company Secretaries in Practice by NSE to issue Certifications regarding Compliances by Trading Members at par with Chartered Accountants
- Authorisation of Company Secretaries in Practice by BSE to issue Net Worth Certificate to its trading Members
- Qualified Practising Company Secretaries recognized by NSDL for Conducting Concurrent Audit of its participants
- Organisation of 34th National Convention on the theme “Reshaping the Profession- Creating New Niches” held at Kolkata
- Launch of PMQ Course in “Corporate Governance”
- National Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance, 2005 presented by Shri Prem Chand Gupta, Hon’ble Minister of Company Affairs
- International Federation of Company Secretaries – Third meeting held in Bangladesh.
- International Conference on Exploiting Potential in Emerging Economies of the WTO : Forging Strategies Alliances and Building Strategic Partnerships organised jointly by the ICSI and ICPSK at Kenya.
- Launching of Web based e-learning Module for CS Foundation Programme
- Implementation of New Syllabus for Company Secretaryship Course and change of nomenclature for different stages - from Foundation Course, Intermediate Course and Final Course to Foundation Programme, Executive Programme and Professional Programme respectively.
- Issuance of Secretarial Standard on Minutes (SS-5) and Secretarial Standard on Transmission (SS-6).
- Submission of Draft Research Project Report on “Guidelines on Compliance on Competition Law” to Competition Commission of India.
- Members allowed to prefix their respective names with “CS”.
- Organisation of 35th National Convention of Company Secretaries on the theme “Excellence through Business Value Addition” at Jaipur.
- Organisation of ICSI-INSOL joint programmes at Mumbai & New Delhi.
- Implementation of New Syllabus for CS Executive/Professional Programme.
- Setting up of Expert Group for formulating ICSI Vision Plan – 2020.
- MoU with Capital Markets and Corporate Governance Institute (CMCGI) of the Capital Market Development Authority, Maldives.
- MoU with IGNOU to introduce specialised B.Com with Major in Corporate Affairs and Administration and M.Com in Business Policy and Corporate Governance courses,



exclusively for members and students of the Institute.

- Completion of a research study on Guidelines on Compliance of Competition Law by Enterprises awarded by the Competition Commission of India.
- SEBI authorised Practising Company Secretaries to carry out complete internal audit of stock brokers/trading members/clearing members on a half-yearly basis.
- RBI authorised Practising Company Secretaries to issue diligence reports to all scheduled commercial banks in respect of companies assisted by banks through consortium/multiple banking arrangement.
- ICSI Symposium on Vision India 2020 inaugurated by Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam, Former President of India.
- 36th National Convention of Company Secretaries on the theme of “Achieving Excellence through Innovation” at Goa.
- 9th National Conference of Practising Company Secretary on the Theme: “Be the Change You Want to Become”, at Bhuvaneswar”.
- Recognition to Company Secretaries as Key Managerial Personnel along with CEO and CFO in Companies Bill, 2008
- 5th Meeting of IFCS at Panaji, Goa on 5th November, 2008
- Organisation of ICSI National Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance, 2008 on 20th December 2008.
- Organisation of International Conference on International Economics and Corporate Governance in Emerging Economies at Hong Kong on May 12, 2008.
- Issuance of three new Secretarial Standards namely Passing of Resolutions by Circulation (SS-7), Affixing of Common Seal (SS-8) and Forfeiture of Share (SS-9).
- Institute’s participation in Asian Roundtable on Corporate Governance organised by OECD in Hong Kong.
- Enhancement of the limit of paid-up share capital from Rs. 2 Crores to Rs. 5 crores by the Central Government for compulsory appointment of whole-time company secretary w.e.f. March 15, 2009.
- Organisation of International Conference jointly with Cass Business School, City University, London UK on the Theme “Global Economic Recession and Corporate Governance– Role of Governance Professionals” on 23rd June, 2008.
- 10th National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries on the Theme “Profession of Company Secretaries – Surging Ahead” on July 31st, 2009 at Pune.
- Issuance of Secretarial Standard on Board’s Report (SS-10).
- 37th National Convention of Company Secretaries on the theme “Lead Corporate India – Role of Company Secretary” on November 5-7, 2009 at Hyderabad.
- Corporate Secretaries International Association (CSIA) has been formed on March 22, 2010 at Paris.
- 11th National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries on the theme “Spread Wings To Reach New Horizons” held on April 30-May 1, 2010 at Chandigarh.
- 38th National Convention of Company Secretaries on the theme “India Inc. and Inclusive Growth” held on September 2-4, 2010 at Kolkata.



- International Conference on the theme Planet, People and Profit: The New International Paradigm for Corporates Sustainability was held on May 27, 2010 at Zurich jointly with National foundation for Corporate Governance (NFCG).
- Signed an MOU with Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC), Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India for setting up of Certified Facilitation Centre under ACES Project.
- The Institute participated in the MAICSA Annual Conference, 2010 held on July 19-20, 2010 at Kuala Lumpur on the theme Governance and Ethical Practices in the Board Room.
- ICSI Vision 2020 released.
- The Council adopted top ten Goals to be achieved during the year 2011-14.
- The word “Chartered Secretary” registered under the Trade Marks Act, 1999.
- The Government accorded its approval for amendments in the Company Secretaries Regulations, 1982.
- Implementation of New Syllabus for Company Secretaryship Course.

# 2013-2017



## New Syllabus for Company Secretaryship Course

The Council of the Institute approved the new syllabus for Foundation, Executive and Professional Programmes of the Company Secretaryship course. The new syllabus was given a contemporary spirit by incorporating Electives at the Professional Programme level. The new syllabus for Foundation was implemented w.e.f. February 1, 2012 and the first examination for the same was held in December, 2012 session under the Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) system.

## Company Secretary recognised as Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) under Companies Act, 2013

Companies Act, 2013 confers a special status to a Company Secretary as a 'Key Managerial Personnel' (KMP) and has bracketed him alongwith Managing Director (MD) or Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Manager, Whole Time Director(s) or Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

## Launching of CS Integrated Company Secretary Course (Full time) at ICSI- CCGRT on 12th July, 2014

12th July 2014 is a landmark in the academic voyage of ICSI, as it marked the commencement of new era of 'Governance Wisdom' with the launch of Integrated Company Secretary course at the auspicious hands of the EY World Entrepreneur of the year 2014 Shri Uday Kotak.



Launch of CS Integrated Company Secretary course at ICSI-CCGRT



## CS Logo registered under Trade Marks Act, 1999

CS Logo was registered under Section 23(2), Rule 62(1) of the Trade Marks Act, 1999 in the name of The Institute of Company Secretaries of India .



## Udai Divas celebrated throughout the country on 1st January, 2015

The profession of Company Secretary was firmly established in 1981, when the Company Secretaries Act, 1980 came into force on 1.1.1981. To celebrate this occasion and to propagate the ideals of profession, in a broader way towards reaching its vision "To be a global leader in promoting Good Corporate Governance", Institute celebrated "Udai Divas" on 1st January, 2015 throughout the country.



Celebration of Udai Divas (Day of Statutory Recognition of ICSI) on January 1st, 2015 at Chennai

## SS 1 & SS 2 issued by ICSI made applicable w.e.f. 1st July 2015

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs gave its approval to the Secretarial Standards; SS 1 (Secretarial Standard on Meetings of the Board of Directors) and SS 2 (Secretarial Standard on General Meetings), which were notified on 23rd April 2015 and made effective from 1st July, 2015.



## SEBI notifies (LODR) Regulations, 2015; Company Secretary designated as Compliance Officer

SEBI notifies SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (Listing Regulations) on September 2, 2015. A time period of ninety days was given for implementing the Regulations. Company Secretaries were designated as Compliance Officer and all listed entities required to appoint a qualified Company Secretary (CS) as the Compliance Officer.

## 1st CSR Excellence Awards, 2016

In continuation to its endeavour of endorsing the Government's efforts of promoting CSR amongst Indian corporate, the Institute of Company Secretaries of India instituted the "ICSI CSR EXCELLENCE AWARDS" in 2016. The Awards aim to promote the Corporate Social Responsibility in the Indian corporates.



1st ICSI CSR Excellence Awards- Reliance Industries Limited-Large Category.



1st ICSI CSR Excellence Awards- ACC Limited-Medium Category.





## Inauguration of ICSI house, Noida

The newly purchased office premises at C-36, Sector-62, Noida was inaugurated by the gracious hands of Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Tourism & Culture, Government of India, on December 25, 2016. A grand Pooja was performed to instate this new edifice. ICSI House at NOIDA is a spacious office block with an area of approximately 50,000 Square Feet.



Inauguration of the ICSI house by Dr. Mahesh Sharma.



A View of the new building

## Info Capsule

With a view to provide Company Secretary Professionals with the latest insights on issues which are not just limited to Compliance or Governance but which go much beyond that and contribute to their holistic development, the Institute has launched a new initiative called 'Info Capsules' on February 23, 2017 for its stakeholders.



Launch of Info Capsule Initiatives by CS (Dr.) Shyam Agrawal

## ICSI achieves landmark in it's pursuit of Professional Excellence, reaches 50,000th CS Membership mark

Shri Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs in the presence of CS (Dr.) Shyam Agrawal, President, ICSI, awarded the 'Certificate of CS Membership' to the 50,000th member of ICSI.



Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Shri Arun Jaitley Confering 50,000th membership



## President, ICSI elected as Secretary, CSIA

CS (Dr.) Shyam Agrawal, President, the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) was elected as the Secretary of the Corporate Secretaries International Association (CSIA) during the Council Meeting of CSIA held on March 15-16, 2017 at Johannesburg, South Africa. CSIA is an international federation of professional bodies that promotes best practice in corporate secretarial, corporate governance and compliance services.



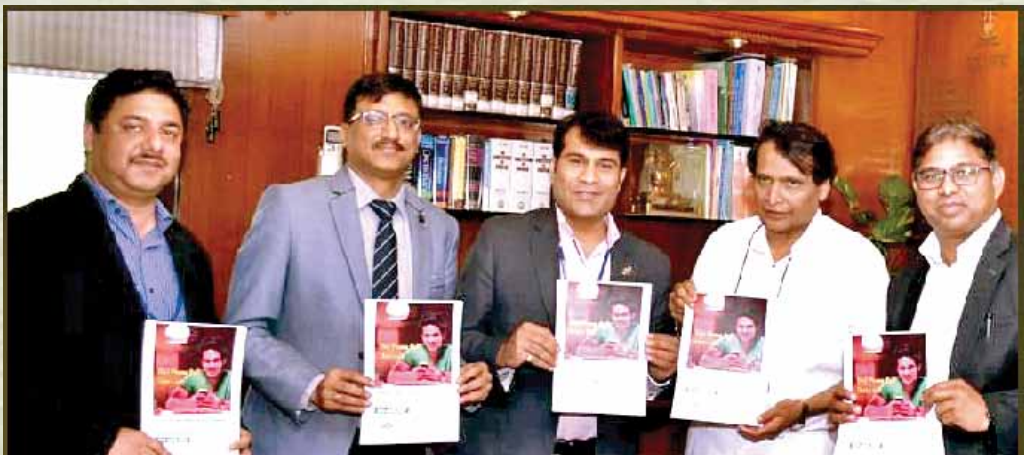
President, ICSI CS (Dr.) Shyam Agrawal with CSIA Country Representatives

## New syllabus (2017) for Foundation Programme of CS Course

New syllabus (2017) for Foundation Programme of CS Course has been made effective from April 01, 2017. New syllabus will be applicable for Students who register in Foundation Programme on or after 1st April, 2017. The first examination for Foundation Programme under the new syllabus shall be held in June, 2018.

## ICSI Academic Helpline

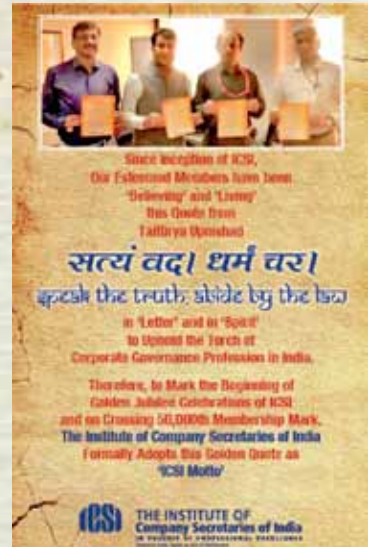
In its continuous endeavour to enhance the quality of academic services to the stakeholders, the Institute has set up an “ICSI Academic Helpline”, which was launched by the gracious hands of Shri Suresh Prabhu, Hon’ble Minister of Railways, Government of India on April 24, 2017.



ICSI launches Academic helpline for CS Students

## ICSI Motto – Satyam Vada, Dharmam Chara

To rejoice the beginning of Golden Jubilee Celebrations of ICSI and to commemorate attaining the milestone of 50,000 membership, Shri Tapan Ray, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs unveiled the formal adoption of ICSI Motto “Satyam Vada, Dharmam Chara – Speak the Truth, Abide by the Law”.



## First International Company Secretaries Olympiad Awards

The Institute has initiated the CS Olympiad, as its brand building initiative to establish brand CS amongst the student community in the schools. First International Company Secretaries Olympiad Awards Ceremony were held on 4th June 2017 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi wherein International toppers of the CS Olympiad along with their parents were felicitated.



## Transferability of Membership of ICSA UK

A clear understanding has been arrived at with the ICSA-UK to the effect that an ICSA-UK member may transfer his membership inter se its various divisions without clearing any additional examination. Where an ICSI member, who has also secured the membership of ICSA-UK, desires to shift base to another division, he is now eligible to have his ICSA-UK membership transferred to the other division.



## 18th National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries

The 18th National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries was magnificently inaugurated with the graceful presence of Mr. Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya as a Chief Guest of the event, at State Convention Centre, Shillong, Meghalaya during June 24-25, 2017.



18th National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries on Enterprising in New Age India

## ICSI Corporate Leadership Development Program

The Institute has come up with 45 days residential Corporate Leadership Development Program to create a comprehensive, streamlined, skill based facilitative training experience which would prepare members to enhance their career opportunities and vigour in entailing the openings in organizations. The first phase of this ICSI Corporate Leadership



launche of First Ever ICSI Residential Corporate Leadership Development Program

Development Program was successfully launched on August 1, 2017 at Noida in the eminent presence of CS Preeti Malhotra, Chief Guest and Dr. S. Sivakumar, Guest of Honour for the event along with CS (Dr.) Shyam Agrawal, President of the Institute.

## Malaysian Association of Company Secretaries (MACS) to adopt the Secretarial Standards issued by ICSI as the benchmark

In a historic move confirming the global leadership of the Institute as a premier body in serving professional excellence towards governance at par, recently, the Malaysian Association of Company Secretaries (MACS), seeking ICSI's cooperation, had expressed its desire to adopt the Secretarial Standards formulated by the Institute, and approved by the Government of India, for the purpose of benchmarking MACS own Standards. Subsequently, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has approved the request for adoption of the ICSI's Secretarial Standards by MACS. The MCA while approving the same has stated in its Press Release that it is a matter of great pride that Indian Standards are to be adopted/ benchmarked by a foreign sister institution in the course of formulation of their own similar standards.

## ICSI Golden Jubilee Celebrations : LOGO Unveiled



On the occasion of the entering into the 50th year of Institute's existence while rejoicing momentous journey of the professional excellence and commitment towards establishing, preserving and promoting the standards of governance with the global presence, the Institute begins its Golden Jubilee Celebrations on October 4, 2017.

To commemorate this momentous journey of the Institute along with the contribution made in the Nation Building by holding the torch of Governance to stand tall in India since 49 years, Shri Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs unveiled the ICSI Golden Jubilee Logo on August 28, 2017. The Golden Jubilee Logo would be effective from October 4, 2017 to October 4, 2018.



Unveiling of ICSI Golden Jubilee Celebration logo by Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs

## Inauguration of ICSI Centre of Excellence, Hyderabad

Captivating our legacy forward in empowering world class research, training and learning in governance with a specific focus on corporate governance in the domestic as well international sphere, the Institute beheld the inauguration of ICSI Centre of Excellence at Hyderabad on September 16, 2017 through the gracious hands of Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President of India as the chief guest, in the august presence of Shri Md. Mohamood Ali, Dy. Chief Minister of Telangana as Guest of Honour.



Inauguration of ICSI Centre of Excellence, Hyderabad - Chief Guest M Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President of India



CS (Dr.) Shyam Agrawal presenting a planter to M Venkaiah Naidu.



# ICSI-EMPOWERING new india



**PANCHAYAT  
GOVERNANCE**

**FINANCIAL  
LITERACY**

**EASE OF  
DOING BUSINESS**



**ICSI Promoting Khadi**  
सुसंस्कृत भारत - संरक्षित भारत

**NATIONAL AWARDS  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**



**CSR EXCELLENCE  
AWARDS**

**INSOLVENCY PROFESSIONALS AGENCY**  
Insolvency & Company Liquidation under the Companies Act, 2013.



## DIGITAL INDIA

**e-Learning:** Imparting Education to Students across India through e-learning

**e-Library** for Members and Students

**e-Management Skill Orientation Programme (E-MSOP)**

**Computer Based Examination (CBE)**

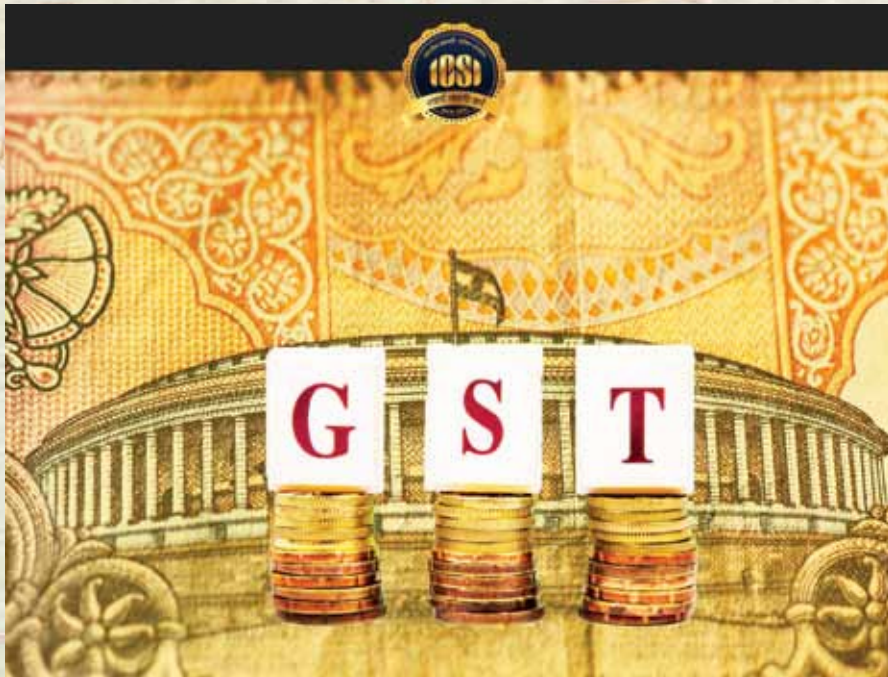
**e-Chartered Secretary, ICSI's Monthly Journal** for Corporate Professionals, e-publication

**SMASH** (Student Member Application Software Hosting): A web based application integrating all services/application of ICSI.

**Webinars** for all

**Virtual Collaboration Platform** for Member & Students





**GST Core Advisory Group:** A special team to deliberate on the intricacies of GST and making submissions to Government

**Series of Webinar on GST**

**GST POINT:** A platform to reply to the queries, difficulties and challenges faced by consumers, manufacturers, traders, MSMEs, public at large

**GST Help Line:** Get your queries addressed by subject experts.

**GST E-Book**

**GST App:** The App offers latest news, articles, regulations and various publications on GST

**Certificate Course & Master Classes on GST:** Provides comprehensive insight into the principles of GST and other nuances

**GST Educational Series:** To enhance knowledge of GST laws







## PM launches Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan

- Swachhata Pakhwada celebrated at the Institute Headquarters, 69 Chapters, 4 Regional Councils & ICSI-CCGRT
- ICSI employees, members and students across India took 'Swachhata Pledge.'
- The Institute HQ initiated a **Neighbourhood Cleanliness Drive**
- Organised awareness programmes on cleanliness among children in orphanages in Delhi and Noida
- **Workshops on e-waste management** at New Delhi & Noida office
- The Institute also publicised and promoted 'Swachhata Pakhwada' through Facebook and twitter



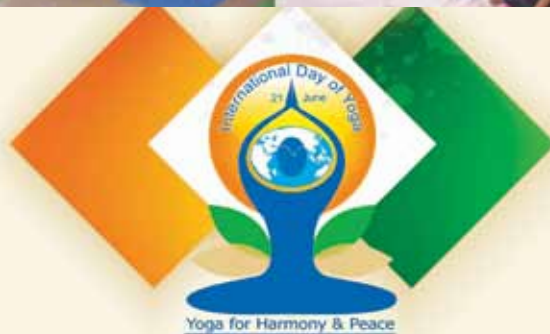
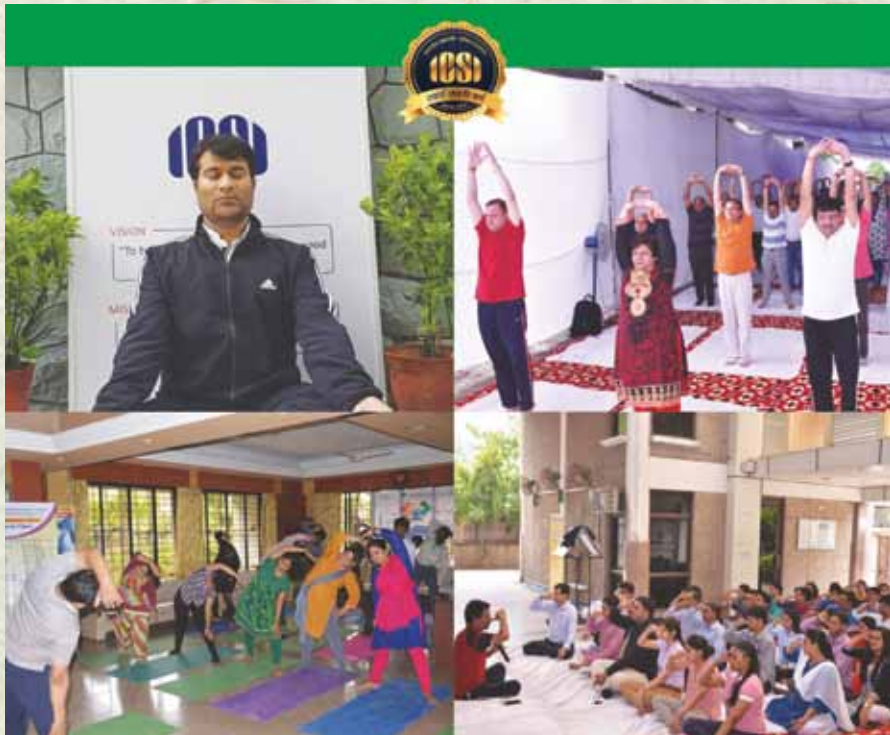


**PROMOTING KHADI**  
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- ICSI has been promoting Indian culture by promoting Khadi among its stakeholders
- Institute has successfully adopted Indian attire for its convocations (Kurta, Pyjama for men and Saree/ Salwar-Kameej for women)
- A Khadi 'Angvastram' given by ICSI is adorned by the passing out students
- MoU with Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC)







## International Day of Yoga

- ICSI celebrated International Day of Yoga across its offices in India
- Yoga sessions were organised at its 4 regional offices and 69 chapters across India for Students, Members & Employees
- Yoga protocol was circulated among all stakeholders of ICSI
- The Institute promoted International Day of Yoga through different social media tools





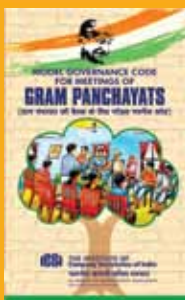
- The Institute has launched a **Fee Waiver Scheme** for students of Jammu & Kashmir and North Eastern States of India for CS Foundation/CS Executive Programme
- Students from **Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura, Sikkim and State of Jammu & Kashmir** can avail this scheme
- Study centers in all 7 North Eastern States
- Classroom Teaching Fee Waiver Scheme for students of Union Territories (Puducherry, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and Daman & Diu) for CS Foundation / CS Executive Programme







## LOCAL TO GLOBAL : MODEL CODE ON MEETINGS OF PANCHAYATS



A “Model Governance Code for Meetings of Gram Panchayats” motivated by the ultimate guiding principle ‘Antyodaya’ which means “rise of the last person”, this initiative of ICSI is intended to emphasize upon effective decision making at the meetings of Gram Panchayats and to bring this section of the nation at par with the mainstream governance structure of the country. The Institute fairly understands that the effective participation, discussion and decision making at Panchayat meetings is a key facilitator of good governance. Being a first of its kind initiative across the country, this Governance Code seeks to prescribe a set of principles for convening and conducting Meetings of Gram Panchayats and matters related thereto and shall strive to supplement such laws for promoting better governance in the functioning of Gram Panchayats which is also going to be released today.



## EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

- Webinars on Companies Act, 2013 – 'Enable, Evaluate and Excel'
- 'ICSI Quest-eAssist', an online platform for members of ICSI where they can seek responses on the queries and difficulties pertaining to the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules & Notifications thereunder as well as issues related to e-filing.
- **E-book on Companies Act, 2013 on MCA Portal:** ICSI has put in dedicated efforts to provide for an error-free e-book of the **Companies Act, 2013** inclusive of all the relevant Rules with the unique feature of 'ease of access' and 'ease of use' entailing it. The e-book is updated on a real-time basis.
- Publications: 'FAQs on companies Act, 2013' and 'Ready reckoner for Private Companies'
- Webinars organised to sensitise the new form SPICe (INC -32) [simplified proforma for incorporating company electronically]
- ICSI Partnered with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for Make in India Week and offered expert advice in matters arising out of Companies Act, Corporate Restructuring, LLP, FEMA, Listing Regulations, Agreements like Joint Venture, Scheme of Arrangements and Compromise etc







## SECRETARIAL STANDARDS

Section 118(10) of the Companies Act, 2013 mandates the observance of Secretarial Standards on General and Board Meetings specified by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India and approved by the Central Government.

Accordingly, the Secretarial Standards on Meetings of the Board of Directors ("SS-1") and Secretarial Standards on General Meetings ("SS-2"), as approved by the Central Government, have been issued by the ICSI for observance by all companies (except exempted class of companies).



This adoption by the corporate sector will have a substantial impact on the quality of secretarial practices being followed by the companies, making them comparable with the best practices in the world besides ensuring observance of uniform practices across Board, strengthening the Board processes, protecting individual directors, preventing oppression & mismanagement, building up investor confidence and better monitoring of compliances.



## FINANCIAL LITERACY

- Investor Awareness Programme:** The Institute is registered under the Investor Education and Protection Fund (Awareness and Protection of Investors) Rules, 2001 since 2005. ICSI has organized more than 4100 Investor Awareness Programmes under IEPF through identified Resource Persons at Regional Councils/Chapters. Institute published two Booklets "First steps for Investing: A beginner's Guide" and "Primer for first time and existing investors" which provides lucid information on various investment instruments and the right and responsibilities associated with each one of them.
- Capital Market Week:** ICSI observes Capital Markets Week every year. Activities such as panel discussions, lectures, interactive meetings with capital market regulators/stock exchanges and investor awareness programmes are undertaken during the week by the respective Regional Councils and Chapters.
- Depositors' Education and Awareness Programme:** ICSI is registered under RBI's Depositor Education and Awareness Fund Scheme, 2014 for imparting financial education and spread awareness about the same in the rural, semi urban and urban area.
- "ICSI FinanCS – Financial Opportunities -The ICSians Way":** Interactive platform to communicate identified opportunities and key developments in Financial Services space alongwith an executive brief to the members of ICSI on weekly basis.
- ICSI Financial Services e-helpdesk :** Platform to share views, feedback, queries and suggestions on professional opportunities in financial services sector at a dedicated email id by members and students of ICSI





## Corporate Anti-Bribery Code

It was observed by ICSI that due to want of clear-cut guidelines, the private sector lacks a well-formulated policy to check corruption and control the supply side of bribery emanating in their organisations. Supporting the 'Corruption free India' campaign of the Government of India, ICSI is recommending 'Corporate Anti-Bribery Code', to be adopted voluntarily by the private sector, to tackle the supply side of bribery in this sector. A unique initiative of sorts, the Code is driven by the objective of ensuring that neither the company nor any of its employees, directors or authorised representatives indulge in bribery in any of their actions taken for and on behalf of the company in the course of economic, financial or commercial activities of any kind.



## Shaheed Ki Beti:

Understanding its social responsibility, ICSI has brought forth the 'shaheed ki beti' initiative. The scheme intends to assist the education of the daughters of the martyrs of the nation. To support the cause, the ICSI is discontinuing the practice of presenting memento/flower bouquet to dignitaries at various programmes organised by ICSI across the country. Instead, a Certificate will be issued to the dignitary acknowledging his benevolence for donating the cost of the memento towards "Shaheed Ki Beti" corpus.

## Financial Literacy Campaign

The Institute is actively engaged in activities relating to Financial Literacy and Investor Education. The Institute is pleased to launch financial literacy campaign across India educating elected public representatives i.e Members of Rajya Sabha, Members of Lok Sabha, Members of Legislative Assembly in every state, Municipal Committee Councilors and Sarpanches at Rural Levels through our members and students.

## Pan-India Presence:

Imbibing the government's agenda of 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas', ICSI has been able to establish its presence in all the North-eastern states as well as union territories in the past few months, making professional education and one such as of the stature of Company Secretaryship, accessible to all.

Waiving-off the fees of the students belonging to the North eastern Region and state of Jammu and Kashmir is also a pleasing initiative to bring the students' of these regions to mainstream. It is a landmark in the history, that such an initiative has been taken forth for the students of these states by any professional body.



## Vision New ICSI 2022



In line with Hon'ble Prime Minister Vision for 'New India 2022', ICSI and our members are to extend our ardent support to create a 'New India' by shaping a 'New ICSI'. We are working on aligning our vision with Vision 2022 of Government of India and have come with a Vision New ICSI 2022 which is set to be released in our Golden Jubilee Celebration inaugural Function on 4th October 2017. This document is our 'Sankalp' to reach the 'Siddhi' of Nation building and support a 'New India, New ICSI'.





