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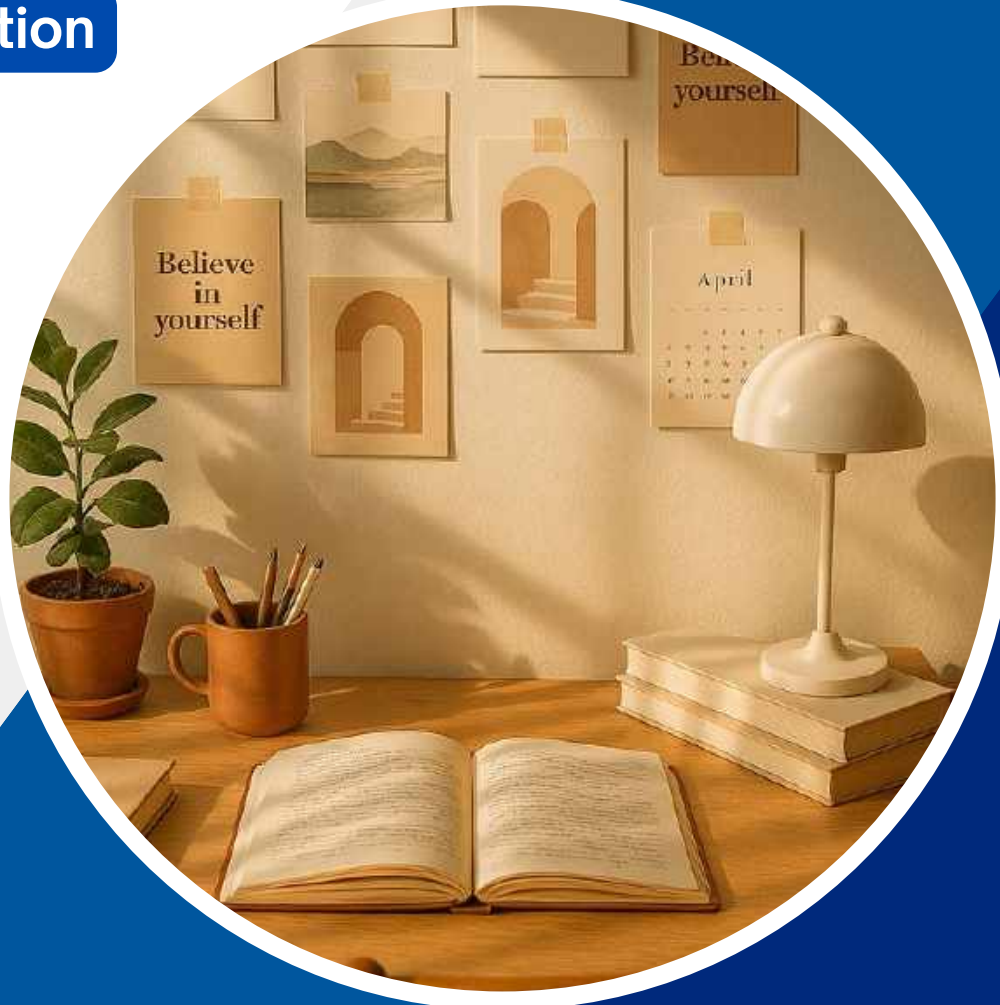
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CS Hrishikesh Wagh
Chairman
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“विद्या ददाति विनयं, विनयाद् याति पात्रताम्।
पात्रत्वात् धनमाप्नोति, धनात् धम ततः सुखम्॥”

(Knowledge gives humility; humility brings worthiness; from worthiness comes prosperity, and through prosperity – happiness.)

Dear Members and Students,

July is a special month for all of us at ICSI, dedicated every year as ‘Student Month’ – a time to celebrate learning, curiosity, and the relentless spirit of our young professionals in the making.

This edition of e-FOCUS is a special student edition, comprising articles authored entirely by students of the Western Region. Each contribution reflects youthful enthusiasm and the evolving understanding of our profession. Their words carry sincerity and a fresh perspective – the very essence that keeps our profession vibrant and relevant.

Celebrating Student Month – July 2025

Throughout July, WIRC and its Chapters organised a wide range of student-centric programmes – workshops, competitions, awareness sessions, and outreach activities – reaffirming our commitment to capacity building and holistic development of future Company Secretaries.

Among the highlights of the month were the industrial and institutional visits to the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), which offered our students first-hand exposure to the operations of the capital market infrastructure institutions. Such visits bridge the gap between academic learning and professional reality, inspiring students to connect classroom concepts with real-world practices.

The State Students' Conference held at Surat and the Annual Regional Students conference held at Nagpur brought together students from across the Western Region and featured thought-provoking sessions, competitions, and networking opportunities.

These engagements reinforce the importance of experiential learning and peer exchange in professional growth.

Our Focus: Building Competence and Confidence

As the profession evolves, our students must evolve faster. WIRC has taken conscious steps toward strengthening student development through structured initiatives. Our focus remains on developing competence, communication, and confidence – the three pillars that define a successful Company Secretary.

To this end, WIRC continues to encourage soft-skills workshops, mentorship programmes, mock interviews, and interactive faculty sessions. Such platforms help bridge academic knowledge with industry expectations and empower students to take on leadership roles with clarity and conviction.

Capacity building is not a one-time event; it is a sustained process of nurturing minds and attitudes. I invite all Chapters and senior members to join hands in mentoring, guiding, and shaping the next generation of professionals. Our collective involvement will determine the calibre and credibility of the future Company Secretary fraternity.

Looking Ahead

As we step forward, WIRC will continue its student-focused initiatives in the coming months. Plans are underway for regional workshops, academic tie-ups with reputed institutions, and more industry exposure visits for students. These activities will ensure a continuous cycle of learning, practice, and progress.

I encourage all students to actively participate in these opportunities and engage with the Institute beyond academics – for it is participation, not just preparation, that shapes professionals of the future.

My heartfelt gratitude goes to all Chapter teams, faculty members, volunteers, and staff whose dedication and teamwork continue to drive these meaningful initiatives forward.

Let us continue to guide, encourage, and empower — because today's students are tomorrow's professionals, and the future of governance begins with them.

With warm regards,

CS Hrishikesh Wagh

Chairman
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“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”

John Dewey

On the occasion of "Student Month – July 2025," I extend my sincere greetings to all students of the Institute. Annual observance of “Student Month” presents an opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and aspirations of future professionals poised to shape corporate governance and ethical business practices.

The Institute has meticulously planned workshops and programs to equip students with the tools to navigate new challenges and explore opportunities in the corporate sphere. These platforms serve to enhance technical knowledge, refine practical skills, and cultivate a spirit of collaboration and mutual support, fostering a vibrant network of future leaders.

I am confident that our students will embrace forthcoming challenges with unwavering determination and a steadfast commitment to excellence, upholding the highest standards of integrity and ethical conduct. Strive to represent the Institute, contributing to the advancement of the profession and the betterment of society through responsible corporate practices.

My sincere appreciation extends to the Western India Regional Council for their proactive initiatives in developing the profession in the western region, ensuring our students are prepared for the evolving demands of the corporate world.

I am confident that this edition and upcoming issues of “FOCUS” will serve as a catalyst and inspiration for our students to set higher standards of corporate governance.

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Vice President, ICSI



CS Bhavesh Rawal
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Dear Future Company Secretaries,

**थोड़ी ठोकर, थोड़ा इंतज़ार चाहिए,
सफलता को भी तो समझदार चाहिए।**

July holds a special place in the calendar of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI). It is celebrated as Students' Month—a dedicated time to appreciate, encourage, and elevate the spirit of learning and leadership among our most dynamic stakeholders – our students.

The Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of ICSI has always been at the forefront of delivering quality education, robust training initiatives, and student-centric programs. Under the aegis of the Training, Education & Faculties Committee (TEFC), this July we reaffirmed our commitment to nurturing competent governance professionals, equipped not only with technical knowledge but with ethical values and a futuristic vision.

Students: The Foundation of the Profession

Every successful Company Secretary once stood where you stand today – brimming with ambition, battling challenges, and aspiring to become a pillar of good governance. The ICSI curriculum and training structure have been carefully designed to shape you into governance professionals par excellence. But more importantly, your attitude, adaptability, and active participation are what truly mold your journey.

As students, you are not just preparing for exams; you are preparing for leadership – in boardrooms, in compliance frameworks, and in the ethical landscapes of Indian business.

Activities That Inspire and Involve

Throughout July, WIRC organized a series of impactful activities, workshops, webinars, skill-building sessions, and competitions tailored to spark innovation, strengthen core competencies, and build confidence. These include: Career awareness programs to guide aspiring professionals, Webinars on emerging topics, various competitions to encourage articulation and analytical thinking, etc. Each initiative is a step toward creating a more aware, agile, and responsible professional community.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

The real value of Students' Month lies not only in participation but in introspection. Are you just preparing for a qualification, or are you preparing to transform governance practices across industries? Are you simply gaining degrees, or are you gaining clarity, courage, and conviction?

Uses of this month to go beyond the syllabus — read annual reports, attend corporate hearings, follow SEBI circulars, volunteer for community initiatives. These experiences add texture to your theoretical knowledge and help you emerge as holistic professionals.

Message in Conclusion

To each student reading this:

You are the future face of compliance and corporate governance in India. Your dedication today shapes the economy's transparency tomorrow. WIRC and ICSI stand as your unwavering allies in this journey.

This Students' Month ignite a passion for lifelong learning and leadership in you.

With warm regards and best wishes for a successful and enriching learning ahead..

CS Bhavesh Rawal
Regional Council Member &
Chairman – TEFC, WIRC of ICSI



TIME MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR CS ASPIRANTS: THE PEC MAN STRATEGY

By Yash Sharma

“The key is in not spending time, but in investing it.”

- Stephen R. Covey

Delving into the Company Secretary curriculum isn't just about putting in long hours, it's about making those hours count. This quote reshaped how I approached preparation. I once believed more time meant better results, but I learned it's the quality of effort that truly matters. When I began treating each session as an investment, my focus sharpened, and my performance improved.

Many students still assume that 10 to 12 hours of daily study guarantees success. In chasing those numbers, they often sacrifice sleep, thinking it gives them an edge. But it doesn't. A study by MIT found that students who slept more and followed consistent sleep schedules performed significantly better, sleep habits alone explained nearly 24% of grade differences. So, cutting rest isn't a shortcut; it's a silent setback.

With that myth out of the way, it's time to talk real strategy. Among the many techniques I tried, one personal method made a real difference I call it the “PEC Man” approach.

Inspired by the arcade game Pac-Man, much like the classic arcade game Pac-Man, where the character keeps moving forward - focused, alert, and collecting every point in its path. we, as CS aspirants, must remain in motion, consistently targeting our goals, overcoming distractions, and avoiding burnout.

That's exactly why this framework is named PEC Man, because success doesn't come from standing still, but from purposeful, energized, and consistent action.

To truly understand how the PEC Man Theory works, let's break down its three core elements, one step at a time.

P – Prioritize with Purpose:

One of the biggest challenges for CS aspirants is not the lack of time, but the lack of clarity on where to invest that time.

“Prioritize with Purpose” means going beyond just making a to-do list. It’s about identifying which subjects or topics hold the upmost importance.

For instance, during the revision phase, many students make the mistake of distributing their time equally across all subjects and topics. While this may feel balanced, it often puts you at a disadvantage, especially when you're spending valuable time on low-weightage or rarely asked topics, while the high-impact ones are left under-revised.

To avoid this, one can follow the ABC Analysis technique. This method categorizes your topics into three levels:

- A: Most important and high-priority topics, frequently asked and high-weightage.
- B: Important topics that still need attention but aren’t as critical as ‘A’.
- C: Low-priority topics that are either rarely asked or have minimal marks - but shouldn't be completely ignored, as tricky papers often pick questions from these overlooked sections.

By applying this strategy, your revision becomes purpose-driven, helping you focus more on what truly matters.

If you're interested in understanding the ABC Analysis in more depth, I recommend you to read an article by Aubrey Nekvinda which explains the concept from a time-management perspective.

E - Energize Your Effort:

Just like in a race, selecting the best car is only half the job, you also need fuel to keep it running. Without energy, even the fastest car won’t make it past the first lap. The same principle applies to exam preparation. Simply classifying topics using methods like ABC Analysis doesn’t guarantee success. What truly drives your preparation forward is the ability to energize your effort, to study with focus, engagement, and sustained mental clarity.

One of the most effective ways to stay energized during long study hours is by using the Pomodoro Technique. While the traditional format suggests 25 minutes of focused work followed by a 5-minute break, many students find the 50:10 approach (50 minutes study, 10 minutes break) far more beneficial. This is because it often takes 5–10 minutes just to enter a state of flow—a deep level of concentration—and the longer focus window helps make the most of that momentum.

Instead of simply explaining how to apply this technique, I highly recommend this three-hour guided Pomodoro session by Justin Sung . It's a "study with me" video that offers real-time focus sessions along with guided 10-minute breaks—making it an easy and effective way to stay energized and consistent during long study hours.

C - Commit Consistency:

Now it's time to put the final piece of the puzzle in place 'Commit Consistency'. After you've prioritized with purpose and found ways to energize your effort, what truly brings lasting success is the ability to stay consistent over time.

One simple yet powerful method to build consistency is the "Don't Break the Chain" technique, popularized by comedian Jerry Seinfeld. The idea is simple: each day you complete your study goal—no matter how small, you mark an X on a calendar. As the streak grows, so does your motivation to keep it going. This visual progress builds accountability and gradually turns consistency into a habit.

To sum it up and make it even easier to understand, you can watch You-tube short by Gohar Khan , in which he explains the concept of 'Don't Break the Chain' precisely.

In the end, it's all about showing up every single day. Even a simple trick like Don't Break the Chain can push you to stay on track, especially when motivation dips. And with this final piece in place, the PEC Man Framework isn't just a strategy, it's a mindset to help every CS aspirant stay focused, fired up, and moving steadily toward success.

Let your effort be consistent, your focus intentional, and success will take care of itself. The path to becoming a Company Secretary isn't defined by intensity alone, but by clarity, discipline, and the small, deliberate choices you make each day. Stick to the process and the results will follow.

"Focus, effort, and consistency - your quiet weapons for loud results."



WHY I CHOSE COMPANY SECRETARYSHIP AS A CAREER

By Vivek Variya

Introduction

Every career begins with a choice, but some stem from a deeper place a dream, a vision, even a promise to oneself. For me, Company Secretary is more than just a profession. It's a pursuit rooted in purpose, resilience, and pride. While others may see CS as a title or job, I see it as a reflection of who I am and who I aspire to be. This article is a glimpse into my journey "WHY I CHOSE CS", how I stayed committed to it, and what it truly means to me.

Discovering Company Secretaryship

The spark ignited back when I was in 11th grade. One day, during class, a teacher spoke about the Company Secretary's role in the corporate world. His words weren't just informative they were transformative. He described how a CS acts as the backbone of governance in an organization, maintaining legal integrity and fostering trust. That session planted a seed in my mind, one that would grow into a powerful ambition. From that moment, I knew this was the path I wanted to walk.

A Dream Bigger Than a Career

For me, CS is not just a career it's a dream. A personal mission to become the first-generation Company Secretary in my family. This choice carries pride, legacy, and hope. I didn't just want a profession; I wanted to bring a new milestone to my family, to show what vision and determination can achieve. Choosing CS was not just about fulfilling a goal, but creating a symbol of success and inspiration for the people I love most. This journey hasn't been smooth. After several attempts at the CS Professional level, I found myself at a crossroads. The thought of quitting crept in, and for a moment, I considered giving up. But my family and friends reminded me of the 'why' why I started, what this meant to me, and who I was becoming through this journey. Their support reignited my belief. I realized that setbacks weren't signs to stop; they were chapters in the story of growth. The title "Company Secretary" feels official and procedural. But through my eyes, it holds so much more. A CS is a symbol of trust, faith, and responsibility. In fact, I believe the profession deserves a new name: "Trustee of the Corporate Governance."

This better reflects what we do upholding transparency, ethical conduct, and corporate honesty. Our signatures validate not just documents, but decisions that impact stakeholders and shape industries.

What struck me most was the realization that investors don't just believe in companies they believe in the governance signed off by a CS. That responsibility is powerful. It means our integrity becomes their confidence; our diligence becomes their security. And that understanding that I could help anchor trust in the business world is what makes this role invaluable to me. Before settling on CS, I explored other avenues CA, law, MBA. All had their merits. But Company Secretaryship offered something more dynamic: a blend of law, finance, governance, and leadership. It was not confined to one domain but opened doors across industries, boardrooms, and strategic spaces. That versatility combined with the accountability it demands made CS my clear choice. Along the way, I've grown not just professionally but personally. I've learned about patience, discipline, and grit. Each exam attempt, each study session taught me resilience. And more than anything, this journey gave me purpose: to uphold justice, lead ethically, and empower organizations to do the right thing.

Vision for Tomorrow

Looking ahead, I see myself as a changemaker using my role to elevate businesses, uphold transparency, and mentor future CS aspirants. I want to amplify the importance of corporate ethics and inspire others to see governance not as a rulebook, but as a commitment to truth.

Final Thoughts

Company Secretaryship is more than a choice it's a calling. It chose me when I was a teenager sitting in class, imagining a future of influence and integrity. It stood by me through trials and triumphs. And now, as I walk toward becoming that "Trustee of the Corporate Governance," I carry not just ambition, but the pride of a dream fulfilled and a legacy begun.



STUDENT LIFE DURING ONLINE CLASS

By Vanshika Jaiswal

The day I gave my online viva sitting beside the kitchen – with my mom cooking and my younger sibling shouting multiplication tables in the background – I realized something profound. This wasn't just about online classes. This was about surviving a phase of life that tested not only my academic strength but also my emotional balance, patience, and resilience.

When we talk about student life, we often picture bustling classrooms, noisy hallways, and endless hours spent with books, friends, and dreams. But for our generation – the one that unexpectedly found itself behind screens instead of benches – student life became something else entirely. Something more silent, more solitary, and, in many ways, more powerful.

The Sudden Shift – From Classroom to Corner Desk

It happened so fast.

One day we were preparing for offline lectures, exams, and practicals. The next, we were adjusting our timetables around internet schedules, household chores, and screen fatigue. Like many, I found myself caught off guard – no fancy setup, no high-speed Wi-Fi, just a basic phone, a shared space, and a hopeful mindset. The living room became my classroom. My phone became my blackboard. And my dreams? They had to adjust, not shrink.

Technical Troubles – Education in Unstable Networks

Online classes sound easy – until your screen freezes just when the most important concept is being explained. There were countless days when power cuts, poor internet, or even a crashed device led to missed topics, incomplete understanding, and a deep sense of helplessness.

I remember once, during a crucial class on Company Law, my internet went down five times. By the time I rejoined, the discussion had moved far ahead. I sat there, eyes on the screen, ears catching only fragments, mind racing to fill the gaps.

In that moment, I realized something – online education didn't just test knowledge; it tested consistency, patience, and self-dependence.....

There were times I wanted to ask a doubt but hesitated, unsure if I was even heard. Times when I studied for hours and still felt lost — not because the topic was tough, but because I missed the guidance, the support, the human element of learning.....

Balancing Study and Home — The Invisible Struggle

Studying at home sounds comforting. But in reality, it's a mix of distractions, responsibilities, and blurred boundaries.

As a student, especially one pursuing a demanding course like Company Secretaryship, time management is everything. But online classes came with a unique challenge — family expectations. Many days, I found myself managing household chores between back-to-back lectures. Sometimes, I'd be revising notes while keeping an eye on the stove or helping my sibling with their homework.

There were no time slots for “me-time” or focused revision. Everything blended — and yet, somehow, we had to stay on track....

Mental Health — The Silent Syllabus

One thing no one talks enough about is how mentally draining online classes were. The long screen hours, the isolation, the pressure to self-learn — it all built up slowly

I often found myself overthinking, feeling anxious before mock tests, and doubting my preparation. There was no classroom to recharge my energy, no classmates to exchange thoughts with, no physical space to release stress. But amid this, I discovered tools that helped me cope — journaling my thoughts, taking 10-minute nature walks, listening to calming music, and most importantly, being kind to myself when things didn't go as planned

Exams, Self-Study & Self-Discipline

Studying online meant becoming your own teacher, guide, and motivator.

There was no one to push you — only your goal and your willpower. Preparing for exams felt like walking a tightrope — balancing self-discipline with daily chaos. With limited access to doubt-solving and physical books, I had to rely heavily on planning and digital notes.

It wasn't easy. But it made me stronger.

This phase taught me the importance of planning — setting targets, revising smartly, and staying focused even when no one is watching.

These lessons will stay with me beyond any exam hall – into my articleship, my professional journey, and life itself.

Lessons Beyond the Syllabus

Looking back, I realise how much I've grown – not just as a student but as a person.

Online classes forced me to evolve. I became tech-savvy, emotionally aware, and far more independent. I learned to value the little things – a good explanation, a friendly conversation, a stable internet connection.

Most importantly, I learned to be resilient. To fall behind and catch up. To feel alone and still carry on. To study not just for marks, but for meaning....

Conclusion: A Journey of the Mind and Heart

Student life during online classes was never easy – but it was real.

It was raw, unpredictable, and quietly heroic. It tested our generation in ways that no textbook ever could. And though we sat apart, each in our little corners, we were united by one common thing – the will to learn, grow, and rise.

As CS Executive student, this experience has not only deepened my respect for the profession but also reminded me why I chose this path – because Company Secretaries aren't just compliance experts; they're resilient leaders.

So here's to all of us – the students who learned through screens, grew through silence, and turned uncertainty into strength.

We didn't just attend classes.

We lived through a chapter of history.

And we made it count....



VISION FOR THE CS PROFESSION

By Tanushree Ghanshyamdas Ranga

With the global shift towards enhanced corporate governance practices, the profession of Company Secretary (CS) is rapidly emerging as one of the most promising and influential career paths in the corporate sector. The evolving vision for the CS profession is deeply rooted in a robust governance framework that emphasizes transparency, accountability, and leadership. CS are poised to serve as pivotal stewards of corporate integrity, especially within today's increasingly complex and fast-changing business environment.

As principal officers and compliance experts, CS acts as vital liaisons between corporate entities and key stakeholders like legal advisors, regulatory authorities, and shareholders ensuring cohesive communication and governance across all organizational tiers. The growing relevance and demand for this profession are clearly reflected in its expanding presence across a wide range of sectors, as we will explore in detail throughout this article.

The turning point in the evolution of the CS profession in India came with the establishment of the SEBI in 1992. By mandating the appointment of a Company Secretary in listed companies, SEBI elevated the role from a compliance-centric function to one of the tactical values. Today, CS professionals are formally recognized as Key Managerial Personnel, sharing leadership responsibilities alongside CEOs and CFOs and actively shaping corporate policy, risk management, and strategic direction.

Traditionally viewed as compliance officers primarily engaged in drafting resolutions and ensuring regulatory filings, the scope of the CS role has undergone a significant transformation. Today, CS professionals operate as strategic advisors, contributing actively in areas such as merchant banking, regulation of Alternative Investment Funds, Intellectual Property Rights, insolvency and bankruptcy matters, registered valuations, and high-value corporate transactions such as mergers, acquisitions, and takeovers.

Also, the rise of Environmental, Social, and Governance frameworks further extends the role of CS professionals into areas demanding greater transparency, sustainability, and social responsibility. With organizations increasingly aligning their operations with global standards such as the Global Reporting Initiative, Company Secretaries will be instrumental in ensuring accurate ESG disclosures

and reinforcing stakeholder confidence through ethical governance and responsible reporting.

The surge in Initial Public Offerings, driven by a growing inclination amongst the companies to access capital markets, has also equally contributed towards the expansion of the scope of CS professionals within the merchant banking ecosystem. As corporate entities strive to increase visibility and attract investment, Company Secretaries play a crucial role in facilitating regulatory approvals, due diligence, and investor communication.

Further, emerging sectors such as Real Estate Investment Trusts and Infrastructure Investment Trusts are opening up new opportunities for CS, particularly in areas of fund raising, advisory services, regulatory compliance, and upholding ethical standards within an increasingly dynamic investment landscape.

In the realm of FEMA regulations, CS are instrumental in overseeing automated filings and RBI-compliant transactions. With increasing digitalization of capital flows-such as Foreign Direct Investment, External Commercial Borrowings, and Overseas Direct Investment-CS professionals are expected to manage tokenized investments and leverage Reg-Tech platforms for real-time compliance monitoring, sectoral cap validations, and automated reporting.

As India progresses toward becoming a digitally empowered economy and hub of global innovation particularly in areas such as Artificial Intelligence-these technological advancements present both opportunities and challenges for governance professionals. While automation and Reg-Tech tools enhance efficiency and streamline processes, the human elements of critical thinking, ethical reasoning, and accountability remain irreplaceable. For Gen Z professionals entering the field, since they are more tech-savvy this presents an exciting and perfect blend of digital fluency and leadership acumen required to navigate the future of corporate governance.

Looking ahead to the 2030-40s, the rise of GIFT City as a premier International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) offers immense opportunities with specialized expertise in cross-border regulatory frameworks and international financial laws.

Companies operating within the IFSC will require governance professional to be proficient in SEBI compliance, global tax planning, transfer pricing, legal structuring of financial instruments, and IFRS implementation. This will establish Company Secretaries as trusted experts in financial strategy, investment planning, and international regulatory matters.

The growing complexity of regulatory ecosystems, combined with the transformative impact of technology and sustainability mandates, makes the CS profession uniquely positioned at the intersection of law, finance, ethics, and strategy. Consequently, offering a distinguished pathway for students and professionals alike, to engage in a field that is evolving, complex, and internationally significant.

In conclusion, the role of CS is rapidly transitioning from compliance gatekeepers to governance leaders. As businesses increasingly seek professionals who can ensure ethical conduct, strategic foresight, and regulatory excellence, CS professionals will continue to shape the future of responsible corporate leadership as it stands as a beacon of trust, guiding companies not just to do things right, but to do the right things-ensuring a future where good governance is both a regulatory necessity and a strategic advantage.



POSTPONED EXAM, PREPONED DREAM: HOW A DELAY CHANGED MY LIFE

By Sarvesh Kaustubh Potdar

As I sit down to write this, I can't help but feel this overwhelming sense of gratitude and fulfillment. Seriously, becoming a CS Finalist on February 25, 2025, was something I had only dreamed of not too long ago. But let me tell you, the road to get here wasn't a straight line. It started with a lot of self-doubt and eventually turned into this incredible journey of self-discovery, resilience, and focused ambition.

The Turning Point: A Shift in Direction

So, it all kicked off back in 2023, right after I walked out of my CA Foundation exam center. Like most commerce students, I thought Chartered Accountancy was the golden ticket. But as I strolled home, reflecting on the exam, a light bulb went off—I wasn't really confident with the practical side of accounting. Sure, those subjects are foundational, but my heart was more in law, governance, and the theoretical stuff.

That moment of clarity? It nudged me toward a path that actually fit my strengths—Company Secretaryship.

A Fortunate Window of Opportunity

Just when I was mulling over this shift, life threw me a curveball—the July 2023 CSEET session got postponed. Talk about a blessing in disguise! It gave me the time to register, prepare, and really get my act together. With laser focus, I took my first shot at it—and to my sheer delight, I cleared the July 2023 CSEET on my first try!

That was a game-changer. I felt aligned, motivated, and genuinely excited about what was next. Finally, I was on the right track.

The Rise of Determination: Executive Group 1

Riding high on my CSEET success, I dove into preparing for the CS Executive course. I signed up for Group 1 in the June 2024 session. And let me tell you, the subjects were fascinating—Company Law, Jurisprudence, Setting up of Business Entities. These really sparked my interest in governance and compliance.

But, oh boy, the journey wasn't a cakewalk. It required commitment, hours of disciplined study, mock tests, and constant self-assessment. Yet, this time was different. I actually enjoyed the process!

Then came August 25, 2024, when the results were announced I had cleared Group 1 with 203 marks in aggregate on my first attempt! I was over the moon.

Now, keep in mind, the overall passing percentage for CS Executive Group 1 that session was around 9.8%. So, to clear it on the first go? That's a big deal.

Keeping the Momentum: Group 2 Journey

Without skipping a beat, I decided to register for Group 2 in the December 2024 session. A lot of folks advised me to take a break, but I felt like keeping the momentum going was key in professional exams.

Group 2 brought its own set of challenges—more hands-on work, more time needed. But I adapted with new strategies, better notes, and improved time management.

Then came February 25, 2025—the day I officially became a CS Finalist, having cleared Group 2 with 152 marks on my first attempt as well. The passing percentage for that session was about 19.4%, which only made this achievement all the more special to me.

That moment? It was way more than just passing an exam; it was a realization that knowing your purpose, being self-aware, and believing in yourself can help you weather any storm.

Honestly, this journey taught me life lessons that I'll carry with me way beyond just the CS curriculum:

Know Yourself First

Understanding your limitations isn't a weakness—it's the first step toward making smart choices. Realizing I wasn't the best at accounting pushed me toward a field that was a better fit.

Act When the Time is Right

I got lucky with the CSEET registration thanks to the postponement. But I acted quickly. In professional courses, timing is everything—especially regarding registrations and preparation.

In professional courses, it's not just about how many hours you study. It's about how well you absorb and apply what you've learned. Long hours mean nothing if they aren't productive. Sometimes, understanding things deeply in shorter bursts is way more effective than slogging through endless hours.

You know, every subject you conquer and every exam you pass deserves a little celebration. Seriously, those wins? They keep your motivation alive and give real meaning to this whole journey.

So here I am, a CS Finalist, gearing up for the Final exams. There's a mix of determination and humility in me. The path ahead? Yeah, it's probably going to be tougher. But honestly, I feel more prepared now—both in my head and my heart.

And to all the students reading this—if you're feeling lost or unsure about where to go next, that's totally okay. Changing direction is part of the process. What's important is finding a path where your strengths can shine. Remember, the CS course isn't just about passing tests; it's about growing into a professional who values things like governance, ethics, and compliance.

I've got to give a shoutout to ICSI for creating a space that nurtures not just students but future leaders, too. And a huge thanks to my mentors, my peers, and my family who've been there for me through it all.

But above everything else, I'm grateful to the version of me who, back in 2023, took that leap of faith to kick off this journey. What a ride it's been!



UNSHAKEABLE THE MINDSET MANUAL TO CLEAR CS EXAM..!

By Sarthak Chajjed

“It takes nothing to see a dream but it takes everything to achieve that dream.” I am sure everyone appearing for CS exams can relate with it. We are all sailing the same storm in same boat believing there will be a day when we will reach the shore of success. This article won't be containing the traditional study tips to clear the exams but something that matters more than that something that helped me to get through this exam. These points are the one's which matters the most but most of the times they are just overlooked or not even talked about. So, let's dive into the same to seek means to reach the ends.

1. Mindset

Our mindset is one of the most important thing when it comes clearing the exams. During your journey of preparations, you will come across number of advices saying, “Exams toh bhot difficult hote hai, Last attempt ka paper dekha kitna difficult tha, Itna syllabus toh cover karna possible hi nahi hai.” None of such take should shape your mindset just trust your preparation's and focus on what you can do. Have a faith that you are here to win only no matter what you will do everything that is in your control for same and there is nothing that can't be achieved with hard work. There will be people who will tell you clearing exams is very difficult, passing percentage is very low but your focus should be clear that you are here to win only and even if the result is 1% you will be in that 1%, Remember war is won in mind before it is won on field

2. Comparison with others

Never ever compare your own journey or preparations with others it will do nothing apart from increasing your own problems affecting your studies. Accept the fact everyone is different everyone has a different pace of studying, strategies of studying and have their own journey. Don't compare yourself if someone is ahead of you or behind you as it will bring only a negativity rather trust your own speed, techniques and ensure that you are giving your 100% doing everything that is in your control and have faith you are on right path. However there is nothing wrong in doing healthy comparisons, if you think someone has done something which helped them to clear the exams and even you could have done that then without any second thought try to incorporate same in your routine, if possible, as it will definitely help you to grow as a student. Remember comparison should be means of your growth and not a reason for self-doubt.

3. Focus on today

Happiness is in a journey and not in a destination. Be focused in today. There might be a days when you will feel like you are not progressing or things will feel very monotonous but keep doing what you are doing constantly. Majority of time being an student we are worried about the results but unfortunately its truth no matter what result is not in our control the only thing that is in our control is our efforts. So focus on your efforts and result will follow.

Every effort that you are taking today is a small step towards being successful. Thinking more about the future & results will not change the things it will just add up more and more burden on you. Focusing more on results, future and overthinking is one of the biggest hurdles in this journey. Trust me everything will fall in place when the time will be. If you ever find yourself stuck in such thoughts just ask yourself the thing that is bothering you really goanna matter in your life after 3-4 years if no then what's the point in thinking it and in case your answer is yes then ask yourself by any chance can you control it if yes then do the needful. Remember trying to control the things which are not in your control will end up controlling you.

4. Cutting – Off

It is very important to know when it is time to cutoff. Anything that is distracting your preparations should addressed immediately. Avoid using social media when exams are around the corner.

5. Study Tips

1. Study the exams before start studying for exams.
2. Ensure that you will cover the whole syllabus.
3. Avoid doing selective studies.
4. Allocate a definite period for revision before exams.
5. Always prepare a plan about how you are going to cover up the syllabus.
6. Solve at least 1 paper of each subject before actual exams.
7. In case of practical subjects be consistent in solving allocate some time on daily basis only for doing sums from practical subjects.
8. Do writing practice to ensure that you will have a proper idea about how to present your answers.
9. Ensure that you will cover all the amendments as applicable to your attempt and please don't take it lightly.
10. Last but most important thing be consistent.

6. Things to be kept in mind while writing exams

1. Extra 15 minutes given by ICSI for reading should be used effectively not only for reading but planning on how will you attempt the paper.
2. Being a professional exam accept the fact that question paper will have some sort of surprise element. Don't get panicked or demotivated by such questions rather attempt all other question apart from such surprise questions and focus on such surprise questions in last.
4. If you ever feel stuck on any question don't waste your time and move ahead and solve other questions which you can and return to such question in last.
5. keep time management in mind and aim to cover the full paper.
6. Have faith in yourself and attempt confidently.

In my opinion all these above-mentioned points are nothing but a blueprint to success if followed religiously. The journey will be full of ups and downs but in the end, it will be worthy and rewarding. Doesn't matter how dark it gets; there is always a light at the end of the tunnel. "The Hard work you put in today will going to be the foundation of your success tomorrow."



MY JOURNEY AS A CS STUDENT

By Roshan Bhosale

Hello to everyone reading and listening—before I share my Company Secretary (CS) journey, let me take you back to where it all began.

My name is Roshan Bhosale, and my academic journey started in a small village in the Satara district of Maharashtra. I studied in the Zilla Parishad (Z.P.) school from 1st to 8th standard. After that my father moved our family to Mumbai. There, I continued my education at Gurukul Vidyalaya starting in the 9th standard.

A new school, a new environment—and academically, I was an average student. My marks weren't great, and to be honest, during my 9th-grade exams, I used to cheat in exams. I knew it was wrong, but I still did it. And then, the moment I feared most happened.

I got caught cheating in my Geography exam. My paper was confiscated, and also reported at home. I was scolded, yes—but more than that, the incident made a deep impact on me. That day, I made a firm decision:

> "Even if I fail 10 times, I will never cheat again."

I stuck to that promise. And when my 10th board results came, I scored 88.60%.

That's when I truly realized:

> "If I make up my mind, I can achieve anything."

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Choosing the CS Path: A Leap of Faith

Like many students, I faced the big question after 12th:

> What should I do next?

I didn't know much about the Company Secretary (CS) course, but my elder sister was pursuing it. Thanks to her constant encouragement, I registered for the CS Foundation on 18th March 2019.

In December 2019, I attempted the Foundation exam—and I failed, scoring 182 out of 200. Out of 60 students in my class, 59 passed. I was the only one who didn't.

I considered giving up, but then came the unexpected twist—COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020. My family moved back to our village. But while going there, I carried my CS Foundation modules with me to study.

When ICSI finally conducted the exam in August 2020, under strict social distancing norms, I appeared once again—and passed with 202 marks, that was the last attempt for the CS Foundation.

Setbacks, and Small Wins:-

Despite passing the Foundation, the pandemic disrupted everything. I took up a job as an assistant to a Development Officer at LIC, working at Branch 890 for around six months. My heart wasn't in it, but I kept going.

During this period, I also prepared for the LIC ADO exam—and failed again. I didn't even clear the prelims. Still, I felt like trying was better than just sitting around waiting for classes to begin.

In June 2022, offline CS classes resumed. I started preparing for the CS Executive level and appeared for Module 2 in December 2022—and failed again with 166 marks. Then, I attempted Module 1 in June 2023 and again fell short with 168 marks.

At this point, I was lost. Doubts crept in—Should I quit? Am I even made for this?

That's when my sister told me something that changed my perspective: You've scored nearly the same in both groups – 166 and 168. That means you're not far from passing. Scoring 200+ isn't impossible.

So, I decided to appear for both groups in December 2023. The result?

✔ Group 1: Passed with 212 marks.

I had a feeling Group 2 wouldn't go well, and I was right. But I didn't wait for the result. I started preparing the very next day.

In June 2024, I gave the Group 2 exam—and passed with 215 marks.

CS Professional: The Final Lap

After finishing the Executive level, I took a short break. But again, without waiting for results, I started preparing for the CS Professional exam scheduled for June 2025. I attended my first cs professional lecture on 17th June 2024.

From experience, I've learned:

The earlier you start, the more time you'll have for revision later. If your CS Executive concepts aren't clear, CS Professional becomes even more difficult. As of today, I'm awaiting my CS Professional results, preparing for interviews, and actively seeking internship opportunities.

Conclusion:- is this a story of struggle ???

ABSOLUTELY NOTT...it's pure hardwork and consistency.

This journey isn't over yet—but every step so far has made me stronger. And if my story inspires even one person to keep going despite setbacks, then it was worth sharing.



TIME MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR CS ASPIRANTS

By Priyanshu Rameshbhai Bhutani

Hello dear all company secretary students all know about CS course. But main and preparation things all not know about how to manage time and consistency of the study so that lets talk about time management during cs course or you can also use any other Professionals course.

Proper time management helps CS students effectively navigate the vast syllabus and leading to improved retention, reduced stress and success in exams. The following strategies can help maintain a structured and productive study routine for cs aspirants

Key Strategies of Time Management

1. Prepare Study Plan: Students prepare your according a Suitable study plan. Like a weekly or monthly study plan to allocate specific time slots for each subject. This helps ensure all topics are covered and allows for flexibility in adjusting focus areas as needed in theory or practical subject.

2. Take Regular Breaks: Continuous studying without breaks can lead to fatigue and reduced concentration. Follow the Technique which I used study for 50 minutes and take a 10 Minute break. And while during lecture 2 hours watching and 15 Minute break. Use these breaks to stretch, hydrate, or relax. These Regular breaks not only refresh your mind but also boost your efficiency and concentration power.

3. Understand the Syllabus and Prioritize According: One of the most crucial time management tips for CS students is to have a clear understanding of the syllabus. Divide the topics into manageable sections based on their difficulty level and importance. Prioritize core subjects like Company Law, Taxation, Corporate Accounts and Financial Management, Securities Laws which require extra attention. Start early to allow more time for revisions.

4. Prioritize Topics: Identify and prioritize topics based on their weightage in exams. Focus more on high scoring and difficult subjects that carry significant marks and ensure you allocate enough study time for more challenging subject & Chapter.

5. Minimize Distractions: Create a distraction-free study environment. Turn off notifications, limit social media usage like Instagram, snapchat, YouTube shorts and designate specific hours for uninterrupted study time to improve concentration power and more focus on study.

6. Utilize Peak Productivity Hours: Identify the time of day when you are most productive and energetic. Schedule challenging subjects or concepts during these hours. For many students, early morning or late night hours are most effective. And my peak time evening in like 4 to 7.30 pm. So find your peak productivity hours and according your schedule follow.

7. Practice Past Year Question Papers: Solving past exam papers is one of the most underrated time management tips for CS students. It familiarizes you with the exam pattern and helps you manage your time effectively during the actual exam. Allocate a few hours weekly to practice and analyze your performance. Or you can practice one months before your exam like June exam appearing then start may months and December months exam appearing then November months start with past paper.

8. Revision: Regular revision is key to retaining information. Dedicate time each week to revise what you have studied. Revision ensures that concepts stay fresh in your mind, reducing the need for last-minute forget. you can follow this like 1st Revision in next day or 2nd Revision once in a week and 3rd Revision 15 day or month.

Conclusion

Effective time management is the secret weapon of every successful CS student. By implementing these time management tips for CS students, you can make the most of your study hours while maintaining a balanced lifestyle. Remember, consistency and discipline are key to excelling in the CS course.



VISION FOR THE CS PROFESSION: NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF GOVERNANCE AND LEGAL ADVISOR

By Pritesh Panchal

The Company Secretary Profession in India is governed by the Institute of Company Secretary of India (ICSI), which regulates the profession and sets standards for education, training, and practice. Company Secretaries play a vital role in ensuring compliance with laws and regulations, facilitating board meeting, and providing guidance on corporate governance.

The CS Profession in India has long served as a backbone in ensuring corporate governance, legal compliance, and ethical conduct within organizations. Traditionally viewed as a compliance officer and legal Advisor, the CS has evolved into a strategic partner in boardrooms. However, the accelerating pace of technological innovation, globalization, and regulatory complexity is reshaping the form of this profession. As India's corporate ecosystem becomes more dynamic and interconnected, company secretaries must adapt, innovate, and lead.

In India, the role of a Company Secretary is defined under the Companies Act, 2013, and regulated by the ICSI. A CS is a Key Managerial Personnel in companies with a paid-up share capital above Rs. 10 Crore, and their responsibilities span legal, regulatory, and governance domains.

Core Responsibilities of CS:

- Ensuring Compliance with Corporate laws, SEBI regulations, and Secretarial Standards.
- Advising the Board on governance matters, legal risks, and ethical practices.
- Facilitating board and general meeting, maintaining statutory registers, and filing returns with regulatory authorities.
- Acting as a liaison between the company and stakeholders, including shareholders, regulators, and auditors.

The CS is no longer confined to administrative tasks but is increasingly seen as a governance strategist, contributing to decision – making and risk mitigation.[1]

Impact of Technology:

Technology is revolutionising the CS profession, automating routine tasks and enabling strategic focus. From e-governance platforms to AI – powered

compliance tools, digital transformation is enhancing efficiency and accuracy.

Key Technological Shifts:

- Automation of filling and documentation, Tools like MCA21 and compliance management software reduce manual errors and save time.
- AI and data analytics, Used for real – time monitoring of regulatory change and predictive risk assessments.
- Virtual board meetings and e – voting, enabled by platforms like Webex, zoom and Microsoft teams, especially post COVID 19.
- Digital signatures and e – records, legally recognized under Section 120 of the Companies Act, 2013, facilitating paperless governance.

These advancements allow CS professionals to transition from compliance executors to strategic advisors, focusing on governance quality and stakeholder engagement.

Globalisation and International Best Practices:

Globalization has expended the scope of the CS profession beyond domestic borders. Indian companies operating internationally must comply with cross – border regulations, such as GDPR, SOX, and ESG mandates.

Implications of Globalisation:

- Adoption of International governance framework, like OECD Principles and ICGN Global Governance Principles.
- Cross Border Compliance, CS professionals must understand foreign exchange laws, anti – corruption statutes, and international tax treaties.
- Harmonisation of practice, Aligning Indian corporate governance with global standards enhances investor confidence and market access.

Company Secretaries are now expected to navigate complex international landscapes, making global awareness and adaptability essential competencies.

Emerging Trends and Challenges:

The CS profession is at the interchange of several transformative trends that present both opportunities and challenges.

Key trends:

- Sustainability and ESG, CS professionals are increasingly involved in ESG reporting, sustainability disclosures, and stakeholder engagement.

- Risk Management, from cyber threats to regulatory penalties, CSs must proactively identify and mitigate risks.
- Remote governance, the rise of hybrid work models demands new protocols for virtual compliance and digital collaboration.
- Regulatory Complexity, frequent amendments to laws like the Companies Act, SEBI LODR, and FEMA require continuous learning.

These trends demand a multidisciplinary approach, blending legal acumen with technological fluency and strategic foresight.

Future Prospects:

The future of the Company Secretary profession, the future CS will be a tech – savvy governance leader, equipped to handle dynamic business environments and global expectations.

The future of CS profession is exciting and challenging. With the increasing complexity of business regulations and the growing importance of corporate governance, the demand for skilled CS professionals is on the rise.

Future Competencies:

- Digital literacy, proficiency in AI tools, data analytics, and cybersecurity protocols.
- Strategic thinking, ability to align governance with business goals and stakeholder interests.
- Global Mindset, understanding of international laws, cultural nuances, and cross border operations.
- Ethical leadership, promoting transparency, accountability, and sustainability.

As organizations prioritize resilience, agility, and stakeholder trust, the CS will play a pivotal role in shaping corporate culture and long-term value creation.

Recommendations for the profession:

To remain relevant and future ready, the CS profession must embrace continuous learning, innovation, and collaboration.

Strategic Recommendations:

- Curriculum Modernisation, ICSI should integrate modules on AI, ESG, international law, and digital governance into its syllabus.

- Professional Development, Encourage certifications in data privacy, sustainability, and risk management.
- Mentorship and Networking, foster peer learning through forum, webinars, and global partnerships..
- Policy Advocacy, collaborate with regulators to shape governance reforms and promote the CS role in public policy.
- Technology Adoption, invest in digital tools for compliance tracking, board management, and stakeholder communication.

By institutionalising these strategies, the profession can stay ahead of the curve and continue to add strategic value to organisations.

The CS profession has a critical role to play in ensuring good governance and compliance in the business world.

As the profession continues to evolve, it is essential to focus on developing the skills and knowledge required to meet the demands of a rapidly changing world. By pursuing the vision outlined above, the CS profession can establish itself as a globally recognized and respected profession, known for its expertise in governance, compliance, and risk management.

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HOW I CRACKED MY CS EXECUTIVE/ PROFESSIONAL EXAM – TIPS FROM MY JOURNEY

By Parul Jain

Preparing for the CS Executive or Professional exam is not just a test of knowledge, it's a test of patience, discipline, and mindset. Having been through this journey myself, I can say its tough – but absolutely possible if approached with strategy and sincerity.

Let me share some practical tips from my personal experience that helped me crack the exam and might help you too.

1. Begin with Belief.

I remember feeling overwhelmed the first time I opened the CS study material. So much to read, so many laws and sections! But slowly I realized:

“Those who try never fail.”

So I told myself – don't think about how big the syllabus is. Just start. One chapter at a time.

2. Smart Study Plan – Don't Just Work Hard, Work Smart.

I didn't study for 12 -14 hours a day. I planned my day in blocks – 3 hours in the morning, 2 hours in the afternoon, and 2-3 hours in the evening. What mattered more was quality of study, not quantity.

Tip : Make weekly targets, and track them. It gives a small sense of victory every week.

3. ICSI Material is Your Best Friend

Yes, I also got tempted to refer to 2-3 guidebooks, but in the end, ICSI official study material was my main weapon. Every answer in the exam is expected to be based on ICSI language, so I made sure I completed that first before touching scanners or reference notes.

4. Make your Own Notes – Don't skip This!

This saved me during revision. I used to prepare summary notes for each chapter, including :

- Important sections
- Case Laws
- Shortcuts & keywords

I also created colour- coded charts and flowcharts , which helped me visualize concepts quickly before the exam.

5. Practise Writing – CS is not a Reading Exam.

I made this mistakes initially – I just kept reading. But I realized I couldn't recall things well unless I practiced writing answers.

So I started :

- Solving past year papers
- Writing answers for scanner questions
- Giving mock tests

This improved my speed , presentation , and confidence.

6. Revision is the King.

I revised each subject at least 3 times. The first revision was slow, the second was faster, and the third helped me feel confident . I kept weekends for revision what I studied during the week. That balance kept me in touch with all subjects.

7. Take Breaks.

Yes, I studied hard – but I also took time to rest. I watched movies, took walks, or talked to friends and family members to stay calm. Don't burn yourself out. Mental health is equally important in this journey.

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one thing I always remembered :

“ A Tried mind can't perform, no matter how much you have studied.”

8. Amendments & Updates – Don't Ignore.

For subjects like Tax, Company Law, and SEBI, I regularly checked :

- ICSI e-bulletins
- Notifications and circulars
- Youtube updates from reliable CS teachers

Even a small outdated provision can cost marks, so stay updated till the last day.

9. Exam Time Strategy – Attempt 100%

Even if I didn't know the full answer, I wrote whatever I could logically write. I focused on :

- Writing in bullet points
- Highlighting section numbers(if known)
- Giving real – life examples or assumptions
- Neat and presentable handwriting

Remember : “Presentation fetches marks even when knowledge is partial”.

10. Believe in Yourself – Yo're Closer Than You Think.

There will be days when you'll feel it's not possible. But remind yourself :

“Those who dream it, also achieve it.”

Trust your process. Trust your efforts . And most important , trust yourself.

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Conclusion :

Cracking the CS Executive or Professional exam is not just about law and numbers. Its about :

- Having the will to try
- Staying consistent
- Bouncing back after failures
- And believing that your hardwork will pay off

I'm sharing this not because I was perfect, but because I kept going despite doubts. If I can do it, so you can.

Keep going. Your “CS” prefix is waiting for you.



MY VISION FOR THE COMPANY SECRETARY PROFESSION

By Krish Simariya

When I think about the Company Secretary profession, I don't just see a career. I see a role filled with responsibility, integrity, and the power to influence how companies function. In a world where trust and transparency are more valuable than ever, I believe the CS is uniquely positioned to shape ethical, forward-thinking corporate cultures.

Here is my vision for the Company Secretary profession — not as it was, but as it can and should be.

1. Beyond Compliance: The CS as a Strategic Partner

The CS has often been seen as someone who ensures companies meet their legal obligations — maintaining registers, filing forms, and conducting board meetings. But I believe that's just the beginning. In the evolving business landscape, the CS should be a trusted advisor in strategic decision-making.

My vision is to see Company Secretaries as:

- Active contributors in boardroom discussions,
- Experts in interpreting not just what is legal, but what is right,
- Professionals who help steer companies toward long-term ethical growth.

Boards must not just consult the CS when required by law but involve them proactively, valuing their perspective on risk, transparency, and stakeholder trust.

2. A Tech-Smart Governance Professional

Governance is being transformed by technology. Artificial intelligence, automation, digital contracts, blockchain, and cybersecurity are all shaping the way businesses are run. Company Secretaries must be ready to lead this shift.

The future CS must:

- Use AI and automation tools to enhance compliance efficiency,
- Oversee governance in digital operations such as e-meetings and data privacy frameworks,
- Stay updated with regulatory tech and cybersecurity developments.

This is not just about adapting. It's about owning the tech space within governance and becoming indispensable in an era of digital business.

3. ESG Leadership: Driving Sustainable Business

Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors are no longer optional. Investors, regulators, and customers are all demanding transparency and responsibility. I envision the Company Secretary playing a pivotal role in making ESG reporting and compliance a core function of governance.

Whether it's setting sustainability goals, monitoring green practices, or ensuring ethical sourcing, the CS must:

- Guide companies through ESG disclosure frameworks,
- Monitor ethical practices within and beyond the company walls,
- Align corporate behavior with global sustainability goals.

Let the CS become not just a compliance officer but a custodian of the planet and people through corporate responsibility.

4. Ethics as a Guiding Light

For me, ethics isn't a subject — it's the foundation of everything a Company Secretary stands for. While laws set boundaries, ethics provide direction. I envision a profession where the CS is the voice of integrity in every boardroom, especially when tough decisions need to be made.

The CS should:

- Speak up when actions may damage stakeholder trust,
- Promote ethical leadership in every layer of the company,
- Encourage transparency in reporting and governance.

When businesses choose to do the right thing, even at a cost, the CS should be the reason why.

5. Global Perspective, Indian Values

Indian companies are becoming global players. As that happens, Company Secretaries must be prepared to understand international laws, global governance codes, and investor expectations.

At the same time, our unique strength lies in our ethical and cultural values.

In my vision, a successful CS combines:

- Deep understanding of international governance trends,
- Familiarity with frameworks like the OECD Principles and GRI Standards,
- Indian values such as Dharma (duty), Satya (truth), and Nyaya (justice) at the

- core of decision-making.

The CS of tomorrow must think globally, act ethically, and remain deeply rooted in principles that reflect India's heritage.

6. Lifelong Learning and Skill Expansion

The role of a Company Secretary is growing. It's no longer enough to know company law alone. The CS must be multi-skilled and constantly updated on new areas that impact governance and business.

This includes:

- Financial analysis and corporate strategy,
- Cyber law, forensic audits, and digital risk management,
- Behavioral insights for managing boardroom dynamics.

Learning doesn't stop after qualifying. In fact, that's where it begins. The CS must become a dynamic professional who adapts to every challenge the business world throws at them

7. Representing All Stakeholders

Today's business is not just about shareholders. It's about employees, customers, communities, the environment — all of whom are affected by corporate decisions. I see the CS playing a central role in giving a voice to every stakeholder.

Whether it's through stronger grievance mechanisms, fair disclosures, or inclusive governance practices, the CS must ensure that the company's decisions reflect collective good, not just corporate gain.

8. Diversity and Inclusion in the Profession

A progressive profession must also reflect diversity. I hope to see more women, more professionals from underrepresented communities, and greater inclusivity in leadership roles within the CS fraternity.

The more diverse our profession becomes, the richer our perspectives and the better our decision-making. The CS community must lead by example, not only in advising inclusive practices but also in practicing them internally.

9. Entrepreneurial Opportunities for CS Professionals

The CS profession is also expanding beyond employment. There are rising opportunities in independent practice, governance consultancy, ESG auditing,

and startup advisory services. I envision more CS professionals taking the entrepreneurial route, building firms that specialize in board governance, digital compliance, and sustainability consulting.

We must be open to innovation and enterprise, taking the CS profession into spaces where it has never been before.

10. Nation Building Through Good Governance

At the heart of everything I believe about this profession lies one truth: strong governance builds strong companies — and strong companies build a strong nation.

Whether it's preventing fraud, empowering small investors, or promoting ethical conduct in family-owned businesses and large corporates alike, the CS plays a silent but powerful role in shaping the economy.

As CS professionals, our mission is not only to serve the company but to serve the **larger cause of nation-building through clean, conscious, and capable governance.**

Conclusion

This is the vision I carry for the Company Secretary profession — a bold, ethical, global, and people-centered vision. I believe we are not just record-keepers or compliance experts. We are **the ethical guardians, strategic advisors, and governance leaders** that businesses need today more than ever.

We have the chance to not only follow rules but influence how rules evolve.

To not only assist leadership but become part of it.

To not only guide companies — but help **transform them.**

Let us carry this vision forward — with pride, purpose, and relentless passion.



MY JOURNEY AS A CS STUDENT

By Kasturee Kulkarni

Becoming a Company Secretary wasn't always on my radar. As I stood at the crossroads after my HSC board exams, I stumbled upon this challenging yet rewarding course. I'm Kasturee Kaustubh Kulkarni, currently pursuing the CS Professional level from Titwala, Thane. What started as a formal education has now become a personal mission to grow into someone who not only understands law and governance but also, leads with integrity. Here's a glimpse of my CS journey.

I still remember the day when I first heard about the CS course. It was a career guidance session related to the professional courses viz. CA, CS and CMA. I had always been interested in law and governance- but I didn't know there was a role that brought this together until I came to know about the Company Secretary profession. What drew me in was the responsibility it carried. A CS is not just a KMP or compliance officer, they're the conscience of the company. With guidance from mentors and family members, I enrolled for the course. I knew it would be tough but- I also knew it would be worth it.

I cleared the CSEET very easily. The journey after that has been nothing but transformative. From the moment I had enrolled for the CS Executive Programme, I knew I had chosen a path that would not only test my academic abilities but also, my patience, determination and consistency.

Now, as a Professional student, I look back at the road I've travelled with a deep sense of growth. The Executive level was especially challenging. For me, Accounts and Financial Management was the most difficult subject. Balancing the vast syllabus felt overwhelming at times, but giving up was never an option. One of the proudest moments in my CS journey was clearing the first group of Executive programme in the first attempt itself, (which was in June) - during which the passing percentage of group one was just 8%. Despite the odds, I cleared it, and that small win reminded me of my own strength and determination. Thereafter, I also cleared the second group in first attempt.

To keep myself motivated, I had something special on my study table- a nameplate with my name followed by "CS". It wasn't just a label, it was a vision of my future self. Along with it, I had handwritten affirmations that kept me grounded and positive, especially during long study hours and self-doubt.

Throughout this journey, I've realized that consistency is truly the key. I didn't have any magical study hours or shortcuts, but I showed up every day. And I was never alone in this, the support of my family and teachers played a huge role in helping me move forward, especially during tough times. Each stage of CS course has helped me evolve, not just academically, but personally too. From someone who once feared balancing time and concepts, I've become someone who now understands the value of structure, patience and self-belief.

One of the biggest challenges in my CS journey has been managing my college studies alongside the CS curriculum. I had taken admission for a Bachelors of Commerce course simultaneously when I had registered for the CS course. Both required serious commitment, and at times, I felt like I was living in two academic worlds- one demanding practical college work, and the other pushing me to dive deep into laws, regulations and theory.

Mornings were packed with college lectures, assignments and tests, while afternoons and evenings (sometimes late nights too) were reserved for CS classes and studies. The pressure would often build up, especially around college submissions or internal exams clashing with CS preparation. It wasn't easy, and honestly, there were moments when I questioned whether I could really handle both. But I didn't let the pressure break me. I surrounded myself with discipline and positivity which helped me push through.

This CS journey has taught me far more than just laws, procedures or theory- it has taught me about myself. The biggest lesson I've learned is that discipline beats motivation. There were countless days when I didn't feel like studying, when I was tired from college or, when I felt completely lost in a subject. But showing up anyway, staying consistent and trusting the process made all the difference.

I've also learned the importance of mental strength. There were moments of self doubt and pressure. But during those times, my small rituals- looking at the nameplate with "CS" next to my name, reading affirmations- helped me stay focused.

Another important lesson has been the value of time. Juggling CS with college taught me how to use every hour wisely. I learned to prioritize, say no to distractions and to make the most of even short study sessions. Time management wasn't just a skill- it became a mindset. This path hasn't been easy, but every challenge, every late night and every small win has shaped me into someone more focused, resilient and grounded. I now understand that success isn't just about passing exams- it's about going through the process.

Lastly, a small piece of advice for fellow CS students- Say consistent, even on the days when you don't feel motivated. Make a routine that works for you, trust your pace and don't compare your journey with others. Believe in yourself, lean on your support system, and remember- every small step you take is bringing you closer to your goal.



FROM SETBACKS TO SUCCESS: MY JOURNEY AS A CS STUDENT

By Hemangi Madan Mazire

To every student reading this: your struggle is real—but so is your strength. Keep going. You are one determined attempt away from your moment.

“My fingers trembled as I opened the result portal. Not because I feared failure—but because this exam wasn’t just for me. It was for my father, who wasn’t there to see it.”

In 2021, when our 12th board exams were cancelled due to the pandemic, many students paused—but I pressed play. I had studied sincerely, and instead of waiting for clarity, I registered for the CSEET. Online learning was new, confusing, and often isolating, but I adjusted. With focused self-study and private classes, I cleared the CSEET in my first attempt, which gave me confidence to take on the next level—CS Executive.

In December 2021, I attempted CS Executive, relying heavily on online lectures. I thought I could manage without complete revisions or problem-solving. When the result came on 25th February 2022, I failed for the first time in my life. That day, my father told me, “Don’t worry. This is a professional exam. You have to give it 10–12 hours and full dedication. Don’t take it lightly next time.” Those words changed my mindset forever—and turned out to be the last advice he gave me.

On 13th April 2022, my father passed away in a road accident. I had just started an online class when the news reached me. What followed was the most painful and confusing period of my life. But despite the grief, I didn’t stop. I appeared for four papers in June 2022. I didn’t pass, but this time I knew why: I hadn’t given my 100%. That failure became a mirror. I accepted that shortcuts don’t work, and started preparing to appear for all eight papers in the next attempt.

I focused on the ICSI modules first, created summary charts, analysed past years’ papers, and studied 8–9 hours daily. I also ensured proper sleep and mental peace—because productivity matters more than pressure. In December 2022, I gave all eight papers. On 25th February 2023, I cried—not because I failed, but because I had finally cleared. It was a moment of personal victory, and the beginning of transformation.

After Executive, I had a choice: join articleship or take a year to focus on CS Professional. I chose to study full-time, knowing that 9 new subjects needed serious focus. Like many CS students, I had to manage college exams that

clashed with CS preparation.

My B.Com semester papers came just two weeks before every CS attempt. I began studying for B.Com at night and CS during the day. It was exhausting—but I began to enjoy the pressure. I realized that I loved challenges. That's when I stopped complaining about circumstances and focused only on what was in my control: smart study and consistency.

To stay focused, I joined a library, as studying at home had too many distractions. I started practicing yoga and meditation, which helped tremendously with my emotional balance. Many students fall sick or face burnout before exams—yoga helped me stay grounded and stable. My toughest subject was Taxation. I lacked the basics and kept avoiding it—but not for long.

In December 2023, I appeared for all nine Professional papers but cleared only three. It was disappointing, but it taught me a big lesson: past success doesn't guarantee future results. Every attempt needs new strategies and more effort.

Then in January 2024, I started my articleship—and life changed again. Now I had to balance full working days with exam preparation. For the June 2024 session, I got just 40 days' leave to study six papers. Despite feeling confident, I failed again in Taxation—and because of that, had to reappear for another paper too.

That was tough to digest.

Many students face this phase—seeing their friends pass while they're still stuck. I did too. But I changed my mindset from “Why not me?” to “If they can do it, why can't I?” I analysed my gaps, corrected my approach, and worked harder. Then came a new twist—syllabus change. I had the option to skip Tax under the new syllabus. Tempting? Yes. But I remembered what my father taught me: never run from a challenge. I chose to stick with it and face Tax one final time.

In February 2025, I cleared both papers—and secured an exemption in Taxation!!

I cried again, this time in pride. That was not just a pass—it was a personal triumph over my biggest fear.

At the age of 21, I cleared all levels of CS while managing B.Com, articleship, and life's toughest emotional tests. But the real credit goes to my mother—the silent strength behind me. After my father's passing, she never broke down in front of us. She stayed strong so we could be strong. Her quiet courage helped me stand

again and again, no matter how many times I fell.

💡 What I Want Every CS Student to Remember:

- No one will complete the syllabus for you. Own your journey.
- Smart study > long hours. Use past papers, module mapping, and quick notes.
- Take care of your health. Your mind and body are your real assets.
- Don't avoid tough papers. Face them. You'll be proud when you win.
- It's okay to feel alone. That phase builds you. The world joins later.

This journey wasn't just about clearing exams—it was about rebuilding myself after every fall. CS didn't just make me a professional; it made me a stronger human being.

“Success is not a rank. It's the story of how many times you stood back up, when no one else thought you could.”

This article is dedicated to my father, whose dream became mine, and to my mother, whose strength made it possible.



TIPS TO CRACK COMPANY SECRETARY EXECUTIVE/ PROFESSIONAL EXAMS: MY JOURNEY TO AIR-11

By Harshita Daruka

Preparing for the Company Secretary (CS) Executive or Professional exams is no easy feat. The syllabus is vast, the questions are application-based, and the expectations are high. But let me tell you this—it is possible to clear the exams in your first attempt with a good rank, even while attending regular college. I did it, and so can you!

I cleared my CS Executive Examination in the first attempt, securing an All India Rank of 11 (AIR-11). Through this article, I'd like to share my preparation strategy, the habits that helped me stay focused, and some practical tips that you can implement to enhance your own preparation journey.

1. Consistency Is Your Greatest Strength

One of the most important things I maintained throughout my preparation was consistency. I didn't wait for the "right mood" or "perfect environment" to study. I made studying a non-negotiable part of my routine—every single day.

Even if it was just a couple of hours on a hectic day, I made sure I didn't break the chain. This helped me build momentum and stay in touch with all subjects regularly. Remember, studying regularly is far more effective than intense study sessions once in a while.

2. Make a Timetable or To-Do List Daily

Planning was a major part of my strategy. Each night, I would prepare a to-do list for the next day. This small habit helped me start every morning with clarity and purpose.

A structured plan saves time, reduces decision fatigue, and ensures that you cover every subject without neglecting anything. Break your syllabus into daily or weekly goals and track your progress. This builds a sense of accountability.

3. Don't Ignore the Institute Modules

Whether you are doing self-study or taking coaching, reading the ICSI module is extremely important. Many students rely solely on class notes or third-party books, but the module remains the most authentic and comprehensive source.

In fact, I found that many questions in the exams—are directly or indirectly framed from the module content. I always made it a point to study from the module and treat it as my base material.

4. Time Management is the Real Game-Changer

Preparing for CS while attending college may sound daunting, but it's absolutely manageable with smart time management.

I used to attend my regular college during the day and reserved evenings and weekends for CS studies. I prioritized tasks, cut down on distractions (especially social media), and made every hour count. You don't need to study 12 hours a day—you just need to use your time wisely.

5. Focus on Understanding, Not Mugging Up

The CS syllabus is not just theoretical—it's deeply practical. The questions are often framed around real-life case studies and scenarios, which means rote learning won't help you.

I focused on understanding the concepts—why a law exists, how it is applied, and in what kind of situations it comes into play. This approach helped me write relevant and logical answers in the exams. When you understand the logic behind a concept, it becomes easier to apply it in any format—case study, multiple-choice question, or descriptive answer.

6. Writing Practice is Non-Negotiable

One of the most underrated yet essential aspects of preparation is writing practice. It's not just about what you know—it's also about how well you can express it within the time limit.

I made it a habit to write answers regularly, especially for subjects that involved descriptive questions. I also solved past year papers and mock tests in exam-like conditions to improve speed and accuracy.

Practicing writing helps you:

- Structure your answers better
- Improve time management
- Reduce nervousness during the actual exam
- Avoid unnecessary mistakes

7. Solve Past Year Question Papers

Solving past year papers gave me deep insight into the exam pattern, frequently asked topics, and the kind of language used in the questions. It also helped me evaluate how much of my preparation was actually effective.

I suggest solving at least the last 3 years' papers for each subject and analysing your mistakes. Treat these papers as a diagnostic tool to guide your final revisions.

8. Keep Track of Amendments

Many CS subjects, especially Tax, Company Law, and Securities Laws, are amendment-heavy. I ensured I kept a separate notebook or file to note down every important amendment, and I revised them multiple times before the exam.

Staying updated with the latest changes can be the difference between a pass and a rank. Don't ignore this part!

9. Revision is the Final Key

Revision plays a huge role in retention and confidence. I made sure to revise every subject at least twice before the exam.

During the final few weeks, focus more on revising what you already know rather than picking up new topics. A well-revised concept will give you more marks than a half-understood new one. Final Words: Your Journey, Your Effort

Cracking the CS Executive or Professional exam is not about being a genius—it's about being disciplined, consistent, and strategic. My journey to securing AIR-11 wasn't about extraordinary intelligence. It was about showing up every day, putting in the work, believing in my preparation, and staying focused on the goal. Whether you're just starting your CS journey or are in the final leg of your preparation—trust the process, stay committed, and give it your best. Success will follow.

Wishing all CS aspirants, the very best. You've got this!



CO-OPERATIVE BANK FORMATION AND COMPLIANCES – A REGULATORY INSIGHT

By CMA Harshada Prabhune

Introduction

Co-operative banks are financial institutions established on the principle of cooperation and mutual assistance. These banks primarily serve small businesses, rural sectors, and economically weaker sections of society. In India, co-operative banks have played a crucial role in financial inclusion and rural development. However, forming and operating a co-operative bank requires strict adherence to multiple regulatory frameworks to ensure stability, transparency, and accountability.

This article explores the formation process, legal framework, and ongoing compliance requirements governing co-operative banks in India as following:

1. Legal Framework for Co-operative Banks

Co-operative banks in India are governed by a dual regulatory structure:

- Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (as applicable to co-operative societies)
- Co-operative Societies Act of the respective State or the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002

This duality means co-operative banks are regulated by both the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and either the Registrar of Co-operative Societies (RCS) of a state or the Central Registrar (for multi-state co-operatives).

2. Types of Co-operative Banks

- Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs): Operate in urban and semi-urban areas; regulated by RBI and RCS.
- State Co-operative Banks (SCBs): Apex banks at the state level.
- District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs): Operate at the district level.
- Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS): Operate at the village level.

Each category requires a different level of regulatory compliance based on its size, operation, and area of jurisdiction.

3. Formation of a Co-operative Bank

Step 1: Formation of a Co-operative Society

A group of individuals with common economic interests can form a society under the respective State Co-operative Societies Act or the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002.

Key Requirements:

- Minimum 10 promoters (as per most state laws)
- Draft bye-laws approved by the RCS
- Proof of registered office
- Identity/address proofs of members

Step 2: Obtaining RBI License

After registration as a co-operative society, the promoters must apply to the Reserve Bank of India for a banking license under Section 22 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

Documents Required for RBI Application:

- Registration certificate of the co-operative society
- Approved bye-laws
- Business plan and financial projections
- Capital adequacy proof
- Details of proposed board members and management
- KYC and fit-and-proper criteria declaration

Step 3: RBI Approval and Commencement

Once RBI is satisfied with the proposal, it may grant a license. The bank can then commence operations as a co-operative bank.

4. Capital and Membership Requirements

- Minimum Share Capital: Varies by state and type; for urban co-operative banks, RBI prescribes norms based on population tiers.
- Membership: Open to individuals and entities; voting follows the “one member, one vote” principle, irrespective of shareholding (except for specified cases).

5. Key Regulatory and Compliance Requirements

A. Compliance with RBI Directions

RBI governs:

- Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)
- Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)
- Asset classification and provisioning norms
- Audit and inspection
- Prudential norms on income recognition, exposure limits, etc.

B. Board Composition and Fit-and-Proper Criteria

- Directors must meet “fit and proper” standards as per RBI guidelines.
- At least two directors must have banking or professional experience in finance, law, or accountancy.
- Training and certification requirements are applicable to board members.

C. Audit and Disclosure Requirements

- Co-operative banks are subject to statutory audit by qualified Chartered Accountants.
- Concurrent audit is mandatory for UCBs with deposits above ₹100 crore.
- Annual returns and balance sheets must be filed with the RCS and RBI.

D. KYC/AML Compliance

Banks must:

- Follow Know Your Customer (KYC) and Anti-Money Laundering (AML) guidelines.
- Report suspicious transactions to the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU).
- Maintain Customer Due Diligence (CDD) documentation.

E. Cybersecurity and Technology Compliance

- With growing digitization, UCBs are required to adopt Core Banking Solutions (CBS).
- RBI mandates a Cyber Security Framework for UCBs including IT governance, data security, and incident reporting protocols.

F. Priority Sector Lending (PSL)

Like commercial banks, co-operative banks must meet priority sector lending targets:

- Minimum 40% of Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) to be lent to priority sectors.

- Agriculture, MSMEs, education, housing, and weaker sections are covered.

6. Recent Developments & Reforms

- RBI Supervision Extended (2020): The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020 gave RBI more power over co-operative banks, including the ability to supersede boards and approve mergers/amalgamations.
- Umbrella Organization for UCBs: A proposed central body to provide liquidity, capital support, and IT infrastructure to UCBs.
- CRCS-Sahara Refund Portal: A step to ensure transparency and timely refund of investor money from co-operative societies.

7. Challenges in Co-operative Banking

- Dual Regulation: Creates delays and compliance ambiguities.
- Political Interference: Weakens governance standards.
- Limited Capital Base: Hinders growth and tech adoption.
- Low Credit Appraisal Standards: Increases NPA risk.

However, with regulatory tightening and tech initiatives, the sector is gradually becoming more robust.

8. Role of Company Secretaries and Professionals

Governance and compliance are critical in co-operative banks. Company Secretaries (CS) can play a major role in:

- Ensuring regulatory filings
- Advising on board structure and governance
- Assisting with RBI communications and licensing
- Implementing compliance frameworks

With RBI focusing on good governance, opportunities for CS and other professionals in this sector are increasing.

Conclusion

Co-operative banks are an essential part of India's financial system, especially in promoting inclusive growth. However, the formation and operation of these banks demand strict adherence to multi-layered regulatory norms. Ensuring compliance is not just a legal necessity but a fundamental pillar of sustainable banking. As India moves towards a more transparent and digitally connected economy, the evolution of co-operative banks with robust compliance will shape a more inclusive and secure financial future.



MY JOURNEY AS A CS STUDENT - THROUGH LAW, COMPANY SECRETARYSHIP, AND SPORT

By Dev Shroff

Pursuing the Company Secretary (CS) course alongside a full-time law degree at Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) has been nothing short of a test of discipline, commitment, and time management. As I write this, I've successfully completed all three stages of the CS course and await the results of the Professional Programme, which will hopefully make me a qualified Company Secretary. Looking back, the journey has been intense—but deeply rewarding.

The Beginning

When I decided to enroll in the CS course during my initial years of law school, many around me were skeptical. Managing a demanding five-year integrated law program is itself a challenge, and adding CS to the mix raised eyebrows. But for me, it was never just about another degree—it was about building a solid foundation in corporate and securities law, understanding the regulatory framework from a company's perspective, and adding a strong compliance-oriented dimension to my legal education.

What made it even more special was the decision to walk this path independently—I did not enroll in any coaching classes for CS. Instead, I relied on the meticulously designed study material issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI). The books were comprehensive, and with a disciplined schedule, they became my primary guide.

Studying Without Coaching

Without any formal coaching, self-discipline became my greatest asset. I created study schedules around my university commitments, often using early mornings, weekends, and semester breaks to focus on CS content. Many nights were spent poring over books on company law, securities regulations, and governance frameworks after long days of legal internships or law lectures.

Internships—especially the recent ones at law firms where I worked in the Funds and General Corporate teams—actually helped reinforce my CS learning. Concepts I read about—like SEBI regulations, AIF norms, board processes, and compliance checklists—came alive during real-time legal assignments. It was a unique blend of theory and practice that I wouldn't have gotten had I pursued either of the two alone.

The Balancing Act: Law, CS, and Sport

Perhaps the most unique challenge in my journey was balancing academics with my passion for sport. I am a professional table tennis player and have had the honour of representing India. The discipline and mental clarity that my sport demands often translated well into my academic pursuits.

Travelling for tournaments meant lost study hours, but it also meant I learned to make the most of every available moment. Airports, train journeys, hotel rooms—every space became a study zone. I also learned to compartmentalize—when at the table, I was a sportsperson; when in class, a law student; and when at the desk, a CS aspirant. This ability to shift mental gears helped me stay grounded and focused.

Why CS Matters

The CS qualification is not just an academic milestone—it's a powerful professional credential. It has equipped me with a deep understanding of the corporate and regulatory landscape in India. For someone planning to pursue a career in corporate law or advisory, CS offers a bird's-eye view of how businesses function, the duties and liabilities of directors, the intricacies of board meetings and corporate governance, and how regulatory filings and compliance timelines work.

It has also helped me stand out during internship interviews and day zero placements. Law firms increasingly value interdisciplinary knowledge, and having a CS background adds significant weight, especially in teams like M&A, capital markets, funds, and regulatory.

What Kept Me Going

There were many tough days—days when law lectures clashed with CS exam prep, or when fatigue from training sessions made it hard to focus. But I kept reminding myself of the larger goal. I was never aiming to just clear an exam. I was building a profile, one that could combine law, governance, and regulatory understanding with discipline and teamwork learned from sports.

Small wins kept me going—a concept I understood better because of overlapping curriculum, a mock test I performed well in, or an internship feedback that acknowledged my subject clarity. Every bit mattered.

Words for Fellow Students

If there's one thing I've learned in this journey, it's that structured effort, consistency, and self-belief can take you farther than you think.

You don't need external coaching if you have internal clarity. You don't need 10 hours a day—just a few undistracted ones. And you don't need to compromise your passions—sports, arts, or anything else—to succeed academically. If anything, they enrich your journey.

The CS course may seem vast at first glance, but the material is well-structured. Trust the ICSI-issued books. Break your subjects down into manageable parts. Make your own notes. And stay consistent. Even if you study for a few hours every day for a few months, it adds up to more than you can imagine.

I would also recommend using your law internships as a practical extension of your CS knowledge. When you're proofreading shareholder agreements or compliance checklists, don't just look at the language—try to connect it with what you've studied in CS. That integration not only sharpens your understanding but also prepares you for professional life.

Looking Ahead

As I await my CS Professional results and prepare for my law school Day Zero placements, I feel confident. Not just because I have degrees to back me, but because I've been through a journey that taught me to manage pressure, stay disciplined, and think holistically. The CS journey was not easy, but it was transformative. It taught me how to be a better law student, a better sportsperson, and hopefully, a better professional.

“To all CS aspirants reading this—your journey is yours to shape. Make it count.”



MY JOURNEY AS A CS STUDENT

By Anvi Sawant

CS JOURNEY – yes, as the title suggests, this course is a journey. A journey of extreme highs and extreme lows. A long journey in which a student juggles between hard work, willpower, dedication, discipline and most importantly patience along with self-doubt, loneliness, anxiety and disappointment. This isn't a story of instant success. It's not about someone who cleared every level on the first try or topped the ranks with an AIR. It's real. It's messy. It's full of setbacks and struggles but that's what makes it truly beautiful. I started my CS journey when I was 18, naive, having absolutely no idea, what the coming years are going to unfold for me. I cleared my CS Foundation in 1st attempt, which gave me a boost of confidence. I thought if I study well, attend all the lectures, I will surely clear the upcoming levels. Little did I know, this exam demands more from you. I experienced my first failure in CS Executive, then the second and then third. I was convinced that this course is not meant for me, I am not smart enough to clear this course and I can never become a Company Secretary. One day, when I was prepping for my MH- CET LAW entrance exam, I came across Company Law's lecture from a certain faculty. I watched it, understood basic concepts and realized for the first time that I could actually clear this exam. It was as if the universe was nudging me forward, reminding me I had it in me to clear this exam. I worked very hard from then and cleared both groups of CS Executive while simultaneously pursuing Law. In my opinion, CS Executive is comparatively more challenging for a student to clear than CS Professional. We get introduced to new subjects, have to analyse various provisions, sections, rules and regulations for the first time. It feels scary because it is new not because it is difficult.

Certain things that I have learned whilst pursuing CS Executive/Professional exams are:

- Quality matters over Quantity. The number of revisions you do, do not determine how well you have studied or how well you will do in exams. The conceptual clarity does. A student can do 2/3 revisions and still clear while a student can do 5 revisions and still wouldn't be able to make it.
- Do not compare your progress with someone else. Your 8 hours of studying per day are equally important as someone else's 12.

- Consistency is the key. Showing up every day is important even for few hours rather than not doing anything at all on some days.
- Your ICSI Study Material is your primary weapon to clear your exams. DO NOT SKIP IT.
- Solve previous year question papers and mock tests. Practising answer writing is crucial by setting a timer, especially for Open Book Examinations.
- Formulate a strategy depending upon various factors like time management, revision of a particular topic after studying, looking over its relevant case laws. Strategically studying is important rather than mindlessly studying for hours.
- In CS Professional, chose your elective wisely. Look at all the subject options, do research and decide which subject interests you more and which is the right fit for you. This is your career, not a group project. Choose what aligns with your vision, not what's trending. You do not need to go with the crowd. Your elective should reflect your path, not the herd's direction.

The three hours where you sit in your examination hall and everything you studied for the past few months decide whether you clear the exam or not. Not how much you revised one day prior to the exam. Be calm, believe in yourself and your preparations. The exam is meant to be difficult, that is exactly why it is a Professional Course. Do not panic. Make sure you give your 100% in those three hours and you will get your reward.

As it is rightly said in Bhagavad Gita Chapter 2, Verse 47 - *Karmanyē vadhikaraste, mā phaleṣhu kadachana, Mā karma-phala-hetur bhur, mā te sangostvakarmani*. Which states that – “Do your duty, but do not concern yourself with the results.” Which simply means - You are not your results. You are your effort.

I am a Lawyer today and just 1 step from becoming a Qualified Company Secretary and it took me couple of attempts to clear the exam and I would not want it any other way. The ICSI 21 Months Training structure is a critical bridge between academic knowledge and real-world corporate functioning. During my CS training at an Asset Management Company, I was lucky enough to meet few of the most kind, smart and incredibly talented colleagues. They believed in me, pushed me to do better, thought me to think on my feet, explained me where I fumbled, yelled at me where I made mistakes.

Every CS student walks through phases of self-doubt, deadlines, failed attempts, and finally - clarity. The journey isn't straight or smooth, but it teaches you to evolve. With every module cleared and every training completed, you don't just get closer to the title of Company Secretary - you become more ready for the corporate world.

Stay consistent. The journey is tough, but the destination is worth it and pretty soon you are going to realize that sometimes the journey gifts more than the arrival.

Behind every successful company is a sharp, ethical, and empowered Company Secretary. If you're one of them or aspiring to be - remember, your potential has no limits.



WHY I CHOOSE COMPANY SECRETARYSHIP AS A CAREER

By Aditya Singh

Choosing a career is one of the most defining decisions in a person's life. It's not only about earning a livelihood but also about finding purpose and building a future that aligns with one's values and strengths. When I began exploring my career options, I wanted a profession that offered responsibility, respect, growth opportunities, and most importantly, meaningful work. That's when I discovered the field of Company Secretaryship (CS)—a profession that combines legal knowledge, corporate governance, and strategic advisory roles. After much thought and research, I confidently chose CS as the career path I wish to follow.

The Appeal of the CS Profession

Many people mistakenly believe that a Company Secretary is someone who handles routine paperwork or clerical duties. In reality, a CS is a key managerial personnel in any organization, responsible for ensuring compliance with corporate laws, assisting the board of directors in decision-making, and acting as a bridge between the company and regulatory bodies. What drew me most was the idea of playing a crucial role in maintaining ethical standards and transparency in business operations. Being trusted with such responsibilities spoke directly to my interests in law, policy, and strategic leadership.

Inspiration from My Surroundings

Living in Mumbai, a city known as India's commercial capital, I was always surrounded by stories of business ventures, corporate transformations, and startup successes. This exposure sparked my curiosity about how companies actually function beyond the public eye. While others might have leaned toward finance or marketing, I was more fascinated by the legal and structural backbone of a company. I began exploring professions that shape internal governance and compliance—and that's when I found myself drawn toward Company Secretaryship.

A Comprehensive Course with Practical Value

The CS course, offered and regulated by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), is designed in a way that encourages not only academic learning but also real-world application.

The syllabus is vast, covering subjects like Company Law, Economic and Commercial Laws, Taxation, Financial Management, Corporate Governance, and Secretarial Audit. For someone like me who enjoys understanding multiple facets of business, this variety made the course particularly engaging.

What impressed me most was how the course structure trains you to think critically, apply laws to real situations, and interpret complex regulations. It's not just about passing exams—it's about preparing for the challenges of a dynamic corporate environment.

Career Opportunities and Flexibility

Another factor that strongly influenced my decision is the broad spectrum of opportunities available to qualified Company Secretaries. Whether it's working in a corporate house, a consultancy firm, a legal practice, or as an independent professional, the options are diverse. In fact, many Company Secretaries also serve on the boards of directors and hold leadership positions like Compliance Officer, Legal Advisor, or even Chief Executive Officer in reputed companies.

With an increasing focus on corporate governance and compliance in India and globally, the demand for CS professionals is on the rise. This means long-term job security, stability, and room for growth. I was also drawn to the fact that CS professionals have the option to start their own practice, which adds an element of entrepreneurship and independence.

Flexible Learning and Skill Development

The CS course offers flexibility in learning, which allows students to balance academics with internships or part-time work. This was especially helpful for me as I started engaging in webinars, training programs, and practical workshops alongside my studies. The course also mandates practical training, which ensures that students gain exposure to how things actually work in the industry.

Apart from technical knowledge, CS also helps build essential skills such as analytical thinking, legal interpretation, communication, decision-making, and leadership. These skills are not only useful in a corporate setting but are also valuable for personal and professional development throughout life.

Being a Trusted Corporate Advisor

What makes Company Secretaryship truly unique is the advisory role it provides. A CS is not just a compliance expert but also a strategic thinker who supports the board in high-level decisions like mergers, acquisitions, corporate

restructuring, and public offerings. The idea of being part of a company's decision-making process and helping it grow ethically and legally excites me.

I believe that this profession gives you the power to influence the corporate world positively, by ensuring that businesses function within the boundaries of law while also achieving their goals.

Ethics and Professional Integrity

In an era where news of financial scandals and corporate frauds is not uncommon, the role of a Company Secretary becomes even more critical. The profession demands high ethical standards, honesty, and integrity. The ICSI code of conduct ensures that professionals maintain transparency in all aspects of their work.

I've always believed in doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. Choosing a profession that is centered on ethics and responsibility makes me feel aligned with my values. I want to be someone who companies can trust, stakeholders can rely on, and regulators can respect.

A Lifelong Journey of Learning and Growth

One of the aspects I value most about this career is that learning never stops. Laws and regulations are constantly evolving. New challenges emerge with the growth of digital platforms, global business, and sustainability regulations. As a CS, one must stay updated and continuously improve, which ensures that the career never becomes stagnant.

The opportunities for continuous professional development, advanced certifications, and even global recognition (as Indian CS qualifications are increasingly gaining international relevance) offer great motivation for someone like me who enjoys evolving and adapting.

Conclusion

To sum up, my decision to pursue Company Secretaryship as a career comes from a place of passion, logic, and ambition. It's a field that not only challenges the mind but also helps build character. The profession offers a perfect mix of legal knowledge, business insight, ethical practice, and strategic influence—everything I was looking for in a career.

Being from Mumbai, I've witnessed firsthand how well-governed organizations can thrive even in highly competitive environments. I want to be part of that

system. I want to contribute to building companies that are not only profitable but also principled.

Choosing Company Secretaryship isn't just about a job. It's about becoming a pillar of corporate integrity, a guardian of legal compliance, and a trusted advisor to some of the biggest decision-makers in the business world. For me, it's more than a career—it's a mission. And I'm proud to have started this journey.

BALANCING ARTICLESHIP AND STUDIES: A TIGHTROPE WALK WORTH MASTERING

By Shashank Nailwal

When I started my journey as a Company Secretary student, the idea of “Articleship” sounded both exciting and intimidating. It was supposed to be the phase where everything I had studied so far would meet the real world. However, it didn’t take long for me to realize that this phase was more than just a professional training—it was a rigorous test of discipline, balance, and self-motivation.

Balancing Articleship with CS studies is like walking a tightrope. On one side lies the vast ocean of practical exposure—drafting resolutions, attending board meetings, filing ROC returns—and on the other, the towering mountain of academic preparation, with its endless modules, case laws, and amendments. Both demand your complete attention. Both are non-negotiable.

The Initial Juggle

In the first few weeks of my Articleship, I found myself drowning in work emails by day and module pages by night. At times, I wondered if 24 hours were enough. The fatigue was real. I would often reach home mentally exhausted, yet my desk would be waiting—with a paper on “Company Law” or “Securities Laws and Capital Markets” reminding me that the journey was far from over.

That’s when I realised I needed to change my approach. I didn’t need to work harder—I needed to work smarter.

Strategy: The Gamechanger

I started by building a schedule that respected both my roles—as an articled trainee and as a student. Here are some strategies that helped me:

1. Mastering the Art of Time Blocking:

I divided my day into blocks: mornings before work (7 am to 9 am) were dedicated to studying theory-heavy subjects, which required fresh focus. Evenings were reserved for revision or solving MCQs. Sundays became gold—dedicated entirely to mock tests and catching up.

2. Active Learning at Work:

Articleship is not a distraction from studies—it's a supplement. I began drawing parallels between my practical work and the syllabus.

For instance, when I helped draft an agenda for a board meeting, I made sure to revisit the relevant provisions of the Companies Act that evening. This active learning approach made my concepts stronger and my work more meaningful.

3. Communicating with Seniors:

I had an open conversation with my principal and seniors about my exam plans. To my surprise, they were supportive. I was allowed a study leave schedule in advance, which gave me breathing room before exams. I also made it a point to not misuse this trust—when at work, I was 100% present.

4. Mindfulness and Energy Management:

Burnout is real. I started practicing small habits like 10-minute walks, quick breathing exercises, and limiting phone use. This wasn't just for mental peace, but also to keep my energy reserves up.

Lessons Beyond Books

This balancing act has taught me more than just law or procedure. It taught me patience, adaptability, and professionalism.

I remember a day when I was handling a last-minute MCA filing at the office and had a mock test scheduled that evening. Instead of panicking, I used my commute time to listen to voice notes of key sections. That day, I didn't ace the mock test—but I learned how to prioritize, and that sometimes consistency beats perfection.

The Articleship period also exposed me to a variety of stakeholders—clients, directors, government officers. These interactions subtly shaped my communication skills, my drafting tone, and my confidence level. I started understanding the 'spirit' behind the law, not just the letter.

Challenges Still Exist

Of course, the journey hasn't been flawless. There were days when self-doubt crept in, especially when seeing peers in other professions with more flexible routines.

There were also missed social gatherings, unreturned calls from friends, and guilt over not revising enough.

But each of these small sacrifices felt like an investment in something larger—a career of impact, integrity, and immense scope.

A word to Fellow Aspirants

To anyone who feels overwhelmed right now: take a breath. You are not alone. Most CS students feel the same at some point during their Articleship. But here's the thing—it gets better. You get better.

Build a system that works for you. Not everyone studies best at night or can retain sections by reading them once. Experiment, observe, refine.

And most importantly, remember why you started. The CS profession isn't just about exams and office work. It's about becoming a guardian of corporate governance, a silent yet strong pillar of organizational ethics and compliance. That responsibility starts now, with how you handle your present challenges.

Conclusion

Balancing Articleship and studies is tough. But it's this very challenge that shapes us. The struggle to find time, the late-night revisions, the nervous moments before a board meeting—all of it contributes to building a Company Secretary who is not only knowledgeable but also resilient and reliable.

The process may feel chaotic, but it has a quiet purpose. And in hindsight, we'll look back and realize—it was worth every bit.

TIME MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR CS EXECUTIVE ASPIRANTS

By Ansari Mohd Abdul Haleem

The CS Executive level is a turning point in the journey toward becoming a Company Secretary. It's the first professional-level examination where the expectations, syllabus, and difficulty take a major leap from the CS Foundation or CSEET. For many aspirants, this phase brings a mix of excitement and pressure.

As someone going through this journey, I've realized that time management isn't just important—it's everything. With eight papers (under the old syllabus) or fewer under the new syllabus—but with more in-depth concepts—preparation without a smart time strategy can lead to burnout or underperformance.

Here, I share practical and effective time management strategies that every CS Executive student can apply to make their preparation more structured, efficient, and balanced.

1. Understand the Syllabus Structure Thoroughly

The first step to managing your time well is understanding what you're working with. The CS Executive level covers core subjects like:

- Company Law
- Tax Laws
- Jurisprudence, Interpretation & General Laws (JIGL)
- Securities Laws
- Financial and Strategic Management
- Corporate Accounting
- Setting up of Business Entities
- Economic, Business & Commercial Laws

Each subject is vast, and several include legal provisions, interpretations, case laws, practical applications, and numerical problems. Your study plan should reflect the depth and weightage of each subject.

2. Divide the Syllabus into Manageable Chunks

Instead of studying randomly, divide each subject into small, logical units. For example: Company Law can be divided into:

- Incorporation & Types of Companies
- Share Capital & Debentures
- Board Meetings & Directors

- Accounts & Audit
- Dividends, Loans, and Deposits
- Corporate Social Responsibility, etc.

Assign deadlines to each unit. This helps avoid last-minute panic and ensures regular progress.

3. Follow the 3-Phase Study Strategy

Managing time effectively means planning across three phases:

Phase 1 – Learning (3 months):

Focus on building conceptual clarity. Watch video lectures (if using), read study material, and make notes. Avoid rote learning at this stage.

Phase 2 – Revision (2 months):

Revise from your self-made notes. Focus on remembering sections, rules, and applying them to case laws. Begin solving past year papers and ICSI mock tests.

Phase 3 – Final Touch (1 month):

This is for rapid revision and attempting full mock tests under exam conditions. Revise only from notes and practice questions daily. Avoid learning anything new in this phase.

4. Build a Realistic Weekly Timetable

Prepare a schedule based on your personal energy levels and routine. Here's an example:

Time Slot	Activity
06:00 A.M to 07:00 A.M	Light exercise + Morning review
07:00 AM to 09:00 AM	Study Subject A (e.g., Company Law)
10:00 AM – 05:00 PM	Articleship or office work
06:00 PM – 08:00 PM	Study Subject B (e.g., Tax Laws)
08:30 PM – 09:30 PM	Revision or MCQs
Weekends	4–6 hours of focused study + Tests

This format can be adjusted depending on whether you're doing full-time studies or also handling articleship.

5. Use Tools: Timers, Apps & Planners

Use productivity tools like:

- Google Calendar – To schedule subjects and deadlines
- Forest App / Pomodoro Timer – To stay focused
- Notion or OneNote – For digital notes
- Trello – To track syllabus completion

Digital tools can help you stay organized and prevent wasting time deciding “what to study next.”

6. Focus on Conceptual Understanding, Not Memorization

Many subjects—especially Company Law and JIGL—require application-based answers. Don't try to memorize sections blindly. Instead, understand the logic behind provisions. When you understand a law, it's easier to recall it, even under exam pressure.

This approach also saves revision time later, as the foundation is stronger.

7. Use Visual and Active Recall Techniques

- Prepare flowcharts and summary tables for topics like incorporation steps, types of resolutions, or tax slabs.
- Use active recall: quiz yourself without looking at the book.
- Teach someone else: explaining a topic is the best way to retain it.
- These techniques boost retention and reduce revision time.

8. Practice Writing Within Time Limits

CS Executive exams are lengthy. Practice writing answers, especially for legal papers, within 2-3 hours. Learn to balance theory, presentation, and speed. Start solving past year question papers and ICSI module-based questions from month 3 onward.

9. Don't Neglect Smaller but Scoring Subjects

Subjects like “Setting Up of Business Entities” or “Economic Laws” may seem lighter, but they offer scoring potential. Don't leave these for the end. Prepare concise notes and revise them regularly.

10. Build in Breaks and Protect Your Mental Health

Time management also means avoiding burnout. Don't push yourself to study 12 hours every day. Take short breaks, pursue a hobby, meditate, or just relax with your family.

A healthy mind is more productive than a tired one.

Final Words

The CS Executive stage is not just about hard work—it's about smart work. Time is limited, but if managed wisely, it's enough. Create a study system that suits you, stay disciplined, and don't panic if you fall behind occasionally.

Remember:

“Discipline is choosing between what you want now and what you want most.”

Success in CS Executive is possible for anyone who plans their time well, stays consistent, and keeps moving forward. Your future self will thank you for every smart hour you spend today.

EFFORTS AND INITIATIVES BY WIRC

Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) - Monthly Highlights

The Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) had organised programs and initiatives for its members and stakeholders. Below are some highlights:

INTERACTION WITH VICE PRESIDENT THROUGH VIRTUAL MODE

As an initiative during the ICSI Student Month – July 2025, ICSI-WIRC has organised virtual session on “Interaction with Vice President” for the student of the Western Region on Saturday, July 19, 2025 from 3:00 pm to 4:30pm.

CS Pawan G Chandak, Vice President, The ICSI had direct interaction with students during this Interactive Session. He provided guidance to the students on aligning with the evolving role of Company Secretaries in emerging India. Around 170 Students have registered and attended the session and discussed various queries related to internship, training and academics.

STUDENT PROGRAMS

- 10th (Online) Webinar Mode Corporate Leadership Development Program (CLDP) batch was organized for the Professional / Final Passed Students of ICSI through virtual mode from June 30, 2025 to July 18, 2025. Total 48 students have enrolled for the batch. On the last day of the programme, in line with the Institute’s recent initiative, membership letters were distributed to eligible students, marking a significant milestone in their professional journey.
- 31st Batch of 15 days Classroom Mode Non-Residential Corporate Leadership Development Program (CLDP) was organized for the Professional / Final Passed Students of ICSI from July 14, 2025 to July 31, 2025. Total 50 students have enrolled for the batch. On the last day of the programme, in line with the Institute’s recent initiative, membership letters were distributed to eligible students, marking a significant milestone in their professional journey.

- 61st Batch of 15 Days Classroom Mode Executive Development Program is scheduled from July 8, 2025 to July 26, 2025. Total 50 students have enrolled for the batch.
- 2nd Batch of Three Days Orientation Program (TDOP) was organised for Executive Students of ICSI from July 02, 2025 to July 04, 2025. Total 41 students have enrolled for the batch.

CAREER AWARENESS PROGRAMS

- Conducted Career Awareness Programme at Shrinivas Bagarka Junior College of Arts Commerce and Science, Andheri (E) on July 14, 2025. Around 600 Students for Std XIIth class have attended the session.
- Conducted Career Awareness Programme at Nagindas Khandwala College of Commerce, Arts & Management Studies, Malad on July 15, 2025. Around 71 Students from various class of TYBMS have attended the session
- Conducted Career Awareness Programme at Dnyan Bharati Society's Sau. Sitabai Ramkrishna Karandikar Senior College of Commerce & Late Mehernosh Boman Burjor Irani College of Arts & BSES Jr. College of Science, Vadkun, Dahanu on July 16, 2025. Around 550 Students from various class of 12th Commerce, 12th Science, FY, SY, TYB.Com and FYBA have attended the session.
- Conducted Career Awareness Programme at SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous), Navi Mumbai on July 17, 2025. Around 250 Students for Std XIIth class have attended the session.
- Conducted Career Awareness Programme at Maharashtra College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Mumbai Central, Mumbai on July 18, 2025. Around 50 Students for SYB.Com class have attended the session.
- Conducted Career Awareness Programme at Ramnarain Jhujhunwala College, Ghatkopar West, Mumbai on July 19, 2025. Around 80 Students for FY and SY BAF class have attended the session.

STUDENT MONTH ACTIVITY 2025

As a part of Student Month July-2025, ICSI-WIRC organised various sessions and activities. Various steps have been taken for wider publicity and propagation of the event like publicity through Press Release, WIRC Child Portal, Email etc. Following are the details of the events /activities organised during the July month.

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- 1st July 2025, "Blood Donation Camp" was organised at Indian Red Cross Society, Shahid Bhagat Singh Road, Fort, Mumbai. Around 10 Students and Employees of the ICSI have participated and donated the two units of blood for the needy.
- 1st July 2025, "Van Mahotsav" activity was organized at WIRC Premises. Around 50 students of the ICSI participated in the event.
- 2nd July 2025, "Elocution Competition" on the topic 'Corporate Governance - Panacea for CS Professionals' was organised at WIRC Premises. Around 07 students of the ICSI participated in the event and the competition was judged by CS Swapnil Shenvi. Soham Indre, Registration No.441161315/12/2022, was the winner of the competition. Sagar Joguguddi bagged the place of 1st Runner Up and Dhairya Patel as the 2nd Runner Up of the competition. CS Milin Ramani awarded the Appreciation Certificates to the winners.
- 3rd July 2025, physical session on "Behavioral Skills - Understanding the Differences: Hard Skills, Soft Skills and Behavioral Skills" was organised at WIRC Premises. The session was conducted by CS Vidit Narsana and around 40 students of the ICSI participated in the event.
- 4th July 2025, Power Point Competition on the topic "Vikasit Bharat: Role of Company Secretaries" was organised at WIRC Premises. Prof. Sweta Chheda was invited as Judge for the competition. Around 25 students of the ICSI have participated in the event. Sakshi Menge, was declared as a winner for the competition and awarded the Appreciation Certificate.
- 5th July 2025, physical session on academic topic "Capital Market" was organised at WIRC Premises. The session was conducted by CS Milind Ramani and was attended by around 35 students of the ICSI.
- 8th July 2025, Faculty Induction Program was organised on the topic "Reviving the Guru-Shishya Parampara in Modern Classrooms" at Shriniwas Bagarka Junior College, Mumbai. In the august presence of Shri Dilip Kumar Dubey, Principal, Shriniwas Bagarka Junior College, Mumbai, the session was conducted and CA Vimal Kumar Ashar have addressed around 45 students during the session.

- 9th July 2025, physical session on “Communication / Soft Skills Development Programme” was organised for students at WIRC Premises. Ms. Lata Khatri had addressed around 52 students of the ICSI during the session.
- As a part of Career Awareness Week (July 14-18, 2025), 1st Career Guidance Session was conducted on 14th July, 2025 at Shriniwas Bagarka Junior College, Andheri, Mumbai. Around 600 students of Class 12th attended and gain the knowledge and information of CS Course.
- 2nd Career Guidance Session was conducted on 15th July, 2025 at Nagindas Khandwala College, Malad West, Mumbai. Around 71 students of Class Third Year BMS attended and gain the knowledge and information of CS Course.
- 3rd Career Guidance Session was conducted on 16th July, 2025 at Dnyan Bharti Society's Sau. S.R.K. & Late M.B.B.I. College, Vadkun, Dahanu Road. Around 550 students of Class FY/SY/TYB.Com, FYBA, 12th Commerce and 12th Science attended and gain the knowledge and information of CS Course.
- 4th Career Guidance Session was conducted on 17th July, 2025 at SIES Junior College of Commerce, Nerul, Navi Mumbai. Around 240 students of Class 12th Commerce attended and gain the knowledge and information of CS Course.
- 5th Career Guidance Session was conducted on 18th July, 2025 at Maharashtra College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mumbai. Around 50 students of FY B. Com Class attended and gain the knowledge and information of CS Course.
- 6th Career Guidance Session was conducted on 19th July, 2025 at Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Empowered Autonomous), Ghatkopar, Mumbai. Around 80 students of FYBAF and SYBAF Class attended and gain the knowledge and information of CS Course.
- ICSI-WIRC in collaboration with Kirit P Mehta School of Law, Mumbai organised Moot Court Competition on July 18, 2025. Two teams comprising 3 participants each participated in the competition.

Student Month Activities

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Action Taken (Brief of program/ activity)	No. of Students attended
1	01-Jul-25	Van Mahotsav	On 1st July, 2025, ICSI-WIRC celebrated "Van Mahotsav" at WIRC Premises, Mumbai under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, WIRC. Around 50 students of the ICSI participated in the event and planted saplings in the premises.	50
2	01-Jul-25	Blood Donation Camps	". On 1 st July, 2025, ICSI-WIRC taken part in the noble cause of "Blood Donation Camp" at Indian Red Cross Society, Shahid Bhagat Singh Road, Fort, Mumbai under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, WIRC. Around 10 students and employees of the ICSI shown their interest for the noble cause and donated the two units of the blood for the needy.	10
3	02-Jul-25	Elocution competition.	Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized an "Elocution Competition on the topic Corporate Governance - Panacea for CS Professionals" on 2nd July 2025 at the WIRC premises in Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Around 07 students of the ICSI participated in the event. CS Swapnil Shenvi was invited as Judge for the competition. Soham Indre, declared as a winner for the competition. Sagar Joguguddi and Dhairya Patel declared as 1st & 2nd Runner Up respectively. CS Milin Ramani, Visiting Faculty, Mumbai, awarded the appreciation certificates to the winners.	7
4	03-Jul-25	Session on "Behavioral Skills".	Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized "Physical Session on Behavioral Skills - Understanding the Differences: Hard Skills, Soft Skills and Behavioral Skills" on 3rd July 2025 at the WIRC premises in Mumbai.	40

			The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Around 40 students of the ICSI participated in the event. Session was conducted by CS Vedit Narsana, Visiting Faculty, Mumbai.	
5	04-Jul-25	Power Point Competition- (Topic: Viksit Bharat – Role of CS).	Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized “Power Point Competition – Topic: Vikasit Bharat – Role of Company Secretaries” on 4th July 2025 at the WIRC premises in Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Around 25 students of the ICSI participated in the event. Prof. Sweta Chheda was invited as Judge for the competition. Sakshi Menge, declared as a winner for the competition and awarded the appreciation certificate.	25
6	05-Jul-25	Physical Programme for students on any Academic topic	Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized “Physical Session on Academic Topic – Capital Market” on 5th July 2025 at the WIRC premises in Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Around 35 students of the ICSI participated in the event. Session was conducted by CS Milin Ramani, Visiting Faculty, Mumbai.	35
7	07-Jul-25	Activation of Classroom Teaching on pan India basis by Regional/Chapter Offices from 8 th July, 2024 for December 2024 session of examination	Not conducted as there are no classes announced by WIRO	NIL
8	08-Jul-25	Faculty Induction Programme	Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized “Faculty Induction Program on the topic Reviving the Guru-Sishya Parampara in Modern Classrooms” on 8th July 2025 at the Shriniwas Bagarka Jr. College in Mumbai.	20

			The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Around 20 faculties participated in the event. Session was conducted by CA Vimal Kumar Ashar, Visiting Faculty, Mumbai in the august presence of the Shri Dilip Kumar Dubey, Principal, Shriniwas Bagarka College, Mumbai.	
9	09-Jul-25	Communication / Soft skills development Programme for students.	Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized "Communication / Soft Skills Development Programme" on 9th July 2025 at the WIRC premises in Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Around 52 students of the ICSI participated in the event. Session was conducted by Ms. Lata Khatri, Visiting Faculty, Mumbai.	52
10	10-Jul-25	On the spot registration Day-1.	Observed on the spot registration day 1 for immediate registration of the course	No Students
11	11-Jul-25	Painting Competition on World Population Day.	No student participated in the event	No Students
12	14-Jul-25		Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) conducted "Career Guidance Session" at Shriniwas Bagaraka Junior College, Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Shri Dilip Dubey, Principal of the school grace the occasion with his presence. Students were apprised regarding various process/documentation required for registering the CS Course, registration dates, eligibility, fee structure, etc. Around 600 students attended the session.	600
13	15-Jul-25		Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) conducted "Career Guidance Session" at Nagindas Khandwala College, Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Dr. Swapna Joshi, BMS Coordinator and Prof. Wilson Nadar, Assistant Professor of the school grace the occasion with their presence. Students were apprised regarding various process/documentation required for registering the CS Course, registration dates,	71

			eligibility, fee structure, etc. Around 71 students attended the session.	
14	16-Jul-25	Celebration of Career Awareness Week- 1 on pan India basis at all offices and study centers. (14-07-2025 to 18-Jul-25)	Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) conducted "Career Guidance Session" at Dnyan Bharti Society's Sau. S.R.K. & Late M.B.B.I.College, Vadkun, Dahanu Road. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Dr. Rupesh B. Gaikar, Principal and Shirish B. Jadhav, Career Cell Coordinator of the college grace the occasion with his presence. Students of 12th Science, 12th Commerce, FY/SY/TY B. Com. and FY B. A. were apprised regarding various process/documentation required for registering the CS Course, registration dates, eligibility, fee structure, etc. Around 550 students attended the session.	550
15	17-Jul-25		Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) conducted "Career Guidance Session" at SIES Junior College of Commerce, Nerul, Navi Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Dr. Koel Roychoudhury, Hon'ble Principal, Ms. Sunita Ambhore, Hon'ble Vice Principal and Mr. Sreejith M. Nair, Faculty – Junior College grace the occasion with their presence. Students were apprised regarding various process/documentation required for registering the CS Course, registration dates, eligibility, fee structure, etc. Around 240 students attended the session.	240

16	18-Jul-25		Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) conducted "Career Guidance Session" at Maharashtra College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Mumbai Central, Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Dr. Sirajuddin Chougale, Hon'ble Principal, Dr. Bushra Farouqui and Ms. Musharrafa, Faculty – Degree College grace the occasion. Students were apprised regarding various process/documentation required for registering the CS Course, registration dates, eligibility, fee structure, etc. Around 50 students attended the session.	50
17	19-Jul-25		Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) conducted "Career Guidance Session" at Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Ghatkopar, Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Ms. Rekha Shetty and Ms. Shruti Samant, Faculty – Degree College grace the occasion. Students were apprised regarding various process/documentation required for registering the CS Course, registration dates, eligibility, fee structure, etc. Around 80 students attended the session.	80
18	15-Jul-25	Debate Competition on 'Social Media – Boon or Bane' on Social Media Giving Day.	No student participated in the event	No Students
19	18-Jul-25	Moot Court Competition with Law College	Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) in collaboration with Kirit P Mehta School of Law conducted "Moot Court Competition" at Court Room of Kirit P Mehta School of Law, Vileparle, Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. An eminent professors from the Kirit P Mehta School of Law were present during the competition as a panel of judges. Winner Team and Runner Up team has been awarded by the Commendation Certificate.	Two teams comprising 3 participants each

20	19-Jul-25	Samadhan Diwas - Zero Grievance Day.	Around 10 students who called / emailed their query and the query was solved on the spot. Various Calls / email has been received during the entire day and the query / grievances has been resolved over call/email. Various steps have been taken for wider publicity/for propagating the event like publicity through Press Release, Social media, WIRC Child Portal, email etc.	10
21	19-Jul-25	Interaction with Vice President, the ICSI	Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) took an initiative and organized virtual session on “Interaction with Vice President” for the students of the Western Region on July 19, 2025. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. CS Pawan G Chandak, Vice President, The ICSI had a direct interaction with students during this Interactive Session. He provided guidance to the students on aligning with the evolving role of Company Secretaries in emerging India. Around 170 Students have registered and attended the session and discussed various queries related to internship, training and academics. The Chairman, TEFC, ICSI-WIRC was also present during the interaction	170
22	21-Jul-25	Mock interview for the students who are eligible for training.	Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized “Mock Interview Session for the students” on 21st July 2025 at the WIRC premises in Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Around 50 students of the ICSI participated in the event. Session was conducted by Ms. Riti Kapoor Chopra, Visiting Faculty, Mumbai.	50
23	22-Jul-25	National Flag adoption Day (Flag hoisting across offices).	As part of the celebrations for “Student Month – July 2025”, the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized “National Flag Adoption Day” on 22nd July 2025 at the WIRC premises in Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Around 50 students of the ICSI participated in the event.	50

24	23-Jul-25	Submission of articles by the students on academic topics	As part of the celebrations for “Student Month – July 2025”, the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized “Submission of Articles by the students on any academic topics” on 23rd July 2025 at the WIRC premises in Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Around 10 students of the ICSI participated in the event and submitted the articles.	10
25	24-Jul-25	Book Review Competition	As part of the celebrations for “Student Month – July 2025”, the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized “Book Review Competition” on 24th July 2025 at the WIRC premises in Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. 10 students of the ICSI participated in the event and taken part in the Book Review Competition.	10
26	25-Jul-25	Career Awareness Program	As part of the celebrations for “Student Month – July 2025”, Career Awareness Program, on 25th July 2025, the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) conducted “Career Guidance Session” at Montfort Junior College of Arts & Commerce, Prabhadevi, Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Rev. Br. Joseph, Hon’ble Principal, Ms. Steffi Fernandes, Subject Teacher, Ms. Greetal Fernandes, Class Teacher, Mr. Yogesh Kadam and Mr. Praveen Shukla, Faculty grace the occasion. Students were apprised regarding various process/documentation required for registering the CS Course, registration dates, eligibility, fee structure, etc. Around 40 students attended the session.	40

27	25-Jul-25	Operation Sindoor- Essay writing competition (Role of Artificial Intelligence in armed Forces).	As part of the celebrations for “Student Month – July 2025”, the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized “Essay Writing Competition on the topic Operation Sindoor (Role of Artificial Intelligence in Armed Forces)” on 25th July 2025 at the WIRC premises in Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. 5 students of the ICSI participated in the event.	5
28	28-Jul-25	Celebration of Career Awareness Week-2 on pan India basis at all offices and study centers.	As part of the celebrations for “Student Month – July 2025”, Career Awareness Week – 28th to 31st July 2025, on 28th July 2025, the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) conducted “Career Guidance Session” at KPB Hinduja College of Commerce, Charni Road, Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Ms. Sameera and Mr. Piyush, Faculty – Degree College grace the occasion. Students were apprised regarding various process/documentation required for registering the CS Course, registration dates, eligibility, fee structure, etc. Around 200 students attended the session.	200
29	29-Jul-25		As part of the celebrations for “Student Month – July 2025”, Career Awareness Week – 28th to 31st July 2025, on 29th July 2025, the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) conducted “Career Guidance Session” at Shailendra Education Society’s Arts, Commerce & Science College, Dahisar, Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Dr. Swati Pitale, Hon’ble Principal, Dr. Shraddha Shukla, Professor and Ms. Rupal Dalal, Asst. Professor – Degree College grace the occasion. Students were apprised regarding various process/documentation required for registering the CS Course, registration dates, eligibility, fee structure, etc. Around 103 students attended the session.	103

30	30-Jul-25		As part of the celebrations for “Student Month – July 2025”, Career Awareness Week – 28th to 31st July 2025, on 30th July 2025, the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) conducted “Career Guidance Session” at Sonopant Dandekar College, Palghar. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Shri Kiran Save, Hon’ble Principal, Shri Mahesh Deshmukh, Hon’ble Vice Principal for Degree College and Ms. Preeti Patel, Hon’ble Principal for Junior College grace the occasion. Students were apprised regarding various process/documentation required for registering the CS Course, registration dates, eligibility, fee structure, etc. Around 1000 students from the various undergraduate degree course like BAF, BMS, BBI, B.Com and students from 12th Standard attended the session. Many students shown their interest for joining the CS course.	1000
31	30-Jul-25	Celebration of Career Awareness Week-2 on pan India basis at all offices and study centers.	As part of the celebrations for “Student Month – July 2025”, Career Awareness Week – 28th to 31st July 2025, on 30th July 2025, the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) conducted “Career Guidance Session” at SSR College, Silvassa. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Six sessions were conducted by CS Bhavesh Rawal, CS Neelabh Kaushik, and CS Khushboo Agarwal, and more than 450 students attended the same. The students were inspired with valuable insights into the Company Secretary (CS) Profession, the Evolving Role of Governance Professionals, and the multiple career avenues available through the CS course. The enthusiastic participation and curiosity of the students made the session highly interactive and engaging and many students have shown their keen interest to join the CS course.	450

			The dignitaries, Dr. Alpana Sharma, Vice Principal and CMA Vipin Mishra, Associate Professor SSR College of Arts, Commerce and Science and Prof. Dr. Rakesh Patil, Director, Dr. Rajesh Pandey, Dr. Diksha Swaroop, Mr. Amar Vangad, Associate Professor (MBA) and Dr. Natasha Nunes, Ms. Ankita, Associate Professor (BBA) SSR Institute of Management and Research highlighted the importance of professional education, ethical leadership, and the mission of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) in building corporate India.	
32	31-Jul-25		As part of the celebrations for “Student Month – July 2025”, Career Awareness Week – 28th to 31st July 2025, on 31st July 2025, the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) conducted “Career Guidance Session” at V. K. Krishna Menon College of Commerce & Economics, Bhandup, Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC., Smt. Devaki Kutty, Hon’ble In-Charge Principal, Shri Prasanth R., Hon’ble Vice Principal and Mr. Nainesh, Professor – Degree College grace the occasion. Students were apprised regarding various process/documentation required for registering the CS Course, registration dates, eligibility, fee structure, etc. Around 450 students from FYB.Com, BAF and BBI attended the session.	65
33	31-Jul-25		As part of the celebrations for “Student Month – July 2025”, Career Awareness Week – 28th to 31st July 2025, on 31st July 2025, the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) conducted “Career Guidance Session” at Thakur Shyamnarayan Degree College, Kandivali, Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Dr. G. D. Giri, Hon’ble Principal, Adv. Hardik Goradiya, Coordinator – BAF Department, Shri Trushant Wadkar, HOD – BAF Department, Ms. Megha Toprani, Ms. Vaishnavi Kulkarni	65

			and Mr. Sagar Kunbi, Event In-Charge grace the occasion. Students were apprised regarding various process/documentation required for registering the CS Course, registration dates, eligibility, fee structure, etc. Around 65 students from FY & SY BAF attended the session and shown their interest in CS Course.	
34	28-Jul-25	World Nature Conservation Day- Slogan writing competition.	ICSI is Celebrating "Student Month July-2025". As part of the celebrations, on 28 th July 2025, ICSI-WIRC celebrated "World Nature Conservation Day" and conducted Slogan Writing Competition at WIRC Premises, Mumbai under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, WIRC. Around 20 students of the ICSI participated in the event and taken part in the slogan writing competition.	20
35	29-Jul-25	Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.	As part of the celebrations for "Student Month – July 2025", the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" on 29th July 2025 at the WIRC premises in Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. ICSI-WIRC Employees participated in the event and cleaned the office premises and discarded the unwanted / waste papers /materials.	15
36	30-Jul-25	Student Registration Day.	As part of the celebrations for "Student Month – July 2025", on 30th July 2025, the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized drive for "On the Spot Registration Day – 2" and "Student Registration Day" at WIRC Premises, Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Student visited the institute has been provided the information related to CS Course and motivated to register themselves on the spot. Accordingly, students registered for the CS Course on the spot.	1

37	30-Jul-25	On the Spot Registration Day-2.	As part of the celebrations for “Student Month – July 2025”, on 30th July 2025, the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized drive for “On the Spot Registration Day – 2” and “Student Registration Day” at WIRC Premises, Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. Student visited the institute has been provided the information related to CS Course and motivated to register themselves on the spot. Accordingly, students registered for the CS Course on the spot.	1
38	30-Jul-25	Inter-College Poster-Making Competition on International Friendship Day.	As part of the celebrations for “Student Month – July 2025”, the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized Inter College Poster Making Competition on the theme “International Friendship Day” on 30th July 2025 at the WIRC premises in Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. ICSI students from various colleges participated in the event and took part in the poster making competition.	1
39	31-Jul-25	Debate Competition - Social Media: Boon or Bane.	As part of the celebrations for “Student Month – July 2025”, the Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized “Debate Competition - Social Media: Boon or Bane” on 31st July 2025 at the WIRC premises in Mumbai. The event was conducted under the leadership of CS Hrishikesh Wagh, Chairman, ICSI-WIRC. ICSI students participated in the event and took part in the debate competition.	4

Progress of Student Month Activities 2025 Bhayander Chapter

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Action Taken (Brief of program/ activity)
1	01-Jul-25	Van Mahotsav and Blood Donation Camps.	The Bhayander Chapter of WIRC of ICSI celebrated 'Student Month July-2025'. on 1st July 2025, the chapter organized a 'Van Mahotsav' at its premises. Students, Chapter Chairman alongwith members and chapter staff participated in the event.
2	02-Jul-25	Elocution competition.	The Bhayander Chapter of WIRC of ICSI celebrated 'Student Month July-2025'. on 2nd July 2025, the chapter organized a 'Elocution competition' at its premises. Students, Chapter Chairman along with members and chapter staff participated in the event. (Total 9 students participated)
3	03-Jul-25	Session on "Behavioral Skills".	on 3rd July 2025, the chapter organized a session on 'Behavioural Skills' at its premises. faculty- Ms. Khushboo Bidwatka has taken the session, 44 Students participated in the event.
4	04-Jul-25	Power Point Competition- (Topic: Viksit Bharat – Role of CS).	on 4th July 2025, the chapter organized a 'Power Point Competition - (Viksit Bharat - Role of CS)' at its premises. 5 Students participated in the event.
5	05-Jul-25	Physical Programme for students on any Academic topic	5th July 2025, the chapter organized a Physical Programme on 'Academic Topic' at its premises. Faculty - CS Milin Ramani taken the session, 42 students participated in the event
6	08-Jul-25	Faculty Induction Programme.	8th July 2025, the chapter organized a 'Faculty Induction Programme'. Chapter approaches the faculty.
7	09-Jul-25	Communication / Soft skills development Programme for students	on 9th July 2025, the chapter organized a Physical Programme on 'Communication/ Soft Skills Development Programme' at its premises. Faculty - CS Vishram Panchpor taken the session, 42 students participated in the event.

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Action Taken (Brief of program/ activity)
8	11-Jul-25	Painting Competition on World Population Day.	on 11th July 2025, the chapter organized a 'Painting Competition on World Population Day at its premises. 3 Students participated in the event.
9	14-Jul-25 to 18-Jul-25	Celebration of Career Awareness Week- 1 on pan India basis at all offices and study centers.	on 14th July Chapter organised a Career Awareness program at Royal College of Arts,Science & Commerce, Mira Road - CS Ghanshyam Sharma-Chairman, CS Deepa Mishra - Vice Chairperson, CS Abhishek Singh - Secretary & CS Hiten Sharma- Former Chairman have conducted CAP & addressed around 100 students pursuing 12th Commerce students. (The chapter has also approached other colleges to conduct Career Awareness Programme (CAP) sessions.)
10	15-Jul-25	Debate Competition on 'Social Media – Boon or Bane' on Social Media Giving Day.	on 15th July 2025, the chapter organized a 'Debate Competition on Social Media - Boon or Bane on Social Media at its premises. 16 Students participated in the event.

Progress of Student Month Activities 2025 Bhopal Chapter

Sr. No	Name of Activity	Action Taken (Brief of program/ activity)
1	Van Mahotsav	The Bhopal Chapter of WIRC of ICSI successfully organized Van Mahotsav on 01st July 2025 at the Chapter premises to celebrate the spirit of environmental conservation and promote awareness about the importance of trees and greenery. As part of the celebration, a tree plantation drive was conducted in which a total of 34 students actively participated.
2	Blood Donation Camps	The Bhopal Chapter of WIRC of ICSI successfully organized a Blood Donation Camp on 01st July 2025 at the Chapter premises as part of its social responsibility initiatives. The activity aimed to promote the spirit of humanity and encourage voluntary blood donation among students and members. A total of 06 students actively participated in the camp and donated blood, contributing to a noble cause. The initiative was conducted in collaboration with a Hamidiya Hospital blood bank-Bhopal, ensuring proper medical supervision and hygiene protocols throughout the process.
3	Elocution competition.	The Bhopal Chapter of WIRC of ICSI successfully organized an Elocution Competition on 02nd July 2025 at the Chapter premises on the topic "Emerging Role of Company Secretary in the Corporate Sector in India." The objective of the activity was to provide a platform for CS students to express their views and enhance their public speaking skills while deepening their understanding of the evolving role of Company Secretaries in the Indian corporate landscape. A total of 31 students actively participated in the competition, delivering insightful speeches covering topics such as governance, compliance, strategic advisory, and sustainability roles of Company Secretaries. Their presentations reflected in-depth knowledge, confidence, and excellent communication skills.
4	Session on "Behavioral Skills".	The Bhopal Chapter of WIRC of ICSI successfully conducted a Session on "Behavioral Skills" on 03rd July 2025 at the Chapter premises. The session was designed to enhance the soft skills and professional conduct of CS students, which are essential for excelling in the corporate environment.

Sr. No	Name of Activity	Action Taken (Brief of program/ activity)
5	Power Point Competition- (Topic: Viksit Bharat – Role of CS).	The Bhopal Chapter of WIRC of ICSI successfully organized a PowerPoint Competition on 04th July 2025 on the topic “Viksit Bharat – Role of CS.” The objective of the competition was to encourage students to creatively present their thoughts on the pivotal role of Company Secretaries in building a developed and progressive India (Viksit Bharat). A total of 06 students actively participated by submitting their well-researched and thoughtfully designed PowerPoint presentations. A total of 06 students actively participated in the activity
6	Physical Programme for students on any Academic topic	The Bhopal Chapter of WIRC of ICSI successfully conducted a Physical Programme on the academic topic of Securities Law on 05th July 2025 at the Chapter premises. The session aimed to deepen the understanding of students on the regulatory framework governing securities markets and related compliance requirements. A total of 32 students actively participated in the program, engaging with the CA Ankit Rohit-resource person through interactive discussions and case study analyses. The session covered key aspects of securities regulations, market practices, and the role of Company Secretaries in ensuring regulatory compliance. The program concluded with a Q&A session and distribution of participation certificates. The activity was appreciated for its academic value and contribution to the professional development of the students.
7	Activation of Classroom Teaching	The Bhopal Chapter of WIRC of ICSI successfully initiated Classroom Teaching for Executive Programme students on 07th July 2025 at the Chapter premises. A total of 06 students actively participated in the inaugural classroom session. The classes are designed to cover the comprehensive syllabus of the Executive Programme with a focus on conceptual clarity and exam preparation.
8	Faculty Induction Programme.	The Bhopal Chapter of WIRC of ICSI successfully organized a Faculty Induction Programme on 08th July 2025 at the Chapter premises. The programme was aimed at orienting and enhancing the teaching skills of the faculty members associated with ICSI Bhopal Chapter. A total of 21 faculties actively participated in the induction session, which covered effective teaching methodologies, latest academic updates, and best practices to engage students more effectively. The session also emphasized the importance of continuous learning and professional development for faculty members. The programme was interactive and well-appreciated by the participants, marking a significant step towards strengthening the quality of education imparted at the Chapter.

Sr. No	Name of Activity	Action Taken (Brief of program/ activity)
9	Communication skills development Programme for students.	The Bhopal Chapter of WIRC of ICSI successfully conducted a Communication Skills Development Programme for students on 09th July 2025 at the Chapter premises. The programme aimed to enhance the verbal and non-verbal communication abilities of the participants, which are essential for professional success. A total of 35 students actively participated in the interactive session CS Pooja Popli -resource person shared valuable insights on key communication skill aspects such as covered key topics such as effective speaking, listening skills, body language, and presentation techniques. The participants engaged in various activities and exercises designed to boost their confidence and clarity in communication
10	On the spot registration Day-1.	The Bhopal Chapter of WIRC of ICSI conducted On-the-Spot Registration for CSEET and Executive Programme students on 10th July 2025 at the Chapter premises. This initiative was aimed at facilitating easy a immediate enrollment for aspiring Company Secretary students. A total of 2 students registered on the spot for the CSEET and Executive Programme courses. The registration process was smooth and efficiently managed by the Chapter staff, ensuring a hassle-free experience for the students. The Chapter continues to encourage aspiring professionals to take advantage of such convenient registration facilities to pursue their CS education.
11	Painting Competition on World Population Day	The Bhopal Chapter of WIRC of ICSI successfully organized a Painting Competition on the occasion of World Population Day on 11th July 2025 at the Chapter premises. The competition aimed to raise awareness among students about population-related issues and their impact on sustainable development. Only 01 student actively participated, expressing their creativity and understanding of the theme through vibrant and meaningful artwork. The paintings reflected various perspectives on population growth, resource management, and social responsibility.
12	Career Awareness Week-1	The Bhopal Chapter of WIRC of ICSI successfully conducted Career Awareness Week from 14th July to 18th July 2025 by organizing 3 Career Awareness Programmes (CAPs) at various schools. Govt. Maharan Pratap H. S. School on 16.07.2025, total students 212. Subhash Government Higher Secondary School on 18.07.2025, total students 350 Govt. Sarojini Naidu G. H. S. School on 18.07.2025, total students 192 The initiative aimed to introduce school students to the promising career opportunities available in the field of Company Secretaryship.

Sr. No	Name of Activity	Action Taken (Brief of program/ activity)
		A total of 754 students participated in these programmes, where they were informed about the role, responsibilities, and scope of the Company Secretary profession. The sessions were interactive and designed to motivate and guide students towards considering Company Secretary as a viable and rewarding career option.
13	Debate Competition on 'Social Media – Boon or Bane' on Social Media Giving Day	The Bhopal Chapter of WIRC of ICSI successfully organized a Debate Competition on the topic 'Social Media – Boon or Bane' on 15th July 2025 for Executive Programme students. A total of 05 students actively participated in the competition, presenting well-reasoned arguments on both the positive and negative impacts of social media. The debate highlighted social media's role in enhancing communication and awareness, as well as challenges like privacy concerns and misinformation. The Debate was judged by CS Hina Siddhiqui based on content, articulation, and presentation skills.
14	Samadhan Diwas - Zero Grievance Day.	The Bhopal Chapter of WIRC of ICSI observed Samadhan Diwas – Zero Grievance Day on 19th July 2025, with the objective of addressing and resolving students' grievances in a prompt and effective manner. A total of 08 students visited the Chapter and successfully resolved their queries related to registration, examination, academic support, and other student-related services. Chapter officials and staff provided necessary assistance and ensured that all concerns were addressed on the spot.
15	Mock interview for the students who are eligible for training.	The Bhopal Chapter of WIRC of ICSI successfully conducted a Mock Interview on 21st July 2025 for students eligible for training, with the objective of preparing them for real-world corporate interviews. A total of 01 student participated in the activity.

Progress of Student Month Activities 2025

Chhatrapati Shambhajnagar

Sr. No	Name of Activity	Action Taken (Brief of program/ activity)
1	Van Mahotsav and Blood Donation Camps.	Celebrated on 01/07/2025. for Van Mahotsav participants 15 attended & for Blood donation participant 13 are attend the prog.
2	Elocution competition.	Celebrated on 02/07/2025. Nine (9) student participated in the Elocution competition. Ms. Shravani Banwadikar declared the winner & Mr. Ashmit Ukalkar is the runner up of the Elocution competition by the Judges CS Komal Mutha .
3	Session on "Behavioral Skills".	Celebrated on 03/07/2025. Around 15 students participated in the session
4	Power Point Competition- (Topic: Viksit Bharat – Role of CS).	Celebrated on 04/07/2025. A total of six (6) enthusiastic students participated in the PowerPoint Competition. The competition was judged by esteemed professionals CS Rashmi Gangwal and CS Someshchandra Kale , who appreciated the high standard of oratory and content displayed by the students. Results: Winner: Ms. Neer Jain Runner-up: Mr. Rohan Karhale.
5	Communication / Soft skills development Programme for students.	As part of the ongoing Student Month Celebration – July 2025 , the Chh. Sambhajnagar Chapter successfully organized a Communication and Soft Skills Development Programme on 9th July 2025 . The session was conducted in physical mode and was led by CS Vipul Sharma , Former Chairman of Chh. Sambhajnagar Chapter
6	On the spot registration Day-1.	As part of the ongoing Student Month Celebration initiated in July 2025, the Chh. Sambhajnagar Chapter successfully organized “On the Spot Registration Day – 1” on 10th July 2025 .

Sr. No	Name of Activity	Action Taken (Brief of program/ activity)
7	Painting Competition on World Population Day.	Chh. Sambhajnagar Chapter organises "Painting Competition" on the Topic "World Population Day" on 11th July 2025. Three painting received at Chapter office form the following Student.
8	Celebration of Career Awareness Week- 1 on pan India basis at all offices and study centers.	CAP don on following colleges
9	Debate Competition on 'Social Media – Boon or Bane' on Social Media Giving Day.	Celebrated Debate Competition on 15 th July 2025 follwing students attended
10	Samadhan Diwas - Zero Grievance Day.	Celebrated Debate Competition on 19th July 2025. Resolve students problems & Query
11	Mock interview for the students who are eligible for training	Celebrated Mock Interview on 21/07/2025 CS Rashmi Gangwal and CS Paresh Deshpande conducted the session . following attended
12	National Flag adoption Day (Flag hoisting across offices).	Celebrated National Flag adoption Day on 22/07/2025 . Around 15 students present for this event.

Progress of Student Month Activities 2025 Dombivli Chapter

Sr. No	Name of Activity	Action Taken (Brief of program/ activity)
1	Van Mahotsav	As an initiative by ICSI, Student Month is celebrated every year in the month of July. The ICSI Dombivli Chapter is celebrating Van Mahotsav with the students of ICSI
2	Elocution competition	As an initiative by ICSI, Student Month is celebrated every year in the month of July. The ICSI Dombivli Chapter conducted an Elocution Competition on Saturday, July 5, 2025, from 5:15 PM to 6:30PM. The topics for the competition were: 1. Corporate Frauds and the Role of Company Secretaries in Prevention and Detection 2. Youth as Nation Builders – The Role of Young Professionals in Shaping Corporate India Two students participated in the competition.
3	Power Point Competition- (Topic: Viksit Bharat – Role of CS).	As an initiative by ICSI, Student Month is celebrated every year in the month of July. The ICSI Dombivli Chapter conducted a PPT Competition on the topic "Viksit Bharat: Role of Company Secretary" on Friday, July 4, 2025, from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM. Only one student participated in the competition.
4	Communication / Soft skills development Programme for students.	As an initiative by ICSI, Student Month is celebrated every year in the month of July. ICSI Dombivli Chapter has conduct session on “Communication / Soft skills development Programme” for students” on Wednesday, July 09, 2025 from 01:30 pm to 03:30 pm. ICSI Dombivli Chapter has communicated the session details to the all the students of the Dombivli jurisdiction.Total 4 students have attended the session physically at the Chapter premises.
5	On the spot registration Day-1.	Mr. Shailesh Subramanian has been registered as an Executive Programme student through the Dombivli Chapter.
6	Celebration of Career Awareness Week- 1 on pan India basis at all offices and study centers.	As an initiative by ICSI, Student Month is celebrated every year in the month of July. As a part of the ICSI Student Month Career Awareness Week on pan India basis was conducted for the students.

Sr. No	Name of Activity	Action Taken (Brief of program/ activity)
		The Dombivali chapter of WIRC of ICSI organized a Career Awareness Program on 14th July 2025 at Tilak Junior College. Around 300 students from the Arts, Commerce and Science streams participated in the session.

Progress of Student Month Activities 2025 Goa Chapter

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Action Taken (Brief of program/ activity)
1	01.07.2025	Van Mahotsav and Blood Donation Camps.	1 student registered, bought saplings from Forest Dept. Blood Donation Camp was not conducted
2	02.07.2025	Elocution competition	Since only 1 student registered activity was not conducted
3	03.07.2025	Session on "Behavioral Skills".	Students did not register
4	04.07.2025	Power Point Competition- (Topic: Viksit Bharat – Role of CS).	Only 1 Student registered
5	09.07.2025	Physical Programme for students on any Academic topic.	No students were there
6	08.07.2025	Faculty Induction Programme	NIL
7	09.07.2025	Communication / Soft skills development Programme for students	No registration
8	10.07.2025	On the spot registration Day-1.	2 CSEET Registration
9	11.07.2025	Painting Competition on World Population Day	Since its continuous rain here students did not participate
10	14.07.2025 to 18.07.2025	Celebration of Career Awareness Week- 1 on pan India basis at all offices and study centers.	3 CAPs were conducted with 262 students attendance

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Action Taken (Brief of program/ activity)
11	15.07.2025	Debate Competition on 'Social Media – Boon or Bane' on Social Media Giving Day.	Since its continuous rain here students did not participate
12	19.07.2025	Samadhan Diwas - Zero Grievance Day.	Since its continuous rain here students did not participate
13	21.07.2025	Mock interview for the students who are eligible for training	No registration

Progress of Student Month Activities 2025 Kolhapur Chapter

Sr. No	Name of Activity	Action Taken (Brief of program/ activity)
1	Van Mohosav & Blood Donation	The Kolhapur Chapter organized a Blood Donation Camp on 1 July 2025, The camp received a positive response, with a total of 14 individuals voluntarily donating blood, and also organise tree plantation at chapter office premisses.
2	Elocution Competition	The Kolhapur Chapter organized an Elocution Competition on 2nd July 2025 at the ICSI Chapter premises, there are 04 active participants.
3	Session On Behavioural Skills	The Kolhapur Chapter organized a session on Behavioural Skills on 3rd July 2025 at the ICSI Chapter premises. The faculty for the session was CS Piyush Kale, who conducted an engaging and insightful session.
4	Power Point Competition	The Kolhapur Chapter of ICSI organized a PPT competition on the topic "Viksit Bharat: Role of CS" yesterday. A total of 06 students participated and delivered their presentations.
5	Physical Programme for students on any Academic Topic	The Kolhapur Chapter of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized a special programme today as part of Student Month – 2025. The session focused on the topic "Incorporation of Companies" and was conducted by CS Sachin Bidkar. A total of 09 students actively participated in the programme and delivered insightful presentations on various aspects of company incorporation.
6	Activation of Classroom	The Kolhapur Chapter of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) circulated flyers related to Classroom Teaching Activities, but there is no response received from students.
7	Faculty Induction Program	The Kolhapur Chapter of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) recently organized a Faculty Induction Programme aimed at fostering academic excellence and promoting new initiatives such as coaching classes and a session for debating society.

Sr. No	Name of Activity	Action Taken (Brief of program/ activity)
8	Communication & Soft Skills Development	The Kolhapur Chapter of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized a special programme today as part of Student Month – 2025. The session focused on the topic "Communication & Soft Skills Development" and was conducted by CS Sheetal Mahamuni. A total of 08 students actively participated in the programme and delivered insightful presentations on communication & soft skills development
9	On the Spot Registration Day 1	The Kolhapur Chapter of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) circulated flyers related to on the spot Registration, but there is no response received from students
10	Painting Competition	The Kolhapur Chapter successfully organised a painting competition on 11th July 2025, to mark World Population Day. A total of 03 participants submitted their artworks, each beautifully reflecting the theme of World Population Day.
11	CAP Week 14 to 18 July 2025	The Kolhapur Chapter conducted CAP at Vivekanand College, Jr.Dept of Arts & Commerce on 15 July 2025. The session is delivered by CS Jaideep Patil and CS Sachin Bidkar to 230 Students of arts and commerce.
12	Debate Competition	The Kolhapur Chapter of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized a Debate Competition for CS Executive Students on 15th July 2025 as part of Student Month – 2025. A total of 6 students actively participated in the competition and delivered insightful presentations on various aspects on topic Social Media- Boon or Bane .

Progress of Student Month Activities 2025 Indore Chapter

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Details	Participation
1	01.07.2025	Van Mahotsav	Members & Students	25
2	01.07.2025	Blood Donation Camp	Members & Students	5
3	02.07.2025	Elocution Competition	CS Arvind Kumar Meena	4
4	03.07.2025	Session on "Behavioural Skills"	Dr. Mridul Dadhich	40
5	04.07.2025	Power Point Competition- (Topic: Viksit Bharat – Role of CS)	CS Pravin Gupta	1
6	05.07.2025	Physical Programme for students on “Artificial Intelligence & Its impact on Corporate Governance”	CS Ashish Nayak	37
7	07.07.2025	Activation of Classroom Teaching		4
8	08.07.2025	Faculty induction Programme	Mr. Vincent Thomas	14
9	09.07.2025	Communication / Soft skills development Programme	Mr. Vincent Thomas	45
10	10.07.2025	On the spot registration Day-1		1
11	11.07.2025	Painting Competition- Topic “CORPORATEGOVERNANCE: THE BACKBONE OF VIKSIT BHARAT”		3
12	14.07.2025 to 18.07.2025	Celebration of Career Awareness Week-1		4
13	15.07.2025	Debate Competition on ‘Social Media – Boon or Bane’ for Executive Program Students	Mr. Krishna Gupta (CDSL)	7
14	08.07.2025	Faculty induction Programme	Mr. Vincent Thomas	14

Progress of Student Month Activities 2025 Nagpur Chapter

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Action taken (Brief of program/activity)
1	01.07.2025	Blood Donation Camp	Nagpur Chapter of WIRC of ICSI successfully organized blood donation camp in association with Dr.Hedgewar Blood Donation Centre on 1st July 2025 on the occasion of students' month celebration July 2025 at ICSI Nagpur Chapter Office premises. Total 14 participants attended the program and total 10 units bloods were donated by the donors during the program. The program was followed by distribution of participation certificate and refreshment among the participants
2	01.07.2025	Van Mahotsav	Van Mahotsav Program was also organized on the first day of Students Month Celebration Program and 14 members and students participated in the plantation drive on that occasion.
3	02.07.2025	Elocution Competition	ICSI Nagpur Chapter successfully organized the Elocution competition on 2nd July 2025 on the occasion of students' month celebration July 2025. The program was organized at ICSI Nagpur Chapter Office. The mentor of the program was the Managing Committee Member of ICSI Nagpur Chapter CS Monica Bhattad. Total 15 students were participated in the above program. The winner of the program was Ms. Ms.Chetna K.Joshi.
4	03.07.2025	Special Program(Session on Behavioural Skill)	Session on Behavioral Skills has been organized successfully by Nagpur Chapter on 3 rd July 2025 at Nagpur Chapter Office. Total 13 students have participated in the session. The speaker of the session was CS Avinash Gandhewar and topic of deliberation was on behavioral skills. The program was followed by distribution of participation certificate and refreshment among the participants.
5	05.07.2025	Power Point Competition- (Topic: Viksit Bharat – Role of CS)	Power Point Competition was successfully organized by Nagpur Chapter on the occasion of Students Month Celebration July 2025 at Nagpur Chapter Office on 4 th July 2025. Total 6 students participated in this competition .CS Rashmi Mitkary was the mentor of the program. The winner of the program was Ms.Devika Rout. The program was followed by distribution of participation certificate and refreshment among the participants.

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Action taken (Brief of program/activity)
6	05-07-2025	Physical Programme for students on any Academic topic.	Physical program for students on any academic topic was successfully organized by Nagpur Chapter on the occasion of Students Month Celebration July 2025 at Nagpur Chapter Office on 5 th July 2025. Total 9 students participated in this competition .CS Bhanu Wadhwani was the faculty of the program. The topic of deliberation was "Cybercrime, its type, cases awareness, complaints and precautions: Three most famous cyber-crime cases of India" The program was followed by distribution of participation certificate and refreshment among the participants.
7	07-07-2025	Activation of Classroom Teaching on pan India basis by Regional/Chapter Offices from 8 th July, 2024 for December 2024 session of examination.	Nagpur Chapter has started its new batch of CS Executive Program from 7th July 2025 for December 2025 examination. Total 8(eight) students have enrolled for the Classroom Teaching Class. The faculty of the program are CS Yash Kabra, CA Sumit Chanwani,CS Deepika Vora, Adv.Nishi Gupta.
8	08-07-2025	Faculty Induction Programme.	ICSI Nagpur Chapter successfully organized the faculty induction program on 9th July 2025 on the occasion of students' month celebration July 2025. The program was organized at ICSI Nagpur Chapter Office. The faculty of the program was CS Yash Kabra. The role and responsibilities of faculties' members were discussed during the program. Students of classroom teaching classes were also interacted with all the faculties members. The session was helpful to faculties to improve their teaching and management skills and better understanding to their professional responsibility.
9	09-07-2025	Communication skills development Programme for students.	Session on communication skill program for students on any academic topic was successfully organized by Nagpur Chapter on the occasion of Students Month Celebration July 2025 at Nagpur Chapter Office on 9 th July 2025. Total 6 students participated in this Program .CS Sneha Jeet Meshram was the faculty of the program. The program was followed by distribution of participation certificate and refreshment among the participants.

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Action taken (Brief of program/activity)
10	10-07-2025	On the spot registration Day-1.	On Spot Registration Day-1 Program was successfully organized by Nagpur Chapter on the occasion of Students Month Celebration July 2025 at Nagpur Chapter Office on 10 th July 2025. Total 1 student of CSEET program was registered on that occasion. The program was followed by distribution of participation certificate and refreshment and surprise gift to the newly registered student.
11	11-07-2025	Painting Competition on World Population Day.	ICSI Nagpur Chapter successfully organized the printing competition on World Population Day on the occasion of Students Month Celebration July 2025 at ICSI Nagpur Chapter Office Premises. The mentor of the program was CS Sarrah Katawala, the Chairperson of Nagpur Chapter. Total 11 students were participated in the program. The winner of the painting competition was Mr. Meet Mishra. For this program painting equipment's were provided by Nagpur Chapter. The program was followed by distribution of participation certificate and refreshment among the participants.
12	12-07-2025	Special Program(Indoor Game for Students)	Nagpur Chapter of WIRC of ICSI organized a special program (Indoor Game) for students on 12 th July at Nagpur Chapter Office. The indoor Game comprise of Chess, Carrom, UNO game.
13	14-07-2025	Celebration of Career Awareness Week- 1 on pan India basis at all offices and study centers. (799 students covered during the CAP)	Total 9 students were participated in different games. Lady Amritbai Daga College, Nagpur Hadas CBSE School Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ajni, Nagpur Bharti Krishna Vidya Vihar Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ambajhari, Nagpur Delhi Public School, Kamptee St. Josphs Convent High School & Junior College Centre Point School, Vardhaman Nagar, Nagpur
14	15-07-2025	Debate Competition on 'Social Media – Boon or Bane' on Social Media Giving Day.	Nagpur Chapter of WIRC of ICSI successfully organized the Debate Competition on social media-Boon or Bane on social media Giving Day. Around 50 students were participated in the competition. The Mentor of the Competition was CS Amit K. Rajkotia. The winners of the competition are as under. 1:-Ms. Deepika Wadhvani-Winner 2:-MS. Devika Raout & Ms. Niyakshi Shah -Runner Up. The program was followed by distribution of participation certificates and refreshment among the participants.

Progress of Student Month Activities 2025 Navi Mumbai Chapter

Sr. No	Name of Activity	Action taken (Brief of program/activity)
1	Van Mahotsav	ICSI Navi Mumbai Chapter has organised 'Van Mahotsav' on 1st July 2025. Thus, ICSI Navi Mumbai Chapter has committed towards contribution for better environment with such this initiative. (Brief report alongwith photographs shared via email on 02.07.2025 to Dr Neeraj Kumar)
2	CAP-1st Week (14th July 2025 to 19th July 2025).	12.07.2025 -110 students 14.07.2025 - 250 students 15.07.2025 -255 students 16.07.2025 - 210 students 17.07.2025 - 250 students 18.07.2025 - 200 students 19.07.2025 - 110 + 130 students (Total 1515 students)

Progress of Student Month Activities 2025 Pune Chapter

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Action taken (Brief of program/activity)
1	01.07.2025	Van Mahotsava and Blood Donation Camp	Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI is Celebrating Student Month July-2025. As a part of Celebration, Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI has organized "Vanmahotsava and Blood Donation Camp" 1. Around 15 Students and members participated in Blood Donation Camp. 2. Around 19 Students and members participated in VanMahotsava.
2	02.07.2025	Elocution Competition	Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI is Celebrating Student Month July-2025. As a part of Celebration, Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI has organized Elocution Competition on topic "KMPs and Their Responsibilities in the Era of Corporate Listing". Around 4 Students participated in Elocution Competition.
3	03.07.2025	Session on "Behavioral Skills"	Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI is Celebrating Student Month July-2025. As a part of Celebration, Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI has organized Session on "Behavioral Skills" Around 50 Students participated in the Session.
4	04.07.2025	Power Point Presentation Competition.	Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI is Celebrating Student Month July-2025. As a part of Celebration, Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI has organized Power Point Presentation Competition. Total 04 nos. of PPT has been received from the Students. All PPT will be evaluated by the respective Judges and Result will be declared accordingly. The winners will be appreciated by awarding Certificates/Mementos etc during the Program organised by Pune Chapter of ICSI.
5	05.07.2025	Physical Programme for students	Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI is Celebrating Student Month July-2025. As a part of Celebration, Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI has organised Physical Programme for students on 'Preparation of Annual Filing 2025 in MCA V3' Total 37 nos. of Students have attended the session.
6	07.07.2025	Activation of Classroom training	Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI is Celebrating Student Month July-2025. As a part of Celebration, Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI has announced Classroom Teaching for CS Executive program from 8th July, 2025 for December 2025 session of examination.

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Action taken (Brief of program/activity)
7	08.07.2025	Faculty Induction Programme	As a part of Celebration, Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI has organised Faculty Induction Programme on 8th July, 2025. Faculties of EDP,TDOP,CLDP have participated in the Induction program. On Discussion and during the interaction with the Faculty members following Views and suggestion has been received. a. To focus on soft skill communications. b. To focus on the IT skills including on MS Excel & MS Power Points including its latest developments, if any. c. Emphasis on Leadership Development qualities. d. Improvement in Presentation skills. e. Improvement in counselling skills. f. Concept on the Team Work to be inducted. g. Training structure to be modified into two structures with one as theoretical pattern and the other as a practical pattern. h. Improvement in writing and drafting skills with enhanced knowledge of the concerned rules and regulations. i. Implementation of topics related to Finance and Audit. j. Debating skills on the various topics assigned. k. To focus on Moot Court sessions and to be practically get involved during the sessions.
8	09.07.2025	Session on Communication / Soft skills development	As a part of Celebration, Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI has organised Session on Communication / Soft skills development on 9th July, 2025.Around 43 Student has participated in the session.
9	10.07.2025	On The Spot Registration Day-1	Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI has organised On The Spot Registration Day-1 on 10th July, 2025. Pune Chapter has received various calls from respective students/Parents for inquiry of CS Course and accordingly official of Pune Chapter has resolved their query and advised them for registration, Further around 6 Students has participated physically in the On the Spot Registration Day.

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Action taken (Brief of program/activity)
10	11.07.2025	Painting Competition	Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI is Celebrating Student Month July-2025. As a part of Celebration, Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI has organised painting Competition on 11th July, 2025. 2 Students has participated in Painting Competition on 11th July, 2025.
11	14.07.2025 to 18.07.2025	Celebration of CAP Week-1	Around 1300 Student Covered

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Rajkot Chapter

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Participation	Action taken (Brief of program/activity)
1	01-Jul-25	Van Mahotsav	11	Program was organised successfully
2	02-Jul-25	Elocution competition.	4	Program was organised successfully
3	03-Jul-25	Session on "Behavioral Skills".	4	Program was organised successfully
4	04-Jul-25	PowerPoint Competition	4	Program was organised successfully
5	05-Jul-25	Physical Programme for students on any Academic topic.	7	Program was organised successfully
6	09-Jul-25	Communication / Soft skills development Programme for students.	9	Program was organised successfully
7	10-Jul-25	On the spot registration Day-1.	0	Program was organised successfully
8	11-Jul-25	Painting Competition on World Population Day	5	Program was organised successfully
9	14- Jul 2025 to 18 Jul 2025	Celebration of Career Awareness Week- 1 on pan India basis at all offices and study centers.	06 CAPs Conducted	Program was organised successfully
10	15-Jul-25	Debate Competition. (Only Executive students)	6	Program was organised successfully

Progress of Student Month Activities 2025 Surat Chapter

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Action taken (Brief of program/activity)
1	01.07.2025	Van Mahotsav	Organised, 6 students are participated
2	02.07.2025	Elocution competition	Organised but no one participated
3	03.07.2025	Session on Behavioral Skills	Organised, one student participated
4	04.07.2025	POWER POINT COMPETITION (TOPIC - Viksit Bharat- Role of CS)	Organised but no one participated
5	05.07.2024	Physical Program on any Academic topic	Organised, three students participated
6	07.07.2025	Activation of Classroom Teaching	Organised but no one participated
7	08.07.2025	Faculty Induction Program	Organised but no one participated
8	09.07.2025	Communication/ Soft skills development programme	Organised but no one participated
9	10.07.2025	On spot registration Day-1	Organised, one student participated
10	11.07.2025	Painting Competition- Topic- World Population Day	Organised, one student participated
11	14.07.2025 to 18.07.2025	Celebration of Career Awareness Week-1	4 CAPS organised and 1 scheduled
12	15.07.2025	Debate Competition on Social Media- Boon or Bane- on Social Media Giving Giving Day	Organised but no one participated

Progress of Student Month Activities 2025

Thane Chapter

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Action taken (Brief of program/activity)
1	01.07.2025	Van Mahotsav	Thane Chapter of WIRC of ICSI celebrates Van Mahotsav on 1st July 2025. Around 10 participant participated in Van Mahotsav
2	02.07.2025	Blood Donation Camp	Thane Chapter of WIRC of ICSI jointly with Rotary Club Thane Mid Town conducted a successful "Blood Donation Camp" on July 02, 2025. The promotional material for this event was uploaded on the child portal, and an email was sent out to Members and Students by the head office. Around 19 + participants participated in the camp, demonstrating their commitment to the cause. A notable contribution came from the Chidanand Charitable Trust Blood Centre, whose dedicated team played an integral role in the smooth execution of the camp. Prior to the blood donation process, they made sure that all participants were comfortable and well-informed about the process. They took the time to explain the importance and impact of blood donation, instilling a sense of purpose and motivation among the participants. Their compassionate approach and valuable guidance undoubtedly left a lasting impression on all those involved. Facebook live coverage was covered by Thane Vaibhav.
3	03.07.2025	Behavioural Skill	The Thane Chapter of WIRC of ICSI on occasion of the student month organized a Session on "Behavioural Skill "for students on 3rd July 2025. Around 15 no of participants attended the session. The session was addressed by Ms. Tejasvini Ekhe a qualified and seasoned trainer.
4	04.07.2025	Power point Competition	The Thane Chapter of WIRC of ICSI on occasion of the student month organized PowerPoint Competition on the topic "Viksit Bharat – Role of CS" on 4th July 2025.

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Action taken (Brief of program/activity)
			The Chapter had received presentation from 2nos. of participants. The PPTs were evaluated by CS Sohan Ranade, Vice Chairman, Thane Chapter. As per the evaluation criteria, the PPT of Ms. Anushka Mishra was selected, and she was declared the winner for the said competition
5	05.07.2025	Session on Company Law (Academic Topic)	The Thane Chapter of WIRC of ICSI on occasion of the student month organized a Session on "Company Law (Academic topic)" for students on 5th July 2025. Around 32 no of participants attended the session. The session was addressed by CS Swati Nivalkar.
6	09.07.2025	Communication Skill on	The Thane Chapter of WIRC of ICSI on occasion of the student month organized a Session on "Communication Skill "for students on 9th July 2025. Around 13 no of participants attended the session. The session was addressed by CS Neha Karekar.
7	14.07-2025 to 18.07.2025	Celebration of Career Awareness Week- 1 on pan India basis at all offices and study centres.	various College during the Career Awareness Week-1 observed by ICSI in CAP Conducted during week- 1 of the Student Month from 14th of July to 18th of July 2025. Sr. No Date School / University Name No. of Students Attended the program. 1.17.07.2025 Bharat College of Arts & Commerce, Badlapur 130 2. 17.07.2025 S S T College, Ulhasnagar 192 3. 18.07.2025 Brio Poddar International School and Jr. College 100 Total 422

Progress of Student Month Activities 2025 Vadodara Chapter

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Action taken (Brief of program/activity)
1	01.07.2025	Van Mahotsav	Vadodara Chapter organised the activity from 11 AM. Students and Members participated in the program. A great event to start the Student Month.
2	02.07.2025	Elocution competition	CS Sagar Tailor was the judge of the event. 6 Students participated in the competition. The topic of the competition was "The Role of Youth in the Development of India 2047 (Viksit Bharat)
3	03.07.2025	Session on Behavioral Skills	The Speaker of the session was CS Achal Thakkar. 13 Students attended the session.
4	04.07.2025	PowerPoint Competition- (Topic: Viksit Bharat – Role of CS)	The PPT was collected on vadodara@icsi.edu
5	05.07.2025	Physical Programme for students on any Academic topic	The topic of the session was Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). The Speaker of the session was CS Sagar Tailor. 4 Students attended the event.
6	07.07.2025	Career Awareness Program	220 students covered.
7	09.07.2025	Communication / Soft skills development Programme for students	The session was taken by Mr. Hemang Shroff. 17 Students attended the event.
8	10.07.2025	On the spot registration Day-1	1 Student successfully registered for CSEET November, 2025 attempt.
9	11.07.2025	Painting Competition on World Population Day	12 Students participated in the competition

Sr. No	Date	Name of Activity	Action taken (Brief of program/activity)
10	15.07.2025	Debate Competition on 'Social Media – Boon or Bane' on Social Media Giving Day	The competition was organised for Executive Program Students. 6 Students participated in the event.
11	19.07.2025	Samadhan Diwas - Zero Grievance Day	The event was organised from 11 AM to 5 PM.
12	21.07.2025	Mock interview for the students who are eligible for training	1 Student participated in the event.

ICSI-WIRC Student Month Celebration on July-2025
1st July – Blood Donation Camp



1st July – Van Mahotsav



2nd July – Elocution Competition



3rd July – Session on Behavioral Skills



4th July – Power Point Presentation Competition



5th July – Session on Academic Topic



8th July – Faculty Induction Program



9th July – Session on Communication / Soft Skills Development Programme



14th July – Career Awareness Week – 14th to 18th July, 2025



15th July – Career Awareness Week – 14th to 18th July, 2025



17th July – Career Awareness Week – 14th to 18th July, 2025



18th July – Career Awareness Week – 14th to 18th July, 2025



18th July – Moot Court Competition at Kirit P Mehta School of Law



19th July – Career Awareness Program



19th July – Interaction with Vice President, the ICSI



21st July – Mock Interview



22nd July – National Flag Adoption Day



25th July – Career Awareness Program



28th July – Career Awareness Week – 28th to 31st July, 2025



**28th July – World Nature Conservation Day –
Slogan Writing Competition**



29th July – Career Awareness Week – 28th to 31st July, 2025



29th July – Swachh Bharat Abhiyan



31st July – Career Awareness Week – 28th to 31st July, 2025



31st July – Career Awareness Week – 28th to 31st July, 2025



31st July – Debate Competition - Social Media: Boon or Bane





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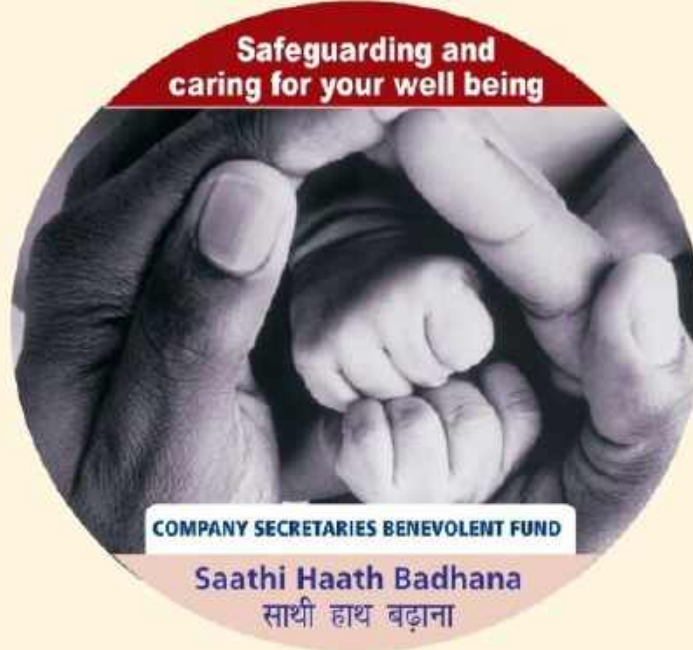
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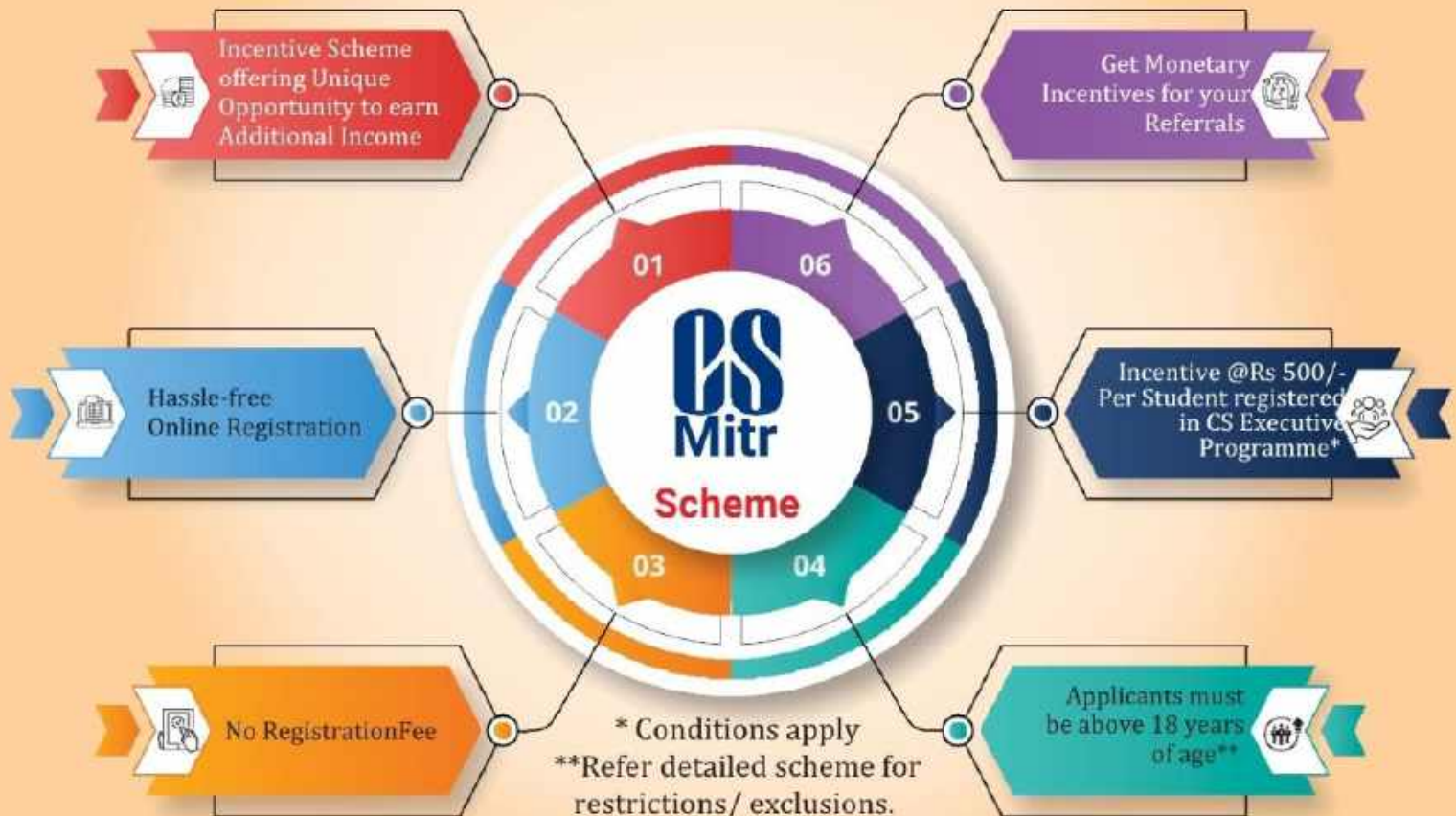
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