

CONVOCATION 2024 - SOUTHERN REGION HELD ON MAY 21, 2024 AT KOCHI

Chief Guest : Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) S. Siri Jagan, Former Judge, High Court of Kerala & Officiating Vice Chancellor of The National University of Advanced Legal Studies

Date & Venue : May 21, 2024 - Kochi



ICSI ORGANISED NATIONWIDE ESG CONCLAVES DURING MAY 2024



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ESG CONCLAVE

Theme : ESG – Emerging Mandates and Opportunities

The ICSI has always promoted good corporate governance, environmental sustainability, and social responsibility among stakeholders. In today's world, Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) issues are becoming crucial for sustainable development. Investors increasingly consider ESG factors in their investment decisions, reflecting a global shift towards responsible investing, particularly among institutional investors. To create a nationwide awareness series of programs on ESG and sensitize the professionals on various aspects of ESG, the ICSI has organised ESG Conclaves across the country through its Regional and Chapter Offices during the month of May 2024. The theme of the ESG Conclave was "ESG-Emerging Mandates and Opportunities".

The ESG Conclaves received an overwhelming response from professionals and other stakeholders which contributed a lot towards the success of this initiative of ICSI. A summary of ESG Conclaves organised across the country is given below for reference:

(I) ICSI ESG CONCLAVE- MUMBAI



The ICSI-WIRC organised “ESG Conclave” on May 25, 2024 at National Stock Exchange, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai. Shri Manoj Kumar, Executive Director, SEBI was the Chief Guest, Dr. Harish Ahuja, Head- Sustainability Product & Strategy Development, NSE was the Guest of Honour. CS B. Narasimhan, President, The ICSI, CS Praveen Soni, Programme Director and Council Member, The ICSI and CS Mehul Rajput, Chairman WIRC were also present.

The ESG Conclave witnessed thoughtful deliberations and illuminating views on ESG during two panel discussion sessions. The first session was on “Strategizing ESG: Role of Professionals” wherein, CS Manish Gupta, immediate Past President, The ICSI, CS Ranjeet Pandey, Past President, The ICSI, Dr. Agna Fernandez, Associate Vice President -National Stock Exchange Academy Ltd., addressed the participants and CS Rajesh Tarpara, Council Member, The ICSI, moderated the session alongwith CS Abhishek Chhajed, Regional Council Member, WIRC of ICSI.

The second session was on “Standardizing ESG: Enhancing transparency, strengthening decision making” featuring CS Devendra V Deshpande, Past President, The ICSI, CS Sachin Mishra, Head Legal & Company Secretary -TATA Consulting Eng. Ltd., CS Sailesh Daga, Company Secretary – Grasim Industries Ltd, Shri Ajit Vishwanath, Partner – BSR & Co. LLP, CS Pawan G. Chandak (Moderator), Council Member, The ICSI and CS Hrishikesh Wagh, (Co-Moderator), Regional Council Member, WIRC of ICSI.

(II) ICSI ESG CONCLAVE- DELHI



The ICSI-NIRC organised the ESG Conclave at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi on 26th May, 2024. The Conclave witnessed participation in huge numbers comprising members and students of ICSI, ESG professionals and academicians. The inaugural session witnessed the presence of CS Suresh Pandey, Programme Director and Council Member, The ICSI, CS Manoj Kumar Purbey, Council Member, The ICSI, CS Jatinder Singh, Chairman, ICSI-NIRC, CS Santosh Pandey, Regional Council Member, ICSI-NIRC.

CS Deepak Jain, Chairman, DMA ESG Committee, Dr. Beena Lawania, Vice President, Waste to Art Pvt. Ltd., CS S Badri Narayanan, Corporate Consultant & Advisor, Brahmayya & Co. Chartered Accountants were the panelists at the first Panel Discussion on ‘Standardizing ESG: Enhancing transparency, strengthening decision making’. The second Panel Discussion on ‘Re-imagining Reporting: Aligning purpose & profit’ was addressed by CS Shashi Bhushan Singh, Deputy CS, ONGC Limited, CS Rakesh Chandra Sharma, ESG Consultant, Probudis Strategy Consulting Pvt. Ltd. and CS Vijay Shirode, Company Secretary, Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited. CS Suresh Pandey, Programme Director and Council Member, The ICSI and CS Jatinder Singh, Chairman, ICSI-NIRC moderated the first & second panel discussions respectively.

(III) ICSI ESG CONCLAVE- KOLKATA



The ICSI-EIRC organised “ESG Conclave” on 25th May 2024 at the CS Deepak Kumar Khaitan Auditorium, ICSI CCGRT Kolkata Campus, New Town, Kolkata.

Shri Sridhar Patra, CMD, National Aluminium Co. Ltd., was the Chief Guest at the ESG Conclave. During his address, he emphasised on the need for leadership commitment and robust frameworks to drive ESG goals effectively and the important role of professionals in steering organizations towards sustainable and ethical practices.

CS B. Narasimhan, President, The ICSI addressed the ESG Conclave through Video Conferencing.

CS Rupanjana De, Programme Director and Council Member, The ICSI and CS (Dr.) Mohit Shaw, Chairman, EIRC-ICSI also addressed the gathering.

In the First Technical Session, CA Aditya Kumar, Partner, R.G.N. Price & Co., Mumbai, highlighted the critical role that boards and committees play in sustainability reporting and CS Vivek Agarwal, ESG Professional from Kolkata, Partner, S K Agrawal and Co., provided insights into the legal requirements and methodologies for ESG assurance in India.

In the Second Technical Session, CS R. Venkata Ramana, Council Member, The ICSI discussed various sustainable finance initiatives that support ESG goals and CS Saikat Bardhan, Group Head-Legal, Compliance & Risks, Gainwell Commosales Pvt. Ltd. shared insights on the importance of ESG from a multinational corporation's (MNC) perspective.

In the Third Technical Session, CS Kaushik Mukherjee, Company Secretary, Chief Legal Officer & Executive Director, PCBL Ltd, discussed strategies for balancing various ESG aspects within an organization and CS Shankar Bhattacharya, Company Secretary, Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd. (subsidiary of Tata Steel Limited) outlined the future pathways through the lens of ESG.

(IV) ICSI ESG CONCLAVE - CHENNAI



The ICSI - SIRC organised “ICSI ESG Conclave” on Saturday, 25th May 2024 at Hotel Regenta Central Deccan, Chennai.

During the inaugural session, CS Mohan Kumar Aravamudhan, Programme Director and Council Member, The ICSI shared theme introduction. Shri Sriram Ganeshan,

Global Chief Commercial Officer, Redington Ltd. and Ms. Sudha Gopalakrishnan, Partner and Global Quality Head, Intellect Design Arena Ltd. were the Guests of Honour. They spoke on the importance and urgency in protecting the environment and the global practices in ESG.

The first panel discussion of the ESG conclave on the topic “Re-Imagining Reporting: Aligning Purpose & Profit” featured Shri. Ganesh Sankararaman, CFO, Sify Digital Service Ltd; Shri. Raghuram K, Partner, BSR & Co. LLP; and Shri. Abhirup Das, Co-Founder & COO, Oren. The discussion delved into ESG reporting frameworks, barriers in collection of granular information, and impactfully brought out the benefits of ESG reporting for the businesses.

The second panel discussion of ESG Conclave was focused on “Strategizing ESG: Role of Professionals”, wherein, CS Ravindran S, Founder Director, Skill Will Solutions; CS Babu Sankarasubramanian, Practising Company Secretary; and CMA Manivannan, Cost Accountant & Management/Technical Consultant shared their wisdom. The discussions emphasized the urgency of sustainability measures, difficulties faced by MSMEs in incorporating ESG into strategy, and the role of Company Secretaries and other professionals in enabling businesses to migrate to sustainable models.

(V) ICSI ESG CONCLAVE - BENGALURU



ICSI - Bengaluru Chapter organised ESG conclave jointly with the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), USA on 25th May 2024 at the premises of ICSI -Bengaluru Chapter.

The ESG Conclave was inaugurated by Chief Guest CA Karandeep Singh, CFO, Board Member & Angel Investor, NODWIN Gaming, Bengaluru and the Key Note Speaker was Mr. Sridhar L, Head - ESG, Bangalore International Airport Ltd. & Governing Council Member, United Nations Global Compact Network India, Bengaluru. CS Dwarakanath C, Programme Director and Council Member, The ICSI, CS Pradeep B Kulkarni, Chairman, ICSI – SIRC, CS Venkata Subbarao Kalva, Chairman, Bengaluru Chapter and CS Vishwas Hegde, Secretary, Bengaluru Chapter were present at the inaugural function. CS Guruprasad V, Vice President, Entrust Family Office Advisory & Mr. Fenil Vadakken, Senior Country Manager, Institute of Management Accountants India Private Limited, representatives from IMA – USA were also present at the inaugural session.

1st Technical Session on “Overview of ESG” was addressed by Mr. Venugopal R, Lead - Built Environmental Vertical, Envint Global, Bengaluru. 2nd Technical Session on “Emerging Mandates and Opportunities” was addressed by Mr. Sayooj Thekkevariath, Partner - Climate Change and Sustainability Services, EY India, Bengaluru.

3rd Technical Session was organised as a panel discussion on “Re-imaging Reporting: Aligning purpose & profit; Standardizing ESG: Enhancing transparency, strengthening decision making, ESG Assurance: Building Trust & Confidence” was held wherein CA Abdul Majeed Shaikh, Senior Audit Partner, Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants LLP, Bengaluru and CMA Jaywardhan Semwal, Vice President - Corporate Financial Accounting, Hewlett Packard Enterprise were the panellists and Ms. Jyotsna Belliappa, Founder & Head-Social Impact, BlueSky Sustainable Business, Bengaluru moderated the panel discussion.

4th Technical Session was organised as a panel discussion on “Sustainable Investment: Factoring ESG in financial decisions, Expanding Scope: Building sustainable supply chains, Strategizing ESG: Role of Professionals” was organised wherein CS Guruprasad V, Vice President, Entrust Family Office Advisory Services LLP, Bengaluru, Mr. Sriharsha Narasimhan, Cofounder, Technology Strategist and Advisor, InstaV Technologies, Bengaluru; Mr. Jitesh Shetty, Founder & CEO, Credibl ESG, Bengaluru were the panellists. Moderator was CS J. Sundharesan, Past Chairman, The ICSI – Bengaluru Chapter & Founder, J Sundaresan & Associates, Company Secretaries, Bengaluru.

(VI) ICSI ESG CONCLAVE - PUNE



ICSI-Pune Chapter organised ESG conclave on 29th May 2024 at Bhandarkar Research Institute, Shivajinagar, Pune.

The ESG Conclave was addressed by the eminent speakers from the industry. CS Pawan G. Chandak, Programme Director and Council Member, The ICSI was also present during the conclave. First session on “Understanding ESG and Principles of ESG” was addressed by CS Chandrashekhar Chincholkar, Director- Corporate Advisory Customized Energy Solutions. The second session on “Use of Technology for Collaborating the Data in Sustainability Reporting” was addressed by Mr. Pankaj Zanwar, CMD, IESG Labs Private Limited.

The ESG Conclave also featured dedicated session on “Sustainability Reporting and Opportunities for Company Secretaries” addressed by CS Ranjeet Pandey, Past President, The ICSI.

The ESG Conclave was concluded with an interesting panel discussion on “Building Sustainable Supply chains and ESG implementation” by CS Devendra V. Deshpande, Past President, The ICSI, CS Pramod Jain, Chartered Accountant, Valuation Professional Insolvency Professional & Independent Director, CS Vallari Gupte, Company Secretary, Skoda Auto Volkswagen India Private Ltd. and CS Nikhil Karwa (Moderator), Company Secretary, KNGC and Associate LLP.

(VII) ICSI ESG CONCLAVE – GURUGRAM



ICSI -Gurugram Chapter organized “ESG Conclave” on Wednesday, 29th May, 2024 at Hotel Fortune Select Global, Gurugram. CS Manoj Kumar Purbey, Programme Director and Council Member, the ICSI, CS Devender Suhag, Regional Council Member and Immediate Past Chairman, NIRC of The ICSI, CS Ram Sahay, Chairman, Gurugram Chapter, The ICSI addressed the gathering and CS Prince Tyagi, Secretary-Gurugram Chapter was also present.

The First technical session on “ESG Concept, Framework and its Regulations” was addressed by Shri Gokul Pandian, Director, EY Climate Change & Sustainability Services and the second technical session on “Assurance on ESG Disclosures” was addressed by CA Abhishek Tripathi, Partner – ESG & CSR Advisory, Grant Thornton Bharat LLP.

The ESG Conclave also witnessed an illuminating panel discussion on “ESG as a Holistic Approach”, wherein, CS Sanjay Kumar Gupta, Vice President – Company Secretarial and Regulatory Compliances, Interglobe Aviation Ltd. and CS Deepak Jain, Chairman – Delhi Management Association (DMA) ESG Committee addressed the participants.



Visakhapatnam Chapter

(VIII) ICSI ESG CONCLAVE – HYDERABAD, VISAKHAPATNAM AND SALEM

ICSI - Hyderabad Chapter organised ESG conclave on 17th May, 2024 at G P Birla Centre, Hyderabad. Similarly, during the ESG Conclave, one awareness session was organised by Visakhapatnam Chapter of ICSI within the Chapter Premises. Also, Salem Chapter of ICSI organised a study circle meet on the topic "Strategizing ESG : Role of Professionals" on May 25, 2024 at the Chapter Premises.

Hyderabad Chapter



Salem Chapter



ICSI MSME AND STARTUP CONNECT CONDUCTED JOINTLY WITH DISTRICT INDUSTRIES CENTER



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ICSI MSME & STARTUP CONNECT



CS : MSME & STARTUP CATALYST

Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, May 11, 2024

Guest of Honour : Shri. Mansingh Pawar, Chairman & MD of Ratnaprabha Motors

Other Guests: Shri Chetan Raut, President-MASSIA, Shri. Anil Patil, Immediate Past President - MASSIA, Shri. Manish Agrawal, Vice Presidents - MASSIA, Shri. Rajesh Mandhani, Secretary - MASSIA, Shri. Jitendra Sanghavi, CMIA Zonal head for Waluj, Chh. Sambhajinagar, Shri Arjun Gaikwad, Committee Member - MASSIA

Speakers: CS Prasad Takalkar, CMA Pravin Mohani, CA Ashish Zawar

Topics of Sessions: Branding Creating Convention of IP Rights, Environmental, Social and Governance Practices for MSME, Funding Options for MSMEs (including Subsidies & Incentives)



Ahmedabad, May 18, 2024

Collaborating Partner : i-Hub, Government of Gujarat

Chief Guest : Shri Mukesh Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Higher & Technical Education, Education Department, Govt. of Gujarat

Guest of Honour : CS B. Narasimhan, Hon'ble President, The ICSI

Special Guest : Shri R. D. Barhatt, Jt. Commissioner of Industries & General Manager, DIC, Ahmedabad, Shri M. Nagarajan, IAS, Collector & District Magistrate, Mehsana, Shri Hiranmay Mahanta, CEO, i-Hub

Speakers: CS Shivram Ganesan, Indiajuris, CA Prasad Akhani, Founder, Ankpal Technologies, Ms. Anisha Pal Singh, DGM SIDBI, Shri Siddharth Iyer, CSO and Partner, Shuruup, Shri Shreyas Trivedi, Cornerstone Ventures, Shri Amit Singhal, Fluid Ventures

Topics of Sessions: Overview of Start-up Ecosystem, Role of CS: Support Startups and Incubators, Current economic scenario: Start-up ecosystem, Role of CS for Start-ups, Startup compliance and its legal aspects, Information on Grants & Supports from Government, Debt Funding to MSMEs and Start-ups



Pune, May 18, 2024

Speakers : CS Sushant Kulkarni, PCS, Shri S.G Rajput, Joint Director of Industries, Pune Industries Dept., Govt of Maharashtra, Shri Yashwant Gaikwad, Industries Dept., Govt of Maharashtra



Bhopal, May 23, 2024

Chief Guest: Shri Navneet Goel, Ex Principal Chief Commissioner of CGST and Central Excise, Kolkata Zone (West Bengal, Sikkim and Andamans)

Guest of Honour : CS B Narasimhan, President, The ICSI

Other Guests: CS Ashish Karodia, Central Council Member, The ICSI

Speakers : Mr. Pankaj Dubey, Joint Director, Department of MSME, GoMP, Shri Adarsh Nayak, Director, EOD MPIDC, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, Mr. Anurabh Dubey, Marketing Expert, Madhya Pradesh Startup Centre

Topics of Sessions : MSME : Policy initiative to Foster MSMEs in Madhya Pradesh, Startup ecosystem of M.P.



Agra, May 25, 2024

Chief Guest : Shri Anuj Kumar, Joint Commissioner Industries, Agra

Guest of Honour : Shri Deepak Agarwal, Pradesh Upadhyaksh, Laghu Udhog Bharti, Agra

Speakers: Shri Krishna Kant Trivedi, Area Sales Manager, Stockholding Corporation of India Limited, Shri Anubhav Khanna, Area Corporate Manager, Stockholding Corporation of India Limited, CS Kanika Gupta, Practicing Company Secretary



Mangaluru, May 25, 2024

Chief Guest : Shri Devaraj K IEDS, Joint Director, MSME DFO, Mangaluru

Guest of Honour : CS Balachandra Y V, COO Karnataka Bank Limited

Speakers: Shri Sundar SM, Assist Director, Govt of India, Mangaluru, CA Venkatraman Mamath, Shri Gaurav Kamath, CEO & Co- founder, Microdegreee



Vishakhapatnam, May 25, 2024

Chief Guest : Mr. Ravi Eswarapu, CEO, AU Incubation Council

Guest of Honour: Mr. Chandra Mouli Jangam, Assistant Director MSME

Topics of Sessions: Startup Funding & Valuation, MSME Registrations, Payments, Penalties, License, process, funding options, Branding, IPR etc.,



Nagpur, May 28, 2024

Chief Guest: Shri Gajendra Bharti (Joint Director, Directorate of Industries, Nagpur Region

Guest of Honour: Shri S. S. Muddamwar, General Manager, DIC, Nagpur

Names of Speakers: Mr. S.S. Muddamwar (General Manager, DIC, Nagpur), Mrs. Meenakshi Bagde (EY Senior Consultant), CS Arvind Kumar Meena (Practicing Company Secretary), Mr. Deborshi Choudhury (Deputy Manager, CDSL)

Topics of Sessions : Maharashtra Industrial Policies & Incentive of MSME, District Export Action Plan & Investment Promotion, Start-ups



Chandigarh, March 30, 2024

Chief Guest : Shri Ramawtar Singh, Assistant Director (MSME Technology & Extension Centers), Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, New Delhi

Guest of Honour : Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director, PHD Chamber

Guest Speaker : CS Kanika Gupta, PCS, MSME Consultant & National Level Trainer

Topics of Sessions: Recent Amendments of MSME and Compliance, Understanding MSME Mechanism- MSMED ACT & Its interventions



EEE 4.0 – MASTER KNOWLEDGE SERIES

WEBINAR ON

ESG and the Future of Business held on 29.05.2024



Faculty:
CS J Sundharesan
Practicing Company Secretary



Faculty:
CS Shujath Bin Ali
Chief Compliance Officer & General Counsel,
Re Sustainability Limited



Moderator:
CS Rajesh Chhaganbhai Tarpara
Central Council Member, The ICSI

WEBINAR ON

Structured Digital Database held on 22.05.2024



Faculty:
CS Makarand Joshi
Practicing Company Secretary



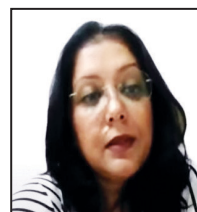
Moderator:
CS Praveen Soni
Central Council Member, The ICSI

WEBINAR ON

Annual Secretarial Compliance Report held on 15.05.2024



Faculty:
CS Devendra V Deshpande
Former President, The ICSI



Moderator:
CS Rupanjana De
Central Council Member, The ICSI

WEBINAR ON

Nuances of Secretarial Audit held on 08.05.2024



Faculty:
CS Ranjeet Pandey
Former President, The ICSI



Moderator:
CS Pawan Chandak
Central Council Member, The ICSI