



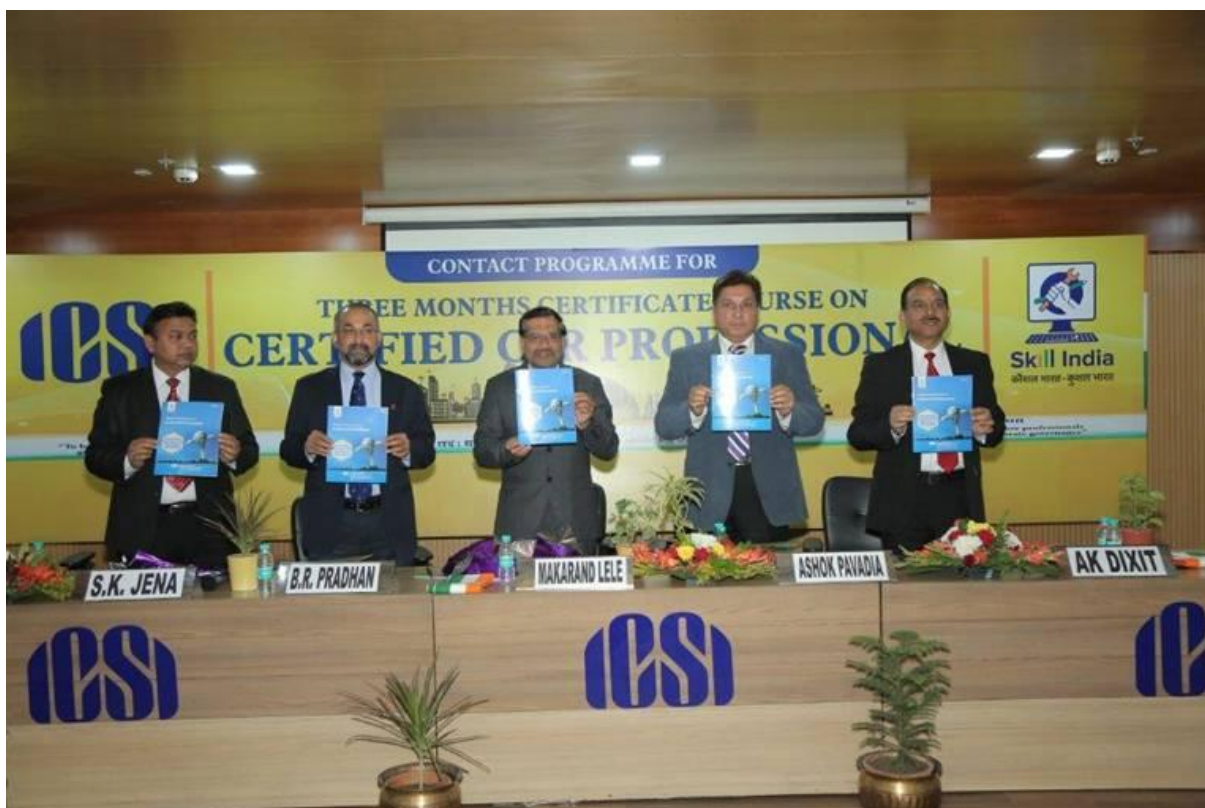
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## Press Release

**ICSI Organises Contact Programme for its newly launched Certificate Course on Certified CSR Professional**



From Lto R- Dr. S.K Jena, Director Training and Placement, ICSI, Mr. B.R Pradhan , Head CSR, IOCL limited, CS Makarand Lele, President, The ICSI,  
Mr. Ashok Pavadia, CSR and Governance Advisor, CS Ashok Dixit, Officiating Secretary, The ICSI.

**NOIDA 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018:** The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organised a One Day Contact Program for its newly launched **3 Months Certificate Course on Certified CSR Professional** at Noida Office of ICSI today.

**Shri Ashok Pavadia, CSR and Governance Advisor in his Key Note Address said that** ,According to the section 135 of the Companies Act 2013, every company having a net worth of Rs. 500 crores or more or turnover of Rs. 1000 crore or more or a net profit of Rs. 5 crore or more during any financial year shall constitute a CSR Committee and will spend at least 2% of its average net profit for the immediately preceding three financial years on CSR activities. Govt. of India is presently emphasizing a lot for timely compliance of the provision for CSR activities

and to develop a mechanism for its effective implementation for the benefit of the society.

**Mr. B.R Pradhan , Head CSR, IOCL limited commenced the deliberations of the One day Contact Program** and congratulated The ICSI on this great endeavour. He informed that, “A large number of Corporate, NGOs registered under Society Registration Act ,Trust Act and Section 8 Companies are working in this sector through CSR funds. Further both the Central; State and local Govt. also allocate funds through different schemes to be implemented in the society. Therefore it is the need of the hour to have adequate trained manpower to deal with the Governance, compliance and audit of the CSR activities and this course is a positive step in this direction.

**CS Makarand Lele, President, The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)** in his presidential address said “Half a century ago, the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) was founded with an objective to develop and regulate the profession of Company Secretaries. **Today the Institute is moving ahead with professional excellence towards success as a global leader in Governance. Captivating glorious contribution towards the culture of good governance, it is proud to proclaim that from a role limited to the erstwhile Companies Act, 1956 in initial days, today the triumph of professional excellence in the service of nation is ranging in progressive laws of the country including Companies Act, 2013, including CSR, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, GST, Taxation laws, Securities Laws, Intellectual Property Rights, Due Diligence, Capital Market and many others, where we are leading in shaping the responsible corporate culture of the nation.** And now with the launch of this certificate course, The ICSI has stepped into doing CSR with an objective of strengthening the CSR domain in the country by providing certified professionals to serve the nation constantly.

**CS Ashok Dixit, Officiating Secretary, The ICSI welcomed the dignitaries on the Dais and in his address he informed that , “The Institute is rigorously working towards the segment wise role of Company Secretaries championing the various services”. He said that, “the Company Secretary plays a significant Role In CSR and an effective CSR program is implemented and supported by corporate levels, oversight mechanisms, training programs and accountability measures. A company secretary, being a vital employee, holds office based on the concept of trust, reflecting the confidentiality of the role. At the same time, the company secretary is the advisor to the board of directors, and therefore is suited to playing a significant role in CSR formulation and implementation.**

**Dr. S.K Jena, Director Training and Placement, ICSI delivered the concluding remarks and proposed the Vote of Thanks.** He urged the candidates to be a torchbearer of the CSR in the country after becoming Certified CSR professionals. He appealed to the candidates to take utmost benefit of the Certificate Course and utilise the knowledge for the benefit of societal development and welfare.

Amongst the august gathering present at the inauguration were CEOs and CFOs of leading NGOs and PSUs like Helpage India, Gail India ,KPMG and National and International NGO experts of the country and accomplished professionals from across India.

**About The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, (ICSI):** The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, (ICSI) is premier national professional body set up under an Act of Parliament, i.e., Company Secretaries Act, 1980, for the regulation and development of the profession of Company Secretaries in India. The Institute functions under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. The Institute, being a pro-active body, focuses on top-quality education to students of Company Secretaries Course and best quality set standards for CS members. There are currently over 56,000 members and about 3 Lakh students.