

## Let's hear from Rank Holders of CS Foundation Programme

**Qasim Saif**

**Registration No. - 417985474702/2017**

**Rank-1**

What I achieved was impossible to do so without the guidance of my teachers, Support of my parents and help of my friends. This achievement is not my personal achievement but a result produced by group efforts of my teachers, family and friends. What I simply did was just respect and work in harmony with them and result just came in.



There is a saying Ideas are easy and implementation is difficult this is what exactly was the reason for my success. As we all know most of us make a study schedule but rarely that schedule is followed after 2 to 3 days. This is what made the difference in my result that I not only carefully made my schedule but also implemented it. This may sound very simple but believe me friends it is a colossal task but if you have the determination to do it I believe you can definitely do it.

Some tricks and strategy that I used in my studies are listed here

- Study difficult chapters first
- Set define targets to be achieved in a particular day
- Do not leave even a single chapter
- Modules are the best study material
- There is no Substitute of hard work

I wish all of you best of luck for your further endeavors

Thank you

**Qasim Saif**

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**SHREYA IYER**

**Registration Number: 417985637903/2017**

**RANK: 7**

I would like to begin by quoting M K Gandhi,

**”If you have the belief that you can do it, you can surely acquire the capacity to do it , even if you may not have it in the beginning”**

The same adage applies to preparing for the foundation programme. In the genesis of the preparation, the completion of the course seems to be a Herculean task but if you persist and put in all your dedicated efforts, it will turn out to be a cakewalk to clear the examination with a rank.



I owe this success to my parents for their unparalleled support; my mom who has been my pillar of strength , my dad who has been a constant motivating force, my sister for her immense support along with my teachers who guided me throughout the preparation.

Some steps which immensely helped in my preparation process were:

First step that I followed was preparing a strategy; second making study schedules which are concept oriented rather than hour-oriented and third going through the entire module once and solving a lot of questions. This approach helped me strike a balance between my preparation for CS examination, and brought me a step closer to achieve my aim.

Bonne chance to all the CS aspirants!

**SHREYA IYER**

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**Deepanshi Jain**  
**Registration No. - 217995536903/2017**  
**Rank - 8**

City: Ghaziabad

I qualified my CS foundation (December 2017) with 8th rank. The First Step of ladder of becoming a CS has been stepped, I was inspired by My elder Brother Udit Jain ,Chartered Accountant ,also a Rank holder, My Father,an Income Tax Lawyer motivated me a lot to clear my CS Foundation. My Mother, a homemaker always motivated me to study well and helped me to stay composed before appearing in Exam. This achievements can't be possible without support and guidance of my teachers. Planning studies is important, without proper planning no success can be achieved, I have dedicated my 8 to 10 hours a day to my studies with taking proper breaks to keep me fresh. One has to be committed, Hard working, Focused, and Sacrificing Social Media, Staying away from Mobile phone, Without doing all the above it won't be possible for me to find success.



I tried to be very determined and gone through various text books which is the best preparation option available. There are many online videos and online resources which are available for help. Going through Mock Test is also very helpful. Above all Understanding of Subjects is very important. Without Proper understanding it will be hard to clear CS foundation Exam with Rank.

Thanking you,  
With regards

**Deepanshi Jain**

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**Saksham Pasrija**  
**Registration No. 217985645403/2017**  
**AIR-9**

Hlo everyone , I'm Saksham. I scored AIR- 9 CS-Foundation exams held in Dec. 2017.

Getting a single digit RANK is my dream & it is a dream coming true for me. I can't describe that moment when i come to know about my result. I want to thank everyone who supported me. Firstly, my parents, they are my biggest strength. They worked for me day & night and it is their faith in me that



keep me going ahead. They are my biggest motivator. Without their support it is not possible for me to achieve this result. Now, i would like to thank my teachers( Mr. SUNIL JAIN, MR. TILAK JAIN & MR. RAHUL MATTA) for showing their faith in me. They supported me throughout this journey. It is there guidance which make me able to study 10-12 hours per day.

Now coming to my strategy to crack the exams, I would like to say that "There is no other substitute of HARDWORK" because it always pays you. Self-study is the most important thing in cracking the exams & doing it regularly help me in achieving this rank. I use to study 7-8 hours in starting days but in the last 3 months it was increased to 11-12 hours. Studying each and every topic from depth from the modules provided by ICSI is my key strategy. The notes provided by teachers are also of top quality. Mock test conducted by teachers in the last days also made me confident for the exams. This removed fear of exams from my mind. Finally i want to say that if we have done hard work consistently, then there is nothing which can stop us from achieving our goal. Give your best & and leave rest upto GOD.

We should always remember that "All the power is within us , we can do anything and everything”

At last i want to thank each & everyone who supported me throughout this journey.

Wishing all the very best to other students...

Thank you

**Saksham Pasrija**

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**Urvashi Verma**  
**Registration number 217985521203/2017**  
**Rank – 11**

Hello everyone, I am Urvashi Verma from Hisar, Haryana. I got All India Rank-11 in CS-Foundation examination held in December 2017 by ICSI.

Getting All India Rank is like a dream come true. This journey started from the seminar (hosted by Mr. Sunil Kumar) which changed my life completely and that was the first step towards my career. In my journey to AIR there is a big role of my all these teachers or I'll call them as my mentors. It's all because of them. They encouraged me to work hard sometimes 14 hours a day. Also, CS Ravi Aggarwal whose words of motivation keep me going well in my studies. A big thanks to my parents for believing in me and supporting me.



**Urvashi Verma**

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**P. Sudha**

**Foundation Registration number: 317985328503/2017**

**Executive Registration number: 340624501/02/2018**

**Rank - 12**



I definitely owe my success to my family and god. I had opted for commerce in my High school so I was well versed with the concepts. As far as preparation is concerned, I mainly focused on solving old papers. It is very important to solve questions from old papers as it gives you an insight into the pattern and type of questions.

Thank you!

**P. Sudha**

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**Payal Motwani**  
**Registration No. - 417985559503/2017**  
**Rank- 13**

I scored AIR 13 in the CS Foundation exam held in December-2017. I want to share, how I achieved it. When it comes to studies, I always followed a plan for completing my syllabus on time. I attended the classes consistently, always revised what I studied in the day. That made me complete my syllabus on time and gave me time to do some extra work like solving previous years question papers and do a lot practice of the study material also. During the exam time, the effort made earlier made it easy to appear for the exam confidently.



Managing time is a problem everybody says but I say if you are focused on achieving what you want to, you will not require to think of the time that is required for the same. I always found time for revision and consistency made it easier for me to do this. Finally, I am grateful to my parents who always supported me from the start of studies to the end of exam. My mother always provided me with everything I need so that I am always focused on the studies and my mind does not get diverted. I am also thankful to my father who had confidence in me when I did not have. He always cheers me up whenever I felt down. I am also thankful to my classes and my tutors for making me believe in myself and helping me in clearing my doubts every time I got stuck.

Thanks and Regards  
**Payal Motwani**

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**Poorthi Balakrishnan**  
**Registration Number: 317985328203/2017**  
**Rank- 14**

I was thrilled to see my result and I realised that months of hard work and dedication had paid off. This kind of examination requires preparation for months and unlike a school examination where the course can be covered over a shorter period of time. I had to allot certain number of hours in a day to study as I am pursuing another professional course simultaneously. I would study during weekdays and I also allotted enough time during the weekends to cover the syllabus. I had a timetable and tried to follow it.



After reading the material provided by the institute, I also worked out the scanners to understand the pattern of the previous year question papers. I prepared notes for certain chapters like company law, negotiable instruments etc to be able to easily remember the relevant and important provisions. In case of accounts and statistics I used shortcuts wherever possible in order to save time. I started solving question papers online and the practice papers provided by the institute a month before the examination. I felt solving online papers helped in approaching the exam in a well-equipped manner. By solving papers, I was able to identify my weak areas and work on it. This helped in boosting up my confidence and gave me the courage to face the examination. While preparing for an examination motivation and a positive attitude are very important to face the exam in the right frame of mind. My family and friends supported me to a great extent.

**Poorthi Balakrishnan**

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**RUKAIYA MUFAZZAL SHAKIR**

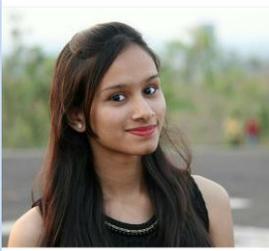
**Foundation Registration number: 417985520803/2017**

**Executive Registration number: 440643359/02/2018**

**Rank -14**

I am feeling very honoured to share my success story with the Institute.

I have secured 14th AIR in CS Foundation December 2017. This was only possible because of my hard work and my family support. My parents were my biggest motivators. They used to motivate me everyday. Even my elder sister is a teacher. She guided me throughout this journey. I used to take tips from her .Talking about my schedule, I used to study for approx 10 hours inclusive of classes and 7-8 hours on holidays. Talking about my strategy, there was no strategy involved. Everyday revision and giving regular tests was enough to crack the exam.



About study materials, Institute modules and past question papers are the best sources. Practice is most important part of exam preparation. After my preparation i used to solve past exam question papers. Nonetheless all you require is constant dedication and hard work along with smart work to get success in exam.

Good Luck and Study well!

**RUKAIYA MUFAZZAL SHAKIR**

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**Prajyot Thakur**  
**Registration number 417985499403/2017**  
**Rank – 14**

Hello everyone I am Prajyot Thakur from Nasik. I have successfully completed the first step of my CS course with AIR 14. I would like to thank my parents, teachers, sister and my dear friends. The journey was really impossible without them. It is a very proud moment for me and my family.



**Prajyot Thakur**

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**Pratik Raj**  
**Registration no. - 117985137502/2017**  
**All India Rank 14**  
**Bihar Rank 1**

First of all I would like to extend my gratitude to Institute of Companies Secretaries of India for giving this opportunity to showcase my talent and I am thankful to this. I completely owe my success to my parents who motivated me to study hard and my Teachers and my Big Brother, they helped me a lot in



my studies. Without them i could not have got this result. After giving my 12th boards i decided to give Foundation exam and i was so motivated and that's when i decided to get All India top 25 rank. I studied a lot to fulfil my desire and most specially I BELIEVED IN MYSELF. Yeah That is the key to my result. And i will continue to study hard for my CS Executive and Professional as i want to fulfil my ambition to become youngest Company Secretary of India. and I will definitely fulfil my ambition.

I want to share my thoughts for students of CS Foundation who are appearing in coming exams, first of all Foundation is neither easy nor hard to crack. All we need is two things that is HARD WORK and PERSEVERANCE. If you have got these two things then believe me my friends there is nothing you can't achieve. So HAVE A DREAM AND ALSO STRENGTH and GUTS TO FULFIL THAT DREAM. NEVER GIVE UP, no matter what some ideas that might help you are:-

- Study from ICSI modules only
- Study 2 hours a day properly
- Read each and every line , keep Highlighter and highlight the important points and Revise those points when Exams are near
- Work hard and believe in yourself.

Always remember that hard work always pays off.

At last again i thank each and every person who helped me throughout this year...

**Pratik Raj**

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**Roma Sonu Pathak**  
**Foundation Registration number: 417985648003/2017**  
**Rank -14**

In my achievement of AIR-14 the entire credit goes my parents, teachers for their outstanding contribution. This achievement of mine is a combined result of my hard work and the support of my parents and teachers. I would like to thank all the teachers for their guidance and constant motivation because what I am today would not have been possible without them. I am immensely happy with my achievement and working hard for more of such laurels. Clearing CS foundation is not as hard as it sounds. Hard-work, dedication and a little bit of smart study can help you achieve flying colours....or most probably a RANK!!!! So I would like to congratulate all my fellow colleagues and rankers and All the Best for the students who will be appearing for their subsequent exams.



Thank You!!

**Roma Sonu Pathak**

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**KHADEEHA SHAMIM**  
**Registration No. 217985690703/2017**  
**Rank-15**

To  
The Institute of Company Secretaries of India



My name is Khadeeja Shamim and I have passed the C.S. FOUNDATION DECEMBER 2017 exams by achieving 15th All India Rank .I live in Gorakhpur ,Uttar Pradesh and I studied from here . I am the only child of my parents and in this achievement of mine my parents and my teachers played a very important role . I still remember exactly 1 year ago from today my teacher and mentor Mr. Ambikesh Ram Tripathi convinced me for doing this course , from that day only I made myself focused and determined in achieving the best position and making him feel proud. My father once said that 'DON'T RAISE YOUR VOICE BUT IMPROVE YOUR ARGUMENT' . I actually love this course and that is the main reason of my success because, " SUCCESS IS NOT THE KEY TO HAPPINESS , BUT HAPPINESS IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS.....SO DO WHAT YOU LOVE AND WHICH MAKES YOU FEEL HAPPY."

As well said , "WORK HARD AND DREAM BIG" , it's better to plan first for achieving something because "A GOAL WITHOUT A PLAN IS JUST A WISH." so planning is important. Not only planning but also time management plays very important role . You must have an accounting of your each and every second . Proper planning and time management are the two success siblings along with your hard work. So, "GIVE YOUR HEART TO YOUR BOOKS AND THEY WILL NEVER BREAK IT" .At last I will say that don't study just to pass the examination or to achieve success but be SUCCESSFUL so that to be an inspiration for others . I feel proud to be a C.S student and that's my identity that I do what I like . So love your profession and there is nothing impossible just separate the words and say "I-M-POSSIBLE" . Thank-you once again .

With Regards –

**KHADEEHA SHAMIM**

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**Stuti Kaushik**  
**Registration No. - 416985408511/2016**  
**Rank – 15**

As an introduction, I am Stuti Kaushik and have secured AIR 15 and 2nd rank in Ahmedabad in the CS Foundation exam. I am a second-year student pursuing B.Com. LL.B. (Hons.) from Gujarat National Law University, which is a five-year integrated degree programme. I started and completed my high school education from Muscat, Oman. I was a commerce-maths student in 12th and topped my school and Oman. I am also trained in Bharatnatyam for 9 years and participated in various dance shows on various platforms across Muscat.



I passed my CS Foundation exam achieving this rank without spending on coaching classes. I believe that if one works diligently and sincerely, it is possible to excel without spending thousands on tuition classes. I started my preparation in full swing 6 months before the exam and apart from my routine college studies, gave an hour daily to those topics that I found the toughest. I charted out a schedule to which I stuck till the very end. Another important hack to prepare for the exam is to take mock tests and go through the previous years' question papers. Constant revision of what one has read and understood is a great way to succeed in the exam. I love accountancy. The combination of accountancy, finance and law is something which interests me and is the reason for me pursuing the CS program. As of now, I aim to either become a corporate lawyer or a CS. I wish to pursue a career which enables me to help the society. I am really glad to have made my parents and family proud. They have indeed been very supportive and encouraging throughout. I would also like to express my deep gratitude to my teacher, Mrs. Shobha Nair, at Muscat, Oman, who constantly motivated and encouraged me to achieve to the fullest of my capabilities. Last but definitely not the least, I am very thankful to God without whose blessings this achievement would have remained a dream.

Thank you.

**Stuti Kaushik**

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**TANK VANDITA LALITBHAI**

**Foundation Registration number: 417985499003/2017**

**Executive Registration number: 440654757/02/2018**

**Rank – 15**



I, Miss Tank Vandita, am very contented with my result. Getting AIR 15 in CSFC is indeed a very proud and happy moment for me and my family as well. I would like to thank God, my parents and my friends who always motivated and supported me to work hard and achieve my goals. I would also like to thank my Professors who helped me out whenever I needed them.

Self study and practice of minimum 2 hours from very beginning and minimum 5-6 hours study in the last month can easily help you to secure an AIR in CSFC.I would say you must never depend on luck. The harder you work the more luck you have. So perseverance is the only key to success.

Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Wishing is not enough, we must do. Don't just wish for the rank but make it happen by working hard.

Thank you!!!

**TANK VANDITA LALITBHAI**

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**Kartik Adlakha**  
**Registration No: 217985773003/2017**  
**Rank- 15**



I can't describe the feeling I experienced after seeing AIR Rank 15 besides my name in the Merit List. It had equal parts of astonishment and surprise in it. There is no person who I would like to thank more than my parents for this achievement. If it wasn't for their absolute support to me and unwavering faith in my abilities, I could have never achieved this. I would also like to thank the person sitting above and running the universe, if he hadn't shown me the right way, I would be lost right now. We lead but he is the one who shows us the way and guides us.

Coming to my preparation strategy, it's quite simple and easy to follow. I just did one thing which I feel is losing importance in today's time which is self-study. I didn't join any institute or coaching center because I feel in today's time students like me have ample to resources to gain knowledge and don't need to depend on someone to teach us. Moreover, a lot of time is wasted in classes, so I would recommend self-study to anyone preparing for this exam.

Best of luck to all future aspirants!

**Kartik Adlakha**

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**Shakshi Jain**  
**Registration no- 417985539703/2017**  
**Rank- 15**



Hardwork always pay off, I truly believe this. Getting a rank feels so special and motivating. I aimed for rank from beginning and studied accordingly. I truly appreciate my parents and teachers who were constantly supportive and helpful. Regular studies is key factor for achieving a rank. The syllabus is huge so a well planned timetable is quite important. Long hour studying is not essential but studying 4 hours a day is also effective. Also while preparing timetable equal importance should be given to each subject and nothing should be skipped. I also suggest to study the modules thoroughly and cover up every small detail. Enough time should be given for revision and at least one month prior to exams should be dedicated to revision. I would also recommend using scanners for extra help

and to understand the pattern of previous years paper. Sincere efforts play massive role in getting a rank. Hardwork and dedication will surely help you to emerge out best. And nothing beats the feeling of accomplishment and proudness and in the end your perseverance will be worth it! Best of luck!

Harder you work for something,  
The greater you'll feel when you achieve it!

**Shakshi Jain**

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**Kamlesh Bachani**  
**Registration number 417985419101/2017**  
**Rank- 15**

"I sincerely thank our beloved ICSI which is providing us platform to perform the pivotal role in our nation's economy. Coming from lower middle class family and Studying from the Small & Peaceful City - JAMNAGAR - it was myth of many that it is hard to study in such kind of background. But with firm intention of my own, solid support of family, liquid theories & Concepts of mentors and strong connectivity with ICSI; I could hold chemistry of subjects with substance that can yield the result which I am witness of, today.

I bow down to my Spiritual gurus. In spite of having financial struggle, I bow down to my parents – LAXMANBHAI BACHANI, PARVATIBEN BACHANI who kept faith on me and provided me



freedom to choose the career I want to pursue and tried to support in every little way possible by them in my journey of learning. I specially thank my Elder sister POONAM BACHANI who support in earning a living for family. In Fact, My whole Family has become my backbone in this journey, I thank them all. I owe my Thank to Late Shri DURGADAS METHVANI, President of our community who supported and guided to enter into profession like CS. I learn to become 'soldier' who protects the 'economy of nation'. This thought brings sincerity and required dedication towards efforts I need to put in, for my work.

This is the period, I learn to enjoy my efforts. Effective Time Management and Focused study along with conceptual understanding would yield the purpose of study. Though Examination of Foundation Programme was in MCQs without negative marking, I had already considered the need of writing practice and thus prepared much of handmade notes and MCQs. I learnt to explore with study. To get fresh up, I didn't need support of whatsapp or facebook rather I turn on another subject or youtube or news channel to move up to latest update and try to connect them with studies. I knew that it is not me, it is curiosity within me which yields the result I am witnessing. Moreover, I'll be CS – Song on Youtube Boosted me up many times and the Sloka which has been published in "A Guide to CS Students" by ICSI has also played much significant role to make me focused on my way.

***"SUKHARTHI TYAJTE VIDHYAM, VIDHYARTHI TYAJTE SUKHAM;  
SANKHARTHINAH KUTO VIDHYAM, KUTO VIDHYARTHINAH SUKHAM."***

The one who runs after the luxuries will not get knowledge. And the one who wants to gain knowledge leaves the luxuries. How will anyone get knowledge if he/she wants to lead easy life? And how will one get to live easy life who is looking for knowledge?

Probably That's why Ancient India had GURUKUL Parampara. Focus, Observe, Learn & Explore.

Thanking You.

Yours' Sincerely,  
**Kamlesh Bachani**

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**Bhavya Singal**  
**Registration Number - 217985543203/2017**  
**Rank 15**



Hello I am Bhavya Singal from HISAR (HARYANA). I Can't describe the feeling I experienced after seeing AIR 15 besides my name in the merit list. I bow down to my parents Mr.Pardeep Singal, Mrs. Rekha Singal who kept faith on me and provided me freedom to choose the career I want to pursue and tried to support in every little way possible by them in my journey of learning. In my journey to AIR there is a big role of my all teachers and mentors whose words of motivation keep me going well in my studies. I used to study for approx 10 hours inclusive of classes and 7-8 hours on holidays.

Talking about my strategy, there was no strategy involved. Everyday revision and giving regular tests was enough to crack the exam.

At last, I would like to say that it's just a step towards grand achievement and success I wish for ... Journey of success is long enough and filled with difficulties but I am ready for it!

Thanks  
**Bhavya Singal**

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**MANISHA TOMER**  
**Registration No. – 217985713403/2017**  
**Rank- 16**

My name is MANISHA TOMER reference number 217985713403/2017 and i scored AIR 16 in CS FOUNDATION EXAM DECEMBER 2017.

The secret about my success are the 2 magical word that my teacher once told me - HOMEWORK & CONSISTENCY & i guarantee if you persistently work hard keeping in mind above two there is nothing in this world that you can't achieve. Epic saying - there is no elevator to success, you have to take the stairs. Similarly there is no short cut to success you have to work hard. Studying is very important for us. But some of the students think coaching is sufficient to study, and what is the need of self study? But my friend's teachers are there to guide us, if you are not taking initiative to work hard and giving time for self study, no miracle is going to happen for you.



I gave more time for myself study; i use to study for 5 - 6 hrs per day and the month before exam time increased to 9-10 hours. The most important thing is aim for rank and probably higher rank because it will be a motivating factor for you to give your 100%. I aimed for rank 1 to 5 but ended up getting AIR 16 i couldn't make it to that but i am not sad because i think i should have worked even more harder...and i will next time. But surprisingly i scored RANK 1 in Meerut which is awesome....So aim for rank. Also i studied carefully the study material supplied by ICSI and made my own notes out of it and it really helped me. Also the plenty number of test papers i solved given to me by my teachers and last year papers which really did a miracle in improving my performance. I use to aim for higher marks in my test also n i did make it to that. My parents and my teachers played a very important role in this. They motivated and guided me whenever i am feeling low or demotivated. I will end this by saying believe in yourself and you will be unstoppable. Push yourself because no one else is going to do it for you. Success doesn't come to you, you go to it.

**MANISHA TOMER**

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**ALIYAJAMAL RIZWAN THAKUR**  
**Registration No. - 417985432302/2017**  
**Rank- 16**



I Miss Aliya Thakur, am very elated with my result. Securing 16th rank in C.S.Foundation exam is indeed a very good feeling. I am very grateful to my parents and my family for their full on support and motivation. It is their faith that they had in me which kept me encouraging. The credit also goes to all my professors for always being accessible and going out of their way to help me academically.

I would advice all my juniors to first set their target and accordingly prepare timetable. Self study and proper time management is the ultimate key for achieving targets. Daily practice and studying atleast 2 hours daily from the very start, one can easily secure rank in C.S.Foundation exam.

Lastly I would say, "When you desperately want something, the entire universe conspires in helping you achieve it". After all hardword and dedication always pays off..

Thank you !

**ALIYAJAMAL RIZWAN THAKUR**

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**Name - Nikhil Arvind Kondewar**  
**Reg. No.- 417995452602/2017**  
**Rank \_ 16**

I am nikhil Arvind Kondewar.  
I am from pandharpur. I scored 16th rank in all India in CS foundation exam.  
As our ex president kalam sir told that

"Work hard until your signature turns into autograph ."



This Motivational quote always keep me inspired. I always got inspired from my Teachers & parents to achive this success. Self study is important aspect i want to focous on.what you do in last 3 months is more important. Always you have to keep motivating yourself for study. Time management is also important. You have to give equal importance to all subjects.Test series , making notes is also important. This all helped me to achive my success & score AIR 16 .

**Nikhil Arvind Kondewar**

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**Name- Yukta Garg**  
**Registration number - 217985564103/2017**  
**Roll No.- 101870**  
**AIR- 16**

The road to life is long and winding, so mark your milestones on the way!

Congratulations to all the students for their immense hard work which paid off well and to the Institute for making it a huge success.



Who says Hardwork doesn't pay off? When it's time, it does. I am a regular Law-pursuing student and at first everyone was saying that it will be very stressful managing both the degrees, but that's where the fun arises.

I have seen Students focus on mugging up concepts and sitting in there for hours to do a topic, but which goes in vain because they don't create an understanding of the thing. One should study with a feeling that they're going to learn something new and not like it's a burden.

Scanners are a must.

Complete your course once before a month from exam at least.

Don't focus on doing every topic but make the strong ones your strongest.

First, read the book once and do the scanners, then re-read the book and underline the answers to the questions. With this you develop an understanding of the type of study you have to do for the exam.

Work smart not hard.

And don't worry about the result, all you can do is just work.

Goodluck!

Regards,  
Yukta Garg

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**Urvashi Shailendra Dubey**  
**416985408711/2016**  
**Rank- 17**

My name is Urvashi Shailendra Dubey. Reg. No.416985408711/2016



Feeling extremely pleased and accomplished to write this article about my success in CS foundation dec2017 exam, I've achieved AIR 17 with the score of 338 that has made me Nagpur topper. This has been very special and wonderful journey of my life and has given me precious memories to cherish all my life. Really very thankful to my family, teachers and friends for their support and guidance that they have given me during this period. I will surely suggest to all students reading this article that the only study material that you require to be in top 25AIR is modules!! Provided by ICSI. Read it, highlight imp points and not only that but, revising it as many times as possible makes you feel confident and surely will help you to achieve best score in exam. Try to solve mcqs scanners. I believe that starting something is very easy. And even easier to leave it... But maintaining it with all your heart needs courage and substantial patience!!! Consistency is very important throughout your journey. Focusing on your goals and not getting distracted by temporary achievements and failures makes you ready for the real battle which will give you all success and respectful rewards in life. Don't hesitate to ask doubts to your teachers... Being from science stream, initially, I felt bit nervous as I hardly had any knowledge about accounts, economics but now I can tell everyone that it's just a myth everyone can do this if desired. Disciplined and regular study schedules if followed can make lot of difference. Be confident, trust your instincts just follow your heart. All this things pays off in the end. And one last thing I would like to add is if you don't sacrifice for what you want then what you want will be sacrificed. Best wishes from my side!!!

**Urvashi Shailendra Dubey**

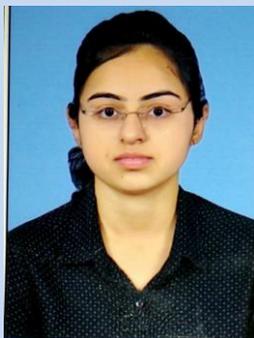
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**SUNIDHI**

**Registration number 217985673303/2017**

**Rank 17**

Hello everyone, I am Sunidhi Batra from Hisar, Haryana . I got AIR-17 in CS foundation (December 2017 examination) organised by ICSI.



When I took admission in CS foundation , I had deep desire of getting ALL INDIA RANK and when the results were announced , I was really very very happy and thought ,Yesss!!! I did it. That was really a very special moment of my life. I experienced that the only thing which helped me to get rank is deep and overall study of the given module by ICSI.

It's not about the long hours of study , but efficient study even you don't sit hours for it. The key to success in CS foundation is "understanding". First of all, thanks to my family who motivated me to opt for CS, especially my brother who is also an AIR 13 in CS EXECUTIVE held in Dec 2016 which became my benchmark .

Secondly, special thanks to my teachers for such a great guidance they give and all their kind support.

THANK YOU !!!..

**SUNIDHI**

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**Neha Jhamtani**  
**Registration No. - 417985446402/2017**  
**Rank- 19**



I would like to extend my special gratitude and appreciation to my parents. When I started this glorious journey of CS Foundation like every other student I made a time table which I tried to follow but eventually failed to do so. But my Sir, Chirag Chotrani, always asked me to stay consistent. Consistency

definitely is the key to my success. I made sure that I get enough time to pursue my hobbies. You just have to set your priorities straight and sometimes you also have to choose between a cup of coffee with your friends or half chapter which you could finish by then. As Oprah Winfrey said “Create the highest grandest vision possible for your life, because you become what you believe”.

I am a believer of Quality and not Quantity. Students often focus on quantity of the syllabus but it’s the quality of what you have studied that helps you score. Reading the Modules thoroughly got me the edge I needed in my concepts. I think behind every successful student is a team of teachers that make sure the concepts of the students are clear. I hope I can continue making my parents and my teachers proud.

**Neha Jhamtani**

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**PURVI MALHOTRA**

**Registration No. - 217985735103/2017**

**Rank-19**

**“Success is surely a journey and not a destination.”**

In order to achieve something in life, one must definitely focus on one’s goals and aims. It can be achieved only with hardwork, dedication, perseverance and devotion. A person should keep in mind that he/she has competition only with himself/herself and not with others. We should follow the path of



Dharma and Karma and not short-cuts or ill-will. It is not important to be the Best but it is important to be a better version of ourselves. Practice makes a man perfect but in my case I realized that Perfect practice makes a man perfect.

In this journey of mine of achieving an AIR has surely made me realize that in order to reach your goal, you need to forget your comforts and luxuries and live like a sage. It hardly matters how many hours you study but what’s important is the quality of studies along with a proper schedule. Identify your weaknesses and strengths and immerse yourself into the deep ocean of knowledge and positivity.

I would like to conclude by saying that my only source of inspiration and to whom I owe my success is my parents. Their desire to see me on top and my wish of getting the fame and pride for having a daughter like me became my constant source of strength. I am sure that ICSI will provide me that platform for becoming the professional that I have always aspired for.

**PURVI MALHOTRA**

**KANPUR**

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**LAVISH VYAS**

**Registration number 417985666203/2017**

**Rank-19**

First of all I am thankful to God and to my Mother and father for there all around support to me while I was preparing for the CS FOUNDATION exams, I belong to a middle class family and it's a very high appreciation for the students like me.



Then and now also I believe in studying for short intervals rather than studying for very long hours, but it's very important to have Ur mind at the time of study at only on your study. One important thing is this that we should never bothered to ask any questions or doubts with Ur seniors or with your teachers and to take into account all the important informations and notes for scoring good marks in Ur exams .

And lastly we should must make a routine time table towards our daily life. I always managed time during the period of study, as well as I always wake up early in the morning.

So I request every other friends and junior and my colleagues to always wake up early in the morning.

**LAVISH VYAS**

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**Reeya Dilip Kothari**  
**Registration number 417995656503/2017**  
**Rank- 19**

I am Reeya Dilip Kothari. I scored 4th rank in Ahmedabad and 19th all India rank.



Opportunities don't happen you create them, this is the motivation i got from my teachers to achieve AIR. My success key to achieve my goal to achieve AIR was not only hard work but smart work too. Regular test, making notes and most importantly giving importance to each subject with time management. Parents keeping me motivated against all odds also made me achieve my position among top 25 rank holders.

**Reeya Dilip Kothari**

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**Divyansh Saxena**

**Registration number : 217985675103/2017**

**Rank- 19**

Every accomplishment starts with a decision to try .

The thought of pursuing professional courses like CA and CS makes us feel doubtful and uncertain about clearing a group in just one attempt and moreover their huge syllabus is also one of the biggest concern for students. But this span of past 6 months taught me that if we are truly by our heart making an effort to achieve something then no one can stop it from being done.



If you take some good basics steps coupled with few sacrifices then you can never be a failure in this noble course At last the most important thing I would like to thanks all my teachers for their unconditional support ..

**Divyansh Saxena**

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**N. Sivaraman**  
**Registration number - 317985431903/2017**  
**Rank-20**

I seek to use this opportunity to thank my father who is my pillar of support and also my inspiration. Seeing him prepare for the ICWAI exams while also managing a hectic work schedule in the office inspired me to work extra hard for this exam.



I am a third year law student from Nalsar University of Law. With heavy voluminous subjects in law school, time management was always an issue. After attending classes till 4 and spending around three hours on the study of law, I would study for CS from 9-11. Residing in another state in a remote location made it tough to take coaching classes. However, having chosen the commerce stream for class 11&12 I had an advantage in dealing with subjects like accountancy and business management. Further, having spent two years in a good law school, I had decent knowledge of various fields of law such as contracts, sale of goods act etc. These served to make up for the difficulty of not able to attend regular classes. I studied intensely during the months of November and December, revising all the chapters. I found that the books provided by ICSI seemed to cover the syllabus completely. Hence I didn't have the need to refer to additional books for the purpose of the exams.

Regards  
**N.Sivaraman**

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**VIVEKA K V**  
**Registration number 317985394603/2017**  
**Rank 20**

I got 20th rank in CS foundation. Of course I am very proud of that but it got possible through our lectures who taught me and also through my collective effort. I am studying both BCOM and CS. So, I go to bcom classes during evening time and I used study CS during day time.



As to my opinion the only thing which requires in CS or in any other professional course is 'expertise' and collective 'effort'.  
At the end I should not forget that my success is the result of blessings of my parents, god and many others.

Thank you,  
**Viveka k v**

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**Shekhar Atul Panse.**  
**Registration No. - 417985708503/2017**  
**Attempt: Foundation, December 2017**  
**Rank: AIR 21.**

Preparing for CS Foundation for me, meant, not only studying for exam but also tackling with the queries like: "Why CS? Why Not CA?". So, I had to make sure that I had an answer ready for people- "Only I'll do what I'll do, CS is what it is, it need not be anything else".



The exam was in December, and I completed my boards in April which meant I had good 8 months for the preparation. 4 subjects, 8 months- very winnable task? I got to work, obviously, the initial pace was quite slow & it took me time to get used to a certain MCQ based study pattern which called for figuring out minutest of details of the modules. Law was the only challenge because the rest three: Economics, Accountancy, Business Management could be managed owing to their background in the highschool. The ICSI prescribed modules contained everything from the point of view of exam but to stand out, I knew, those weren't enough so I went through various business magazines, outlooks & most

importantly kept my eyes & ears open all the time. I remember a question in the exam which asked for the meaning of the word- 'PANACEA', how I could tick the correct answer is by remembering that there's a hospital named the same in my locality & that correlation helped me fetch 2 marks. By the month of August, I realised, rather than putting in long hours, optimal study was the need of the hour & from thereon I gave not more than half an hour to each subject everyday & that helped me reap big. Management was given procrastination because of its unhelpful & Anti-MCQ content until I realized that there wasn't really anything to be studied, it was all practical & all it asked for was a bit of corporate imaginative study. I studied law as it is & read the case studies which helped me understand the clauses & the articles. I must admit I never really got along the law at the first go & had to read it thrice to get a hang of it, which eventually, I did. I couldn't care less of getting a rank & that helped me express myself freely & effortlessly. I got soulful motivation from my parents, teachers & colleagues. Do not study for rank, gain knowledge because CS is what you want to become, actual application is what you're required to do & the laurels will follow.

Regards.  
**Shekhar Atul Panse.**

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**Nimisha Jain**  
**Registration no: 217985433901/2017**  
**Rank-21**



"Being a non-commerce student, things weren't so easy at the start, Economics and Accountancy were like a nightmare for me. Moreover, growing up in a small town like 'Baraut, Baghpat' brings so many challenges, like lack of guidance, no coaching centres, good teachers and not even a co-student doing the same course as you. But as I always wanted to, I applied for CS and got associated with ICSI. With the kind of support and learning material I got from ICSI, I feel proud of this association as despite so many challenges I was able to not only prepare but excel in my studies.

Materials provided by the ICSI are so comprehensive and simple in language that it makes learning much pleasurable and easier. It seems that content is created considering students like me who have the least knowledge in this subject. The material helped me understand and know the subject and just not clear the examinations.

Finally, I want to summarise that my getting the rank in ICSI is all because of my hard work coupled with right preparation material & guidance provided by ICSI and of course my parents' blessings."

Best Regards  
**Nimisha Jain**

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**Aparna Kannappan**  
**Registration number 417985714003/2017**  
**Rank- 21**

Roll number: 107004

I have got 6<sup>th</sup> rank in Ahmedabad and secured an (AIR) of 21 in the Company Secretary Foundation exam.



Hard work and dedication helped me to achieve this. I used to study regularly and do revision as many times as possible. My practice is to give more time to the difficult subjects. My father is a CA, he helped me lot in my exam preparations. I had expected good marks in CS foundation but to my surprise I also got rank.

This was possible because of the good coaching and guidance from ICSI Ahmedabad chapter and support from my family.

**Aparna Kannappan**

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**Jyotika Grover**  
**Registration No. - 217985571403/2017**  
**Rank -22**



I got 22nd AIR in CS Foundation, this is an overwhelming moment for me. I studied hard for this, mostly I studied late night during exam time, I consider it best time for doing study due to less disturbance and distractions. I gave each subject equal time daily instead of focusing on particular one subject for getting good marks in all subjects. My source of inspirations are my teachers especially Mr. Sunil Jain and my mom who supported me so much .Time management is very important in a student life. Self study during last months before exam has been proved so beneficial to me .At last, I want to say that for getting this success, I studied hard with full concentration, dedication and without stress or fear.

**Jyotika Grover**

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**Nikita Sawant**  
**Registration No. – 417985428101/2017**  
**Rank -22**

I am 22nd ALL INDIA RANKER scoring 328/400 marks and my registration number is 417985428101/2017

Hello.



For any exam to excel all I want to say is to be dedicated and be true to what you are doing. To score a rank in CS foundation daily revision is necessary. One should not bi-heart but should know the concept. Not hardwork but smart work should be done.

Referring to module given by ICSI and making our own notes from it is more than sufficient. Everything done in tution classes should be revised on daily basis and test should be solved sincerely. Solving as much as MCQ is the only way to excel in exam and score a rank. Making a study time table and avoiding distractions should be important. Clearing a small doubt on the spot from your mentor or teacher is important. And at the end hardwork will pay off. Be confident and believe yourself.

**Nikita Sawant**

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**MUSKAN WADHWA**  
**Registration No. - 217985667003/2017**  
**Rank – 22**

I enrolled for the CS foundation exam in the first year of my graduation in the DELHI UNIVERSITY. Currently I am in my 2nd year of graduation. The real challenge was to prove myself in both places. I never wanted to compromise one for the other. So, I made sure that I attended my college lectures regularly. I chose smart learning. I kept myself away from any kind of distraction including social media. I had a single basic strategy – to study 100% of the portion and solve 100% of the paper. The essential part was mental preparation. Once you decide not to give up come-what-may, that determination and persistence takes you through. I don't know how to respond to the importance of coaching institutions. I did not take any coaching for CS examinations. I just gave in my 100% in preparation of the course. SELF STUDY is what really matters...Studying only the Institute Study Material and Practice Manual are good enough to excel in foundation exams. I planned my studies topic-wise. On an average I studied for 4-5 hours a day. I had made a small diary in which I used to design a 15-day timetable. I took two subjects in a day – one theory and the other practical. I was clear at what time I have to carry Subject 1 and Subject 2. I believe that if you want to achieve something



that you have never before, you have to do something that you never did before. One thing that helps you prepare better is having this fear that if I fail to study for this one hour today, I may have to waste another six months of my life. Have a clear picture of the time regarding month, week, days and hours. Keep a track of all your activities that you perform from the time you get up till you go to sleep. This will help you avoid the unproductive activities and can balance the schedule of your studies. You can bring about certain adjustments in your habits and behaviour also.

I believe some level of stress is necessary lest you should become casual. I feel that competing with yourself instead of competing with OTHERS is the key....It's all about self-improvement and how you can become a better person that really matters...You should just stay in the present and not keep on thinking about the outcome of the exam. Playing video games, guitar and painting is what I do to cope up with my stress. Also, I have numerous friends and it's always a treat to catch up with them in my free time. I believe you just have to give your best and rest will fall in its place. My family, especially my parents, who gave me an environment conducive to study. The smile on my parents face was worthy of all the toil and efforts. At last my willingness to achieve better than what i have today always make me work hard than I did today.

**MUSKAN WADHWA**

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**Sakshi Singh**  
**Registration No. - 217985566003/2017**  
**Rank-22**

SUCCESS IN LIFE COMES WHEN YOU SIMPLY REFUSE TO GIVE UP WITH GOALS SO STRONG THAT OBSTACLES, FAILURE AND LOSS ONLY ACT AS MOTIVATION”.



With this I Sakshi Singh (CS Foundation AIR-22) would like to extend my first and foremost gratitude to Institute of Companies Secretaries Of India for giving me this awe-inspiring opportunity to showcase my flair. It was extremely an astounding expedition from getting into a professional course of Company Secretary’s Foundation level and to be amongst the top 25 rankers. It was no doubt a phase with peaks and troughs but having an exemplary methodology, efficient time management and a good guidance will prove to be constructive gem altogether. Coming to the strands which may help an individual in accomplishing their aim of being lucrative in their upcoming examinations. Prevalently I’ll start with choosing of prompt methodology. “You’ll never change your life until you change something you do daily. The secret of your success if found in your daily routines”. As said if you want to achieve something then you have to start it from the very beginning and turn it into your routine and then into your thoughts, you’ll definitely retain things in a better way. Self-Study is an important aspect of effective learning. Also an efficient Time Management adds glory to your way to success. We all have the same 24 hrs. every day at our disposal. If we use our time productively and effectively we can make the most of the available to us. All we need to do is to draft a schedule and start working towards you goal in a systematic manner, Do not add up sky high study hours in your schedule as you are bound to lose your track. Keep it straight forward and allot time to your subjects equally. Taking less of stress is more judicious and sustainable. My ultimate source of inspiration have been my mentors who guided with the best and my parents who encouraged me with their continues motivation this is because of these wonderful people I have been able to built out the best of myself and bring laurels to everyone out there. “STAY POSITIVE, WORK HARD AND MAKE IT HAPPEN”.

With Regards,

**Sakshi Singh**

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**Miss Hemanshi Lajesh Lodaya**  
**Registration No. - 417995590603/2017**  
**Rank- 23**



Thank You ICSI for providing me such a big platform to pursue the career of my Interest. I completely owe my success to my Parents who supported me throughout the year, Grandparents who motivated me and Teachers who helped me to achieve this success. My hard work & dedication has brought this result.

I want to share for students who are appearing in CS Foundation, Foundation is not that easy nor that difficult, if one has determination & confidence in oneself and who is dedicated towards their studies can easily achieve great success. Along with studies one's Hobby should not be scarified, as sports or any hobby leads to relaxation & helps in attaining goals. Hobbies are great stress busters. I want to pursue CFA or LLB after successfully completing Company Secretary .

I am studying my F.Y.Bcom along with company Secretary, though both courses are equally difficult but one should remember this that "Nothing is impossible to achieve."

Exams make you nervous but success makes you a strong person. Be confident & you will achieve greater heights in Life. I once again thank each & everyone who ever has helped me through this journey.

**Hemanshi Lajesh Lodaya**

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**Anjali Jhawar**  
**Registration no. : 417985488303/2017**  
**Rank - 23**

Hello,

I am Anjali Jhawar and i scored a rank of AIR 23 in the CS Foundation December 2019 attempt. I took this exam while being a second year law student of Nirma University, Ahmedabad. With the perseverance demanded by the law course, it became impossible to study for foundation exam at the same time. Honestly, the only way I was able to clear this exam was thanks to all the preparation done in Class 11th and 12th. A number of subjects had similar matter which made CS exam a bit easier for me.



I would like to express my gratitude towards my family, especially my father Mr Basant Jhawar, who pushed me to try and achieve the feat of being a law student as well as completing the course of company secretary. At the same time, my mother, Mrs Bharti Jhawar, acted as my support system just like always so while my father inspired me to dream big, my mother enabled me to achieve it to turn the dreams into reality. Another thanks to my school teachers at Shishukunj International, Indore for all the clarity they brought to the subjects they taught.

Thankyou  
**Anjali Jhawar**

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**Akriti Gupta**

**Registration No Foundation: 217985590903/2017**

**Registration No Executive: 240636494/02/2018**

**Rank-24**

**“NO DETAIL IS SMALL AND NO EFFORT IS BIG”**



So, that’s the underline quote that has inspired me to cultivate the field of my studies on which the crop of my success grew.

I have taken the single-minded focus determination and studied with over powering dedication as someone has challenged me that you are taking a great risk of not joining the regular college for graduation and pursue the career of CS directly but for me the word *IMPOSSIBLE* means “**I M POSSIBLE**”. So, it’s a combination of hard work, sincerity, dedication and blessings of Parents and Teachers, who were my helping hand throughout the preparation and all my

Friends, who have motivated me and believed in me because of which I have been able to do well in the exams. My thought process is that we should keep the things simple and have a sense of self belief. But one last thing I can say is **“THE BEST IS YET TO COME”**.

**AKRITI GUPTA**

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**SAGAR KUMAR**  
**Registration No. - 217985462502/2017**  
**Rank- 24**

I used to ask myself that can I ever become successful & famous!. Very early, I realized what was calling in life. The secret for becoming rank holder was the immense hard-work and a transformation in personality. I learn to be adapt and be stubborn. If you are talented, you have to be stubborn.(Persistent is soft word). Law was tough for me . But I kept on researching, memorizing, rehearsing, and improvising at all. My confidence was low, but I gained confidence from my mentors Prof .Kartar Singh who always said that be dedicated and determined towards your goal and moreover **Zindagi Mae Rukana Manna hai**. Secondly, my Economics teacher Dr. Dimple Sharma whom always counselled me in solving my problems whether academic or personal.



There is no such thing good or bad memory. Memory is like a muscle which can be built with training. I read a story from Shiv Khera's book about Chinese bamboo tree that shows no signs of growth for 4 years despite watering and all of sudden shoots upto 60 feet in the 5th year. During exam days ,everyone goes through a mental pressure, to overcome this I used to listen classical music of Rashid Khan, Pt Bhimsen Joshi. These classical vocalist always motivated me and helped me to face the exam pressure. Give your best , rest leave upto God. Last but not the least I am thankful to my parents, my brother being source of inspiration.

**SAGAR KUMAR**

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**Muskan Sinha**  
**Registration No. - 217985730503/2017**  
**Rank-24**

As per your guidance, I would like to share my experience about my achievement among top 25 rankers of ICSI in the Dec-17 foundation exam.



Honestly, I had not even thought to get ranked in top 25 students, I dedicate this achievement to my teachers, family and friends. The study materials provided by the institute are of great help to understand and grasp topics in depth. Parents are main source of inspiration, support and guidance. Finally, I gave tests, solved scanners to estimate my efforts.

Yours truly  
**Muskan Sinha**

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**Name - Sayan Mondal**  
**Registration no.- 116995117912/2016**  
**Rank- 24**

"DREAM AND DEDICATION IS A  
POWERFUL COMBINATION"

The above words have been my motivation from the first time I had seen these words engraved on a board. It's really not hard to achieve such feats but what's hard is being a consistent person in your duty towards education. At this moment and platform I would like to thank my father and my brother for being a constant support to me no matter how tough or difficult the situation ever been. I would also like to thank my alma mater St. Paul's School, Darjeeling for making me what I am today as a student and a huge thank you to all my teachers who constantly guided me to the position I stand at now.



For all those who seek the motivation to study hard and achieve something in life. I'll say this that just be consistent in your work and the results will surprise you.

**Sayan Mondal**

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**NEHAL KOTHARI**

**Registration number: 417985512203/2017**

**Rank-24**

I, Nehal Kothari daughter of Haresh Bhai Kothari have achieved 24th rank all over INDIA in CS foundation by scoring 324 marks. The reason behind my success is the cooperation of my parents with me to fulfil my dreams. My Father has dreamt of me being a very successful person in my life. My parents have no son and I am their only child, I live in a village near Morbi. The mindset of the village people is narrow minded. My Father supported and as I am their only child, I want to secure their future life when they get old. My Father has motivated me alot, he encourages me everytime. He has fulfilled my every wish. After September, I started studying about 5 hours a day apart from lectures and sometimes 3-4 hours. We have to do smart work to secure good marks in exam. My best friend, Viraj encouraged me. He also does have a very good contribution in my achievement. He used to motivate me alot. So, my success story includes the support and cooperation of my parents, inspiration of faculties and their excellent guidance and the motivation of my Friends. Hard work and Smart work together can become the key to success. I wish best of luck to all aspirants!!



Thank you

Best regards,  
NEHAL KOTHARI

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**Kshitiz tayal**  
**Registration no. -217995493903/2017**  
**Rank - 24**

"Hardwork always pays off". I secured Rank 24 which is a special feeling as we got our name attached with "ALL INDIA RANKERS". I always aimed for a rank and what kept me motivated was the fear of losing, not from someone else but from myself only. Once we set a target for ourselves we should never distract from it.



I studied for 4-5 hrs a day but these hours i studied thoroughly. Also Youtube and social networking sites helped me as they give us vast knowledge with many lectures present there also. One must try n solve past years questions along with mock tests given by ICSI. They helps a lot.

In the end i would say that hardwork is the only key to success.

"FOCUS ON YOUR LONG TERM GOAL, GOOD THINGS WILL SOON HAPPEN"

**KSHITIZ TAYAL**

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**ANJALI YADAV**

**Registration number 217985491403/2017**

**Rank- 24**

**HOW I MADE IN..... "CS FOUNDATION"**

It was an overwhelming experience for me to achieve "AIR 24<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>" rank in Ahmedabad in 'CS FOUNDATION'. But the journey was not that easy for me as I came to Ahmedabad from Rajasthan just to pursue CS .



In studies we require clear objective, proper planning , positive attitude & self confidence. This is the key factors which I followed thoroughly. I worked hard & smart for 6 months but if we do what we love is never hard or tiring. I always believed in conceptual studies and qualitative studies rather than quantitative one, which I think played the vital role for me to achieve this rank. I used to study 4-5 hours every day. I had the proper diet and always took time for my hobbies for refreshing my mind. I want to dedicate this achievement to my parents who always supported me .

And I want to say the CS foundation appearing students or those who wishes to pursue this , that all that is required to score good marks is hardwork + smartwork &dedication. At last i advise to all students that never compete with anyone just give your level best.

Last but not the least, I want to say that I am not gonna take this rank for granted but this will be like a confidence booster for and I am looking forward to it.

Thanks,

**Anjali Yadav**

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**Name: - G.Dhyaneswar**  
**Registration number: - 317985363403/2017**  
**Rank - 24**

I was exposed to the career of Company Secretary when I was in my 8<sup>th</sup> Class. I pursued Science group in my 12<sup>th</sup> class. It was very tough for me to cope up with the portions in Economics and Accountancy. But due to the repeated motivation of my parents and my teachers and through continuous study and practice, I was able to master, I got myself well acquainted and equipped with the portions. I used to



study CS Foundation portion for 9 hours a day apart from my college subject which is law [B.A.LL.B(Hons)]. Health is an important factor and I would suggest young people who study CS-Foundation to keep themselves healthy. It was my aim to get an All India Rank. I thank my parents, my gurus, my teachers who supported me in my endeavor. I thank the Almighty for blessing me to get this Rank. Being an ardent fan of A. P. J. Abdul Kalam I would like to mention his quote. He once said, "If four things are followed - having a great aim, acquiring knowledge, hard work, and perseverance - then anything can be achieved." I congratulate my fellow rankholders and wish best of luck to them. I thank ICSI for giving me this opportunity to express myself.

**G.Dhyaneswar**

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**Anirudh**  
**Registration No.-217985544003/2017**  
**Rank- 25**

I'd like to thank my family for their constant support and for their silent words of encouragement. I scored AIR 25 in foundation level exams held in December 2017. That would not have been possible without the constant help and dedication of my teachers. I'd like to take this chance Preeti Telang Ma'am. The very first thing about professional exam is to have a dedication. A dedication that doesn't let you sleep. And this light of passion was radiated within me when I read the story of a famous Pakistani artist, Muniba Mazari. She became the Iron Lady of Pakistan because she fought so many hard battles against life with a smile and lots of determination, dedication and zeal.



Interestingly, I wasn't much into studying. Unlike other students, I studied for quite less time but I believed in intelligent reading. Along with intelligent reading, time management also helped me a lot in achieving this rank. Time management never means making an hourly or daily schedule. That never helps. It becomes a source of anxiety for you. I'd suggest you to definitely make a schedule. But a monthly and a weekly schedule, and accordingly proceed with it. I'm very blessed to have a great friend, Aditya V Singh. Even though he was not into CS course, he used to call me and kept a check on my progress. That helped me a lot. So I'd say always tell your good friends to keep a check on your progress, and to keep reminding you about the same. Trust me that sounds annoying but is really helpful.

Good-Luck! Follow your dreams! And nothing is impossible!

**Anirudh**

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**RIDDHI RAJESH BARCHHA**  
**Registration No. - 417985729403/2017**  
**Rank-25**



I feel so proud to hold a rank in the CS FOUNDATION examination held in 2017. All my hardwork showed up this time.  
I feel that if a person works with their hundred percent in whatever they do their efforts would definitely pay them in either way. I would suggest to stay confident in whatever you do to keep your powerhouse going strong! Know your strength, your weaknesses, work on it because at the end everything is worth what you get.

My methodology was pretty simple to follow as the more simple we keep the more polished we become. I used to study atleast two hours from the very first day I started, because that makes the work much simpler. The only mode to study was the module provided by the Institute because their content was extremely easy to understand and I feel the more books we study from the more we get confused because though their concept may be same but the way their content is written may vary. Also it's very important for a person to note down some important points or to maintain some short notes so that at the end it makes them easy to revise and to remember. Module should be revised atleast thrice. The important lines should be highlighted. Most importantly to be confident about where do you stand question papers of previous years' should be solved and also should be self checked so that your mistake gets rectified spontaneously.

For those who are not daily study person ,they should set a timetable which would help them to manage their studies keeping inline with the Institute.

And last but not the least keep motivating yourself by adding more number of hours studying day by day beacuse nothing comes for free. Hardwork has to be given to whatsoever the work is because at the end you will be owning your result, your appreciation.

**'WHAT MATTERS IS THE PART WE CHOOSE TO ACT UPON'**  
Do not look for success, it will automatically come your way if you give your best! As it is said **'THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW COMES AFTER THE HARDEST CLIMB'**

I wish all the other students Best of Luck.  
Thank you.

**RIDDHI RAJESH BARCHHA**

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**Preethi Saravanan**  
**Registration number 317985314603/2017**  
**Rank-25**

**MY SUCCESS STORY**

First of all I would to thank ICSI from the bottom of my heart for giving me such an honor, I feel really blessed. One of the most important reasons behind my success is my parents support and guidance, so I think I am really lucky to have such parents. Another important reason is that I did my CS Foundation course alone after completing 12th standard i.e, I did not do any another PG degree which saved my time a lot and allowed me to concentrate with my mind at full force without any hesitation. Moreover, my study in Kendriya Vidyalaya from 3rd to 12th standard has helped me a lot to come to this position. Especially my 11th and 12th standard teachers Mr. Selvin and Mr. Mariappan who taught me Economics, Accountancy and Business Management are always my living gods.It is because they made me score 92% in 12th board examination.



I even joined a private institution so called best institute for cs course in Coimbatore, but for me it was best only for first two months. This made me realize that self study was the best and comfortable tutor for me.After this I started studying on my own with the help of materials provided by ICSI and scanner which gave me a brief and in depth knowledge of the syllabus.I made a study time table of my own and studied for nearly 5 to 6 hours a day.I also downloaded previous years question papers from ICSI website and practiced. All these made me score 322 out of 400 and secure ALL INDIA 25th RANK.I once again thank ICSI for giving me this honor.

With regards  
**Preethi Saravanan**

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**Gavish**

**Registration Number :- 217985670103/2017**

**All India Rank :- 25**

Hello... This is Gavish and i will share my "so far" CS journey with you...

It all started when i got to know that there is a course named CS

When i got to know about this. I did some research and felt to enroll and give it a shot .

I prepared myself and just aimed at getting a rank ... At that time my schedule was completely



changed... I locked myself in the room for the night.. With 2 water bottles and all my notes and modules and made a chart sticking it to the wall that on what day , which chapter , which module.. Etc.

Exams time..

Stressed out but still had a feel.. That i am prepared.. Believed on my teachers with their complete support.. The help of my family .. And now it was time to do something .. And after the exams i was satisfied.. When the results were out.. I celebrated with all my friends.. Played with holi colours and party from the teachers..

At last.. A well spent and great year but.. Still 1% there is a thing in my mind.. That i missed all India rank 1 from 25 wrong answers.. Which i will try my best not to miss it in executive?

And a message to everyone preparing for CS exams... Believe in yourself and do the course with all your heart and passion...

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going" ~ popular proverb

**Gavish**

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Let's hear from Rank Holders of CS Executive Programme now

Yogita Gandhi  
Registration No. - 240559996/08/2016  
Rank -2

First of all I would like to thank my parents who worked day and night with me so that I could reach at this position. Then I would like to thank The Institute of Company Secretaries of India for compiling such a beautiful and knowledgeable modules for the course. The module provided by the Institute is very much sufficient for getting success in this exam. I really like the course content of Company Secretary Course which further enhanced my interest towards my subjects.



I devoted equal time and importance to each and every subject. I make sure that I attempt 100 marks paper. Proper choice of questions is a must. Proper Practice plus conceptual clarity is a must for passing any exam.

Thanks

Regards  
Yogita Gandhi

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**AYUSH KEJARIWAL**

**Registration number: 140146516/08/2015**

**Rank-4**

"A DREAM DOESN'T BECOME REALITY THROUGH MAGIC; IT TAKES SWEAT, DETERMINATION, AND HARD WORK." - Colin Powell.



Getting a single digit rank has always been a dream; a dream so powerful that it kept me going. It gives me immense pleasure to share my CS Executive journey with a hope that my story will make my counterparts' journey a little less difficult. I am extremely grateful to The Institute of Company Secretaries of India for giving me this wonderful opportunity.

It's a myth that a professional exam cannot be cleared without coaching classes. I didn't take any and yet managed to clear the exam successfully. What is important is a self-evaluation as to which subjects can I manage on my own and the subjects that I need an additional help. The most challenging part for me was to take 7 exams without a single day gap. And it's almost impossible to revise the entire module in 12-13 hours that we get before the exam and not revising the entire syllabus will make clearing the exam almost impossible. The best way out for me was to make notes. I made notes for all the subjects. Notes, with keywords highlighted, with flow charts and diagrams, so even flipping through the pages could give me an idea about the content inside. Apart from notes, past 10 years' questions helped me a lot. It gave me insights into the kind of questions that can be asked from a given topic. The illustrations and practice questions that are given at the back of each chapter in ICSI's study material also came in handy to understand the question paper pattern. I referred other books suggested by ICSI for practical subjects like Costing and Taxation, apart from giving Institute's material a thorough read. I have always felt that exam preparation is one aspect that we need to work on but the other aspect which is equally important is how we perform on the exam day. Time management and presentation are two things that I focused upon to improve my performance. There are six questions that we need to attempt in each subject. I made sure that I don't spend more than half an hour on any question. I also tried attempting the questions that I was confident about first and then attempted the questions that I did not know so well. I tried to underline the important keywords and section numbers and made it a point to write the paper in a neat and legible handwriting. I also tried to support my answers with the relevant case laws.

I am extremely thankful to my parents, family, and friends for being a constant support. They were always there to boost up my confidence and morale. Had there not been my parents' support, clearing the exam would not have been possible. I hope my experience will be of some help to the students appearing for CS executive exams. All the best!

**AYUSH KEJARIWAL**

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**Raj Kumar Jain**  
**Registration No. - 440535988/02/2017**  
**Rank 5th**

June 2015 cpt 1st attempt: fail  
December 2015 cpt 2nd attempt : fail  
June 2016 cpt 3rd attempt: fail  
Dec. 2016 4th attempt : pass

Made the decision to turn to CS and as already had tasted failure, so had promised myself, have to clear executive in single attempt.



Never scored in top 3 in any of my tests, but I was always consistent to 4th - 5th in all subject's position. By the matter of my luck; Became friend with a classmate and had studied together, she is my inspiration to work day and night and I give my credits of securing this position to her, and she missed rank only by 2 marks, else she would've been AIR 25.

Well it's my consistency and a bit of fear of failure which kept me to study day and night. I did almost 7-8 revisions of all subjects. Cuz at the starting we already knew we didn't get gaps on papers. So was even capable to revise the whole syllabus in duration of 12 hours. I didn't know that I could secure a rank. .

I can say to everybody reading CS is not tough, its just vast just get the talent of handling pressure and you're done.

All the best to everybody.

**Raj Kumar Jain**

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**Kamodinee Bhartia**  
**Registration No. – 140512355/02/2017**  
**Rank – 7**

A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination, and hard work. Our accomplishment depends upon how much sincere, dedicated and focused we are to achieve our goals. Securing AIR 7 and passing with flying colours, I owe my success to my parents, teachers, mentors and friends who have contributed towards it to great extent. Obviously such accomplishment is not possible unless you work equally hard to achieve it.



There is simply no substitute for *hard work* when it comes to achieving success. It is *hard work*, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do. There is no strategy as such which I followed for the exams. A thorough understanding of the subject, effective study, continuous revision, self – practice and solving past question papers is all that is required to excel. You just need to scrutinize yourself and find out the area which requires more practice and revision and work hard on it. Success is a mark of hard work and dedication.

*Believe in yourself*, and the rest will fall into place. Have faith in your own abilities, *work hard*, and there is nothing you cannot accomplish!

Regards and best wishes,

Kamodinee Bhartia

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**Paras Agrawal**  
**Registration No. - 240546674/02/2017**  
**Rank-14**

Overwhelmed to receive greetings from ICSI for being placed in the list of top 25 CS EXECUTIVE ALL INDIA RANKHODERS.

I (Paras Agrawal), s/o Mr. Sanjay kumar agrawal and Mrs. Ritu agrawal (Res: Aligarh), am very much happy on clearing both modules of CS executive in first sitting and that too with AIR 14.

CS executive result was declared on 25/02/2018 on official website of ICSI. It was a golden , memorable and overjoyous moment for me to see word "PASS" on my marksheet. AIR 14 worked as the cherry on the cake.



I consider my PARENTS to be my greatest support. They were my greatest mentors during my studies. They always motivated me to achieve what I wish for .

I believe in self study. There is "No shortcut to success". As I belong to city where there are hardly any CS coaching institutions therefore I opted for self study.

I am also pursuing CA and undergoing CA articleship training and hence it was difficult to get time for studies but due to constant support of my family I was able to manage studies along with my articleship. Self study helped me to understand and retain the concepts much better than any mentor would have helped me to do the same.

At last, I would like to say that it's just a step towards grand achievement and success I wish for ... Journey of success is long enough and filled with difficulties but I am ready for it!

**THANKYOU**  
**Paras Agrawal**

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**Aayushi Vinay Gupta**  
**Registration Number - 440387671/12/2015**  
**Scored 16<sup>th</sup> Rank in CS Executive December 2017**

**Testimonial of Success Achieved.**

I am truly overwhelmed by the result. I had not expected to score a rank in the CS Executive Examination. My aim was to clear both the groups in the first attempt. However it is truly a pleasure to have scored a rank and hence I strongly believe that there is no shortcut to success.

CS Executive exam is a tough one because it has many new subjects and most of them are theory based



like – Capital Markets and Securities Law, Economic and Commercial Laws, etc. with many new and complex concepts. However the one thing that helped me was that I used to pay attention on understanding the concept rather than learning them. The papers have application based questions which can be solved only with thorough understanding of the concept. It makes it more interesting and easy to retain. Time management plays a key role for such competitive exams not only while preparing for the papers but also managing the 3 hour time of writing the papers. For MCQ based questions I would suggest that first attempt the questions you are sure of and after evaluation of expected marks, see if you can attempt those which you are partially sure of such that the chance of negative marking does not leave you at risk. For non MCQ based papers, ensure you spend 5 minutes in reading the paper and making the choice of questions that you would want to attempt. Allot time for each question and ensure you stick to it for timely completion of the paper. Ensure that you at least attempt 100% of the paper by writing at least something you know and try and appear for both groups together. For preparation I did not take any coaching classes and completely relied on the institute's study material. Scanner which is a culmination of previous examination questions is a must do in each subject as it tells you how to present your answers and how much to write. Moreover it is very helpful to quickly revise all important concepts just a day before the exam when it not feasible to run through the entire study material. A day before the exam focus on all the important chapters. Regular studies is the key to clearing this exam and towards the end, nearly a month before the exams, dedicated preparation of 8-10 hours is required. Ensure that you take breaks at regular intervals and do some outdoor activity in the breaks so that can freshen up your mind. Proper sleep before and during the exams is a must. I strongly recommend that you should leave all the books an hour or half before the exam and remain calm.

The entire credit of my success goes to my parents and my younger brother who constantly boosted my morale and provided immense support in every possible way. I would also like to thank my seniors who guided and helped me at each step.

In conclusion I would only say that hardwork always pays off. The happiness of getting a good result is worth all the sacrifices and efforts that this exam demands. With sincerity and dedication, success in this exam can be achieved.

**Aayushi Vinay Gupta**

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**Nikita Agarwal**  
**Registration Number : 150507581/02/2017**  
**Rank-17**

It's simply a matter of HARD WORK that worth at last .Studying the Institutes' Study Material is really helpful. The entire Syllabus gives Great knowledge about each subject.



The time management increases as time passes by. My strategy is basically at first to read from understanding point of view i.e., to Strong the base first. And after that I start the strategy regarding exam point of view. During the last month I have done a thorough revision of the entire syllabus because as per my view " One should not study new things during the last month."

A lot of person inspired me. My parents are simply best part of my life. They always motivated me in all sphere of my life. In every part & parcel of life, my Sister & Brother supported me selflessly always. In my life every teacher are very inspirational and motivated me from very beginning. Whenever I got depressed, they motivated me always.They are my Friend, Philosopher and Guide. They always guided me to " Be like Grass and don't try to become a Tree, because while storm comes, tree fall down but grass remains unaffected." My friends are really amazing. They are very helpful and remain by my side in every hard times.Lastly I would like to suggest every one who will face the exam that, " Success is the summation of all small efforts repeated day in and day out."

Regards,  
**Nikita Agarwal**

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**Ayush Gupta**  
**Registration No. - 450417303/02/2016**  
**Rank- 18**



There is no substitute for hard work and hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard. I, by all standards, am a very optimistic person and this optimism has played a catalytic role in my entire career so far. There is no denying in the fact that the path to success is incomplete without multiple impediments which have the potential to trigger your consciousness, and which actuate you to remain conscious at every step of life. The life will provide you ample opportunities to recuperate from the ailed past, if you keep your mind and eyes open for it. I began my journey of becoming a Company Secretary, which is still not complete, by appearing for CPT, not CS Foundation, and then opted law as a career discipline for the undergraduate programme in Government Law College, Mumbai. Later, I decided to go for Company Secretaryship course for its having an academic affinity with law. I was an average student and one who cannot absorb any information devoid of reasoning. Moreover, I have an indiscriminate passion to learn about new things and study them to the core, and I think this thing has propelled me to study the vast syllabus of CS Executive course effortlessly. I would like to suggest to the students preparing for the Executive, or any other examination for that matter, that never disable yourself by consolation, always try to question what you know and explore more. Try to make a small peer group (of not more than 3) for studying and deliberating about the concepts and try to understand the coherence employed in various provisions of law. As a student of law, there should be no learning divorced from the reality. I was fortunate to have teachers who have not only shower unto us their inexplicable ingenuity but also evoke in us a sense of passion that we help learning.

I would suggest the students to 'question the law before you learn it' because the law is made for the regulation of the society and thus it is a paramount duty of a student of law to understand it in the light of fulfilling that social objective. Lastly, I would like to conclude that do not just emulate the strategies of others but try to frame your own bearing your goal in the mind. A few of the strategies which I employed, and which turns out to be successful to me are –

- A habit of writing the legal language; that can be developed by understanding punctuation and grammatical construction of any law. The practice of writing and speaking will be an added help in achieving this objective.
- Elimination of undesirable notions about a subject(s) or topic(s) created by an adverse opinion of my seniors, teachers etc., for everyone carries a different state of mind and a different level of understanding a particular thing.
- Reading of the 'Introduction' to the chapter and a glance over the technical terms of it before I appear in the class to study that chapter.
- Glance over the topics that I studied long ago. Do not allow the topic to get overshadowed by the efflux of time.
- Do not be supercilious about anything you know more than others, violation of which will not lead you to breed ecstasy and you will end up engendering conflicts and chaos.

I would like to express my utmost gratitude to my teachers, parents, friends, well-wishers and even foes to provide me the necessary means and values, without which it would have been impossible for me to achieve this success.

**Ayush Gupta**

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**Sirjay Ambawat**  
**Registration No - 440554243/02/2017**  
**Rank 18**

Secured AIR 18 in CS Executive in December 2018.

Nothing is happier than seeing your parents full of joy; it was one of those days when you're the reason behind their happiness!



Frankly, just give it your best shot! Covering entire syllabus, and completing entire paper are of paramount importance. Conceptual clarity is the key. Read once, but well enough to understand. Quality matters more than quantity. One must choose wisely the portion of syllabus which requires more attention. I did not take any kind of coaching but, always made notes and indulged more in self-studies. And yes, most importantly, take good care of your health - physical, mental and emotional. Study smarter, not harder!

Finally, leave the results to the luck factor which in my opinion and experience plays equal role in your success in the exams. Keep cool while attempting the paper and don't get disturbed in case you find the paper to be difficult because if it is difficult for you, it would be difficult for others as well.

Utmost Important - Seek blessings of your parents to be one among the rank holders.

Good Luck!

**Best regards,**  
**Sirjay Ambawat**

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**Preshit Khandelwal**  
**Registration number 440515143/02/2017**  
**Rank-18**

CS Executive *AIR*- A dream that I saw with the Foundation result (AIR 23). This dream became a long journey with hard work, dedication and sacrifice. Despite the fact that it took a lot, everything seems completely worth now. The first requirement I believe is that *one must aim for a rank to achieve it* because a person aiming to just clear exams with 350 will certainly not get a rank but a person aiming for rank will. The factor that I consider most important in my journey is SACRIFICE. All of us do put a lot of hard work for the exam but some miss out only due to small mistakes. These small mistakes leave us with regrets and ultimately frustration. This I had in mind since after all my exams all I had done till now was regret and this time I wanted to change it. I decided to sacrifice a lot of fun with my friends,



social media, television and lot of other activities from which time I could save time. And this exactly created a difference. Being a law student required to attend regular college, it gave me extra hours of studies regularly which probably if wasted, would have left me just below the mark. Another common mistake many of us make is searching for short reference books. I would recommend studying subjects from institute's module as far as possible and go through taxmann's previous questions for exhaustive preparations. Also, I scored a national high of 90 marks in tax. The simple reason was being regular in classes and revising as many times as I could since the subject demands lot of revision. Similarly, one can understand and develop their own methodology of study for various subjects since

it differs for everyone.

Months before exam, I prepared deadlines for completing subjects, followed the strategy of studying 4 to 5 subjects in a day to keep myself connected with almost all the subjects at the same time. I used to pen down daily targets by allocating hours to every topic which never made it look to pile up. Also, I found many of my colleagues skipping various topics which should not be done. One needs to know everything to score well. This could be done by having systematically planned approach for every subject. A very important factor is continuous study of previous question papers to prepare in the expected manner. This helps one to be sure of their preparations. Going through, it was all not very smooth, since I went through various breakdowns as well. There were days I was not able to concentrate, I felt like I cannot take it anymore. But I am lucky to have parents, teachers and friends who always believed in me and made sure I don't give up. The credit for my success goes to all of them. In the end, being motivated and devoted throughout is the key to reach your destination.

**Preshit Khandelwal**

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**Sweety H. Jain**  
**Registration No. - 450530479/02/2017**  
**Rank-19**

I am Sweety Harish Jain. I want to share my study experience with all of my friends. I am not a student who decided his/her career in childhood. I completed my schooling from Hindi medium school. I am good in study since childhood so my mother inspired me to join CS. Though she is a house wife but. she is so conscious about my future. My father is servicing in textile industry, his financial income is too low however he manage my study expense.



I feel CS syllabus very interesting, it induce me to study regularly. My habit is studying early morning. It helps me to learn more points. I take great interest while reading books so that I can remember important topics. I am doing meditation to keep my mind calm, it helps me so much. I want to give credit of my achievements to my idol parents, teachers.

**Sweety H. Jain**

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**Aman Gupta**  
**Registration Number: 240541527/02/2017**  
**Rank -19**

Sir,

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to share my experience of achieving this AIR 19 in Cs -Executive. Here is the brief testimonial of this journey.

"The journey from AIR 50 in IPCC to AIR 19 in cs executive.

All of my credit of securing the rank at cs executive stage is simply because of my parents who hold my hands at every step in this success, My mentors who had an immense faith in me that yes, I can surely secure a rank ,and last but not the least my friends because it's all your company that makes you what you are .My key to success is the dreaming of securing a rank Along with consistent efforts and sincere dedication.



I planned before hand to secure a rank and planned in that way my whole journey. I started preparing for the subjects in which I found myself weak and then targeted my core areas. I put almost all my efforts equally on all the subjects but for my favourite subjects I targeted more to achieve so that I can secure better .I planned my journey like, at first conceptual clarity, then secondly on the subjects which were more difficult for me ,and then the revision phase in which I tried to revise atleast 2-3 times by my notes and the book itself which helped me a lot .

So for anything to achieve, one have faith in him that yes he can do something and with proper planning and constant hardwork everything is possible."

**Aman Gupta**

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**SAHIL GIRISH MAKKAR**  
**Registration No. - 440513028/02/2017**  
**Rank - 20**

Success Story:-

The feeling of seeing the word 'Pass' on the mark sheet is a very big achievement in itself as it is one of the most competitive examinations of the country. I did not expect to get any rank. I was really not bothered to check the rank. For me, clearing Executive itself was a huge success, At first, I could not believe then my Sister checked the website to confirm, and to my surprise, I was there in All India Ranking. Unlike most professional courses, CS has a very comprehensive syllabus. There are seven subjects, multiple laws and thousands of provisions which sometimes get on your head. But all that is required to ace this challenge is a commitment, hard work, focus and a lot of sacrifices in terms of social media, parties, etc. My Family and God (Saibaba) played a vital role for clearing my Exams. My Father (Girish Makkar) had always boosted my Confidence at every step while my Mother (Varuna Makkar) used to wake me up at any time even by sacrificing her sleep and last but not least my Dadi's (Kiran



Makkar) blessings. I generally like to study at night. I had a great support of my Sister (CS Jesal Makkar). She used to help me in preparing my Schedules and also learning and understanding Company Law. My Mentors (CS Bhupendra Jain and CS Sneha Bhatia) are my another Pillar, who supported me to clear my doubts and concepts.

"People don't do great things; they only do small things in a great way." I believe if concepts are clear and if we set proper target, than it become little easy to clear exams. I don't like to do Group Study. I prefer to sit alone silently and concentrating on each day set target. I used to prepare monthly timetable and to keep a break of a day or two so that if we are not able to achieve what is decided due to any reason than it can be recovered. Preparing Time table help us

to know how much time is left to complete the course. Whereas in order to balance CS with B. Com Studies I was preparing on the day of Exams and I used to devote my time for CS Preparation . I think positive thinking and constant efforts we can fight with any situation. Not to bring any negative thoughts in mind. What we think is what our body react. My Parent always says that always keep in mind "**Agar kisi cheez ko dil se chaaho to puri kayanat usey tumse milane ki koshish mein lag jaati hai.**" I always believe "SUCCESS DELAYED IS NOT SUCCESS DENIED."

**SAHIL GIRISH MAKKAR**

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**Aditi Gupta**  
**Registration No. - 240518321/02/2017**  
**Rank -21**

I, Aditi Gupta have scored AiR\_21 in cs executive dec 2017 xams (Registration no. - 240518321/02/2017, Executive roll no. - 175831).

I would like to thank my parents for making available a good study environment for me.



Regarding preparation I would like to suggest students to refer institute module for covering the whole syllabus and conceptual clarity. I have taken coachings of few law subjects but still at the end its ur efforts that matters.

I studied normally 6-7 hours a day. Focus should be on effective studies and not on hours of study.

Consistency is really important to plan your studies well and make time for revision .One has to be dedicated to manage those continuous 7 to 8 days hectic schedule of exams. Hence it is important that students should not rely on last moment studies and complete the full course well at the right time

Also for the theory subjects like ECL, C.L. students should practice writing legal provisions and solving case studies.

**Aditi Gupta**

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**Divya Tibrewal**  
**Registration No. - 240520641/02/2017**  
**Rank- 25**

That feeling when dreams come true is difficult to express in words but the efforts made to make these dreams come true must be shared to be able to contribute towards turning many more such dreams into reality. I sincerely hope to make one such contribution through this testimonial. Being greatly interested in the functioning of the corporate world, particularly the legal framework governing it, the Company Secretary Course is something I have always wanted to pursue. I enrolled for the CS- Executive



Programme in February, 2017, so effectively I had around 3 quarters of a year to prepare for the same. Pursuing B Com. (Hons.) at the same time from a reputed regular college made the task a bit challenging but nevertheless, determination and perseverance ultimately pay off. I am not a kind of person who could go about studying endlessly for hours; in fact none of us can do so. I believe it is not how many hours we study that determines the end results but the dedication and concentration we put in during the time we study.

I studied for 5-6 hours a day and believed in taking small breaks in between. Now in these 10-15 minutes breaks I would either listen to music or take a power nap. I believe every subject is equally important and gave almost equal time to them.

Since most of the subjects are purely theoretical, constant revision played a key role in retaining whatever I had learnt. Underlining the important points, understanding the key concepts helped me frame the answers in my own words and believe me we cannot and should not memorize everything. Solving the previous years' question papers and sample papers issued by the institute play a very valuable role in the entire preparation strategy. They help get an idea of the pattern of questions that can be asked and also help you keep a track of your paper solving speed. I focused solely on the study material provided by the institute and honestly if you are thorough with that material, you will not need to pile up numerous reference books; they are sufficient and good enough. I would like to thank the Almighty for his blessings and last but certainly not the least, I would like to attribute my success to the constant support and guidance that I had received throughout the preparation and examination period from my family, mentors and friends.

**Divya Tibrewal**

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**SNIGDHA BHIWANIA**

**Registration Number: 240510017/12/2016**

**Rank-25**

"CS Executive Exams require a lot of hard work and persistence from the examinee. I followed self study for the preparation and referred to institute's material and practice manual for detailed study. Past year questions were referred where I could not delve deeper. Guidance from my seniors and motivation from my parents and colleagues kept me going despite all the odds.



It is very important to manage your time during the exams with no preparatory leave on hand. I maintained my short notes for quick revision. Also, I would avoid discussing any thinking about the last exam to focus on the next one. Last but not the least, it is very important to have a sound sleep before exam to maintain good health during those 8-9 crucial days."

**SNIGDHA BHIWANIA**

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## Let's hear from Rank Holders of CS Professional Programme

**Twinkle Chandariya**

**Registration Number-440247581/11/2014**

**Rank - 1**

Hello friends,

Congratulations to all of the newly qualified company secretaries as this degree is no accident; it is hard work, sacrifices, learning, perseverance and most of all love for what you desire to do!

For all those candidates who have their exams scheduled in June' 2018, I wish you best luck for the same and I might have a few tips for you. First and foremost tip is try sticking to the study modules that Institute issues (the same I did) and if you are used to referring notes of authors/classes, then ensure that it covers everything from the module. Try to carve out short summaries of the chapters as it helps you to identify right answers from the correct chapters and because such charts leave a picturesque impact on our minds, it helps in easy retaining of the content. For practical subjects, try solving newer problems on your own. In my opinion, two revisions are required before appearing for exams. While writing papers, especially theoretical papers, remember drafting is the key. So think before you write and ensure sentences are well drafted and language is polished. Plan your exam days well before in advance so that you study minimum on those days and get a proper sleep of at least 6 hours during exams.



My journey into this course was a beautifully paved way to this unbelievable AIR 1. You know, 'She can't fly without her wings!'. My Parents and brother gave me those wings and you really can't ask for anything more. Support of my family, friends and teachers has been boundless and I would like to extend them a big Thank You! :-)

Thank You,  
Regards,  
**Twinkle**

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**KAILASH KUMAR KANORIA**  
**Registration number 140173768/02/2016**  
**Rank-2**

I would like to dedicate this achievement to my family and close friends who constantly supported me during this journey.

I would like to share some tips for prospective Company Secretaries -



1. Try to interpret bare law on your own
2. Try to be in full command of each and every section number, because unless you don't have command in section numbers, you can never have full control over law
3. Try to use reference of section numbers in your answer wherever possible
4. Give full importance to ICSI's study material
5. And most importantly, try to love law.

Hope this will help you.

Thanks and regards,  
**KAILASH KUMAR KANORIA**

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**Nidhi Chandak**  
**Registration number 140162817/01/2016**  
**Rank – 4**



25th February, 2018 has become a Red Letter Day in my calendar because on this very day, I qualified the CS Professional Examination to become a privileged member of the most esteemed Institute of Company Secretaries of India. To fare exams with AIR-4 was a cherry on top of the success pie. Obviously, my happiness knew no bounds.

When I look back, I realize that it has been a journey of perseverance, coupled with calculated planning and balanced time management all through. Being one of the top courses of immense repute, CS demands rigorous and consistent efforts. I found it very helpful for me to clearly chalk out my schedule and prepare a time table, while ensuring that I keep space for adequate revisions. I ensured that each night, I went to bed with the satisfaction of having achieved my target for the day. Furthermore, I made it a point to make a comprehensive coverage of the study material provided by the Institute and also, the past Examination papers. This helped me to understand that CS does not demand rote learning, but conceptual study, with strong theoretical roots and application of concepts to practical case studies. There were times when I felt low, not sure if I should appear this term or to defer otherwise; but then, my parents and my brother were a constant motivation, who made me believe in my ability and inspired me to keep going, without bothering about the results. As a CS himself, my father thoroughly guided me during my preparations.

An important concern for me during the last couple of months was to take good care of my health, have ample sleep and not to overwork myself. As a rank holder (AIR-5) in CS Executive Examination of December, 2016, it was truly challenging for me to keep up my performance, but, with the support of my family, I decided not to be bagged down by the burden of past results, rather, to see it as a motivation for my future.

The most important thing that guided me throughout was, perhaps, Faith in the Almighty, without whose divine blessings, no feat can be achieved. Last, but not the least, I have realized that Luck is nothing, but a dividend of sweat and no success is possible without striving hard and struggling for it. As a course, CS has taught me a lesson ~ “The secret of success is to put our heart, mind and soul into everything we do.”

**Nidhi Chandak,**  
**All India Rank – 4**

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**R. Praveen Kumar**  
**Registration number 340114822/08/2014**  
**Rank- 6**

I am from Chennai and a qualified CA when I joined the CS course. I am working as Manager-Finance in L&T Kobelco Machinery Private Limited. I live in Chennai but workplace in Kanchipuram which is close to 75 Kms one way distance from my home.

I joined CS to increase the scope of my profile at the motivation and advice of Mr. G. Muthukrishnan, CFO of my company and my motivator and mentor. I joined CS in 2014. Being a working professional, I could not attend classes for any subject and relied on self-study and practical knowledge gained during the course of employment to clear the examinations.



I did not qualify the executive level in one attempt and failed in economic and commercial laws paper. I introspected where I went wrong and realised I didn't plan my time properly.

After clearing my executive exam, the pressure of syllabus and management of work at office became a hectic affair. But I was determined to complete the professional in one shot and applied for all groups.

Since my office commute is long (around 75 Kms), it used to take total 3 hours every day for commute. For professional course, I decided to utilise this time and most of my studies/ chapters of theory were completed in the bus. This way I could at least study 3 hours per day during official days. Balancing my schedule was at times, hectic as office comes with endless responsibilities. I planned my studies, work and relaxation time for the week in advance and would try to stick to the schedules.

Holidays and weekends I studied around 6 hours per day. Exam days I just revised whatever I already read once and relaxed and had good sleep before exams which helped me approach the papers without tension and in good health.

I covered 100% syllabus at least once and important topics many times. Due to paucity of time I could not join any classes and relied on institute material and scanners for my studies.

I never mug up any topic. It is really important to understand the concept and write in own language than to copy the law. To understand the difficult concepts, I used to search in youtube for any lecture on that topic and got understanding for those topics from their demo lectures.

I am really delighted to have got all India 6<sup>th</sup> Rank in professional examinations. I would like to thank my loving and supporting family and my boss Mr. Muthukrishnan who is my inspiration to take up further studies.

**R. Praveen Kumar**

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**Samiksha Agrawal**  
**Registration Number 440395600/02/2016**  
**AIR 8**

Firstly, I would like to extend my heartiest greetings to all of the newly qualified Company Secretaries and I would like to thank ICSI for giving me an opportunity to share my success story and recognizing my sincere efforts. To come up with **All India Rank 8** in examination like CS Professional is itself a big privilege. To be successful in the examinations one need to study on the basis of a well-defined plan, prepare continuously, work hard on weak areas and hone strong points.

To all those who are going to appear exam in near future I would specifically like to mention that focus on concepts and logic rather than learning. Since I am pursuing CA also it had been very difficult to manage time for both the exams simultaneously but surrounding myself with people full of positivity such as family, friends and teachers had really kept me motivated enough and had been a source of inspiration throughout the journey.



It becomes very important to manage your time well because we all know that we don't get enough time between 2 papers so you need to prepare yourself well in advance. I had not done any coaching for any of the papers of CS Executive as well as CS Professional. But yes I had the experience of CS Executive where it became difficult to revise complete syllabus during the time which we get between the papers so I was very particular about choosing the study material with complete coverage which is in summary format and don't forget to refer study material provided by the institute because it almost contains the 100% coverage of questions asked by the Institute. Try to solve previous year question paper as it gives us the basic idea about the types of questions being asked in exams. The

most important tip is trying solving entire paper within the time available because when you are attempting a question it gives rise to a possibility of scoring some marks and leaving the question entirely will fetch you zero marks.

Apart from studies there are many things which need to be focused such as taking care of your mental as well as physical health. As **Larry Bird** rightly said, ***"I've got a theory that if you give 100% all of the time, somehow things will work out in the end."***

**Thanks and Regards,**  
**Samiksha Agrawal**

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**Prajakta Pradeep Jagtap**  
**Registration No: 450019605/05/2013**  
**Rank -9 [CS Professional]**  
**Rank – 20 [CS Executive]**

All India Rank – A lifetime achievement!

A statement my mentor made when I told him about my CS Professional exam rank.

I am practicing Chartered Accountant and Partner at a reputed firm in Pune. Having cleared CA exams in the first attempt, I had the thirst to pursue CS as well in order to gain knowledge and to explore new professional opportunities. On successfully getting through CS Executive in December, 2016 securing All India Rank (AIR) - 20, I had the zeal to secure AIR even at Professional level. Being a practicing Chartered Accountant, I could not devote time for CS studies. However, I used to remind myself that ‘No excuses, bang on the target’ which one of my mentor had told me during CA course. Hence, after office work whatever time was left at my disposal was being fully utilized by me.

I referred the scanners along with Institute material. Covering the entire syllabus is essential as we never know which chapter can be tested on the exams.

The key for passing any exams is the understanding of the concepts and cumulative revisions.



Cumulative revisions help to increase the capacity to recall and to be in touch with the entire syllabus. Also making summary notes helps to get a hold over chapters running into hundreds of pages. Referring past exam papers helps in getting acquainted to the type of questions being tested. While studying make a list of questions or mark the questions to be done day before exam. This is essential as it is not possible to revise the entire syllabus in short time span day before exam. Failing to plan is planning to fail. Planning and strategizing how the exam is to be approached is a must.

The entire preparation gets reflected in just three hours exam duration. Hence, how and what is presented in the papers plays a major role. Choose the questions wisely from the available options.

Taking care of health and having sufficient sleep during exam days is required since its continuous exam session where in we can't afford to miss out on even one paper. There can be times during the preparation where one might feel down and the path might seem to be very difficult. However, one must remember that when going gets tough, the though gets going. Perseverance and confidence is essential.

I would like to thank my parents, sister and other family members, my mentors, teachers and friends for constantly supporting, guiding and motivating me to achieve this.

**Prajakta P. Jagtap**

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**Tulika Aggarwal**  
**Registration number 340217071/09/2015**  
**Rank-10**  
Perseverance. Balance. Discipline.



The journey to succeeding in the CS Professional programme is no less than a battlefield. It is a test of will where each day you fight your demons. Demons of failure constantly haunted me in this quest. Tales of people failing despite continuous efforts can be more than demoralizing. During this time you realize that one needs to return to basics. I funnelled all my energy in envisioning that I must pass and indeed it happened! I started not knowing which direction to take but interactions with my peers showed me some light. I attended coaching for the core subjects and realized that the material provided by ICSI is the key. One must allocate sufficient time to study from the material provided instead of looking for abridged material later. I dedicated an average of 8 hours for approximately 4 months before the exams in which time I was able to read the material twice. I learnt that revision is primary as it helps immensely to retain and your own summarized notes, which were my go-to during the exam period, must supplement it. I believe that every student from their past experience knows where they stand in terms of preparation time and must focus on the quality of hours they put in and not the quantity. I have learnt that one needs to be level headed when writing such exams. Preparation demands hard work but it doesn't ask for your life. Mental health must be taken care of and students must not suppress their inherent needs to socialize and be happy. Thus it becomes essential to surround yourself with friends and family that are encouraging as well as understanding in order to strike that balance. I am extremely grateful to my mom and my dear friend Nishreen who were my support system during these exams and were there for me when I needed them. I would also thank my teachers, my family and friends who never let me waiver from my path. While prepping, I had passing thoughts like “Why am I doing this to myself?” but the sweet taste of success in the end is definitely worth it!

**Tulika Aggarwal**

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**Chirayu Maloo**  
**Registration No. - 240487158/02/2016**  
**Rank-11**



"The feeling of seeing the word 'Pass' on the mark sheet is a very big achievement in itself as it is one of the most competitive examinations of the country. However, AIR 11 is add on to it. My first call was to my mother as she has been a constant support and a source of inspiration to me. My parents are my ideals as they have given me guidance at every point of time in my life. Whatever I have achieved today is because of their blessings.

While studying for it, i focused more on Concepts and Logics rather than just reading and learning. I understood the importance of taking breaks while studying continously for long time. I believe in self motivation, whenever my target for a day is achieved i get motivated for the next day, I think there is no shortcut to success. I want to thank all of you who have supported me through out this journey. "

**Chirayu maloo**

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**Piyushi Jain**  
**Registration number 240108077/08/2013**  
**AIR 14th**



I qualified in December 17 with an AIR 14th. Firstly this feeling takes a while to sink in. But believe me friends that moment is worth all the hard work you have done by studying for sleepless nights, pain you have undergone and sacrifices you have made. To all the aspirants i want to spread the message that it's not impossible once you have firm determination to so. My strategy has always been to focus on self study and covering entire course instead of juggling from one chapter to another. Also, time management is an important key to this door. So friends make a time table practically feasible and start preparing ruthlessly from this moment if you want to shine in the crowd.

Once again thanks to my parents, institute and teachers for guiding me and helping me to sail through.

**Piyushi Jain**

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**Umang Babel**  
**Reg No.: 140165908/02/2016**  
**Rank-16**

Rank, it is not just an achievement rather it is a dream and memory of a lifetime.

Everyone craves for it but rare are those who actually get it and trust me everyone can get it with a disciplined and ethical lifestyle.



There is no secret to my success but it is rather a mixture of Hardwork, Determination, Efforts and above all the contribution of all those around me, who encouraged and made me put effort more than what i could.

It would not have been possible without the support of my Parents, my Sister and all those around me who were ready to help me whenever i needed them.

It was just 3 months before the exam when I realised that exams were just at the doorstep. With so many subjects to cover and with paucity of time in hand, I had to prepare and plan my studies in such a manner that i was able to:

1. Cover the entire syllabus
2. Retain whatever i have studied
3. Practised previous years questions
4. Revised the syllabus at least once before sitting in the exam environment.

It was difficult probably the most difficult thing one could ever face in his/her life but I was determined and focused and had the strong will that i would not defer my term and would clear at one go.

I too had started working so it became more difficult for me to take with my College going simultaneously.

I had merely 2-3 hours of study time in a Weekday, that was not enough so i had to cut down my sleep to just 5 hours a day to go that extra step to achieve what i dreamt of one day.

During weekends it was just sleeping and studying going simultaneously, while i even could not figure out when i slept and when i woke up and started studying again.

Days became nights, Nights became days but i was motivated and firm that I will complete and achieve the goals I started to pursue.

For me Social media especially Youtube and Google were saviours since i had not taken any tuitions and i was studying on my own.

There came times when i would become perplexed and confused about various topics in the curriculum, so i used to refer to the videos and material available online to help me and guide me further.

This success helped me realise the fact that nothing is impossible in this world and if one wants then he can achieve anything and everything, it just requires Planning, Execution and Self Appraisal.

**Umang Babel**

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**Amarjeet kaur. L. Khandal**  
**Registration.no-440396341/02/2016**  
**Rank-17**



This is Amarjeet kaur and i have scored 17th all India rank. This success only demands hardwork and focus.I have started studying since begining. I always stuck to the same material throughout rather than switching over. I always recommend module study and scanner(past paper questions).

And in reading vacation i.e since July i have studied 8-9 hours. But as i always say do not study considering hours but try to complete syllabus and revise as many times as you can.I have done 2 times revision before appearing exams. Do not stress yourself and eat and sleep sufficiently

**Amarjeet Kaur. L. Khandal**

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**Krishna Keerthana V**  
**Registration Number : 340249599/02/2016**  
**Rank – 20 Professional Programme**

“Work hard in silence, let your success make the noise.” – Frank Ocean I am an aspiring Chartered Accountant, undergoing my Articleship Training. I could not attend classes. ICSI Study Material came to my rescue. It made my preparation phase easier. I could revise the entire syllabus once. Here are a few things that I understood during my preparation



- Proper planning is fundamental.
- Making notes for quick revision is essential.
- The more we revise , the better.
- Writing mock tests to check on our time management is of immense help.
- Staying positive is the key.
- There is no substitute to hard work.

The joy on clearing a professional course (that too with a Rank!) is boundless. The support and strength from my parents and my brother kept me going through my exams. I'd like to thank every person who played a role in this success of mine.

**Krishna Keerthana V**

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**Vishal H. Dedhiya**  
**Reg No: - 440371481/08/2015**  
**Rank –23**



I thank ICSI for giving me an opportunity to share my experience and recognising my sincere efforts. I am a qualified Chartered Accountant working with a reputed legal and consulting firm in in Bangalore. I have cleared all the levels of my CA curriculum in first attempt and I have also secured a rank in my intermediate course. In CS executive I stood first in Ahmedabad chapter. When I recall the phase of my preparation for CS final exam, it thrills me because did not have any clue how would I be able to manage by office with my studies. I had a busy season during the month of October and November – 2017. I had to stretch beyond working hours and even had to work during week end. I had no time to take coaching. I used to study daily after the working hours. I used to study from Institute material which to my knowledge is drafted and written in a very simple and user friendly way. Institute material helped me a lot in understanding the concept as it was written in a very simple language and it does not require any other assistance to understand the concept. I had lot of support from my family members and colleagues. The difficult portion for me was time management as I had to manage my office hours with my studies. In spite of all the difficulties, I was determined enough towards my studies. I had planned my schedule on daily basis and would not sleep till I could complete the target and accordingly I could managed to clear my exam with flying colours. Through my career I have learnt and experienced that smart way of doing a particular event or job, time management and proper planning of the event will never lead to failure or will never lead to dissatisfaction.

Thanks and regards,  
**Vishal Dedhia**

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**Abhay Ladhani**  
**Registration No: 440389323/01/2016**  
**Rank-25**

I had secured AIR 25th Rank in cs professional Exam December 2017 through Hard work and Reading Of 14 to 15 hours Of Daily Reading and i had also made an plan or timetable for the whole day that how much portion or part of Subject will be completed Within time.



I had also revised my all subject For 3 times Before the exam and i had gone through all the chapter of subjects and at the time of exam i had completed my whole subject in a day so that nothing will be left and at the time of writing paper not get hesitated that some portion of the subject was pending. Daily and proper Reading is must to get success.

**Abhay Ladhani**

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