

**VIRTUAL CAREER AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON COMPANY  
SECRETARY ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2021**

We are elated to inform that a Virtual Career Awareness Programme, on Company Secretary Course was conducted by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, in association with Northern Indian Regional Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (NIRC-ICSI) on 24 September 2021 through Cisco Webex. The Guest Speaker for the event was CS Khaminder Sharma, Chairman, Patiala Chapter, (NIRC-ICSI). He interacted with the students on the nuances of the Company Secretary Course as a viable career option.

Speaker **Mr. Khaminder Sharma**, is a CS & Associate Member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India. He holds a Post Graduate in Commerce from Punjabi University, Patiala and CA-Inter from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Presently, he is associated as Revenue Accountant with Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and has nearly 9 years of experience in the field.

The session started with a speech from the Registrar of RGNUL Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Vats. Next up, the speaker for the day, Mr Khaminder Sharma was introduced to the audience and thenceforth began his lecture. He began his speech by giving an introduction of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

He stated that the main aim of the ICSI is to develop and regulate the profession of company secretaries. The Institute has on its rolls over 60,000 qualified members, both in employment and in practice. Recently the UGC has recognized the CS qualification equivalent to a post graduate degree. Mr. Sharma noted it as one of the biggest achievements of the ICSI in the recent times. Mr. Sharma then went on to recount the golden jubilee of the institute in 2017 when Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the inauguration ceremony. The motto of ICSI is 'Satyam Vada, Dharmam Chara' meaning that one should speak the truth and follow the rules and regulations. The speaker then explained the role of a company secretary which ranges from corporate laws like SEBI to acting as an advisor to the board of directors in a company. Further he explained why companies hire a company secretary in today's era.

Mr. Sharma next moved on to elucidate upon the details and intricacies of the CS Executive Entrance Examination giving a comprehensive explanation on the eligibility, fees, schedule, syllabus and the initiatives of ICSI during the COVID times. He also elaborated upon the Fulltime Integrated Company Secretary course (Executive Programme) and its Placement and Pay Package. Further he provided some details about the ICSI Classroom Teaching Centers at Regional Councils/Chapters and Online Classes. With this the presentation came to an end and questions were invited from the audience which were addressed by Mr. Sharma with much clarity and brevity.

Concluding the session, the session coordinator Ms. Aastha Singh gave a vote of thanks showing the university's gratitude towards the day's speaker Mr. Khaminder Sharma for taking out his time to educate students about a lucrative career option in CS. The event was wrapped up in about 50 minutes. It was a fruitful & interactive session, and the students displayed great enthusiasm in learning about Company Secretary from the speaker.

