My Dear Affectionate Members of CSI Family,

It has been an excellent time that I had as the First Person to serve you for the past 12 months. Academicians, Industry and Governments continued to support us in our attempts to meet the objectives of CSI. I take this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge with thanks for the support that each member of the CSI had extended to me. I request you on my knees, to kindly forgive me if I had caused inconvenience to any person/ institution, knowingly/unknowingly during my term as President of CSI. I am glad that I could spare my time, throughout the year, exclusively for the services of CSI (without getting attracted to the new assignments on my retirement from Government Services). Thanks to my wife Prof. Syama and son Dr. Maruti for their support to my decision to serve our bigger CSI Family.

Presidents Council:

Happy that we are able to get back our past Presidents in our midst at annual convention, in the form of Presidents’ Council. It has been a new experience when all of them are involved in the Convention deliberations. Thanks to the ExecCom for forming the council.

HQ@ Mumbai:

Nice that we are successful in establishing our offices for housing both CSI HQ and Mumbai Chapter in Samruddhi Venture park of MIDC, Andheri (East). Grateful to the CSI National Council for their kind support in this initiative and for Mumbai Chapter members for their cooperation in bringing up a corporate environment for CSI family.

Catch them Young:

Many thanks to the CSI members for giving good mandate through the recent CSI Polls for our proposal to enroll the 11th and 12th class (+1/+2 stage) students and Polytechnic students as “student members of CSI” with effect from April 2011. This would help in promoting the youth in the country for professional outlook.

National School level QUIZ in Science and ITC:

India has been blessed with such kind of human resource that the entire world is looking at the Indian talent. It is necessary that we continue to encourage our youth for facing the challenges and get them fit in meeting the global challenges. To catch the youth in right time and to contribute in developing professional competitive spirit, we have launched a National Quiz for the youngsters.

National ICT Quiz Committee consisting of Mr. Ranga Rajagopal of Coimbatore as the Convener and members including Mr. H R Mohan, Mr. C G Sahasrabuddhe, Mr. Venkatesh Parashuram, Prof. (Ms.) Mini Ulanat, Mr. S. Ramasamy, Mr. N Valliappan, Prof. M.N. Hoda, Mr. Sabapathy, Mr. Sushantha Sinha. The regional student coordinators/ Champions and chapter chair persons had extended their services in this initiative.

Having set the ground, Mr. Ranga Rajagopal has coordinated all the regional events successfully and set the schedule of final quiz during March 2011.

My salute to all these members for sparing their time to promote CSI Science & ICT Quiz in the country. As you all know, this event has been initiated by keeping in mind that CSI would reach to untapped areas in the country. Our coordinator and members have made it a grand success. I am glad all their contributions have yielded in catching the YOUNG at the right time and make India as a competitive Knowledge Society. The quiz is expected to continue and TV Channels would be invited to broadcast live CSI- Quiz programs.

KM Portal and CSI Publications:

Mr. S. Mahalingam and TCS deserve our salute for creating the KM portal for CSI. Mr. Raj Saraf is remembered for hosting the Portal site on a cloud. Thanks to the efforts of passionate members of the CSI family to help in developing the content for the portal. Thanks to Mr. H.R. Mohan for creating fire with the e-newsletter. This has increased the hits to csi-india.org. Thanks to Prof. H. R. Viswakarma for helping in our initiative to get the CSI Adhyan hosted in our portal. We admire the contributions of Prof. T. V. Gopal and his team for bringing up high quality articles every month on a specific theme in CSIC. The outlook of CSIC changed in such a way that members at large appreciated and developed interest and taste for CSIC. We are grateful to Dr. Manohar Chandwani & his team for bringing back the CSI Journal to limelight.
FeatureNet 2011@ Nashik:
The National Conference at Nashik during February 5-6 has been a great opportunity for discussing about the emerging technologies and to get ready for facing the challenges on the advancements of technologies. A student track is arranged in parallel at K K Wagh Institute with key note speakers from M/s. Persistent, Pune. It is the “FeatureNet Model” of involving the “chairperson’s council” consisting of all the past chairpersons for working the logistics of all events in Nashik, along with the chapter MC. They work like a family to host the events. Congrats to Mr. Srikant Karode for creating the interwoven culture to promote knowledge sharing environment on continuous basis. Congratulations to Mr. Aravind Mahapatra and Mr. Mangeshar Pisolkar on their success in steering the event, a grand success. Thanks to Mr. Avinash Shirode for instituting “YASOKEERTHI “award for promoting professionals, every year in Nashik. We appreciate the contributions of Regional Vice President Mr. Sekhar Sahasrabuddhe and the National Treasurer (Elect) Mr. V. L. Mehta for encouraging the event at Nashik.

Indore-IET Student Branch:
Devi Ahilya Viswa Vidhyalaya has a Jewel in the campus in the form of Institute of Engineering & Technology (IET). Students are so much self motivated that they managed the whole process of forming the IET-student branch and conducted professional events during February 2011. Hearty Congratulations to Prof. M. Chandwani for his success in bringing up such professional culture in the institute where the Final year students( who have already succeeded in getting placements) have come forward with innovative programs for the Juniors. The chairman of the Chapter Prof. M.C.Chowdhry had administered the oath to student representatives. Prof Durgesh Mishra, Prof. H.R.Viswakarma and the rector of the University Prof. Ashutosh Mishra joined to honour Prof Manohar Chandwani on his achievements in Research, Professional Development and Academic achievements. One has to see the Lion in the Lion’s den.

Technology Driven Society (TDS) @ Uka Tarsadia University:
Historical Town Bardoli had attracted a galaxy of academicians, Researchers and IT practitioners to the National Conference on TDS that was organized at the student Branch of Srimad Rajahendra Institute of Management and IT. We admire the efforts of Director of the Institute: Prof. Bankim Patel and Dr. Naren Burade, Chairman of Surat Chapter for their “Personal Connectivity and follow up” to attract resource persons from Bangalore, Mumbai, Indore, Gandhinagar and other cities to this rural institution which is about 35 KMs from Surat. The event reflected that CSI is the loving brand for sharing the knowledge. We appreciate Daana-Veer-Seth Mr. B.U.Patel, NRI for his huge donation to the institution to promote new courses in this rural institution. Such kind of successful attempts would help Rural India to make our youth to sit on our shoulders of knowledge to see new heights in professional growth.

CONSEG-2011 @ Bangalore:
I am glad that the Bangalore chapter has successfully organized the International Conference on Software Engineering: CONSEG-2011 during 17-18 February 2011. With the theme of Software Quality: The Road Ahead. The conference has attracted very good researchers and practitioners. Congratulations to Dr. Anirban Basu, Prof. H.R. Viswakarma and Prof T.V.Gopal on their success in conducting a High Quality event.

Lean Six Sigma @ Hyderabad:
2011 Lean Six Sigma International Convention has been successfully organized by Hyderabad Chapter during 26-27 February 2011. We appreciate the team work of Mr. Venkatesh Parasuram, Mr. Raju Kanchibotla, Prof. Narasimharao and Mr. Pavan Kota in bringing up the chapter to new heights during the past couple of years. The chapter is brought back to its glory with sincere, committed and dedicated efforts of them with Chapter MC. The convention has been conducted with international participation. It has been a feast of learning and exchange of ideas on the use of Lean Six Sigma methodologies in different sectors. Congrats to the Hyderabad Chapter and I am sure that the chapter would continue to organize such excellent events while progressing towards the CSI Landmark of Golden Jubilee celebrations and the annual convention-CSI2014 in Hyderabad.

Corporate eGovernance @ Visakhapatnam:
It has been a great event that brought Visakhapatnam chapter of CSI, NASSCOM and Vizag IT Association (VITA) together to serve the society at large in sharing the experiences on technologies and case studies on corporate eGovernance during 27-28 February 2011. We appreciate the involvement and support of Vizag Steel Plant in promoting the events at Visakhapatnam. Hearty Congratulations to Mr. Umesh Chandra, Mr. A.P.Choudhary, Mr. KVSS Rajeswara Rao and Mr. Patamata Satyanarayana for their success in involving other directors of the Steel Plant with the blessings of Mr. P.K.Bishnoi. The chapter is successful in inviting resource persons from almost all major cities of the country.

Student Branch @ Krishna’s Pragati Institute of Technology, Rajahmundry:
Hearty congratulations to the students of the Krishna’s Pragati Institute of Technologies on successfully organizing several innovative programs, marking the inauguration of the Student branch on 28 February 2011. The management of the institute deserves appreciation for encouraging the events by sponsoring all the expenditure for the events.

My Salute to CSI:
A retired teacher could become a President of CSI because of the noble feelings of the members of CSI. You all deserve my salute friends. The voluntary strength is so powerful that there is no parallel for CSI Voluntary strength. We are all the birds of the same feather with passion to help the society at large. My affectionate Pranams to you all.
I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Suchit Gogwakar, Commander Murugesan and their teams of dedicated staff members at Mumbai and Chennai respectively for their support.
I am ever Grateful to the learned Office Bearers, ExecCom members, National Council, Presidents Council, SIGs, NC members, Chapters, Student Branches, SB Counselors, Student Coordinators( National, Regional and State level), for their continuous support to me in my services to CSI.
I wish the new team headed by Mr. M D Agrawal and Mr. Satish Babu to be successful in hoisting the flag of CSI at new heights.

Prof. P Thirumurthy
President, Computer Society of India