Dear Members

I deem it a great privilege to be at the helm of affairs of the Computer Society of India, and it is a great opportunity to be the President of the society, at a time when India is on the high growth path in electronics and computers. The recent policy declarations by Government of India – National Telecom Policy, National Electronics Policy, and Electronics System Design and Manufacturing Policy – open up tremendous possibilities for every Indian. From sensors to supercomputers, every area is open for innovation and rediscovery. Research and Development leading to Intellectual property generation and associated Human Resources Development for capacity building, in related areas are awaiting active participation from the CSI.

Since 2010, India has integrated its knowledge generating institutions in the form of a National Knowledge Network (popularly known as NKN). In the same year Government of India, launched a project to take fiber optic cable up to village panchayats through National Optical Fiber Network (popularly known as NOFN). Installation of broadband everywhere, at speeds exceeding 10 Mbps / 100 Mbps / 1 Gbps, is making India the “Best Connected Country”. NKN has already connected close to 1000 national laboratories and institutes of higher learning in its fold, and moving towards the target of 1500 institutions. Virtual classrooms are slowly becoming the lifestyle in many of these institutions. NOFN spread and CSI spread across the country, seem to suggest tremendous opportunities to work together. Perhaps, the Division Chairs, SIG Chairs, Regional Vice Presidents, Chapter Chairs, and National Student Coordinator of CSI, would like to brainstorm and see what role CSI can play in this major change. CSI and Education had been synonymous, and perhaps can be a single focal theme for synergistic cooperation.

The new Execom had its first meeting on 31st March 2013. New Execom members and those who were continuing were excited about the days ahead. It is a real pleasure working with this team. I welcome all of them to this wonderful world of opportunity. As you all know, Shri H R Mohan and Shri Ranga Rajagopal have joined us as Vice-President and Treasurer respectively. Shri V L Mehta steps out as Treasurer after making sure that finances of CSI are stable and sound. Wonderful job indeed!

I would like to place on record the excellent work done by the outgoing team led by Shri Satish Babu. Many programs, MoUs, International relationships were handcrafted by them. Congratulations to your team Satish for giving a wonderful year to CSI.

CSI signed a MoU with ISACA on 31st March 2013, for mutual cooperation. I am sure you will see the details elsewhere in this issue.

Shri Satish Babu, will continue to represent CSI in SEARCC, BASIS, and ICANN. He has laid solid foundation between CSI and these entities, and will continue to strengthen it. I will support him in all his endeavors. I will represent CSI in IFIP General Assembly from now on.

We have new web site and a new portal. Please use them and give feedback to CSI HQ. Web and Portal are the face of CSI, and hence our critical information infrastructure.

Wonderful being with you, and I humbly seek your blessings and support.

With best wishes,

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President
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