President's Message

Dear Members

We are progressing well with the Launch of a Curtain Raiser for Celebrating the Golden Jubilee of our Society. Hon’ble Minister for Law and Justice, Communications, and Information Technology Shri Kapil Sibal Ji has agreed to be the Chief Guest. The event is scheduled for Friday, the 6th September 2013 in Kothari Hall, DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi. An interesting Panel Discussion on “Kal Aaj Aur Kal” – Role of CSI in the Modern Cyber Era is scheduled as a part of the event. We are expecting some of the best talent from India to join us during the panel. Dr. R. Chidambaram, the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India and Chairman, Scientific Advisory Committee to Cabinet has kindly agreed to Chair the Panel. Our beloved past presidents – Shri S. Mahalingam and Dr. Ratan Dutta have agreed to participate in the panel. Shri J. Satyanarayana, Secretary, Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Government of India has kindly agreed to be with us for the function and be part of the panel. We are releasing the Golden Jubilee logo to mark the occasion. The logo will become part of all our communication from 6th September 2013. As the event is in New Delhi, the RVP of Region-I, Prof. R K Vyas and his team of Chapter office bearers of that region are doing everything possible to make the event a grand success. Of course, our veteran CSI enthusiast Dr Ratan Dutta, Past President of CSI and Chairman of NC, is guiding them through every step.

Vizag is getting ready to host the CSI Annual Convention. From the arrangements, I find that we can expect an excellent program this year. Pack your bags and get ready to reach Vizag in time. The city with lots of Critical Infrastructure welcomes you. Judging from the enthusiasm of the organizers, we can expect excellent hospitality as well. Be ready for a delicious Andhra Meal.

It is time for us to use ICT in full measure. Also, each Chapter should organize events that can be shared with other chapter as webinars. I would like each Division Chair and each RVP to organize webinars topic-wise and chapter-wise. We should experiment from the start of Launch of our Golden Jubilee celebrations. We must have weekly webinars by Chapters and monthly webinars through Divisions. Our web site should carry the schedule well ahead of time. In order to attract our young student members, we should have apps that can take webinars to Smart Phones as well. Education Directorate can keep track of the webinars and record them as well. The National Student Coordinator can provide necessary publicity in educational institutions. All senior members should volunteer to find out and help them reach the exacting standards that our Editorial Board sets. Y ou will be doing a yeomen service to CSI as well as the fellow professionals near you to submit their work. Wherever necessary, we should encourage the students and professionals nearest you to submit their work. Wherever necessary, help them reach the exacting standards that our Editorial Board sets. You will be doing a yeomen service to CSI as well as the fellow professionals and more so, our dear student members.

As we launch our Golden Jubilee celebrations, we can contribute towards creating India – NexGen. Perhaps, a few years from now, we will see news item that may read as follows:

India is most connected country in the world. India has its own Search Engine. India develops world’s fastest router. India creates history by driving 1000 Terabits of data through a pair of Optical Fibers across the country. India unveils world’s largest Supercomputer. Indian software assets take the world by storm. India has the largest number of software design professionals. India moves on to Quantum Computing and Communication after unprecedented success in Silicon based computing. In India, every third person is an electronics designer of sorts. India becomes the largest designer of custom-made products. India successfully integrates 3D Printing technology and personalized product design.

When it happens, Computer Society of India should be perceived as the anchor for such change. It is time that we put all our acts together to make necessary moves today. Everyone in CSI has a significant role to play in such transformation. Let us do our bit.

Another important factor that CSI should focus on is the Academia – Industry interaction. Indian academic system have always excelled and remained comparable to the best in the West. Indian industry today is moving its attention more towards products as opposed to services. Indian industry is looking up to academia for help. CSI being body of professionals from academia and industry is in a unique position to address this need. The work force, the students are also CSI members. One could start with some Brainstorming sessions to sharply define this space. Volunteers? Or should we overload NSC??

CSI Transactions on ICT is doing very well. We are getting a constant flow of articles from our educational system. Our Board of Editors is doing a wonderful job in reviewing. I would like to appeal to those of you who are in teaching and research to encourage the students and professionals near you to submit their work. Wherever necessary, help them reach the exacting standards that our Editorial Board sets. You will be doing a yeomen service to CSI as well as the fellow professionals and more so, our dear student members.

I will catch up with you soon...

With best wishes,

Prof. S V Raghavan
President
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