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## CSI President New Year Greetings

Dear Friends,

Last year has seen events due to Covid-10 pandemic unprecedented in the history of mankind and life, suddenly, came to standstill. Research and Development work in almost all areas of S&T has been severely impacted due to Covid-19. As we gradually started adjusting to new normal, we also saw S&T interventions on the fore front to give hope and optimism that full normalcy will arrive. On one hand digital connectivity kept the work in many areas on, medical science has fast tracked vaccine development so that we can overcome these unprecedented crises. Catalysis Society also could not organize biannual symposium due to pandemic. However, this was adequately made up by organizing series of very well attended webinar by top catalysis experts all over India. I am grateful to all the CSI chapters who have come forward and made this happen. Some of the activities of CSI taken up despite Covid-19 are listed below:

### ❖ Webinar/Conferences

- The Catalysis Society of India (CSI)-Delhi Chapter! is hosting National Webinar on Catalysis (NWC) with a theme of **“Emerging Energy Scenario: Catalysis Challenges”** on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
- Catalysis Research Scholars Meet (**CATSCHOL-2020**) organized by Catalysis Society of India, Mumbai Chapter & ICT, Mumbai on 19 & 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020.
- The Catalysis Society of India (Baroda Chapter) in association with The MS University of Baroda and Navrachana University, Vadodara is organizing One Day Webinar on **“Emerging Trends in Heterogeneous Catalysis and New Challenges”** on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020.
- Punjab Engineering College (Deemed to be University), Chandigarh organize National Webinar on First Anniversary of Catalysis Society of India, Chandigarh Chapter on **“Recent Advances in Biomass Valorisation”** on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020.
- Catalysis Society of India, Mumbai Local Chapter in association ICT – Mumbai & ACS India International Chapter with Organized International Webinar on **“Industrial Catalysis”** on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.
- The Catalysis Society of India, Chandigarh Local Chapter Punjab University, Chandigarh organized National Level Webinar on **Catalysis & Its Applications in Pollution Abatement-Smart Solutions** on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

### ❖ Celebrations

- Catalysis Society of India proudly celebrate a great news of 25 CSI members among top 2 % Scientists in the World as per Stanford University research.

- The Catalysis Society of India proudly celebrate a news of Dr. T.S.R. Prasada Rao (Senior CSI Member) who was recently Awarded Lifetime Contribution Award in Engineering 2020 by Indian National Academy of Engineering. This is indeed great honour to CSI community.
- CSI proudly celebrates elevation of one of its highly active member, Dr. S. Kannan, as Director, CSIR-CSMCRI, Bhavnagar and wish him great success.

#### ❖ **CSI LinkedIn Page**

Catalysis Society of India started LinkedIn Webpage on LinkedIn also along with CSI website (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13923122/>) to post the latest activity of CSI and connect on global level.

#### ❖ **New CSI Members**

Nearly 60 new life members are added to CSI and target is to reach 100 in next few months. We solicit your support to achieve that.

#### ❖ **Online CSI Life Membership**

After long time and lots of efforts, now you can become CSI LM by online form submission on the CSI website ([www.catalysisindia.org](http://www.catalysisindia.org)) and will get payment receipt also. Life membership number as well certificate will also issue from Mumbai Chapter.

#### ❖ **CSI Journal**

Number of manuscript submission is increased to ***Catalysis in Green Chemistry and Engineering*** (<https://www.begellhouse.com/journals/catalysis-in-green-chemistry-and-engineering.html>) Journal Published by Catalysis Society of India.

#### ❖ **Instituting New Awards**

3 More Scientific awards and 2 Ph.D. Best Thesis award Sponsored by M/s Kunash Instruments Ltd.

As we enter 2021, I assure you that CSI will continue to work to enhance connectivity and facilitate dialogue among its members so that scientifically insightful and commercially impactful catalyst R&D comes out in the country. From this month onward, CSI will be publishing CSI Communication highlighting monthly CSI news and other developments in the field of catalysis. We solicit your participation and inputs to achieve these goals. ***On behalf of CSI, Executive Committee, I wish all CSI members and their family healthy and prosperous New Year.***

Yours sincerely,

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