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President
All Bengal Principals' Council

Respected Sir,

I would like to inform you that the 52nd Annual Convention of the Computer Society of India (CSI)-National IT Congresswill be held from 19 January to 21 January, 2018 at Science City, Kolkata. At the outset, I express our heartfelt gratitude to you for giving me your precious time at your chamber.

CSI is the largest and oldest organisation of computer and IT professionals, academicians and users in India, having membership strength of over 100, 000, in 73 chapters and more than 500 Student Branches spread across the country. The purposes of the Society are scientific and educational, directed towards the advancement of the theory and practice of computer science and IT with the primary objective to share the knowledge and exchange ideas on this fast emerging sector. CSI was founded in the year 1965 at Hyderabad and its first two chapters were located in Bombay and Calcutta. Over these years, the Society has taken and implemented many pioneering initiatives in promoting Information Technology, computer education and research throughout the country. Every year the CSI Annual convention is held in one of the big cities in India. Till date, eight Annual Conventions of CSI have been organised and hosted by CSI Kolkata Chapter in Kolkata; out of those the first Annual Convention was held at ISI, Calcutta during15-17 December, 1966. The Silver Jubilee Convention ofCSI was also held in Kolkata in 1990. CSI-2017 will be the ninth such convention to be organised and hosted by CSI Kolkata Chapter.Each Annual Convention in Kolkata is preceded by a Tutorial, popularly known as **'Pre-Convention Tutorial'**, which is organised mainly for the young learners and professionals of the upcoming subjects woven around science and technology. The 'Pre-Convention Tutorial', will be held at the Technology campus of the University of Calcutta.

Besides organising such conventions every year, we, at CSI, from time to time, conduct conferences, seminars, symposia, lecture programmes at the international, national, regional and at the chapter levels. The proceedings of the research programmes contain double blind peer reviewed papers of high qualities and are published by internationally acclaimed publishing houses such as IEEE, Elsevier, Springer Verlag etc. To keep abreast of the latest developments of Computer Science and related disciplines, we regularly organise training courses for the benefit of students and young professionals.On several occasions, the students and IT professionals from Kolkata became winners at the national level competitions.

The focal theme of this year's convention is "Social Transformation- Digital Way". We believe that the topic of this year's convention is very much relevant to the 'State-of-the-Art' technologies and applications and holds greater significance in the context of emphasis put forth by state governments and the central government to further social transformation by harnessing digital technology to every strata of the society.

The Government of West Bengal, in particular the Information Technology department, has always been playing a positive role to help CSI Kolkata Chapter in organising various activities of the conventions through their support and co-operation. As is followed in all conventions, besides presentation of research papers, invited talks, exhibitions, this year there will be several sessions targeted to cater to the needs of the government, business and private sectors. There will be a special session on e-Governance this year also and we proudly recall that our state government won the CSI-Nihilent -E-Governance " Award of Excellence", "Award of Appreciation / Recognition" for WFTS (Workflow based File & Letter Tracking System) and "Kanyasree"; IFMS (Integrated Financial Management System), GIS based monitoring system for Panchayats ; IMPACT (Information Management for Promotion of Administration in Commercial Taxes) in earlier conventions. We firmly believe that the bonding between the Government of West Bengal and CSI will become stronger in the days to come.

I would like to request you to kindly spread this news to all Principals/T-i-Cs of all the colleges of our state to make the programme a grand success.

With sincere thanks and warm regards,

Yours faithfully,

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