

# President's Message



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**My best wishes to you and your family for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2017!**

The month of December started on a sad note with the sudden demise of the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Sm. Jayalalitha. The convention planned for December 8-10, 2016 at Coimbatore had to be postponed resulting in sudden disruption of the travel plans of all the participants. The Convention has been rescheduled on January 23-25, 2017. The organizers are working on organizing the Convention on the same scale as planned earlier. We hope all the members who had planned to attend CSI 2016 in December will also do so now.

We are working on increasing the number of CSI Student Branches and help the branches to organize useful events for the student members. A list of Resource Persons has been prepared by CSI- Education Directorate and included in CSI web site. This will help the Student Branches to organize talks and seminars on topics of current relevance. On December 17, I was invited to inaugurate a CSI Student Branch in Chirala Engineering College, Andhra Pradesh near Vijayawada. Our ExecCom members are trying to open student branches in different regions. Discussions are on with Director, NIT Nagaland and several other institutions.

We are working on forming a Chapter in Nagaland and had a discussion with the IT Secretary and Commissioner of IT, Government of Nagaland on this. I travelled to Nagaland and had a meeting with Government officials and met the Governor of the state of Nagaland Hon'ble Shri P B Acharya. Nagaland is keen to improve their IT infrastructure so as to create employment in the IT Sector. We are also looking at the request from Andaman and Nicobar Islands on opening a Chapter in the islands.

A number of training programs are being planned for our Members. It includes certification trainings on Enterprise Architecture with The Open Group, Internet Governance with ICANN etc..

Members must have been wondering about the delay in organizing CSI elections. There have been some issues which will be discussed during the meeting of National Council and during AGM. But as prescribed in the CSI Constitution 2013, the election will be completed in time for the new committee to take over on April 1, 2017.

The winner of CSI-IEEE Education Award has been finalized by a jury headed by CSI Past President Mr Satish Babu and with notable academicians. The Award will be presented on January 23 on the first day of the convention.

The CSI publications are also undergoing changes. We are trying to restart publication of CSI Journal of Computing. The first issue has been compiled by the Publication Chair Dr A K Saini. I am closely assisting the Editorial team on the publication of CSI Communications.

We are glad to inform about the appointment of Ms. Vimala Sanjay as the executive head of CSI who has been operating from our Head Quarters in Mumbai from December 12, 2016. She is assisting us on major issues.

I look forward to meeting you in CSI 2016, and with best wishes,

With best wishes,

**Dr. Anirban Basu**  
President, CSI

