

PRESIDENT'S COMMUNIQUÉ



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My Dear Professional Colleagues,

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I am happy to note that the Taxation Committee has organised 'Train the Trainers' programs for enriching the members' knowledge in the all-important area of GST. Programs are successfully completed in Delhi and Mumbai while Kolkata and Chennai are scheduled for September, 2016. Tax Research Department of the Institute under guidance of Chairman, Taxation Committee has prepared an e-book, Reading Material on Model GST Law. This technical literature is drafted in lucid language containing flow charts, illustrations and explanations for simplicity and ease of understanding for its readers. I appreciate the efforts of the Taxation Committee in this regard. Members are requested to share their relevant experience and opinion for further value addition.

Taxation Committee has prepared and submitted clause wise analysis on provisions of Model GST Law 2016. Suggestions submitted by the Institute on Model GST Law, with an objective of ease of compliance and ease of doing business in India, were well heard off during stakeholders consultation on 18th August, 2016 before the officials of Ministry of Finance and also before the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers on 30th

If you just work on stuff that you like and you're passionate about, you don't have to have a master plan with how things will play out.

- Mark Zuckerberg

August, 2016. With the help of our Regional Councils and Chapters, we look forward to hold more such technical programs, seminars, workshops on GST for proper awareness and knowledge dissemination across the country. Let us march forward together with the noble initiatives undertaken by the Government of India towards implementation of the biggest tax-reform through Goods and Services Tax(GST), facilitate investors to Make in India, contribute in making 'One India, One Tax' and be a tax-compliant economy.

Electronic filing of Return of Income Scheme

You are aware that the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has modified the Electronic Furnishing of Return of Income Scheme, 2007 to include the name of Cost Accountants and Firms of Cost Accountants to enable them to be the authorized intermediaries to electronically file Income Tax returns on behalf of the taxpayers. On behalf of the Council of the Institute and also on my personal behalf, I would like to pay sincere gratitude to CMA P.V. Bhattad, Immediate Past President of the Institute for his efforts in vigorously following up this matter with CBDT. I assure you that with the combined efforts of Council, Members and Executives of the Institute the Institute will be able to achieve all the pending tasks successfully.

Meeting with VIPs

I wish to inform the members that I along with Vice-President met Shri Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Union Minister of Railways. Hon'ble Minister advised the Institute to come up with suggestions to optimise pricing of different services offered by Railways. On behalf of the Institute we assured him that Institute is ready to wholeheartedly support the Railways Ministry. We met Shri Kalraj Mishra, Hon'ble Union Minister for MSME and discussed about the role of Institute and its members in development of MSME sector. We also met Shri AR Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs and discussed with him about the important professional matters. We also met Shri HasmukhAdhia, IRS, Hon'ble Revenue Secretary and discussed the role Institute is playing in the dissemination of knowledge with regard to development of GST law. He appreciated the Institutes initiatives and also advised to conduct more programs on GST Law and its development. We also met newly appointed Advisor (Cost), Ms. V. Geetha and discussed with her the issues pending

with the CAB with regard to Cost Rules.

Initiatives by various departments of the Institute

CAT Department

The journey which we started in 2009 in terms of Skill Development through CAT continues. I am happy to share with you that on 8th Aug 2016 an MoU with AP State Skill Development Corporation was signed for offering CAT Course in the state of Andhra Pradesh. We will be joining States like Gujarat, West Bengal and Karnataka very soon for imparting Skill Development Course through CAT.

Continuing Professional Development Department

The webinars on 'Business Valuation', 'Reporting of Frauds w.r.t. Companies Act 2013', 'Income Declaration Scheme 2016' and 'Strategic Management' were well received by the members. Recorded webinars are available on Institute's website under Featured Links. Institute associated with FICCI as Support Partner in the FIBAC 2016-New Horizons in Indian Banking during 16-17 August 2016 at Mumbai. I feel happy to note the increasing number of programmes by our Regional Councils and Chapters. I sincerely appreciate their efforts in organizing various programs, seminars and discussions on the topics of professional relevance and importance for the members. I hope that our members are immensely benefitted by these programs and look forward for active participation of our members to enhance professional knowledge and skills.

Cost Accounting Standards Board (CASB)

The Council of the Institute has recently re-constituted Cost Accounting Standards Board (CASB) for the year 2016-17. I am fully confident that reconstituted Board will continue to bring new and limited revisions of the Cost Accounting Standards keeping in view latest legal and contemporary developments in India particularly GST and Ind AS. Goods and Service Tax (GST) is likely to be implemented in India from the next fiscal year and will have major implication on Indirect Tax Structure. Further, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has already issued a note outlining the various phases in which Indian Accounting Standards converged with IFRS (Ind AS), for Companies other than Banking Companies, Insurance Companies and NBFCs. Ind AS may have impact on the Cost Accounting Standards issued by the Institute. In view of above developments, the Secretariat of CASB is working on the impact of both GST and Ind AS on the existing Cost Accounting Standards issued by the Institute. The Board will also bring Guidance Notes for the other Cost Accounting Standards to explain the requirements of Standards and provide the guidance with practical examples and illustrations on technical issues relating to Cost Accounting Standards.

Cost Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (CAASB)

The Council of the Institute reconstituted Cost Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (CAASB) for the year. The Board has been entrusting with the responsibility to formulate standards and develop guidance notes in the areas of auditing, assurance,

related services and quality control. Section 148(3) of the Companies Act 2013 provides that the cost auditing standards are to be issued by the Institute with the approval of the Central Government. Members are aware that the Institute after approval of the Central Government has already issued four Cost Auditing Standards on 11th September, 2015. On the recommendation of the Board, the Institute also approved additional 15 (fifteen) Standards on Cost Auditing (SCAs) and sent to the Central Government for its approval. These Standards after approval by the Government will be issued by the Institute shortly. Further, the Secretariat of CAASB is also developing Glossary of Terms as defined in the Standards on Cost Auditing and also the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on these Standards.

The previous Board realizing the need for Capacity Building of the members of the Institute and for the purpose of proper advocacy had already decided to conduct Seminars/Programs on the Standards on PAN India basis. Some of the Seminars/Programs/ Webinars have already been conducted by the Institute and next series is being taken up by the Institute shortly.

Examination Directorate

The Examination Directorate has been able to successfully declare Foundation, Intermediate, Final and 3 Diploma Courses results for June 2016 term of Examination. The Examinations were conducted at 121 centres in India and Abroad. I congratulate all the passed out students and wish them a bright future. I also wish best of luck to all those who could not cross the line this time.

International Affairs Department

The Institute was represented by CMA Dr. PVS Jagan Mohan Rao, CMA P Raju Iyer, and CMA Niranjana Mishra, Council Members in the meetings of various SAFA Committees, SAFA Board, SAFA Assembly and SAFA International Conference organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal during 12th and 13th August 2016 at Kathmandu, Nepal. CMA PVS Jagan Mohan Rao also represented the Institute as speaker in one of the sessions in the SAFA International Conference besides chairing the meeting of SAFA PAIB committee.

Membership Department

Members are kindly aware that the membership fee for the year 2016-2017 has become due on 1st April 2016 and as per Regulations 7(6) & 7(7) of the Cost and Works Accountants Regulations, 1959 (as amended) the dues are to be paid latest by 30th September 2016. It is observed that some of our esteemed members are yet to pay their membership dues and I would like to request them to clear their membership dues immediately and continue to enjoy the benefits of membership. As mentioned in my earlier communique, members can now pay their fees online, without any additional charges, through the Institute's Internet Payment Gateway on the link <http://www.cmaicmai.in/MMS/Login.aspx?mode=EU>

Placement Department

I am joining members of this great profession in congratulating

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the June 2016 final qualified students and happy to inform that the Campus placement program for these students are scheduled in the month of October 2016 in Chennai/Mumbai/Delhi and Kolkata. I wish all these students a successful professional career. I also extend warm welcome to the Corporate to visit our campuses and find their future managers in our CMAs.

Professional Development Department

I wish to inform the members that due to initiatives of Professional Development Department of the Institute, the Department of Fertilisers, Government of India has formed a panel of Practising Cost Accounting firms for examination of Cost Data of P&K Fertiliser companies. In association with the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Institute organised workshop on Corporate Laws & Regulations, 2016 (Recent Amendments) on 9th&10th August 2016 and an Educative & Knowledge Series on "Draft Model GST Law" on 5th&10th August, 2016. As an Institutional Partner with Governance Now, India Banking Reforms Conclave 2016 was organised on 24th August 2016 at Mumbai wherein issues such as lower productivity and profitability due to high Non-Performing Assets were taken up for discussions. During the conclave the Vice President of Institute addressed the participants in a session on "Financial Inclusion to promote inclusiveness in growth phenomenon of the country".

On sending of representations and regular follow up by PD Directorate, North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Krishna Bhagya Jal Nigam Limited, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal and Brahama Putra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited have recognised the role of Cost Accountants for various professional services. The department is committed to take up the professional development issues with stakeholders and I urge the members to bring all such issues to the PD Department for taking necessary action.

Research & Journal Department

I had an opportunity to attend a UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar on 'Start up India and its Prospect' on August 28, 2016 organized by the Institute in association with Naba Ballygunge Mahavidyalaya, Department of Commerce, Kolkata at the College Auditorium. In the inaugural session, Dr. Sukumal Datta, Principal, Naba Ballygunge Mahavidyalaya, CMA Dr. Asish K. Bhattacharya, Professor and Head, School of Corporate Governance and Public Policy, IICA, New Delhi deliberated on the concerned subject. In the two technical sessions and the Research session, renowned academicians enriched the seminar with their wonderful and inspiring presentations.

Another UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar had been organised by the Institute in collaboration with Shri Sikshayatan College based on the theme 'Contemporary Issues in Finance, Management and Economics' on August 26, 2016 at the college premises. Shri G K Khaitan, President, Shri Sikshayatan College, Dr Aditi Dey, Principal, Shri Sikshayatan College, and the Chairman,

Research, Journal and IT Committee of the Institute were among the eminent dignitaries present in the inaugural session. Two plenary sessions and one technical session on Research Paper Presentations on the concerned theme were conducted by eminent speakers present in the seminar. The seminar aimed at tapping the issues revolving around Finance, Management & Economics in the current scenario.

Career Awareness Activities

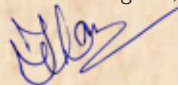
The Institute in association with Calcutta University organized a Career Awareness Seminar on 'Commerce Education and Beyond' on August 27, 2016 at the University Centenary Hall. Shri Harshvardhan Neotia, President, FICCI was the Chief Guest of the Seminar. CMA (Dr.) Swagata Sen, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Calcutta, Swami Suparnananda, Secretary, The Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, CMA Dr. Asish K. Bhattacharya, Professor and Head, School of Corporate Governance and Public Policy, IICA, New Delhi, Prof. Suman K. Mukherjee, Renowned Economist, Prof. Rajib Dasgupta, Head of the Department, Department of Commerce, University of Calcutta, Mr. Vibhor Tandon, Assistant Vice President, MCX, CMA Avijit Goswami, CMA Biswarup Basu, Council Members of the Institute and the Secretary of the Institute were among the eminent dignitaries present in the seminar and deliberated their views. The Quarterly publication of Research Bulletin, Volume 42 No II of July 2016 was released during the session. The Chairman, EIRC and the Director (Membership) of the Institute jointly conducted a CMA Career Awareness Programme aimed to spread an area of interest among the students over there. The Director (Research and Journal) of the Institute anchored the whole seminar. The response of the seminar was overwhelming and it was thoroughly attended by more than one thousand students and one hundred faculty members from more than fifty colleges across West Bengal.

Initiatives by Chapters and Regions

Bangalore Chapter celebrated its 100th Batch of Oral Coaching Classes on 6th August 2016. Ranchi Chapter of Cost Accountants organised its Annual Seminar on GST on 7th August 2016. I attended both the events and urged the Chapters, Members and Students to perform with dedication and vigour for the cause of profession and Institute. Number of other chapters also organised programs and seminars which I could not attend due to certain preoccupations and I congratulate them for taking initiatives to build the capacity of members and students.

I wish prosperity and happiness to members, students and their families on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, Onam and Vishwakarma Puja and wish them success in all of their endeavours.

With warm regards,



(CMA Manas Kumar Thakur)
1st September 2016