



National Seminar on “GST and Startups: India in the Making”



A National Seminar on ‘**GST and Startups: India in the Making**’ was organized by the Directorate of Research and Journal of the Institute in association with Indian Accounting Association, Kolkata Branch, on October 22, 2016 at J.N Bose Auditorium, Headquarters, Kolkata. In the inaugural session, Chief Guest CMA Manas Kumar Thakur, President of the Institute addressed on GST that will be a game changing reform for the Indian economy by creating a common Indian market and reducing the cascading effect of tax on the cost of goods and services. The keynote address was presented by CMA Dr. Bhabatosh Banerjee, President, IAA Research Foundation, former Professor & Dean of Commerce & Management, University of Calcutta, Prof. Sunil Kumar Gandhi, University of Kalyani & Secretary, IAA-Kolkata Branch, Prof. Uttam Kr. Dutta, President IAA Kolkata Branch, CMA Biswarup Basu, Council Member of the Institute were among the other

eminent dignitaries who attended and deliberated in brief on the concerned theme. Technical Session I was on ‘*Goods & Services Tax*’ and CA Arun Agarwal, CMA Mrityunjay Acharjee, Associate VP, Balmer Lawrie & Co, Ltd were the speakers of session I. Technical Session II on ‘*Startups in India: Prospects & Challenges*’ were discussed by Mr. Hindol Goswami, Deputy Editor, yourstory.com, CMA Dr. Sharmistha Banerjee, Professor, Department of Business Management, University of Calcutta, Mr. Adhiraj Thirani, Director, Mama Mia Foods Pvt Ltd and Mr. Saumyajit Guha, COO, Calcutta Angels Network was the moderator of the session. Startup India campaign is based on an action plan aimed at promoting bank financing for start-up ventures to boost entrepreneurship and encourage start ups with jobs creation. The program was highly interactive and attended by more than two hundred academicians and professional members.