

PRESIDENT'S COMMUNIQUE



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Forget yesterday - it has already forgotten you. Don't sweat tomorrow - you haven't even met. Instead, open your eyes and your heart to a truly precious gift - today.

- Dr. Steve Maraboli

My Dear Professional Colleagues,

Namaskar.

At the outset, I thank the members of the profession for taking part in the **National CMA Practitioners' Convention 2016**, organised by the Institute in association with Eastern India Regional Council organized on 21st February, 2016 at J.N. Bose Auditorium, CMA Bhawan, Kolkata on the theme "CMA Profession – Achieving Excellence in New Horizon". Shri Rajendra Singh, Managing Director of Sukhmani Developers (P) Ltd. was the Chief Guest at this occasion. He acknowledged the role of CMAs in cost consciousness and cost leadership in global competitive environment. There were interactive sessions by Shri R. Asokan, Advisor (Cost), Cost Audit Branch along with other CAB Officials, CMA Kunal Banerjee, Past President of the Institute and CMA B.B. Goyal, Advisor, ICWAI-MARE. Participating members got their knowledge enriched on the topics like Companies (Cost Records and Audit) Rules 2014, Cost Audit Report filing, Cost Accounting Standards and Cost Auditing & Assurance Standards. I got an opportunity to address the participants and discussed various initiatives taken by the Council of the Institute for the overall growth of the profession and Institute. Over 300 practicing members of the Institute attended the convention.

Meeting with VIPs

On 1st February 2016 I got an opportunity

to meet **Shri Amit Shah** and congratulate him on his re-election to the post of President, BJP. It was a privilege to meet and greet Prime Minister Hon'ble **Shri Narendra Modion** 13th February 2016 at Mumbai during the inauguration of 'Make In India' Week and Finance Minister Hon'ble **Shri Arun Jaitley** on 14th February 2016 at Mumbai, when they visited the MCA pavilion. Institute was one of the partners of 'Make In India' week initiative of the Government of India and participated in the celebrations at Mumbai from 13th to 19th February 2016. The CMA fraternity is duty bound to give its humble support to the Government in its endeavour of optimising costs, improving efficiency and ushering an era of accountability.

National Woman CMAs Summit

I am pleased to inform you that the SIRC of the Institute is organising National Woman's CMA Summit 2016 on 8th March 2016 at Chennai to mark the International Women's Day on a very thoughtful theme 'WOMAN - A Key Player in Socio Economic

Development' covering important sessions on 'Economic Development - Role of Professionals in Start-Up' and 'Social Development - Touching lives', where contribution of Woman Icons will be shared with one and all so that a roadmap for the future role could be devised. The Summit will provide a platform for Woman CMAs to interact with other professionals and eminent speakers on the

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significant role being played by the Woman in the Corporate and Professional areas. I urge all the woman CMAs to attend the Summit.

International Summit 2016

I wish to inform you that the Institute is organizing the International Summit 2016 on the theme 'Finance Leadership: New Approaches to Sustainable Growth', at Delhi on 10th & 11th March 2016. I invite you to join this important event which is being organised by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India in association with The Prince's Accounting for Sustainability (A4S) Project. Institute, being the only institution from India, is a member of the Accounting Bodies Network (ABN) of The Prince's Accounting for Sustainability (A4S) Project. Summit will provide a networking platform to the participants to interact with International delegates as well as Board Members, CFO, Financial Controller, Senior Management, CMAs in Industry, Practicing CMAs and other Professionals etc.

CMA Awards 2015

To recognise the significant contributions of 'CMAs in employment', in improving corporate governance, value creation and preservation, managing risk and control, achieving operational efficiency, promoting good CSR practices, and implementing innovative Cost and Management Accounting Practices, the Institute has instituted 'CMA Awards'. These awards are presented every year on the foundation day of the Institute. The process of this year's CMA Awards has been started. This year there will be four categories of awards viz. CMA Ratna, CMA-CFO Awards, CMA Achiever Awards & CMA-Young Achiever Awards apart from annual CMA ICON of the year award presented during the NCC. Each category will be further divided into Large, Medium and Small on the basis of turnover of the company. To recognise the contribution of Woman CMAs, there will be a category within each of the above categories. Necessary information and questionnaire are available on the website of the Institute.

Women's Day Program at New Delhi:

I am pleased to inform you that the Internal

Complaint Committee (ICC) of the Institute jointly with Centre for Social Research is organising Women's Day Program at India International Centre, Lodi Estate, New Delhi on 10th March 2016 on the theme 'Celebrating Womanhood: Enlightenment through education and empowerment through entrepreneurship'. Necessary details are available on the website. I urge the woman CMAs of the region to join the event to celebrate the womanhood.

Institute's comments on various issues:

On behalf of the Institute, we have submitted the comments on the Report of MCA's Company Law Committee, compiled and filed by the Professional Development department and also on draft CARO 2016 within due date to MCA. In order to safeguard the interest of members of the Institute, we are geared up to submit Institute's comments, within the due date, on the Companies (Cost Records and Audit) Amendment Rules, 2016 issued by the MCA. I urge the members of the profession to come forward and submit their suggestions on the amendment rules to the Institute for compilation, as per the details given on Institute's website. Professional Development department compiled and filed comments on the Draft DERC Composite Tariff & Accounting Regulations 2015.

Heartiest felicitation

I, on behalf of the Institute, congratulate CMA Chandra Wadhwa and CMA Rakesh Singh, Fellow Members and Former Presidents of the Institute on achieving professional milestones. CMA Chandra Wadhwa has been nominated as Government Nominee to the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. CMA Rakesh Singh has been appointed by the CAPA Board, as member of the Governance and Audit Committee (GAC) of Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants (CAPA). I wish both of them success in all their future endeavours.

Initiatives by various departments of the Institute

CAASB Initiatives

I am glad to inform members that the Cost Auditing and Assurance Standards Board

(CAASB) completed the task of developing 15 more Standards on Cost Auditing (SCAs) to be sent to Central Government by 31st March 2016 for its approval in terms of provision contained in sub-section (3) of Section 148 of the Companies Act 2013. The following SCAs after approval of the Council are being sent to Central Government:

i. SCA-110 Standard on Cost Auditing, "Written Representations"; and

ii. SCA-111 Standard on Cost Auditing, "Evaluation of Misstatements identified during the Cost Audit".

CAASB in its meeting held in February 2016 approved the following SCAs and recommended for approval of the Council before these are forwarded to the Central Government for its approval:

i. Standard on Cost Auditing, "Analytical Procedures";

ii. Standard on Cost Auditing, "Using the Work of Internal Auditors";

iii. Standard on Cost Auditing, "Using the Work of an Auditor's Expert";

iv. Standard on Cost Auditing, "Communication with Those Charged with Governance"; and

v. Standard on Cost Auditing, "Communicating Deficiencies in Internal Control to Those Charged with Governance and Management"

In the same meeting CAASB also approved the following Exposure Drafts (EDs) for public comments/ suggestions through the Institute website:

i. ED for SCA- "Identifying and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement"; and

ii. ED for SCA- "Related Parties".

The *Exposure Draft of SCA on The Cost Auditor's Responses to Assessed Risks* along with above two EDs is available on the Institute website for public comments/ suggestions. I request all stakeholders to send the comments/ suggestions thereon to CAASB latest by 16th March 2016 so that these may be improved upon before the same are sent to Central Government for its approval. I also urge all Chairmen of Regional Councils/ Chapters to hold seminars/ workshop and Study Circle meets for making members and professionals conversant with the requirements and advocacy of Standards on Cost Auditing (SCAs) so that proper and necessary awareness

on SCAs are created among them.

CAT Initiatives

I wish to share with you the campus placement program organised exclusively for INFOSYS for CAT students at Jaipur in the month of February 2016. I am happy to inform that CAT Directorate has planned more campus placement programs for the students in Jaipur/ Madurai and Pune in the days to come. Further, the Institute is very close to get two more States in the map of CAT Course with the support of the respective State Governments. The MoU with these State Governments is likely to be signed in the days to come.

Advanced Studies Department

I wish to inform the participants of three Diploma Courses viz. Diploma in Business Valuation, Diploma in IS Audit & Control and Diploma in Internal Audit that the webinars for 2nd batch of three courses are being conducted as per the schedule. You may please attend those webinars.

CPD Initiatives

The Institute has amended two guidelines in the interest of the profession and members of the Institute w.e.f. 1st January 2016 - Guidelines for Mandatory Training for all Members of the Institute under Continuing Education Programme and Guidelines for CEP Study Circles for the Members of the Institute. These amended guidelines are available on the website of the Institute. To increase the webinars for the benefit of members, interested CMAs with expertise in allied areas may please step forward to submit their brief profile through empanelment of Technical Experts. For details and link refer to the website of the Institute under Members section.

Examination Department

The results of December 2015 examinations for Intermediate, Final, 3 Diploma courses and Management Accountancy courses were declared on 21st February 2016. The pass percentage for Intermediate and Final under 2012 syllabus was 28% and 22% respectively. I wish the successful candidates

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a very bright future and urge those students, who could not succeed this time, to work hard for next attempt.

Studies Department

I wish to inform you that the Institute is embarking upon a new syllabus (Syllabus-2016) which will come into effect from 1st August 2016. The syllabus has been framed after lot of discussions and deliberations among the members of the Training & Education Facilities Committee and other experts to ensure that matters of contemporary interest having a bearing on the cost and management accountancy profession are included. While attempt has been made to make the syllabus-2016 student friendly, all topics of academic and practical importance, which the corporate sector and the industry would like a student to know, have been included. The detailed syllabus 2016 can be viewed on Institute's website www.icmai.in.

Membership Department

I feel pleasure to welcome and congratulate all the new 183 members who have been granted Associate membership and the 42 Associate members who have been advanced to Fellowship during the month of February 2016. Members holding Certificate of Practice are kindly aware that the validity of the current CoP will be till 31st March 2016. An advisory for renewal of CoP for the year 2016-2017 has been uploaded in the member's section of the Institute's website under the link "Guidelines/Circulars" and "Forms". I would call upon all CoP holders to send their application for CoP renewal along with necessary form and payment well before 31st March 2016.

Placement Initiatives

As earlier informed that results of December 2015 term examinations have already been announced and the final qualified students must be eagerly waiting for the campus placement program to be held during April 2016. In order to enhance the confidence level of these students, 15 days Orientation Program as conducted for the June 15 students, has been scheduled from 28th February 2016. This time

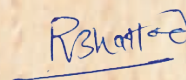
Hyderabad has been added as the 9th location for conducting the pre-placement orientation programme. I am confident the students would find the programme purposeful to enhance their interview skills before facing the Companies during the campus placement programme.

Other Initiatives

I wish to inform that the a **One Week Faculty Development Program** for professionals and academicians on 'Business and Financial Market Analysis' was jointly organized by the Institute, University of Calcutta-Calcutta Stock Exchange-Centre for Excellence in Financial Markets, (CUCSE-CEFM) and University of Calcutta from 22nd February 2016 to 28th February 2016. The seven days interactive, refreshing and riveting program concluded with the expectation to organize more of such sessions in near future. **Navi Mumbai Chapter** of the Institute organised Seminar on Ind AS & the Companies Act, 2013 Accountants' Perspective on 13th February, 2016 at Navi Mumbai. **NIRC of the Institute** organised Northern Regional Student Convention, at New Delhi, on 13th February 2016. **Vishakhapatnam Chapter of the Institute** organised various eventson 19th- 21st February 2016 at Vishakhapatnam to mark the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Chapter. I congratulate the Vishakhapatnam Chapter, for completing the glorious 50 years of its untiring service to the members, students and stakeholders.

I wish prosperity and happiness to members, students and their families on the occasion of Maha Shivaratri and Holi.

With warm regards,



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1st March 2016