

# PRESIDENT'S COMMUNIQUE



**CMA MANAS KUMAR THAKUR**  
*President*  
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**My Dear Professional Colleagues,**

**Namaskaar**

The Institute has extended its wholehearted support to the Government of India in its endeavour to demonetize old currency in order to curb the menace of Black Money for economic development of the Country. We submitted a report to the Government on the initiatives taken by the Institute, its regional councils and Chapters to support the Government's decision, containing messages, press release, newspaper clippings, audio message and photographs in respect of our initiatives to support demonetization. I take this opportunity to thank all the regions and chapters of the Institute who took part in Institute's activities to support the Government's path breaking initiative of Demonetization by organizing press meets to spread the message and also by extending help to the common man by ways of filling in the cash withdrawal / exchange form, educating them about

*I believe if you keep your faith, you keep your trust, you keep the right attitude, if you're grateful, you'll see God open up new doors.*

*- Joel Osteen*

the new currency regime and also serving them with small water bottles. I would also like to pay gratitude to all those members of the CMA family, who supported the Institute as per their capacity in this noble cause. We are sure that this resolve against corruption, black money and counterfeit notes will go a long way in cleansing the Nation's economic system and building a cleaner environment for the future generations.

## **Institute incorporates Insolvency Professional Agency (IPA)**

I am pleased to inform that the Institute has incorporated a Section 8 Company to function as Insolvency Professional Agency (IPA) of the Institute under the provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 and Rules and Regulations framed thereunder. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has recently notified three Regulations:

- (i) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Professional Agencies) Regulations 2016;
- (ii) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Professionals) Regulations 2016; and
- (iii) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Model Bye-Laws and Governing Board of Insolvency Professional Agencies) Regulations 2016.

As provided under the "Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Professionals) Regulations 2016". The IPA of the Institute shall allow enrolment of cost accountants and other persons who meets the eligibility criteria under the said Regulations. Based on the enrolment and membership of IPA, a cost accountant may register as Insolvency Professional with Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India. The said Regulations along with other details are available on the Institute's website. I am sure this will pave way for the huge professional opportunity for our members to showcase their technical worth.

*Shri Tapan Ray, IAS, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Corporate Affairs handed over the Certificate of Registration to the Insolvency Professional Agency of the Institute on 30th November 2016 at CMA Bhawan, New Delhi in the presence of CMA Sanjay Gupta, Vice President, CMA P*

Raju Iyer, CCM, CMA JK Budhiraja, CEO (Designate) of the IPA, Ministry Officials, representatives of other two Institutes, officials of IBBI and media. Certificates to the first set of Insolvency Professionals, registered with the newly formed IPAs of three professional Institutes were also distributed in the event. I am pleased to inform that the IPA incorporated by the Institute could register Six IPs, who got certificates during the event. I hereby congratulate these six IPs for being the pioneer in this important area. I hope that more and more eligible members will register with the IPA incorporated by the Institute in coming days.

### Cost Consciousness Week

As you are aware that Institute is organising "Cost Consciousness Week" across the country for Members and Industry during 1st to 7th December 2016 with an objective of addressing the challenges in building cost competitiveness and exploring the contributions that CMA fraternity can make to nurture the Indian economy by adopting Cost Management. **To commemorate the occasion a special knowledge pack prepared by the Institute on "Cost Consciousness - Prelude for Organizational Efficiency" was released by Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs on 30th November 2016 at New Delhi.** Hon'ble Minister said that the concept of cost management needs to be propagated in a massive manner. He stated that we all know the importance of cost management but we need to spread the socio economic benefits of Cost Management to all segments of society. I request all the members to attend the programs / seminars organised locally by the Regional Council or Chapter to make this initiative of "Cost Consciousness Week" a grand success.

### Cost Governance Week

I wish to inform that the Institute is planning to celebrate the **first week of January 2017 as "Cost Governance Week"**. During this week many programs, seminars and interactions will be organised by the Regions and Chapters of the Institute all over the country. I urge the members to give constructive suggestions to make this initiative a grand success.

### Training on GST to Government Employees

I feel happy to inform that, National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics (NASEN) apex Institute of Government of India, has in-principle, empanelled ICWAI Management Accounting Research Foundation (Section 8 Company promoted by the Institute) as a Training Partner to impart training on GST to Government Employees across the country. This project will be executed with the active support of our members. As the Government of India is expecting our Members to contribute in a big way in imparting necessary Training on GST to a vast number of Government Employees, I invite all the Members to participate

in this endeavour and offer their candidature to become Resource Person by sending their on-line applications by visiting website: [www.icwaimarf.org](http://www.icwaimarf.org)

### Capacity Building of State of Tripura

I wish to inform that I had a meeting with Principal Secretary to the Government of Tripura in which the Institute was invited to develop a roadmap for the growth of the state through capacity building of the human resource of the state. The Institute has started consultations with the authorities of state in this regard.

### National Events

#### Swachta Divas through Bal Sahbhagita

I wish to inform that as advised by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, the Institute observed Swachta Divas coinciding with Children's Day at CMA Bhawan, New Delhi. The event saw 30 children from an NGO "Haripriya" taking part in the Drawing Competition on the topic "Swachh Bharat- We Clean, We Learn, We Prosper". Employees of Delhi office encouraged the children and a Prize Distribution ceremony was also organized. The children were very happily participated in the program and shown keen interest in taking up cleanliness drive.

#### Communal Harmony Campaign

As advised by Ministry of Corporate Affairs and National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) the Institute observed the Communal Harmony Campaign Week, from 19th November to 25th November 2016 and Flag Day on 25th November 2016. The funds collected on the occasion were sent to National Foundation for Communal Harmony.

### Initiatives by various departments of the Institute

#### Cost Accounting Standards Board (CASB)

I am pleased to inform that the Cost Accounting Standards Board (CASB) of the Institute in its recently held meeting has finalized two exposure drafts: (i) Impact of GST on the existing Cost Accounting Standards; and (ii) Impact of IndAS on the existing Cost Accounting Standards. These documents are being hosted on the Institute website for comments/ suggestions from the stakeholders. I urge all stakeholders and members to give their valuable suggestions on these documents to enable CASB to issue limited revision in the cost accounting standards which have impact of GST and IndAS.

#### International Affairs Department

##### SAFA Events at Colombo

The South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) hosted events at Colombo, Sri Lanka during 3rd to 5th November 2016, where CMA Dr. P.V.S. Jagan Mohan Rao, Council Member chaired the Committee on Professional Accountants in Business (PAIB) of

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SAFA and on behalf of the Institute released a Knowledge Pack on 'Contemporary Issues in Taxation & Companies Act: Role of Professional Accountants' which was presented to President and Vice President of SAFA and circulated to PAIB Committee members. This is a compiled volume consisting of articles on various emerging and contemporary issues like Goods and Services Tax (GST), National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC). CMA S Papa Rao attended the meeting of Committee on Education, Training and CPD. CMA Dr. P.V.S. Jagan Mohan Rao along with CMA S Papa Rao and CMA Dr. I Ashok attended the International Conference on "Implementation of IPSAS and Path to Accrual Accounting" organised by CA Srilanka. CMA Dr. P.V.S. Jagan Mohan Rao Chairman PAIB of SAFA also represented in the SAFA Board Meeting.

## Webinars for SAFA

The Institute conducted webinars for members and SAFA member bodies on 'Climate Justice and CSR' on 31st October 2016 and on 'Internal Audit' on 1st November 2016. It was very much appreciated by the members of PAIB Committee and SAFA Board and requested for more such webinars.

## Cost Audit Workshop for ICMAB

The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) requested our Institute to support and share our expertise for conducting the Cost Audit Workshop during 17th to 19th November 2016 at Dhaka and Chittagong at Bangladesh. The Institute was represented by our learned members CMA BB Goyal, Former Addl. Chief Adviser (Cost), Ministry of Finance, Government of India and CMA P Raju Iyer, Council Member and Chairman, Cost Audit and Assurance Standards Board of the Institute. They made presentations and deliberated on the scope, methodology, benefits and practical aspects of cost audit. ICMAB Senior members appreciated the sessions with a lively interaction, both at Dhaka and Chittagong. ICMAB expressed sincere gratitude that this workshop has surpassed their expectations and has changed their thought process regarding the horizon of cost accounting and cost audit.

## Meeting at Ministry of Commerce & Industry

The Institute was represented by the Head (International Affairs) in a meeting at Ministry of Commerce & Industry, under Chairmanship of Shri Sudhanshu Pandey, Joint Secretary, Dept. of Commerce on 14th Nov 2016 to discuss the views of Stakeholders on the Concept Note on Trade Facilitation In Services (TFS) tabled by India in the WTO.

## Studies Department

I am pleased to inform that the studies directorate has released

E-Bulletin for Students of Foundation, Intermediate and Final. The same is available on the student section of the website. I hope that the e-bulletin will be of immense help to the students and they will be able to prepare for the exams in a better manner.

## Placement Initiatives

I am happy to share that the first round of Campus Placement Program conducted for June 2016 CMA qualified students has been successfully completed with the participation of 25 companies. In the campus placement program, 70 CMAs got selected who were determined to give their best to their respective companies where they have been selected. As the Institute endeavour to place its maximum number of candidates, the campus placement program will be a round the year activity to ensure more number of placements. A special drive, therefore, is being organized in four regions in December 2016 for some companies for this batch. I am sure maximum students will find placements through this initiative. I wish all the young CMAs a great success in their new assignments and expect them to make a significant contribution to the growth of their respective organisations.

## Professional Development Directorate

### Representation with Government, PSUs, Banks and Other Organizations

PD Directorate is regularly sending representation letters to various organisations for inclusion of cost accountants for providing professional services in the area of Accounts, Internal Audit / Concurrent Audit/ Taxation, Stock audit and other assignments. On the representation letters sent, NBCC Ltd, Rajasthan State Mines & Minerals Limited, IIT-Guwahati and Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur included Cost Accountants in EOIs. Further, the eminent organizations like Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Limited, New Town Kolkata Development Authority, State Bank of India, United Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, Chennai Metro Rail Limited, Karnataka Forest Development Corporation Limited, Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited, BSNL, RailTel, Haryana Power Generation Corporation Ltd also recognized CMA profession in their Tenders/EOIs in the month of November. The list of organizations that were represented and those who recognized cost accountants can be seen at the PD Portal.

### Meeting with Secretary General, Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC)

My council colleague & Chairman PD Committee CMA Amit Anand Apte met with Shri H.B. Masani, Secretary General, Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) on 23rd November, 2016 and gave him a brief presentation on the benefits and improvement which Cost Accountants can bring to improve their certification process.

I am confident, ABC will include Cost Accountants to sign audit report/check list.

### Career Awareness Activities

#### Career Awareness Seminar in association with Tezpur University

This gives me an immense pleasure to attend a one-day Career Awareness National Seminar on 'Commerce Education and Beyond: The Professional Edge' organized by the Institute in association with Department of Commerce, Tezpur University on 15th November 2016 at the KBR Auditorium of the University. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. MihirKanti Chaudhuri, Vice Chancellor of Tezpur University and Prof. Chandana Goswami, Dean, School of Management Sciences, Tezpur University highlighted the issue of recent demonetization in the country and how students of commerce should get their knowledge updated to have a clear conception of the topic. November 2016 issue of Institute's monthly journal 'The Management Accountant' was also released by Vice Chancellor, Prof. Chaudhuri. CMA Dr. Debaprosanna Nandy, Director, (Research & Journal and Examination) of the Institute took a session on career counselling in different aspects of commerce with special emphasis on cost accountancy course and CMA Arup Sankar Bagchi, Director (Finance) of the Institute conducted his session on motivation. Mr. Vibhor Pandey, Assistant Vice President of Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) along with Mr. Diptendu Moulik introduced the audience with MCX, one of the newest exchanges of India. Prof. Subhrangshu Sekhar Sarkar, Head, Department of Commerce, Tezpur University suggested that students of commerce should pursue various professional courses for betterment of their career. The programme had been attended by more than 850 students of various colleges and it was highly effective and interactive and inspired the audience, especially the young participants. Vice-Chancellor of Tezpur University has agreed to start a North East Development Research Centre in association with the Institute for the capacity building of the North Eastern states of India.

#### Career planning program at ICAI University Tripura

I wish to further inform that I was invited by the ICAI University Tripura to address their students for career planning. I visited them and addressed the students. The interaction was very lively and the organisers were very satisfied with the deliberations.

#### Seminar organised by University of Calcutta

I am pleased to inform you that I was invited by the Department of Business Management, University of Calcutta on 12th November 2016 to be the Chief Guest of the Seminar on Indian Inc. in Make-in-India: Issues in Finance, Marketing & HR. I

addressed the participants and spoke about the role being played by the Institute in this the development of Indian Economy. The interaction was very lively.

#### Meeting with West Bengal State University

I am pleased to inform that I got an opportunity to meet Prof. Basab Chaudhuri, Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal State University to discuss the initiatives with regard to career planning and counselling of their students. WBSU agreed to associate the Institute for the same in their 55 colleges. They have also agreed to hold joint programs and a capsule course for their students by the Institute.

#### Initiatives by Regions /Chapters /ROCC / CMA Support Centres

I am pleased to inform that I got an opportunity to address the participants during one day program on GST Implementation - Let's be ready for the Roll Out on 8th November 2016 at **COCHIN Centre for Excellence** wherein Chief Commissioner of Central Excise was the Chief Guest. I also attended the CMA Career Counselling program at Kozhikode on 8th Nov 2016 organised by the **PPTA CMA Support Centre**. I also inaugurated CMA Career Counselling Program at **Edapol organised by the Edapol CMA Support Centre cum ROCC** on 9th November 2016 and also released a Special Souvenir. I also inaugurated CMA Career Counselling Month Program in **Malappuram District at PSMO College** organised by **ICMS Malappuram ROCC cum CMA Support Centre** on 9th November 2016. The career counselling programs were organised in FIVE more schools and colleges by CMA H Padmanabhan, CCM. I would like to place on record my appreciation to **CMA H Padmanabhan, CCM** for his dynamic efforts in organising all these events in two phases. **Bhubaneswar Chapter of the Institute** organized "Kalinga Commerce Olympiad (KCO)" on 13th November 2016 to create awareness about the Career Prospects of Commerce students of the State of Odisha. I inaugurated the event as Chief Guest. **Rajpur Chapter** of the Institute organized a one day seminar on GST on 19th November 2016 at Kolkata which was attended by me as Chief Patron and I also addressed the participants.

I wish prosperity and happiness to members, students and their families on the occasion of Id-e-milad and Christmas and pray for the success in all of their endeavors.

With warm regards,

**CMA Manas Kumar Thakur**

1st December 2016