

Greetings!!!

Happy New Year 2019!!!

India's banking sector is sufficiently capitalised and well-regulated. The financial and economic conditions in the country are far superior to any other country in the world. Credit, market and liquidity risk studies suggest that Indian banks are generally resilient and have withstood the global downturn well.

Banks are considered the backbone of a country's economy. Banking in India is not only strong but also growing very fast. The Banking sector in India is poised for a high trajectory growth with prospects for a bright career to thousands of new entrants. According to the different studies, banking sector is one of the fastest growing industries in the country.

Indian banking industry has recently witnessed the roll out of innovative banking models like payments and small finance banks. RBI's new measures may go a long way in helping the restructuring of the domestic banking industry. India Post Payments Bank incorporated as a public sector company under the department of posts offers a range of products—savings and current accounts, money transfer, direct benefit transfer, bill and utility payments, enterprise and merchant payments. The payments bank also provides access to third-party financial services such as insurance, mutual funds, pension, credit products and forex.

In the context of economic liberalisation and growing trend towards globalisation, various banking sector reforms have been introduced in India to improve the operation efficiency and upgrade the health and financial soundness of banks so that Indian banks can meet internationally accepted standards of performance.

India has leapfrogged into the era of innovation in banking by adopting the latest in technology. Today's digital age and hyper-connected environment requires banks to re-imagine their business continuously and Indian banks are making great strides when it comes to true digital transformation.

Banks are core part of any economy. They channelized the money to the smooth functioning of different sectors. Initiatives of Green Banking made the banks to transform conventional banking services into modern banking services. The products and services are offered through electronic devices with the help of internet. Digital Banking means more than just going paperless. Leading players are offering a new and improved customer experience and

delivering faster and more efficient services.

Banks also sharpened their focus on rural markets and introduced a variety of services geared to the special needs of their rural customers. Banking activities also transcended their traditional scope and new concepts like personal banking, retailing and banc assurance were introduced.

The advent of Insolvency legislation, "Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016", is indeed a big shot in the arm for banking industry. Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code has been playing an important role in addressing the non-performing assets (NPA) of the banking sector. The IBC seeks strict time-bound initiation of corrective action even at the stage of the very first default either to the bank or to the business counter parties. By ensuring certainty and clarity in all aspects of the process, the Code hopes to achieve speedy resolution, higher recoveries and, in course of time, encourage lenders to go in for higher levels of debt financing.

Management accounting has always been an area dedicated to support decision making processes, thus taking into account dynamic changes in the Banking environment. CMAs can provide sufficient and reasonable support to the concerned sector in taking appropriate and wise decisions. CMAs can play major roles of proper managerial planning with proper product mix, low cost and higher quality for growth of the Banking sector in India.

This issue presents a good number of articles on the cover story theme 'Indian Banking Scenario: Dynamism and Optimism' by distinguished experts and authors. We look forward to constructive feedback from our readers on the articles and overall development of the journal. Please send your mails at editor@icmai.in. We thank all the contributors to this important issue and hope our readers enjoy the articles.

