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### MESSAGE

Happy to note that the Institute of Cost Accountants of India is commemorating the "GST Day" on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 by organising **National Webinar** on the theme "THE JOURNEY OF GST AND WAY FORWARD - AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT".

Today CMAs are contributing extensively towards nation building, especially the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat by way of continuous programmes on various topics, including GST, the biggest indirect tax reform in the country. GST is founded on the notion of "One Nation, One Market, One Tax" which has helped and will be helpful to trade and industry there by putting the Indian economy on a trajectory path to attain a \$5 trillion economy by 2025 despite the prevailing pandemic situation.

The Institute of Cost Accountants of India has been contributing positively in the field of taxation. The activities undertaken by the Institute like conducting regular webinars, seminars, various courses are helping different stakeholders including the Members, Tax Professionals throughout the Country to unlearn and relearn new subjects which are need of the hour to survive in the New Normal. Such initiatives also help the industries to adapt to the new processes and technologies to make the goods and services more competitive in the international market. The Institute continues to provide support to the Government on various reforms by submitting recommendations / suggestions for effective implementation and rollout.

Glad to know that the Institute has released 11 handbooks on GST till date and published 91 fortnightly Tax Bulletins since 2017.

Best wishes for future endeavours of the Institute.

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