

Agriculture Task Force

The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI) has constituted an Agriculture Task Force for the purpose of evolving ways and means of augmenting the farmer's income. The Institute looks forward in extending support to the Government initiatives by way of preparing concept papers on Agricultural Costing & Pricing, conducting awareness programmes and discussion sessions on pan India basis to come out with an advisory on the steps to be taken in order to achieve the objectives set by the Government in this regard and extending support to the farmers.

Activities of Agriculture Task Force 2020 – 2021:

(A) Agriculture Task Force observed 'National Farmers' Day' on 23rd December 2020 by organizing Agriculture Meets by ICAI Headquarters', Regional Councils and Chapters of the Institute across the country.

Event Name	Details
National Conference on "Sustainable Agriculture for Atmanirbhar Bharat"	<p>National Conference on the theme "Sustainable Agriculture for Atmanirbhar Bharat" was organized on 23rd December, 2020 at Jamshedpur, Jharkhand which was inaugurated by Shri Mahesh Poddar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha (virtually) & Shri Kunal Sarangi, MLA, Jharkhand.</p> <p>The event was graced by Shri Jagdish Arora, Executive Director, Steel Authority of India (virtually), CMA Kunal Banerjee, Past President of the Institute, CMA Biswarup Basu, President of the Institute, CMA P. Raju Iyer, Vice President and Chairman, Agriculture Task Force (virtually), CMA Chittaranjan Chattopadhyay, Council Member & Chairman, Banking, Financial Services & Insurance Committee and Indirect Taxation Committee, CMA Avijit Goswami, Former Council Member of the Institute, CMA Santosh Sharma, Agriculture Task Force Member, CMA Rakesh Sinha, Agriculture Task Force Member, CMA Jyoti Prakash, Chairman of Jamshedpur Chapter of the Institute, CMA Rameshwar Prasad, Vice Chairman of Jamshedpur Chapter of the Institute, CMA Sudipta Ghosh Das, Women Agripreneur and Shri Rajeev Kumar Gupta, Finance Officer (VRS), Government of Jharkhand & Curator, TEDxKanke.</p> <p>Concept Note on "Augmenting the Farmers' Income: Road Map for CMAs" was released wherein messages for the Concept Note were received from Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi congratulating the Institute for its efforts and value-added services to join the Government initiative in Doubling Farmer's income and also from Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Rural Development and Food Processing Industries, Government of India congratulating the effort made by the CMAs in making an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' in its true sense.</p> <p>The Agri meet witnessed the participation from members of the Institute, Agri scientists from Birsa Agriculture University, Agri economists, green infrastructure experts, floriculture experts, dairy experts, FPO's and agripreneurs.</p>

National Agriculture Meet	<p>Online National Agriculture Meet was organized on 23rd December 2020 wherein Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India addressed as the Chief Guest. The inaugural issue of CMA Agri Bulletin was released by Hon'ble Minister. He congratulated the Institute for taking initiatives in the field of Agriculture.</p> <p>Shri N. Ramchander Rao and CMA PVN Madhav, Hon'ble MLCs, Telangana addressed as the Guests of Honour. CMA P Raju Iyer, Vice President & Chairman, Agriculture Task Force delivered the welcome address and CMA Biswarup Basu, President of the Institute delivered the Presidential address. CMA Chittaranjan Chattopadhyay, Chairman, BFSI Committee and Indirect Taxation Committee moderated the inaugural session which also had special address from dignitaries.</p> <p>CMA Rakesh Singh, Past President and CMA PV Bhattad, Past President of the Institute shared their valuable thoughts in the Technical Session. Members of Agriculture Task Force of the Institute - CMA (Dr.) Shreehari Chava, CMA (Dr.) Arindam Gupta, CMA Dendukuri Zitendra Rao, CMA Raveendranath Kaushik, CMA (Dr.) K Ch A V S N Murthy, Chairman, Journal & Publications Committee, CMA Neeraj D. Joshi, Chairman, Management Accounting Committee offered their valuable address in the Technical session. CMA Ria Chowdhury Assistant Director & Secretary-Agriculture Task Force moderated the Technical session. CMA Jyotsna Rajpal, Coordinator, Agri Cell, Nagpur Chapter, ICAI also shared her opinion on the said topic.</p>
Agriculture Meet by Nagpur Chapter	<p>Nagpur Chapter, ICAI observed online 'National Farmers' Day' on 22nd December 2020. The virtual agriculture meet was inaugurated by CMA Biswarup Basu, President of the Institute and Shri LL Raval, CGM, NABARD. The meet was graced by Shri Samay Bansod, Whole Time Director, Manas Agro Industries & Infrastructure Ltd., CMA PV Bhattad, Past President, CMA P. Raju Iyer, Vice President and Chairman, Agriculture Task Force, CMA Chittaranjan Chattopadhyay, Council Member & Chairman BFSI Committee of the Institute, CMA Shriram Mahankaliwar, RCM, WIRC, CMA Anil Verma, Chairman of Nagpur Chapter, CMA VVS Murthy, Secretary, Nagpur Chapter, CMA (Dr.) Shreehari Chava, Member, Agriculture Task Force, CMA Jyotsna Rajpal, Coordinator, Agri Cell, Nagpur Chapter.</p>

(B) Publication Released by Agriculture Task Force:

- CMA Agri Bulletin – Vol I - January 2021
- Concept Note on "Augmenting the Farmers' Income: Road Map for CMAs

(C) Celebration and Observance of Agriculture Month – May 2021

The Institute celebrated and observed May 2021 as Agriculture month and organized a series of four National Webinars and several local webinars across the country covering multiple topics relating to “Augmentation of Farmers’ Income”.

Date	Event Name	Details
4th May 2021	National Webinar on Agri Financial Institutions facilitating Augmentation of Farmers' Income	<p>The first National Webinar during the Agriculture month was organized by Agriculture Task Force of the Institute in association with Nagpur Chapter of Cost Accountants on the theme “Agri Financial Institutions facilitating Augmentation of Farmers’ Income” on 4th May 2021 wherein Dr. G.R. Chintala, Chairman, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has graced the event as Chief Guest. Dr. G.R. Chintala addressed about the vicious circle in which Indian farmers are going through, highlighted the role played by the financial institutions for helping the farmers like giving timely credit at a reasonable cost to the marginal and small farmers, credit being given to women cultivators. He also highlighted the role of Agriculture Infrastructure Fund for helping the farmers and for boosting the Agri exports. He further narrated about the regulations and compliances and Role of FPOs in the agri sector, role of new Rural Infrastructure Development Fund, importance of AtmaNirbhar Krishi and AtmaNirbhar Kisan.</p> <p>The welcome address was delivered by CMA Kaushik Banerjee, Secretary, ICAI and introductory address was delivered by CMA Anil B. Verma, Chairman, Nagpur Chapter of Cost Accountants, ICAI. CMA P Raju Iyer, Vice President & Chairman – Agriculture Task Force, ICAI delivered his address about observance of May 2021 as Agriculture month, activities of Agriculture Task Force and also highlighted the role of CMAs in agricultural sector. CMA Neeraj D. Joshi, Council Member & Chairman - Management Accounting Committee, ICAI addressed on Cluster Based Business Organization Value Chain and Role of CMAs in agriculture. CMA Biswarup Basu, President, ICAI delivered the Presidential address. Speakers of the technical session - CMA Santosh Sharma, Member, Agriculture Task Force ICAI addressed on Agriculture 5.0., Dr Vinayak Deshpande, Ex Vice Chancellor, RTM Nagpur University, Nagpur addressed about Might & Plight of Indian Farmers, Mr. Rajiv Bahety & Dr. Arun Joshi from Narmada Valley Rural Development, Foundation Trust addressed about Augmentation of Farmers’ Income, Mr. Amit Nafde, Director, Krushi Vikasvagramen Prashikshan Sansthan, Buldhana, Maharashtra addressed on Role of FPOs in improving Farmers’ Income, CMA P V Bhattad, Past President, ICAI and CMA Dr. Sreehari Chava, Member of Agriculture Task Force, ICAI addressed on need for Agriculture Cost Management. CMA Shriram Narayan Mahankaliwar, Regional Council Member, WIRC, ICAI summed-up all the speeches. CMA Chittaranjan Chattopadhyay, Council Member and Chairman Indirect Taxation Committee & Banking, Financial Services & Insurance Committee, ICAI and CMA (Dr.) K Ch A V S N Murthy, Council Member and Chairman Journal & Publications Committee & Regional Council & Chapters Coordination Committee, ICAI also addressed in this Webinar. Mrs. Jyotsna Rajpal, Agri Cell Coordinator, Nagpur Chapter moderated the entire session. CMA Vijay Kumar Murthy, Secretary - Nagpur Chapter of Cost Accountants, ICAI concluded the programme with vote of thanks.</p>

11 th May 2021	National Webinar on "Rural Development and Augmenting Farmer's Income"	<p>The 2nd National Webinar was organized in association with Bangalore Chapter of Cost Accountants on "Rural Development and Augmenting Farmer's Income". Dr. K S Murali, Executive Director, MS Swaminathan Research Foundation graced the webinar as Chief Guest. Dr. Murali talked about the challenges in Augmenting farmer's income, areas that require attention for augmenting farmer's income and pathway for doubling the farmer's income. The welcome address was delivered by CMA Manjula B.S, Chairman, Bangalore Chapter of Cost Accountants, ICAI.</p> <p>CMA Raveendranath Kaushik, Member, Agriculture Task Force, ICAI delivered the introductory address and moderated the whole session. CMA P Raju Iyer, Vice President & Chairman-Agriculture Task Force, ICAI delivered address on observance of Agriculture month & activities of Agriculture Task Force. CMA (Dr.) K Ch A V S N Murthy, Council Member and Chairman Journal & Publications Committee and Regional Council & Chapters Coordination Committee, ICAI highlighted the Role of CMAs in Agriculture sector. CMA Biswarup Basu, President, ICAI delivered the Presidential address. Dr. G.V. Ramanjaneyulu, Executive Director, Centre for Sustainable Agriculture & Expert Director at Sahaja Aharam Producer Company addressed as Guest of Honour in this webinar. Speakers of the technical session - Dr. H.M. Chandrashekar, Director & Associate Professor - Department of Agri-Business Management, Institute of Development Studies, University of Mysore, Dr. Pramod. M. Chandakavate, Faculty, Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Government of Karnataka, CMA Dr. Sreehari Chava, Member, CMA Dendukuri Zitendra Rao, Member, CMA N Raveendranath Kaushik, Member, Agriculture Task Force, ICAI delivered their address. CMA H. Padmanabhan, Council Member and Chairman, Committee for Accounting Technicians and AAT Board, ICAI and CMA Chittaranjan Chattopadhyay, Council Member & Chairman Indirect Taxation Committee and Banking, Financial Services & Insurance Committee, ICAI also shared their valuable thoughts and ideas. CMA Satish. R, Secretary, Bangalore Chapter of Cost Accountants, ICAI offered the vote of thanks and concluded the programme.</p>
18 th May 2021	National Webinar on "Academic Institutions Catalyzing the Augmentation of Farmers' Income"	<p>The 3rd national webinar was organized in association with Guwahati Chapter of Cost Accountants on "Academic Institutions Catalyzing the Augmentation of Farmers' Income" on 18th May 2021. Prof. Nageshwara Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) was the Chief Guest. Prof. Nageshwar Rao discussed the Agriculture Scenario in India, Agriculture education, Educational Programmes available for the farmers. He highlighted the advantages of the need based programmes in agriculture and allied sciences, innovative Agriculture Programme, etc. The welcome address was given by CMA Rana Bose, Chairman, Guwahati Chapter of Cost Accountants, ICAI and the introductory address by CMA (Dr.) K Ch A V S N Murthy, Council Member and Chairman Journal & Publications Committee and Regional Council & Chapters</p>

		<p>Coordination Committee, ICAI. CMA P Raju Iyer, Vice President & Chairman – Agriculture Task Force, ICAI delivered address about activities of Agriculture Task Force for augmenting farmer’s income. CMA Biswarup Basu, President, ICAI delivered the Presidential address. The webinar was graced by Shri S S Saha, CGM, NABARD as Guest of Honour and Dr. R S Deshpande, Former Director, Institute of Social & Economic Change, Bangalore as technical speaker. The event was also graced by CMA B.B. Goyal, Former Addl. Chief Adviser (Cost), Government of India and CMA Kunal Banerjee, Past President, ICAI, CMA Dr. Sreehari Chava & CMA Santosh Sharma, Members of Agriculture Task Force, ICAI as speakers. CMA Vijender Sharma, Council Member and Chairman, Professional Development Committee & International Affairs Committee and CMA Chittaranjan Chattopadhyay, Council Member and Chairman Indirect Taxation Committee & Banking, Financial Services & Insurance Committee, ICAI also shared their valuable views and thoughts on the said topic.</p> <p>CMA (Dr.) K Ch A V S N Murthy, Council Member and Chairman Journal & Publications Committee and Regional Council & Chapters Coordination Committee, ICAI moderated the whole session and CMA Ria Chowdhury Assistant Director & Secretary-Agriculture Task Force introduced the Chief Guest and the speakers. CMA Rupom Sharma, Secretary, Guwahati Chapter of Cost Accountants, ICAI offered the vote of thanks and concluded the programme.</p>
25th May 2021	Webinar on the theme "Agriculture Cost Management"	<p>The agri task force organized the 4th webinar on the theme "Agriculture Cost Management" on 25th May 2021. Prof. Vijay Paul Sharma, Chairman, Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India graced the Webinar as Chief Guest. He highlighted the fact that policy formulation emphasis being shifted from production centric approach to income centric approach in addressing the farmers’ issues. CMA Vijender Sharma, Council Member & Chairman, Professional Development Committee and International Affairs Committee, ICAI delivered the welcome address and moderated the whole session. CMA Rakesh Singh, Past President, ICAI and CMA Balwinder Singh, Immediate Past President and Chairman, Training & Education Facilities and Placement Committee & Cost Accounting Standards Board, ICAI delivered their valuable thoughts & ideas on the said topic. CMA P Raju Iyer, Vice President & Chairman – Agriculture Task Force, ICAI delivered address about the Role of CMAs in Agriculture Cost Management. CMA Biswarup Basu, President, ICAI delivered the Presidential address. Dr. A. R. Khan, Chief General Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Kolkata addressed as Guest of Honour and CMA Gopala Krishna Ayitam, Management Consultant & expert in areas of agribusiness, value chain management, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) addressed on need of Agriculture Cost Management in augmentation of farmer’s income. CMA Kishore Bhatia and CMA Dr. Sreehari Chava, Members of Agriculture Task Force, ICAI delivered their presentation on Role of CMAs in Agriculture Cost Management. CMA</p>

		Chittaranjan Chattopadhyay, Council Member and Chairman Indirect Taxation Committee and Banking, Financial Services & Insurance Committee, ICAI summed-up all the speeches. CMA (Dr.) K Ch A V S N Murthy, Council Member and Chairman Journal & Publications Committee and Regional Council & Chapters Coordination Committee, ICAI concluded the programme with the vote of thanks.
26th May 2021	National Webinar on the theme "Agriculture Cost Management"	<p>Agriculture Task Force of the Institute concluded this historic Agriculture month with a National Webinar on "Agriculture Cost Management" on 26th May 2021 wherein Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Food Processing Industries, Government of India addressed as the Chief Guest in this National Webinar. The Hon'ble Minister reiterated the intentions of the Government to ensure that agriculture turns profitable. He appreciated the fact that the Institute has come forward to render its services to the Agriculture Sector and desired that the momentum be taken forward. He was hopeful that the collective efforts will definitely bring in the desired results and increase the income of the farmers. CMA P Raju Iyer, Vice President & Chairman – Agriculture Task Force, ICAI delivered the welcome address. CMA Biswarup Basu, President, ICAI delivered the Presidential address. CMA Dr. Sreehari Chava, Member, Agriculture Task Force, ICAI delivered the presentation on the activities and roadmap of agriculture task force and how Institute and its CMA members can contribute on the growth & development of agriculture sector and in augmentation of farmer's income. CMA (Dr.) K Ch A V S N Murthy, Council Member and Chairman Journal & Publications Committee and Regional Council & Chapters Coordination Committee, ICAI summed-up all the speeches. CMA Vijender Sharma, Council Member and Chairman, Professional Development Committee & International Affairs Committee, ICAI delivered the vote of thanks of the inaugural session. CMA Chittaranjan Chattopadhyay, Council Member and Chairman Indirect Taxation Committee & Banking, Financial Services & Insurance Committee, ICAI addressed in the technical session. CMA Santosh Sharma, Member, Agriculture Task Force, ICAI addressed in the technical session on Agriculture Costing & Pricing, Agri 5.0, Agriculture Value Chain Management and Role of CMAs in Agriculture Cost Management. CMA Jyotsna Rajpal, Coordinator, Agri Cell, Nagpur Chapter, ICAI moderated the entire session. CMA H. Padmanabhan, Council Member and Chairman-Committee for Accounting Technicians and AAT Board, ICAI offered the concluding remarks of the technical session and concluded the webinar.</p> <p>All the webinars were participated and viewed by a large number of students, members and other stakeholders. Concepts relating to Agri Cost Management and also the role of CMAs in Augmenting Farmers' Income have been extensively deliberated in all the webinars. The members of the Institute have shown keen interest to gear up themselves to extend their professional contribution to the Agriculture Sector.</p>