

NEWS FROM THE INSTITUTE

EASTERN INDIA REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Region successfully held the Inaugural Ceremony for the Certificate in Accounting Technicians (CAT) course on November 3, 2025, at its Kolkata Auditorium, with Group Captain Surya Bhattacharya as the Chief Guest. On November 4, the Chairperson, CMA Arati Ganguly, met with the Principal of Globsyn Business School to discuss the National Accreditation Policy of ICAI. The remainder of the month saw a strong focus on student outreach through numerous Career Awareness Programmes held at various schools and colleges. These sessions, including those at Sri Ramkrishna Sikshalaya School, Bantra M. S. P. C High School, Mitra Institution, and multiple institutions in Midnapur, Tarakeswar, Goghat, Baruipur, and Jogamaya Devi College, guided over 800 students on the CMA course and its career prospects. Additionally, a Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Programme focusing on forming multi-disciplinary partnership firms and inputs for MCA21 was conducted on November 19, graced by ICAI Vice President CMA Neeraj D. Joshi. The month culminated with the Eastern Region Chapters' Meet-2025 on November 23 in Gopalpur, Odisha, where the President of ICAI, CMA TCA Srinivasa Prasad, inaugurated a key session to foster regional collaboration and strengthen Chapter initiatives.

BHUBANESWAR CHAPTER

The Chapter had a busy November 2025, marked by extensive outreach and professional development initiatives. A series of CMA Career Awareness Programmes were successfully held at educational institutions, including DPS Kalinga (Nov 4), Kendriya Vidyalaya-1 (Nov 10), O' Brain (Nov 16), and Ganesh Commerce Point (Nov 27), reaching over 300 commerce students who actively engaged with the faculty on the course curriculum and career opportunities. A Mega GST Marathon was organized on November 8, featuring renowned national faculty CMA CS CA Nikhil Gupta, with over 120 students participating to gain insights into various aspects of GST. A significant Members Meet was held on November 22 for a panel discussion on "Forming Multi-Disciplinary Partnership (MDP) Firms and Inputs for the Next Version of MCA21," in response to the MCA's consultation. The event was graced by ICAI President CMA TCA Srinivasa Prasad, along with other Council Members and dignitaries, providing a crucial platform for members to contribute their suggestions to the national framework. Finally, the chapter organized a four-day Workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI) from November 25 to 28, led by CA SK Abu Saqeeb and CA Saswat Mohapatra, which saw over 40 CMA members participating daily to enhance their practical skills in the emerging field of AI.

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JAIPUR CHAPTER

Career Guidance and Outreach Success

The Chapter conducted two crucial Career Counselling Programs at Kendriya Vidyalayas in Jaipur:

- ☉ Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1 (Nov 4): Chairman-NIRC CMA Rakesh Yadav, Chairperson CMA Purnima Goyal, and CMA Prateek Khandelwal guided over 80 students.
- ☉ Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 6 (Nov 27): Chairperson CMA Purnima Goyal and CMA Prarthna Kochar guided over 70 students.

Notably, these efforts, spearheaded by the NIRC team, resulted in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) officially issuing an Authority Letter permitting CMA Career Counseling Sessions across all Kendriya Vidyalayas under the jurisdiction of the ICAI NIRC.

Professional Development Seminars

Two significant seminars were organized for members:

- ☉ GST Seminar (Nov 9): The event covered "Assessment, Adjudication and Appeals under GST" and "GST: 2.0 Reforms and Way Forward," with CMA Anil Sharma, Former Chairman of NIRC, as the Key Speaker.
- ☉ SEBI Seminar on "Fraud and Investigation" (Nov 21): Mr. Sanchit Goyal, Assistant General Manager (SEBI), provided in-depth insights on SEBI's regulatory framework, compliance, modern fraud detection methods, market manipulation, and forensic audit techniques to promote transparency in the capital market.

Administrative Changes and Campus Placement

The Chapter marked a change in its leadership:

- ☉ CMA P.D. Agrawal was felicitated and retired from the role of Director of Coaching after 18 years of dedicated service.
- ☉ CMA S.L. Swami was welcomed as the New Director of Coaching and Administration.

Additionally, the Chapter successfully organized an Extended Campus Placement drive on November 13, where UPL Limited selected two candidates for joining its Mumbai location.

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Jaipur Chapter



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SOUTHERN INDIA REGIONAL COUNCIL

August 2025: Inaugurations and Professional Insights

- ⊙ President's Meet: SIRC organized a "Members Meet with CMA TCA Srinivasa Prasad, President – ICAI" on August 3rd, offering an excellent platform for interaction and insights into the Institute's future roadmap.
- ⊙ Coaching & CAT Inauguration: The Oral Coaching Classes for the December 2025 examination were inaugurated on August 8th, with Dr. Sudha Seshayyan as the Chief Guest. The CAT Course (DGR Batch) for ex-servicemen was also inaugurated on August 25th, graced by President CMA TCA Srinivasa Prasad and LT COL NITIN KAURA.
- ⊙ Professional Development (PD): A Study Circle Meeting on Healthcare Costing (Aug 15th) and a seminar on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 (Aug 18th) were held.
- ⊙ GST Programme: A PD Programme on August 28th featured Dr. Balamurugan K, IRS, who spoke on "A Critical Review of Input Tax Credit Rules and Regulations under GST" and "Business Decision Making and GST Compliance Management."
- ⊙ Condolence: A meeting was held on August 25th to pay homage to CMA B. V. Ramana Murty, Past President of the Institute.
- ⊙ Career Counselling: Eight sessions were conducted across various colleges in August, including KCS KASI NADAR COLLEGE and SATHYABAMA UNIVERSITY.

September 2025: Focus on Educators and Technology

- ⊙ Teachers' Day Celebration (Sept 13th): SIRC celebrated with the theme "Shaping Futures, Celebrating Educators," featuring an inspiring address by Swami Raghunayakananda and panel discussions on experiential learning.
- ⊙ Professional Development (PD): PD sessions covered:
 - ▲ "Challenges to CMAs in Cost Management in the Current Scenario" (Sept 6th) by CMA S. Dorairajan.
 - ▲ "Data & Analytics – Elevating Finance as a Business Partner" (Sept 14th) by Mr. Craig Rothschild (USA).

- ▲ "Exploring Opportunities in Management Consultancy for Cost Accountants" (Sept 18th) by Dr. CMA V. Gopalan.
- ▲ "Artificial Intelligence for CMAs" (Sept 19th) by Mr. Eka Pillar and Ms. Panchi S.
- ▲ "The Future-Ready GCC and Relevance to Finance Professionals" (Sept 20th) by Mr. Rohit R. Chowdhry.
- ⊙ ASTP Valedictory: The Advanced Skill Training Programme (ASTP) for Newly Qualified CMAs (June 2025 Term) concluded its two batches on September 27th.
- ⊙ Social & Cultural: The Swachhata Hi Seva – 2025 campaign was held on September 29th, and Saraswati Puja along with Ayudha Puja was celebrated on September 30th.

October 2025: Health and GIFT-IFSC Opportunities

- ⊙ GIFT-IFSC Seminar (Oct 11th): A PD Seminar was organized on "Opportunities in Listings and Funds and Professional & Technology Services Providers at GIFT-IFSC," featuring speakers from the IFSCA to enhance knowledge on emerging professional opportunities.
- ⊙ Free Dental Screening Camp (Oct 12th): SIRC, in association with Meenakshi Ammal Dental College, organized a free camp for members, students, and their families to promote oral health.
- ⊙ Career Counselling: One session was conducted at DAYASADAN AGARWAL VIDYALAYA SCHOOL (Oct 24th).

November 2025: Industry Focus and Community Service

- ⊙ PD Programme: A meeting on "Inbound Foreign Investment – Practical Aspects" was held on November 7th, focusing on FEMA regulations and compliance.
- ⊙ Value Addition Seminar: A PD Seminar on "Value Addition Through Cost Audits" was held on November 22nd to enhance practitioners' understanding of cost audits as a strategic tool.
- ⊙ CFO Meet (Nov 28th): Organized in association with the Members in Industry & PSUs Committee, the meet facilitated discussions with leading CFOs on emerging finance leadership opportunities and the expanding role of CMAs in strategic decision-making.

- ⊙ RPA Workshop: A One-Day Professional Development Workshop on “Hands-On Robotics Process Automation (RPA) for Finance” was held on November 29th as part of the Next-Gen CMA Technology Series, with insights from CMA Dr. A.S. Durga Prasad and global experts.
- ⊙ Blood Donation: A Blood Donation Camp was successfully organized on November 21st in association with the Indian Red Cross Society.

THRISSUR CHAPTER

- ⊙ Felicitation Ceremony for Intermediate qualified students (June 2022 to June 2025 terms) on October 19th.
- ⊙ TMA Student Chapter Inauguration in association with Thrissur Management Association (TMA) on October 19th.
- ⊙ Seminar on “AI Horizons: Rethinking Education and Profession” on October 19th.

VISAKHAPATNAM CHAPTER

PD Programme on “Compliance to Complacence: A Walkthrough from Company Incorporation to Annual Filings under MCA 21 Version 3” on November 15th.

COCHIN CHAPTER

- ⊙ Consultative Sessions on Tax Policy (Nov 15th): The Chapter, represented by Chairperson CMA Renjini R. and Vice Chairperson CMA George P. Mathew, participated in an interactive session chaired by Dr. P. S. Punia, Chairperson of the Consultative Group on Tax Policy (CGTP), NITI Aayog. The objective was to gather feedback from professional bodies, industry, and trade to strengthen India's tax ecosystem, focusing on improving transparency, simplifying compliance, and leveraging technology.
- ⊙ GST Stakeholders' Engagement Meet (Nov 21st): The Chapter also represented the professional community at a meet organized by the Director General of Audit (Central), Chennai—Kochi Branch. The discussion aimed to facilitate constructive dialogue to identify bottlenecks and suggest solutions for improving GST processes and compliance mechanisms, specifically focusing on challenges in registration, returns, ITC, and e-invoicing.
- ⊙ 6th Webinar Series: Ind AS as a Strategic Enabler (Nov 22nd): The chapter successfully

conducted a national webinar on "Decoding Ind AS 34: A Comprehensive Guide to Interim Financial Reporting and SEBI Quarterly Result Compliance for Listed Entities." The technical session, led by CMA Ramsankar Mishra, detailed the critical aspects of Ind AS 34 and its practical interlinkages with CAS 17 (Cost of Production or Operation) and Ind AS 23 (Borrowing Costs), emphasizing better transparency in financial reporting and cost auditing.

BENGALURU CHAPTER

- ⊙ Leadership PD on MDP & MCA21 (Nov 12th): A high-profile discussion session on “Issues Concerning the Formation of Multi-Disciplinary Partnership Firms and Inputs for the Next Version of MCA21” was conducted. The event was graced by the President CMA T. C. A. Srinivasa Prasad, Vice President CMA Neeraj D. Joshi, and multiple Council Members (CCMs), providing crucial inputs for the Ministry of Corporate Affairs' consultation process.
- ⊙ Seminars on GST and MSME Funding:
 - ▲ A PD session on “GST- Issues and Challenges” was held on November 22nd, featuring Shri S. Rajagopalan, IRS.
 - ▲ A program on “MSME Funding Schemes & Institutional Support” was conducted on November 23rd in association with SIRC, featuring Dr. E Vijaya from the National Institute for MSME.
- ⊙ Campus Placement (Nov 25th–26th): The Chapter, along with the Directorate of Career Counselling & Placement, successfully conducted the CMA Campus Placement for the June 2025 batch at Rialto Hotel, with over 350 students participating. Companies like Bharat Electronics Limited, BEML, and Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd were among the corporate recruiters.
- ⊙ Diamond Jubilee Commemoration (Nov 29th): The Chapter celebrated its Diamond Jubilee with a special session on “Costing in Casting,” led by Shri M. S. Venkatesh (HAL Retd.), attended by former Presidents and Chairmen of the Chapter.
- ⊙ Other Initiatives:
 - ▲ "The Art of Communication: From Campus

to Corporate" PD Programme (Nov 8th).

- ▲ A Crash Course for students on "Financial Management" (Nov 9th).
- ▲ A Master Class on Valuation was organized by the ICAI Registered Valuers Organisation (Nov 15th).
- ▲ The Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated (Nov 15th).

COIMBATORE CHAPTER

The Chapter organized a series of professional development programmes, study circle meetings, student initiatives, and collaborative events throughout November 2025, reflecting its ongoing commitment to member learning, professional enrichment, and student outreach.

Professional Development Programme on “Recent Amendments to TDS/TCS Provisions” – 8 November 2025

A Professional Development Programme on “Recent Amendments to TDS/TCS Provisions” was conducted at CMA Bhavan, Ramnagar. The session commenced with a Welcome Address by CMA Dr. R. Maheswaran, Chairman, who emphasized the need for professionals to stay updated with changing tax regulations.

Through a detailed PPT presentation, Shri Palanikumar, Practising Company Secretary, explained the latest amendments in TDS/TCS provisions, revised compliance procedures, and deadlines, supported by practical industry case studies.

Condolence Meeting for CMA C. V. Balasubramaniam – 19 November 2025

A solemn condolence meeting was held at CMA Bhavan to pay homage to late CMA C.V. Balasubramaniam, Founder Member and Past Chairman of the Coimbatore Chapter.

Study Circle Meeting on Costing in Service Industries – 19 November 2025

Following the earlier session held in October, a follow-up Study Circle Meeting was organized to deepen discussions on costing in the service sector. Chairman CMA Dr. R. Maheswaran welcomed participants and shared feedback submitted to the Head Office regarding improvements in Cost Audit practices.

PDP on “Adjudication & Compounding under the Companies Act, 2013” – 22 November 2025

A Professional Development Programme on

“Adjudication & Compounding under the Companies Act, 2013” was held at CMA Bhavan.

Shri Eswaramoorthy explained the adjudication framework under MCA, implications of non-compliance, handling notices from authorities, and available appellate remedies.

Career Awareness Programme – 25 November 2025

Chairman CMA Dr. R. Maheswaran addressed around 2,500 Government School students during a Career Awareness Programme organized by Hindustan College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore. He introduced students to opportunities available through the CMA profession.

Crash Course for Intermediate & Final Students – 23 to 26 November 2025

A four-day crash course for Intermediate and Final students was conducted at CMA Bhavan to support academic preparation and improve examination readiness.

Joint Investor Awareness Programme with ICAI – 27 November 2025

A joint programme on Investor Awareness was organized with ICAI, Coimbatore Branch, sponsored by SEBI and BSE at ICAI Bhawan, Thudiyalur. Chairman CMA R. Maheswaran felicitated SEBI Chairman Shri Tuhin Kanta Pandey and BSE Managing Director & CEO Shri Sundaraman Ramamurthy during the event.

One-Day Workshop on “Power BI – Business Transformation” – 29 November 2025

The Chapter organized a one-day workshop on “Power BI” at CMA Bhavan. Chairman CMA Dr. R. Maheswaran delivered the Welcome Address, followed by speaker introduction by Treasurer CMA Hariharasubramanian. CMA Vijayaraghavan Srinevasan, Associate Director (Finance), Cognizant Technology Solutions, conducted the session, focusing on business insights and data-driven decision-making through Power BI.

KOZHIKODE-MALAPPURAM CHAPTER

The Chapter successfully conducted the professional development seminar on “Implementation of Costing System through Tally ERP” on 22nd November 2025 at the Chapter premises. Inaugural Address by CMA Syamly C M, Chairperson, Resource Person was CMA Rony Thomas, Practicing Cost Accountant and vote of thanks by CMA Salmanul Faris, Secretary.

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WESTERN INDIA REGIONAL COUNCIL

ICMAI-WIRC MSME Conclave – 15th November 2025 - Nagpur

The Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI), hosted by the ICMAI-Nagpur Chapter and supported by the Vidarbha Industries Association (VIA), successfully organized the MSME Conclave 2025 under the theme "Cost to Competitiveness: Empowering MSMEs & Start-ups for Strategic Growth – उद्योगोन्नति." The high-impact event focused on policy dialogue, knowledge sharing, and strategic thought leadership for MSMEs. The conclave was inaugurated by Chief Guest Shri Ajit Kumar Saxena (CMD, MOIL Ltd.) and Guest

of Honour Shri Prashant Mohta (President, VIA) and CMA Neeraj Joshi (Vice President, ICMAI), alongside numerous distinguished dignitaries including CMA Harshad Deshpande, CCM, and WIRC office bearers. Speakers emphasized the critical role of cost management, innovation, technology adoption, and ESG integration in achieving global competitiveness and supporting the Atmanirbhar Bharat mission. Technical sessions covered MSME growth schemes, the application of Artificial Intelligence for optimization, and the role of ESG in competitiveness. A high-impact panel discussion featured industry leaders addressing challenges and practical solutions. The event, which saw participation from over 130 individuals, successfully reinforced ICMAI WIRC's commitment to supporting the growth and national contribution of

MSMEs and Start-ups.

AHMEDABAD CHAPTER

The Chapter focused on technology integration, campus placements, and professional consultations in November 2025.

- ⊙ CAT Valedictory Session (Nov 7th): The chapter held the valedictory session for the CAT Batch, where Chief Guest Commander Rahil Rai emphasized the course's importance for career growth. Participants were felicitated with certificates.
- ⊙ Professional Development & Policy:
 - ▲ A Discussion on Multi-Disciplinary Partnership (MDP) was organized on November 10th, engaging members on this key policy matter.
 - ▲ A CPE session on the Benefits of LLP Structure was conducted on November 14th by CMA CS M C Gupta.
 - ▲ A CPE Webinar on Key Points for Filling GSTR 9 & 9C for FY 2024-25 was organized on November 22nd, featuring CMA Anil Sharma.
- ⊙ Technology Training (CMA AI Pravesh): The chapter hosted the CMA AI Pravesh - Deep-Dive into Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for Finance and Cost/Management Accounting. This comprehensive program, held both online (Nov 15th-16th) and physically (Nov 22nd-24th), covered topics from the foundations of AI and its possibilities in accounting to Generative AI and hands-on tools/case studies.
- ⊙ Campus Placement (Nov 17th & 18th): A significant campus placement drive for qualified CMAs of the June 2025 exam was conducted, with over 100 candidates participating. Leading corporates like ITC Ltd - Hotels, UPL Ltd, Sun Pharmaceuticals, and RSM Astute Consulting took part.
- ⊙ Social Event: A Diwali Get-together program for members and students was organized on November 8th, featuring games and dinner.

PUNE CHAPTER

The Chapter engaged in a mix of extensive skill training, professional events, and a major sports tournament across September, October and November.

Key Events in September & October 2025:

- Training & Placement: Organized the Advanced Skill Training Program (ASTP) for newly qualified CMAs (Sept 11th-21st) and the mandatory 60-hour Skill Training Program for

Intermediate Students (commenced Sept 14th).

- Technology & Compliance: Conducted a three-day seminar on SAP – CO Module (Sept 12th-14th) and CPEs on “Important Case Laws under GST” (Sept 13th) and “GST 2.0 – Next Gen GST Reforms” (Sept 18th). A webinar on “AI at Leadership Level” was also held on September 27th.
- Social & Outreach: Participated in the ‘Swachhata Hi Sewa’ (SHS) – 2025 Campaign (Sept 30th), organized a Navratri Dandiya Celebration for students (Oct 1st), and a ‘Diwali Pahat’ program for the fraternity (Oct 21st).

Key Events in November 2025:

- ⊙ Campus Recruitment (Nov 6th & 7th): A successful Campus Recruitment Drive was organized, with seven top-tier companies (including Eaton Technologies, Accenture Solutions, and UPL Ltd) participating, resulting in the selection of 56 students.
- ⊙ Cricket Tournament: The Chapter organized a successful Cricket Tournament on November 8th and 9th at Ness Wadia College Ground, as a Diamond Jubilee Commemoration. CMA Phoenix Flames won the championship, promoting fitness and camaraderie among over 200 participants across 12 teams. The event was preceded by a Trophy Reveal Ceremony (Nov 6th) graced by Past Presidents.
- ⊙ CAT Inauguration: The third batch of the CAT Course (Part I & II) for Retired/Retiring Armed Forces Personnel under the DGR scheme was inaugurated on November 24th, welcomed by Commander Rahil Rai.
- ⊙ Webinar: A webinar on “Understanding the concept of ‘Directors’ under Companies Act” was organized on November 1st.

Career Development and Outreach

- ⊙ Campus Recruitment Drive (Nov 6th & 7th): A successful "Campus Recruitment Drive" was organized, leading to the selection of 56 students. Seven top-tier companies participated, including Eaton Technologies, Accenture Solutions, Bajaj Finserv Ltd, and UPL Ltd.
- ⊙ Webinar on Companies Act (Nov 1st): A successful webinar on “Understanding the concept of ‘Directors’ under Companies Act” was conducted by CS Nachiket Sohani, providing members with essential corporate law knowledge.
- ⊙ CAT Course Inauguration (Nov 24th): The

third batch of the Certificate in Accounting Technicians (CAT) Course under the DGR scheme was inaugurated for Retired/Retiring Armed Forces Personnel, scheduled to run until March 2026. Commander Rahil Rai was the Chief Guest.

- ◎ University Visit (Oct 29th, pre-Nov): CMA Shrikant Ippalpalli, Chairman, met with Dr. Lahori, Vice Chancellor of P.A. Inamdar University, to discuss the benefits of the CMA course and the National Accreditation scheme of ICMAI.

Diamond Jubilee Sports and Fellowship

- ◎ Trophy Reveal Ceremony (Nov 6th): The grand

ceremony for the Cricket Tournament was held, unveiling the trophy at CMA Bhawan, attended by all 12 participating teams and senior dignitaries, including Past Presidents.

- ◎ ICMAI-Pune Chapter Cricket Tournament 2025 (Nov 8th & 9th): A successful Cricket Tournament was organized to celebrate the Chapter's Diamond Jubilee Year, promoting fitness and teamwork among over 200 participants.
 - ▲ Winner: CMA Phoenix Flames
 - ▲ Runner-up: CMA Sky Warriors
 - ▲ The tournament concluded with awards for the Best Batsman, Best Bowler, and Man of the Series.

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