

# NEWS FROM THE INSTITUTE

## EASTERN INDIA REGIONAL COUNCIL

### Career Awareness Initiatives

On January 7, a session was held at Victoria College Institution where CMA Anup Chatterjee introduced over 60 students and teachers to the CMA curriculum. This was followed by a program at Kanchrapara College on January 8, led by CMA Dr. Subrata Mukherjee, which engaged more than 90 participants in exploring professional career paths.

### Mandatory Student Trainings

Two key training programs commenced this month: a 10-day Industry Oriented Training Programme (IOTP) for Final students (Jan 13–24) and a comprehensive Skill Training Programme for Intermediate students (Jan 13–30). The latter focused on practical expertise in SAP, MS Office, Tally, E-Filing, and soft skills.

### Saraswati Puja Celebrations

On January 23, EIRC celebrated Maa Saraswati Puja with great devotion. The event saw a gathering of nearly 200 attendees, including council members, former presidents, faculty, and students, who participated in the rituals and prasad sevan.

### Foundation Felicitation Ceremony

To motivate the next generation of professionals, a ceremony was held on January 24 to honor students who qualified for the CMA Foundation. Distinguished dignitaries, including CMA Chittaranjan Chattopadhyay and CMA Arati Ganguly, congratulated the achievers and offered career guidance.

### CPE on Practical AI Tools

On January 24, over 120 members attended a Continuing Professional Education (CPE) program titled "Practical AI Tools & Techniques for CMA Professionals." The interactive session highlighted how AI can be leveraged strategically within the evolving landscape of cost and management accounting.

### Student Quiz and Essay Competitions

Commemorating "Sustainable Month," EIRC

organized academic competitions on January 24. Students showcased their knowledge through a written quiz and essay contest, supervised by the EIRC leadership to foster academic interaction and awareness of sustainability.

### 77th Republic Day Celebration

The EIRC premises observed the 77th Republic Day on January 26 with patriotic fervor. CMA TCA Srinivasa Prasad, President of ICMAI, unfurled the National Flag in the presence of over 100 participants, including several former presidents and regional council members.

## BHUBANESWAR CHAPTER

### Professional Development and Health Initiatives

The Chapter held its 4th Monthly Study Circle Meeting on December 27, 2025, focused on recent updates in Income Tax filing. Following this, on December 28, a Free Health Check-Up Camp was organized at CMA Bhawan in collaboration with Apollo Hospitals. Around 50 members benefited from professional medical screenings and consultations.

### SAMPARK 2.0: Senior Citizens Meet

On January 4, 2026, the Chapter hosted "SAMPARK 2.0," a unique gathering for over 60 senior CMA members. The event combined health awareness—featuring specialists from SUM Ultimate Medicare—with an interactive session where veterans shared professional wisdom and life lessons, fostering strong inter-generational bonds within the institute.

### Academic and Career Outreach

The 75th Oral Coaching Session for the June 2026 term was officially inaugurated on January 15, with 100 students in attendance. Additionally, a Career Awareness Programme was conducted at Pipli College on January 17. Chapter leadership, including Chairman CMA Sarat Kumar Behera, briefed over 100 commerce students on the CMA curriculum and diverse global career opportunities.

### Cultural and Patriotic Celebrations

The Chapter premises came alive on January 23 for Saraswati Puja, drawing an overwhelming crowd of over 400 students, members, and staff to seek the blessings of the Goddess of Learning. On January 26, the 77th Republic Day was observed

with a flag-hoisting ceremony led by Chief Guest CMA Saktidhar Singh. The event focused on the vision of "Viksit Bharat 2047," urging the 100+ attendees to contribute to the nation's professional and constitutional progress.

### Glimpses of Eastern India Regional Council



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### NORTHERN INDIA REGIONAL COUNCIL

#### Navigating GST Litigation

NIRC hosted an insightful seminar on "How to Handle Litigation under GST" on January 16, 2026, at CMA Bhawan, New Delhi.

Led by keynote speaker CMA Atul Kr. Gupta (former Chairman-NIRC), the session focused on practical solutions for real-world tax challenges. The event featured highly interactive discussions, where participants explored case-based strategies and expert techniques for managing GST disputes effectively.

### JODHPUR CHAPTER

#### Republic Day Celebration and Announces SMILE 3.0

The Chapter celebrated Republic Day with a patriotic flag unfurling ceremony attended by key dignitaries, including Council Member, CMA Rajendra Singh Bhati and Chapter Vice Chairman CMA Rajendra Prasad Dhariwal. The event, supported by over 50 enthusiastic students and members, served as the launchpad for SMILE 3.0 (Small & Medium Industries Leveraging Economy). This flagship mega-event is scheduled for March 6–8, 2026, and will feature technical, sports, and

cultural activities for an estimated 500 participants. The dual celebration underscores the Chapter's

dedication to national pride and the professional growth of the cost accounting community.

### Glimpses of Northern India Regional Council



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## SOUTHERN INDIA REGIONAL COUNCIL

### SIRC Hosts Comprehensive 4-Day Webinar Series on Cost Audit

From December 27 to 30, 2025, SIRC conducted a specialized 4-day webinar series via Microsoft Teams, aimed at strengthening the practical expertise of CMA practitioners. Led by SIRC Chairman CMA Vijay Kiran Agastya, the series covered:

- ◎ Day 1 (Fundamentals): CMA Vishwanath Bhat opened with the core principles of cost audit, reconciliation, and the necessity of value-added reporting beyond statutory compliance.
- ◎ Day 2 (Engineering): CFO of Bosch, CMA Sampara Sivaramakrishna, and CMA H. R. Sreepada bridged the gap between industry expectations and auditing practices,

focusing on standard costing and SAP/COPA environments.

- ◎ Day 3 (Power Sector): CMA D. Jitendra Rao provided a deep dive into the regulatory frameworks of thermal, renewable, and hydro power, addressing sector-specific challenges like fuel efficiency and line losses.
- ◎ Day 4 (Healthcare): CMA Pushpy Muricken concluded the series by exploring Activity-Based Costing (ABC) in hospitals and the impact of regulatory pricing controls like Ayushman Bharat.

### 20<sup>th</sup> S. Ganapathisubramanian Memorial Lecture

On January 6, 2026, SIRC honored the legacy of Late S. Ganapathisubramanian at CMA Bhawan,

Chennai. The keynote speaker, strategic expert CMA M. Hariharan, delivered a compelling lecture titled "From Clarity to Sustainability." The session, attended by ICMAI President CMA TCA Srinivasa Prasad and other distinguished council members, explored how CMAs can integrate sustainability into modern cost management. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Former President CMA M. Gopalakrishnan, reinforcing the Institute's commitment to thought leadership.

### Commemoration of the 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day

The SIRC fraternity gathered at CMA Bhawan, Egmore, on January 26, 2026, to celebrate India's 77th Republic Day. The National Flag was unfurled by SIRC Chairman CMA Vijay Kiran Agastya in the presence of CMA Praveen Kumar and other key stakeholders. The ceremony served as a solemn reminder of the CMA profession's role in nation-building, economic governance, and upholding the ethical standards enshrined in the Indian Constitution.

### BENGALURU CHAPTER

#### Analytics Workshop and Republic Day Celebrations

The Chapter recently hosted two significant events focused on professional growth and national pride. On January 24, 2026, the Chapter organized a Professional Development Programme titled "Analytics using MS Excel," featuring expert insights from CMA Muralidhara K.S. and supported by leadership including Chapter Chairman CMA Raghavendra B.K. and Vice Chairperson CMA Gunamala S.R. Following this technical session, the Chapter commemorated India's Republic Day on January 26, 2026. The patriotic ceremony was graced by prominent members, including CMA Vishwanatha Bhat (PF Chairman, SIRC) and CMA Ramesh S. (Former Chairman, SIRC), alongside dedicated staff and members, reaffirming the Chapter's commitment to both professional excellence and community spirit.

### THRISSUR CHAPTER

#### Health, Compliance, and Community Celebrations

The Chapter maintained a dynamic schedule

through December and January, balancing professional development with personal well-being and community bonding:

- ⦿ **Wellness and Finance:** On December 7, 2025, the Chapter partnered with the Thrissur Management Association for a unique seminar, "Investing in your Health: Your Highest-Returning Investment." Dr. Merin Paul, Medical Director of Trinity Eye Hospital, shared vital insights on prioritizing health as a professional asset.
- ⦿ **GST Technical Session:** Shifting to core competencies, a CEP programme on "GST Annual Return & Reconciliation" was held on December 21, 2025. CA Soman N. L. led the session, providing practitioners with practical guidance on year-end compliance and reconciliation strategies.
- ⦿ **Gather & Glow 2026:** The Chapter rang in the New Year with a grand reunion, "GATHER & GLOW 2026," on January 3, 2026, at Hotel Merlin International. Inaugurated by CMA Praveen Kumar (SIRC PD Committee Chairman) and hosted by Chapter Chairman CMA P.V. Antony, the evening honored local Practicing Cost Accountants. The event saw a massive turnout of 300 members and families, featuring music, dinner, and a spirit of professional camaraderie.

### TRIVANDRUM CHAPTER

#### Strategic Growth and Community Recognition

The Chapter executed a series of high-impact Professional Development Programmes (PDPs) and community events at CMA Bhawan to close out 2025:

- ⦿ **Strategic & Operational Excellence:** The Chapter hosted sessions on "Internal Audit – A Management Perspective" by CMA Prasanna Kumar S (Nov 23) and "Strategic Cost Management in Action" (Dec 3) led by SIRC Chairman CMA Vijay Kiran Agastya.
- ⦿ **Regulatory Compliance:** Specialized sessions addressed practical hurdles in the profession, including "GST Annual Return Filing" with CMA Ajith Sivadas (Dec 7) and an in-depth analysis of "India's New Labour Codes" by CS Visakh Madhusudhanan (Dec 15).

- ◎ Milestones and Felicitations: On December 3, the Chapter officially released its Biannual Activity Chronicle, "TCCA Prayaan," unveiled by CMA Vijay Kiran Agastya. Additionally, a heartwarming felicitation ceremony was held to honor the academic, artistic, and athletic achievements of members' children, reinforcing the Chapter's focus on the broader CMA family.

Under the leadership of Chapter Chairman CMA Pranav Jayan and Secretary CMA Nisha Habi, these events successfully blended technical expertise with institutional growth and member engagement.

### COIMBATORE CHAPTER

#### A Season of Growth, ESG Leadership, and National Excellence

The Chapter demonstrated exceptional leadership and student engagement throughout the final months of 2025 and a landmark January 2026. Highlights of their activities include:

- National Landmark: NCMAC 2026: The Chapter co-hosted the 63rd National Cost and Management Accountants' Convention (NCMAC) from January 9–11, 2026. Under the theme "RISE India," the event drew over 1,000 delegates and featured high-profile speakers like Shri Narayan Sethuram and CMA TCA Srinivasa Prasad. The success was later celebrated on January 19 with a "Felicitation to Champions" ceremony for student volunteers.
- Professional Development & ESG: In December, the Chapter hosted a unique workshop on professional branding titled

"RISE Through Writing," led by CMA Hariharasubramanian A. Additionally, Chapter leadership participated in the ESG Summit 2025 in Kerala, gaining critical insights into sustainability standards and governance.

- Academic Outreach & Coaching: The Chapter inaugurated its 101st Oral Coaching Session on December 23. Outreach efforts reached nearly 1,000 students across various institutions, including a massive orientation at PSGR Krishnammal College and a high-level career session at Suguna College featuring two Former Presidents of ICMAI.
- Student Success & Patriotism: Coimbatore students proved their mettle by securing Third Prize in the Share Market event at the "PRAGATHI 2026" talent show in Cochin. The month concluded with 77th Republic Day celebrations and a specialized Study Circle Meeting focused on Cost Audit Reforms.

Through these diverse initiatives, led by Chairman CMA Dr. R. Maheswaran, the Coimbatore Chapter has solidified its role as a hub for professional competence and nation-building.

### VIJAYAWADA CHAPTER

Council Member, CMA Vinayaranjan and SIRC Members, K Panduranga Rao, Vijayawada Chapter Staff at the Mega Commerce Conclave organised by Commerce Alumni of Andhra Pradesh Residential Degree College, Nagarjuna Sagar, Andhra Pradesh on 24-Jan-2026. About 200 Commerce Students & more than 200 Alumni members of the APRDC have taken part in this programme.

#### Glimpses of Southern India Regional Council



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**Vijayawada Chapter****WESTERN INDIA REGIONAL COUNCIL****Sports, Specialized Learning, and Career Success**

The Western India Regional Council concluded 2025 with a dynamic mix of physical activity, intensive professional training, and landmark placement results.

**Sports Day 2025: Strategic Moves**

On December 20, 2025, WIRC hosted its annual Sports Day, promoting camaraderie and mental agility. Key highlights include:

- ⦿ Chess: Council Member CMA (Dr.) Ashish Prakash Thatte claimed the winner's trophy, with Faraz Ahmed Murumkar as runner-up.
- ⦿ Carrom: Yash Karangutkar emerged as the winner, followed by Mandar Mayekar. Dignitaries including CMA Harshad Deshpande and CMA Chaitanya Mohrir presided over the medal distribution.

**Professional Development: The "Gyan Satra" Series**

Throughout December, WIRC conducted an extensive Webinar Series on Cost Audit and specialized CPE programmes.

- ⦿ Sector-Specific Cost Audits: Expert-led sessions covered the Aluminium, Hospital, Fertilizer, Steel, and Sugar industries.
- ⦿ Modern Finance Domains: CMA Siddhartha Pal delivered a two-part masterclass on ESG and BRSR Frameworks, while CMA Chitralee Goswami handled sessions on GeM Procurement and Total Cost Management.
- ⦿ Ethics & Practice: Council Member CMA (Dr.) Ashish Prakash Thatte led a critical discussion

on the draft advertisement guidelines for practicing members.

**Campus Placement: 157 Careers Launched**

In a major milestone for the June 2025 batch, 157 newly qualified CMAs have been placed across the Western Region as of December 18. Under the leadership of President CMA T.C.A. Srinivasa Prasad, high-profile recruiters included:

- ⦿ Top Employers: Cosmos Co-Op. Bank Ltd (62 selections), Accenture (32), and RSM Astute (14).
- ⦿ Diverse Sectors: Placements spanned across ITC Hotels, Sun Pharma, Capgemini, and NBCC, reflecting the high demand for CMA expertise in various industries.

**NASHIK CHAPTER****Golden Jubilee Initiatives and Student Outreach**

The Chapter advanced its Golden Jubilee celebrations with a series of high-impact professional and academic programs during December 2025:

- ⦿ Golden Jubilee CPE Webinar: On December 20, 2025, Chapter collaborated with the Nagpur, Chh. Sambhaji Nagar, and Pune Chapters to host its 15th CPE Webinar on "ESG & Sustainable Development." CS Deepak Jain provided members with critical insights into the Environmental, Social, and Governance frameworks now shaping global business.
- ⦿ Military College Career Guidance: On December 29, 2025, the Chapter reached out to students at Bhonsala Military College of Commerce. CMA Priyanka Burkul led the session, providing over 50 students with a clear roadmap of the CMA course structure and the

professional advantages of the qualification.

- ◎ Gokhale Education Society Career Fair: The Chapter concluded the year on December 31, 2025, with a prominent stall at the BYK College of Commerce Career Fair. Chapter Chairman CMA Dhananjay Jadhav felicitated Dr. P. M. Deshpande (Director, Gokhale Education Society) during the inauguration. The event successfully converted high student interest into active career counseling for aspiring accountants.

### PIMPRI CHINCHWAD CHAPTER

#### Extensive Outreach, Legal Readiness, and Experiential Learning

The Chapter concluded December 2025 with a series of initiatives focused on nurturing young talent, updating professional knowledge, and building student camaraderie.

#### Strategic Career Counseling Blitz

Throughout December, Chapter leadership—including Immediate Past Chairman CMA Ajit Shinde and Vice Chairman CMA Kunal Wakte—conducted a series of orientation sessions at various junior colleges to introduce the CMA profession to 12th-grade commerce students:

- ◎ Adarsh Junior College (Dec 10 & 12): Sessions focused on industry trends, global career paths, and the detailed CMA curriculum.
- ◎ Chatrapati Shivaji Vidya Mandir (Dec 19): Leadership shared personal career journeys and clarified doubts regarding internships and job prospects.
- ◎ Pavana Vidya Mandir (Dec 19): Over 100 students participated in an open forum discussing the relevance of professional qualifications in a competitive business environment.

#### Professional Readiness: Labour Law 2025

On December 20, 2025, the Chapter hosted a high-level webinar, "Getting Ready for Labour Law 2025," on MS Teams. Keynote speaker CMA Ashok Nawal, a veteran practitioner, provided an in-depth analysis of upcoming changes to:

- ◎ Wage Codes and Social Security measures.
- ◎ Occupational Safety provisions and employer responsibilities.

- ◎ Compliance Strategies for organizations to transition seamlessly into the new legal framework. The session, welcomed by CMA Mahendra Bhombe (RCM-WIRC), equipped participants with the regulatory foresight needed for the coming year.

#### Holistic Development: Educational Excursion

To promote team building and cultural awareness, the Chapter organized a two-day trip to Dive Agar and Murud-Jinjira Fort on December 20–21, 2025. Students explored the architectural and strategic history of the iconic sea fort while enjoying the coastal landscape. Accompanied by faculty and staff, the excursion blended historical education with recreation, fostering leadership and bonding among the student fraternity.

### SURAT-SOUTH GUJARAT CHAPTER

#### From Strategic ESG to Technical SAP Mastery

The Chapter concluded December 2025 with a high-impact series of webinars and workshops designed to enhance both the technical skills and professional conduct of its members.

#### Strategic and Regulatory Webinars

- ◎ ESG and Profitability (Dec 24): CMA Anuradha Dhavalikar led an insightful session on "Exploring ESG & Profitability Dynamics for MIS," helping 40 online participants understand how environmental and social governance integrates with financial reporting systems.
- ◎ Advertisement Guidelines (Dec 27): In a joint initiative with the Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar and Pune Chapters, Council Member, CMA Ashish Thatte addressed 50 practitioners regarding the "Draft Council Guidelines for Advertisement, 2025." This session was critical for members in practice to understand the evolving ethical framework for professional promotion.

#### Practical Professional Workshops

- ◎ Personal Effectiveness (Dec 26): Ms. Mamta Mehta conducted a workshop on "Personal Effectiveness for Professional Growth," which drew a strong attendance of 130 participants. Chapter Chairman CMA Kishor Vaghela

felicitated the speaker for her session on soft skills and professional leadership.

- ◎ SAP Mastery (Dec 27): Highlighting the demand for technical proficiency, CMA Darshan Patel delivered a specialized workshop on "SAP." The event saw the highest turnout of the series with 160 participants and was coordinated by Treasurer CMA Ashvin Ambaliya, focusing on the practical application of ERP systems in cost management.

### AHMEDABAD CHAPTER

#### Strategic Learning, Student Success, and Operational Excellence

The Chapter closed out 2025 and began 2026 with a diverse portfolio of professional development, student support, and modernization initiatives.

#### Professional Development and Wellness

- ◎ Residential Program at Sasan (Dec 5–7): A three-day immersive event featured technical sessions on AI integration by CMA Jalpan Dholakia, Aggregate Planning by CMA Chirag Modh, and GST Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM) by CMA Bharat Patel.
- ◎ Specialized Webinars: The Chapter explored niche professional avenues, including opportunities in the Trust and NGO sectors (Dec 3) and Investment Decision Making (Dec 19). They also held a critical consultation on the Draft Council Guidelines for Advertisement 2025 on December 26.
- ◎ Health Check-up Camp (Dec 20): In collaboration with Apollo Hospital, a comprehensive health camp was hosted at the Chapter premises for members, students, and their families.

#### Student Milestones and Career Support

- ◎ Foundation Results Press Meet (Jan 8): Following the December 2025 exams, Chairman CMA Mitesh Prajapati hosted a press conference. Leading media outlets interviewed meritorious students, highlighting the chapter's academic excellence.
- ◎ Articleship Recruitment Drive (Jan 16–17): Six organizations participated in a focused drive at the Chapter premises. 31 candidates

registered and interviewed, bridging the gap between aspiring students and professional training opportunities.

### Academic Modernization: Faculty Meet 2026

On January 17, 2026, the Chapter convened a Faculty Meet to implement key digital and academic updates:

- ◎ Smart Board Orientation: Training on newly installed interactive boards to enhance classroom engagement.
- ◎ Digital Infrastructure: Introduction of Face ID attendance for faculty and optimized time-management strategies for the current syllabus.

### BARODA CHAPTER

#### Advancing Policy, Academia, and Achievement

The Chapter has had a highly productive season, marked by significant regulatory engagement, strategic academic partnerships, and exceptional student results.

#### Regulatory and Policy Engagement

On December 30, 2025, the Chapter participated in a high-profile outreach program on "GST Reforms 2.0" organized by DGTS. The session featured senior government officials, including Shri Sumit Kumar (Pr. ADG, DGGST) and Shri Karamvir Singh (Commissioner, Vadodara CGST), providing members with direct insights into the evolving GST framework and its practical industrial implications.

#### Strengthening Industry-Academia Synergy

In a major push for the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Baroda Chapter has significantly deepened its ties with The Maharaja Sayajirao University (MSU) of Baroda:

- ◎ Internship Initiative: The Chapter is facilitating mandatory 120-hour internships for B.Com (Honours) students, calling upon CMA members and firms to mentor the next generation in accounting and taxation.
- ◎ Infrastructure Support: Following a strategic meeting with Vice Chancellor Prof. J. K. Pandya, MSU has graciously agreed to provide classrooms for CMA oral coaching classes while the new CMA Bhavan is under construction.

### Excellence in Academics and Placement

- ◎ CMA Foundation Success: The Chapter recorded an outstanding 74.08% pass rate in the December 2025 examinations. Out of 355 students, 263 passed, with Arman Sanjay Kumar Rana clinching the top rank.
- ◎ Placement & Training: Extensive activities were conducted to ensure career readiness, with a large number of students and members successfully leveraging the Chapter's placement cell for professional opportunities.

### Sports and Camaraderie

On January 24, 2026, the Chapter hosted the Inter Chapter Cricket Tournament at Aryan Cricket Academy. Featuring teams from the Baroda and Nashik Chapters along with MSU, the event was a vibrant display of sportsmanship and inter-regional bonding.

### INDORE-DEWAS CHAPTER

### Exploring Agricultural Frontiers and Celebrating Success

On January 17, 2026, the Chapter, in collaboration

with the Agriculture Cost Management Board (ACMB), hosted a pivotal CPE program titled "Role of CMAs in FPOs and Vikshit Bharat." The session focused on the expanding role of Cost Accountants in Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) as a cornerstone of national development.

- ◎ Expert Insights: Keynote speaker CMA Jyotsna Rajpal and Chief Guest CMA Chittranjan Chattopadhyay (Chairman, ACMB) highlighted how CMAs can drive efficiency and value addition in the agricultural supply chain, transforming traditional farming into a professional business model.
- ◎ Fostering Future Talent: Chapter Chairman CMA Pankaj Kumar Raizada welcomed a diverse audience of members and industry representatives. A highlight of the evening was the felicitation of meritorious students who excelled in the December 2025 Foundation examination, bridging the gap between current practitioners and the next generation of professionals.

### Glimpses of Western India Regional Council



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