



# Chairman's Communiqué

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### Dear Readers,

**A**s we step further into 2026, it reminded that the story of India has always been written in its soil. We are no longer just *feeding a nation*; we are engineering a global powerhouse.

The transition we are witnessing this year is monumental, moving from *welfare-driven support to growth-led* investment. The fields of 2026 look different than they did even five years ago. "*Kisan Drones*" now patrol the skies, and AI-driven precision farming dictates the exact drop of water or gram of fertilizer required. As "*Efficiency Auditors*," our role is to ensure that every rupee spent on innovation translates directly into sustainable yields. We are the bridge between a farmer's hard work and a profitable harvest.

To reach the vision of *Viksit Bharat 2047*, our farm sector must be cost-competitive and self-reliant. To consider and highlight the contribution of Cost and Management Accountants in the Nation Building was the main reason behind writing the book '**Role of CMAs in Viksit Bharat 2047**' by the Agriculture Cost Management Board (ACMB) of ICMAI. This book was released by His Excellency Governor of West Bengal, Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose on 17th October 2025 at Governor House.

ACMB have **signed a MoU** on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 with Dr. C V Raman University, Khandwa, M.P. The collaboration will enable academia to engage with the real time sectoral challenges and help to translate cost management theory into practical strategies that can influence agri-policy and farm-level decision making.

ACMB is conducting a deep rooted research on TOP (Tomato, Onion & Potato) for the suggestive fixation of their price, this will support government to determine their price based on actual cost and other important factors which will open a different door in the agricultural sector for making *Atmanirbhar Bharat*.

**ICMAI and IGNOU is running Diploma in Agri Cost Management (DPCM) Course.** This Open and Distance Learning (ODL) programme aims to educate and train individuals in the field of agricultural cost management.

The farming community is being sensitized on two aspects for the purpose namely cost management and return maximization.

ACMB is regularly publishing journals and other publications like; Agri Cost Clinic, Research Monograph, Agri Bulletin (tri monthly journal); for the purpose of sharing knowledge & updating the farmers, and other stakeholders. **Guidance Note on Farmer Producer Organization (FPO)** was prepared and published in January, 2026 to aware that FPO can succeed from soil to multi crore investment.

ACMB is regularly conducting webinars, seminar and web discussions on various issues on agriculture by engaging eminent personalities. Of late, a joint seminar on agriculture was held with the ICMAI Indore Chapter on "**Role of CMAs in FPO and Viksit Bharat 2047**".

Nationwide Farmers' Day is celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Like every year, ACMB has celebrated Farmers' Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025. To mark the celebration, a special webinar on "**Transforming Agriculture for Viksit Bharat 2047: Leveraging Cost Management**" was conducted on line which was graced by Dr. Vinayak S. Deshpande, Vice-Chancellor, G H Raisoni University, Amravati, as the Chief Guest, while the address of Guest of Honour was delivered by Dr. Arun R. Joshi, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. C.V. Raman University, Khandwa, M.P. Many other eminent speakers also graced the occasion.

I urge every member to engage with our upcoming webinars, to contribute insights to our research oriented publications. Let us combine our collective intelligence to ensure that the CMA remains the architect of agricultural prosperity.

Let us grow, not just crops, but a more resilient India.

Warm regards,

**CMA Chittaranjan Chattopadhyay**

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