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UTKARSHA



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From the Chairperson's Desk



Namaskara to my Fellow Chartered Accountants,

I am deeply grateful and humbled to address the distinguished members of the Bengaluru Branch through this Newsletter as its Chairperson.

I assume this office with profound appreciation and respect for the selfless contributions of my predecessors who have positioned the Bengaluru Branch at the highest point of excellence in the country. The Bengaluru Branch is not merely the largest in terms of membership, it is also the finest in the quality of knowledge dissemination, professional engagement, and institutional leadership.

As Dolly Parton aptly said: *“If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, then you are an excellent leader.”*

Undoubtedly, our past leaders have built such an inspiring legacy for the Bengaluru Branch, and I salute them with deep respect and gratitude.

Our profession is steadily evolving from being perceived as number crunchers to becoming strategic business advisors, techno-accountants, and ethical custodians of governance. In this transition, technical competence alone is not sufficient. It is trust and credibility that anchor us. It is integrity and values that elevate us.

The theme for this year **“UTKARSHA, *Ascending with excellence and ethics*”** articulates this aspiration succinctly. Utkarsha signifies rising, flourishing, and progressing with excellence rooted in ethics.

February marks a season of transition, not only in nature, as spring unfolds, but also within ICAI with new leadership assuming office.

At the Headquarters of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, we are led by:

- **CA Prasanna Kumar D – President**
- **CA Mangesh Pandurang Kinare – Vice President**

At Southern India Regional Council (SIRC):

- **CA Subba Rao Muppala – Chairman**
- **CA Sunil Kumar Mandava – Vice Chairman**

We are proud to note that our own member and Past Chairman, **CA Pramod R. Hegde, serves as the Secretary of SIRC.**

My heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all our leaders.

The Office Bearers of the Bengaluru Branch for the year are:

- **Vice Chairman – CA Tuppad Virupakshappa Muppanna**
- **Secretary – CA Shripad H N**
- **Treasurer – CA Nischal R B**

CA Vinod Garg has been nominated as the **SICASA Chairman** and **CA Shree Raksha K N** shall serve as the co-opted member of SICASA.

I also take this opportunity to congratulate the Immediate Past Chairman, **CA Manjunath M. Hallur**, for providing an outstanding year of learning under his leadership.

The action plan proposed for the Branch in the coming year are:

1. **Students:** Students are the future of our profession who shape the direction for the profession. It is our moral responsibility to build a profession which will make them proud to be part of this profession and create an environment that enables them to thrive. The Branch will adopt a 'student first' approach and address their challenges promptly and quickly.

2. **Women and Young members:** The activities for this year will be focused in building confidence in the women and young members to navigate and manoeuvre the challenges of the profession successfully and with ease.

The Branch has reintroduced the Mentorship Programme this year. Mentors have been carefully empanelled, and mentees are provided with the flexibility to choose their mentors. I strongly encourage members to leverage this initiative to its fullest potential. The details of the program will be released soon on the website. Keep an eye on the Branch portal for the details.

We will have programs focused on emerging areas of practice curated for women and young members.

3. **Members Bonding:** The true strength of any professional body lies in how strongly its members stand for one another. One of the motives behind the activities planned for this year would be to enhance the bonding among members, encourage networking and bringing the community closer. At the same time, bring programs that would help us in elevating from the routine number crunchers image to strategic business consultants. We have plans of study tour to Dubai and UK to explore newer opportunities for the profession.

This would include industry members and Branch will make efforts to reach them at their doorsteps.

4. **Administration with Technology:** The Bengaluru Branch has always been the thought leader and pioneer in implementing newer initiatives. We want to continue the tradition and at the same time enhance the technology adoption at the branch administration level and task management for the Branch.

5. **Infrastructure:** To create the best infra both physical as well as digital.

6. **Staff:** Employees are the backbone of the organisation and their well-being is the utmost important and we care for them. Upskilling training will be conducted for them too.

March holds special significance as International Women's Day is celebrated on 8th March. International Women's Day is a reminder to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of women across all spheres.

The theme for this year's International Women's Day "**Give to Gain**" resonates deeply.

I urge our women members to give up inhibitions and self-limiting beliefs and to extend a supporting hand and a reassuring presence to one another, to rise collectively as a community of confident successful professionals.

To mark the occasion, the Branch has scheduled Women CA Conference – **Sampada**, meaning Collective strength and Collective success, on 14th March 2026, thoughtfully curated to address the unique challenges faced by women Chartered Accountants and to strengthen their technical competence and leadership capabilities. I am sure, it will be enriching as well as fun. I encourage members to participate in large numbers.

The programmes conducted in February are detailed herein:

Sl. No.	DATE	Programme	CPE Hours	Total No. of Members Attended
1	2-Feb-26	Awareness programme - Analysis of Union Budget 2026	3	885
2	07-Feb-26 to 22-Feb-26	6-Day Workshop on Real Estate Consultancy	30	91

Sl. No.	DATE	Programme	CPE Hours	Total No. of Members Attended
3	7-Feb-26	Shuttle Badminton Tournament of CAS (Around 60 attendee Including Income Tax officers)	0	60
4	11-Feb-26	Study Circle Meeting on An overview of the DPDP Act & Significance of the DPDP Act for CAs	3	95
5	12-Feb-26	Half A Day Seminar at Tumkur	3	35
6	13-Feb-26 to 15-Feb-26	AI Certificate Course Batch- 620	18	63
7	14-Feb-26	Clause-by-Clause Discussion on Union Budget 2026 – Direct Taxes	6	851
8	16-Feb-26	MDP Training Program for Finance Department Employees of KPCL (No registration fee)	0	62
9	18-Feb-26	Study Circle Meeting on TDS/TCS & related provisions under Income Tax Act 2025 including proposed amendments in finance bill 2026.	3	206
10	21-Feb-26	Half a Day Seminar on Union budget 2026 GST amendments and ITC rejection on technical ground	3	130

Sl. No.	DATE	Programme	CPE Hours	Total No. of Members Attended
11	25-Feb-26	Study Circle Meeting on Insights and deep dive into M&A tax	3	103
12	26-Feb-26	Half A Day Seminar on Income Tax Act 2025, and Audit of Non-Corporate Entities	3	225
13	27-Feb-26 to 28-Feb-26	AI Certificate Course Batch- 633	18	49

The programs scheduled for March are provided elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Huge Congratulations to all the newly qualified Chartered Accountants 🎉 ! To those who could not make it, do not lose your heart. This is just a step, stay persistent, this time shall pass and I am sure your time to shine is just round the corner.

I wish a Happy Yugadi to each one of you! Let this Yugadi bring the perfect blend of “Beevu” and “Bella” to your lives and fill your homes with the aroma of joy and prosperity!

Let us rise together in excellence, in integrity, and in purpose.

Looking forward to an enriching journey of learning and meaningful contribution together.

Yours,

CA Kavitha Paramesh

Chairperson

ICAI Bengaluru Branch (SIRC)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CPE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH & APRIL 2026

DATE AND DAY	TOPIC / SPEAKER	VENUE & TIME	STRUCTURED CPE CREDIT
04.03.2026 Wednesday	Study Circle Meeting Key Changes in FEMA Trade Regulations and Customs Duty (Budget) Adv. Kalirajan Delegate Fees : Members – Rs.300/- Plus GST Non Members – Rs.600/- Plus GST	ICAI Bhawan Vasanthnagar, Branch Premises Bengaluru 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	
06.03.2026 Friday to 08.03.2026 Sunday	Certificate Course on AI for CA's <i>Organised under the aegis of</i> Digital Accounting and Assurance Board <i>Hosted by: Bengaluru Branch (SIRC)</i>	Fairfield by Marriott Bengaluru 59th C Cross, 4th M Block, Manjunath Nagar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru	
11.03.2026 Wednesday	Study Circle Meeting Decoding the Labour Codes Adv. Aditya Kamath Labour Codes and Financial Reporting CA Harisha Sanjeeva Delegate Fees : Members – Rs.300/- Plus GST Non Members – Rs.600/- Plus GST	ICAI Bhawan Vasanthnagar, Branch Premises Bengaluru 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	
14.03.2026 Saturday	One Day Conference on Sampada - Women CAs Conference Delegate Fees : Members – Rs.750/- Plus GST Non Members – Rs.1500/- Plus GST	FKCCI, SIR M V Auditorium, 2nd Floor, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru - 560009 10:00 am to 6:00 pm	
18.03.2026 Wednesday	Study Circle Meeting Recent Amendments under GST law including Case Laws and Budget Compliances 2026 CA Annapurna Kabra Delegate Fees : Members – Rs.300/- Plus GST Non Members – Rs.600/- Plus GST	ICAI Bhawan Vasanthnagar, Branch Premises Bengaluru 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	

DATE AND DAY	TOPIC / SPEAKER	VENUE & TIME	STRUCTURED CPE CREDIT
25.03.2026 Wednesday	Study Circle Meeting TDS and TCS changes - Implications for Practice CA Deepak Chopra Delegate Fees : Members – Rs.300/- Plus GST Non Members – Rs.600/- Plus GST	ICAI Bhawan Vasanthnagar, Branch Premises Bengaluru 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	3 Hrs.
27.03.2026 Friday	One Day Seminar on Bank Branch Audit Delegate Fees : Members – Rs.2,300/- Plus GST Non Members – Rs.4,000/- Plus GST	The Chancery Pavilion 135, Residency Rd, Shanthala Nagar, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru 560025 10:00 am to 6:00 pm	6 Hrs.
27.03.2026 Friday to 29.03 2026 Sunday	Certificate Course on AI for CA's <i>Organised under the aegis of</i> Digital Accounting and Assurance Board <i>Hosted by: Bengaluru Branch (SIRC)</i>	Hyde Park Orchards 137/7, 9th Main, 6th A Cross Road, Raj Mahal Vilas Extension, Armane Nagar, Bengaluru	18 Hrs.
01.04.2026 Wednesday	Study Circle Meeting Series-I Year End & Book Closure Compliance Accounting Standards & Companies Act CA Udupi Krishnan Delegate Fees : Members – Rs.300/- Plus GST Non Members – Rs.600/- Plus GST	ICAI Bhawan Vasanthnagar, Branch Premises Bengaluru 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	3 Hrs.
08.04.2026 Wednesday	Study Circle Meeting Series-II Year End & Book Closure Compliance Goods & Service Tax Act, Income Tax Act CA Hanish S & CA Rani N R Delegate Fees : Members – Rs.300/- Plus GST Non Members – Rs.600/- Plus GST	ICAI Bhawan Vasanthnagar, Branch Premises Bengaluru 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	3 Hrs.

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Digital Transformation reshaping the Accounting Profession



CA K. Raghu
Past President, ICAI

CA K. Raghu, former Board Member of the International Federation of Accountants, the apex body of Accountants, says that the digital transformation and disruptive technologies have transformed the roles in the accounting profession. CA K. Raghu, who served as the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India during 2014-15, outlines how today's professionals are not just stewards of financial integrity, they are strategic thinkers, technology navigators, sustainability champions, and global change-makers.

The Changing Landscape of the Accounting Profession

In the last decade, global disruptions—from technological revolutions and climate crises to pandemics and geopolitical upheavals—have transformed the business environment. These changes demand that accounting professionals move beyond traditional roles.

CAs today are expected to:

- Leverage AI, blockchain, and Data Analytics to deliver insights.
- Champion ESG and Sustainability-driven reporting.
- Support global expansion and cross-border compliance.
- Uphold ethics while adapting to the speed of change.

Future-Ready Accountants

Vision Beyond Numbers

A future-ready CA is more than a financial expert. They are visionary leaders who can see the bigger picture—how financial decisions influence strategy, sustainability, and long-term impact. “Leadership is not just about managing the present; it is about imagining and shaping the future.”

CAs must cultivate foresight, anticipating changes in regulation, industry trends, and global shifts. Strategic thinking and scenario planning must be embedded in their leadership toolkit.

1. Digital Disruption – Beyond the Comfort Zone

The current generation accounting professionals need to embrace technology to face the challenges in this era of digital

disruption. The digital revolution is not a distant phenomenon; it is the ground on which the future of our profession stands. From AI-powered audits to predictive analytics in risk management, technology is becoming a key enabler of leadership.

Tomorrow's leaders must:

- Embrace lifelong digital learning.
- Integrate automation into workflows.
- Understand cybersecurity, data privacy, and tech ethics.
- Champion digital transformation in client organizations.

Accounting leaders who remain tech-averse risk becoming obsolete. The profession's positioning and brand needs to incorporate digital leadership and cognitive business.

2. Ethical Leadership and Trust Building

In a world plagued by mis-information and financial scandals, trust is a CA's most valuable currency. Leadership means standing tall for transparency, governance, and truth—even when it is not convenient.

Professional scepticism, independence, and adherence to the highest standards of ethics must define the future leader. “A leader is best remembered not by their success, but by the integrity with which they achieved it.”

3. Sustainability and Responsible Finance

The future belongs to those who align purpose with performance. As the world moves toward net-zero and sustainable development, CA's must lead the integration of ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) principles in corporate decision-making.

Roles for CA leaders include:

- Designing sustainability frameworks.
- Validating non-financial disclosures.
- Advising on green finance and responsible investing.

CAs can be instrumental in driving India's and the world's green transition by embedding sustainability into the financial DNA of businesses.

4. Global Mindset and Cross-Border Readiness

The modern CA is not limited by geography. Whether servicing multinational clients, working with global regulatory frameworks, or managing remote teams, a global outlook is vital.

Global Accountants must be:

- Culturally intelligent and globally mobile.
- Aware of international financial reporting and tax regimes.
- Collaborative in diverse and virtual environments.

ICAI's growing global presence—through overseas chapters and MoU's must be leveraged to create globally competitive CA leaders. Today, the Indian CA qualification is well recognized in many countries and we find that many young Indian CA's are able to take up attractive global careers and start work immediately. The Indian CA's are highly sought after around the world because of their skill sets and high quality of education.

5. Creating next generation CA leaders

The next generation CAs should be digitally native, socially conscious, and entrepreneurial in mindset. They should be eager to:

- Explore start-ups and fintechs.
- Solve societal problems through finance.
- Build careers that offer flexibility and meaning.

As the profession races to build capacity and develop specialty practice areas, many professionals have started exploring new avenues in the field of Data Analytics, Robotic Process Automation, Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain and other emerging technologies. Our leadership development approach must be tailored to these aspirations—providing autonomy, challenge, and impact. Let us not just train them to fit in—let us empower them to stand out.

6. Developing Leadership Roles in CA Firms:

The next generation CA leaders should help traditional accounting firms to re-invent and build the next generation accounting firms and move forward. The new generation CA firms can offer services in new areas such as Forensic Accounting and Fraud Detection, Valuation, Insolvency and Bankruptcy, Cyber Risk Management, Mergers and Acquisitions, Investment Advisory, Start-up support services and provide a host of Business Advisory Services to clients. The new generation CA firms should leverage on emerging technologies and provide world class services by building new delivery systems to clients across the globe.

Global Challenges for CA'

- **Managing Change:** The business environment has become increasingly complex and dynamic and that's something that our profession has to adapt to in the way we serve our clients and our own operating models. This dynamism is driven by trends that include globalization, demographic shifts, technological advances, and regulatory change.
- **Borderless World:** As businesses increasingly span national borders, accountants have to deal with multiple accounting systems. Accountants need to adapt to the changing environment as their work and that of auditors is changing enormously.
- **Credibility in Financial Reporting:** Building credibility in Financial

Reporting in both the developed and developing world has been a challenge especially in recent years in the light of various corporate scandals, the volatility in capital markets and increased public scepticism about the financial reporting process. Today, as national economies develop and become more involved in the world market and as companies expand their markets and products across borders, there is a greater necessity to report financial information in a consistent way.

- **Convergence to International Standards:** The new challenge is to ensure that audits of companies around the world are conducted using a common reporting language and that we work to achieve convergence to international standards. This will lead to increased transparency, greater accountability and more understanding by the public worldwide.
- **Promoting strong Corporate Governance:** Finally, we must ensure that the entire profession, including those in business and industry, adhere to high professional standards and promote strong corporate governance. The profession must be supported by management that is equally dedicated to quality and transparency.

Leadership Qualities in today's dynamic world

1. Agility and Adaptability

Whether it's a regulatory shift, a global pandemic, or a client crisis—modern CAs must respond quickly and effectively. Agility is about learning fast, unlearning obsolete practices, and embracing continuous change with confidence.

2. Strategic Foresight

Leadership today demands a forward-looking mindset. CAs are expected to guide clients and companies not only on what the numbers say, but what they mean for future growth, sustainability, and risk.

3. Emotional Intelligence (EQ)

A high IQ gets you into the profession; a high EQ makes you a leader. Building trust, showing empathy, resolving conflicts, and inspiring teams are essential soft skills in today's collaborative workplace.

4. Collaborative Mindset

The modern CA does not work in silos. Whether it's cross-functional corporate teams or global audit networks, leadership means bringing people together, breaking barriers, and enabling shared goals.

5 Global Perspective

Today's clients and regulations are global. A CA leader must be fluent in international accounting standards, cross-border taxation, and ESG reporting. Cultural intelligence and global outlook are no longer optional—they are essential.

6. Purpose-Driven Leadership

CAs are custodians of trust. The new generation is increasingly driven by purpose—championing ethical finance, social impact, and sustainability. Strong leaders align business goals with broader societal good.

7. Lifelong Learning Orientation

Standards evolve. Technologies change. Regulations get rewritten. What doesn't change is the need for constant upskilling. Today's leaders are not just experts—they're also curious learners.

8. Resilience and Well-being

Modern leadership includes the strength to bounce back from setbacks, and to create environments where mental health and work-life balance are respected. Resilient leaders model calmness, clarity, and care.

9. Entrepreneurial Spirit

Whether in practice or industry, today's CA must think like an entrepreneur—solution-focused, innovative, and growth-oriented. From startups to strategic consulting, CAs are increasingly carving their own leadership paths.

Conclusion

The modern CA is no longer just a number-cruncher. They are trusted advisors, change agents, and forward-thinking leaders. As we prepare for a future defined by technology, globalization, and social responsibility, these leadership qualities will determine not just professional success—but also the profession's continued relevance in a changing world.

Let us not only prepare for the future—let us lead it.

Leveraging India's Free Trade Agreements

Opportunities for Indian Firms and the Strategic Role of Chartered Accountants



CA Arun

Introduction: From Protection to Strategic Integration

India's recent trade policy marks a decisive shift — from cautious global integration to calibrated and strategic engagement through Free Trade Agreements (FTAs). With landmark agreements such as the India–UAE CEPA, India–Australia ECTA, India–EFTA TEPA, the India–EU Free Trade Agreement and India - UK CETA, India is positioning itself as a serious participant in global value chains.

However, FTAs are not automatic growth engines. They create **preferential market access** and trade concessions, not guaranteed competitiveness. The real beneficiaries will be firms that understand the technical architecture of FTAs and align their operations, cost structures, compliance systems, and supply chains accordingly.

For Indian enterprises and the Chartered Accountants advising them, the FTAs represent not just export opportunities, but strategic transformation possibilities.

1. Understanding the Real Value of FTAs

An FTA typically provides:

- Reduction or elimination of customs duties
- Preferential market access
- Simplified trade procedures
- Intellectual property and data protection frameworks
- Services liberalisation and mobility provisions

For Indian firms, the key advantage lies in **duty arbitrage for goods, opportunities for service providers and intra firm mobility of employees**. For example:

- UAE CEPA has eliminated or reduced tariffs on a significant percentage of Indian exports and facilitates easier access for Indian professionals in IT, healthcare, and education.

- Australia ECTA offers duty-free access on most Indian goods exports. It also includes mobility provisions for Indian chefs, yoga instructors, IT professionals, and engineers and provides post-study work rights expansion for Indian students.

- India–EU FTA could enhance access to one of the world's largest high-income consumer markets and contains mobility frameworks, though subject to member-state level implementation in certain areas. This could be potentially transformative for IT, engineering, and knowledge service exporters.

The difference between exporting at MFN (Most Favoured Nation) rates versus preferential FTA rates can mean **5%–15% margin advantage**, often the difference between winning and losing global contracts.

2. Sectoral Opportunities for Indian Firms

(a) Manufacturing and Engineering Goods

FTAs enhance competitiveness for:

- Auto components
- Machinery and capital goods
- Electrical and electronics products
- Chemicals and specialty materials

Indian MSMEs integrated into larger supply chains can benefit if they align with Rules of Origin requirements (discussed later).

(b) Textiles, Apparel and Leather

These sectors are highly sensitive to tariff advantages. Even a 10% tariff reduction can dramatically improve price competitiveness in markets like the EU and UK.

Firms that invest in:

- Compliance with sustainability norms
- Traceability systems
- Sustainable and fair labour practices

will be better positioned to leverage FTAs,

particularly in developed markets. Though FTAs do not have direct regulations on above, they are indirectly covered in the Sustainability development chapters.

(c) Pharmaceuticals and Healthcare

India's strong generic pharmaceutical industry stands to gain from:

- Improved regulatory cooperation.
- Faster approval pathways
- Reduced tariffs on formulations

However, firms must align with stringent quality standards and intellectual property frameworks. Chartered accountants play a key role in the set up and compliance with internal controls, IT systems, and regulations.

(d) Services and Knowledge Economy

For a services-oriented economy like India, FTAs increasingly include:

- IT and ITES access
- Recognition of professional qualifications
- Mobility of professionals
- Financial and consulting services

Indian consulting firms, fintech companies, and GCCs (Global Capability Centres) can leverage these frameworks to expand cross-border operations. Chartered accountants have significant prospects in both consulting roles and employment positions within these organizations.

(e) Gems and Jewellery

The Gems & Jewellery industry is one of the most directly impacted sectors under India's recent FTAs — both positively (through tariff advantages and market access) and strategically (through compliance, sourcing, and value-chain shifts).

India is among the world's largest exporters of cut & polished diamonds, gold jewellery, and studded ornaments. FTAs materially influence its competitiveness because the sector operates on thin margins and high working capital intensity.

- Tarriff Advantages especially with strategic trading hubs like UAE with India UAE CEPA is a considered game changer.
 - It also provides high-value market access through India- EU FTA
- 3. The Technical Backbone: Rules of Origin (RoO)**

The most important aspect of FTAs in India is compliance with **Rules of Origin (RoO)**.

To claim preferential duty, exporters must prove that goods:

- Originate from India; or
- Have undergone substantial transformation in India; or
- Meet minimum value addition thresholds e.g., in the Gems and Jewellery industry, where most precious metals and raw diamonds are imported.

Companies may fail to take advantage of FTA benefits for the following reasons:

- Inadequate documentation
- Incorrect cost calculations
- Poor tracking of imported inputs

This is where Chartered Accountants play a crucial role. CAs can assist firms in:

- Cost sheet restructuring aligned to RoO norms
- Maintaining auditable trail of value addition
- Certification processes
- Internal control mechanisms for origin compliance
- Compliance with laws and regulations and
- Helping firms to report on ESG as required

In an era of data-driven customs scrutiny, documentation discipline becomes a competitive advantage.

4. Strategic Supply Chain Reconfiguration and financing

FTAs are not just about exporting more; they are about **re-engineering supply chains**.

Indian firms should evaluate:

- Is it possible to use locally sourced raw materials instead of imported ones in order to comply with value addition requirements?
- Should manufacturing stages be

relocated to optimise tariff benefits?

- Can India become a base for re-export to FTA partner countries?

For example, a company importing components from a non-FTA country may fail Rules of Origin requirements. Evaluate **MFN vs FTA tariff benefits** and determine the most cost-efficient route. Re-sourcing inputs from domestic suppliers or FTA partners could unlock tariff benefits.

This requires strategic financial modelling, cost analysis, and consulting services — an area where CAs can provide advisory leadership.

- In Working capital and Liquidity planning
- Advisory opportunities in interpreting FTAs and breaking down complex Rules of origin requirements
- Export credit and Risk management
- Documentation and Compliance services

5. Investment and Expansion Opportunities

FTAs often contain investment protection clauses and clearer dispute resolution mechanisms.

This creates opportunities for:

- Joint ventures with foreign firms
- Cross-border acquisitions
- Establishment of overseas subsidiaries
- Strategic alliances in technology and innovation

Indian CA mid-sized firms which are traditionally domestically focused, should now think impact of FTAs to provide services to their clients in a changing environment from a tax, regulatory and capital allocation perspective.

6. Compliance, ESG and Non-Tariff Barriers

In developed markets, tariffs are no longer the biggest barrier — **standards and sustainability are**.

Indian firms must prepare for:

- Compliance required under Sustainable chapters in FTAs
- Environmental compliance
- Data protection norms
- Labour and supply chain transparency

FTAs open doors, but regulatory non-compliance can shut them instantly by

exposing them to regulatory risks.

Chartered Accountants must increasingly evolve from tax advisors to:

- Sustainability reporting consultants
- Risk management advisors
- Trade compliance strategists

Future chartered accountancy practice will place significant emphasis on regulatory compliance, extending beyond the preparation of financial statements.

7. Role of Chartered Accountants: From Compliance to Strategy

The profession stands at an inflection point.

As discussed above, FTAs create opportunities in:

- Export advisory and structuring.
- Customs duty optimisation
- International tax planning
- Transfer pricing advisory
- Cross-border transaction structuring
- Risk and internal audit for trade compliance

CAs must build practices and capabilities that can specialize in:

- International trade laws
- Customs valuation
- Supply chain finance
- Trade finance instruments

Conclusion: From Market Access to Market Leadership

India's new generation of FTAs signals confidence in its economic competitiveness. But agreements alone do not generate growth — preparedness does.

From a Chartered Accountant's perspective, India's expanding FTA regime is not just a trade policy shift — it is a **complex regulatory, financial, and cross-border compliance ecosystem**. That complexity naturally pushes firms toward **scale, specialisation, and multidisciplinary collaboration**.

For Chartered Accountants, this is a defining decade. The profession has the opportunity to transition from compliance custodians to global growth advisors.

In a world reshaped by geopolitics, supply chain realignment, and digital trade, those who understand the architecture of FTAs — and operationalise it — will convert policy into profit.

Saving 2 Hours a Day in Excel – Part II



CA Rahul R Gandhi



CA Rohit R Gandhi

Cleaning & Summarising Data Using AI (For Chartered Accountants)

Continuation from the February Issue

From “Getting Data” to “Making Sense of Data”

In the previous issue, we explored **Phase 1 – Getting Data**, where we demonstrated how AI-enabled Excel can pull data from:

- Images (BS/P&L received on WhatsApp)
- PDFs (Bank statements, loan statements)
- Folders (Bulk year-end data)
- ODBC / ERP systems (Live ledger extraction)

We established a clear promise: **If you use Excel in your professional life, we can save at least 2 hours of your working day by changing the way you use Excel.**

However, getting data is only the beginning.

For every CA, the real time drain begins **after data enters Excel:**

- Columns are misaligned
- Formats are inconsistent
- Names are scattered
- Narrations are unstructured
- Data needs categorisation

This is where **Phase 2 (Cleaning)** and **Phase 3 (Summarising)** transform productivity.

Before we proceed, there is one important step.

Step Zero: Making Your Excel AI-Enabled

On using **Microsoft Office 365 (mandatory)** or the cloud version of Excel, you can integrate AI directly inside Excel.

How to Install AI in Excel (Windows Desktop)

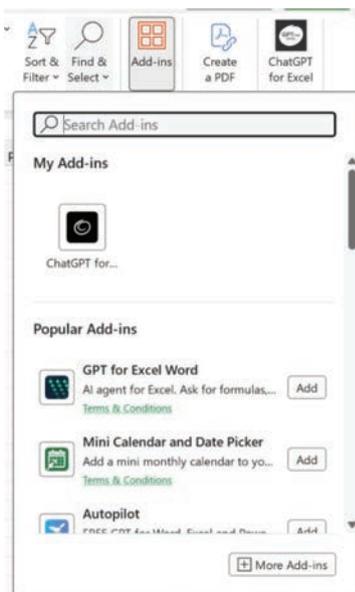
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Step 2

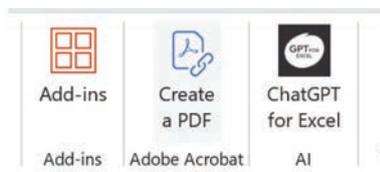
In the **Office Add-ins** dialog box:

- Click the **Store** tab
- Search for: **ChatGPT for Excel**



Step 3

- Select the add-in & Click **Add**
- Review permissions and Click **Continue**



Once installed: **Your Excel is now AI-enabled.**

You are now ready for **Phase 2 (Cleaning)** and **Phase 3 (Summarising)**.

Phase 2 & 3: Cleaning & Summarising Data – From Chaos to Structured Decision

Let's be **honest**

80% of time while using excel **doesn't** go into **analysis** rather it goes into **cleaning messy data**.

Examples every CA relates to:

- Bank narrations with inconsistent formats
- Vendor names written differently across entries
- Invoice numbers without uniform pattern
- Email IDs mixed inside address columns
- Client master data in one single cluttered column

AI dramatically reduces this effort.

Traditional Approach vs AI Approach

Traditional Approach	AI Integration
Text-to-columns repeatedly	AI.Extract
Nested formulas	AI.Ask
VLOOKUP / INDEX-MATCH	AI.Fill
Manual formatting	AI.Format

Let us examine each AI function with CA-relevant use cases.

1. AI.Ask – Natural Language Intelligence

What It Does: You ask a question in plain English. Excel gives the formula, summary, or insight.

Example:

“Give me 5 key insights from the data.”

CA Use Cases:

- Analyse revenue trends
- Highlight abnormal expense spikes
- Compare month-on-month GST liability
- Detect unusual ledger balances

Instead of building multiple Pivot Tables, you can simply ask:

“Summarise major expense heads contributing more than 10% of total expenditure.”

AI provides structured output instantly.

Professional Impact:

- Faster review meetings
- Better audit observations
- Improved advisory notes

2. AI.Extract – Structured Data from Clutter

What It Does: Extracts structured information from messy cells.

Example: Extract

- Email
- Phone number
- Address

From a single cluttered column.

CA Use Case: SFT Reporting

Statement of Financial Transactions often requires:

- PAN
- Contact details
- Address details
- Transaction classification

Instead of manually splitting cells using complex formulas:

AI can extract required fields in seconds.

Additional CA Scenarios:

- Extracting GSTIN from narration

- Extracting cheque numbers from bank remarks
- Getting party names from narration

Professional Impact:

- Reduced compliance risk
- Faster statutory reporting

3. AI.Fill – Intelligent Filling (Beyond VLOOKUP)

What It Does: Learns patterns from sample data and fills intelligently.

Example:

You classify 10 entries manually. AI fills the remaining 2,000 entries.

CA Use Cases:

- Expense categorisation
- TDS applicability tagging
- Capital vs revenue classification
- Related party identification Earlier:
- VLOOKUP tables
- Manual tagging
- Risk of formula breakage

Now: AI understands logic from pattern.

Professional Impact:

- Saves hours in audit classification
- Reduces repetitive junior-level work

4. AI.Format – One-Shot Cleaning

What It Does: Standardises formatting across messy datasets.

Example: “Clean invoice numbers into consistent format.”

CA Use Case: Invoice Numbers appear as:

- INV-001
- Inv 1
- invoice_0001
- 1/2023

AI can convert all into: INV-0001 format (uniform pattern)

Other Applications:

- Date formatting
- PAN formatting
- GSTIN standardisation
- Capitalisation correction

Professional Impact:

- Audit-ready working papers
- Clean client reports

5. AI.Table – Table Creation Instantly

What It Does:

Creates structured tables from minimal input.

You write:

- Column headings
- One sample row

AI generates structured data format.

CA Use Cases:

- Draft compliance trackers
- Client follow-up sheets
- MIS templates

Instead of designing structure from scratch, AI builds the base.

Professional Impact:

- Standardisation across firm
- Faster onboarding of articles

6. AI.Translate – Multilingual Understanding

What It Does: Translates text across languages.

Example: Feedback in multiple languages → Convert into English or regional language.

CA Use Cases:

- Overseas client communication
- Australian accounting practice expansion
- Foreign subsidiary data review
- Customer complaint analysis

If you receive vendor correspondence in another language, AI converts instantly.

Professional Impact:

- Improved cross-border advisory
- Reduced dependence on third parties

7. AI.Choice – Categorisation & Sentiment Analysis

What It Does: Classifies text into categories.

Example: Categorise feedback into: Positive, Negative, Neutral

CA Use Cases:

- Customer complaint analysis
- Internal control feedback review
- Audit observation classification
- Risk grading of vendors

You can also instruct: “Classify transactions as Business / Personal / Capital in nature.”

Professional Impact:

- Better analytical reporting
- Faster due diligence
- Stronger advisory insight

8. AI.Newbie – Ask Excel Like a Human

This is perhaps the most underrated feature.

What It Does: You ask:

- “What formula should I use?”
- “Analyse this data.”
- “Create a summary.”

AI responds with:

- Correct formula
- Ready-made analysis

- Explanation

CA Use Cases:

- Complex depreciation calculations
- IF statements for tax scenarios
- Ratio analysis formulas
- Cash flow preparation logic

Instead of searching Google or YouTube: Excel becomes your in-built assistant.

Professional Impact:

- Faster learning for articles
- Reduced dependency on seniors
- Improved confidence

Therefore to summarise from Data to Decision

Cleaning makes data usable. Summarising makes data meaningful.

AI enables:

- Automated insights
- Trend analysis
- Exception reporting
- Ratio interpretation

Try to use the below prompts in the formulae to get the best results:

- “Identify abnormal expenses above historical trend.”

- “Summarise monthly revenue growth.”
- “Compare gross margin with previous year.”
- “Highlight possible audit risk areas.”

Within seconds, you move from raw data to executive-level summary.

Final Thoughts to Fellow Members

AI in Excel does not reduce the importance of a Chartered Accountant. It elevates it by Less clerical work, More analytical time, Faster turnaround

Phase 1 gave us **data acquisition power**. Phase 2 and 3 give us **intelligence power**.

In the next issue, we will complete the framework with:

Phase 4 – Presenting Data: Dashboards & Client Ready Interactive Reports

Until then, I encourage every member: Install the add-in. Test it on one real assignment.

Measure the time saved. You will not go back to old Excel again.

If implemented correctly, it can **easily save 2 hours per day**, per professional—without hiring, without stress, and without compromising quality.

The Bengaluru Branch (SIRC) congratulates all the qualified Chartered Accountants Result of Chartered Accountants Examination held in January 2026

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Group(s)	No. of Candidates appeared	No. of Candidates passed	% of pass Group
Group– I	53652	11282	21.03%
Group–II	38169	3726	9.76%
Both Groups	22293	2446	10.97%

Consequent to declaration of result as mentioned above, 7590 candidates qualified as Chartered Accountants.

Announcement: Requirement of Reading Room Facility for CA Students

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The Chairperson,
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- ICAI Bengaluru Branch – Coaching Classes Announcement**
The ICAI Bengaluru Branch is pleased to announce that it is organizing coaching classes for:
- CA Foundation**
 - CA Intermediate**

ADMISSIONS OPEN FOR SUBJECTWISE COACHING

In pursuance of our objective to provide fruitful and quality teaching to our students, we are pleased to inform you that **PHYSICAL** coaching classes for **CA FOUNDATION & CA INTERMEDIATE** students & will commence as follows

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- It is a golden opportunity to be part of the Bengaluru Branch by enrolling as a student and progressing towards becoming a prestigious member of this esteemed profession.



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CA Foundation	Rs. 15,000/- (Including Mock Test and Crash Course)	Starting from April 2026, for the Sep. 2026 Exams.	04.30pm to 07.30pm (Monday to Saturday) 8.00am to 2.00pm (Sunday) (Evening batch)
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16.04.2026	Paper-2 : Business Law	
18.04.2026	Paper-3 : Quantitative Aptitude	2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
20.04.2026	Paper-4 : Business Economics	

Series II

Date	Subject	Time
23.04.2026	Paper-1 : Accounting	2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
25.04.2026	Paper-2 : Business Law	
27.04.2026	Paper-3 : Quantitative Aptitude	2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
29.04.2026	Paper-4 : Business Economics	

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18.03.2026	Paper-2: Corporate and Other Laws	
20.03.2026	Paper-3: Taxation	
23.03.2026	Paper-4: Cost and Management Accounting	
25.03.2026	Paper-5: Auditing and Ethics	
27.03.2026	Paper-6: Financial Management & Strategic Management	

Series - II

Date	Subject	Time
02.04.2026	Paper-1: Advanced Accounting	10.00am to 1.00pm
04.04.2026	Paper-2: Corporate and Other Laws	
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27.03.2026	Paper-6: Integrated Business Solutions (Multidisciplinary Case Study with Strategic Management)	

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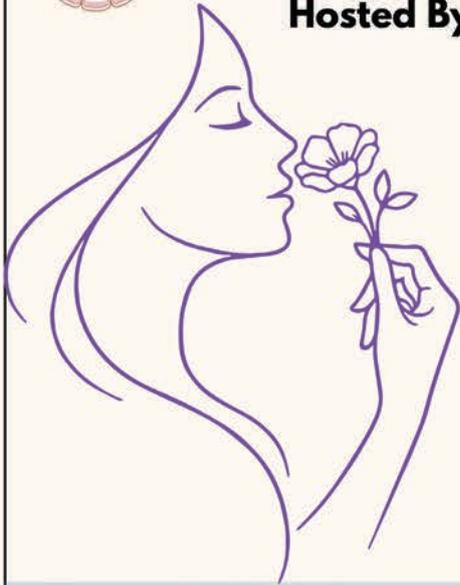


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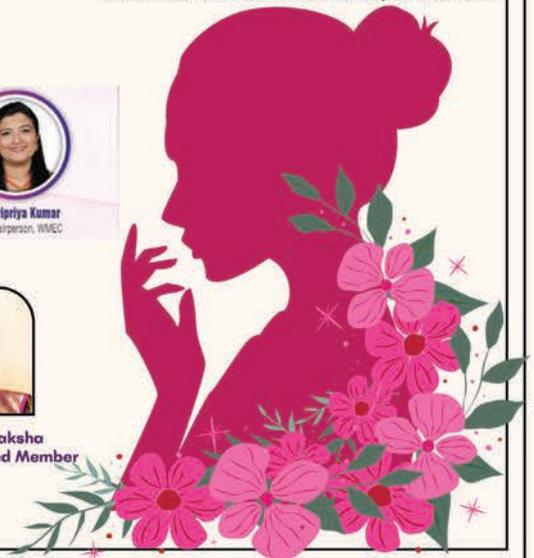
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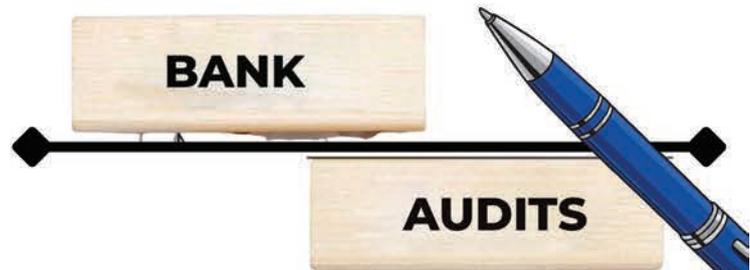
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SIRCB'uru announces 2026-27 team

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THE Bengaluru branch of the Southern India Regional Council (SIRC) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) announced its newly elected office bearers and managing committee members for 2026-2027. The newly constituted team includes Chartered Accountants (CA) Kavitha Parameesh as Chairperson, Tushpa Virupakshappa Muppanna as Vice-Chairman, Narayan Shripad Hulgal as Secretary and Nischal Benigantla Badarimath as Treasurer.

Chairperson Kavitha outlined a progressive roadmap focusing on inspiring budding commerce students to pursue CA as a career through awareness, engagement initiatives, and expanding academic support systems. Kavitha emphasized empowering women in CA and fostering incisive leadership. She also proposed leading a professional delegation to the United Kingdom and Dubai to study global best practices in CA.

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ಐಸಿಎಐ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಶಾಖೆ ಸಾಹಸ ನೂತನ ಪದಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಆಯ್ಕೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಟಿಟ್ಯೂಟ್ ಆಫ್ ಚಾರ್ಟೆಡ್ ಅಕೌಂಟೆಂಟ್ಸ್ ಆಫ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾದ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಭಾರತ ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಮಂಡಳಿ (SIRC) ಆಡಿನಿಯಾ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಶಾಖೆಯು 2026-27ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ನೂತನ ಪದಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಹಾಗೂ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪನಾ ಸಮಿತಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರನ್ನು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿ, ವೃತ್ತಿಪರ ಮೇಲುಗು ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಾಜ ಸೇವಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಬುದ್ಧಿವಾದ ಹೇಳುವ ನಾಯಕತ್ವ ತಂಡವು ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿದೆ. ನೂತನ ತಂಡದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿಎ ಕವಿತಾ ಪರಮೇಶ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ, (ಶೀರ ಪ್ರಕಾಶ್), ಸಿಎ ರಾಘವೇಂದ್ರ ಮುಪ್ಪಣ್ಣ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ, ಸಿಎ ಶ್ರೀಪಾದ್ ಹುಳಗೋಲ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯಾಗಿ, ಸಿಎ ನಿಶ್ಕಲ್ ರೇಣಿಗುಂಟ್ಲ ಖಜಾಂಚಿಯಾಗಿ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಣ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಕವಿತಾ ಪರಮೇಶ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ, ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ ತುಷ್ಪದ ವಿರೂಪಾಕ್ಷಪ್ಪ ಮುಪ್ಪಣ್ಣ, ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಶ್ರೀಪಾದ್ ಹುಳಗೋಲ, ಖಜಾಂಚಿ ನಿಶ್ಕಲ್ ರೇಣಿಗುಂಟ್ಲ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿದರು. ಕವಿತಾ ಪರಮೇಶ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ, ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ ತುಷ್ಪದ ವಿರೂಪಾಕ್ಷಪ್ಪ ಮುಪ್ಪಣ್ಣ, ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಶ್ರೀಪಾದ್ ಹುಳಗೋಲ, ಖಜಾಂಚಿ ನಿಶ್ಕಲ್ ರೇಣಿಗುಂಟ್ಲ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿದರು.



ವಿಜಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ

10 ನಮ್ಮ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸೋಮವಾರ, 2 ಮಾರ್ಚ್ 2026

ಐಸಿಎಐ ಪದಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಆಯ್ಕೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಟಿಟ್ಯೂಟ್ ಆಫ್ ಚಾರ್ಟೆಡ್ ಅಕೌಂಟೆಂಟ್ಸ್ ಆಫ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾದ (ಐಸಿಎಐ) ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಭಾರತ ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಶಾಖೆಯು 2026-27ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ನೂತನ ಪದಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಹಾಗೂ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪನಾ ಸಮಿತಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರನ್ನು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕವಿತಾ ಪರಮೇಶ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ, ತುಷ್ಪದ ವಿರೂಪಾಕ್ಷಪ್ಪ ಮುಪ್ಪಣ್ಣ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ, ಶ್ರೀಪಾದ್ ಹುಳಗೋಲ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ನಿಶ್ಕಲ್ ರೇಣಿಗುಂಟ್ಲ ಬದರಿನಾಥ ಖಜಾಂಚಿಯಾಗಿ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

02_ಉದಯವಾಣಿ Udayav...

ಐಸಿಎಐ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಶಾಖೆಗೆ ಕವಿತಾ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ

ಉದಯವಾಣಿ ಸಮಾಚಾರ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ಭಾರತೀಯ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಪರಿಶೋಧಕರ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ (ಐಸಿಎಐ) ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಭಾರತ ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಶಾಖೆಯು 2026-27ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ನೂತನ ಪದಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಹಾಗೂ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪನಾ ಸಮಿತಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರನ್ನು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅದರಂತೆ ಈ ಬಾರಿ ಐಸಿಎಐ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಶಾಖೆಗೆ ನೂತನ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕಪರಿಶೋಧಕ ಕವಿತಾ ಪರಮೇಶ್ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ ತುಷ್ಪದ ವಿರೂಪಾಕ್ಷಪ್ಪ ಮುಪ್ಪಣ್ಣ, ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಶ್ರೀಪಾದ್ ಹುಳಗೋಲ, ಖಜಾಂಚಿ ನಿಶ್ಕಲ್ ರೇಣಿಗುಂಟ್ಲ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿದರು. ಕವಿತಾ ಪರಮೇಶ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ, ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ ತುಷ್ಪದ ವಿರೂಪಾಕ್ಷಪ್ಪ ಮುಪ್ಪಣ್ಣ, ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಶ್ರೀಪಾದ್ ಹುಳಗೋಲ, ಖಜಾಂಚಿ ನಿಶ್ಕಲ್ ರೇಣಿಗುಂಟ್ಲ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿದರು.



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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಿಎ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ನೂತನ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ ಸಿಎ ಕವಿತಾ ಪರಮೇಶ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ ಸಿಎ ತುಷ್ಪದ ವಿರೂಪಾಕ್ಷಪ್ಪ ಮುಪ್ಪಣ್ಣ, ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಶ್ರೀಪಾದ್ ಹುಳಗೋಲ, ಖಜಾಂಚಿ ನಿಶ್ಕಲ್ ರೇಣಿಗುಂಟ್ಲ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿದರು.



Awareness Programme- Analysis of Union Budget 2026



Inauguration of Programme by lighting the lamp



CA Manjunath M Hallur
Chairman
Bangaluru Branch
(SIRC) (2025 - 26)



CA Mohandas Pai
Chairman, Manipal
Global Education
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Moderator



CA H. Padamchand
Khincha, A Leading
Direct Taxes
Consultant, Bengaluru
Moderator



Mr. R. K. Misra
Scholar-Carnegie India
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Co-Founder Center for
Smart Cities, Panelist



Adv. K. Vaitheeswaran
Advocate and
Tax Consultant
Panelist



CA Siddarth Pai
Co-Founding Partner
and CFO,
3one4 Capital
Panelist



CA Tuppad Virupakshappa
Muppanna, Secretary
Bengaluru Branch (SIRC)
(2026 - 26)



Felicitation to CA Mohandas Pai



Felicitation to CA H. Padamchand Khincha



Participants

Certification Course on AI for CAs - 13th, 14th & 15th February 2026 - B620 - Bengaluru



Certification Course on AI for CAs - 27th & 28th February 2026 and 1st March 2026 - Batch B633 - Bengaluru



Clause by Clause Discussion on Union Budget 2026 - Direct Taxes



Inauguration of Programme by lighting the lamp



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Branch (SIRC) (2025 - 26)



CA K. K. Chythanya



CA H. Padamchand
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Felicitation to CA H. Padamchand Khincha



Felicitation to CA Prashanth G S



Participants

Study Circle Meetings



Mr. Sudhir Goel



CA H. Ganpatlal Kawad
Past Chairman
Bengaluru Branch (SIRC)



CA Shirish C Shah



CA Aravind K R



CA Juhi Mandhyan

Half A Day Seminar on Budget 2026 Discussion at Tumkur



CA Naveen Khariwal, Speaker

Half A Day Seminar on Union budget 2026 GST amendments and ITC rejection on technical ground



CA Naveen Rajpurohit

6-Day Workshop on Setting up Practice of Real Estate Consultancy, Compliance, Advisory & Evolving Frontiers



Inauguration of Programme by lighting the lamp



CA Manjunath M Hallur
Chairman, Bengaluru
Branch (SIRC) (2025 - 26)



CA Madhukar Hiregange
Central Council Member
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Mr. Bhaskar T. Nagendrappa
President
CREDAI Karnataka



Dr. H. R. Shivakumar, KAS,
Secretary, Karnataka



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CA Amit Raj



CA Sujatha G.



Mr. Pradeep Singh



CA Rajesh Kumar T R.



CA Bhuvaneshwari



Dr. Venkatesh Panchapagesan



CA Mohan R Lavi



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Adv. Varsha



CA Ashok Raghavan
Past Chairman
Bengaluru Branch (SIRC)



CA Ramesh Prabhu



CA Bhavesh Nagda



CA Pinky Bhonsley



Adv. Arvind Raghavan



Adv. Jasleen



Participants

Shuttle Badminton Tournament for Chartered Accountants 2026 with Income Tax Officers



Career Counselling Programme on 24th February 2026



Shanthiniketan Group of Institutions



Government First Grade College for Women - Maddur

Half-Day Seminar on Income Tax Act, 2025 and Audit of Non-Corporate Entities on Thursday, 26 February 2026



Inauguration of a Half day Seminar by lighting the lamp



CA Kavitha Paramesh,
Chairperson
Bengaluru Branch (SIRC)



CA Manjunath M Hallur
Immediate Past Chairman
Bengaluru Branch (SIRC)



CA Pramod R Hegde
Secretary
SIRC of ICAI



CA Shripad H N
Secretary
Bengaluru Branch (SIRC)



Dr. CA Girish Ahuja



CA K. Gururaj Acharya



Participants

Inauguration of the Srirampura Metro Reading Room



Inauguration by CA Madhukar Hiregange, Central Council Member



MDP Training Program for Finance Department Employees of KPCL



Inauguration of Programme by lighting the lamp



CA K Kaushik Raj



CA Prashanth Bharadwaj



Participants

Newly Elected Managing Committee Members of Bengaluru Branch (SIRC) for the year 2026-2027



Invoking Gods Blessings



Newly Elected Managing Committee Members of Bengaluru Branch (SIRC) for the year 2026-2027



Oath taking for the year 2026-2027 by the Managing Committee Members of Bengaluru Branch (SIRC)



Felicitation to CA Manjunath M Hallur Immediate Past Chairman, Bengaluru Branch (SIRC)



Welcoming the Newly Elected Branch Chairperson CA Kavitha Paramesh

