



A few suggestions worth considering

I would like to greet you for giving the '*The Chartered Accountant*' a facelift in an *awesome* manner. One striking change worth noticing is the journal's focus on clearing the basics related to various aspects of the profession besides keeping us updated on the related latest trends.

Further, I would like to suggest that ICAI should have a system of sending a 'News Letter' by E-mail as is done by other reputed Institutes just to have a recap of new things and reminders about key issues and subjects related to the profession.

I, as a proprietor as well as a member of ICAI, would also like to express my disappointment over the ICAI e-mail addresses being provided only to partnership firms and not proprietary firms. It is always of great value if one has an official e-mail associated with one's professional identity. I request that the system should be streamlined in such a way that the email address of the firm name is provided by the ICAI to every member.

Biharilal Deora
(Member, Surat)

Flexibility in 'CPE hours' norm for NRIs needed

I am glad to notice some admirable changes in the journal, for example — introduction of 'Letters to the Editor' column and inspiring and well-written articles as on the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha K Rehman Khan under 'Personality' section.

I also want to give a suggestion about CPE hours for NRI members. I feel that some flexibility should be granted to NRIs for obtaining credit hours. For example: Instead of obtaining 10 hours in a single year 2005, it can be 20 hrs to be obtained in two years - 2005 and 2006. This will help NRI members as many members don't visit India every year.

— **Sandip K Jain**
(Member, Muscat)

How can Government 'outsource' tax collection without paying

Accept my congratulations for marked improvement in the journal over last few months. I wish to utilize our revived journal to air my grievance over the businessmen and professionals being burdened to share the work of tax collection on behalf of the government without any payment.

Starting from the Sales Tax and collection through traders, the practice has now spread to so many levies like Central Sales Tax, Tax on Works Contracts, Professional Tax, Excise duty, Income Tax deductions at source on salary, rent, contractors, sub-contractors, insurance, commission, brokerage and many more sources of income.

Although the Medium and big companies can bear the expenses incurred on tax collection but the same is increasingly becoming difficult for small companies, traders and professionals. How can the Government impose such responsibility on all businessmen and professionals irrespective of their capacity to carry out such responsibility and that too without any monetary consideration.

Mahesh C. Mathur
(Member)

I am happy to read the letter written by Mr SD Balasubramanyan in the September 2004 issue of the journal, which goes on to prove that you can pursue the CA course and become a Chartered Accountant at any age. I am 65. A Science graduate, I retired as a Central Government officer in 1997 after which I too wanted to take up the course. The letter by Mr Balasubramanyan has inspired me to think about pursuing the same once again.

K.R.Ramakrishnan
(Chennai)

Write to the Editor

'Information is Power' and our ever-evolving profession needs more and more of that today than ever before. Do you have any relevant points to make, experiences to share, and views to spread among the CA fraternity? If yes, email us at ebsecretariat@icai.org / nadeem@icai.org or write to: The Journal Section, ICAI, PO Box 7100, New Delhi

— **Editor**