

Facilitating Professional Excellence and Growth Across India, Many Branches of ICAI Celebrate Golden and Silver Jubilee

A glorious tradition of professional excellence was institutionalised in the country on 1st July, 1949 with the birth of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) by an act of Parliament. Continuing with a journey full of milestones ever since, the ICAI has completed 62 years of a nationally- beneficial existence. The ICAI and accountancy profession is today an integral part of India's success story, with the distinction of being second largest accounting body in the world with more than 1,70,000 members across the globe. The persistent pursuit of perfection, integrity, skills and knowledge has placed ICAI and accountancy profession in an exalted position in present professional order of the country. In the last 62 years the CA profession has undergone a paradigm shift. From traditional bean counters, the Chartered Accountants have now metamorphosed into a multi-dimensional professional offering complete business solutions. The role of CA is shifting from backroom to boardroom. He is no longer a statistician but a strategist. The triumph of accountancy profession in all these decades has been unparalleled. All this has been made possible by the tireless efforts of the Central Council, five Regional Councils and 126 branches spread across the country. A number of these branches under various regional councils of the ICAI have played a pioneering role in the service in the nation and profession. Many of the these have completed/entering 50 years and 25 years respectively of their existence and are celebrating the occasion with professional gaiety, bonhomie and with the spirit of service to the society and nation. Following is the report/history of some of such illustrious branches of the ICAI.

BRANCHES CELEBRATING GOLDEN JUBILEE



Ahmedabad Branch of WIRC



CA. H.M. Talati,
First Chairman of
Ahmedabad branch

It was 1st April, 1962 when the Central Council bestowed a great gift to the zCity of Ahmedabad by formation of Ahmedabad Branch of WIRC of ICAI. The First Chairman of Ahmedabad Branch was Mr. H. M. Talati. Mr. H. M. Talati after serving as Chairman of the Branch for two years was also elected as Central Council Member for three

consecutive terms from 1964 to 1973.

At that time there were no office premises, no staff and no manpower available to the Branch. Ahmedabad Branch was normally functioning at the Office of the Chairman and the Secretary of the Branch would regularly visit Chairman's Office and all the works were done by the Office bearers and Managing Committee Members.

In initial years from 1962 to 1976, which can be described as the formative years in as much as the Institute, Regional Councils and Branches were trying to consolidate their position in the ever demanding Society, Ahmedabad had hardly 100 Chartered Accountants, which increased to around 600 in 1976 and reached the figure of 1000 in the year 1980.

Thereafter, one of the Chartered Accountants offered his Office premises at Lal Darwaja, which is even today the heart of the City of Ahmedabad and it was somewhere in 1977-1978 that a small premises of 200 Sq. ft. was taken on lease at Capital Commercial Centre, Ashram Road from where the Branch functioned till 1985.

It was in that year that an old residential property was purchased where the Branch started functioning in a larger premises up to 1992 and it was in the year 1993 the Branch decided to organise a Fund Raising programme under the aegis of the then Chief Minister Shri Amarsingh Solanki and famous Singer Pinaz Masani. After the substantial collection from the members and of course from the grant from the Institute, a majestic four-story building was constructed during the year 1993 which was inaugurated in the year 1997. The Branch functioned with its full capacity utilizing maximum space for ten years and it was during the tenure of Mr. Sunil Talati as President of I.C.A.I. in the year 2007 that the building was renovated and given the State of Art look with all infrastructure facilities installed and a plot of land admeasuring more than 1,000 Sq. Yd. was purchased keeping in mind the ever growing demand of the Professionals in the Mega City of Ahmedabad.

The Branch is now serving more than 5000 members in Ahmedabad of which 2,600 are in practice. The most heartening point of Ahmedabad Branch is that it is the only Branch that has been served by the three generations, who have rendered the services in as much as Mr. H.M. Talati, now 87 years, as First Chairman; then Mr. Sunil Talati, Past President of ICAI 2007-2008, has also served the Branch from 1979 to 1982 and in this year his son Aniket Talati is serving the Branch as Office bearer. The Branch is not only taking care of Chartered Accountant residents of Ahmedabad but also of nearby villages and towns and thus effectively serving and catering more than 7000 Members. The branch, since last 15 years, in the new premises is regularly organising Flag Ceremony on 26th January, 1st July and 15th August and best of the CPE Programmes are also organised in Branch premises. Ahmedabad Branch is one of the oldest branches.

Pune Branch of WIRC



CA. (Late) P.D. Khadilkar, First Chairman of Pune branch

Pune Branch of WIRC of ICAI was established in April 1962 with a membership strength in few hundreds and students in about couple of thousands. The Branch has entered the GOLDEN JUBILEE



YEAR in April 2011 with the membership of about 6,000, including 250 Members from Industry, and 12,000+ students.

The Branch gratefully acknowledges the dedication and integrity of its past Chairmen during the first couple of decades, who laid the solid foundation for the Branch. This initial period demanded the Chairmen to contribute personally right from lending their personal office premises to their staff members. Nevertheless, in spite of the constraints of space or economics, there was never any dearth of the activities conducted by the Branch, for the advancement of the profession of the Accountancy.

In the year 1985-1986 the Branch purchased own premises admeasuring about 1,600 sq.ft. in an apartment in the busy commercial area of Pune City. Recently the branch has acquired its own independent building admeasuring about 8,200 sq.ft. at the most convenient place for students and members. The ICAI BHAVAN is well equipped with all essential infrastructures viz. "CA. P.C. Parmar Auditorium" with state of art audio-visual system and teleconferencing facility, the fully-furnished "CA. B.R. Pandit Conference Hall", "CA. B. K. Khare Students' Facilitation Centre", full-fledged ITT Laboratories and cafeteria. The Branch could not have succeeded in this Endeavour without the valuable contributions from the CA fraternity and well wishers in and around Pune, who generously donated for their "Mother's House".

The Branch was awarded highly commendable Performance Award of the WIRC for the year 1992-1993, and again for the year 2009-2010.

Apart from the dedicated teams of the various Managing Committees under the able leaderships of

their respective chairmen, the Pune Branch is lucky enough to have the most devoted and dedicated representatives at Central and Regional council as well.

The Branch strives to follow its industrious tradition of fifty years, in organising the programmes and activities round the year, and the ambit covers all the important segments such as finance, banking, co-operation, IFRS, Direct and Indirect Taxation, Accounting Standards, Internal Audit, Soft Skills and Stress Management, CFO meet, industry specific programmes etc., for the benefit of its professional and corporate members and students. The branch is having its own Women Cell and WICASA. The branch has successfully arranged number of National and Regional conferences for the members and students.

Bangalore Branch of SIRC



Late Sri. P Sambaiah,
First Chairman of
Bangalore branch

The Bangalore Branch is one of the most dynamic and vibrant Branches in the country. Initially the branch was started with a membership of 110 on 1st April, 1962. At present Bangalore branch caters to the need of over 8,000 members and over 25,000 students. Branch can feel proud of not only the quantity but also the quality of its members. CA. K. Rahman Khan, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, CA.B.P.Rao, Past President of ICAI (1994-1995) and CA.T.V. Mohandas Pai, Director-HR, Infosys Technologies are the products of this esteemed Branch.

Late Sri. P Sambaiah was the first Chairman of the Branch. The Branch moved to the existing premises in the year 1993. Many a time Bangalore Branch has been adjudged as the Best Branch.

Annually the Branch conducts IPCC Orientation Programme for nearly 1,700 students, Course on General Management and Communication Skills for approximately 600 students, Information Technology Training for around 2000 students. The Branch has hired two premises at the South of Bangalore, to cater the needs of our Students and Members at large. The Branch conducts CPE programmes of around 350 CPE hrs per year, which enables the members to improve their knowledge and also to complete their CPE requirements. Apart from these, SICASA of Bangalore Branch is also very vibrant in conducting many of the activities for the overall development of the CA students' community. In addition to CPE Programmes, Branch conducts

Cultural Activities, National Day Celebrations, CA Day Celebrations, Annual Sports meet, Social Service Programmes, International Study Tours, Residential Programmes, etc.

The Branch has grown from strength to strength under the able leadership of the Past Chairmen and the Managing Committee Members. It can boast of a good library, computer center, MDP Hall and an Auditorium apart from good office and Boardroom. The Branch's Management Development Programmes and other programmes, newsletter, seminars and conferences have set new benchmarks in the functioning of the Branches of ICAI. The mission of the Branch is to render quality service to the members, students and society at large.

The Past Was Glorious, Present is Challenging and The Future Looks Exciting.

Coimbatore Branch of SIRC



CA. M.S. Srinivasan Iyengar,
First Chairman of
Coimbatore branch

The Coimbatore Branch of Southern India Regional Council of the ICAI was established on 1st April, 1962 with strength of 60 members. Today it is one of the most vibrant Branches in India with more than 1,400 members and 10,000 students. CA. M.S. Srinivasan Iyengar was its first Chairman.

The Branch organises regular Seminars, Conferences, Meetings and Workshops for Members and Students. The Branch is accredited by the ICAI to conduct Oral Coaching Classes for CPT, IPCC and Final. Information Technology Training (ITT) Centre is functioning for the 100 hours IT Training of IPCC Students. Orientation programme for IPCC Students, Campus Interviews and General Management and Communication skills course for the newly qualified Chartered Accountants, ISA Practical Classes for Members are the major activities of the Branch. The Branch is also conducting CA Awareness Programmes in colleges and schools regularly.

The Coimbatore Branch of SICASA is attached to the Branch and is conducting various programmes for the betterment of the CA students community. The Coimbatore Branch of SICASA received the All India Best Branch Award during the Year 2010.

The Coimbatore Branch has produced many Rank Holders in Foundation, Intermediate, CPT, PCC, IPCC and Final examinations of ICAI. The Coimbatore Branch of SIRC of ICAI has received Best Branch Awards from the Southern India Regional Council, Chennai. It has also received the all India Best Branch Award during the year 1997 and Highly Commendable

Performance Award at National Level for the year 2008-2009.

The year 2011-2012 is an important year for the Coimbatore Branch of SIRC of ICAI because members from the Branch have occupied the highest positions of ICAI, namely CA. G. Ramaswamy as the President of ICAI, CA. K. Shanmukha Sundaram as Chairman of SIRC and CA. S. Murali as the Secretary of SIRC.

CA. G. Ramaswamy is the first Chartered Accountant to become the President of ICAI from Coimbatore Branch, similarly Members namely CA. K. Ramasamy, CA. A. Arjunaraj and CA. G. Ramaswamy have served as the SIRC Chairmen and CA. Priya Bhansali has served a term as Central Council Member from the Branch.

The Branch has acquired 65 cents of Land and the Building Construction is in progress which will be completed by November 2011 tentatively.

Hyderabad Branch of SIRC



Late CA. Mohamed Ahmed Mohiaddin, First Chairman of Hyderabad branch

The Hyderabad Branch of SIRC of ICAI came into existence on 1st April 1962. Late CA. Mohamed Ahmed Mohiaddin was its first Chairman. The Branch has moved to the own premises on 5th April 1992. The Branch has got state of Art infrastructure facility that includes Air conditioned Library, Conference Hall,

ITT Labs, Teleconference room and Class Room with back up power. Branch is under video surveillance. The Hyderabad Branch is catering the needs of over 5,000 members and over 24,000 students. The Branch is very active in conducting seminars, conferences, workshops for both members and students. The Branch was recently honoured with Best Branch award shared with Bangalore Branch in SIRC. To facilitate and navigate the monthly programmes and activities of the Branch, a website has been set up exclusively for the benefits of members and students at large. The programmes are communicated to members and students through monthly newsletter, SMS, email and hosted on the Branch website.

Madurai Branch of SIRC

Madurai Branch was came into existence on 1st April, 1962 in the Temple City of Tamil Nadu and at that time it was being run from a small rented premises. CA. K. Subramanian was the first Chairman of Madurai Branch (1962-1971). The long felt need of the members and students to have own set up with proper infrastructure for the best interest of the profession got materialised in 1987-1988, in which 34 cents of land were purchased at P&T Nagar Road, Visalakshipuram with the efforts of members at the helm of affairs at that time along with senior members and past chairmen. The Foundation Stone was laid down by the then President of ICAI CA. R. Balakrishnan on 22nd August, 1987. The Ground Floor was constructed during 1997 and the same was opened by the then President of ICAI CA. T. S. Viswanath on 6th January, 1997. Total construction area of the Ground Floor is 2,497 sq.ft of which about 2,000 sq.ft is for the Meeting Hall.

Infrastructure: The First Floor of the Building construction was commenced during 2001 and was opened on 11th February, 2003 by the then President of ICAI CA. R. Bupathy. The First Floor Consists of Computer Lab, Library hall, Chairman and Secretary Cabins. The Meeting Hall was fully Air Conditioned and the Computer Lab was converted into full fledged ITT Lab in 2006 and the same was inaugurated by the then President of ICAI CA.T.N. Manoharan.

Members Strength: Madurai Branch has the places namely Virudhunagar, Sivakasi, Srivilliputhur, Rajapalayam, Karaikudi, Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Paramakudi, Aruppukkottai, Thirumangalam, Dindigul, Theni and Palani within its jurisdiction and the number of members is around 750. The Students strength is about 1,800. Madurai Branch is the second largest branch in Tamil Nadu.

Golden Jubilee Year: The Madurai Branch

has been administered by 34 chairmen and has entered the Golden Jubilee Year on 01/04/2011 under the Presidentship of CA. G. Ramasamy. The Branch is now headed by CA. V. Sivakumar and his team. CA. P. V. Rajarajeswaran, SIRC Member is the ex-officio member of the branch nominated by SIRC. A number of programmes have been lined up to celebrate the Golden Jubilee year.

BRANCHES CELEBRATING SILVER JUBILEE

Anand Branch of WIRC



CA. M. A. Shah,
First Chairman of
Anand branch

Anand Branch of WIRC of ICAI was established in the year 1986 and covers a geographical area spanning three adjacent districts of Anand, Kheda and Panchmahals. The Branch initially started in rented premises of approx 150sq. ft.

The year 2005 was a watershed year for the branch when, with collaborative efforts of the members and the Institute, a floor was purchased in a commercial building of approx 2,500 sq. ft. in the heart of Anand City. The building floor was beautifully furnished into ICAI BHAWAN having a library, office, Students IT lab, reading room and a conference hall with a capacity of approx 80 persons.

The Branch serves 150 members and approx 500 students in the region. Another notable feature of the Branch is that since its inception branch committee members are selected unanimously rather than elected, a culture that is proposed to be continued in the foreseeable future.

The First Chairman of the Anand Branch CA. M. A. Shah says in his message:

"My Son, CA. Dilip Shah, was the Chairman of the WIRC in 1986 and he wanted to see a branch opened at Anand. The then President of ICAI CA. P. A. Nair agreed to the proposal and the movement was set. The Panchmahal District was put under Anand Branch (Nadiad and Anand were then a single district called Kheda) to get the requisite cut-off numbers required for starting a branch. And thus began the journey which continues unabated till today...."



CA. D.H. Boravale,
First Chairman of
Jalgaon branch

Jalgaon Branch of WIRC

It is a memorable year for the Jalgaon Branch as it is entering its 25th year of its existence, the Silver Jubilee year. The Jalgaon Branch was established on 19th August, 1987. The first meeting was held under the guidance of CA.



Proposed ICAI Bhavan at Jalgaon

R. Balkrishan, president of ICAI, with our first Branch chairman CA. D.H. Boravale and other esteemed members. The Branch was established with just 50 members and today it has a strength of 220 members and 450 students.

Milestones: It is the eternal law of life that, every beginning has an end and every end results into a new beginning. A notable feature of the Jalgaon branch is that, since its inception, Year by year the management committee is rotating handing charge to upcoming new members but branch has never needed an election. The Branch works smoothly by young and enthusiastic management under the guidance of the senior members. In the Year 2000-2001, the Exam center was started at Jalgaon Centre with great support of Jalgaon Branch. On 22nd December 2008, WICASA –Western India Chartered Accountants Students Association was formed, with the purpose of guiding and improving the skill of CA students. A number of programs are organised for the benefit of the students.

Branch Activity: Since its formation, the Branch has conceptualised and conducted a variety of Knowledgeable and informative seminars for its members and students. Amongst them, the most noteworthy have been:

- The 3rd Sub Regional Conference in 1999, at Jain Hills.
- The 9th Sub Regional Conference in 2002, at the JDCC Hall, Jalgaon, with a record participation of 854 members from Maharashtra, Gujrat, Goa, etc.
- Following the latest Amendments, the Branch is organising monthly Study Circle Meetings and Seminars, conducted by eminent faculties, local and outside. The purpose of these Seminars is to upgrade and solve queries regarding Audits and related subjects.

- The Branch has also started a CPE Teleconferencing Programme for its members.
- For the first time in Jalgaon, WICASA Sub-Regional Conference was held on 16th and 17th July 2010, at Senate Hall, North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon
- The Branch has its own IT Lab, with a capacity of over 20 students.
- The Branch regularly conducts IT Training, Orientation Programs, and GMCS Programs for the final year students.

Achievements: The Jalgaon Branch is the proud recipient of the 'Highly Commendable Award' in the small branch category in the western region of ICAI since the last four years.

About ICAI Bhavan and Future Planning: The construction of the ICAI Bhavan in Jalgaon is the Dream Project of the branch. The Foundation Stone was laid in June 2010 by the then WIRC Chairman CA. Sanjeev Lalan. The construction began in July 2010 and with the work continuing in full swing, the ICAI Bhavan is expected to be ready by the end of this year. The Branch also plans to organise Sub Regional Conference in November/December 2011.

Sangli Branch of WIRC

To safeguard the common interest and to bring the members in main stream of the Institute activities, the members of Sangli desired to set up branch for Sangli District. After the required number of 50 members was reached a proposal was forwarded to the Central Council through Western India Regional council and was accepted by the Central Council of ICAI in 1987. Late CA S. B. Abhyankar was the first Chairman of Sangli Branch.

The Sangli Branch of WIRC of ICAI was officially inaugurated by CA. R Balakrishnan, the then President of the ICAI in a grand function organised on 20th August, 1987. Up to 1994 the branch used to function from the professional office of respective chairman and no independent premises were available for the branch. Under the leadership of CA. Vikram Limaye the members thought that the branch must have its own premises and during the year 1997 with the contribution from members and matching contribution from Head Office branch acquired premises at Anandi Vilas Apartments, in South Shivaji Nagar, Sangli from where the branch presently functions. The premises was inaugurated by CA. Y.M. Kale, the then President of ICAI. The present branch premises include a seminar hall, which is also used as reading room for CA students. Having felt the need to accommodate the increasing number

of fraternity, the branch has finalised a suitable plot and ICAI has sanctioned a proposal to acquire the plot and construct ICAI Bhavan. Construction activity of proposed ICAI Bhavan will commence shortly. The branch is regularly organising various CPE programmes and has also undertaken social activities such as providing relief to flood affected people in July-August 2005 flood in Sangli city. CA Rajendra Babulal Kothari is the present chairman of the Branch.

Palghat Branch of SIRC



CA. N.N. Ramachandran,
First Chairman of
Palghat branch

Palghat Branch of SIRC was set up in 1987. At present members strength is 186 with 60 members in practice. Palakkad Town and suburbs come under this Branch. Has own building of about 4000 sq.ft in land measuring 17.5 cents in heart of Palakkad Town. Equipped with air-conditioned Conference Hall, ITT Lab, Chairman's Chambers, Fully furnished guest room for faculty, Library and Office Room. Digital Library was commissioned in 2011. About 500 students come under its jurisdiction. It has a good record in conducting academic programmes including CPE programmes of the Institute. The branch has facilities for viewing Tele/Video Conferencing programmes of the ICAI and its Board of Studies. ITT Centre has given training to 16 batches of students, and 2 orientation programmes of ICAI had been conducted. Examination Centre of ICAI is also there at Palakkad for the students. The branch has received many commendation awards both from SIRC and ICAI New Delhi in various years. It is regarded as a well knit, cohesive branch fully supported by the ICAI and members of the Councils.

Pondicherry Branch of SIRC

Realising a long cherished dream, the Pondicherry



CA. M. V. Ramaswamy,
First Chairman of
Pondicherry branch

Branch of SIRC of ICAI was founded in 1985 under the Chairmanship of CA. M.V. Ramaswamy. The vision was humble and unassuming. As the branch grew, so did its dreams. Today, the branch has emerged as one of the premier branches in the Southern region brimming with a host of Students and Members activities.

From its humble beginnings, the branch today boasts of its own building complete with all infrastructure like Air Conditioned Conference Hall, Library, ITT Centre, etc.,

Pondicherry has a deep connection with the Institute. The present ICAI logo was conceptualised by Sri Aurobindo at the request of CA. C.S. Shastri, a noted Chartered Accountant of that time.

The branch conducted its Silver Jubilee Celebrations during the year 2010-2011. As part of the same, a Regional Residential Seminar was organised at Auroville, Pondicherry on 21st and 22nd August 2010, which was inaugurated by Shri V Vaithialingam, Chief Minister of Pondicherry.

As of 2011, the branch has a member strength of 212 members. Pondicherry has also been serving as an examination centre since 2006. The Branch has commenced Coaching Classes for CPT, ITT Course and Orientation for students from 2010.

Vellore Branch Of the SIRC Of ICAI

Vellore Branch of the SIRC of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India was inaugurated on 30th August, 1987, by Hon'ble CA. R. Balakrishnan, the then President (1986-1987) of the Institute. This Branch has contributed two Presidents, CA. V. Rajaraman (1980-1981) and CA. T. N. Manoharan, Padma Shri Awardee (2006-2007), to the Institute.

Housed currently in the ICAI Bhawan located at 16, Honnagar Street in Krishna Nagar of Vellore, this Branch started its activities in a rented building with 125 members. Members of the Vellore Branch, presently 189 in number that includes 11 female members, are from Vellore town, other towns like Gudiyattam, Pernambut, Ambur, Vaniyambadi, Tirupathur, Arcot, Ranipet and Walajapet from the Vellore district, and other neighbouring towns like Kancheepuram, Tiruvannamalai and Arni. Members from Chittoor and Tirupathi from Andhra Pradesh got separated from Vellore Branch, when the Tirupathi Branch was opened

in the year 2009-2010. CA. S. Mohan is the present Chairman of the Branch.

The foundation stone for the own building of the Branch was laid by ICAI past-President CA. T.N.Manoharan, Padma Shri Awardee, the then Central Council member, and was eventually inaugurated on 13th June, 2008, by the then President CA. Ved Jain along with the ICAI past-President and then ICAI Vice-President CA. Uttam Prakash Agarwal. The Vellore Branch has a fully air-conditioned seminar hall and computer centre. It has quite a resourceful and one of the best libraries that our Branches have at present. This Branch has its own examination centre since 2005. This Branch houses a chapter of the SICASA since January 2009. It has now got a changed website.

The Branch will soon start coaching classes for the students of CPT and IPCC. It also plans to organise more of the CPE activities including residential programmes for members and more of the SICASA activities for students.

Bhilwara Branch of CIRC

Bhilwara is the "Manchester" of India. It is the biggest centre of Manufacturing of Synthetic Fabric.

That sky is the limit for Bhilwara's growth, prosperity, development, thereby golden rise of profession of Chartered Accountants.

Bhilwara Branch of CIRC was established in the year 1987. CA. R. L. Nolkha was nominated as First Chairman of the Branch. The strength of Members was 50 and students/Articles was around 100 at that initial stage. There was no independent branch office for the branch. There was no Examination Centre at Bhilwara. In the year 2001, Bhilwara was first time allotted as Examination Centre, qualifying the minimum number of students. That overwhelming response of students, within no span of time, bound to open two Examination Centers at Bhilwara. At present more than 5,000 students are pursuing accountancy course. The strength of Members reached to 371 till April 2011

The Branch is successfully conducting, organising GMCS, Orientation Classes, ITT since couple of years. Most of members are providing voluntary services as faculty. Looking to the working of the branch, CIRC has given many awards to the branch.

The branch has successfully got allotted 27,000 Sq. Ft. Land at the Lower Price from Urban

Improvement Trust, Bhilwara. The construction is in full swing. The Branch will have its own building, equipped with every possible facilities and infrastructure — modern big Auditorium having capacity of 500 persons, Mini Auditorium/Seminar/Conference Hall having capacity of 150 persons, IT Labs, Class Rooms, Library, Coaching Rooms, Administrative Blocks, Spacious Parking Space. At present CA. Ajay Kasliwal is the chairman of the branch.

Ranchi Branch of CIRC



Late CA. Upendra Narain,
First Chairman of
Ranchi branch

Ranchi Branch of CIRC of ICAI has entered its Golden Jubilee Year this year. The then ICAI president CA. R Balakrishna inaugurated the branch on 16th May, 1987. At that time this branch was 58th branch of the Institute and the 15th of the CIRC. It was because of herculean effort put in by late CA. Upendra Narain, the then chairman, that the branch was founded. At that time there were only 53 members and the student's strength was less than 100. The phenomenal growth of the profession in the last two decades has resulted increased the membership strength of the branch to 500 members and students strength to more than 6000.

The branch is one of the most active professional education providers in the town. Since 1999, the branch is managing examination centre to conduct CA exams. Since then the number of students enrolled for the examination in this centre has shown an increasing trend. Students appearing from Ranchi have secured ranks in almost every exam.

Branch Infrastructure: The members under the branch, following their enduring efforts, purchased a land for branch premises in 1987. The day 23rd August, 1990 was remarkable as the then president CA. A. H. Dalal laid the foundation stone of the branch building. The branch building was completed and was inaugurated on 15th December, 2009. This Ground+three building is equipped with all facilities that are required for its members and students.

Services Rendered: The branch has been regularly organising seminar, conferences, workshops, etc. for its members. It also conducts classes for various post qualification courses. Very soon e-library facilities and IFRS Course will be provided at the Branch Premises. The branch is also conducting counselling, publication sale, GMCS, etc. for CA students. Various training programmes, meets, contests, etc are organised regularly.

The branch has achieved newer heights over the years and this has been appreciated with the awards that have been given to the branch, for example the second best branch award in 2006, best commendation certificate and best branch in 2007 and CIRC commendation in 2009.

Yamuna Nagar Branch of NIRC

It is a matter of pride for the members of Yamuna Nagar branch of the NIRC of ICAI as the branch celebrates its Silver Jubilee. The branch plans to celebrate the occasion in the spirit of continued service to the profession and society at large.

Yamuna Nagar branch has 143 members and 490 students are pursuing CA course under this branch. Due to globalisation and cross-border flow of investments, there have been extremely significant changes in the various fields related to profession and the branch has been playing a crucial role all these years in preparing the members and students for present as well as future. The branch has spacious building in the heart of the town which includes big lounge/hall for seminars, one IT lab for computer training along with separate rooms for members, staff and study room for the CA students.

The branch is regularly holding seminars for the members every month along with cultural and sports activities. IT training, Oriental Programs for IPCC and GMCS classes are organised for the students at branch as per the guidelines of the ICAI. Examination centre is also going on smoothly at Yamuna Nagar. The branch has received various awards including best branch of the NIRC. CA. Ashwani K. Agarwal is the current chairman of the branch. ■