

Significant Achievements of ICAI (2011-2012): Towards Sustained Emergence & Growth

Since its inception in 1949, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India has recorded a tremendous growth under the vision of its President and the guidance of its Council, and, not to forget, with the never-ending and help and support from the employees of the Institute in form of contributions from its various committees and boards.

Throughout, from our partner-in-nation building initiatives at home to bond- and scope-building initiatives in the foreign terrain, we have been quite focussed in our endeavours. Our goal has been to grow and facilitate a progress to our profession as well as all its stakeholders. The year 2011-2012 has been an excellent one as far as the quality productivity in the development of profession is concerned. We have taken up the objectives put forth by the forefathers of accounting profession of our nation and we sincerely hope that these would be taken up further by our predecessors in the profession through honest efforts.

We present a brief report on significant achievements and developments the accountancy profession in the country has witnessed in the year 2011-2012:

International Initiatives: Extending Helping Hand of ICAI Brand

MoUs/MRAs/Recognitions/Other Arrangements

- MoU with *College of Banking and Financial Studies* (CBFS), Oman, renewed in May 2011
- MoU signed with *Association of International Accountants*, UK, during International Conference in Chennai in January 2012
- Bilateral talks regarding MoU with *Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand* finalised and MoU soon to be signed.

IFRS Convergence Initiatives

- Differences between Ind AS and IFRSs, Ind ASs and existing ASs finalised and issued
- Carve-outs made in Ind Ass discussed in Mumbai with CA. Prabhakar Kalavacherla, IASB Board member, in a meeting, and in New Delhi with Mr. Wayne Upton, IASB Director of International Activities, Mr. Ian Mackintosh, IASB Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Prabhakar Kalavacherla.
- To keep pace with the IASB and also for the purpose of smoothing the convergence process, the ASB has finalised the drafts of the following Indian Accounting (Ind ASs) corresponding to the new/revised IFRS.
 - Indian Accounting Standard (Ind AS) 110, corresponding to IFRS 10, *Consolidated Financial Statements*
 - Indian Accounting Standard (Ind AS) 111, corresponding to IFRS 11, *Joint Arrangements*
 - Indian Accounting Standard (Ind AS) 112, corresponding to IFRS 12, *Disclosures of Interests in Other Entities*
 - Revision of Ind AS 19, corresponding to revision of IAS 19, *Employees Benefits*.
 - Revision of Ind AS 27, corresponding to revision to IAS 27, *Separate Financial Statements*

- Revision of Ind AS 28, corresponding to revision to IAS 28, *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures*.
- Drafts of amendments to following Ind Ass corresponding to revision/amendments to IFRSs also finalised:
 - Amendments to Ind AS 1, corresponding to amendments to IAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*
 - Amendments to Ind AS 12, corresponding to amendments to IAS 12, *Income Taxes*
 - Amendments to Ind AS 101, corresponding to amendments to IFRS 1, *First time Adoption of Indian Accounting Standards*
 - Amendments to Ind AS 107, corresponding to amendments to IFRS 7, *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*
- Meeting with IMF representatives and World Bank's group on Financial Sector Assessment Programme to discuss issues relating to audit quality, financial reporting review, transition to IFRSs, etc., in Mumbai
- 30 workshops on Ind ASs converged with IFRSs conducted in collaboration with MCA organised across the country and more than 2000 members trained.
- 29 Batches of IFRS Certificate Course conducted across the country and more than 1,200 members trained.

Important Decisions/Initiatives

- Examination support services to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal in the conduct of ISA Assessment Test
- Decided in principle to give effect to benefits to overseas citizens of India: Modalities being worked out and qualification bridging mechanism to be put in place
- Approached developing countries for augmenting bilateral co-operation and offered wholehearted support and expertise to Djibouti, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, etc., towards institutionalisation and development of accountancy profession in those nations, and capacity-building in those transition economies
- Received request from Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka for services in quality review and assurance process and taken steps in that direction
- Fixation of fee from members of other professional bodies consequent to MRA/MoUs with such bodies
- Special examinations for members of the professional bodies abroad with whom ICAI has MoU/MRA
- Modalities approved by ICAI Council for grant of ICAI membership to members of foreign accounting bodies under MRA, i.e ICAEW, CPA & ICAA (Australia), ICPA in Ireland and CICA.
- Technical support provided to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal for IFRS Certificate Course conducted in Nepal.

Our Representations/Participations and Visits

- Study tour on international taxation to Vienna, Austria in November 2011
- Study tour to Malaysia and Thailand in December 2011

- Proposal of amendments to IAS 41, *Agriculture* submitted to IASB by Group formulated under AOSSG for examine the issues in IAS 41, *Agriculture, chaired by India and Malaysia*, Group submitted its proposal of amendments to IAS 41, *Agriculture*

Foreign Delegations in India

- Mr. Marks Spofforth, Vice President and Mr. Justin West, Head of new Business Opportunities of ICAEW visited to ICAI in March 2011.
- Ms. Barbara & Ms. Belinda of ICA Australia visited to ICAI New Delhi in May 2011.
- IFAC delegation of its President Mr. Goran Tidstorn and Chief Executive Mr. Ian Ball visited ICAI in July 2011 to have a global perspective and present IFAC viewpoint on emerging issues, while meeting Ministries of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Commerce & Industry, Office of C&AG of India, and Controller General of Accounts
- Australia's Minister-Counsellor Mr. Matt Crooke met ICAI President in March 2011: Agreed to work towards joint exercise on implementation of IFRS, on Australian delegation to India, and on commonwealth accounting forum
- Japanese delegation visited ICAI in August 2011 to exchange views on legal, regulatory and other issues arising out of application of or convergence with IFRSs (delegation met MCA Minister and Secretary)
- IAASB Chairman Prof. Arnold Schilder and IFAC Executive Director Mr. Jim Sylph visited India in November 2011 (issues relating to convergence with IAASB's International Standards on Audit including problems in adoption of ISA 600 and ISAE 3000 in India, etc., discussed); meetings held with RBI and SEBI in Mumbai and also with C&AG and MCA in New Delhi.

Nominations/Recognition

- Retained membership in IFAC Board and representation in its International Accounting Education Standards Board while playing active role in governing boards of international accounting bodies like IFAC, CAPA and SAFA;
- Four out of five nominations sent to XBRL International got elected: ICAI President CA. G. Ramaswamy elected as Member on XBRL International Board for two years, ICAI Vice-President CA. Jaydeep Narendra Shah, also XBRL India Vice-Chairman, elected as member on Nominations Committee, and XBRL India Board members CA. Abhijit Bandyopadhyay and CA. K. Raghu elected to Finance and HR Committee and Membership Development Committee respectively

Interactions/Meetings/Forums/Programmes

- Interaction of Trade Officials of Various Embassies in India with ICAI organised in July 2011 in New Delhi to promote bilateral cooperation and mutual functioning among nations, with representation from 37 Countries (Chief Guest - Shri S M Krishna, Cabinet External Affairs Minister)
- 2nd India-Japan IFRS & CFO Meet hosted by ICAI in Bangalore in August 2011

- Programmes jointly organised with ICAEW in Chennai, Mumbai and New Delhi in March 2011 and inspiring ICAI members to take benefit of the existing MoU
- First Emerging Economies Group meeting of the International Accounting Standard Board held in Beijing in July, 2011. Whereas the discussion on fair value measurement from the perspective of emerging economies took place.
- Second Meeting of Emerging Economies Group organised in New Delhi in December 2011 discussing issues including fair-value measurement (attended by representatives from Brazil, China, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Russia, South Africa, etc.)
- International Conference on *Accountancy Profession: Leveraging Emerging Challenges for Inclusive Growth* hosted in January 2012 in Chennai deliberating emerging paradigms of accountancy profession, particularly governance, financial engineering, regulatory compliance, creation of stakeholder value and CSR (inaugurated by Hon'ble Union Finance Minister Shri Pranab Mukherjee in presence of Hon'ble MCA Minister Dr. M. Veerappa Moily, Hon'ble Union Shipping Minister Shri G.K.Vasan and Hon'ble Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman CA. K. Rahman Khan, and participated by over 2000 stakeholders including *Who's Who* of accountancy profession)
- National Standard Setters meeting held in New York in March 2011 (projects like IAS 41, *Agriculture*, issues in Rate Regulated Activities, etc., discussed) and, then, in Vienna in September 2011 (rate regulated activities discussed)
- World Standard Setters meeting in London in September 2011 to discuss IASB Consultative Agenda
- Foreign Exchange Working Group meeting held in March 2011 in New York to consider revision of IAS 21, *The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates*
- Third annual meeting of Asian-Oceanian Standard-Setters Group held in Melbourne in November 2011 to discuss Agriculture Working Group's proposal of making a limited revision to IAS 41 *Agriculture*
- SAFA Regional Standard Setters Conference held in Dhaka in November, 2011 to discuss status of convergence with IFRS and fair value challenge in SAFA
- IAASB - *National Standards Setters* meeting held in Toronto in April 2011 on issues relating to auditing profession
- *Federation of European Accountants Conference on Audit Policy* held in Brussels in June 2011 to share and discuss views of all stakeholders on Green Paper on Audit Policy issued by European Commission in October 2010
- IFAC PAODC meeting at Singapore in February 2011.
- CAPA Strategic Committee meeting in Manila in February, 2011
- Edinburgh Group meeting, IFAC Board and Chief Executives meeting in New York in March, 2011
- Participation at UNCTAD-IAESB Accountancy Education Forum in Geneva in March, 2011

- SAFA 16th Board meeting and SAFA SMP Committee meeting in Karachi in April, 2011
- IESBA NSS Meeting in Toronto in April, 2011
- Financial Asset and Financial Liability Round Table Meetings organised by IASB and FASB, London in May 2011
- IFAC Professional Accountancy Organisation Development Committee (PAODC) Meeting in Vienna, Austria in May 2011
- Participation in 22nd XBRL International Conference, Brussels, Belgium.
- IPSAS Conference on Improving Public Sector Financial Management, Committee, Board & Annual General Meetings of CAPA, Seoul, South Korea in May 2011.
- 5th IFRS Regional Policy Forum, Bali, Indonesia in May 2011
- International Accounting Education Standards Board Meeting, Toronto, Canada in May 2011
- IFAC Board meeting and Edinburgh group meeting at San Francisco in May 2011
- Meetings with ICAEW, CCAB, Indo-UK Task Force and with Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ireland – Scotland in June 2011
- International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB) Meeting, Naples in June 2011.
- International Congress organised by International Institute of Administrative Science (IIAS), Lausanne, Switzerland in July 2011
- IFRS Foundation Conference, Zurich, Switzerland in July 2011
- Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group Conference held at Malaysia in July 2011
- The International Innovation Network Conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands July 2011.
- 2nd Asian Motor Insurance and Claim Management Conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka in July 2011.
- ICA Pakistan International Conference and SAFA Assembly in Karachi, Pakistan in July 2011.
- Edinburg Group and IFAC Board Meetings in Brisbane in September 2011.
- CAPA Extraordinary Meeting, 18th CAPA Conference and CAPA Board and Committee Meetings in Brisbane in September 2011
- FAC Council and Board Meeting, Berlin in November 2011
- ICAB International Conference, SAFA Committee Meetings and SAFA Best Presented Awards in Dhaka in November 2011.
- SAFA Board meeting at Kathmandu in September 2011.
- ISAR UNCTAD Meeting at Geneva in October 2011
- 23rd Annual International Seminar of Abu Dhabi Chapter of the ICAI, Abu Dhabi in October 2011
- International Education Standards Board of Accountants (IESBA) Meeting at New York in October 2011
- 23rd XBRL Conference at Montreal in October 2011
- Meeting of SAFA Committee for improvement in Transparency, Accountability and Governance & BPA Conference marking session, Colombo in November 2011

Initiatives for Profession: Working for Building Blocks

MoUs/MRAs/Recognitions/Other Arrangements

- Arrangement with Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, for ICAI members regarding their eligibility to pursue MPhil/PhD programme in commerce and management in its Department of Commerce
- Approval of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University regarding ICAI members' eligibility for pursuance of PhD programme in their College of Management, Jammu & Kashmir (CA degree would be treated equivalent as an MBA)
- Approval of Christ University, Bangalore, regarding ICAI members' eligibility to pursue MPhil/PhD programme in commerce and management including interdisciplinary areas subject to their M.Phil/PhD regulations

Important Decisions/Initiatives/Developments Professional Matters/Opportunities

- Minimum recommended scale of fees for professional assignments of the ICAI members prescribed separately for metro and non-metro cities
- Health insurance scheme launched through New India Assurance Co. Ltd., Mumbai, for ICAI members and students in January 2012 during International Conference in Chennai
- Formulating model tender document and model norms for evaluating technical and financial bids by various regulators and government departments/agencies *vis-à-vis* invitation of quotation by them for professional work
- Suggestions for simplification of procedures under the Companies Act, 1956 prepared
- Clarifications regarding *specified number of tax audit assignments* issued
- Inviting applications from members for assignment of forensic examination and analysis of seized electronic data by Income Tax Department
- Study groups formed across India for drafting of Forms and Rules for proposed Direct Taxes Code Bill, 2010 to give a way forward to CBDT
- Report on *Emerging Regulatory Regime* after studying all regulatory reports which have raised challenges in front of profession and come out with ten major recommendations to incorporate in the ICAI work plan
- Draft *Vision – 2030* released for public comments with Strategic Direction Plan for next three years with assistance of Accenture India Ltd.
- Announcement regarding manner of reporting by auditors on prudential regulatory treatment prescribed by RBI in respect of pension and gratuity liability of public-sector banks and application of *AS 15, Employee Benefits*
- RBI vide its circular relating to *submission of system audit reports* allowed DISA-qualified CAs to conduct system audit of authorised payment system operators and entities
- Panel of Maharashtra-based CA firms taken by Office of Commissioner for Cooperation and Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Pune, for conducting audit of urban cooperative banks and cooperative societies other than UCBs for Maharashtra

- Clause pertaining to negotiation of audit fee to be deleted from policy circular regarding fixation of fees of auditors of state and district central cooperative banks onwards by NABARD from 2012, to ensure more transparency and equitable distribution of work among auditors of state and district central cooperative banks
- State Bank of Patiala increased auditor fees for income audit suitably depending upon category of branch and volume of business at branch
- SBI not implementing its proposal of appointment of single tax auditor for whole bank and agreed to revert to system as in vogue last year
- RBI has formed a Working Group for *Revision in the Norms for Empanelment of Statutory Auditors and Other Issues Related to Appointment of Auditors in Public Sector Banks*
- Provided Regional Councils and Branches entering into their Silver/Golden/Diamond Jubilee Year with a special logo and a reimbursement of a limited expense
- ICAI Connect (a drive to club all chartered accountants who have not opted or renewed their membership) launched by then MCA Secretary Shri D. K Mittal during 63rd CA Day celebrations in July 2011
- *General Amnesty Scheme* launched for members whose names stood removed on account of non-payment of membership fee facilitating the restoration of membership
- Providing subsidised subscription of Taxmann website for ₹3,500/- against the market price of ₹7,500/-
- Insurance companies requested to give additional weightage to DIRM qualification in recruitment of ICAI members in finance and investments
- Special Meeting of ICAI Council for strategy formulation held at Manesar in August 2011 (223 action points identified for developing *ICAI Vision – 2030*)
- 383 members empanelled on ICAI Panel of Arbitrators (widely-known and promoted amongst national and state chambers of commerce, apex judicial and quasi-judicial bodies and regulators)

Continuing Professional Education

- CPE to be offered at members' doorsteps: ICAI Web TV launched by H.E Governor of Madhya Pradesh and ICAI past-President CA. Rameshwar Thakur in New Delhi during 63rd CA Day celebrations in July 2011
- Emerging areas like GST, IFRS, DTC and New Companies Bill included in CPE calendar for organising CPE programmes in addition to 400 topics on all areas of professional interest with special focus on subjects like XBRL, anti-money laundering, leadership, etc.
- Special grant of ₹50,000/- to be given for each programme (two programmes per Region during a calendar year) to the hosting Branch for conducting programmes on XBRL, forensic audit, ethical standards, and workshops on GST, IFRS, DTC and New Companies Bill
- Existing advisories on *Programme Development, Use of Learning Technologies, Supervisors and Monitors,*

CPE Documentation, Management of Programme Costs, Development of Background Material, and CPE Support to members in Mofussil areas and Remote Places revised

- ITT Centres made available for imparting training to members

Examinations

- Increase in honorarium/remuneration of experts associated with Examination System, of faculty for classes for Information Systems Audit, and of technical reviewers appointed to review technical contents of annual reports, etc., of entities participating in *ICAI Awards for Excellence in Financial Reporting*
- Record 1,550 resource persons, majority being experienced CAs, empanelled as examiners
- Two batches of pre-evaluation counselling programmes conducted for more than 200 examiners involved in evaluation
- Five batches of Workshops for Examiners regarding evaluation methodology conducted for more than 2,000 experts

Certificate Courses

- Certificate Course on Indirect Taxes and Internal Audit launched and concluded successfully in Bangalore and Hyderabad respectively
- Two more Certificate Courses on 'Mergers and Acquisitions' and 'Accounting and Regulatory Aspects of NPO Sectors' have been approved and will be launched soon.
- 29 Batches of IFRS Certificate Course conducted across the country and more than 1200 members trained
- 23 batches of the Certificate Course on Valuation completed in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune and Bangalore (registration of 1,400 members)
- Six batches of Certificate Course on International Taxation conducted in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Goa, and three more batches currently running in Ernakulam, Pune and NCR
- Three batches of Certificate Course on Arbitration organised in New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Mumbai since February 2011
- Third batch of certificate course Master in Business Finance started in Delhi and Mumbai in January 2012 and will start in Chennai and Kolkata in February 2012
- Fourth and fifth batches of Certificate Course on Forex and Treasury Management commenced in Mumbai and Delhi in September 2011 (relevant reference material also developed)
- Fourth batch of the Residential Certificate Course on Enterprise Risk Management conducted in Hyderabad

Post-Qualification Courses

- First batch of 30-day Personal Contact Programme (PCPs) for 2011 organised in New Delhi in July 2011 to August 2011 for members registered for International Trade Laws & WTO course
- Suggested Answers to DIRM Technical Examination

held in November 2010 and May 2011 prepared and hosted at ICAI website and three batches of orientation programme conducted for the DIRM Technical Examination passed members of ICAI

- First phase of e-learning course on Standards on Audit launched in November 2011 covering 10 standards

Chartered Accountants Benevolent Fund

Contribution of ₹1,76,09,430/- received since February 2011, out of which ₹21,56,930/- received as voluntary contribution (approximately ₹1,51,21,000/- granted as assistance to families of demised ICAI members in this Council year)

Infrastructure Initiatives

Formation of New ICAI Branches: Branches of SIRC set up at Sivakasi in Tamil Nadu and Kannur in Kerala

Inauguration of Buildings : Branch buildings of Ernakulam, Kakinada, Nellore, Bellary, Madurai and Coimbatore Branches of SIRC and Ahmednagar Branch of WIRC, Auditorium of Bhilai Branch of CIRC, and Extension Counter and Branch Office of Faridabad Branch of NIRC

Bhoomi Poojan & Foundation Stone Laying: Branch premises of Tirnelveli, Alleppey, Mangalore, Erode, Tirupur and Trichur Branches of SIRC, Amritsar Branch of NIRC, and Ajmer, Gwalior and Varansai Branches of CIRC, and Auditorium of Bhilwara Branch of CIRC

Formation of Branches of Students Association: WICASA Branches of Bhavanagar, Vapi and Akola, SICASA Branches of Bellary, Erode, Kakinada, Kumabakonam, Pondicherry, Rajamahendravaram, Tirunelveli, Tirupati, Tirupur, Tuticorin and Vellore, CICASA Branches of Ajmer, Saharanpur, Kota, Lucknow, Varansai, Bhilwara, Alwar, Jameshedpur, Ghaziabad, Jabalpur, Allahabad, Dhanbad and Patna, and EICASA Branches of Bhubneswar and Sambalpur

Diamond/Golden/Silver Jubilee Year Completion: Diamond Jubilee for all Regional Councils WIRC, SIRC, EIRC, CIRC and NIRC, Golden Jubilee (50 years) for Ahmedabad and Pune Branches of WIRC, and Coimbatore, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Madurai Branches of SIRC, and Silver Jubilee (25 years) for Jalgaon, and Sangli Branches of WIRC, Palghat, Quilon and Vellore Branches of SIRC, Bhilwara, Gwalior and Ranchi Branches of CIRC, and J&K and Yamunanagar Branches of NIRC

Special (Limited) Grants: Sanctioned to all above-mentioned Regional Councils and Branches on reimbursable basis for Diamond/Golden/Silver Jubilee Year celebration

Strengthening Review Mechanism & Quality Control

(Introduced in India by ICAI in 2002 towards maintenance as well as enhancement of quality of attestation services and to guide our members to improve their performance and quality under various statutory and other regulatory requirements)

- Review of 27 completed by FRRB, that of 119 enterprises completed by FRRGs and of 183 enterprises completed by technical reviewers (out of general-purpose financial statements for 2009-2010 of 108 enterprises undertaken on *suo motu* basis and of 10 IPL Franchisees as special cases, in addition to that for

2008-2009 of 77 enterprises selected last year and to be completed this year)

- Sub-Committee of Peer Review Board constituted to expedite consideration of peer review reports; 428 cases issued Peer Review certificates since February 2011 (list of 5340 practice units issued Peer Review certificates so far uploaded on ICAI website)
- Cost to be paid by practice unit to peer reviewer for conducting peer review revised
- Peer Review Board's work recognised by C&AG of India that seeks additional details from CA firms about their peer review status in application form for allotment of audit for PSUs, and annually from ICAI about firms issued peer review certificates
- Quality assurance programmes for Technical Reviewers of FRRB conducted in Kolkata

Industry/Corporate Initiatives/Programmes

- *ICAI- Industry HR Meet* held in April 2011 in New Delhi
- Jury meet for ICAI Awards held in Mumbai and chaired by Shri N. R. Narayana Murthy, Chairman Emeritus, Infosys Ltd., in November 2011
- *Corporate Forum 2011* (two-day event) organised in Bangalore in December 2011 that included events viz., Career Ascent- Mid Career Campus, Corporate Conclave (on international taxation), Financial Services Expo and ICAI Awards 2011, which was graced by Hon'ble MCA Minister Dr. M. Veerappa Moily and Hon'ble Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Shri. K. Rahman Khan
- Special CFO Meet organised in Bangalore during 2nd Indo-Japan IFRS Dialogue organised in August 2011
- National CFOs meet organised in Goa in August 2011
- First, second, third and fourth Outreach Programmes organised for members-in-industry in Bangalore (March 2011), New Delhi (May 2011), Noida (June 2011) and Mangalore (July 2011) respectively
- Interactive meeting on *Effective Governance in Banks -Role of Independent Directors* in Mumbai (of independent directors on Board of various banks and financial institutions) in October 2011

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences/ Other Programmes

- About 80 CPE programmes organised specifically for Capacity Building of CA firms and SMPs across the nation - 14 mega programmes and 25 CPE teleconferencing programmes already organised and five teleconferencing programmes to be held in January-February 2012
- *Auto Connect* (National Conference on Auto Industry) organised in Pune in December 2011
- Awareness programme on LLP held in Chandigarh and Bhubaneswar in May 2011
- ICAI National Convention for NRI's held in Baroda in July 2011
- ICAI Convention on Internal Audit organised in Baroda in August 2011
- Inter-State Conference on *Transition from Accounting Towards Value Creation* held in Noida in December 2011
- National Conference on Emerging Trend in Accounting Profession in June 2011 in Ranchi
- National Conference for IT Industry held in Bangalore in June 2011

- National Conference held in Gwalior on Empowering the Profession
- National Conference on Taxation held in Surat and Kolkata in July and August 2011 respectively
- National Conference on Corporate Laws held in Kolkata, Baroda and Madurai in September, October and November 2011 respectively
- National Conference on Direct Tax organised in New Delhi in December 2011
- National Conference on *Emerging Paradigm for Accounting Professionals: Special Thrust on Public Finance & Government Accounting* held at Sahibabad (UP) in December 2011
- National Conference on Internal Audit organised in Mumbai in December 2011
- National Convention on Engagement Standards organised in Baroda in December 2011
- National Convention on Indirect Taxes organised in Baroda in November 2011
- National Residential Conference organised in Goa in August 2011
- National Residential CPE Seminar held at Munnar (Kerala) in April-May 2011
- National Seminar on Auditing & Accounting Standards in December 2011 in Lucknow (attended by more than 250 delegates)
- Program on International Taxation held in Jodhpur in December 2011
- Three-day Residential Refresher Course organised in Srinagar (J&K) in June 2011
- Residential Refresher Course organised at Chail (Himachal Pradesh) in November 2011
- Residential Refresher Course on Code of Ethics, CENVAT, Service Tax conducted in Ramnagar
- Seminar on Internal Audit organised in Delhi in association with SCOPE in February 2011
- Seminar on Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) held in Mumbai in March 2011
- Seminar on NPOs organised in Delhi in June 2011
- Seminar on Life Insurance Business organised in Mumbai in July 2011
- Seminar on Survey, Search and Seizure organised in Delhi in August 2011
- Seminar on Emerging Opportunities for CA Professionals in December 2011 in Agra (attended by more than 300 participants)
- Seminar on Emerging Trends in Internal Audit organised in Vasai in December 2011
- Two-day Seminar on International Taxation organised at Tuticorin in June 2011
- Workshop on Direct Taxes held in Hyderabad and Kolkata in June 2011
- Two-day National Workshop on Internal Audit & Concurrent Audit organised at Ernakulam in June 2011
- Workshop on Auditing Standards organised in Visakhapatnam in June 2011
- Workshop on Audit organised in Allahabad in June 2011
- Workshop on Green Audit organised in Delhi in July 2011
- CPE workshop on Appeal to CESTAT organised in Chennai in July 2011
- Workshop on Internal Audit organised in Jalandhar in July 2011
- Technical Workshop on Arbitration organised in Delhi in August 2011
- Workshop on Taxation organised in Bhopal in August 2011
- Workshop on Changing Paradigm of Internal Audit in NPO and Co-operative Sector organised in Delhi in August 2011
- Workshop on Issues related with Charitable Trusts held in Mumbai in August 2011
- Interactive Meet & Workshop on Arbitration held in Mumbai in September 2011
- Two-day Workshop on Auditing Standards organised in Ernakulam in September 2011
- Three-day workshop on Internal Audit organised at Darjeeling in November 2011
- Workshop on Internal Audit organised in Visakhapatnam in November 2011
- Three-day Residential Workshop on Internal Audit of Treasury Function organised in Hyderabad in November 2011
- Two-day Workshop on Audit organised in Indore in November 2011
- Interactive Workshop on Arbitration held in Ahmedabad in December 2011
- Workshop on Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) organised in Mumbai in December 2011
- Two-day Workshop on Best Practices in Financial Reporting organised in Kolkata in December 2011

IT Initiatives: Taking Steps with the changing time

Major Decisions/Developments

Workshops/Training Programmes

- About 45 workshops on ethics organised across the country
- Budget Viewing Workshop organised in February 2011 - highlights of indirect tax proposals also hosted on ICAI website
- Workshop on Indirect Tax Proposals of the Budget 2011 organised at ICAI headquarters in March 2011 with an address by CBEC Chairman Shri S. Dutt Majumder
- National Workshop on Direct Taxes held in Indore in April 2011
- New website (www.icaai.org.in) developed to facilitate CA firms and practitioners to create their portals (2,830 firms already created websites)
- CPE to be offered at members' doorsteps: ICAI Web TV launched by H.E Governor of Madhya Pradesh and ICAI past-President CA. Rameshwar Thakur in New Delhi during 63rd CA Day celebrations in July 2011
- ICAI has been supporting various e-initiatives of the Central Government. More than 800 Chartered Accountants have been registered as Certified Facilitation Centres under ACES project of CBEC. The CFCs can upload returns and other documents for central excise and service tax assesses.
- MIS on CPE Portal introduced using IT tools to increase awareness about activities and events in ICAI to facilitate members in viewing a city-wise list of forthcoming CPE programmes with contact details for registration
- Live web cast on Union Budget, 2011

- Tax compliance software *ICAI-Tax Suite* provided to firms and practitioners
- MCA-21 compliance software *ICAI-ROC* provided to firms and practitioners for managing secretarial requirements and generating forms as per MCA-21 requirements
- Softwares, *Billing & Accounting* (for accounting and billing on cash basis), *Payroll* (for payroll management), and XBRL (for XBRL compliance) launched in Chennai during International Conference in January 2012
- A list of members holding COP excluding senior members (who complied with minimum CPE requirements for calendar years 2008, 2009 and 2010) hosted on ICAI website
- Knowledge Portal www.pdicai.org and CA Networking and consolidation portal www.canet.co.in continue to provide services to members regarding practice development and professional opportunities, and networking with people sharing similar ideas, goals and vision

XBRL Initiatives: Towards Training and Compliance

- Taxonomy for Commercial & Industrial (C&I) Companies (developed by XBRL India and acknowledged by XBRL International) adopted by MCA for reporting of annual financial statements from certain class of companies in its first phase of XBRL adoption
- Banking taxonomy, developed by XBRL India and acknowledged by XBRL International, as an extension to the core Indian XBRL C&I taxonomy
- XBRL India attained the status of established jurisdiction reserving a voting right at Member Assembly of XBRL International (ICAI President, also XBRL India Chairman, is voting representative of India on XBRL International)
- Four out of five nominations sent to XBRL International got elected: ICAI President CA. G. Ramaswamy elected as Member on XBRL International Board for two years, ICAI Vice-President CA. Jaydeep Narendra Shah, also XBRL India Vice-Chairman, elected as member on Nominations Committee, and XBRL India Board members CA. Abhijit Bandyopadhyay and CA. K. Raghu elected to Finance and HR Committee and Membership Development Committee respectively
- XBRL India entrusted with task of developing industry-specific taxonomies, viz. insurance sector, non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and power companies
- Taxonomy for LLPs being developed by XBRL India on MCA's request
- Existing C&I taxonomy as per requirements of revised Schedule VI to be revised by XBRL India (as MCA decided to implement revised Schedule VI to the Companies Act w.e.f. accounting period 1st April 2011 and onwards)
- XBRL India, facilitating training and education on XBRL through the ICAI Regional councils and Branches, identified domain experts and vendor companies capable of providing hands-on training on XBRL specific to MCA requirements
- Dedicated website of XBRL India www.xbrl.org/in created to provide all relevant information pertaining to XBRL
- XBRL India, working closely with MCA in making XBRL as a *standard* and a *common* reporting language, and proposing to liaison with other regulators, viz. RBI, for making a common reporting taxonomy for banking companies and NBFCs in order to avoid multiple fillings of same information to different regulators

- *Guidance Note on Certification of XBRL Financial Statements* published to provide guidance to members regarding certification of XBRL financial statements to comply with requirements imposed by MCA
- Software ICAI-XBRL launched in January 2012 during International Conference in Chennai to provide CA firms for MCA mandate XBRL Filing
- Second Asian XBRL workshop and National Conference on XBRL organised in Mumbai in February 2011 by XBRL India, SEBI and leading stock exchanges, viz. NSE and BSE, with participation from Japan, UAE, China, Singapore, etc., particularly by XBRL International CEO Mr. Tony Fragnito and Smt. Usha Narayanan
- Workshops on XBRL across the country to provide requisite training on XBRL
- 703 training programs, awareness programmes, and teleconferencing programmes on XBRL organised across the country with participation of 23,000 members
- Creating awareness regarding implementation of filing financial statements in XBRL form with ICAI registered certified filing centres
- National Seminar on *XBRL – Extensible Business Reporting Language* held in Bangalore, Hyderabad and New Delhi in May-June 2011

Project Parivartan - IT Governance Initiative

(a green initiative to bring about a paradigm shift in the functioning of the Institute while ensuring an optimum visibility and accessibility to information)

- A new website, www.icaai.org, single-point portal of the Institute, launched in January 2012 by Hon'ble MCA Minister Dr. M. Veerappa Moily involving migration/integration of existing standalone portals to enable an improved end-user/stakeholder interaction with the Institute
- World-class data center set up at a co-hosted location in Noida Phase-II and a disaster recovery center is being set up in a co-hosted location in Bangalore

Interaction with Ministries/Regulators/Government Offices on Professional Matters: Strengthening ties

Meetings with Ministries/Regulators/Government Offices

- Seven meetings of the Quality Review Board, constituted by the Government of India, held in New Delhi.
- Sh. R. N Dash, Director General of Income Tax (International Taxation)
- Interaction with MCA officials in March 2011 regarding verification of companies, integration of members' data with that of MCA and organisation of investor awareness programmes
- Interaction with MCA Secretary in June 2011 on issues relating to Code of Independent Directors
- Review meeting of MCA-21 at MCA in September 2011
- Meeting at MCA twice in September 2011 to discuss issue with respect to CFCs
- Meeting at MCA in October and November 2011 on peak filing of annual return
- Meeting at MCA for replacement of CARO 2003 with CARO 2011 in November 2011
- Meeting with Shri V. Narayanasamy; Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; and Prime Minister Office to apprise about the activity of the Institute.

- Meeting with Shri B. B. Nayak, Chief General Manager, Department of Co-operative Revival & Reforms, NABARD, to discuss issue of appointment of statutory auditors of district central cooperative banks and ICAI expertise in panel preparation on pre-determined criteria offered
- Meeting with Shri B B Nayak, Chief General Manager, Department of Co-operative Revival & Reforms, NABARD was held to discuss issue of appointment of statutory auditors of district central cooperative banks
- Meetings with Ms. Usha Sankar, Director General (Commercial), Office of C&AG of India, to discuss deferment of new policy of empanelment of CA firms and selection of auditors of PSUs, by one year; to consider giving the benefit of partners' association after three years instead of five years of merger; to reconsider the criteria of considering a partner as full time partner vis-a-vis compensation both as an absolute amount and as a percentage (of profit, remuneration and interest on capital) available to the partners, and regarding a need for financial audit by a chartered accountant of flagship schemes under "Bharat Nirman"
- Meetings with Shri A K Awasthi, Deputy C & AG wherein it was requested to atleast empanel those firms, which are being disqualified from the panel maintained by the O/o C&AG due to the application of minimum compensation criteria, so that they are eligible to get themselves empanelled or apply for such other panels which use the panel of C&AG as a yardstick like DRDA, NRHM, etc. and the issue of death of senior most partner of the firm.
- Interaction with Shri Sanjay Verma, CIT of CPC Bengaluru regarding problems pointed out associated with e-filing of returns
- Meeting of ICAI President with CBDT Chairman for discussing difficulties being faced by assesses
- Meeting with CBDT Chairman Shri. Prakash Chandra regarding misuse of membership details of our members in tax-audit reports
- Meetings with Income Tax Department (Systems) regarding malpractice of misusing membership details of ICAI members
- Meeting of ICAI President with CBDT Chairman Shri. M. C. Joshi to discuss issues arising from release of discussion paper on Tax Accounting Standards
- Two meetings with Standing Committee on TDS formed by Directorate of Income-tax for enhancing voluntary compliance of TDS/TCS provisions, strengthening partnership with tax practitioners, tax deductors/collectors and third party partners, etc., chaired by Ms. Anita Kapur, DGIT (Admin)
- Meeting with CBEC Officials (in response to clarifications sought out by Ministry regarding registration provisions under State VAT Laws) where key provisions relating to registration under State VAT Laws were provided to Ministry as measure of facilitation
- Meeting with CBEC Chairman to explain ICAI's viewpoint on *taxation of services* by individual CAs to individuals and representation services and request to take steps to ensure level playing field.
- Meeting with Shri Y. G. Parande, Member (Budget & Computerisation), CBEC, and Shri V. K. Garg, Joint Secretary-II, Ministry of Finance, to discuss representations relating to service tax
- Meeting held with Asian Development Bank in May 2011 to discuss approach with respect to bring synergy in efforts of various organisations currently independently involved in accounting reforms in local bodies
- Meeting with Shri H. S. Toki, Joint Director, Income-tax (Exemptions), to apprise him of ICAI initiative for co-operative and NPO sectors
- Interactive session with MCA Secretariat held to sensitise CAs about common irregularities/discrepancies with reference to implementation of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010
- Meeting with Shri G.V. V. Sarma, Joint Secretary (foreigners), Ministry of Home Affairs, regarding Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011.
- Meeting with Ministry of Finance and MCA on report of Takeover Regulations Advisory Committee and Bimal Jalan Committee Report
- Meeting with Shri Bhaskar Chatterjee, Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Heavy Industry & Public Enterprises, to discuss mutual issues like organisation of IFRS programme and workshops for PSU officials
- Meeting with Shri K. R. Kamath, Chairman & Managing Director, Punjab National Bank, to discuss matter of mutual interest
- Meeting with Shri P.D. Sudhakar, Chairman, Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission, and his other officials: Institute requested to take up assignment as study through its research arm, *Accounting Research Foundation*
- Meeting with Shri Shashi Kant Sharma, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance
- Meeting with Shri D. K. Mittal, Hon'ble Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance: Options available in respect of appointment of central statutory auditors of public-sector banks appraised
- Meeting with Ms. Vibha Puri Das, Secretary, Higher Education, Ministry of HRD, to discuss implementation of accounting Standards in all educational institutions
- Meeting with Dr. K.C. Chakrabarty, RBI Deputy Governor, to discuss issues of mutual professional interest
- Meeting with Shri G. Gopalakrishna, RBI Executive Director, Shri M Pulla Rao, GM, Department of Banking Supervision, Delhi, and Shri M R Das, DGM, Department of Banking Supervision, to discuss of independence of auditors *vis-à-vis* managerial autonomy given to banks to appoint their own auditors and provision of adequate time for branch auditors
- Meetings held with RBI and SEBI in Mumbai. An interactive session was also held with AASB of ICAI during the delegation's visit to India and discussed various issues regarding auditing in India, Audit of corporate governance practices, Making corporate governance audit more comprehensive, ICAI's awareness on the need for quality in work done by auditors and the like.
- Meeting with Ms. Shyamala Gopinath, Deputy Governor, RBI and Shri Anand Sinha, Executive Director, RBI on the matter of mutual interest in March, 2011.
- Meeting with Justice S.N. Dhingra, Chairman, Appellate Tribunal, Delhi in April, 2011
- Meeting with Shri P.K. Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Steel in April, 2011

- Meeting with Mr. Sumit Bose, Secretary, Ministry of Finance (Dept. of Disinvestment) and with Ms. Rita Menon, Secretary, Ministry of Textile in April 2011
- Meeting with Dr. S.Y. Quraishi, Chief Election Commissioner of India in May 2011
- Meeting with Shri Ajit Seth, Cabinet Secretary in August 2011

Representations/Requests submitted to Ministries/Regulators/Government Offices

- Representation submitted to Insurance Institute of India to consider exempting a few more papers of its various professional courses
- Proposal submitted to RBI for extending services of ICAI towards its project financial literacy for spreading awareness on finance and central banking in society
- Representation to Shri Suraj Bhan, Chief General Manager, Institutional Development Department, NABARD, regarding revision in the fees of auditors of Regional Rural Banks and organisation of workshops for statutory Auditors of RRBs for 2010-2011
- Representation submitted to Dr. Prakash Bakshi, Chairman, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development regarding necessity of Internal Audit and role which can be played by CAs
- CBDT Chairman requested to extend last date of filling IT-returns considering prevailing situation in Hyderabad, Telangana districts of Andhra Pradesh, north-eastern states and other mufasil areas: Due date was extended as a result
- Request to CBDT to frame guidelines for empanelment of an accountant, if any, adopted to conduct special audit under Section 142(2A).
- CBDT requested to allow uploading of tax-audit report along with IT-returns digitally signed by CAs considering complaints received from members regarding misuse of membership numbers of auditors by others in tax audit reports, with a suggestion that a user id and a password for members to enable them to check all tax-audits reports uploaded in their names
- Representation to consider practical difficulties being faced by assesses due to generation of erroneous arrear demands by CPC
- CBDT requested to extend time limit considering the practical problems being faced in submission of ITR-V to Bengaluru, in respect of AY 2010-11 and AY 2011-12 till 31-01-2012 or 120 days from the date of upload whichever is later
- Representation submitted to CBEC on disparity in respect of taxation of services rendered by CAs *vis-à-vis* legal professionals: Services rendered by individual lawyers to individuals are out of tax-net and the same is not applicable to CAs)
- Representation submitted to CBEC highlighting issues in online filing of service tax returns (Form ST-3) and application form for registration under service tax (Form ST-1)
- Representation submitted to CBEC to allow assessee to update/modify information/data provided at the time of original application/updation of data originally provided (during the period an application for registration of service tax is being processed)
- Letter to Shri Piyush Goyal, Member of Parliament, with representations containing ICAI reservations and suggestions made to different authorities on the matter relating to managerial autonomy to the board of public sector banks
- Representation to Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of India, requesting to avail services of chartered accountants for conducting audit of various flagship schemes run by either central government and various state governments
- Representation to Dr. Isher Judge Ahluwalia, Chairperson & Board of Directors, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, requesting to avail services of chartered accountants to make accrual based Accounting and improvement in financial reporting mandatory requirement under central legislation to receive performance based grants under JNNURM
- Representation to Shri H.S. Upendra Kamath, Chairman & Managing Director, Vijaya Bank, to allow proprietary concerns also to apply for empanelment of concurrent auditors
- Representation to Shri U.K. Sinha, SEBI Chairman, for independent internal audit by CAs/CA firms thereof where internal audit mechanism already exists, to prescribe supervision of same by them
- Representation to Housing and Urban Development Corp. Ltd. regarding their invitation for quotation for appointment of CA firm for Certification of Accounts of HUDCO R.O. Raipur for the year 2011-2012 for which specific invitations were also sent apart from e-tendering
- Representation to Shri M.L. Roy, Member Dy. Secretary, Tripura State Council for Science and Technology, to withdraw invitation for Expression of Interest for auditing the accounts of the said council including compilation of accounts thereof as same is not permitted under Code of Ethics
- Representation to Deputy Commissioner, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, to declare terms & conditions for engaging CAs for audit of Pong Dam Development Agency accounts in Kangra before hand to enable CAs to estimate man days and manpower required for the purpose and submit tender/bid accordingly
- Representation to Shri M.D. Mallya, Chairman & Managing Director, Bank of Baroda with a request to remove requirement of declaration from its concurrent auditors that concurrent auditor of a branch should not be auditor of any of clients of concerned Branch
- Representation to Shri Tejendra Khanna, Honourable Lt. Governor, NCT of Delhi, and President, NSIT Society Agency, to bring their kind attention to a clause in tender document as to Earnest Money Deposit in notice inviting appointment of CA firms for Internal Audit for year 2008-2009 and 2009-2010
- Representation to Shri Shiva Kumar, Managing Director, State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur to bring their kind attention to a clause in the tender document as to a non-refundable fee in notice inviting for empanelment of CA firms for conducting Concurrent Audit, Stock Audit & Information System Audit

- Representation to Coal India Ltd. drawing their attention to the notice inviting applications for appointment of audit firms for internal audit for the year 2011-2012 issued by Coal India Ltd. in March, 2011 wherein though both chartered accountants and cost accountants are eligible to apply for the same, they have made reference to the C&AG norms for major audits while calculating number of full time partners in the marking pattern finalised for the purpose; CA firms being put in disadvantage position as compared to other professions
- Representation to Dr. Pramod Deo, Chairperson and Chief Executive, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, regarding necessity of internal audit and role which can be played by CAs in the process
- Representation to Dr. J. S. Sarma, Chairperson, TRAI of India, regarding necessity of Internal Audit and role which can be played by Chartered Accountants in the process.
- Representation to Shri J. Hari Narayan, Chairman, IRDA, regarding necessity of internal audit and role which can be played by CAs
- Representation to Shri Vinod Rai, C&AG of India requesting that the existing auditors who have not completed their cycle should not be subjected to the revised norms for empanelment of the statutory auditors of public sector undertakings
- Representation to Ms. Usha Sankar, Director General (Commercial), Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on the issue of Seniority of a firm in the event of death of senior most partner of the firm, common partners in multiple firms, and revised policy of empanelment of CA firms and selection of auditors of PSUs
- Representation to Shri A K Awasthi, Deputy C&AG (Commercial), Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on the issue of shifting of the cut-off date from 1st January to 1st April for the purpose of empanelment, and revised policy of Empanelment of CA Firms and Selection of Auditors of PSUs
- Representation to Shri D. Subbarao, Governor, RBI for independent internal audit by Chartered Accountants/ firms thereof where the internal audit mechanism already exists, to prescribe supervision of the same by them.
- Representation to Dr. K. C. Chakrabarty, Deputy Governor, RBI on the matter of increase in audit remuneration for statutory audits of banks, revision in the norms for empanelment of statutory auditors of public sector banks, and guidelines on managing risks and code of conduct in outsourcing of financial services by banks in August 2011
- Representation to Dr. Sathyan David, Chief General Manager, Reserve Bank of India on the matter of statutory audit of public sector and private/foreign banks simultaneously and shifting of the cut-off date from 1st January to 1st April for the purpose of empanelment
- Representation to Hon'ble Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Finance Minister of India, on managerial autonomy in the appointment of statutory auditors of public sector banks, and revision in the norms for empanelment of statutory auditors of public sector banks
- Representation to Shri Shashikant Sharma, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, on managerial autonomy in the appointment of statutory auditors of public sector banks
- Representation to Shri Rakesh Singh, Additional Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, relating to managerial autonomy granted to boards of public sector banks in the matter of appointment of statutory auditors.
- Representation to Shri Dileepbhai Sanghani, Hon'ble Minister of Co-operation, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Cow Breeding, Prison, Excise Law & Justice, Legislative & Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar on 'Role of CAs in Co-operative Sector of Gujarat'
- Representation to Shri D. K. Mittal, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs on the matter of independent internal audit by CAs/CA firms thereof where the internal audit mechanism already exists, to prescribe supervision of the same by them, regarding need for extensive branch audit in view of CBS, and managerial autonomy in the appointment of statutory auditors of Public Sector Banks
- Representation to Shri Vajubhai Vala, Hon'ble Finance Minister of Gujarat, Government of Gujarat, Ahmedabad requesting to avail services of CAs for conducting assignments
- Letters sent to SEBI/ MCA with regard to harmonisation of applicable laws (like Clause 41 etc.) due to Revised Schedule VI
- Request sent to CMDs of public-sectors banks for sanctioning an educational loan of ₹2 lakh to CA students as and when they approach any of the banks to enable them to complete their education/training under the *JOIN CA EDUCATIONAL LOAN* scheme.

Partner-in-Nation Building Initiatives: Executing Responsibilities

Suggestion/Response/Report Submitted to Ministries/ Regulators/Government Offices

- Observations on IRAC norms submitted to RBI
- Revised accounting norms for pension fund managers submitted to Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority after revision
- Preliminary views submitted, on request of MCA, on convergence of Companies Act, IFRS, GST and DTC
- Comments on draft Foreign Contribution (Regulations) Rules, 2011 submitted to Ministry of Home Affairs
- Comments on Backgrounder Paper No.S/C/W/301 on Presence of Natural Persons (Mode 4) submitted to MCA
- Report on Operation of Multinational Network Accounting Firms in India submitted to MCA in August 2011
- Core issues presented to CBDT Chairman in a pre-budget meeting in November 2011
- Backgrounder note submitted to MCA covering technical guidance note on liquidation and concept paper for provisioning CAs as private liquidators
- Suggestions submitted to MCA on circular issued by MCA on the proposal to prohibit filing of forms in case of non filing of annual returns
- Suggestions submitted to MCA on the Companies (Cost Accounting Records) Rules, 2011 and the Companies (Cost Audit Report) Rules, 2011

- Detailed suggestions submitted to MCA on the Horizontal Study on Corporate Governance in Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)
- Suggestions presented before the Parliamentary Committee on Public Undertakings on the Horizontal Study on Corporate Governance in PSUs
- Comments submitted to MCA on the Draft Code for Independent Directors
- Answers submitted to MCA to questions raised by MCA on Corporate Governance Index for Rajya Sabha
- Critical Issues submitted to MCA on Revised Schedule VI to the Companies Act, 1956
- Inputs submitted to National Foundation for Corporate Governance on regulatory overlaps or gaps, on LLPs and on procedures as laid down under Companies Act, 1956
- Post-Budget Memorandum, 2011 containing suggestions relating to Direct taxes submitted after analysis of tax provisions of Union Budget 2011
- Post-Budget Memorandum, 2011 containing suggestions relating to indirect taxes submitted to Ministry in March 2011: Many of our suggestions accepted, most significant was with respect to Point of Taxation Rules, 2011 where CAs were allowed to pay service tax on receipt basis based on strong representation
- Pre-Budget Memorandum, 2012 containing the suggestions relating to the Direct Taxes submitted after due consideration of suggestions received from ICAI members
- Pre-Budget Memorandum, 2012 containing the suggestions relating to the Indirect Taxes was submitted to the Ministry in December 2011
- Issues of wide importance submitted in September 2011 before Central Direct Taxes Advisory Committee (formed under chairmanship of Union Finance Minister)
- Inputs submitted on CBDT's Discussion paper on *Tax Accounting Standard (TAS)*
- Illustrative Master Guides in respect of circulars/notifications/instructions issued by the CBDT submitted to Directorate of Income tax (TDS) with a suggestion to issue master guides for the convenience of taxpayers, which shall incorporate all the circulars/notifications/instructions etc. be issued by the CBDT on a particular subject and the same may be updated half-yearly/yearly
- Draft Single "Direct Taxes Return" Form submitted for Direct Taxes Code
- Suggestions submitted to CBEC in September 2011 on Concept Paper relating to *Taxation of Services based on a Negative List of Services*: Many of our suggestions accepted and modifications got reflected in the revised Concept Paper issued by CBEC
- Suggestions submitted to CBEC in December 2011 on Draft Circular on Refund in Service Tax
- Suggestions submitted to CBEC in August 2011 on Draft Circular on Service Tax Refund to Exporters through Indian Customs EDI systems (ICES)
- Suggestions submitted to CBEC in November 2011 in response to their proposal to introduce a mechanism of tax deduction at source for service tax collections
- Suggestions submitted to the Government in December 2011 on the Constitution 115th Amendment Bill, 2011 (Goods and Service Tax)
- Comments on record notes of 24th meeting of GASAB with respect to discussion paper on Indian Government Financial Reporting Standard, *Presentation of Financial Statements* sent to GASAB secretariat
- Suggested Revised Format of Long Form Audit Report (LFAR) to RBI
- ICAI views on requirements in respect of Chartered Accountant's Certificate prescribed by the Public Notice No. 39/2011, to the Commissioner of Customs (Sea Port – Exports), Chennai
- Views on issue relating to arrears in accounts of PSUs submitted to Office C&AG of India
- Views on proposed Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2011 to MCA
- Views on proposed Companies (Auditor's Report to the Central Government) Order, 2011 to MCA
- Views on proposed formats of Form 23 AC-XBRL and Form 23 ACA-XBRL (prescribed by MCA for filing return by Companies in respect of certification of XBRL Financial Statements), submitted to MCA
- Report submitted to Shri Kapil Sibal, Hon'ble Minister of HRD, on Implementation of Accounting Standards in Educational Institutions of Department of Higher Education, HRD Ministry: On ICAI recommendations, Ministry would be organising consultations with higher educational institutions and schools, and accounting standards to be made applicable to all central educational institutions, universities under the regulatory ambit of UGC or receiving grants from UGC, technical institutions under regulatory ambit of AICTE, teacher education institutions under the regulatory ambit of NCTE and schools affiliated to CBSE; capacity building programme to train the staff of educational institutions to be organised by HRD Ministry in coordination with ICAI.
- Recommendations of special group on accounting and auditing aspects of Members of Parliament and Local Area Development (MPLAD) scheme finalised and submitted on basis of views expressed at meeting of Rajya Sabha Standing Committee in April 2011).
- Report on concurrent audit of banks submitted to Indian Banks' Association and RBI: RBI formed a working group to look into all aspects of concurrent audit; report of RBI Working Group to review the effectiveness of the existing system of concurrent audit in commercial banks finalised
- Comments on the following Exposure Draft/ Document issued by International Accounting Standards Board have been submitted:
 - Exposure Draft on *Assets and Liability Offsetting*
 - Exposure Draft of Improvements to IFRS.
 - Proposals to adjust the Mandatory Effective Date of IFRS 9, *Financial Instruments*
 - Exposure Draft on Supplement Document on *Financial Instruments: Impairment*.
 - Agenda Consultation Document
 - Exposure Draft on *Government Loans* Proposed amendments to IFRS 1
 - Exposure Draft on *Investment Entities*

Training Programmes/Workshops for Ministries/Regulators/Government Offices

- Three-day training programme on IFRS/Ind AS conducted for officials of Central Warehousing Corporation in September 2011
- Supported Income Tax Department as Knowledge Partner in organising three-day training on international taxation for their senior officers in September 2011
- Seven In-house Executive Development Programmes on various topics organised for officials of IOCL, ONGC, HPCL and Power Grid Corporation
- Two-day training programme on Cash to Accrual Basis of Accounting for officials of Finance and Accounts Department and orientation programme for graduates from different parts of Lakshadweep organised in April 2011
- Two training programmes for officials of Finance Department of Tamil Nadu organised in April and December 2011
- Series of seven training programmes organised on *An insight on the concepts applicable to Autonomous Bodies* in association with C&AG in Mumbai, Noida, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Lucknow and Trivandrum for officials of autonomous bodies of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Chhattisgarh, Delhi & NCR, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Puducherry, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Bihar and Kerala states.
- Awareness programmes on *Rising to the Challenges in Public Finance & Government Accounting* organised in Dehradun, Ghaziabad, Noida, Jodhpur, Meerut and Ludhiana.
- ICAI's Guidance on tax queries held at special camp hosted by the Income-tax Department in New Delhi
- Workshop *Municipal Accounting Reforms – The way forward* organised by Asian Development Bank in August 2011 where queries regarding municipal accounting reforms were addressed
- Awareness programme on DTC, 2010 and GST organised in Delhi in September 2011, jointly-organised with SCOPE, for finance executives of public sector enterprises
- Faculty provided for a programme on Direct Taxes Code organised by C&AG of India in Delhi in May 2011
- Three-day Awareness Seminar on *Reforms in Accounting of Urban Local Bodies – The way forward* organised in collaboration with YASHADA in Pune in November 2011 for officials of municipalities from states of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka and Goa

CSR Contributions

- 120 *Investor Awareness Programmes* conducted in metro cities and district headquarters under aegis of Investor Education Protection Fund of MCA (263 investor awareness programmes through resource persons conducted in smaller towns)
- Two informative booklets, *First steps to Investing -A Beginner's Guide and Primer for First time and Existing Investors*, developed by MCA for investor awareness programmes, translated in Punjabi, Gujarati, Telugu and Assamese languages and the same along with English version published

- Concept paper developed to promote investors' confidence in audited financial statements and to educate stakeholders about practices in accounting profession.
- A record 222 entries participated in the sixteen categories for the annual competition for *ICAI Awards for Excellence in Financial Reporting*: Jury meeting chaired by Shri. A.K. Awasthi, Deputy C&AG cum Chairman, Audit Board
- 26 awards (eight Gold Shields, seven Silver Shields and eleven Plaques given at ceremony held during International Conference in January 2012
- Inauguration of renovated Hardyal Singh Library, Mayur Vihar, Delhi

Initiatives for Students: Strengthening the Fundamentals

Important Decisions/Initiatives

- Articled assistants permitted in MCA office and its affiliate offices as part of training: ICAI Council decided to extend provision of industrial training under Regulation 51 (1) and 72(1) of Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1988 by recognising offices of national regulators and government organisations for imparting industrial training to articled assistants
- Graduates/postgraduates with specified percentage of marks to be permitted to join IPCC without passing CPT and commenced articled training immediately after registration for IPCC, and necessary notification to be published soon
- Redressing difficulties faced in registering for IPCC due to short time available between the declaration of result of Common Proficiency Test and the specified date for registering for IPCC *vis-à-vis* period of study for the purpose of appearing in the IPCC Examination
- 15-minute reading time introduced before scheduled commencement of examination to facilitate planning time at CA examinations, with effect from May 2011 examinations
- Certified registration centres opened to facilitate service to students joining CA course at their doorstep
- Study conducted on success of coaching institutions whose students secured all-India ranks in CPT on more than once, and initiatives taken on the basis of its findings to strengthen ICAI training initiatives
- Criteria for grant of accreditation and guidelines for conducting coaching classes by accredited institutions to be reviewed to ensure better infrastructure, teaching, etc.
- Number and amount of students' scholarships enhanced
- Study material for CPT/IPCC/Final courses reviewed
- Grants for students' activities to Regional Councils/Branches enhanced
- Duration of three-month residential programmes on Professional Skills Development shortened to 45 days without losing on subjects/topics
- Amount of endowment enhanced to ₹1,25,000/- to ensure an award of Gold Medal to first-rank holders in B.Com (Hons.) by Calcutta, Sambhalpur, Jammu and Madras Universities
- Certain topics from CA Final (N) course syllabus excluded

- Mock tests held by Regional Councils/Branches to encourage evaluation of preparation
- All Branches encouraged to hold at least one programme every month as part of one-day seminar activity to involve students in activities; Branches granted funds to hold youth festivals as well sports events
- Copies of answer books provided/inspection of answer books allowed under provisions of RTI Act
- Online Examination Application Portal launched for efficiency and accuracy
- Admit cards with specimen photograph and signature of concerned students introduced with effect from November 2011 examinations
- Verification outcome of May 2011 examinations completed well before commencement of November 2011 examinations to provide adequate time to students for preparation
- Permanent identity card for physically-challenged students of CA examinations being introduced with effect from May 2012 examinations
- Statement of marks to be sent by Speed Post to avoid/reduce loss in transit
- New examination centres introduced at Kishangarh (Rajasthan) and in Muscat
- Issuance of physical admit cards decided to be discontinued for CA examinations with effect from May 2012 as Green Initiative

MoUs/ MRAs/Recognitions/Other Arrangements

- MoU inked with University of Madras in December 2011 providing opportunity to CA students to undertake undergraduate/postgraduate programmes in commerce and management

Convocations

- Convocation for period covering September 2010 to March 2011 successfully held in Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Kolkata, Kanpur, Jaipur, Chandigarh and New Delhi during July-December 2011 (attended by about 3250 members); and
- Convocation for period covering April 2011 to August 2011 successfully held in Chennai and New Delhi in January 2012 (attended by about 1777 members)

Special Counselling Sessions

- Special counselling programmes for CPT as well as PCC/IPCC and Final students by Regional Councils/ Branches and reimbursement of expenses thereon
- Special counselling programmes organised for IPCC/PCC and Final students who could not pass CA examination repeatedly
- 71 career counselling programmes organised across the country

Development Programmes

- Faculty development programmes for the faculty of CPT and IPCC/Final courses
- Eight batches of six-/four-week Residential Programme held at Centre of Excellence in Hyderabad.
- 501 batches of GMCS course organised at Regional Councils and their Branches with participation of 22,975 students

- 552 batches of Orientation Programme organised at Regional Councils and their Branches with participation of 23,381 students

IT Initiatives

- New IT centres established in Dubai, as well as in Vapi and existing IT centres in Trivandrum, Bhilwara and Nashik strengthened
- 14,920 students trained in 151 fully-functional computer labs till December 2011
- Online Examination Application Portal launched for efficiency and accuracy

Placements Initiatives

- 5375 candidates registered and 1863 (34.66%) given job offers for placement programme held in February to March 2011
- Campus placement programme conducted to appoint Education/Executive Officers in ICAI
- Special campus placement programme for SMEs and small- and medium-sized CA firms held in Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, Nagpur, New Delhi and Pune
- Campus placement programme for August- September 2011 organised at 17 centres across the country (1100 newly-qualified CAs offered job out of 10169 registered and ₹13.93 lakh per annum as highest salary offered)
- Campus placement programme exclusively for SMEs and SMPs organised in October 2011 at 14 centres across the nation

Extra-curricular Programmes

- Branch level elocution and quiz contests organised by a record 92 Branches
- Regional level elocution and quiz contests organised by all Regional Councils
- Participated in *Education Boutique* organised by Times Education in Jaipur and New Delhi, in *Education Plus*, 2011 organised by The Hindu Group of Publications in Chennai, in *Education Forum*, 2011 in Mumbai, in *Education Expo 2011* in Kolkata, and in *Career Fair* in Delhi

Major Seminars/Conferences/Conventions

- 11 National Conventions of Students organised in Baroda, Indore, Ludhiana, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Chennai, Bhubaneswar, Faridabad, New Delhi and Ghaziabad and two more conventions scheduled in January in Pune and Bangalore
- All India CA Students Conference on *Empowering Excellence* held in Nagpur in July 2011 (attended by 900 students including 18 from SAFA countries, i.e. Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh)
- Seminar *Manthan – 2011* held in Siliguri in July 2011 (attended by 210 students) and annual Newsletter for CA students released on the occasion
- Sub-Regional Conference for CA students organised by Vasai and Sriganganagar Branch in July and December 2011 respectively
- State level conference for CA students held by Amravati and Guntur Branch in July and August 2011 respectively

- Regional Conference for CA students held by Amritsar and Jaipur Branch held in December 2011
- Joint seminars organised by ICAI with Barkatullah University, Sardar Patel University, Mizoram University and Burdwan University
- Global Commerce Education Summit organised in New Delhi in December 2011 to provide a forum on areas of academic and practical interest amongst academicians from commerce and accountancy education in India and CA professionals

Publications: Sharing Knowledge, Skills and Competence

Important Decisions/Initiatives

- Enhancement in the cap on honorarium to authors of research publications
- Permitting publication of directory by Regional Councils/Branches in specified format with specified content

For Members

- *Technical Guide on Expatriates Taxation* (July 2011)
- *Technical Guide on Royalty and Fees for Technical Services* (July 2011)
- *Aspects of International Taxation- A Study, 2e* (January 2012)
- *Statement on Continuing Professional Education* revised (effective from 1st January, 2011)
- *CPE Advisory on Unstructured Learning Activities revised and Advisory on Structured Learning Activities* introduced (applicable from 1st January, 2011)
- E-newsletter *CPE Bulletin* to be issued periodically
- Report on *Accounting on Food, Fertilisers and Oil Subsidy* (dealing with methodology, drawbacks and deficiencies for accounting of subsidies and recommendations)
- Volume XXIX and XXX of *Compendium of Opinions* (for February 2009 to January 2010 & February 2010 to January 2011 respectively) finalised
- *Guidance Note on the Revised Schedule VI to the Companies Act, 1956*
- *Handbook on Process of E-filing of Income Tax Returns*
- Material on *Ind AS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements* finalised for printing
- Material being finalised on *Ind AS 101, First-time adoption of Indian Accounting Standards and Ind AS 37, Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*
- *Quick Insight* for CA profession (circulated among CA firms)
- *Guidelines of Networking* revised
- *Directional Guide to Service Tax Audit*
- *Compilation of Registration Provisions under VAT Laws of Different States*
- *Technical Guides on Internal Audit of Retail Industry, Internal Audit of Life Insurance Business and Internal Audit of Mutual Funds*
- *Compendium of Technical Guides on Internal Audit*
- *Handbook on Professional Opportunities in Internal Audit*
- *Guide on Environmental Audit*
- *Statement on Peer Review* revised
- *Technical Guides on Accounting Issues in Retail Sector, Revenue Recognition for Telecommunication*

Operators, Audit in Hotel Industry and Audit in Automobile Industry

- Revision of Guidance Note on Accounting for Oil and Gas Producing Activities
- 'Study on manner of IFRS Implementation in EU and Current Status of IFRS Implementation in select countries' - This publication is a Study of the manner of adoption of IFRSs in select economies, specifically European Union, with a view to provide an insight of the processes that were adopted for the above purpose of IFRS implementation by the countries covered in the above Study. The study also provides the status till the year 2010, of IFRSs implementation by key EU member countries and other select countries like Australia, Canada, Brazil etc.
- *Guidance Note on Audit of Banks* (2011e)
- *Guidance Note on Certification of XBRL Financial Statements*
- *Guide to Audit of Complex Financial Instruments*
- *Handbook of Auditing Pronouncements* (2011e)
- *Implementation Guide to Standard on Auditing (SA) 530, 'Audit Sampling'*
- *Publication on Indian Accounting Standards*
- *Guidance Note on Independence of Auditors Revised*

For Students

- Reading materials like practice manuals, revisionary test papers, suggested answers, compilations, etc., including inputs for various courses revised and released
- Well-designed booklet *Chartered Accountancy – Global Career Endless Opportunities* and pamphlet highlighting the CA course brought out
- Book *How to Face CA Examinations?* for IPCC/PCC/Final students and a booklet *How to Face Common Proficiency Test* for CPT students brought out for distribution at special counselling sessions

Web-lications

- CDs of opinions hosted containing all 1,128 opinions published in all 28 volumes of *Compendium of Opinions* on ICAI website
- Finalised recent opinions hosted on ICAI website
- CDs containing all *Compendium of Opinions* released
- Useful software including ICAI-TAX SUITE, RoC for compliance of MCA 21, Payroll, Billing & Accounting and ICAI-XBRL being procured and circulated to members for free
- CD on PowerPoint presentations on *Management Consultancy Courseware* released

Disciplinary Activities: Instilling Ethics in Profession

- During the year, the Board of Discipline and Disciplinary Committee have considered prima facie opinion of the Director (Discipline) in 221 Cases.
- Hearing(s) in 135 cases have been concluded by the Disciplinary Committee under Section 21D and 21B and Board of Discipline under Section 21A.
- The Council has considered 76 reports of the Disciplinary Committee and has either recommended punishment or closed the matters. ■