

What the Leaders said about ICAI and Indian Accountancy Profession*

Ever since its inception in 1949, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, and the accountancy profession have all along the 64 years, won the acknowledgement, accolades and admiration of the leaders of Indian polity. In this feature, we present the relevant quotable quotes of some of the leaders as expressed by them in various programmes organised by the ICAI since July 2012.

Shri Manohar Parrikar, Chief Minister of Goa, 2012



Chartered Accountants can act as pillars of honesty and integrity, and the nation can rely on them. The Indian CA professionals can play a proactive and very effective role in responsible governance of financial management and discipline. I seek sincere help of Indian CAs in plugging the leakages in the state treasury and thereby help in further development of Goa. I would say that this (ICAI) is another institution which should maintain its quality, fight all the way for it. You should ensure that your credentials remain impeccable. If that happens, then I think this country can definitely rely on you as a pillar of honesty and integrity.”

(While addressing the 317th meeting of the ICAI Council held in Goa from 13th to 15th August 2012)

Shri Bharat Vir Wanchoo, Governor of Goa, 2012



“CAs are critical stakeholder in enabling process of sustained growth. I am aware of the history of your Institute and I am deeply impressed by the achievements made by the Institute during the six decades of its existence. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India is one such organisation whose contribution in providing valuable inputs to the Government in the process of formulation of its economic plans is very well recognised and appreciated. It is a matter of satisfaction that this Institute has, over the years, maintained excellent standards of professionalism and rendered splendid service to the nation... My tribute to all those who have nurtured and developed this prestigious institution to its current stature and level.”

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Shri Sachin Pilot, Minister of Corporate Affairs (Independent Charge) 2012



“Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Hon’ble Shri Sachin Pilot spoke very high of Indian accountancy profession and showed his keen desire to more actively include Indian Chartered Accountants in his benevolent scheme of things. He congratulated Indian accountants for fostering India’s relationship with the Gulf region through their good work. He said that with reforms being done in India, Chartered Accountants will have tremendous opportunities to serve India and the world in future.”

(Excerpts from a report on of 24th Annual International Seminar and the 1st GCC Conference of ICAI’s Abu Dhabi Chapter on 8th and 9th November 2012, published in ‘The Chartered Accountant’)

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CA. K. Rahman Khan, Union Minister for Minority Affairs, 2013



“CA can be best advisors to the Government. We CAs are indeed enablers of growth; we make the growth presentable and understandable; we are important segment of economic growth.”

“It will only be the society that will judge as to whether Indian accountancy profession has or is meeting the expectations. As such, we need to build a great image of the profession in the society.”

ICAI international conference was very relevant and important in present scenario, when the entire world and entire global accountancy profession is looking towards India in the backdrop of India’s fast widening role and increasing status in world economy. In this background, Indian accountancy profession has a vital role to play.

“We are better equipped than any other professional to be an effective advisor to the Government, both in Centre and States on the important issues like fiscal deficit, inclusive development, welfare of have-nots, fiscal prudence, financial discipline and probity, transparency, good governance and on the issue of raising the revenue and ensuring its most effective utilisation of government expenditure,”

“The Chartered Accountant profession has a proud history of innovation and reforms and that its unwavering commitment to ethics and integrity, to maintaining the highest standards, and to protecting the public interest has remained constant.” CAs should Aim at ‘Inclusive Growth’ of the Profession and the Nation.

(As expressed in his special address in International Conference held from 23rd to 25th January, 2013 and at 6th edition of ICAI Awards- 2012 held on 3rd February 2013 in Mumbai)

Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Union Cabinet Minister of Law & Justice, January 2013



“Union Cabinet Minister of Law & Justice Dr. Ashwani Kumar complimented the CA fraternity and called it the enlightened and distinguished community worth in his complimented CA fraternity and called it the enlightened and distinguished community worthy of deserving a status that enables it to be sought in all financial components of the government of India. He said that financial accountability and fiscal prudence and sustainability need to be preserved and translated in businesses of our nation.”

(Excerpts from a report on ICAI International Conference from 23rd to 25th January, 2013 in Mumbai, published in Journal)

CA. Piyush Goyal, Member of Parliament, 2013



“CAs can play a proactive role in improving public governance in India. There is an urgent need to improve the system of public governance in India. India and Indian polity need to be pro-active in public governance and for that to happen every Indian should rise above the *chalta hai* approach and attitude. Aspirations of young and dynamic India can be realised only through strong and effective public governance mechanism and its effective implementation. We CAs, who are well-informed and educated and come from creamy layer of the society in terms of knowledge, have all the more responsibility towards public governance. Given their training, professional aptitude and excellent conduct, CAs can set very good examples of good public governance, worth emulating by all.”

(While speaking at ICAI International Conference from 23rd to 25th January, 2013)