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Chairman's Communiqué

From Day 301 to 350

Leadership | Learning | Legacy

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

My Dear Professional Colleagues,

Namaskaar !

As I present this final edition of the Chairman's Communiqué, marking Day 301 to 350 of my tenure as Chairman of SIRC, I do so with deep gratitude. The past year has been a journey of collaboration, innovation, and purposeful action, strengthening the CMA profession through professional excellence, technology, institutional engagement, and member-centric initiatives.

This concluding phase reaffirmed our commitment to continuous learning, professional development, and building a future-ready CMA fraternity.

Key Highlights of the Period

Professional Excellence & Practice

- Professional Development Programmes on the New Income Tax Act – 2025, GSTAT Success Blueprint, ICAI-IAGES Collaboration, Strategic Decision-Making, Emotional Intelligence, and Practical Aspects of Cost Audit.
- High-impact Panel Discussion on "CMAs in Strategy, Simulation & Value Creation", highlighting the expanding strategic role of CMAs in business leadership and value creation.

Knowledge & Future-Ready Learning

- Professional Development Webinar on "From Data to Decisions: The Expanding Role of Controller", promoting data-driven finance leadership.
- Programmes on AI for Finance, Management Consultancy, and continued CPE-driven learning initiatives, equipping members for the evolving business landscape.

Institutional Development & Member Engagement

- Inauguration of the 8-Passenger Mechanical Lift at CMA Bhawan, Chennai, enhancing accessibility and member convenience.
- Participation in the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of the new Coimbatore Chapter premises, strengthening the Institute's infrastructure.
- Continued engagement with Government authorities through delegation meetings and Career Awareness Programmes, reinforcing the visibility and relevance of the CMA profession.

A Year of Purpose

Over the past year, SIRC has remained committed to advancing the CMA profession through professional excellence, technology adoption, student development, chapter engagement, and member-centric initiatives. These achievements have been possible because of the unwavering support of our Council Members, Regional Council Members, Chapter leadership, members, students, faculty, industry partners, and the SIRC Secretariat.

As I conclude my tenure as Chairman, I sincerely thank the entire CMA fraternity for your trust, encouragement, and support. I am confident that SIRC will continue to achieve greater milestones and further strengthen the stature of our profession.

The journey may conclude, but our shared commitment to excellence, integrity, and service to the profession continues.

With sincere gratitude and warm regards,

CMA Vijay Kiran Agastya
Chairman – SIRC of ICAI



Panel Discussion – CMAs in Strategy, Simulation & Value Creation | Chennai



The Southern India Regional Council (SIRC) of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India organised a Panel Discussion on “CMAs in Strategy, Simulation & Value Creation” on 5th June 2026 at Hotel Ramada, Egmore, Chennai. The programme witnessed participation from around 100 members and professionals and offered 2 CPE Hours to CMA members.

The panel discussion featured distinguished industry leaders and finance professionals who deliberated on the evolving role of CMAs in strategic decision-making, business simulation, digital transformation, and value creation. The programme concluded with an interactive Q&A session, providing valuable insights into emerging leadership opportunities for finance professionals.



CONTINUOUS LEARNING & PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

Strengthening knowledge, compliance, and future-ready professional capabilities



GSTAT Success Blueprint: Drafting, Do's & Don'ts | Chennai | 1st June 2026



On 1st June 2026, the Tax Research Department of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India, in association with the Southern India Regional Council (SIRC), organised a Seminar on “GSTAT Success Blueprint: Drafting, Do's & Don'ts” at CMA Bhawan, Egmore, Chennai.



The seminar featured expert sessions by the IDT Committee of ICAI on GSTAT procedures, GST litigation, drafting, and best practices for effective representation before the Tribunal, providing participants with practical insights into the evolving GST appellate framework.



Professional Development Programme on New Income Tax Act – 2025 | Chennai | 20th May 2026



On 20th May 2026, SIRC of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India, in association with the Income Tax Department, Chennai, organised a Professional Development Programme on “New Income Tax Act – 2025” at CMA Bhawan, Egmore, Chennai.



The session provided valuable insights into the key provisions, compliance framework, and practical implications of the proposed legislation, followed by an interactive Q&A with the Income Tax Department officials.



Emerging Opportunities for Cost and Management Accountants under the ICAI-IAGES Collaboration | Chennai | 11th June 2026



On 11th June 2026, SIRC of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India organised a Professional Development Programme on “Emerging Opportunities for Cost and Management Accountants under the ICAI-IAGES Collaboration” at CMA Bhawan, Egmore, Chennai.



The technical session by Major Aparajita Bhattacharya highlighted emerging opportunities for Cost and Management Accountants under the ICAI-IAGES collaboration, followed by an interactive Q&A session.

Strengthening professional excellence through taxation, compliance, and emerging opportunities.

KNOWLEDGE, LEADERSHIP & TRANSFORMATION

Strengthening capabilities, empowering professionals, and enhancing member experience.



Inauguration of 8-Passenger Mechanical Lift | Chennai | 6th June 2026



On 6th June 2026, SIRC of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India inaugurated its newly installed 8-passenger mechanical lift at CMA Bhawan, Egmore, Chennai. The lift was inaugurated by CMA TCA Srinivasa Prasad, President-ICMAI in the presence of Council Members, Regional Council Members, office bearers, and staff.



The infrastructure initiative enhances accessibility, convenience, and safety for members, students, faculty, staff, and visitors, reflecting SIRC's continued commitment to modernising its facilities and improving stakeholder experience.



Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony | Coimbatore | 11th July 2026



It was my privilege to be part of the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony for the new premises of the Coimbatore Chapter of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India on 11th July 2026. The occasion marked a significant milestone in strengthening the Institute's infrastructure.



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Scope of Psychology in Strategic Decisions using Emotional Intelligence | Chennai | 6th June 2026



On 6th June 2026, SIRC of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India organised a Professional Development Programme on "Scope of Psychology in Strategic Decisions using Emotional Intelligence" at CMA Bhawan, Egmore, Chennai.



The technical session was delivered by Major (Dr.) Praveen Raj (Retd.), Former Indian Army Officer, who shared valuable insights on emotional intelligence, psychology, and leadership in strategic decision-making.

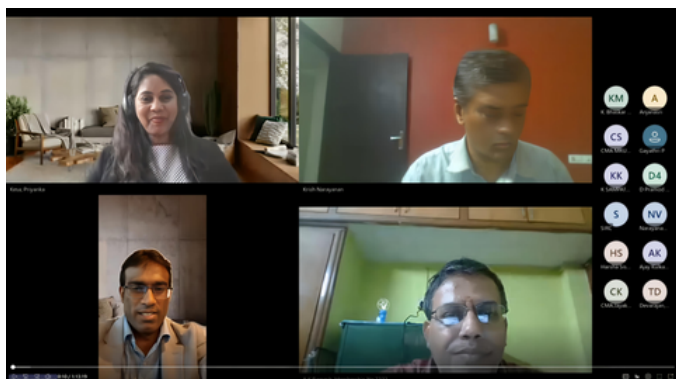
Empowering professionals through learning, leadership, and modern infrastructure.

DIGITAL LEARNING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Advancing professional excellence through knowledge, innovation, and leadership.



From Data to Decisions: The Expanding Role of Controller | Online | 13th June 2026



On 13th June 2026, the Southern India Regional Council (SIRC) of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India organised a Professional Development Webinar on “From Data to Decisions: The Expanding Role of Controller” through Microsoft Teams. The programme witnessed active participation from members and professionals.

The session was delivered by CMA Priyanka Kesa, who shared valuable insights on the evolving role of Controllers in driving strategic decision-making through data analytics and financial intelligence. The webinar carried 1 CPE Credit Hour for participating CMA members.



Professional Development Programme on Management Consultancy | Hyderabad | 7th June 2026



On 7th June 2026, I had the privilege of attending the Professional Development Programme jointly organised by the Southern India Regional Council (SIRC) and the Hyderabad Chapter of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India at Hotel Abode, Hyderabad.

The programme featured insightful sessions on “Case Studies in Management Consultancy” and “Empowering CMAs to Bridge the Gap between Industry and Banking,” providing valuable perspectives on consultancy and the expanding role of CMAs in business and finance.



PSU Finance Meet & AI for Finance | BHEL, Hyderabad | 13th June 2026



On 13th June 2026, I had the privilege of attending the PSU Finance Meet & AI for Finance Executives organised at HRDC, BHEL, Hyderabad, bringing together finance professionals from various Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).

The programme featured discussions on PSU finance best practices and AI in Finance & Cost Management, highlighting technology-driven financial management and informed decision-making.



Continuous learning empowers leadership and transforms professional excellence.

COST AUDIT & COMPLIANCE INITIATIVES

Building institutional collaboration and advancing the CMA profession



Study Circle Meeting on Practical Aspects of Cost Audit – Issues & Challenges | Chennai | 19th June 2026

On 19th June 2026, the Southern India Regional Council (SIRC) of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India organised a Study Circle Meeting on “Practical Aspects of Cost Audit – Issues & Challenges” at CMA Bhawan, Egmore, Chennai. The programme witnessed active participation from members and professionals and carried 2 CPE Credit Hours for participating CMA members.

The interactive session provided a platform for members to deliberate on practical challenges, compliance requirements, and emerging issues in Cost Audit through experience sharing, discussions, and a Q&A session, reinforcing professional knowledge and best practices in Cost Audit.



Delegation Meetings & Career Awareness Initiatives | Kerala & Nellore



Cordial interaction with Shri M. Liju, Hon'ble Minister for Excise & Co-operation, Government of Kerala, on professional development and institutional collaboration for strengthening the CMA profession.



Cordial interaction with Shri Roji M. John, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Government of Kerala, on strengthening professional education, capacity building, and institutional collaboration.



Addressed a Career Awareness Programme at Nellore on 4th July 2026, highlighting the growing opportunities and future prospects for aspiring Cost and Management Accountants.

Concluding Remarks

As I conclude my tenure as Chairman of SIRC, I do so with immense gratitude and pride. This journey has been one of shared vision, collective effort, and meaningful progress in strengthening the CMA profession.

I sincerely thank our Council Members, Regional Council Members, Chapter leadership, members, students, faculty, industry partners, and the dedicated SIRC Secretariat for their unwavering support and cooperation throughout this remarkable year.

I am confident that SIRC will continue to build on this strong foundation and achieve even greater milestones in the years ahead. Together, let us continue to uphold the values of excellence, professionalism, and service, taking the CMA profession to greater heights.

With sincere gratitude and warm regards,

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SIRC CHAPTERS SHINE AT NATIONAL CHAPTERS MEET 2026

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Excellence Recognized. Commitment Celebrated.
Pride for Southern India.

26th May 2026

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AWARDS WON
ACROSS SOUTHERN INDIA

OUR CHAPTERS. OUR PRIDE.



BANGALORE
CHAPTER

1

1 AWARD

- Best Chapter PAN India – Category A



COCHIN
CHAPTER

1

1 AWARD

- Best Chapter under Category B (SIRC)



HYDERABAD
CHAPTER

2

2 AWARDS

- Highest Growth in Membership – PAN India (Category A)
- Highest Student Enrolment – PAN India (Category A)



**KOZHIKODE-
MALAPPURAM**
CHAPTER

3

3 AWARDS

- Best Chapter – SIRC (Category D)
- Highest Growth in Membership
- Maximum Initiative for Visibility & Branding



NELLORE
CHAPTER

2

2 AWARDS

- Highest Number of Career Awareness Programme – 2025–26 (Category D)
- Highest Student Enrolment – 2025–26 (Category D)



THRISSUR
CHAPTER

2

2 AWARDS

- Highest Growth in Membership – Category C
- Highest Student Enrolment 2025–26 – Category C (PAN India)



TRIVANDRUM
CHAPTER

1

1 AWARD

- Best Chapter under Category C (SIRC)



VIJAYAWADA
CHAPTER

3

3 AWARDS

- Best Chapter in PAN India under Category C
- Highest Growth in Membership – Category C
- Highest Student Enrolment 2025–26 – Category C.



COIMBATORE
CHAPTER

2

2 AWARDS

- Maximum PD Programs conducted for the year 2025–26 on PAN India basis – Category B
- Maximum Initiative for Branding and Visibility at PAN India basis – Category B

A Visual Recap : One-Year Journey as Chairman

