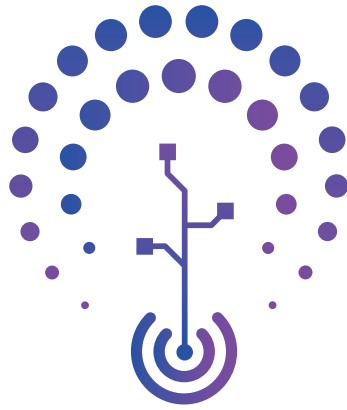




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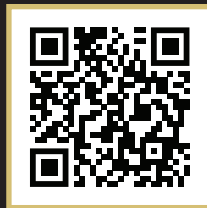
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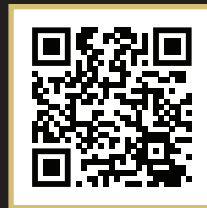
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# Welcome note from: **Chairperson** **Doha Chapter of ICAI**



Dear Professional Friends,

Greetings from Doha Chapter of ICAI.

As a Chairperson I welcome you all to our 8th Annual Conference with the theme **Digital - Evolve, Empower, Enhance**.

The digitalization is considered as the third industrial revolution or the digital revolution which began in the 20th century. Now we are shifting towards the digital era where everything is turned digitalized. The applications of digital technology are spread everywhere, in every aspect of human life. Moreover, today it is very rare to point out any sector which is out of reach of any kind of digital technology.

Digitization has made human life faster, easier and efficient. It is one of the biggest and most important revolution of human life. In not just the IT field, there are almost all the fields digitization has impacted as a source of getting the work done quickly and efficiently with least need of human interaction.

As our theme for the conference is digital so we wanted to have our Souvenir in digital form.

I would like to thanks our PR Committee lead by CA Arun Somanath for bringing out the E-Souvenir putting out the creativity & Innovation.

All the Very Best & Keep Reading.

“The biggest part of our digital transformation is changing the way we think.

Best Regards,

**CA Ankit Agarwal**  
**Chairperson**  
**Doha Chapter of ICAI**





## MOTTO

**य एष सुप्तेषु जागर्ति** कामं कामं पुरुषो निर्मिमाणः ।  
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*at person who is awake in those that sleep, shaping desire after desire, the  
red, is the pure. That is Brahman, that, indeed, is called the immortal. In  
the world's rest and no one ever goes beyond it. This, verily, is that, kam  
sam : desire after desire, really objects of desire. Even dream objects  
cts of waking consciousness are due to the Supreme Person. Even dre  
sciousness is a proof of the existence of the self.*

*me ever goes beyond it : cf. Eckhart : 'On reaching God all progress ends*

# Message from: **President ICAI**



I am very pleased to note that the Doha Chapter of ICAI is organizing its 8th International Conference on October 27-28, 2022.

The Chapter, since its formation, has been actively providing Continuing Professional development (CPD); networking opportunities and helping the Indian fraternity in Qatar which enhances the goodwill of brand ICAI and in turn contributes towards the growth of CA profession.

Our Chapters are our brand ambassadors, and they work tirelessly for upholding the mission and vision of Indian Chartered Accountancy profession across the globe. The Doha Chapter of ICAI has also been working in this direction for the benefit of the Indian Chartered Accountants in Qatar.

The theme chosen for the Conference “Digital- Evolve, Empower, Enhance” is very relevant in the current times where the digital disruptions have transformed the way we work. Pandemic has further accelerated and facilitated

this technology transformation and now we can see digital evolution in every sector. In this era of technology dynamism, adapting to change, acceptance to innovation and upgradation of knowledge base gives everyone the cutting edge to progress and succeed.

I am sure that this two- day Conference would involve fruitful deliberations by eminent speakers and would certainly enrich the participants. I compliment the entire Management Team of Doha Chapter of ICAI for all the professional initiatives taken for the betterment of the profession.

I also take this opportunity to solicit the support of Doha Chapter in propagating the 21st World Congress of Accountants (WCOA) and encouraging maximum participation for the Congress from Doha.

I assure my full support in all the endeavours of the Chapter in enhancing the brand image of ICAI and creating opportunities for the members.

My best wishes,

**CA. (Dr.) Debashis Mitra**  
**President, ICAI**

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CONFERENCE AGENDA (27 OCTOBER 2022)				
Time		Session Details	Speaker	Topic
03:00 PM	04:00 PM	Registration & Networking		
04:00 PM	05:15 PM	T1 - Technical Session	Saravanan S.	Redefine Finance - Run Your Business Sustainably
			Ibrahim Badra	
05:15 PM	06:15 PM	NT1 - Non-Technical Session	Ghanim Al Sulaiti	Veganism and Sustainability
06:15 PM	06:30 PM	Networking Break		
06:30 PM	08:00 PM	Inaugural Session and CA Dilip Thakker CA Professional Achiever's Award Ceremony		Digital : Evolve, Empower & Enhance
08:00 PM	09:00 PM	T2 - Technical Session	Nizar Hneini	Web 3.0, blockchain and Crypto innovations
			Giorgio Torre	Innovation through digital
09:00 PM Onwards		Dinner		

CONFERENCE AGENDA (28 OCTOBER 2022)				
Time		Session Details	Speaker	Topic
07:30 AM	08:15 AM	Registration & Networking		
08:15 AM	09:15 AM	NT2 - Non-Technical Session	Neeshad Shafi	Empowering and enhancing Climate Action through Digital Tool
09:15 AM	10:10 AM	T3 - Technical Session	Dr. Konrad Grabiszewski	Mobile (r)evolution: facts and oppurtunities
10:10 AM	11:10 AM	T4 - Technical Session	Devesh Vijay	The Digital Growth – Bolstering your value proposition
11:10 AM	12:40 PM	Prayer & Lunch Break		
12:40 PM	01:40 PM	T5 - Technical Session	Hosein Moghaddas	Retail Trends
01:40 PM	02:00 PM	Valedictory Session		
02:00 PM	02:45 PM	NT3 - Non-Technical Session	Javier Saba	Illusionist Show
02:45 PM	03:00 PM	Networking Break		
03:00 PM	04:00 PM	NT4 - Non-Technical Session	TBA	
04:00 PM	05:00 PM	NT5 - Non-Technical Session	Mohammed Qahtani	Coping with Change
05:00 PM	05:15 PM	Vote of Thanks		



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## Speakers

Mr. Saravanan S.  
Mr. Ibrahim Badra  
Mr. Ghanim Al Sulaiti  
Mr. Nizar Hneini  
Mr. Giorgio Torre  
Mr. Neeshad Shafi  
Dr. Konrad Grabiszewski  
Mr. Devesh Vijay  
Mr. Hosein Moghaddas  
Mr. Javier Saba  
Mr. Mohammed Qahtani



## Speakers

### Saravanan S

Vice President - Enterprise Applications at Mannai Infotech



Saravanan S has 20+ years of experience in delivering large scale digital transformation projects for enterprise customers. He is a Certified Project management and six sigma professional with expertise in Consulting, Advisory and Presales.

Mr Salaravan leads a global multidisciplinary team of solution leads, architects, functional and technical consultants responsible for strategy and delivery of Enterprise digital solutions.

He is a Certified Associate from Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Foundations, 2021

### Ibrahim Badra

Oracle Cloud Solution Product & Innovation Lead



Ibrahim Badra has 20+ years of professional experience in ERP implementations, Process re-engineering, system solutions and digital transformation projects for different lines of businesses and Industries like Aviation, Telecommunication, Financial services, Education, Engineering & Construction, Mining, pharmaceutical and Healthcare services.

Ibrahim is an MBA Graduate on Entrepreneurial Management from Australian Institute of Business. He is a certified Blockchain Expert and a Project Management Professional.

## Speakers

# Ghanim Al Sulaiti

Chief Executive Officer at Enbat Holdings



Ghanim Al-Sulaiti is a young Qatari entrepreneur passionate about creating a positive impact on society by promoting a plant-based lifestyle. In his spare time, he is a serial entrepreneur, founding his first business—Evergreen Organics—in 2016, and now has over 10 projects currently live or under development. All of these projects share the same vision and values as its founder—to be vegan, sustainable, and promote a healthier lifestyle. Equipped with a comprehensive understanding of the creative and operational procedures needed to produce excellent brands.

Ghanim has a personal interest in developing dialogue about healthy living, veganism, and sustainability. With a mind wired for logic and strategy and a desire motivated by the passion of creativity and business savviness. Ghanim is on a mission to help and transform people's mindsets to live a lifestyle that helps their planet, their health, and their future.

Ghanim has worked extensively with local schools and regional organizations such as Qatar Foundation, Ooredoo Doha Marathon, Qatar National Library, Qatar Financial Center, and the Qatar Investment Authority, producing educational programs to change the status quo. He holds a BSc in Civil Engineering from Drexel University, USA.



## Speakers

### Nizar Hneini

Partner, Head of Digital and Innovation  
KPMG in Qatar



Nizar is a Partner with KPMG’s Advisory practice based in Doha, Qatar, leading the digital, innovation and technology practice. Previous to joining KPMG, Nizar worked for 12 years with Detecon International, where he was a managing partner and one of its MENA office founders.

Nizar is an acknowledged speaker, having presented in several global conferences in on Digital Transformation and other ICT & tech topics, including Smart Cities, Regulation and Analytics.

Since 2008 he has been supporting major ICT players in the MENA region in launching new services and infrastructure, and in projects covering the areas of strategy, business as well as technology sectors. Nizar advises several boards and senior leaders in the public and private domains on digital transformation, governance and strategy execution.

### Giorgio Torre

Senior Consultant, Advisory  
KPMG in Qatar



Giorgio is a Project Manager with KPMG’s Advisory practice based in Doha, Qatar, managing digital, innovation and technology projects. Previous to joining KPMG, Giorgio developed an international experience in technological and disruptive markets. He has managed multi-million dollars projects in Europe and in the Middle-East, while constantly producing reports, dossiers and market insights regarding Blockchain, Crypto, Web 3.0, Metaverse, Digital Humans and AI.

Giorgia is with 10+ years of successful international experience in Project Management, Business Making and Consulting. He is the Author of 50+ Papers and 10+ video-lessons about Business and Digital Transformation. He is also experienced in RPA Solutions, Cloud Strategies (AWS, Azure, GCP), ERP Solutions, Data Analysis & Visualization, CRM, Machine & Deep Learning, Computer Vision, VR/AR, IoT(HW & SW), 3D-Printing and Digital Marketing.

He has experience in mentoring enterprises and Governments to shift their business models to the Decentralized Internet, NFTs issuance and governance, Blockchain framework adoption, Token Sales, Tokenomics, Gaming Engine consulting and Web 3.0 adoption.

## Speakers

# Neeshad Shafi

Co-Founder & Executive Director  
Arab Youth Climate Movement Qatar



Neeshad Shafi is an Environmentalist, and policy-oriented social change advocate, best known for his work on youth climate movement, environmental and climate policies in the Middle East. His core area of expertise includes

analyzing global environmental and climate politics, Energy Transition, and sustainability issues. An active civil society member and has been a prominent presence at international climate summits especially UN Climate Summit (COP's) since 2015 on various capacities, including the role of youth and NGOs for climate action. He holds a master's degree in Environmental Engineering and is based in Doha, Qatar. He is also a Non-Resident Fellow at the Middle East Institute (MEI).

In March 2019, he was named in the Apolitical's List of the 100 Most Influential People in Climate Policy 2019. Neeshad is currently the Co-founder & Executive Director at the Arab Youth Climate Movement Qatar, a first registered youth lead non-profit association in the State of Qatar. He is a Board Member at Climate Action Network (CAN) Arab World and Coalition WILD. He is on the steering committee of Global Shapers Climate and Environment; UNESCO Youth Climate Action Network (YoU-CAN) and UNEP Youth Regional Facilitator for the Middle East. His articles and interviews have appeared in France24, Al Jazeera, BBC, Washington Post, WEF Agenda, Guardian, Anadolu Agency, Inside Arabia, The Gulf Times, Qatar Tribune, Qatar Today, Peninsula Qatar and others.

He has over 5 years of experience in analyzing Global Environmental Politics and Climate Policies with a special focus on the Middle East. An active member of several global environmental youth groups and contributed actively to

international summits notably United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiations at Conferences of Parties COP21, COP22, COP24, COP25, World Economic Forum (WEF) Davos 2019, World Economic Forum Middle East 2019, Global Landscapes Forum Bonn 2019 and UN Youth Climate Summit in 2019 in New York.

Neeshad's work encompasses mainstreaming climate change issues across sectors and at multiple scales from national to local. His passion for youth advocacy and grassroots work in Qatar lead to visible impact when he co-founded the Arab Youth Climate Movement Qatar, a first, registered, Independent, youth lead grassroots non-profit association in the State of Qatar. His work in Middle East region has supported private sector, NGO's, governments and multinational agencies in taking evidence-based decisions and deliver impact on the ground.

Neeshad is the Agenda Contributor for World Economic Forum and his recent articles and interviews have appeared in TEDx, Washington Post, Guardian, The Gulf Times, Qatar Tribune, Qatar Today, Global Landscapes Forum, THE LENS, Oryx FM and EcoMENA.

In January 2020, Neeshad was featured in the QLife magazine by Government Communications Office (GCO) of the State of Qatar as 10 Influential people in Qatar who have pushed the boundaries and represented Qatar on the world stage.

In March 2019, he was named in the Apolitical's List of the World's 100 Most Influential People in Climate Policy 2019. According to the selection jury, "The global list includes politicians, civil servants, academics and activists, whose work was indispensable in raising climate change awareness and highlights the people who are currently making the biggest impact on climate policy."

In December 2018, Neeshad was featured in live interviews on former US Vice President Al Gore's 24 Hours of Reality - According to Climate Reality, which quoted "Neeshad Shafi who is inspiring young people across the Middle East to fight for a sustainable future. Who voice you must hear."

Neeshad is currently the Executive Director at the Arab Youth Climate Movement Qatar and the Curator at Global Shapers (Doha Hub) with World Economic Forum, +Social Good Fellow 2020 by United Nations Foundation; named by the European Commission as Peace Ambassador to One Young World Summit 2017; MENA Coordinator Ambassador at One Young World; Global Youth Climate Network Ambassador; President, We Make Change Qatar; Associate at Youth Climate Lab, Global Communication Coordinator at Womenpreneur; Country Organizer at Earth Hour Qatar. Also, he is on board of Coalition WILD Steering Committee, Climate Action Network (CAN) Arab World and Global Shapers Climate and Environment Steering Committee.



## Speakers

# Dr. Konrad Grabiszewski

Associate Professor Of Economics At HEC Paris



Dr. Konrad Grabiszewski is the Associate Professor of Economics at HEC Paris in Qatar. Previously, he was a faculty member at ITAM in Mexico, University of Miami in the USA, and MBSC in Saudi Arabia. He also held visiting positions at Keio University in Japan and KAUST in Saudi Arabia. He holds an MPhil in Economics from the University of Amsterdam, an MSc in Mathematics from the Courant Institute at New York University, and a PhD in Economics from the Stern School of Business at New York University.

In his research, both theoretical and empirical, Dr. Konrad focuses on understanding how people make decisions in various context. He is an expert in game theory, decision theory, and behavioral economics. He has also tackled questions related to espionage, terrorism, and government regulations. Dr. Konrad is a co-creator of “Blues and Reds,” the first ever mobile experiment in social sciences- a free game available globally on smartphones and tablets – whose objective is to understand how people reason in interactive situations. His research has been published in multiple outlets like *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, or *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*.

## Speakers

# Devesh Vijay

Baker Tilly Middle East  
Regional Head of Digital and Innovation Advisory



Devesh Vijay is the Regional Head for Digital and Innovation Advisory at Baker Tilly Middle East with a strong focus on emboldening the brand across Africa, the Middle East, and India. He has over 17 years of experience in management consulting, project management, business process re-engineering, recommending future strategies, and developing solutions for leading clients. Devesh has experience working with several technologies including Microsoft, OBIEE, QlikView, Tableau, SAS, SSRS, SSIS, SSMS, IBM Cognos, Data Stage, and Informatica.

Devesh is a B-tech Graduate in Computer Science, PMP, PRINCE2 Practitioner, Certified Associate in Project Management, Certifications- ITIL V3, ISO27001, Dashboard and Reporting, COBIT5.

Devesh has led on several projects on solution design and delivery for leading clients across Telecom, Banking, Utilities, Education, Defense, Construction, Government, Healthcare, Charity, and Retail industries. He has led Business and Digital Transformation engagements for clients in the public sector, private sector, and private-owned businesses. Transformational elements included developing the IT/Digital and business strategy, revamping the business operating model, designing the future state organizational design, business process re-engineering, cost optimization, restructuring, technology solution selection, and portfolio

rationalization. These projects have helped clients transition from standalone loss-making corporates to profit bearing businesses

A diversely experienced, well-traveled, and performance-oriented Digital Transformation Leader with exposure in the Middle East, Europe, and South Asia. Devesh is well grounded in Digital Transformation, Analytics, Enterprise Solutions, Emerging Technologies, and Governance.

Devesh is known for his ability to deliver in a fast-paced and changing environment, working in a united way to achieve the best results the first time over 17 years of professional experience.

### Expertise:

Digital Strategy • Technology Enablement Strategy • Operating Model Designs • Large Scale ERP Implementations • Data Analytics • Digital Transformation • IoT • Emerging Technologies • Outsourcing and Optimization • Technology Carve-Outs • Business Strategy Competitive Analysis



## Speakers

# Hosein Moghaddas

Partner - Deloitte Middle East



Hosein joined Deloitte Middle East in August 2021 as the Consumer & Retail leader.

He is a seasoned professional with a proven track record extending more than 3 decades. His career spans technology, business development and management roles. He is a 20-year veteran of digital transformation and omnichannel eCommerce, primarily for Brands and Retailers.

As an experienced business leader with strong marketing and commercial instincts, he successfully builds intelligent and proactive teams that consistently deliver stakeholder expectations.

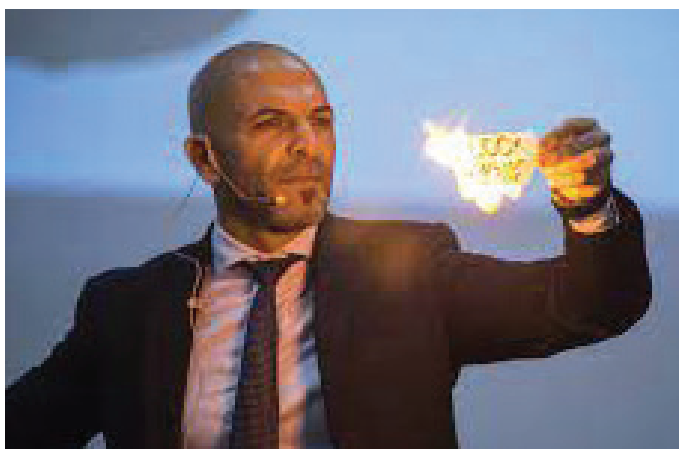
For the past 4 years Hosein was Middle East CEO of the Yoox Net-a-Porter Group, based in Dubai, a joint venture between His Excellency Mohamed Alabbar and Richemont Group. Previously, he managed international eCommerce divisions of IBM and Oracle (ATG) as well as working with Brands such as Burberry, Louis Vuitton and Ralph Lauren to name a few.

He believes that the Retail industry must show a social conscience and practice sustainability with meaningful intent. As such, he is a board advisor for sustainability, digital and eCommerce to several retail groups in Dubai, London and Riyadh.

## Speakers

# Javier Saba

Professional Illuminist and Mentalist



Javier Saba is a professional Illusionist and Mentalist who performs worldwide, mostly covering the Middle East and India. He is the most elegant, creative and innovative of magicians. He possesses the art of making the impossible.

His close-up performances and stage shows are technically astonishing, perfectly polished and immensely entertaining with audience participation. Javier speaks 4 languages. He has entertained millionaires and billionaires, actors, and sports heroes, performing magic of the 21st century.

## Speakers

# Mohammed Qahtani

Motivational Speaker, Trainer, Coach



Mohammed Qahtani, is a Saudi Arabian Engineer who won the Toastmasters World Championship of Public Speaking in 2015 in Las Vegas Nevada, beating about 30,000 competitors from all around the world.

Mohammed Qahtani worked as a system analyst for Industrial Security Department in Saudi ARAMCO and he is certified as a database analyst from Microsoft and Oracle, certified programmer from Microsoft and SAP, Certified security system specialist from SIEMENSE. Qahtani also holds the title of Certified Advanced Communicator GOLD (ACG) from Toastmaster international.

Growing up he suffered from severe stuttering but he was able to overcome it by facing his fears, pushing the envelope and performing on stage. He is passionate about public speaking and stand up comedy. He has participated in several conferences around the world where he inspires people to chase their dreams.

Mohammed speaks about several topics such as coping with change, Empowerment in the workplace, building the perfect team, the art of negotiation and using powerful words when speaking. Mohammed's Vision is to unleash the talent in everyone and help people to discover their passion and true calling in life.

His style is deceptively simple but his words are packed with power. He has the unmatched ability to convey profound messages with a delightful combination of humor and entertainment. He is the Author of the book titled "*The Power of Words*".



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The Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Ireland (CPA Ireland) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants India (ICA India), entered into a mutual recognition agreement (MRA) in October 2010. This agreement was renewed on Friday 5th October, 2018. To date, over 200 members of ICA India have become members of CPA Ireland.



*Pictured: CPA Ireland President, Aine Collins; Ambassador of India to Ireland, Akhilesh Mishra; CEO, Eamonn Siggins and Director of Member services, Patricia O'Neill.*

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- Expert insights and advice in our journal, Accountancy Plus and our monthly ebulletin
- CPA Ireland has developed a number of Post Qualification Specialisms in VAT, Forensic Accounting, Data Analytics and Tax
- A selection of free CPD courses

## Additional Benefits

As a professional accountancy body, we are acutely aware of an evolving profession that is experiencing much change. As part of supporting our members to navigate change, in the past 12 months, CPA Ireland has launched two new initiatives, the CPA Ireland Sustainability Hub and the CPA Ireland Digitalisation Hub.

## The CPA Ireland Sustainability Hub



On 20 October 2022, CPA Ireland launched a new Sustainability Hub. In recent years, climate and weather catastrophes, environmental disasters, legislation and regulation, consumer demand, the investor perspective and the views of all stakeholders in the business ecosystem have dramatically shifted sustainability from a theme to an action item at the heart of every business.

Global standards on sustainability reporting are in development by the International Sustainability Standards Board, and the European Commission is also setting disclosure standards, initially for large companies, that will take those global standards as a baseline and take account of any variations required in the EU. Mandatory reporting is on the immediate horizon and sustainability reporting will be core to what CPAs do in the immediate future. Sustainability reporting will not be confined to large companies, and we are already seeing SMEs being asked to verify their sustainability credentials within the supply chain of larger companies and when tendering for public contracts.



*Pictured at the launch of the Hub: Director of Member Services, CPA Ireland Patricia O'Neill and CEO, CPA Ireland, Eamonn Siggins.*

To support CPAs in providing that transparency and trust, both knowledge and credentials are, we believe, essential. CPAs already possess the core technical skills to lead in the domain of sustainability

reporting and CPA Ireland is delivering the knowledge advantage through the development and launch of this Sustainability Hub.

Having provided the knowledge to CPAs through the Hub, we are already working on allowing CPAs to demonstrate their expertise through a series of Micro Credentials that will clearly demonstrate the expertise that CPAs hold. In taking this leadership position on sustainability, CPA Ireland is delivering on its social purpose and shaping a relevant, trusted and attractive profession.

To access the Sustainability Hub, please click here. (<https://www.cpaireland.ie/Resources/CPA-Sustainability-Hub>)

## CPA Ireland Digitalisation Hub



In September 2021, CPA Ireland launched a new Digitalisation Hub. This hub assists accountants to develop a roadmap for digital transformation. The Hub highlights the many digital solutions currently available in tax, payroll, audit, advisory and much more.

### Key Features of the Hub:

- Software Search Directory
- Software Showcases
- Relevant articles
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Going Digital is both a need and a necessity when the entire world is going to be ruled by technology in the coming decades. Technology has certainly emerged as the new leader promoting effectiveness in the overall operation of businesses. With digital transformation an enterprise can reengineer, automate and infuse intelligence across the business functions. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), a true partner in nation building, is sincerely committed to the advancement of the country and the profession.

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I am pleased to note that Doha Chapter of ICAI is organizing 8th International Conference on 27th & 28th October 2022 at Qatar. The theme of the conference, “Digital: Evolve, Empower, Enhance” aptly signifies that we need to embrace the changes and empower ourselves to enhance our capabilities. The conference shall certainly provide an excellent opportunity to witness the deliberations by eminent and resourceful experts on subject areas of professional relevance and gain insights on key economic developments.

I would like to place on record my sincere appreciation for the entire managing team of the Doha Chapter of ICAI for being devoted towards the enrichment of professional knowledge of our members based in the region and versatile growth of the profession.

**CA. Aniket Sunil Talati**  
**Vice President**  
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Message from:

# Vice Chairperson Doha Chapter of ICAI



The Doha Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (DCICAI) hosts its 8th International Conference on the 27th and 28th October 2022 at the picturesque Marsa Malaz Kempinski, Pearl Qatar. It gives us great pride and satisfaction to invite you to this flagship event, in a physical mode, after 3 years. This flagship event has always been a great opportunity for learning and networking and we are sure that this year's event would be no different.

I would like to thank each member of this wonderful chapter, our enthusiastic executive committee, seniors, past chairpersons and passionate volunteers who have supported and guided us in our endeavor to organize this flagship event.

The event, aptly themed Digital: Evolve, Empower & Enhance, showcases the growing importance of digitalization and automation in our world. The recent pandemic has accelerated the need for this.

I firmly believe; "the only thing constant in this world is Change and to fuel and evolve with this change, we need constant learning". There is 'digital' in almost everything we do today. As the gap between technology and business narrows by the day, accentuated by disruption due to digitalization, there is an increased need for us to evolve with the changing times, empower and enhance ourselves with necessary skills to stay relevant.

The 8th International Conference, hosted by DCICAI is definitely an enabler in this pursuit.

I wish all the best and hope the International Conference ignites the spark in you to evolve, empower and enhance!

**CA Vignesh Kalyanaraman**  
**Vice Chairperson**  
**Doha Chapter of ICAI**

Message from:

# Chairperson Abu Dhabi Chapter of ICAI



Greetings to my professional family,

I hope the year 2022 has so far been good for all of you, personally and professionally, as it has been for me and my Chapter members. It gives me great joy that ICAI Doha Chapter is organizing its 8th International Conference on 27th and 28th October 2022, on the relevant theme of Digital – Evolve, Empower & Enhance. In a post-pandemic world, this is a fitting subject to explore and make the most of.

“No product is made today, no person moves today, nothing is collected, analyzed or communicated without some digital technology being an integral part of it. That, in itself, speaks to the overwhelming value of digital technology.”

We live in times when 50% of the developing world’s population uses digital technology in one way or the other. The power of digital has transformed education, healthcare, business and more. But as much as digital is a part of our universe, not many know how to leverage it with a proper strategy and achieve real impact. Perhaps it’s time that professionals like you and me talk to each other about the potential of digital; I believe this upcoming conference would be a great platform to take this conversation forward.

I want to thank the members of the ICAI Doha board for the invitation to the conference; I look forward to meeting you all in person. On behalf of the ICAI Abu Dhabi Chapter, I want to congratulate you, especially CA Ankit Agarwal, Chairperson, and his brilliant team, on their remarkable work for the Chapter. Wishing you all the very best.

Regards,

**CA John George**  
**Chairperson**  
**Abu Dhabi Chapter of ICAI**





Message from:

# Chairperson

# Dar es Salaam Chapter of ICAI



It is indeed with pleasure and gratitude to Almighty God to see that Doha Chapter of ICAI is conducting its 8th International Conference on 27th and 28th October 2022 in a physical mode after successfully emerging through the challenging episode of Covid-19.

Doha Chapter, one of the oldest chapters of ICAI, with more than four decades of service to the alma mater and gaining strength year by year with the tireless efforts of its leaders and members.

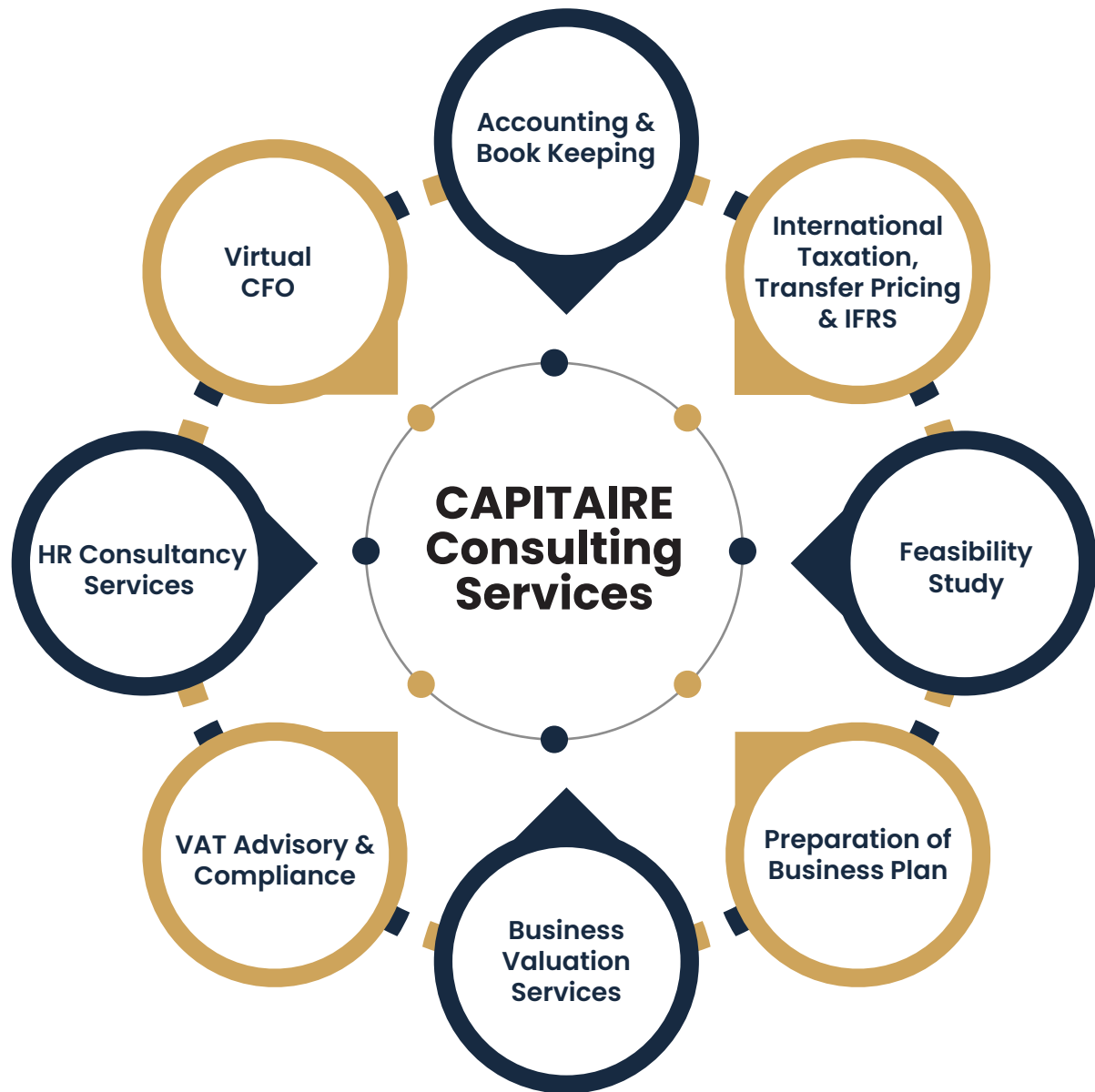
Going Digital is the way forward in our profession and this conference will enable us to have a perspicacious outlook to engage with the emerging technologies.

On behalf of Managing Committee and all the members of the Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) Chapter of ICAI, I wish you a grand success for your 8th International Conference.

**CA Binu Paul**  
**Chairperson**  
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# Digital Strategic Innovation

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## Introduction

Digital innovation is a term that is used to describe the application of technological or digital solutions to drive business success. It requires organizations to change their mindset around technology and how they leverage it to improve the customer experience. The digitalization strategy is a complex process which includes digitalization as an integral part of innovation and the development of a social context around digital innovation. The political context, which is defined by different regulations related to privacy and data protection, also plays an important role in establishing an effective digitalization strategy. Strategic innovation can be used as an instrument to create sustainable competitive advantages in companies or other organizations (e.g., public institutions).

## Digitalization key driver for Innovation

Digitalization is a key driver for innovation, but not every company has the same opportunities to act on it. The digitalization strategy must be adapted to each organization's situation. It can be implemented in different ways and at different speeds depending on what is most appropriate for the organization and its culture. In addition, since digitalization affects all parts of an organization, it also affects its structure and processes.

## What is digitalization?

Digitalization is a process of change, transformation, and adaptation. It requires new strategies and business models. The digitalization trend has been ongoing for decades. Digitalization is a process of using digital technologies in the business and society. It's a process of changing the way we work and live. It's a process of changing the way we do business. It's a process of changing the way we communicate. The true value of digitalization is to eliminate the manual business process and make the employees more productive. Companies that follow digital transformation practices are said to be more agile, customer-centric, and data-driven.

## Business models and organizational structure

A digital innovation strategy is a crucial building block of any organization's digitalization efforts. The strategy should be constantly evaluated, adapted and implemented on an ongoing basis. At the heart of this process lies a critical question: how does an organization generate value in its environment?

To answer this question, you need to understand your business model. The business model describes how value is created within the company and how it interacts with other entities in its ecosystem (e.g., customers, partners).

This can be achieved through different types of business models:

- **Products:** You sell products or services directly to your customers. Examples include software or music streaming platforms like Spotify or Apple Music; publishers such as Amazon Publishing; online retailers like eBay or Etsy; or airlines (e-tickets).
- **Services:** You provide services directly to end consumers or businesses that are not physically present at your location (cloud services). In some cases, you may deliver these services over long distances using telecommunication networks rather than physical infrastructure (telecoms).
- **Platforms:** You enable third parties to offer new innovative solutions for their customers by providing them with access to your software applications and data analytics tools via an API layer that enables seamless integration into their own systems (e-commerce platforms).



## Social and political context of organizations and business models

Digitalization has a positive impact on society when it is used to create new business models. Digitalization can also have a negative impact on society when it results in job losses or when there are unintended consequences of digitization, such as privacy violations. Organizations should be aware of the social and political context of their business model. The organization must consider whether digitalization will benefit its customers or harm them and if this decision will have an impact on society at large. If a company uses technology to make its products more efficient, such as self-driving cars that reduce traffic accidents, then this technology can have a positive effect on society because fewer people die from car crashes every year thanks to autonomous vehicles (AVs). On the other hand, AVs could also lead people who cannot drive themselves out of their homes if they no longer need public transportation since it would take too long for an AV bus service between cities instead being able to commute by car directly into downtown areas where they work.

## Overview of a digitalization strategy including the different phases

The key to a successful digitalization strategy is to build an infrastructure that will allow you to take advantage of new technologies and innovations. This means laying the groundwork for your organization’s future success, whether it’s investing in technological improvements or developing new products and services.

To make sure your company is prepared for the future, follow these steps:

- Define your business model.
- What are the main areas of focus?
- Who is your target audience?
- What are some pain points you can solve by introducing technology into them?

Once you’ve answered these questions, it’ll be easier to decide what types of technologies fit best with how you operate as a business today—and which ones would benefit from being developed further down the road.

## The transition to digitalization can be structured into three phases.

As an organization, you may be able to take advantage of the emerging digital world and its opportunities. But in order to do so, your business model must change. This can be done through three phases:

- Phase 1 is the digitalization of your organization. You will have to make sure that you have all the technological tools required for this process before going further.



- Phase 2 is about digitalizing your business model. This means finding new ways of doing things and implementing them either on an existing platform or by creating a new one altogether if needed.
- Phase 3 involves embracing the ecosystem around you—both inside and outside of it—and transforming relationships with other players in this ecosystem into opportunities for collaboration and mutual benefit (e-commerce).

## Conclusion

As we have seen, digitalization is a broad and complex topic that requires organizations to rethink their business models and their ways of working. This can be an exciting challenge but also an extremely difficult one, especially because many companies are still struggling with the adoption of new technologies and processes required for this transformation. There is no “one size fits all” approach to digitalization strategy innovation. It should therefore be tailored to each organization’s own needs and priorities.

# Digital Taxation

## The paradigm shift in the international taxation regime

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### Understanding Digital Taxation

It would be apt to quote Jean W Ross of MIT who rightly said, ***“Clearly the thing that’s transforming is not the Technology – It’s the technology that is transforming you”.***

The world of international taxation has evolved to a great extent in the last few years. Technological advancements in the digital space has necessitated a need for a paradigm shift in the international tax regime. For a large part, international taxation was never equipped to deal with the changes in business structures, specially brought about through Digital technologies. This saw a large number of Companies including Apple, Facebook, Amazon and Google make use of various structures to plan around their taxes, thus resulting in them not paying their fair share of taxes in the relevant jurisdiction. Business was evolving from a traditional market space into a the digital space, e-commerce being a classic example. With the evolvement of business came the challenge of identifying the taxation regime for the digital era – what income is to be taxed, when and by which country (based on nexus criteria). This was really important considering the revenue flow in the digital space including e commerce transactions, pay per click model and other advertising revenues online to name a few. It was important to ensure that these revenues were appropriately taxed. The solution to the same is a concept known as Digital Taxation.

### OECD and Digital Taxation

The OECD is Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development of which Qatar is a member as well. The OECD has come out with detailed Action Plans on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (“BEPS”) to mitigate the impact of Tax avoidance strategies through shift of profits to low tax jurisdictions and by using various conduit structures. The OCED has clearly recognized the tax challenges posed by the digital economy as mentioned above. It is in this background that the OECD has laid down BEPS Action Plan 1 to Address the Tax Challenges of the Digital Economy. Some of the measures suggested by the OECD in Action Plan 1 include the following:

- Implementing an Equalization Levy (which is similar to a withholding tax concept) on payments made for certain digital services including advertising.
- The earlier scenario including clauses in various double taxation avoidance agreements had a relief given to a Permanent Establishment concept if the activities were preparatory or auxiliary in nature. However most countries are now revamping on this concept in accordance with the suggestions under the OECD Action Plan. There can be situations wherein core functions of a digital business may be preparatory or auxiliary in nature. Most countries like India have brought in a significant





economic presence test criteria to enable taxation of digital transactions based on a minimum threshold criteria, for instance on revenue generated.

- Enhancing the implications of VAT across digital transactions also requiring non-resident suppliers of remote digital transactions to register and account for VAT in the jurisdiction of the end consumer. This ensures that the consumption State gets its adequate share of taxes.
- Laying down an appropriate transfer pricing system in place wherein profits are allocated to various jurisdictions based on the Functions, Assets and Risk Analysis. This would also help in ensuring that profits are not shifted to low tax jurisdictions through creation of conduit entities which do not add value in terms of functions, assets and risks undertaken.

The OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework on BEPS addresses the tax challenges arising from the digitalization of the economy through the Pillar One and Pillar Two Proposals. Pillar One establishes new nexus and profit allocation rules for large multinational enterprises that meet certain revenue and profitability thresholds and expands the taxing rights of countries to tax activity carried on regardless of physical presence. Pillar Two establishes mechanisms to ensure large multinationals pay a 15% minimum level of tax regardless of where they are headquartered or the jurisdictions they operate in. The introduction of Corporate Tax in Dubai would be a clear example of more countries gearing up to accommodate the Pillar 2 Proposals on Minimum Tax laid down by the OECD.

Countries are expected to bring in Multilateral Conventions in place to ensure compliance to the guidelines laid down

by the OECD in Pillar 1. Countries like US, Austria, France, Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom, Turkey, and India have already initiated measures to tax digital service transactions and have given out positive signals towards implementation of Multilateral Conventions.

### Digital Taxation – The Indirect Tax Impact

There are various challenges from an indirect tax perspective with respect to digital taxation. Businesses that provide electronic services or goods through e-commerce may structure their affairs to pay little or no VAT on remotely delivered services and intangibles.

Countries have now started to feel the heat of revenue loss on account of the above. The EU has already taken a step forward in implementing destination based VAT in the digital economy. The OECD delivered guidance on how to collect VAT on cross-border sales, beginning with the International VAT Guidelines, released in 2015 and updated in 2017. The OECD recommends that foreign B2C service providers register and account for VAT in the jurisdiction where the customer is located, generally via a form of simplified registration process.

The future is all Digital. One would see more measures being taken by counties across the globe to ensure fairness in tax collections. It would be a very interesting time indeed for tax professionals across the globe and the future of international taxation is here!!!

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# There is no choice BUT BEING DIGITAL!

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Before you start reading this article, I want you to think of your definition of Being Digital. Take 2 minutes and then read further.

Many of you would have thought of it as something related to system! If so, you are partially correct. As being digital is much beyond systems. Let me give you my two cents to explain you a different perspective of what do you mean by being digital and how it can help finance professionals in their career and entrepreneurs in taking their venture farther.

Let's start off with providing a definition from the dictionary as to what digital is:

**adjective: digital**

(of signals or data) expressed as series of the digits 0 and 1, typically represented by values of a physical quantity such as voltage or magnetic polarization.

- relating to, using, or storing data or information in the form of digital signals.
- involving or relating to the use of computer technology.

That last para is interesting, right? Organizations, irrespective of its size and scale, have been using technology for decades. If that is what is meant by digital, then why are organizations spending so much time and effort in digital

transformation now. As with most things, the dictionary just isn't enough to explain.

Let me start by giving my definition of being digital:

*"The reimagining of business processes to be by default a **fully online, fully automated** process from end-user interaction to back office processing, with **no need for human intervention.**"*

## Why to be digital?

If you don't become digital, your business will die. And if you will not take digital transformation seriously, your competitors will and they will flourish.

## What are the benefits of being Digital?

- Customer perception - There is a tendency adopted by customers to buy everything online as its easy and time-saving.
- Scaling the business - It's easy to scale a business in digital space e.g. imagine you have a mobile application

and you are working with limited web space (so at a point in time only 1000 users can access your application simultaneously). Suddenly, it becomes popular (the dream of many!) and you started getting 1500 hits simultaneously, now in order to respond to this, you can very easily buy additional bandwidth to accommodate this increased demand. This would not have been that easy in physical space.

- Less fixed cost – Probably the most important factor which motivates you to build or shift your business to digital.

### What do you need to be successful in being digital?

Everything takes time & knowledge and that holds true for being digital as well. Like, an architect needs to have technical expertise in understanding the project planogram/building layouts, similar way, you need to have expertise in understanding the terminologies used in the digital world. E.g.

- How does a website function?
- What is a cloud?
- What is SEO/SMM?
- What is content writing?
- What's illegal and how far it's legal to copy others' content?
- How can you earn money from the same content via multiple platforms?
- Etc.

There is a famous saying that the depth of the ocean is better known to those who are actually into it. The same saying goes here unless you start it you will not know how vast the digital world is!

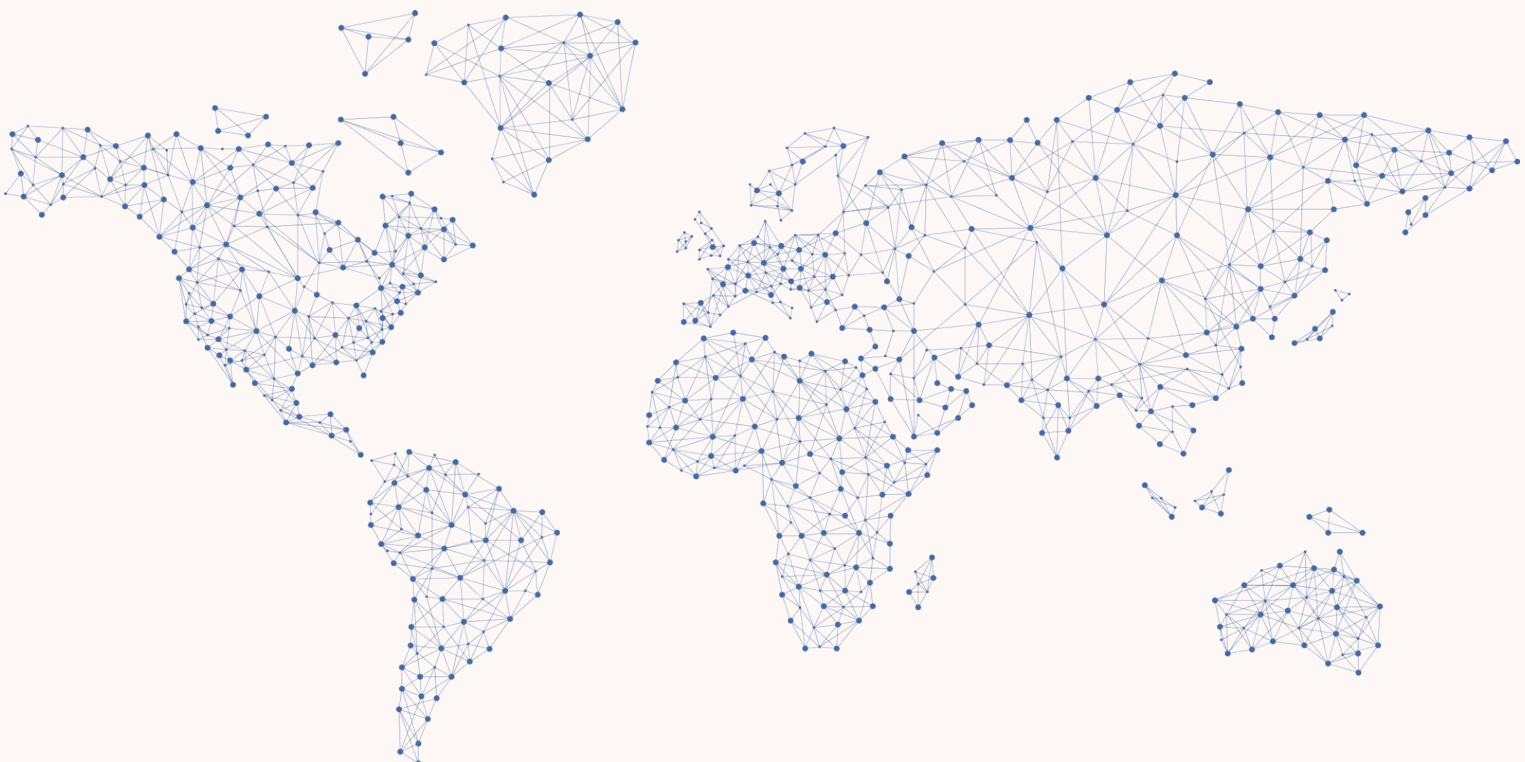
I am into this world for over 10 years now and have tested every corner of this world deep down putting my feet one by one into it. And I can tell you from my experience that it's much more complex and deeper than what I thought it to be.

Nevertheless, being digital has so many benefits so don't limit yourself. Time has already shown tremendous benefits of going digital which can very well be understood by a simple example that whatever Walmart has achieved in 60 years has been earned by Amazon in just 28 years. How? By Being Digital.

Let's connect.

Digitally yours,

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# CASH IS KING.... NOT ANYMORE !!

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The phrase “Cash is King” was popularized by Volvo’s CEO Pehr G. Gyllenhammar shortly after the stock market crash of 1987. The expression explains a time when a high percentage of cash can be a buffer against losses, and is available for buying assets at a discount during a market decline.

We are in 21st Century and convenience is everything, it takes precedence over other comforts.

A modern convenience is **a labour-saving device, service or substance which make a task easier or more efficient than a traditional method.** And Digital currency is one such convenience over cash.

Digital currency has the potential to completely change how society thinks about money. The rise of Bitcoin, Ethereum and thousands of other cryptocurrencies that exist only in electronic form has led global central banks to research how national digital currencies might work.

Digital currency is any currency that’s available exclusively in electronic form. Electronic versions of currency already predominate most countries’ financial systems. In Canada, for instance, the physical Canadian currency in circulation is less than 5% of the overall money supply; the remainder is held as commercial bank deposits that translate as data points on spreadsheets and other records tracking transactions among people and businesses.

What differentiates digital currency from the electronic currency currently in most bank accounts is that it never takes physical form. Right now, you could go to an ATM and turn an electronic record of your currency holdings into physical dollars. Digital currency, however, never takes physical form. It always remains on a computer network and is exchanged via digital means.

Following the successful launch of decentralized cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin and Ethereum, which store value but are not managed by any central authorities, governments and central banks around the world are researching the possibility of creating their own digital currencies, commonly known as central bank digital currencies.



**Here in Qatar**, the Central Bank is planning to come out with its own Digital Currency. Qatar is going to join a growing range of countries experimenting with the **Central Bank digital currency (CBDC)** concept. The Qatar Central Bank (QCB) is currently “in the foundation stage” of issuing its digital currency.

Under such context it is very much essential to understand the Benefits and Disadvantages of Digital Currency.



## Digital Currency Benefits

- **Faster payments.** Using digital currency you can complete payments much faster than current means, like electronic fund transfers or wire transfers, which can take days for financial institutions to confirm a transaction.
- **Less expensive international transfers.** International currency transactions are very expensive; individuals are charged high fees to move funds from one country to another, especially when it involves currency conversions. Digital assets are disrupting this marketing by making it faster and less costly.
- **24/7 access.** Existing money transfers often take more time during weekends and outside normal business hours because banks are closed and can't confirm transactions. With digital currency, transactions work at the same speed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- **Support for the unbanked and underbanked.** It's estimated 20% plus population are either unbanked or underbanked, meaning they have limited access to everyday banking service. They end up paying costly fees to cash their paycheques and send payments to others through money orders or remittances. If a country launches a CBDC, unbanked individuals could access their money and pay their bills without extra charges.
- **More efficient government payments.** If the government developed a CBDC, it could send payments like tax refunds and child benefits to people instantly, rather than trying to mail them a cheque or using other methods.

## Digital Currency Disadvantages

- **Too many currencies to navigate at the moment.** The current popularity of cryptocurrency is actually a downside. There are so many digital currencies being created across different blockchains that all have their own limitations. It will take time to determine which digital currencies may be appropriate for certain use cases, including whether some are designed to scale for mass adoption.
- **Takes effort to learn how to use them.** Digital currencies require work on the part of the user to learn how to perform fundamental tasks, like how to open a digital wallet and properly store digital assets securely. For digital currencies to be more widely adopted, the system needs to get simpler.
- **Blockchain transactions can be expensive.** Cryptocurrencies use the blockchain, where computers must solve complex equations to verify and record transactions. This takes considerable electricity and gets more expensive as there are more transactions. These would probably not exist for a CBDC, however, since it would likely be controlled by the central bank and the complex consensus processes are not needed.
- **Large swings in digital currency prices.** Cryptocurrency



prices and value can change suddenly. This is why businesses are reluctant to use it as a medium of exchange. With CBDC, though, the value is much stabler, like paper currency, and cannot fluctuate like this.

- **Developing a CBDC will take time.** If the government decides to create one, there will be costs associated with its development.

## How Would Digital Currency Affect us ?

If Qatar adopts a digital currency, it would work as an alternative to cash but would also have the built-in advantage of quick money transfer since it's electronic. One presumption is that it will be free or near free, like cash. Other private sector players may innovate on top of it and possibly add fees, but that has to be fleshed out more.

Even though a digital currency would be electronic, it still needs to be as accessible as cash. Anyone should be able use it, not just those with the latest smartphones.

***With CBDC, the possibilities are endless.***



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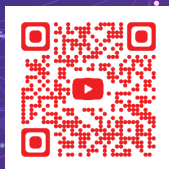
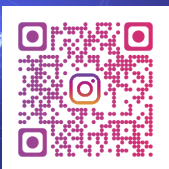
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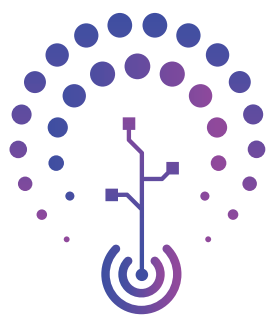
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2014-15



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2015-16



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2017



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2018



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**CA. Rukkaiya Pachisa**  
2019



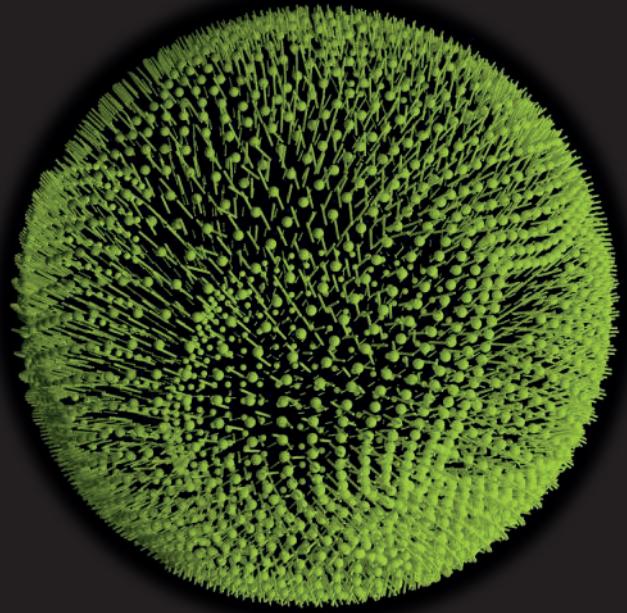
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2020



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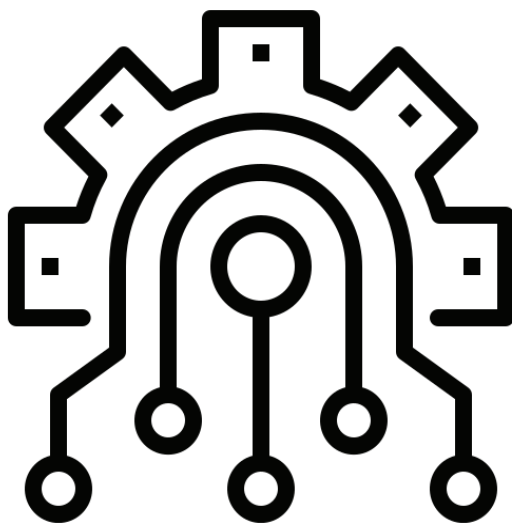


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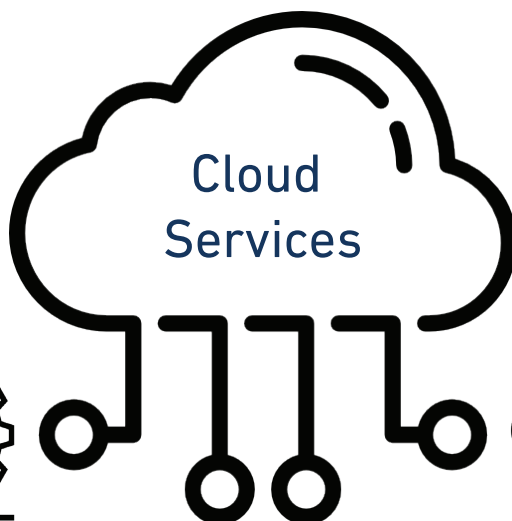
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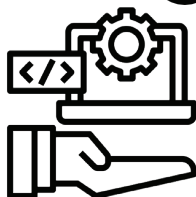
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# CA Professional Achiever Award



CA Girish Jain receiving the CA DILIP THAKKER PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVER'S AWARD 2021 - 2022 from CA Ravi Sankar, Past Chairman of DCICAI and previous Recipient of DT Award, in the presence of CA Nirlep Bhatt, Chairperson - DCICAI 2021-22 & CA Ankit Agarwal, Vice Chairperson of DCICAI 2021-22.

CADilipThakker the Founder Chairman of the Doha Chapter when retiring from Doha in 2014 left a prestigious legacy in the form of the CA DILIP THAKKER PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVER AWARD.

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The Award Committee for 2021 - 2022 comprised of CA George Thomas, CA Ravi Shankar, CA Hatim Hussain, CA Gaurav Kakkar and CA Nirlep Bhatt (incumbent Chairman).

The recipient for 2022 - 2023 will be announced at the 8th International Conference.

## The previous recipients are:

2014 - 2015

CA Dr.R.Seetharaman

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CA Hatim Hussain

2019 - 2020

CA Kurian Kuriakose & CA Ravi Shankar

2021 - 2022

CA Girish Jain

# DCICAI Events & Activities

## 2022

### CELEBRATION INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Venue: Holiday Inn Doha- The Business Park

Date: 20 March 2022

#### Esteemed Speakers:



**DR. LATIFA AL DARWISH**

Founder & Chairman -Etlagg Business Management.

Speech Title:

Where are you after Covid 19



**MS. ASMA AL KUWARI**

Empowerment Coach & President  
ICF Doha Chapter 2021-22

Speech Title:

The art of doing less for more



**DR. HARSHA BHATIA, MBBS, MD, DNB**

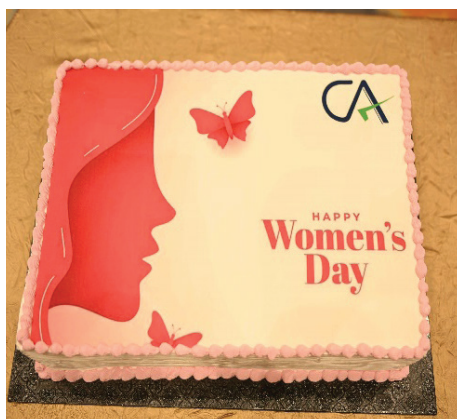
Consultant (Neurology)  
Aster Medical Centre, Al Hilal

Speech Title:

Understanding mental health



## CELEBRATION INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY





# DCICAI Events & Activities

## 2022

### PAPER QUILLING WORKSHOP – GET CREATIVE WITH PAPER

Venue: Al Andulus Garden Club House

Date: 8 April 2022

Esteemed Speaker:



**MS. SHREYA SURAJ**  
Renowned Eco Artist

Topic:  
Eco Friendly Workshops for kids of age between 5 & 15 years old



# DCICAI Events & Activities

## 2022

### WEALTH CREATION PLANNING

Venue: Holiday Inn Doha- The Business Park

Date: 26 April 2022

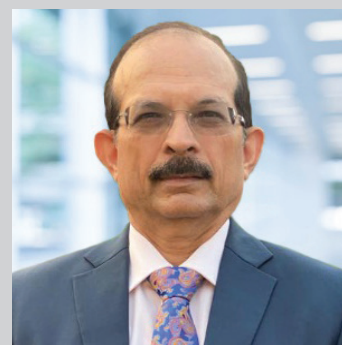
#### Esteemed Speakers:



**MR. AKHIL CHATURVEDI**  
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**CA AMIT DESAI**  
Co-Founder  
Uppscale Investments Pvt.Ltd





# DCICAI Events & Activities

## 2022

### LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Venue: Al Ghanem Garden

Date: 28 April 2022



### FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP: For The Students of Fourth Assalam School

Venue: The Fourth Assalam School

Date: 19 May 2022

#### Esteemed Speakers:



**CA RAJESH SINGH**

Finance & Administration Director  
Quantum Global Solutions



**CA NITHYA ARAVIND**

Senior Manager- Group Compliance  
Qatar Insurance Co.



# DCICAI Events & Activities

## 2022

### FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP: For The Students of Fourth Assalam School



### BLOOD DONATION

Venue: Aster Medical Centre  
Date: 27 May 2022





# DCICAI Events & Activities

## 2022

### LET'S LEARN THE ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Venue: Mavericks 365

Date: 10 June 2022

#### Esteemed Speaker:



**NISCHAL BHANDARI**

IT Consultant cum Professional Photographer



# DCICAI Events & Activities

## 2022

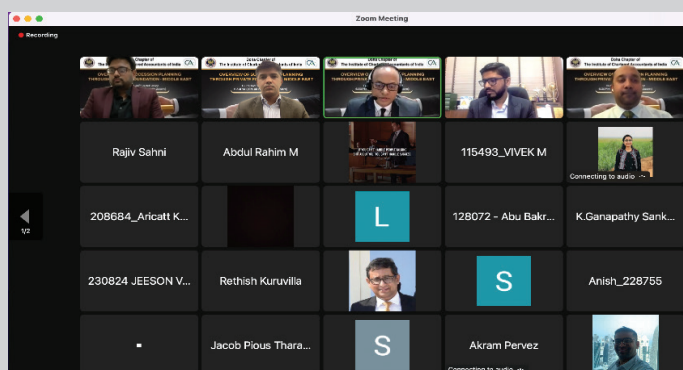
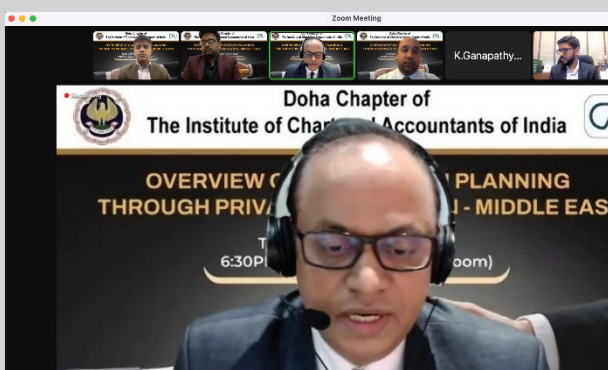
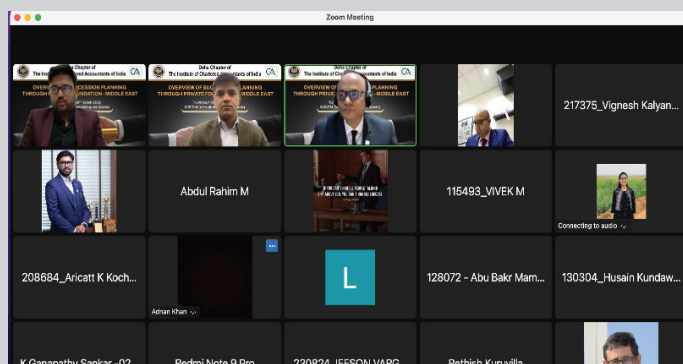
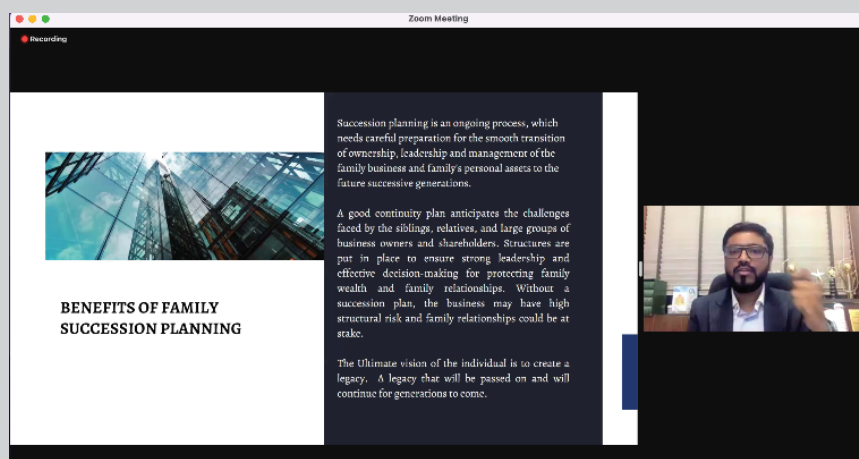
### OVERVIEW OF SUCCESSION PLANNING THROUGH PRIVATE FOUNDATION - MIDDLE EAST

Venue: Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Date: 28 June 2022

#### Esteemed Speaker:



**MR. HARSH PATEL**  
Founder and Global CEO  
Water and Shark





# DCICAI Events & Activities

## 2022

### TallyPrime FROM A CA'S PERSPECTIVE

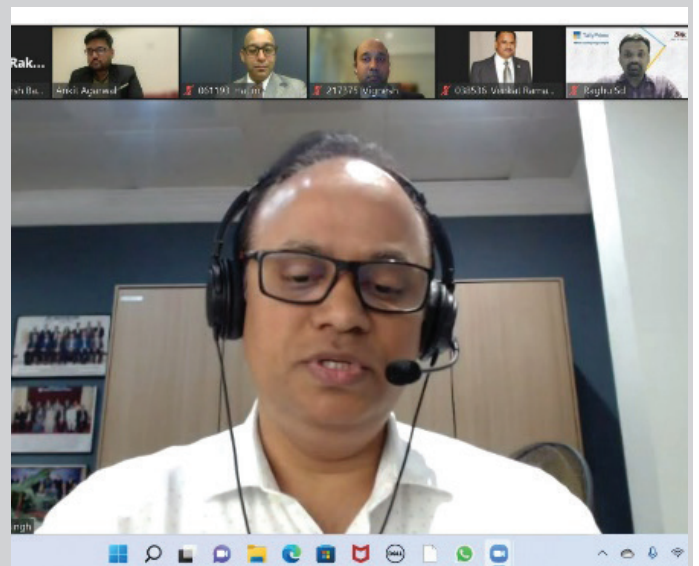
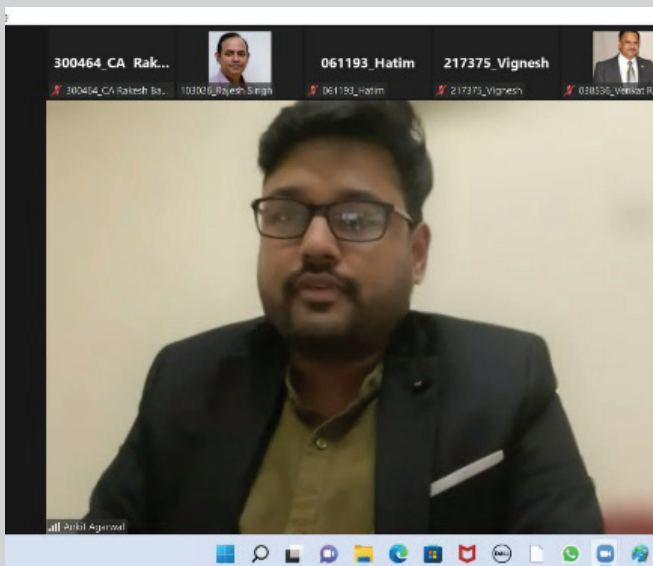
Venue: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Date: 25 July 2022

#### Esteemed Speaker:



**CA KUNAL SONI**  
Partner- Mistry & Shah LLP



# DCICAI Events & Activities

## 2022

### WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE ARE MADE OF UNTIL WE ARE TESTED

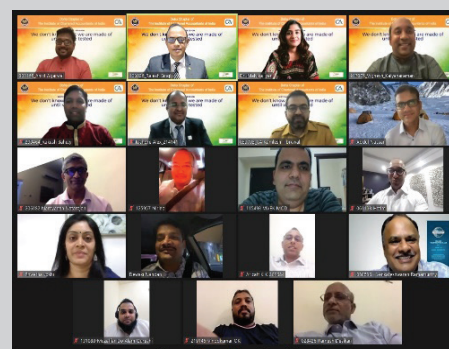
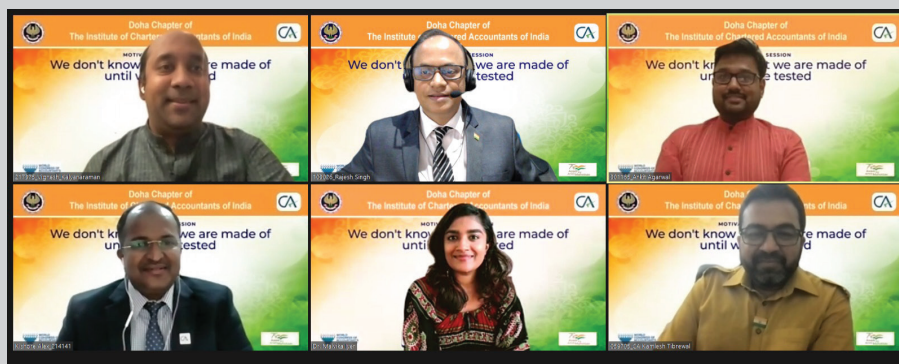
Venue: Virtually on Zoom Platform

Date: 15 August 2022

#### Esteemed Speaker:



**DR MALAVIKA IYER**  
Bomb Blast Survivor &  
Motivational Speaker





# DCICAI Events & Activities 2022

## BLOCKCHAIN AND EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES AROUND IT

Venue: Virtually on Zoom Platform

Date: 31 August 2022

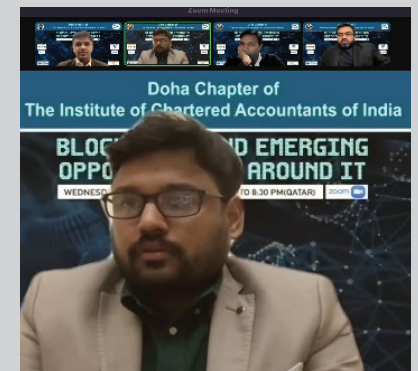
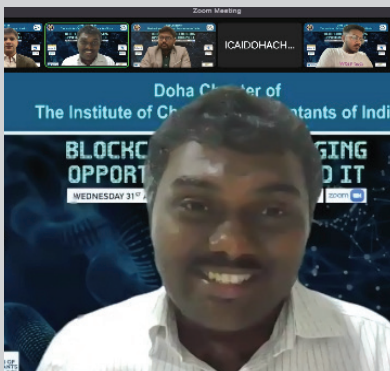
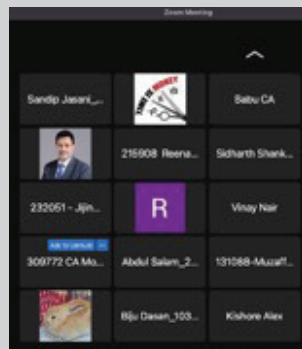
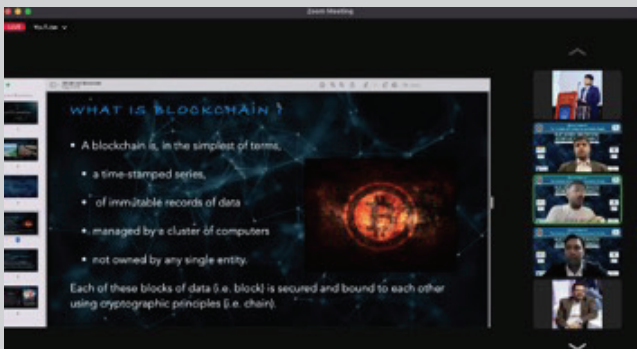
### Esteemed Speakers:



**CA NARASIMHAN ELANGOAN**  
Partner: Ken & Co &  
Sr. Advisor Digital Security Services in  
Crowe Advisory Services (India) LLP.



**CA AISHWARY GUPTA**  
Fintech And Defi Growth Manager  
Polygon Technology





# DCICAI Events & Activities

## 2022

### ART THERAPY WORKSHOP FOR STRESS RELIEF & RELAXATION

Venue: Virtually on Zoom Platform

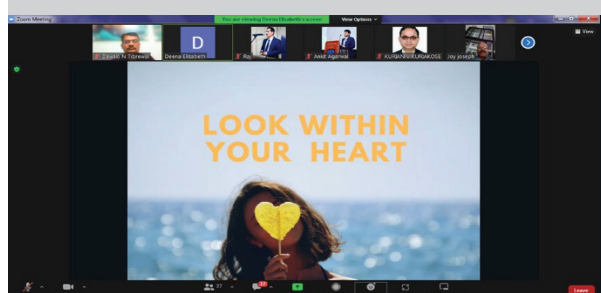
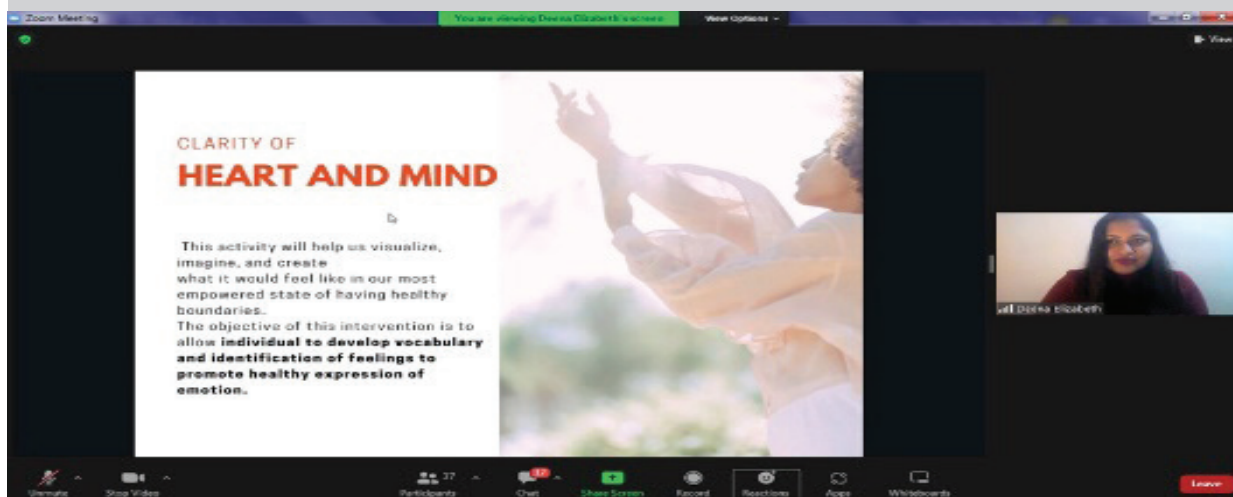
Date: 27 October 2022

#### Esteemed Speaker:



**DR DEENA ELIZABETH**

Practitioner of art-based therapy



# DCICAI Events & Activities

## 2022

### DCICAI CRICKET FIESTA

Venue: Lusail Cricket Ground

Date: September & October 2022







# DCICAI Quiz Time

## 1. Who was the First President of ICAI ?

- a) CA G. P. Kapadia
- b) CA G. Basu
- c) CA N. R. Mody
- d) CA S. Vaidyanth Aiyar

## 2. Which is the oldest overseas Chapter of ICAI?

- a) UK Chapter of ICAI
- b) Doha Chapter of ICAI
- c) Bahrain Chapter of ICAI
- d) Singapore Chapter of ICAI

## 3. In which Year Professional accounting body ICAI had been formed?

- a) 1945
- b) 1949
- c) 1951
- d) 1952

## 4. Which is the first professional Chartered Accountants' body of the world?

- a) The Institute of Chartered accountants of England and Wales
- b) The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland
- c) The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ireland
- d) The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Canada

## 5. In which country will the 21<sup>st</sup> World Congress of Accountants be held?

- a) Germany
- b) England
- c) India
- d) Singapore

## 6. Which country hosted the Asian Games in 2006?

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) Oman
- c) Qatar
- d) UAE.

## 7. The gulf cooperation council consists of how many countries?

- a) Three
- b) Six
- c) Eight
- d) Ten

## 8. Which country is hosting 2022 FIFA World Cup?

- a) England
- b) Kuwait
- c) Qatar
- d) UAE

## 9. What is the name of Mascot of Qatar FIFA World Cup?

- a) La'eeb
- b) Zabivaka
- c) Fuleco
- d) Zakumi

## 10. In which country was the first FIFA world cup held?

- a) France
- b) Argentina
- c) Brazil
- d) Uruguay

## 11. How many football teams are participating in 2022 FIFA world cup?

- a) 28
- b) 30
- c) 32
- d) 34

## 12. Who was the winner of 2018 FIFA World Cup?

- a) Germany
- b) France
- c) England
- d) Portugal

### Answers :

- 1. CA G. P. Kapadia
- 2. Doha
- 3. 1949
- 4. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland
- 5. India.
- 6. Qatar
- 7. Six
- 8. Qatar
- 9. La'eeb
- 10. Uruguay
- 11. 32
- 12. France



# DCICAI Fun Facts

## Did You know ?

### ICAI inviting applications for WFH Job opportunities placement programme for Women Members

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has released an official notification inviting applications for work-from-home (WFH) job opportunities placement programme for women members. Candidates who are interested in applying for the placement are required to visit the official website of ICAI. Women members of ICAI having a membership on or before 30 September 2021 and are not holding any COP as of date are eligible for participation in the ICAI Placement Drive For WFH. For more details visit the official website of ICAI and Click on 'Career Ascent' on the homepage of the website.

## Thought for a laugh !!



What's the similarity between a succesful "Chartered Accountant" And a "Miss Universe"?

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