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**MOTTO**

**Ya esa suptesu jagarti** kamam kamam Puruso nirmimanah |  
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*(That person who is awake in those that sleep, shaping desire after desire, that, indeed, is the pure. That is Brahman, that, indeed, is called the immortal. In it all the worlds rest and no one ever goes beyond it. This, verily, is that, kamam kamam: desire after desire, really objects of desire. Even dream objects like objects of waking consciousness are due to the Supreme Person. Even dream consciousness is a proof of the existence of the self. No one ever goes beyond it : of. Eckhart : ‘On reaching God all progress ends’)*

Source : Kathopanishad

## Welcome Note

### Chairperson ICAI Doha Chapter



**CA. Kishore Alex**



**Let us embrace the spirit of our theme to invest in learning, influence with integrity and inspire through action.**

Dear Members, Guests and Well Wishers,

It gives me immense pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all members, delegates and distinguished guests to the 11th Annual Conference of the ICAI Doha Chapter, being held on 16th & 17th October 2025. This year's theme, "Invest, Influence and Inspire - Shaping the Future Together," reflects our ongoing commitment to professional excellence, knowledge sharing and community engagement.

I am honored to lead a dynamic and growing community that upholds the values of our esteemed Institute. Over the years, the Doha Chapter has expanded not only in numbers but also in the quality and diversity of initiatives serving both members and society.

This term, we conducted various technical and non-technical programs, including sessions on **Union Budget 2025, GST 2.0** and key financial and regulatory trends. Alongside professional development, we celebrated **CA Day, International Women's Day** and engaged in wellness and cultural events such as **sports tournaments, Yoga Day and a Photography Workshop**.

We also deepened our social impact through **CSR activities, blood donation drives** and contributions to the **Chartered Accountants Benevolent Fund (CABF)**.

This conference marks not just an annual gathering, but a celebration of collective progress.

I extend a special welcome to all Past Chairpersons, whose leadership laid the foundation for our success, and to our esteemed guests from Overseas Chapters, whose support continues to inspire us.

I am confident this conference will leave us enriched, empowered, and ready to shape a brighter future—together.



## Message

### President ICAI



**CA. Charanjot Singh  
Nanda**

I am pleased to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Doha Chapter of ICAI as they commemorate their 11th Annual Conference on 16th and 17th October 2025 in Doha. The Chapter's unwavering dedication to fostering growth and professional excellence among Indian Chartered Accountants in Doha truly embodies the spirit of "INSPIRE-INVEST-INFLUENCE- Shaping the future Together" that defines this year's conference theme.

Such events reaffirm the Chapter's instrumental role in empowering members through insightful learning and strong networking, enabling them to stay at the forefront of the profession. My sincere appreciation is reserved for the Management Committee, whose persistent commitment drives both the chapter's progress and the successful organization of this important gathering.

The theme resonates acutely with the times we live in—where inspiring innovation, investing in continual learning, and influencing progress are vital. This conference will provide a dynamic platform for Chartered Accountants to explore new technologies, adapt to evolving business landscapes, and seize the emerging opportunities shaping our future.

At ICAI, our vision remains to nurture members with not just technical finesse, but with forward-thinking perspectives and enduring resilience. We, through events like this, strive to empower Chartered Accountants to excel globally and welcome the challenges and prospects this new era brings.

Wishing the Doha Chapter immense success for the conference and ongoing recognition for upholding the stature of the Indian Chartered Accountancy profession in the region.

## Message

### Ambassador of India to the State of Qatar



**HE. Mr. Vipul**

#### Ambassador



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#### **MESSAGE**

I am delighted to note that Doha Chapter of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (DCICAI) is hosting its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on 16-17 October 2025 under the theme "Invest, Influence, Inspire – Shaping the Future Together". This landmark event reflects DCICAI's sustained commitment to promoting professional excellence, fostering knowledge exchange, and facilitating meaningful engagement within the Chartered Accountancy community. I deeply appreciate DCICAI, the esteemed overseas chapter of ICAI, for its proactive collaboration with the Embassy of India in Doha facilitated through the Indian Business and Professional Council (IBPC).

It is a matter of great pride and honor to acknowledge that Indian CA professionals, under the distinguished leadership of ICAI and through professional platforms such as the DCICAI, have consistently exemplified the highest standards of integrity, accountability, and excellence in financial stewardship. In his address this year on the occasion of CA Day 2025, Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi highlighted that Chartered Accountants have shaped India's economic landscape - ensuring compliance, strengthening transparency, and supporting organizational growth. The Prime Minister's address reaffirmed the profession's essential contribution to fostering a resilient, healthy, and robust economy.

I also take this opportunity to commend ICAI for its strategic leadership for upholding professional excellence and fostering innovation and good governance. I am sure that Chartered Accountants in both India and Qatar will continue to uphold these high standards, strengthening India-Qatar collaboration in financial services, economic development, and sustainable growth, thereby contributing meaningfully to the shared prosperity of both nations. The members of DCICAI have a pivotal role to play in taking trade and investment ties between India and Qatar to newer heights as envisioned by Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi and Qatar's Amir HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

I sincerely thank DCICAI for extending invitation to attend its Annual Conference. It would be a privilege to be part of this esteemed event. I extend my warmest wishes to DCICAI and its members for continued excellence and a prosperous future.



(VIPUL)



## Message

### Vice President ICAI



**CA. Prasanna Kumar D**

It gives me immense pleasure to note that the 11th Annual Conference of the Doha Chapter on the theme Invest, Influence and Inspire Shaping the future together is being held in Doha, Qatar by the Doha Chapter of ICAI on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

The theme “Invest, Influence and Inspire” beautifully captures the spirit of leadership and transformation that our times demand. To invest is to build the foundation of the future, not only in terms of financial resources, but also in knowledge, skills, relationships, and values. To influence is to shape thoughts and actions with integrity, leaving an impact that drives progress and strengthens trust. To inspire is to ignite aspirations, motivating individuals and communities to dream bigger, aim higher and achieve more.

This conference provides an excellent platform for Chartered Accountants and thought leaders to reflect on how these three pillars investment, influence and inspiration intersect to create opportunities, foster growth, and contribute to building a more sustainable and inclusive world.

I commend the Managing Committee of the Doha Chapter of ICAI for coming up with a conference on this forward-looking theme. I am confident that the deliberations will generate valuable insights, spark new collaborations, and inspire fresh ideas that will benefit not only our profession but society at large.

I extend my best wishes for the grand success of the conference and for the lasting contributions it will make to the professional community.

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## Program at A Glance

### DAY 1 | 16<sup>th</sup> October (Thursday)

15:30 – 16:30

**Registration & Networking**

#### Session 1

16:30 – 17:15

**Mindful Investing–A Better pathway to Financial Freedom**

**Varun Girilal**  
Managing Partner, Scripbox



#### Session 2

17:15 – 17:45

**Beyond Numbers: The Art of Influence**

**Biju Dominic**  
Chief Evangelist at Fractal Analytics



17:45 – 20:00

**Inaugural Session**

**His Excellency Mr. Vipul**  
Ambassador of India to the State of Qatar

**Shri Mahaveer Singhvi**  
Joint Secretary (New, Emerging & Strategic Technologies)

**Mr. Abdulla Al Khinji**  
General Partner at Finjan.vc

**CA. Charanjot Singh Nanda**  
President, ICAI

**CA. Kishore Alex**  
Chairperson, ICAI Doha Chapter



#### Session 3

20:00 – 20:30

**Building Healthier Spaces for Future**

**Isha Kotwani**  
Vice President International Sales at Total Environment



#### Session 4

20:30 – 21:45

**Insomnia**

**Aathi**  
The Mentalist



21:45 Onwards

**Dinner**

## DAY 2 | 17<sup>th</sup> October (Friday)

8:15 – 9:00

### Registration & Networking

#### Session 5

9:00 – 9:45

#### A.U.R.A

CA. Jay Chhaira  
Entrepreneur /Trainer/ Innovator



#### Session 6

9:45 – 10:00

#### Influencing Business Decisions, Inspiring Future Growth

Raghu Dhruvaraj  
Country Manager Tally Software Solutions FZCO



#### Session 7

10:00 – 10:45

#### The New India: Fearless and Strong

Anuj Singhal  
Managing Editor, CNBC-Awaaz



10:45 – 11:15

#### Felicitation Session

11:15 – 12:30

### Prayer & Lunch Break

#### Session 8

12:30 – 13:00

#### "Of course We have met before! ...What is your name?"

CA. Hemant Joshi  
Executive Director of Nass Corporation and Abdulla Nass Group



#### Session 9

13:00 – 13:30

#### How AI is reshaping the future of Finance

Raffaele Tiberio  
Partner – Financial Accounting Advisory Services MENA, EY



13:30 – 13:40

#### Coffee Break

#### Session 10

13:40 – 14:45

#### Finance for Freedom

CA. Rachana Ranade  
Finance Educator



#### Session 11

14:45 – 15:00

#### Invest Smart, Work Smarter : Influencing the Future of Business Operations

Seby Cyriac  
Global Director, Cube Innovators Technologies



#### Session 12

15:00 – 16:30

#### My Why : The Story Behind the Smile

Mamta Mohandas  
Indian Actress/ Producer/Playback Singer



16:30 – 16:45

### Vote of Thanks & Closing Ceremony



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## Message

### Founder Chairperson of ICAI Doha Chapter



**CA. Dilip V. Thakker**

I am delighted to note that the Doha Chapter of ICAI is celebrating its 11th Annual Conference on 16th and 17th October 2023, with the theme “Invest, Influence, Inspire: Shaping the Future Together.” My congratulations to Chairperson CA Kishore Alex, Vice Chairperson CA Arum Somanath, and the entire team for selecting such a timely and relevant theme.

Technology is reshaping all aspects of our lives — from business and public infrastructure to health-care, education, and communication — enhancing efficiency and connectivity. However, these advances also bring significant challenges across economic, social, and ethical domains. The future of our profession lies in embracing technology with integrity, trust, and excellence, while contributing meaningfully to ethically governed business ecosystems.

Over the past four decades, the Doha Chapter has been a vibrant hub for the CA fraternity in Qatar, delivering high-quality professional development through CPE programs and industry-led seminars. The strong member engagement in CSR, sports, and social events has fostered a deep sense of community and service.

The Chapter’s consistent recognition — being among the top three winners of the ICAI Best Overseas Chapter Award (Category 2) in seven of the last nine years — is a testament to the dedication and teamwork of its leadership, past and present.

My sincere appreciation also to the Professional Achiever Award Committee for their exemplary choices over the years. It is heartening to see how past awardees continue to inspire through their outstanding contributions to the profession and society.

I wish the 11th Annual Conference grand success and extend my best wishes to the Doha Chapter and its members for continued excellence in the years ahead.





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## GUEST OF HONOR



**Mr. Mahaveer Singhvi**

Joint Secretary  
New, Emerging & Strategic Technologies

*Mr. Mahaveer Singhvi, IFS, is a senior diplomat and financial strategist, currently serving as Joint Secretary in India's Ministry of External Affairs, leading the New Emerging and Strategic Technologies Division. With degrees from Oxford and Delhi University and professional credentials as a CA, CS and CMA, he brings deep expertise in law, finance and diplomacy. His career spans key roles in India's engagements with Europe, Africa and Latin America, and multilateral platforms like BRICS and BIMSTEC. Honored as a CA Business Leader and Achiever, Mr. Singhvi is known for his leadership, negotiation skills and dedication to advancing India's global presence.*



**Mr. Abdulla Al Khinji**

General Partner at Finjan.vc

*Mr. Abdullah is a seasoned entrepreneur and investor with extensive experience in starting, scaling and managing startups across diverse sectors. Over the past decade, he has built a strong track record in business development, strategic growth and value creation. As a General Partner at Finjan.vc, he leads investment strategies and guides portfolio companies toward sustainable success. His expertise spans venture building, investment strategy, and mergers and acquisitions (M&A), where he has played key roles in driving business transformations and successful exits. Passionate about innovation and sustainable growth, Abdullah continues to empower emerging ventures and contribute to the evolving entrepreneurial ecosystem.*



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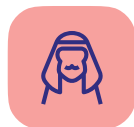
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**Speaker:**

**Mamta Mohandas**

Indian Actress, Producer, Playback Singer

Born in the Kingdom of Bahrain to, Mamta Mohandas completed her schooling there before pursuing a bachelor's degree in science, majoring in mathematics and statistics. But life had a surprise waiting. In 2005, what she calls an "accidental audition" led to her debut in Hariharan's Mayookham, a performance that won her the Kerala Film Critics Award.

From that moment, there was no looking back. Mamta Mohandas quickly made her mark across South Indian cinema, bringing to life roles that audiences still remember, the heartfelt Katha Thudarunnu with Sathyan Anthikad, timeless comedies like My Boss and Two Countries, and her Telugu debut under Baahubali director SS Rajamouli alongside Jr. NTR. She has shared screen space with legends like Venkatesh and Nagarjuna, building a career defined by versatility, natural ease, and an undeniable screen presence.

Her artistry extends beyond acting, Mamta is also a gifted playback singer,

adding another dimension to her legacy as a multi-faceted performer admired across languages and industries. But her most inspiring role came off-screen. In 2009, at the height of her career, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. What followed was a battle that tested her physical and emotional limits. And yet, she chose resilience. Instead of stepping back, she faced adversity with courage, redefining herself as not just a star, but a symbol of strength.

Her journey has become a beacon of hope - showing us that true greatness is not about avoiding hardship, but about embracing it with grace, and turning setbacks into stepping stones. This November marks a milestone - 20 years in cinema. Gratitude, she says, defines this new chapter of her journey.

Mamta Mohandas, reminding us all that when we Invest in resilience, we Influence through courage, and we Inspire generations to believe in hope and new beginnings.





Speaker:

**Anuj Singhal**

Managing Editor, CNBC-Awaaz

Anuj Singhal is among India's most seasoned and popular stock market anchors. A graduate with Economics honours from Delhi University and a post graduate diploma holder in Finance, Anuj has been with CNBC TV18 since he joined the channel straight out of college in 2003.

Anuj has tracked Indian financial markets for last two decades and was the lead anchor for both the market flagship shows: Bazaar and Closing Bell on CNBC TV Eighteen where he headed both the Research and Desk team of the channel before moving on to lead CNBC Awaaz as the Managing Editor in 2022. Under Anuj's leadership, CNBC Awaaz has become the number one business news channel.

He interacts with top honchos of India Ink and legendary stock market investors on a daily basis. He has wide social media presence with nearly one million followers across social media platforms.

For many retail traders and investors, Anuj is the go-to person in stock markets, and is even nick named as The Nifty Magician by some of his die hard followers.

Anuj Singhal — inspiring growth, influencing change, redefining investment !



Speaker:

## **CA. Hemant Joshi**

Executive Director of Nass Corporation  
and Abdulla Nass Group

Hemant Joshi is a Chartered and Cost Accountant from India, an MBA and CIMA from the UK, and a Law and Commerce graduate. He serves as the Executive Director of Nass Corporation and Abdulla Nass Group.

A three-time World Memory Champion and six time Indian National Champion, Hemant set a world record in 2024 by memorising 5000 digits of Pi, the first senior-category memory athlete to do so.

He is an internationally certified Neuro Linguistic Programming trainer, author of two books titled, 'From Survival to Significance: A Journey' and 'Success at your doorstep'. He is the first Indian on the board of a publicly listed company in Bahrain.

Awarded 'CFO of the Middle East' by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England & Wales. Hemant is also a certified Expert Arbitrator and a professional speaker, crowned Gulf Champion of Public Speaking for five consecutive years.

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Speaker:

**Aathi**

The Mentalist

Adarsh, popularly known by his stage name – Aathi has been called India's Greatest Mentalist. A performer who can read the unspoken, decode the unseen, and leave audiences gasping in disbelief.

From standing ovations to sold-out shows across 24 countries, Aathi has redefined the art of mentalism.

What started as a childhood love for solving puzzles turned into a lifelong pursuit of the greatest puzzle of all, the human mind. His passion led him across borders, studying body language, mastering behavioral psychology, and perfecting the science of deception.

He has collaborated with films, inspired unforgettable characters, and even advised police departments and global corporations with his unmatched insight. His hit shows *Insomnia* and *Secret Code* have not only entertained but also elevated mentalism to a new dimension.

To witness Aathi is to witness mystery and mastery woven together, where every glance, every pause, every moment holds the power to amaze.

Aathi, a true reminder that when we dare to explore the mind, we not only Invest in knowledge, we Influence perspectives, and we Inspire possibilities.



Speaker:

**CA. Jay Chhaira**

Entrepreneur, Trainer, Innovator

CA. Jay Chhaira is a senior CA with admirable credentials, charismatic personality and immense knowledge. He has to his credit several degrees including B.Com., LL.B., F.C.A., A.C.M.A., M.F.M., M.B.A.(Fin.), P.G.D.F.M., M.F.C., M.Bk.M., M.Phil.(Mgt.), M.A.(Eco), M.Com.(CIM), D.B.M., D.B.F., I.S.A.(ICA), M.B.A.(Inv.), A.D.B.A., P.G.D.Ent, P.G.D.M., P.G.D.I.B., M.G.E.M., D.I.M., P.G.D.Mkt., P.G.D.Adv., P.G.D.W.M., A.M.P.G.S.(U.S.), A.D.M.A. (London). He has studied Advanced Management at various reputed institutions in Italy, Germany, U.S., U.K. and China.

Associated with ICAI activities since 1995, he has served as the Chairman Surat ICAI in 2005 and went on to become the Vice Chairman WIRC in the year 2012. He has served in the Central Council for 3 consecutive terms. He has chaired more than 30 National and International committees.

He has held many significant positions such as the President of The Rotary Club in 2008, Member of Civil Defence, Government of Gujarat. Owing to his exceptional contributions,

He has been recipient of a number of awards. To name a few, he was awarded by Governor of Gujarat as Legend of Surat, by Health Minister of Gujarat as Star of Surat, by Member of Parliament as Jewel in the Crown, by Mayor of Surat as Surat na Sitara and as Youth Icon by leading newspaper group Dainik Bhaskar. He has been awarded by the President of India for getting First in India in research and also awarded by Chief Minister of Gujarat for Science and Research.

His approach is towards holistic development of an individual and his activities are evident of it. While he is too passionate about finance, management and accounting, he is equally passionate about piano, drums, photography and trekking. A state level winner in painting, singing, elocution and drama, he has acted in many Gujarati dramas and films. He has also participated in The Akshay Kumar International Martial Arts Competition. He has represented India at various prestigious fora for Higher Education at Los Angeles, Milan, Guangzhou, Phuket, London, Paris, etc.



Speaker:  
**Raghu Dhruvaraj**  
Country Manager  
Tally Software Solutions FZCO

Raghu holds 6 years of comprehensive experience with Tally and in his tenure with Tally he has worked on numerous projects that include various big and small implementations. Raghu has been a key resource in structuring the training content for the customer support arm, TallyCare. In his tenure, he has conducted hundreds of training sessions and workshops on Tally during GST & VAT implantation in India & UAE respectively, which has also benefited thousands of people.

Currently as the Country In charge for Oman, Bahrain, Qatar & Kuwait, he is largely responsible for building and leading strategies to achieve Tally's dominance in these regions. Raghu also has profound knowledge of Taxation and VAT Law in UAE, and he represents Tally in front of local Tax Authority FTA for software accreditation.

With his expertise, leadership, and vision, Raghu continues to Invest in knowledge, Influence change and Inspire growth across the region



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Speaker:  
**Varun Girilal**

Managing Partner, Scripbox

Varun Girilal is Managing Partner at Scripbox, One of India's leading Wealth management firms which manages more than 18,000 Crores of Assets across more than 1,00,000 families. Varun has been a Wealth management Practitioner for over 2 Decades and has conducted more than 100 Investor awareness programs across leading corporates and community groups. Over these last 2 decades, he has helped many clients navigate their financial and investing journeys to achieve Financial freedom and retire with confidence and clarity.

He is a SEBI registered Investment adviser. Varun has been actively quoted in Leading Indian Financial media such as Moneycontrol, HT live mint and Economic Times on Personal finance. Prior to embarking on his Financial planning career, He was a Former Ranji Trophy cricketer and was the Opening batsman for the Kerala Ranji Trophy Team from 1998 to 2001. He is currently on the panel of specialists who are invited to deliver Financial planning workshops at India's national cricket academy for India's leading cricketers.



Speaker:  
**CA. Rachana Ranade**  
Finance Educator

CA Rachana Ranade is redefining financial education in India. A Chartered Accountant turned entrepreneur, she set out with a simple yet powerful mission, to make stock markets easy to understand for everyone.

Her YouTube channel, with millions of subscribers, has become the go-to place for learning investments in a clear, engaging, and practical way. Through her courses and sessions, she has guided people from all walks of life, not just to invest wisely, but to build long-term financial confidence. She has appeared in the Top most position of an Official YouTube Blog titled "Nine Women Bosses who inspire us on Youtube" in 2020.

Rachana's impact goes beyond numbers. She has sparked a movement of financial awareness, encouraging Indians to take charge of their money and their future. She was also awarded under the Women Category in the prestigious ICAI Forty under Forty, CA Business Leaders Awards Season Three in recognition of exceptional contribution, talent and leadership in the profession.

CA Rachana Ranade, educator, innovator, and catalyst for change, showing us that when you Invest in knowledge, you Influence a culture of learning, and you Inspire a financially empowered generation.





Speaker:  
**Biju Dominic**

Chief Evangelist at Fractal Analytic

Biju Dominic is the Chief Evangelist of Fractal Analytics, a global leader in Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence.

For over thirty five years, he has been at the forefront of influencing human behaviour. The first seventeen years of his career were spent in leading advertising agencies, relying on conventional methods to shape behaviour. But in the past eighteen years, he has challenged everything he once knew, radically rethinking persuasion. Drawing on Neuroscience, Artificial Intelligence, and Design, Biju revolutionized the understanding of human behaviour.

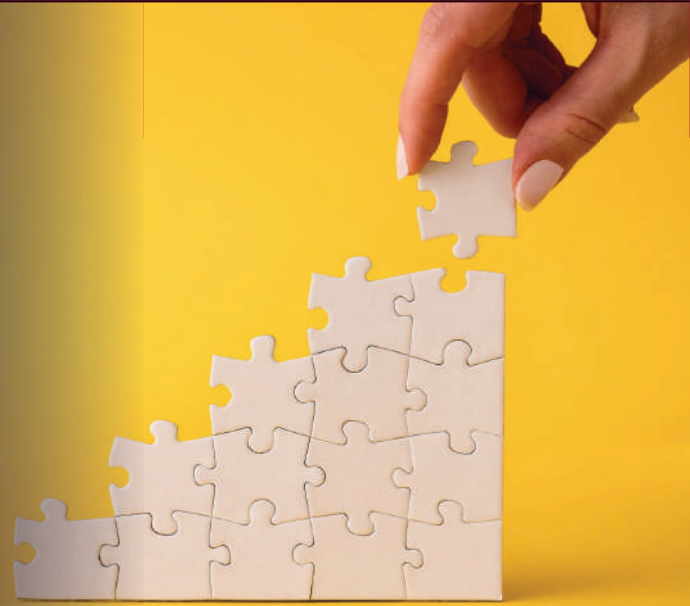
He pioneered the groundbreaking concept of MicroStimuli, a new paradigm of influence.

A persuasion tool that works in mere milliseconds, MicroStimuli has been instrumental in solving some of the most complex human behaviour challenges across the world.

In today's smartphone-driven world, and with the emergence of immersive technologies like Meta's AI glasses, Biju remains steadfast in his belief: MicroStimuli is the future of influence.

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## Speaker: **Seby Cyriac**

Global Director  
Cube Innovators Technologies

Seby Cyriac is a seasoned business leader and digital transformation expert with over 22 years of expertise in Digitization and Document Management Solutions. His professional journey has taken him through strategic roles, from a software consultant to sales management, developing strong capabilities in strategic planning and client relationships. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Honoris Causa) in Business Management from Thames International University, Paris, and his educational background includes an MBA and an MCA. He has also received the Asia Pacific Excellence Award 2024 and the International Summit Executive Award (ISEA) 2024.

Mr. Cyriac is the founder of a multinational company, Cube Innovators Technologies, which he has successfully scaled to operate across six countries, including the UAE, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, and India.

He has served as the Director - Global Business Development at Cube Innovators Technologies LLC since February 2013. His leadership philosophy focuses on fostering innovation, establishing strong operational foundations, and consistently delivering exceptional results.

He is also a Master Connector and a leader in BNI (Business Network International), dedicated to mentoring entrepreneurs and facilitating strategic partnerships to drive business growth. His professional insight highlights that in today's competitive environment, Document Management Systems (DMS) and Backlog Digitization are essential for businesses and Chartered Accountants to manage documents, meet regulations, and maintain data integrity, leading to reduced costs and better ROI. Cube Innovators Technologies is a proud Annual Gold or Platinum sponsor of ICAI chapters across the GCC, including Bahrain, Kuwait, Dubai, and Doha.





**Speaker:**  
**Isha Kotwal**

Vice President  
International Sales at Total Environment

Isha Kotwal brings with her over 15 years of experience in the real estate industry, having worked across several major cities in India. Her career has been distinguished by a strong focus on sales excellence, customer engagement, and nurturing long-term client relationships.

She currently serves as the Vice President – International Sales at Total Environment, where she leads the company's global sales initiatives and plays a pivotal role in taking Total Environment's distinctive philosophy of design and living to international markets.

With deep expertise in advising Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) on real estate investments in India, Isha has successfully channelled significant global investments back to the country. Having travelled to more than 40 countries, she brings a truly global perspective, strengthened by her in-depth understanding of real estate markets across the USA, Dubai, and Australia.



Speaker:  
**Raffaele Tiberio**

Partner, Data & Ai  
Financial Accounting Advisory Services – MENA

Raffaele Tiberio is a seasoned consulting partner with over 20 years of global experience, specializing in data, AI and digital transformation. He has successfully led large-scale initiatives across Europe, MENA and Asia, enabling business innovation through data-driven strategies.

Raffaele's expertise spans Digital Transformation, Intelligent Automation, Data Analytics, AI, Data Governance, Cloud Platforms, and Customer Experience. He has played pivotal roles in building and scaling digital platforms and has co-founded and exited three startups in the digital domain.

He has designed and deployed data strategies, analytical platforms, and AI use cases across key industries—driving innovation in Credit & Collections, CX, Pricing, Lead Generation, and Operational Efficiency.

His approach blends strategic thinking with execution, using frameworks such as DAMA, DMBOK, and MDMO to ensure secure, value-driven data ecosystems.

Raffaele is also recognized for building data science PODs that maximize ROI and accelerate transformation while ensuring sustainable change and skill transfer.

He holds a Master's in Information Engineering from the University of Rome La Sapienza and a Bachelor's from the University of Naples La Parthenope.



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## Message

### **CA. Kamlesh Tibrewal**

Immediate Past Chairperson  
ICAI Doha Chapter

It is with immense pride and heartfelt joy that I extend my warmest greetings to the ICAI Doha Chapter on the occasion of its 11th Annual International Conference, themed "Invest, Influence, Inspire: Shaping the Future Together." This remarkable milestone reflects not only the growth of the Chapter but also the unwavering commitment of its members toward excellence, collaboration, and professional enrichment.

As the Immediate Past Chairperson, I feel truly privileged to have been part of this journey where each initiative has been guided by passion, dedication, and the spirit of togetherness. Over the years, our Chapter has emerged as a hub of professional learning and a strong community that nurtures leadership, innovation, and values-driven growth.

The theme chosen this year is both timely and impactful. To invest is to sow seeds of knowledge, resilience, and trust. To influence is to shape thought, inspire confidence, and drive positive change. To inspire is to light the path for future generations, ensuring that we build a legacy of integrity, innovation, and inclusiveness. Together, these values will empower us to shape a sustainable and meaningful future.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the executive committee and wish this conference a resounding success. May it continue to enlighten minds, strengthen bonds, and inspire progress for many years to come.

My best wishes to all participants for a memorable and impactful conference.



## Message

### **CA. Arun Somanath**

Vice Chairperson, ICAI Doha Chapter

It is with great pride and joy that I extend my warm greetings to you all on the occasion of our 11th Annual Conference. This year, we gather under the theme “Invest, Influence, Inspire – Shaping the Future Together.” As Warren Bennis once said, “Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality”, this thought beautifully reflects our theme, reminding us that by investing in knowledge, influencing with integrity, and inspiring through our actions, we shape not only our profession but also the future of society.

Year after year, our conference has grown in stature, bringing together thought leaders, industry experts, and professionals who inspire us with their insights and experiences.

This growth is a testament to the unwavering commitment of our members and the tireless efforts of our chapter in fostering learning, collaboration, and innovation.

I take this opportunity to thank each one of you, our members, partners, well-wishers, and supporters for being an integral part of our journey. May this conference energize us with new perspectives, fresh ideas, and the resolve to embrace the future with confidence.

Wishing you all an enriching and memorable conference experience

## Message



**CA. Krishnan Narayanan**

Chairman, ICAI Abudhabi Chapter

This theme is not only timely but also highly meaningful in today's fast-changing global economy, where professionals are called upon to contribute far beyond their technical expertise. By focusing on "Invest," your conference emphasizes the importance of channeling resources, efforts, and knowledge into sustainable growth and innovation. "Influence" highlights the leadership role, we as Chartered Accountants play in guiding businesses, communities, and policies towards integrity and responsible progress. And "Inspire" embodies the spirit of motivating the next generation of professionals to uphold the highest standards of excellence, ethics, and collaboration.

Your Chapter has consistently demonstrated commitment to knowledge-sharing, professional development, and creating a platform for dialogue on issues of global importance. May this year's conference further strengthen bonds, ignite fresh ideas, and empower participants to be true catalysts of positive change.

Warm congratulations and best wishes for a resounding success on behalf of ICAI – Abudhabi Chapter !

## Message



**CA. Vinit Maroo**

Chairperson  
ICAI Bahrain Chapter

On behalf of the ICAI Bahrain Chapter, I extend my warm greetings and congratulations to the ICAI Qatar Chapter on hosting your Annual Conference 2025 on the theme "Invest, Influence, Inspire: Shaping the Future Together." The theme beautifully captures the essence of our profession – investing in continuous learning, influencing positive transformation in business and society, and inspiring the next generation of leaders. It underlines the responsibility Chartered Accountants carry in shaping resilient and progressive economies.

The Bahrain Chapter fondly remembers the learnings and camaraderie from last year's event and looks forward with enthusiasm to joining you once again in Doha on 16-17 October. We are especially eager to meet Kishore Bhai, Arun Bhai, and the entire Qatar team.





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## Message



**CA. Chandrasekaran Jayaraman**

Chairman – ICAI Khobar

On behalf of the ICAI Khobar Chapter, I extend my warm greetings to the ICAI Doha team as you prepare for your forthcoming Annual Conference on the inspiring theme “Invest, Influence, Inspire.”

This theme truly reflects the spirit of our profession – investing in knowledge and relationships, influencing businesses and communities with integrity, and inspiring future leaders to achieve excellence. Over the years, ICAI Doha has consistently set a high benchmark by bringing innovative ideas, thought-provoking sessions, and eminent speakers that make each conference engaging, impactful, and memorable. This year too, we are confident that your efforts will create a powerful platform for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and professional growth.

We are truly excited for the D-Day to listen to the voices of eminent speakers, share new perspectives, and witness the vibrant exchange of ideas. Wishing the Doha team yet another resounding success in delivering an event that will enlighten and inspire all participants.

## Message



**CA. Rohit Agarwal**

Chairperson  
ICAI Kuwait Chapter

It is with great pride and joy that I extend my warm greetings to you all on the occasion of our 11th Annual Conference. This year, we gather under the theme “Invest, Influence, Inspire – Shaping the Future Together.” As Warren Bennis once said, “Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality”, this thought beautifully reflects our theme, reminding us that by investing in knowledge, influencing with integrity, and inspiring through our actions, we shape not only our profession but also the future of society.

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## Message



**CA. Jai Prakash  
Agarwal**

Chairman- ICAI Dubai Chapter

This year's event themed Invest, Influence, Inspire: Shaping the Future Together is not only aspirational, but also a timely call to action for each of us as we navigate in an era defined by transformation, collaboration, and possibility.

For me, investing is to believe in the power of growth and this investment can be beyond markets. It can be in ideas, people, or initiatives. Every investment, however modest and irrespective of type, becomes a building block in shaping a stronger, more resilient future.

Influence in this new era of social media plays the role of catalyst in inspiring others. Through responsible leadership, mentorship, and advocacy, we can influence our reach, which will help in shaping our communities and industries in positive, impactful ways. Each of us holds the potential to lead by example, spark inspiration and influence others. Result will be a brighter and confident future demonstrating unity, sustainability and growth. Congratulations and wishing the entire committee all the luck for Annual Conference which will be shaping future. So, let's invest wisely, influence responsibly, and inspire endlessly!!!

## Message



**CA. Unmesh Bhome**

Chairperson  
ICAI - Oman Chapter

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the ICAI Doha Chapter on the occasion of your 11th Annual Conference, themed "Invest, Influence, Inspire: Shaping the Future Together." This theme beautifully captures the essence of our times—where every investment of knowledge, every influence of values, and every inspiration of vision carries the power to shape tomorrow's world.

The ICAI Doha Chapter has always been innovative in its approach, setting high benchmarks with a stellar line-up of speakers and well-curated sessions. Under the dynamic leadership of CA Alex Kishore, this tradition of innovation continues to set high benchmarks. With a remarkable line-up of speakers and thoughtfully curated sessions, this year's conference promises to be both enriching and memorable.

Let the theme "Invest, Influence, Inspire (III): Shaping the Future Together" ignite ideas, integrate expertise, and create impact across borders — truly embodying "Ignite, Integrate, Impact (III)" This spirit of collective excellence is what makes our ICAI overseas chapters so vibrant and relevant.



## Message



### CA. Srirama Jayaraman

Chairperson  
The Australian (Adelaide) Chapter of ICAI

It is with the sort of unbridled enthusiasm (that I usually reserve only for cricket finals and mango season) that I extend, on behalf of the Adelaide Chapter, our warmest felicitations on the grand occasion of your 11th Annual Conference.

The theme you have chosen — “Invest, Influence, Inspire – Shaping the Future Together” — is, if I may say so, a veritable triple-decker sandwich of Ambition, Aspiration, and Absolute Optimism — the kind of hearty intellectual fare that nourishes the soul and leaves one feeling ready to take on balance sheets, boardrooms, and the occasional existential tax audit.

In a gesture so generous it could make an impairment model under IAS 36 weep with joy and a derivative under IFRS 9 break into spontaneous hedge effectiveness, CA Kishore Alex—Chair of the Qatar Chapter and possessor of a heart so golden it probably sets off airport metal detectors—has extended a hand so long it might well be listed on Google Maps, reaching all the way to us sunburnt souls in Adelaide. His splendid gesture of potentially sponsoring my in-person appearance at next year’s conference is the sort of thing that makes one believe in the enduring charm of cross-border benevolence.

## Message



### CA. Udham Singh

Chairman  
ICAI Cairo Egypt Chapter

Warmest wishes and compliments to the Doha chapter on hosting the 11th Annual Conference! May the themes of Inspire, Invest, and Influence spark insightful discussions, strategic investments, and informed decision-making. Wishing a resounding success to the event, empowering CAs to excel in their roles through meaningful collaborations and knowledge sharing.

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## Message



**CA. Kamal Kishor Mittal**

Chairman, ICAI Nairobi Chapter

I extend my heartiest congratulations to the ICAI Doha Chapter on the occasion of its 11th Annual Conference on the inspiring theme "Invest, Influence, Inspire: Shaping the Future Together."

This milestone reflects your Chapter's unwavering commitment to professional excellence, global collaboration, and the noble mission of our Mother Institute—The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India—to build competent, ethical, and visionary finance professionals across borders.

As we navigate a rapidly transforming financial and technological landscape, such conferences serve as vital platforms to exchange knowledge, strengthen connections, and ignite purpose. May this event empower members to embrace innovation, uphold integrity, and continue influencing positive change in society and the profession.

On behalf of the ICAI Nairobi Chapter, I wish the Doha Chapter great success and an enriching, memorable conference ahead.

## Message



**CA. Pawankumar Kulkarni**

Chairman of the Japan Chapter of ICAI

I am Pawankumar, Chairman of the Japan Chapter of ICAI. We are relatively a new chapter and have a long way to go to be what the Doha Chapter is doing for its members. Your past Chairperson, CA Vignesh, is part of our team and given his achievements, we immediately boarded him as committee member to seek his guidance.

Japan is slowly becoming an important jurisdiction for India. Many Surveys and reports have published that India has become the No. 1 choice for future investments and expansion strategies for Japanese companies. This creates innumerable opportunities for CAs in both countries. Doha has been through this growth phase already, there are countless success stories of CAs who have leveraged this opportunity. I am sure Doha Chapter has played in achieving this feat. We look up to support and guidance from the Doha Chapter to build careers and create opportunities for India Japan corridor for CAs.

While we will not be able to attend, the Japan Chapter wishes the Doha Chapter to have a great and successful 11th Annual Conference.



## Message



### CA. Ajay Kumar

Chairperson  
ICAI UK Chapter

It is with great admiration and heartfelt congratulations that I extend my best wishes to the ICAI Doha Chapter on the occasion of your Annual Conference. The theme you've chosen—Invest, Influence, Inspire: Shaping the Future Together—resonates deeply with the evolving role of Chartered Accountants in a world that demands not only technical excellence but visionary leadership.

To invest is to commit—not just capital, but time, intellect, and integrity—towards building resilient institutions and inclusive economies. To influence is to lead with purpose, shaping policy, governance, and ethical standards that transcend borders. And to inspire is to elevate others, creating a legacy of mentorship, innovation, and shared success.

As professionals entrusted with the stewardship of financial systems and strategic foresight, we stand at the intersection of tradition and transformation. Whether navigating global compliance, enabling fintech innovation, or guiding sustainable growth, our collective impact is magnified when we collaborate across chapters, cultures, and continents.

May this conference ignite new ideas, forge lasting partnerships, and reaffirm our shared commitment to shaping a future that is bold, ethical, and inclusive.

## Message



### CA. Anand AS

Chairman  
ICAI Eranamkulam Chapter

It take immense pleasure in writing this message for our colleagues from the Doha Chapter of the ICAI. In today's global world, I believe it is only imperative that our profession seeks to advance by harnessing cross-border synergies and efficient operating models. I hope we commit to working closely with each other, ensuring that our profession upholds the finest standards, and deliver for the greater good of our people, businesses, and the society at large.

I wish the ICAI Doha Chapter all the very best in their conduct of the 11th Annual Conference: Invest, Influence, Inspire. As the theme rightly proposes, let us invest in our people, influence progressive action, and inspire change.

## Message



### CA. Revathi S Raghunathan

Southern India Regional Council of ICAI (SIRC of ICAI)

I am delighted that the Doha Chapter, the first overseas Chapter of the ICAI, is celebrating its 11th Annual Conference.

The theme of this year's conference – "Invest, Influence, Inspire – Shaping the Future Together" – aptly reflects the forward-looking vision of the profession. Chartered Accountants have always played a pivotal role in driving economic progress globally, and will continue to lead from the front.

I am confident that the distinguished speakers will inspire members with fresh energy and insight, strengthening their professional journey and enabling them to reach new milestones while contributing meaningfully to society.

I extend my best wishes for the grand success of the conference.

## Message

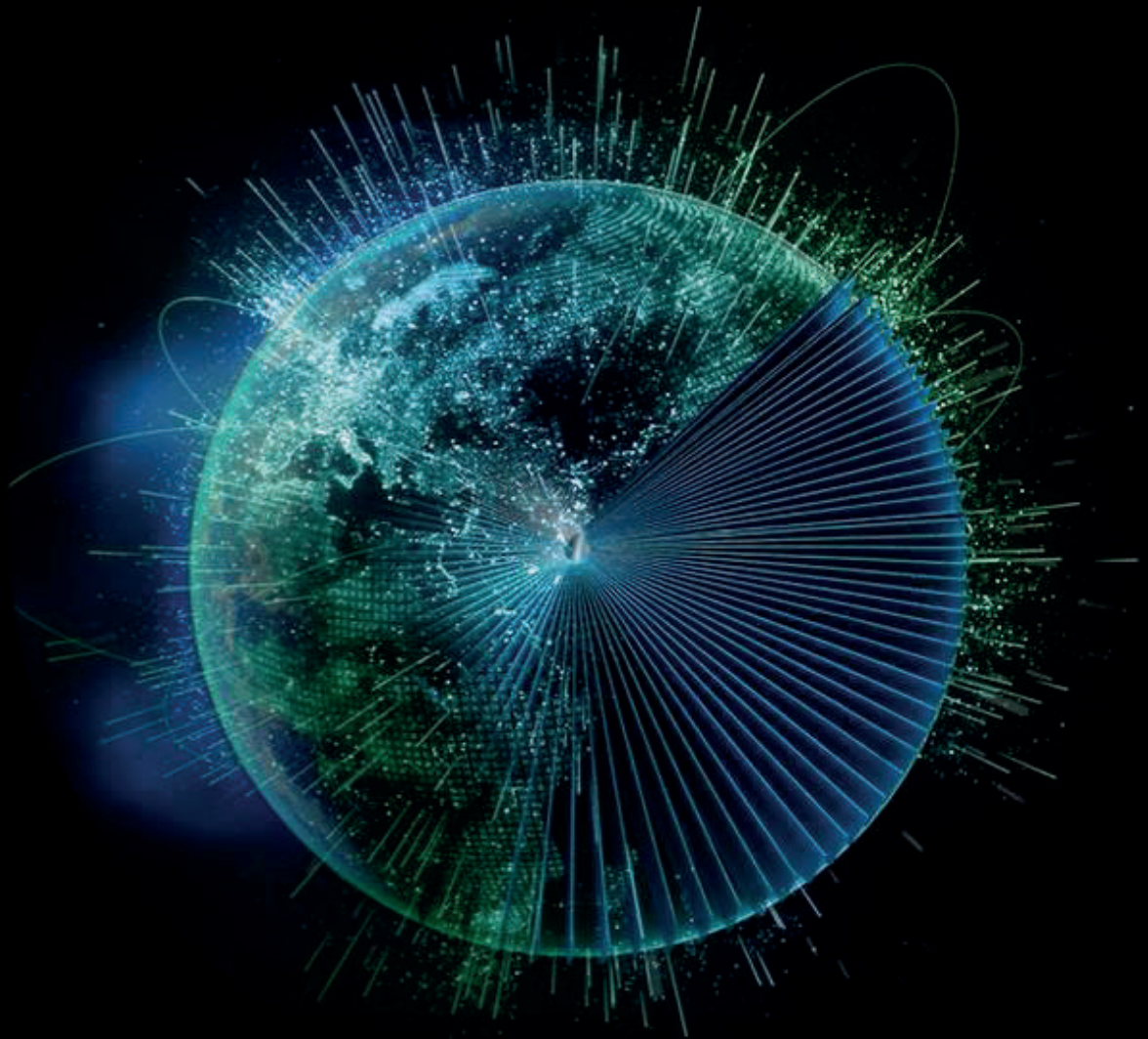


### Sheela . E . Tharakan

CFO  
Renault Nissan Tech

Congratulations to the ICAI Doha Chapter on its 11th Annual Conference. Invest, Influence, Inspire is more than a theme—it's a reflection of the values that define this vibrant community. As professionals, you shape futures not just with numbers, but with integrity, empathy, and vision. May this gathering spark meaningful connections and lasting impact. Here's to continued growth, shared wisdom, and the joy of building something greater—together.

Warm wishes for a successful and inspiring conference



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## Message



**Dr. Hameeda Kadar**

Principal, MES

It is with great pride that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India for hosting this esteemed conference. A special mention to Mr. Kishore Alex, Chairperson, whose leadership and vision continue to inspire excellence within the profession. As the Principal of MES, I recognize the transformative power of such gatherings in fostering innovation, ethical practices, and collaboration. May the discussions here not only ignite new ideas but also strengthen the commitment to upholding the highest standards of professional integrity. Wishing all participants success and meaningful outcomes.

## Message



**Prof.  
Dr. Bimalendu B. Nath**

Director, MIE-SPPU Institute of  
Higher Education, Doha - Qatar

It is with great pleasure that we convey our sincere compliments, greetings, and best wishes to the Doha Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) from the MIE-SPPU Institute of Higher Education for hosting the 11th Annual Conference. The Doha Chapter has received recognition as an outstanding overseas chapter by ICAI, highlighting its significant contributions to the profession. It has played a pivotal role in supporting Qatar's education sector through initiatives such as student career guidance programmes, Continuing Professional Education events held in Doha, and various other student-focused activities. We at the MIE-SPPU Institute of Higher Education take pride in facilitating Chartered Accountancy (CA) examinations on our campus.

To cultivate a promising future for young people, it is vital to motivate them with relatable role models who can positively shape their mindsets while investing in their capacity development. Empowering Generation Z to take responsibility for their learning and embrace diversity further boosts their potential, preparing them to succeed in a changing world. Building a future workforce requires a dedication to 'invest', 'influence', and 'inspire'. I am confident that the discussions during the annual conference will help guide participants through these carefully chosen concepts highlighted by the organisers.



## Message

### **CA. Babu Abraham Kallivayalil**

Chairman, Corporate Laws and Corporate  
Governance Committee, ICAI (2025–2026)

I am delighted to note that the Doha Chapter of ICAI is hosting its 11th Annual Conference on 16–17 October 2025. This annual event is a celebration of our profession and a platform to learn, share, and embrace fresh ideas.

As Chartered Accountants, we face rapid change in digital transformation, sustainability, and regulation. This conference will equip us to navigate these challenges and prepare for the future with confidence. The participation of global leaders and the President of ICAI makes this occasion even more meaningful, offering valuable insights and networking opportunities.

The strength of ICAI lies in its members—their dedication and integrity uphold our global reputation. I deeply appreciate the Doha Chapter, under CA. Kishore Alex, for their tireless efforts, and all members whose enthusiasm gives life to such gatherings.

I wish the conference great success and fruitful deliberations.



## Message

### CA. M P Vijay Kumar

Sincere good wishes to the members of Doha chapter of ICAI on the occasion of the 2025 Annual Conference. I have been privileged to be part of Doha Chapter programs in the past and witnessed the sincerity with which the capacity development initiatives are pursued and members quest for knowledge, gaining from each other's knowledge. The contribution of members of the Chapter towards growth of the profession has been immense.

I am delighted that this occasion has been converted into an opportunity to have an update on issues of current-day relevance, with the theme "Shaping the future". The 3 I's Invest, Influence and Inspire is energising. I am positive that the conference deliberations will focus on building ICAI a much bigger global brand.

The challenges faced by the Accounting profession are on the upswing. Complexity in audit function is glaring. Technical excellence and skill-set requirements are also becoming sharp and acutely sensitive. There is a need for attest functionaries to be better equipped in many areas relating to audit. These include Artificial Intelligence, cyber-security Issues, Information Systems audit, forensic audit, etc., and keeping abreast of impact of the ever changing economic environment and geo political risks. This need is more real than apparent. Let us make concerted efforts at facing this successfully.

I wish the Annual conference huge success. I also extend my felicitations to each member of the Managing committee of the Chapter ably led by CA Kishore Alex on their efforts that to make the experience exceptionally good for all members.



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## Message

### **CA. V Pattabhi Ram**

Co-founder, Yoganandh & Ram LLP. India.

Each time I have come to Doha to speak, I've felt both the warmth of its people and the quiet pride of meeting former students now holding high offices in this shining jewel of Qatar. These encounters remind me that our CA profession is not only about numbers, but also choices, trust, and humanity. It is heartening to see how integrity, sound judgment, and leading by example are lived out here. In many ways, these journeys echo this year's theme: investing in learning, influencing with integrity, and inspiring through action.



## Message

### CA. Arpit Kabra

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As I extend my warmest greetings to the ICAI Doha Chapter for its 11th Annual Conference, I can't help but reflect on how our profession has evolved. We are no longer just accountants balancing books; we are architects of trust, strategists of growth, and sentinels of digital integrity.

In a world where financial frauds have grown sophisticated, where data breaches can bring down empires, and where businesses demand strategic insight at the speed of thought, our role has transcended traditional boundaries. The future now belongs to those who can fuse financial wisdom with technological foresight. Whether it is strengthening Forensic, Audit, Investigation, and Security frameworks, embracing the rigor of cybersecurity audits, or stepping into the shoes of a Virtual CFO to guide businesses through volatility every challenge is an invitation to lead.

Even as we navigate regulatory landscapes shaped by the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, the message is clear: compliance and ethics can no longer be afterthoughts; they must be the foundation of every decision we make.

This conference in Doha is not just a gathering of professionals; it is a call to arms for Chartered Accountants to invest in knowledge, influence change with courage, and inspire the next generation to see beyond numbers into a future built on trust, innovation, and impact.

As a Central Council Member of ICAI, I believe this is our moment to step forward, to shape the future together, and to prove once again that wherever change beckons, Chartered Accountants will lead from the front.





## Message

### CA. Darpan Inani

Gold Medalist at Para Asian Games 2023

Thank you for your Email and warm wishes. I am honoured to contribute to the 11th Annual Conference souvenir — please find my brief message below.

"At three I lost my sight completely; my world narrowed, but my resolve deepened. Qualifying as a Chartered Accountant and winning gold for India at the Asian Para Games taught me that obstacles don't define destiny — our choices do. Resilience, discipline and curiosity turned barriers into stepping stones. As we gather to "Invest, Influence, Inspire," I urge every professional to invest in potential, influence with integrity, and inspire through action.

When we build systems that value ability over circumstance, we unlock talent and rewrite limits. May this conference spark courage, shared purpose, and a future where every ambition finds its stage."

Wishing the ICAI Doha Chapter every success for the conference.

## Members Article

# The Inspiring Power of Sitar and Ragas: A Journey Through Sound and Tradition

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Indian classical music has a unique ability to transcend language, culture, and even time.

Among these, the sitar stands out as one of the most celebrated and widely recognized instruments, both within India and around the world.

The sitar, with its resonant strings and intricate connection to ragas, is more than an instrument it is a bridge between sound, spirit, and emotion. Its ability to stretch notes through delicate glides (meend) mirrors the flow of human feeling, while the sympathetic strings create a vibration that seems to linger within the listener.

Imagine an early morning, the air still cool and the sun just beginning to rise. A musician picks up the sitar, tuning each string carefully. As the first notes of Raga Bhairav flow, the atmosphere shifts. The slow, deliberate tones seem to align with the heartbeat, grounding the mind in calmness and awakening the spirit with discipline. In that moment, the sitar becomes more than an instrument it is a guide toward mindfulness, teaching us to begin the day with balance and intention.

One of the most powerful aspects of the sitar lies in its relationship with ragas. Each raga is like a story, unfolding through notes and rhythms, designed to evoke a particular emotion or state of mind. Raga Malhar, for instance, has been celebrated for centuries as the sound of the monsoon—majestic, refreshing,

and full of hope. To listen to it is to feel rain wash away weariness, reminding us that just as seasons change, challenges too will pass. This connection teaches resilience: no storm lasts forever, and renewal always follows struggle.

- ▶ Raga Yaman inspires calm and focus.
- ▶ Raga Darbari Kanada eases tension and helps with relaxation.
- ▶ Raga Bhairav sets a peaceful, grounding tone, perfect for starting the day.
- ▶ Raga Asavari is often described as a raga of humility and surrender.

In today's corporate world, stress, burnout, and information overload have become common challenges. Organizations are increasingly investing in wellness programs to boost employee health, creativity, and productivity. While yoga and meditation have already entered the corporate wellness space, sitar music—with its deep, meditative resonance—has begun to find a unique role in promoting mindfulness and balance at work.

Learning the sitar also inspires creativity. Unlike Western classical music, which often relies on written notation, Indian classical performance is deeply improvisational. The artist is given a framework through the raga, but within it lies infinite freedom to explore, experiment, and express. Each performance is unique, reminding us that life too is not about repeating patterns, but about finding our own voice within structure. The sitar becomes a metaphor for creativity within discipline—a balance that can be applied to every walk of life.

Ultimately, the sitar teaches us that inspiration lies in simplicity. A single plucked note, allowed to breathe, can carry more emotion than a thousand words. Its music is a reminder to slow down, to listen, and to embrace both discipline and freedom. Whether one listens to it or learns to play it, the sitar has the power to nurture resilience, spark creativity, and cultivate mindfulness.

**In its strings, we find not just  
music, but life lessons  
echoes of patience, renewal,  
and the timeless beauty of  
the human spirit.**

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## Members Article

# Data Analytics for Chartered Accountants: Investing in Insights for a better future

**Prakash Somani**



Imagine you're looking for the perfect cup of chai in a crowded Indian bazaar. You could try every stall, waste half your day, and still end up with watery tea—or, you could ask Google Maps, check reviews, and walk straight to the best one. That's the difference between working with gut feel and working with data.

For Chartered Accountants, data analytics is becoming the secret ingredient that lets you invest in the right insights, influence smarter decisions, and inspire growth—all without the chaos.

## Why Data Analytics is a Game Changer

India's economy is booming, with startups, MSMEs, and large enterprises generating torrents of data daily. The explosion of digital transactions, GST reforms, and fintech growth means CAs today handle far more diverse and complex datasets than ever before.

For CAs, data analytics isn't just a fancy new toy it's a serious competitive advantage. It helps you:

- ▶ Spot hidden leaks in profits.
- ▶ Predict cash flows with more accuracy than an astrologer.
- ▶ Advise clients faster, smarter, and with the kind of insights that make you indispensable.

Finance decisions without analytics are like playing cricket without knowing the pitch or the opponent's form. Analytics gives you the match insights—whether to play aggressive shots or defend—turning you into a strategic player who shapes the game.

## Analytics as Your Mumbai Local Train

Think of analytics as your Mumbai local train fast, efficient and ready to navigate crowded tracks. Sure, it needs a steady driver (that's you!), but without it, you'd be stuck in traffic. Using analytics keeps Indian CAs on track with speed and reliability, all while juggling the daily challenges of our vibrant economy.

## Data Manipulation vs Data Analytics: Turning Raw Data into Smart Decisions

Think of data like a big plate of biryani ingredients all over your kitchen counter.

Data manipulation is just getting everything ready washing the rice, chopping vegetables, measuring spices, and frying onions. In finance, this is like cleaning messy GST records, combining sales numbers from different stores, or fixing errors in your accounts.

Data analytics is the actual cooking the part that turns all those raw ingredients into a tasty biryani. This is where you look at the numbers and figure out which stores sell the most, where money is being wasted, or what products to keep in stock.

## How Analytics Supercharges CAs

- ▶ Decoding India's Diversity: Whether it's a street side kirana or a listed conglomerate, analytics helps CAs adapt to any business model.
- ▶ Simplifying GST & Compliance: No more endless reconciliations—analytics can spot mismatches in seconds.
- ▶ Predicting Market Swings: From inflation spikes to rupee fluctuations, analytics helps forecast impacts.
- ▶ Becoming the Trusted Advisor: Numbers don't just stay in spreadsheets—they drive boardroom strategies.

## The New Age CA: From Ledgers to Leadership

Gone are the days when CAs were seen only as "number crunchers." Today's finance professionals are expected to:

- ▶ Speak the language of data visualization (think charts, not balance sheets).
- ▶ Partner with IT and data science teams.
- ▶ Lead digital transformation projects.

In short, the CA's role has shifted from accountant to strategic partner. The calculator is still in your pocket, but now, so is a dashboard.

## Challenges ? of course!

Let's be real adopting analytics isn't always smooth:

- ▶ Many businesses still cling to outdated systems.
- ▶ Data is often messy, inconsistent or incomplete.
- ▶ Upskilling feels intimidating for some.
- ▶ SMEs hesitate to invest in tools without clear ROI.

But here's the trick: start small. Prove value with one or two wins (say, faster receivables or expense control). Once people see the difference, adoption becomes much easier.

## Skills Every CA Needs in the Analytics Era

- ▶ Tech Basics: Power BI, Tableau, maybe a sprinkle of Python.
- ▶ Analytical Thinking: Seeing patterns others miss.
- ▶ Storytelling: Explaining data in simple terms clients actually understand.
- ▶ Ethics: Guarding data privacy like it's gold.

Think of it like upgrading from a trusty Nokia 3310 to a smartphone still reliable, but way more powerful.

## Easy Steps for CAs to Get Started

- ▶ Define the problem cash leaks, delayed collections, high costs.
- ▶ Check your data from Tally, GST, ERP, or Excel. Clean it up.
- ▶ Pick the right tool start with Power BI or Tableau.
- ▶ Learn with your team don't go solo; involve IT and operations.
- ▶ Start small run one pilot project and show results.
- ▶ Tell the story simply charts over jargon, clarity over complexity

## Investing, Influencing, Inspiring: The Road Ahead

Data analytics lets CAs invest in insights, influence better decisions, and inspire growth—for clients, companies, and the economy.

Finance is no longer just about tallying books—it's about shaping the future together. With analytics, CAs don't just look at the past; they can forecast the future. They don't just report numbers; they shape decisions.

In today's data-driven economy, analytics turns finance professionals into something more than accountants—they become navigators, guiding businesses through India's fast, noisy, unpredictable marketplace.

***"...and remember. numbers are powerful, but numbers with insights? That's a superpower."***



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## Members Article

# Insurance: Is It an Investment or an Expense?

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Insurance is one of those financial products that sparks divided opinions. For some, it is a smart investment in future security. For others, it feels like an unnecessary expense, eating away at already limited resources. The truth is that insurance can be seen from both angles, and the way it is perceived often depends on a household's financial situation.

In the spirit of this year's national conference theme **"Invest in People, Influence through Actions and Inspire Change Shaping the Future"** this discussion becomes even more relevant. Insurance is ultimately about investing in people, protecting livelihoods, and shaping a future that is less uncertain. But whether it feels like an investment or an expense is often a matter of perspective.

## Insurance as a Shield for Financial Stability

For households with sufficient income, insurance can rightly be seen as an investment in security and peace of mind. Imagine a middle-class family where both spouses are working, and they have set clear financial goals – children's education, buying a home, and building retirement savings. If an unexpected medical emergency arises, health insurance prevents them from liquidating their investments or selling assets. Without insurance, they might dip into their retirement fund or take costly loans, jeopardizing their financial stability.

In this sense, insurance acts like a stabilizer. It preserves long-term wealth, safeguards financial goals, and ensures that progress is not derailed by sudden shocks. For such families, the premiums paid each year resemble installments towards future security – a form of investment that may not yield visible returns immediately but proves invaluable in times of crisis.

## The Other Side of the Coin

However, the same argument doesn't hold true for everyone. In many parts of the world, households are still struggling to meet their basic needs of food, shelter, and education. For them, the idea of setting aside money for an uncertain event in the future feels unrealistic.

Take, for example, a daily-wage worker in South Asia or Africa. His entire income is spent on rent, groceries, and school fees. The thought of paying a monthly insurance premium feels like an additional burden, especially when his present survival is at stake. In such cases, insurance does not appear as an investment but rather as an expense that competes with immediate necessities.

This contrast shows why insurance is often seen differently across households. What feels like a wise investment for one family may feel like an impossible luxury for another.

## Real Life Dilemmas: A Balanced View

Let's consider two real-life scenarios:

- ▶ **Scenario 1:** A salaried professional pays USD 1,500 annually for health insurance. Two years pass with no claims, and he begins to wonder if the premium is wasted. But in the third year, he faces a medical emergency costing USD 80,000. The insurance company covers most of it. Suddenly, the years of premiums look like the best investment he ever made.
- ▶ **Scenario 2:** A family in rural India earns just enough to put food on the table. If they purchase health insurance, it means compromising on nutrition or children's education. For them, the premium is a genuine burden. While insurance would protect them from catastrophic expenses, the sacrifice required to pay for it today feels heavier than the possible benefit tomorrow.

Both examples are real and relatable. They prove that insurance cannot be judged as universally an investment or an expense. It is contextual, situational, and deeply personal.

## Insurance and Everyday Financial Choices

Every household constantly makes trade-offs. Should we spend on better schooling, save for a house, or buy insurance? For higher-income families, insurance premiums are easily absorbed into the budget, making them part of a balanced financial plan. For lower-income families, premiums can push them into debt or reduce their ability to spend on essentials.

This is why governments, NGOs, and insurers worldwide emphasize basic health coverage as the first step. Even if people cannot afford multiple policies, a minimal health cover can be life-changing. During a hospital emergency, having basic insurance can prevent families from selling assets, falling into poverty or losing years of progress.



## Shaping the Future with Inclusive Protection

Insurance, therefore, should not be framed as only an investment or only an expense. It is a tool and how it is perceived depends on a family's income, priorities, and circumstances.

While it may not be practical for every household to afford comprehensive coverage, there is one type of insurance that should ideally be universal: basic health protection.

As per World Health Organization (WHO) and World Bank report that more than half of the global population lacks full access to essential health services. In other words, over 50% of people worldwide aren't fully covered

Health emergencies are unpredictable and can financially devastate even the most modest households. This is where governments, NGOs, and community initiatives have a role to play.

- ▶ **Government-Sponsored Schemes:** In countries like India, large-scale programs such as Ayushman Bharat provide free or subsidized health coverage to millions of low-income households.
- ▶ **NGO Initiatives:** In parts of Africa, NGOs collaborate with insurers to provide micro-health insurance at very low premiums, ensuring even vulnerable communities have basic medical cover.
- ▶ **Employer Support:** Companies, including those in the Middle East, often provide health coverage as part of employment benefits, reducing the burden on individual households.

These initiatives make insurance less of a burden and more of a shared investment in social well-being.

## Conclusion

So, is insurance an investment or an expense?

The answer is: it can be both, depending on who you ask. For families with financial stability, it works as an investment that protects long-term goals. For those struggling with daily needs, it often feels like an expense that competes with survival.

But regardless of perspective, one principle holds true: every household should aim to secure at least basic health protection. Whether through government programs, NGOs, or private insurance, having some form of coverage is essential. It ensures that a single medical emergency does not wipe out years of hard work.

**Ultimately, insurance is not just about money it is about dignity, stability and the ability to move forward without fear. and in that sense, it aligns perfectly with the conference theme: Investing in people, influencing through actions and inspiring change, one protected family at a time.**







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## Members Article

# Beyond the Bottom Line: Sustainability as a Pillar of Investment Decision Making in the Middle East



# MOORE

As the global economy evolves, investors are increasingly considering environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors alongside financial metrics. This shift is especially evident in the Middle East, where sustainability has become a core component of investment strategy.

## Esg Investment: A Regional Awakening

- ▶ **Surging ESG adoption:** In 2023, 64% of organizations across the Middle East reported the implementation of formal ESG strategies—a remarkable leap from just 18% in 2022. Additionally, 73% of companies are pursuing carbon-neutral goals, highlighting a strong regional drive toward sustainable ambition.
- Sukuk and Green Finance in Motion:** In H1 2025, Gulf countries accounted for over
- ▶ half of global ESG-focused sukuk issuances. Saudi Arabia and the UAE led the pack. Throughout 2024, the GCC dominated regional sustainable bond markets—Saudi Arabia accounted for 42% and the UAE 33% of sustainable sukuk issuance, totaling \$6.8 billion. The trend shows no sign of slowing: sustainable bond issuance across the Middle East is forecasted to hit \$18–23 billion in 2025, with Saudi Arabia and the UAE contributing about 60%.

## Putting Sustainability To Work: Finance In Service Of Long-term Value

- ▶ **Infrastructure and Clean Energy Initiatives:** The UAE's key banks—FAB, ADCB, ENBD, DIB, Mashreq, and ADIB—collectively committed over USD 51.8 billion toward green financing for energy, waste-to-energy, and clean technologies.
- ▶ Qatar offers financial incentives covering 80–85% of costs for clean energy or eco-friendly business upgrades.
- ▶ In Saudi Arabia, the Public Investment Fund (PIF) partnered with ACWA Power and Aramco Power to invest \$8.3 billion into solar and wind capacity, aiming to generate 15 GW and expand renewables from 4.34 GW in 2024 to a staggering 130 GW by 2030.
- ▶ **Green Bonds & Sustainable Instruments:** The UAE's Etihad Rail launched a sustainable finance framework to pave the way for green bonds to fund cleaner infrastructure, supporting a national target of net-zero by 2050.
- ▶ Meanwhile, Masdar and Qatar issued significant green bonds in recent years, adding to the momentum.
- ▶ **Private Sector Dynamics:** A Big4 survey highlights that 56% of UAE CEOs expect to see a return on their ESG investments within 3–5 years—an indication that sustainable projects are being viewed as profitable, not philanthropic. Yet, challenges remain—20% of CEOs cite decarbonizing their supply chain as a key barrier, and 29% point to insufficient technology solutions.

## Contextual Data: Mena's Sustainability Landscape In Figures

According to one analysis:

|                                                    |      |      |      |        |
|----------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|--------|
| Share of renewables in energy mix (2023)           | 13%  | 5%   | 7.5% | 22%    |
| ESG fund AUM (\$ billion)                          | ~13  | ~8   | ~25  | ~2,000 |
| CO <sub>2</sub> emissions per capita (metric tons) | 20.5 | 18.6 | 17.8 | 6.7    |
| ESG reporting rate (top 100 firms)                 | 72%  | 64%  | ~58% | ~95%   |

This reveals both advances such as growing ESG fund markets and glaring gaps, such as emissions and renewable uptake that lag behind global peers.

## Why This Matters: The Strategic Importance of Sustainability

- **Risk Mitigation:** Projects aligned with green standards tend to be more robust against regulatory shifts and market scrutiny, insulating investors from unpredictable shocks.
- **Long-Term Value and Societal Impact:** With increasing government mandates and public pressure, sustainability-aligned investments carry reputational value—and often financial incentives.
- **Unlocking New Markets:** Green instruments like ESG sukuk and sustainable bond frameworks are drawing in new categories of investors and opening up fresh capital sources.
- **Synergistic Growth:** Clean energy projects like Saudi's massive solar expansion show how sustainability goals dovetail with Vision 2030 economic diversification, creating jobs, reducing reliance on oil, and honoring climate commitments.

## Why The Boardroom Must Act

Global investors are no longer waiting. In 2022, sustainable funds attracted \$1.6 trillion, and leading asset managers such as BlackRock, State Street, and Vanguard now embed ESG metrics into portfolio construction, pricing models, and voting policies.

In the GCC, the pressure is equally tangible:

- Sovereign wealth funds like PIF, Mubadala, and QIA are embedding ESG into capital allocation frameworks.
- Export-driven industries must contend with the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), which prices carbon-intensive products like steel, aluminum, and cement.

Domestic regulators in the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar are aligning reporting requirements with IFRS S1/S2 standards and introducing ESG disclosure guidance for listed companies.

The implication for boards: ESG is no longer optional. It is a determinant of capital access, valuation, and competitive positioning.

## Driving Ebitda Through Integrated Reporting

We strongly recommend linking sustainability metrics with financial reporting a practice we call decision-grade ESG integration.





This approach allows boards to:

- ▶ **Protect EBITDA** by quantifying exposure to carbon pricing, water scarcity, or regulatory penalties before they affect the P&L.
- ▶ efficiencies, and market premiums. GCC green sukus and bonds, for example, have already shown 20–50 bps financing advantages.
- ▶ **Signal resilience** by providing audit-ready, investor-grade ESG data that strengthens credibility with sovereign wealth funds, institutional investors and global partners.

When done correctly, integrated reporting transforms ESG from a compliance exercise into a strategic tool for earnings power and risk management.

### A Clear Roadmap For Boardroom-ready Esg

We advise boards and CFOs to take three immediate actions:

- ▶ **Embed ESG into financial planning** — Model carbon, water, and social risks alongside traditional financial metrics.

- ▶ **Integrate ESG into governance structures** — Ensure the board reviews ESG performance as part of regular financial oversight.

- ▶ **Adopt decision-grade data systems** — Track ESG metrics consistently across regions and time periods, and ensure auditability for investors and regulators.

The companies that do this will not only protect margins and capital access, they will leverage ESG as a differentiator in attracting investment, securing favorable financing, and executing strategy with confidence.

### A New Lens For Middle East Investors

In the Middle East, the story is shifting. Investment decisions are no longer solely a calculus of dollar signs but are increasingly measured on sustainability's balance sheet. Whether through ESG focused sukuk, green bonds, or sustainable financing frameworks, investors have powerful regional tools to integrate purpose and profit. As technologies evolve, regulations tighten and climates change, sustainability is not just an ethical choice it's a strategic imperative.





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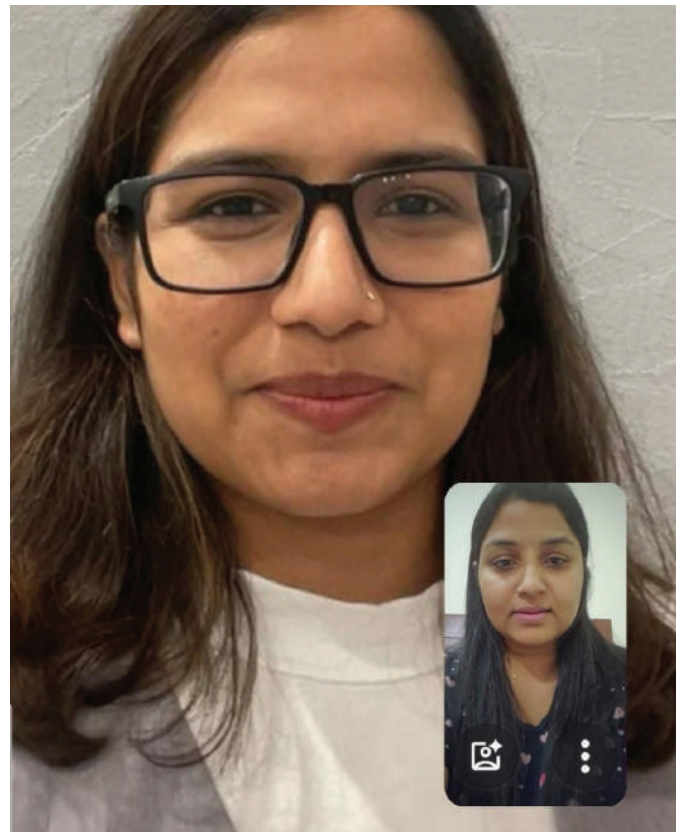
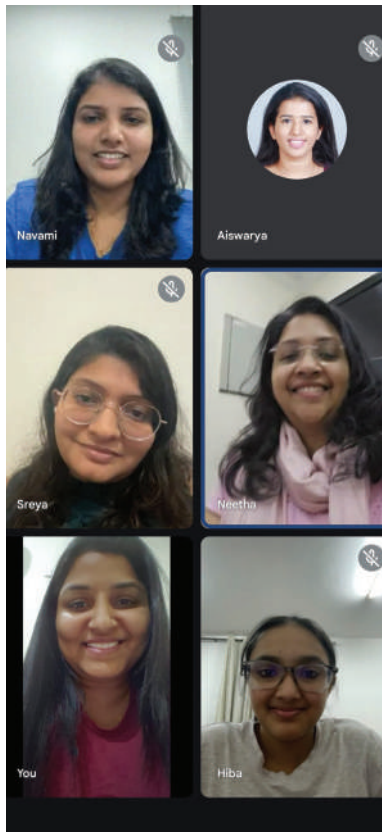
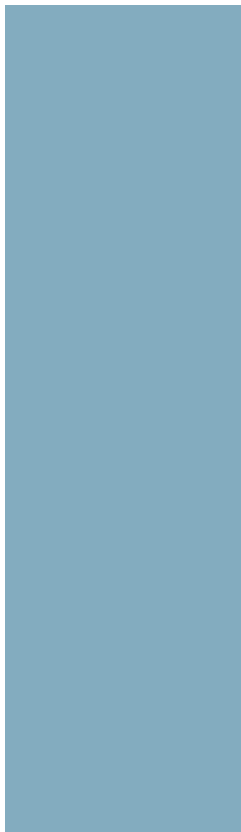


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CA's behind the scene

## Committee Meetings





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# CA. Dilip Thakker Professional Achiever Award



CA Dilip Thakker 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.

The award is intended to recognize the contribution of the Chartered Accountants in Doha who have made an exceptional contribution to the Accounting / Finance Profession, to Doha Chapter, to the industry, to the Community at large and popularized the brand CA to the State of Qatar.

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## The previous recipients are:

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# Chapter Activities

## SHEfluence – Passion to Purpose on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**SHEfluence-Passion to Purpose**  
25 NOVEMBER 2024 ♦ RADISSON BLU HOTEL ♦ 5:30 PM ONWARDS

| SPEAKER                                                                           |                                                   | MODERATOR                                                                         |                                                                      |
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|  | <b>RJ AAFREEN</b><br>Radio Jockey - Mithran Qatar |  | <b>CA ASWATHY NANDAN</b><br>Finance Business Partner<br>Jasrah Group |

| PANELIST                                                                           |                                                                                    |                                                                                                    |                                                                                               |
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# Chapter Activities

## Public listing regulation and compliance on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024



# Chapter Activities

1<sup>st</sup> GCC Seminar “On the Edge” hosted by Oman Chapter of ICAI on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025





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# Chapter Activities

## Exploring the World of Forensic Accounting and Case Studies on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025



# Chapter Activities

World Forum of Accountants (WOFA) by ICAI at New Delhi, India  
on 31<sup>ST</sup> January 2025





# Chapter Activities

## ICAI – Doha ( Qatar ) Chapter 43<sup>rd</sup> AGM 2025 AND ELECTION on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**43<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

9<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (Sunday)  
 6:00PM to 9:30PM  
 Pullman Doha West Bay

**TECHNICAL SESSION**

**Overview of the National Roadmap:**  
 Focus on green and sustainable bonds  
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 Esteemed Speaker  
**CA GAURAV KAKKAR**  
 Head of Advisory / Sustainability Lead  
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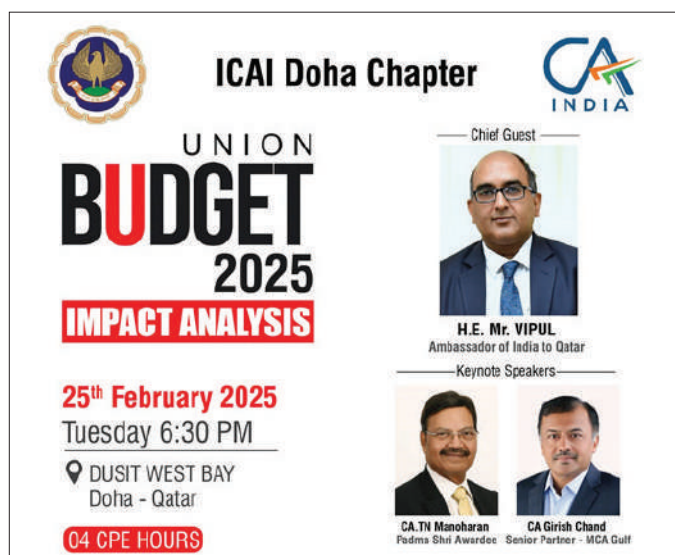
36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of ICAI Abu Dhabi Chapter  
on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025





# Chapter Activities

## Union Budget 2025: Impact Analysis on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025






# Chapter Activities

## International Women's Day : Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025



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on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025





# Chapter Activities

## AI Tools & Personal Branding on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025



# Chapter Activities

## INSIGHTS & INSPIRATIONS on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025





# Chapter Activities

## Legacy of Leaders : CA Day with the Pioneers on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**LEGACY OF LEADERS:**

**CA DAY  
WITH THE  
PIONEERS**

**7<sup>th</sup> July 2025**  
Networking: 6 pm  
Session: 6:45 pm  
Le Royal Meridien  
Place Vendome,  
Lusail  
**CPE: 4Hrs**

**HAPPY  
CA  
DAY  
JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**Chief Guest**  
  
**CA Charanjot Singh Nanda**  
President, ICAI

**Guest of Honor**  
  
**CA Prasanna Kumar D**  
Vice President, ICAI

**Key Note Speaker**  
  
**CA Babu Abraham Kallivayalil**  
Chairman, CL & CGC

**Celebrity Speaker**  
  
**CA Darpan Inani**  
Gold Medalist at Para  
Asian Games 2023





# Chapter Activities

## Legacy of Leaders : CA Day with the Pioneers on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025



**VAT & E-INVOICING,  
ICV READINESS & ADVISORY  
IN QATAR**

**13<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025**  
Wednesday  
06:00 PM **CPE: 3Hrs**

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CA. Prashan Begwani  
Partner, Audit &  
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Networking & Registration: 6:00 PM | Session: 6:30 PM





# Chapter Activities

## DATA DRIVEN TRANSFORMATION on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**DATA DRIVEN TRANSFORMATION  
GST 2.0: NEXT-GEN TAX REFORMS**



**CA LOKENDRA**  
Director Business Development & Strategy Oracle



**SHOBHA SINGH**  
Director Business Development Strategic Engagements & XOB (ECMEEA) Oracle



**CA KAMLESH TIBREWAL**  
Lead Business Analyst - Qatar Energy Past Chairperson - ICAI Doha Chapter

**16<sup>th</sup> Sep 2025**  
Tuesday  
06:00 PM  
CPE: 3Hrs  
The Westin Doha Hotel  
Doha - Qatar

Networking & Registration: 6:00 PM | Session: 6:30 PM



# Chapter Activities

## ICAI Doha Chapter Supports WOFA 2025!





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Accounting & outsourcing  
Financial Advisory  
Legal

**\$5bn+**

Combined revenue<sup>1</sup>

**1,800+**

Combined partners

**400+**

offices

Figures as at 1 January 2025

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## Other Chapter Activities

Chairperson  
visit to Kerala,  
Ernakulam chapter  
as the Chief guest



NRI Tax Talk  
Seminar in Doha  
2nd May 2025

Attended IBPC  
AGM  
29th April 2025





## Other Chapter Activities

ICAI Doha Chapter executive team attended the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Flagship Conference organized by Bahrain Chapter of ICAI.



CP meeting with CA Chandrasekaran Jayaraman, Chairperson of KSA Eastern Province ICAI Chapter

Chairperson visit at Sivakasi Branch, ICAI Chapter







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## Other Activities

Chairperson  
At The Tally launch  
Function,  
QATAR



International  
Yoga Day 2025  
Winners.

CA Family Picnic  
10th January 2025  
At Sealine  
Beach Resort





## Other Activities

### STRESS RELIEF THROUGH ART

**A Workshop for Financial Professionals**



Resource Person  
**CA NEETHA JOLLY**  
ICV Audit Manager, Eisa Alderbasti  
Accounting and Auditing

**16<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

**Dar Al Salam Compound**  
Near Dar Al Salam Mall, Abu Hamour

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### BEYOND THE CLICK: STORYTELLING THROUGH *Photography*

LIMITED TO 50 PARTICIPANTS



**27<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
Friday - 3:30 PM- 5:00 PM

**Vishnu Gopal**  
Wildlife Photographer

Millenium Plaza Hotel,  
Al Saad - Doha









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# 28<sup>th</sup> Annual DCICAI Cricket 2025





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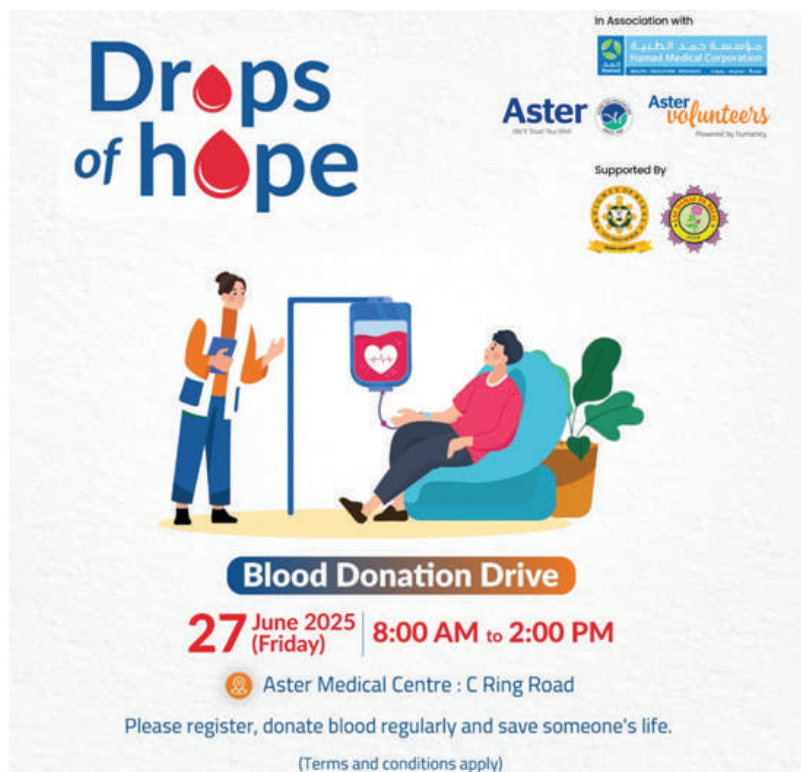
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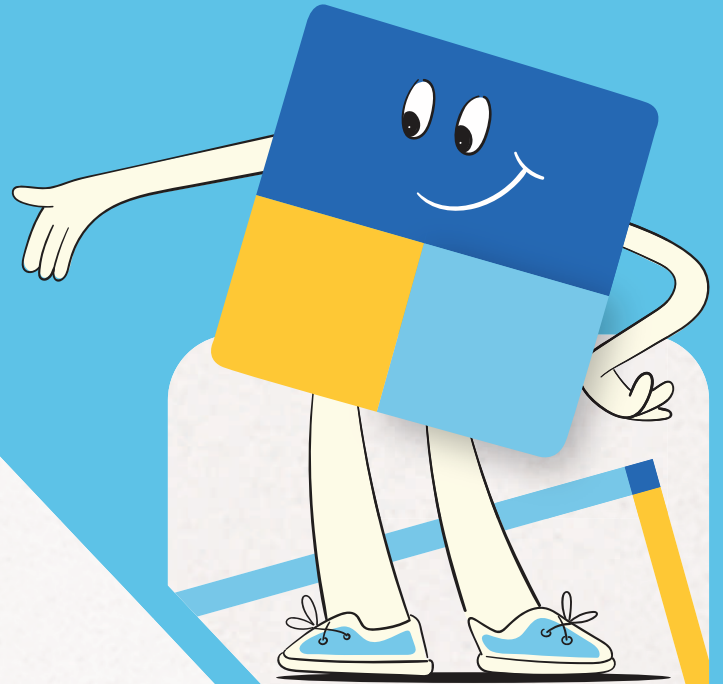


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# Laughter Time

## FUN FACTS FOR CAs

### 72%

#### WORK WITH ERRORS TO FIX

More than two-thirds of CAs spend time correcting small mistakes — typos, reconciliations, or mispostings. Accuracy = our best friend.



#### CLIENTS PAY LATE

On average, nearly 2 out of 3 invoices are overdue — causing constant follow-ups and “gentle reminders”

### 81%

#### WORK OVERTIME

Month-end, quarter-end, and tax season mean late nights, canceled plans, and extra coffee runs.



#### TECH DEPENDENCY

Over half of CAs rely on Excel, ERP, and automation tools daily. But tech glitches? Instant heart attack.

### 43%

#### COMPLIANCE PRESSURE

Almost half of the workload involves regulatory filings, audits, and compliance checks — deadlines neverait.

#### Top Coping Strategy:



Coffee + Spreadsheets = Survival



## FUN FACTS FOR CAs

### 83%

#### UNSURE ABOUT ESG

More than eight out of ten CAs feel in the dark about environmental, social, and governance responsibilities.



### \$4.2

#### TRILLION CRYPTO MARKET

Estimated size of the cryptocurrency market — a hot emerging topic for all CAs

### 68%

#### EXPECT AUTOMATION

Close to seventy percent of CAs anticipate big changes in their workflow in the next five years



#### Top Coping Strategy:



Team Meeting + Coffee Break



# Quick Thematic Knowledge Check

- **Growth in ESG Strategy Adoption** According to article "Beyond the Bottom Line," what was the specific surge in the percentage of Middle East organizations reporting the implementation of formal ESG strategies between 2022 and 2023?

A. From 42% to 73%      B. From 33% to 60%      C. From 18% to 64%      D. From 50% to 75%



- **Transformation of the CA's Role** The "Data Analytics for Chartered Accountants" article explains that analytics gives finance professionals "match insights." What is the strategic influence this enables, moving them beyond traditional accounting?

A. They exclusively focus on meeting past compliance requirements.  
B. They simply report on financial transactions after they occur.  
C. They move from just looking at the past to forecasting the future and actively shaping decisions for the business.  
D. They delegate all complex data work to the IT department.



- **Wellness Inspired by Sitar** According to "The Inspiring Power of Sitar," what is the primary wellness effect intended to be inspired by listening to the early morning performance of **Raga Bhairav**?

A. Excitement and motivation for physical labor.  
B. Grounding the mind in calmness, aligning with the heartbeat, and awakening the spirit with discipline.  
C. A feeling of melancholy and romantic longing.  
D. A focus on maximizing competitive ambition.



- **Analytics as a Superpower** The article "Data Analytics for Finance Professionals" concludes by summarizing the power of insights. What combination is referred to as a "superpower" that allows CAs to inspire growth?

A. Big Data with complex algorithms.  
B. The use of Power BI and Tableau.  
C. Numbers with insights.  
D. Financial reports with legal disclaimers.



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16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
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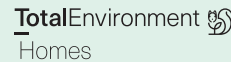
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