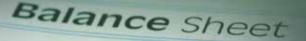


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Conference August 18 & 19, 2012 Bangalore

## SIRC CALENDAR

# JUNE & JULY 2012

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Programme at Sir Sayajirao Nagar Gruh, Akota, Baroda, Gujarat.

Programme at Gokulam Convention Centre, Ernakulam.

Programme at "ICAI Bhawan", NFCL Road, Kakinada – 533033.

### Programme at Udupi Branch of SIRC, "ICAI Bhawan", Shri Mahalasa Damodar Towers, Manipal Rd., Kunjibettu, Udupi-576102

# Chairman writes ...



#### My Dear Professional Colleagues,

I am sure most of our members would have spent quality time with the family on summer vacation, taking advantage of holidays of their wards and now back with renewed energy, to intense professional work. Members in industry and in the corporate world, would have had their hands full with preparation for their Audit Committee Meetings, Meetings of the Board, and preparing for their Annual General Meeting, after successfully completing the finalization of their accounts and audit thereof. SIRC congratulates all the members for fulfilling the statutory obligations of bank audit with aplomb as well as the audit of companies under the Companies Act, 1956 in the Revised Schedule VI format. It would be helpful for SIRC to place the views of the members to the Central Office if the members share their experience during the course of audit as aforesaid.

I am happy to inform you all that many of the suggestions given by the Institute on Direct and Indirect Taxes through the Post Budget Memorandum were considered in the amendments to Finance Bill, 2012 as passed in Lok Sabha. This was possible because the members have given their valuable inputs and SIRC requests the members to continue to contribute their views and inputs on various matters concerning the profession and the practice, and the changing economic and fiscal laws of the country.

#### **Chartered Accountants Day**

To recall happy and nostalgic moments is always a pleasure in life, and more so to relive the formation of the Institute is a joy. SIRC has been organizing the Chartered Accountants Day since 1993 and this is the 20th year we are celebrating the formation day in a befitting manner. As in the last year, SIRC would be honouring 60 senior members of the profession on the basis of their seniority of membership for whom SIRC had sent individual communications. The complete details of the function commencing from Walkathon in the early morning to the evening function is published elsewhere in this Newsletter. I request all the members to participate with their family in large numbers and make the occasion a memorable one.

# Contribution of Articles to SIRC Newsletter

I am extremely happy to share with you that the response to the request made through the SIRC Newsletter for contribution of articles by members on "Internal Audit", has been very encouraging and I wish the trend continues. The July 2012 issue would focus on "Non Corporate Taxation" and we invite articles from members.

# The Theme for this month-Internal Audit

"Internal auditing is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organization's operations. It helps an organization accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes."

To effectively develop and execute corporate strategy, risk and controls management need to be deeply embedded in the corporate culture. The role of the Internal Audit function in an organization is to provide effective and independent assurance to the board on how key business risks are managed and strategies are implemented.

Internal Audit supports the board in discharging its oversight responsibilities relating to strategy implementation, internal controls and financial reporting. Corporate frauds, governance failures, regulatory scrutiny and globalization have all contributed to an increased focus on the Internal Audit function and the role it plays.

There is considerable re-thinking on Internal Audit's role in terms of how it can successfully make the transition from value preservation to value creation. This has led to a paradigm shift in expectations from Internal Audit today compared to what they were a few years ago.

Today Internal Auditors are expected to deliver implementation of a risk based approach to assurance including an independent evaluation of management's risk assessment and management processes and assurance on a variety of critical risks that are crucial to achieving corporate goals, process improvement recommendations, benchmarking against industry best practices, and adoption of appropriate quality standards.

I am confident the objective of theme-based newsletter is achieved with the articles that are appearing in this edition of newsletter and I seek your feedback on the contents of this Newsletter to fine-tune wherever required.

#### *Student Related Activities:* SICASA Activities

I am happy to share with the members that the Board of Studies, through the Students' Association has been organizing multifarious programmes for the benefit of students across the country. SICASA is taking the activities forward by organizing numerous programmes and I request the members to sponsor their articled assistants to such programmes. The recent initiative of SICASA in bringing out the e-newsletter containing useful articles has been widely acclaimed and I request the students to take advantage of the publication in enhancing their academic knowledge.

#### **Elocution & Quiz Competitions**

The Branch Level Elocution and Quiz Competition are being held in the month of June/July in the branches of SIRC and at Chennai we have the competition on 3rd July 2012. I request members to exhort their articled assistants to participate and exhibit their skills. I would like to add that the competition is open to IPCC students also.

#### E-Siksha

One of the initiatives of the Board of Studies, ICAI was to provide with the distance learning at the door step of the student with the portal **"CA. Shiksha"** - http://www. shiksha.com/. This **e-learning** includes comprehensive package of e-learning + video lectures + mock tests + assessment report+ quick revision notes, making it lot easier to grasp, understand and finally answer examination. The details are hosted in the SIRC Website www.sircoficai.org. I request the members to disseminate this information to their articled assistants who may also be advised to share with their friends pursuing CPT Course.

# *My interaction with Members and Students*

During last month I visited Coimbatore, Erode & Ernakulam Branches in connection

with their programmes and my interaction of the session. I would in this context like to All Roads Lead to Bangalore for was very lively and useful and in the course of couple of months, I propose to visit other branches and interact with members and students at large, which will benefit me in serving the fraternity better.

#### Social Responsibility

Since 1997, SIRC has been, twice a year, organizing the Blood Donation Camp and this year too it will be organized on 30th June 2012 and 1st July 2012.

SIRC is organizing the Blood Donation Camp in association with Hemophilia Society-Madras Chapter, Rotary Central TTK VHS Blood Bank, Chennai. Lions Club of Anna Nagar II Avenue and Lions According to Lord Nelson "I owe all my Club of Madras Metro West. I request members and students to donate blood for the cause of the society.

#### **On Punctuality**

Before I conclude, I would like to impress upon every branch, every member to observe punctuality with whatever they do which to my mind would enhance our reputation and worth in the society. At times we observe that the programmes are starting beyond the scheduled time, may be for want of reasonable attendance, delay in the arrival of faculty but I would lay stress on the commencement of the programme on time irrespective of the attendance and 'confidence level and professional approach. ensure that the faculty is at the venue at Let us make an attempt, to follow time least 15 minutes before the commencement consciousness.

*emphasize the need for punctuality in the* following saying, which reads as -

*The proverb* **'Time and tide waits for no one'** has great relevance in the present day world. Along with increase in life span, a person also has many more things to do and for this one has to manage his time well. Time, the most precious free gift to all, once lost, cannot be retrieved. Punctuality, though very easy to preach, is practiced by very few and they are invariably very successful people. We have to make punctuality a habit, a way of life, whether in our work or at home.

success in life to having been always a quarter of an hour before my time."

In the word of **William Shakespeare** "Better three hours too soon than a minute too late.'

In words of Lord Chesterfield "Promptness is the soul of business".

*Punctuality is an admirable trait. By* being punctual we display respect and responsibility besides being polite. Punctuality is a great way to make a positive personal impact and will say a lot about *you, your care and respect to others, your* 

# SIRC Conference

It is my pleasure to invite all of you on behalf of SIRC to the 44th Regional Conference at Bangalore on 18th and 19th August 2012. The Conference Committee is fully geared up to make this annual event yet another fruitful, purposeful and knowledgesharing conference. I look forward to your participation and invite you to share the camaraderie and fellowship with all the other members gathering there, and request you to kindly inform your other colleagues to join with you to be part of this mega conference. For the convenience of outstation delegates we have published elsewhere in this Newsletter the hotel tariff and the contact details for booking of your accommodation from your home and office.

#### Remember 18th and 19th August 2012. Let us all join together for knowledge sharing and fellowship at Bangalore, the Garden City and the Silicon Valley of India.

Until next month to share my thoughts with you again, I remain,

Yours in professional service

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### CPE SEMINAR ON DIRECT & INDIRECT TAXES

Organised by SIRC of ICAI under the auspices of Taxation Committee of SIRC of ICAI



Friday & SaturdayJune 22 & 23, 2012ICAI Bhawan,	<b>P. Brahmayya Memorial Hall</b> No.122, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600034.
Day-1 – Friday, June 22, 2012 (Registration : 08.55)	a.m.) Day-2 – Saturday, June 23, 2012
Inauguration Session : 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	Technical & Special Sessions : 10.00 a.m. to 05.30 p.m.
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Technical Sessions : 10.00 a.m. to 05.30 p.m.	VAT Audit - A professional opportunity
Dividends - including deemed dividends - Taxation	<b>CA. J. Murali</b> , Chennai
CA. R. Bupathy, Chennai, Past President-ICAl Wealth Tax – Issues	Emerging trends in Taxation of Services <b>CA. J. Purushothaman,</b> Chennai
CA. N.S. Srinivasan, Chennai Interesting latest Issues in Income tax CA. N. Santhanakrishnan, Salem	Brain Storming Session Panelists: CA. Rajendra Kumar P., Central Council Member, ICAI CA. P. Sankaran, Chennai
Interpretation of Tax Laws Adv. V.S. Jayakumar, Chennai	CA. J. Murali, Chennai CA. J. Purushothaman, Chennai
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#### CPE Credit CPE SEMINAR ON INTERNAL AUDIT Registration : 08.55 a.m.) h Organised by SIRC of ICAI under the auspices of Internal Audit Committee of SIRC of ICAI HOURS Saturday - June 16, 2012 P. Brahmayya Memorial Hall, ICAI Bhawan 08.55 a.m. to 05.30 p.m. No.122, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600034. Inaugural Session : 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Technical Sessions - 10.15 a.m. to 05.30 p.m. Overview & Methodology of Internal Audit CA.Vatsaraj Bhargav, Mumbai DELEGATE FEE Members - `750/-Use of Information Technology for effective Internal Audit Delegate fee by way of Cash / Cheque / DD drawn in CA. Anirbhan Ghosh, Senior Manager, Cognizant Technologies Ltd., Chennai favour of 'SIRC of ICAI' payable at Chennai be sent to SIRC of ICAI, "ICAI Bhawan", No.122, Mahatma Gandhi Internal Controls & Risk Management CA. Huzefa Unwala, Computer Technology Specialist, Mumbai Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600034. Phone: 044-30210320; Email: sirc@icai.in Internal Audit & Audit Committee CA. Smita Gune, Head (Internal Audit), ICICI Bank, Mumbai CA. K. Viswanath CA. P.V. Rajarajeswaran CA. G.V.V. Satyanarayana Secretary, SIRC Chairman, Internal Audit Committee of SIRC Chairman, SIRC CPE Credit **CPE SEMINAR ON** PRACTICAL ISSUES AND CHALLENGES IN CORPORATE LAWS n Organised by SIRC of ICAI under the auspices of the Committee on Corporate and Allied Laws & Corporate Governance of SIRC HOURS (Registration : 08.55 a.m.) Saturday - June 30, 2012 P. Brahmayya Memorial Hall, ICAI Bhawan, 08.55 a.m. to 05.30 p.m. No.122, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600034. Inaugural Session : 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Technical Sessions - 10.15 a.m. to 05.30 p.m. Tackling Issues & Tagging under Revised Schedule VI DELEGATE FEE Members - `750/-Dr. P.T. Giridharan, Joint Director, ICAI, Chennai Delegate fee by way of Cash / Cheque / DD drawn in favour Further details Cost Audit and Compliances will be hosted in of 'SIRC of ICAI' payable at Chennai be sent to SIRC of ICAI, CA. L. Venkatesan, Chennai SIRC Website "ICAI Bhawan", No.122, Mahatma Gandhi Road, **Professional Opportunities in Litigation Practices** Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600034, Phone: 044-30210320; LLP – Way Forward for Professional Net Working Email: sirc@icai.in CA. P.V. Rajarajeswaran, Secretary, SIRC & Chairman, CA. K. Viswanath Committee on Corporate and Allied Laws & Corporate Governance of SIRC Chairman, SIRC CPE Credit CPE SEMINAR ON FEMA Saturday - June 16, 2012 08.30 a.m. to 05.00 p.m. Organized by SIRC of ICAI under the auspices of Committee on Banking, h Insurance and Pension of SIRC of ICAI - Host: Kakinada Branch of SIRC ICAI Bhawan, NFCL Road, Kakinada HOURS Inaugural Session: 08.30 a.m. to 09.00 a.m. Technical Sessions - 09.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m. Introduction to FEMA and Role of Chartered Accountants under FEMA **Chief Guest** Mr. V. Satyanarayana Murthy, DGM Chairman CA. P.S.R. Balaji, Kakinada • Andhra Bank, Zonal Office, Kakinada Speaker Dr. S. Durairajan, DGM, Reserve Bank of India (Retd.) • DELEGATE FEE ` 600/-Members -Borrowing and Lending in INR & FC with main focus on ECB. Students 300/-Chairman : CA. D.P.R. Swamy, Kakinada CA. P. Venkatesan, Chennai Speaker : Delegate fee by way of Cash / Cheque / DD drawn in favour of 'Kakinada Branch of SIRC of ICAI' payable Investment by NRIs & PIOs, Deposit Schemes for Non-Residents, FC accounts at Kakinada be sent to Kakinada Branch of SIRC of for Persons Resident in India. ICAI, "ICAI Bhawan", 70-10-7/A, Beside Satya Bhaskar Chairman CA. P. Triveni Rao. Kakinada : public School, Near Nagamalli Thota Jn., NFCL Road, Dr. S. Durairajan, DGM, Reserve Bank of India (Retd.) Speaker Kakinada-533 003. For Registration Contact - Phone: Acquisition and Transfer of Immovable Property in India & Outside India 0884-2364 402 / 236 4404 Email: kakinada@icai.org, CA. G. Ramakrishna Rao. Kakinada Chairman • icaikakinada@yahoo.in CA. P. Venkatesan, Chennai Speaker : CA. P.V. Rajarajeswaran CA. M.R. Brahmananda Reddy CA. Gopal Krishna Raju CA. K.K. Pavankumar CA. K. Viswanath Secretary, SIRC Secretary, Kakinada Branch Chairman, CBI&P of SIRC Chairman, Kakinada Branch Chairman, SIRC

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# Risk-based Internal Audit

Internal Audit as a profession is at a very important stage. Though technically, the Internal Audit function reports to the Audit Committee, there are various stakeholders involved and interested in the work that the internal audit team performs. Over the next few paragraphs, let's try to understand the scope of internal audit and the changing expectations in the current business environment.

#### Introduction

As defined by the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), "Internal audit is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organization's operations. It helps an organization accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes."

The internal auditor is often described as the organizations' critical friend – the independent advisor who can challenge current practice, champion best practice and be a catalyst for improvement, with the objective of ensuring that the organization as a whole can achieve its strategic objectives.

#### Scope of Internal Audit

The scope of internal auditing within an organization is broad and may involve topics such as the efficacy of operations, the reliability of financial reporting, deterring and investigating fraud, safeguarding assets, and compliance with laws and regulations.

Internal auditing frequently involves measuring compliance with the entity's policies and procedures. However, internal auditors are not responsible for the execution of company activities; they advise management and the Board of Directors (or similar oversight body) regarding how to better execute their responsibilities. As a result of their broad scope of involvement, internal auditors "With the challenges posed by today's business scenario – internal and external – the stakeholders look at internal audit as a business partner and seek pro-active advice on the risk and control framework that would be ideal for their operating environment."



may have a variety of higher educational and professional backgrounds.

#### Internal Audit Structure

Publicly-traded corporations typically have an Internal Audit Department, led by a Chief Audit Executive ("CAE") who generally reports to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, with administrative reporting to the Chief Executive Officer.

There are a few other models that are in practice. Certain organizations outsource the internal audit function to a third party service provider. Another prevalent model is one of co-sourcing - a combination of in-house Internal Audit resources supplemented by resources from a third party service provider, depending on skill sets and expertise needed. Typically, the internal audit plan for an organization is drawn up at the beginning of the financial year and presented before the Audit Committee for guidance and approval. Depending on the suggestions and inputs provided by the Audit Committee, the plan is operationalised. In terms of the processes covered in the internal audit plan, increasing focus is also being laid on operational aspects, in addition to evaluation of internal controls over financial reporting.

#### Role of Internal Auditor

Internal audit activity is primarily directed at improving the internal control and effectiveness of internal control environment in an organization. Under the COSO Framework, internal control is broadly defined as a process, affected by an entity's board of directors, management, and other personnel, designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives in the following internal control categories:

- Effectiveness and efficiency of operations.
- Reliability of financial reporting.
- Compliance with laws and regulations.

The primary responsibility for maintaining internal control lies with the management of the company. The organization establishes policies and processes to help the business achieve specific objectives in each of these categories. Internal auditors perform audits and reviews to evaluate whether the policies and processes are designed and operating effectively and based on the review, provide recommendations for improvement.

#### *Rising importance of Risk Management*

In the current economic situation and the slowdown faced by economies worldwide, the risk landscape is undergoing a significant change. Organization would have to be aware of the risks and the

criticality of the risks, considering the impact and likelihood. This awareness would help the Senior Management in institutionalizing the right strategy to address the risks. Certain risks can be mitigated effectively with a strong control environment. However, as far as external risks such as economic slowdown are concerned, change in government policy or regulations, can only be monitored by the organization keeping abreast of the changing environment and having the internal processes robust enough to adapt for the change. Emerging risks, which are difficult to predict from past experience, are now reverberating across entire industries and economies.

To respond effectively, internal audit helps the management to adopt more sophisticated and integrated risk management approach.

Aligning internal audit priorities to the risks flowing from changing business priorities and conditions has therefore, become the central mission of forward looking internal audit executives. Successful internal audit departments are those that would maintain alignment with the changing risk profile, and the evolving needs and expectations of the various stakeholders. One of the key areas of focus would therefore, be a shift from merely evaluating financial reporting controls to focusing on the sources of risk that might reduce shareholder value.

It would therefore be important to begin by having a risk library, enlisting all likely risks. Based on the likelihood and impact of the risks, list of prioritized risks would then have to be identified. This would form a critical input to the risk-based internal audit plan. While preparing the risk-based plan, adequate consideration is to be given to other forms of assurance that exists within the organization. Such assurance would be available, in part or in full, by teams such as Quality Control, Legal and Secretarial and similar functions. The aim is to avoid duplication of efforts and to effectively use the limited time and resources that internal audit would have.

From an internal audit perspective, the controls institutionalized would have to be tested for both design effectiveness and operating effectiveness. In a design evaluation, the Internal Auditor would perform an assessment of the design of the controls, to evaluate whether the controls are designed appropriately to address the level of risk that exists for that particular process. Once comfort over the design is established, the internal auditor would thereafter, evaluate the operating effectiveness of the control by testing the control with regard to the various attributes, by a combination of walkthrough, observation, reperformance and sampling to evaluate whether the control is consistently operating over the review period.

#### Use of technology in Internal Audits

All business and business processes, have become increasingly dependent on technology. Most organizations have either an integrated ERP system or disparate IT applications to support their operations. Therefore, risks related to the use of technology also would have to be identified and evaluated.

Traditional methods of sampling and manual evaluation of controls would have to be therefore, supplemented by effectively using technology to drive the efficiency and effectiveness in internal control reviews. High performing internal audit functions would use technology as under:

- To increase efficiency, internal audit should automate issues tracking and reporting to achieve paperless audits and reports, and use capacity multipliers to mitigate the impact of constrained resources.
- To improve effectiveness in the search for errors or unusual transactions, internal audit should test entire data populations automatically, through use of analytic tools.
- To strengthen quality, internal audit should apply technology to conduct real-time reviews, escalate issues, and ensure compliance with standards.

In times wherein the budget for internal audit function would be at a constraint, it would be very important for internal auditors to leverage technology to drive efficiencies as mentioned above.

However, most internal auditors are not prepared to audit in an automated environment, which could be as a result of lack of relevant IT experience within the internal audit teams. The skill gap within the internal audit team would have to be adequately bridged with supplementing the team with the right skills or cosourcing the audit of the processes which require specific expertise.

#### Summary

In the past, incremental contribution from the internal audit team by reviewing additional processes or locations, by rotation, was considered good enough. However, as mentioned, with the challenges posed by today's business scenario – internal and external – the stakeholders look at internal audit as a business partner and seek pro-active advice on the risk and control framework that would be ideal for their operating environment. In such a scenario, the internal auditors are expected to contribute more in the following:

- Adopting a risk-based audit approach – this would help in achieving prioritized coverage on the critical challenges faced by the business.
- Increasing the dialogue with the senior management, audit committee, external auditors and the board of directors – such dialogue would help the team in building trust and credibility, thereby increasing the confidence of the stakeholders on the function, in terms of viewing the internal audit team as a business partner.
- Constantly upgrading the skill sets within the team – evaluating the current skills available within the team, understanding the skill gap that exists considering the audit plan, evolving strategies to bridge the skill gap by training, outsourcing or use of guest auditors.
- Implementation of clear performance metrics for the internal audit team - this would help in the internal audit team showcasing the value added contribution made, in terms of efficiency, process improvements and effectiveness.

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# Practical insights into effective Internal Auditing

While there are several definitions of internal auditing in the academic space, the role and objectives of internal audit can vary significantly depending on the size and nature of the organisation and based on the organisation's culture. For instance, internal audit's objectives in a large public company with independent audit committee will differ significantly from its objectives in an NGO. The first step towards a successful internal audit function is therefore, to clearly understand and define its role in the organisation and its objectives.

#### The delivery model and framework

Several delivery models have evolved over time. Internal audit may be carried out by an in-house team or by an outsourced professional service provider. There can also be a mix of in-house team and outsourced arrangements (commonly referred to as the co-sourced model). Increasingly, in large organisations, there is a trend to have the core audit activities managed by an in-house team and the remaining audit plan is met by either outsourcing certain audit areas or by taking professionals 'on loan' from a service provider.

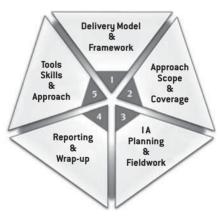
Setting out the appropriate internal auditing framework which is aligned to the organisation's audit objectives and articulating the framework clearly is perhaps an aspect which often gets marginalised even in large organisations -it is common to see that the framework is assumed. Especially in the case of cosourced model, the structure and relative responsibilities need to be clearly stated in the framework or charter document.

Needless to say, that the framework should provide sufficient independence to the internal audit function. It is also important to have a right-sized internal audit budget for achieving the desired audit effectiveness.

#### Approach, scope and coverage

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by regulation or it can go beyond the realms of compliance and provide value to the organisation through appropriate focus on process and performance improvement. There are varying schools of thought here, each having its merits. One school believes that internal auditors should be in a position to report objectively on the quality of internal controls and that the audit mandate should not be expanded in a way that disturbs or compromises the purity of the internal audit engagement. Another view is that internal auditors should take advantage of their knowledge of the organisation to add value, wherever possible. Where the role of internal audit is driven by an independent audit committee, it is likely that the focus will be on compliance and control evaluation and where the role of internal audit gets defined by the promoters or executive management, the requirements of value add to the business gets pronounced. It is possible that in times of economic slowdown and recovery and in organisations on a transformation path, there may be increased demands on internal audit's contribution to operational efficiencies and value addition to the business.

Nonetheless, there seems an unanimity that internal audit should be risk based. Many organisations have or are evolving an enterprise-wide risk management (ERM) system, wherein enterprise risks are identified, assessed, rated and managed in a pro-active manner. Where an ERM is in place, it necessarily follows that internal audit scope and coverage should be based on the ERM system. In small organisations and where the ERM system has not been put in place, the audit scope and coverage should be built at least based on a discussion of the risks.

#### Internal audit planning

Clearly, to meet the internal audit objectives effectively, the internal auditor should have a good understanding of the organisation's activities, trends in the business and industry, organisation structure and the organisation's achievements against its plans. This requires access to and reading of the relevant MIS as well as carrying out effective dialogue with the management. In a few established large organisations, internal audit is provided with the required information in a streamlined manner, on a real time basis. However, in many organisations, for want of attention to this matter or due to other reasons, internal audit is not privy to adequate information and the audit team is left to discover the business as they carry out the audit. Especially in the case of outsourced arrangements, managements may consider it inappropriate to provide internal audit with the organisation's MIS. Gaps in this area, however, may become the single biggest impediment to effective internal audit and it is important for internal audit and management to agree how this gap can be bridged.

annual audit calendar can be drawn up, this should be done in advance and circulated to the management, so that management is aware of the audit dates and allocate the required resources to support the audit process.

Staffing the audit is a critical matter. This must be carefully done based on the requirements of the audit plan. A briefing meeting should be conducted, budgeted hours should be finalised and the audit program needs to be drawn up. A good practice is to send information request in advance to the auditee and to hold briefing meetings with the auditee. A common pitfall is lack of clarity of the appropriate auditee or process owner within the organisation and absence of escalation protocols. In order to optimally deploy audit and management time and resources, these matters must be agreed between management and audit team during the planning stage.

#### The fieldwork

It is common knowledge that internal audit fieldwork involves collection and analysis of relevant information, interviewing the auditee, concluding based on these activities in the form of audit observations and recommending corrective or improvement action. Use of technology tools for data analysis enhances the effectiveness of the fieldwork process. Effective data analysis helps validate internal controls using transactional data at source level, but the auditor should be aware of information overload and avoid wasting time on information that is not relevant.

An audit tool which the internal auditors

Based on the agreed plan, where an of operational auditing is continuous auditing. Continuous auditing is any method used by auditors to perform audit related activities on a continual basis. Deployment of technology is critical to enabling continuous auditing as a method to perform effective control and risk monitoring. Continuous auditing changes the audit paradigm from periodic review of a sample of transactions to ongoing testing of more wholesome population using technology.

> A good practice is to evolve standardised templates for planning, documentation, work papers and reporting as this helps conserve the limited auditor's time and effectively manage professional risks. Several documentation management tools are available to aid the process.

Auditors need to possess the required soft skills and should deploy effective interviewing skills. The auditor deals with different people in the organisation and the auditor's ability to effectively manage varying behavioural traits has a profound impact on the quality of internal audit work. So does the internal chemistry within the audit team, which must be carefully balanced.

The auditor must be alert and trust his or her instincts and use his or her judgement to work beyond the audit program, if required. It is useful to remember that 'right controls in the wrong culture and managed by the wrong people' may not be effective.

#### *Reporting and wrap-up*

The auditor should be careful not to 'jump to conclusions'. A common pitfall is to become excessively possessive of one's own observations and the auditor are likely to rely on to achieve higher levels must have the willingness to open one's

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observations to a healthy debate and to evaluate them objectively.

It is useful to rate the observations based on the associated risks and their impact on the business. The report will usually carry the observation, rating, root cause, impact and management response including action responsibility and timeline. An executive summary is usually prepared for circulation of key observations to top management or audit committee. Presentations are also made to other key stakeholders.

It is a good practice that the agreed management action is monitored against timelines as the success of an internal audit is in the implementation of action arising therefrom.

#### Tools, skills and approach for high impact

#### To conclude,

- Internal audit should provide the board and senior management with strategic insight, business improvement recommendations and advice. This is likely to be sought to be achieved increasingly through an open line of communication.
- Internal audit should be embedded as a tool within a wholesome governance framework and its linkages to the other components should be properly structured (for instance, ERM, whistleblower program, controls self assessment process).
- Internal audit professionals should possess varied experience, good business acumen and leadership skills to be effective in today's dynamic economic environment. Internal audit may become increasingly perceived as a business function that can help save money, eliminate waste and minimize risk.
- Internal audit is being increasingly designed to operate in multiple geographies as many organizations pursue global agenda. Internal audit professionals must train to work seamlessly in cross-cultural environments under global arrangements.

#### New Branches of SICASA formed in Southern Region

The Council of the Institute has vide its announcement dated May 22, 2012 notified the setting up of following Branches of Southern India Chartered Accountants Students' Association w.e.f. May 17, 2012:

- Kannur Branch of SICASA 1.
- Sivakasi Branch of SICASA 2.



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# Internal Audit - Transformation from Personal Information to a Business Advisory Service

If one has to dig out the origin of Internal audit as to when it evolved – may be it would synchronise with the evolution of trade and commerce in the universe. Needless to state, be it, a small time business man of the yesteryears or a multinational conglomerate of today, the service of an internal audit had always remained. Various changes that have taken place over the centuries have been on its transition from providing of personal information (to the owner) to rendering of professional business service to various stakeholders.

In either of the forms stated above, it had its own meaning and relevance for its existence. The one big difference has been on the evaluation of the Internal Audit function. Earlier, it had rested with only one person while in today's universe; there are as many customers to internal audit (as the number of auditees) who demand wide variety of deliverables in all dimensions of length, breadth and depth in dealing with a subject. This poses a very big challenge to the internal audit function and drives the professionals engaged in this function to

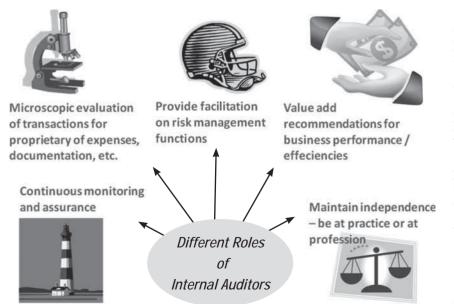
constantly engage them in learning more effective methods of carrying out the audit, constantly updating their industry and business knowledge and also upgrade their relationship management, IT and communication skills.

The result is that the Internal Auditor of today happens to wear different hats. The challenge lies in his ability to adapt himself to the different hats that he wears in such a manner that neither the hat nor the auditor is considered a misfit.

Despite the fact that IA has evolved over the period and the ever increasing demands from the stake holders, the gene of the Internal Audit function should remain unaltered and they should continue to do the basic audits that brought them into existance. Let us discuss their roles in brief

#### Microscopic evaluation of proprietary of transactions

With the advent of computers which have become inevitable for the functioning of an enterprise, most of the audits happen through and around systems. With the



ever increasing volume of business and the geographical (domestic and global) and the IT system, very little emphasis is given today for the physical audits. It is necessary therefore for the Internal Auditors to walk through the physical transactions and documentation along the lines of the IT system process and controls. This is essential to understand the design of controls and comment on the effectiveness of controls.

# *Continuous monitoring and assurance*

Being an independent function, internal auditors are also expected to do the function of monitoring and assurance on whether the actions committed for resolving the observations are carried out and also on the sustainment of the actions in such a manner that the same points are not repeated. It is also expected of them to state whether the exceptions identified and actions committed are applied across the organisation towards horizontal deployment.

# *Provide facilitation on risk management*

It is very well decided that Internal auditors should not be involved in the process of risk assessment and risk mitigation. However, it is important for the internal auditors to play the role of facilitation in the risk management function. It is appropriate for them to play the anchor role in spreading the concept of risk management, provide the benchmark practices, populate the risks identified in the form of exceptions in the previous reports, provide necessary tools in the performance of risk assessment, articulation of risks and when the risk mitigation plans are drawn by an agency to validate their implementation efforts.

# Value add recommendations for business performance/efficiencies

It is extremely important for the internal auditors to move away from the statement of fact to go further and identify the root cause to recommend possible means of resolution that results in improved business performance and efficiency. This goes with the famous proverb "if you cannot be a part of the solution, don't be a part of the problem". If one has to live up to this proverb, then it is essential that the internal auditors get a good grasp over the business, industry to which it belongs to, the understanding of operations, benchmarks on performance, etc.

#### Maintain Independence

A very important quality of an internal auditor is the independence and the objectivity with which he performs. He has to function without bias and prejudice and not be subjected to hear-say based observations. The internal audit function is a combination of observation, data, analysis, trend, environment and enquiry – just short of saying that the observation should be a fact – there can be discussion only on the quantification of the impact and the probability of frequency of occurrence – the very fact of the observation should not be capable of being repudiated.

The Internal auditor in this process would elevate from an auditor to the role of advisor. He would then be a partner in the progress and business leaders would definitely look for the support of internal auditors in their strategic business initiatives and risk assessments. The internal auditor in the performance of his duties should also definitely consider the involvement of subject matter experts, especially when it comes to the audit of areas viz., Forensic audits, Information Technology audits, Operation audits, review of marketing and sales promotion activities, etc.

#### SIRC OF ICAI CONGRATULATES \_

**CA. K. RAGHU,** FCA, Bangalore, Central Council Member, ICAI on his election to the **XBRL International Membership Development Committee** as the representative of ICAI.

**CA. RAJENDRA KUMAR P,** FCA, Chennai, Central Council Member, ICAI on his nomination on the **High Level Committee of Finance (BPE) Department, Ministry of Finance, Government of Tamilnadu.** 

**CA. S. MURALI,** FCA, Coimbatore, Regional Council Member, SIRC of ICAI on his nomination as the Member of **Regional Investors' Grievances Redressal Committee** by Inter-connected Stock Exchange of India (ISE), Navi Mumbai.

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# Various Phases of Internal Audit

#### Meaning

Internal auditing is a VICIOUS cycle.

- V Adds Value to the governing bodies and senior management.
- I Independent activity performed by Professionals
- C Commitment to Integrity and Accountability.
- I Improves an organization's effectiveness of Risk Management, control and governance.
- O Objective Assurance and Consulting Activity
- U Useful for deterring and investigating fraud, safeguarding assets, and compliance with laws and regulations
- S Systematic and disciplined Approach

Internal auditing frequently involves measuring compliance with the entity's policies and procedures. However, internal auditors are not responsible for the execution of company activities; they advise management and the Board of Directors (or similar oversight body) regarding how to better execute their responsibilities.

#### *Various Phases of an Internal Audit Work to be done by Auditors: Planning*

During the planning portion of the audit, the auditor notifies the client of the audit, discusses the scope and objectives of the examination in a formal meeting with organization management, gathers information on important processes, evaluates existing controls, and plans the remaining audit steps.

#### Audit Engagement Letter

The client is informed of the audit through an announcement or engagement letter from the Internal Auditor or Audit Manager. This letter communicates the scope and objectives of the audit, the auditors assigned to the project and other relevant information. "When internal audit is strong, its work will cause opportunity to float and risk to drown." - Dan Zitting



#### Initial Meeting

During this opening conference meeting, the client describes the unit or system to be reviewed, the organization, available resources (personnel, facilities, equipment, funds), and other relevant information. The internal auditor meets with the senior officer directly responsible for the unit under review and any staff members she/he wishes to include. It is important that the client identifies issues or areas of special concern that should be addressed.

#### Preliminary Survey

In this phase the auditor gathers relevant information about the unit in order to obtain a general overview of operations. She/he talks with key personnel and reviews reports, files, and other sources of information.

#### Internal Control Review

The auditor will review the unit's internal control structure, a process which is usually time-consuming. In doing this, the auditor uses a variety of tools and techniques to gather and analyze

information about the operation. The review of internal controls helps the auditor determine the areas of highest risk and design tests to be performed in the fieldwork section.

#### Audit Program

Preparation of the audit program concludes the preliminary review phase. This program outlines the fieldwork necessary to achieve the audit objectives.

#### *Fieldwork*

The fieldwork concentrates on transaction testing and informal communications. It is during this phase that the auditor determines whether the controls identified during the preliminary review are operating properly and in the manner described by the client. The fieldwork stage concludes with a list of significant findings from which the auditor will prepare a draft of the audit report.

#### Transaction Testing

After completing the preliminary review, the auditor performs the procedures in the audit program. These procedures usually test the major internal controls and the accuracy and propriety of the transactions. Various techniques including sampling are used during the fieldwork phase.

#### SA's to be given importance

While conducting the Internal Audit, the internal audit team should consider the Standards on Auditing which includes SA200, SA 210, SA220, SA230, SA240, SA250, SA315, SA320, SA330, SA500, SA520 and SA530.

#### Advice & Informal Communications

As the fieldwork progresses, the auditor discusses any significant findings with the client. Hopefully, the client can offer insights and work with the auditor to determine the best method of resolving the finding. Usually these communications are oral. However, in more complex situations, memos and/ or e-mails are written in order to ensure auditor.

#### Audit Summary

Upon completion of the fieldwork, the auditor summarizes the audit findings, conclusions, and recommendations necessary for the audit report discussion draft.

#### Working Papers

Working papers are a vital tool of the audit profession. They are the support of the audit opinion. They connect the client's accounting records and financials to the auditor's opinion. They are comprehensive and serve many functions.

#### Audit Report

The principal product of an internal auditor is the final report in which they express their opinions, present the audit findings, and discuss recommendations for improvements. To facilitate communication and ensure that the recommendations presented in the final report are practical, Internal Auditor discusses the draft with the client prior to issuing the final report.

#### Audit Report Frequency

Considering the nature of business and Size of the company, the frequency of internal audit may be decided as monthly, quarterly or Half Yearly. Similarly, the frequency of Reports to be presented to the client has to be decided by the Internal Auditor purely based on his judgement.

#### **Discussion Draft**

At the conclusion of fieldwork, the auditor drafts the report. Audit management thoroughly reviews the audit working papers and the discussion draft before it is presented to the client for comment. This discussion draft is prepared for the unit's operating management and is submitted for the client's review before the exit conference.

#### Exit Conference

When audit management has approved the discussion draft, Internal Auditor meets with the unit's management team to discuss the findings, recommendations, and text of the draft. At this meeting, the client comments on the draft and the group works to reach an agreement on the audit findings.

#### Formal Draft

The auditor then prepares a formal draft, taking into account any revisions

full understanding by the client and the resulting from the exit conference and other discussions. When the changes have been reviewed by audit management and the client, the final report is issued.

#### Final Report

Internal Auditor prints and distributes the final report to the unit's operating management team, who may circulate the same to appropriate members concerned. This report is primarily for internal management use.

#### Client Response

The client has the opportunity to respond to the audit findings prior to issuance of the final report which can be included or attached to our final report. However, if the client decides to respond after we issue the report, the first page of the final report is a letter requesting the client's written response to the report recommendations.

In the response, the client should explain how report findings will be resolved and include an implementation timetable. In some cases, managers may choose to respond with a decision not to implement an audit recommendation and to accept the risks associated with an audit finding. The client should copy the response to all recipients of the final report if she/ he decides not to have their response included/attached to Internal Audit's final report.

#### Audit Follow-Up

Before commencing the next internal audit, Internal Auditor will perform a follow-up review to verify the resolution of the report findings.

#### Follow-up Review

The client response letter is reviewed and the actions taken to resolve the audit report findings may be tested to ensure that the desired results were achieved. All

unresolved findings will be discussed in the follow-up report.

#### Follow-up Report

The review will conclude with a followup report which lists the actions taken by the client to resolve the original report findings. Unresolved findings will also appear in the follow-up report and will include a brief description of the finding, the original audit recommendation, the client response and the current condition.

#### Internal Audit Annual Report to the Board

In addition to the distribution discussed earlier, the contents of the audit report, client response, and follow-up report may also be communicated to the Audit Committee of the Board as part of the Internal Audit Annual Report.

#### The Process: A Collaborative Effort

As pointed out, during each stage in the audit process--preliminary review, field work, audit reports, and followup--clients have the opportunity to participate. There is no doubt that the process works best when client management and Internal Audit have a solid working relationship based on clear and continuing communication.

Many clients extend this working relationship beyond the particular audit. Once the audit departmenthas worked with management on a project, Internal Auditors have an understanding of the unique characteristics of the unit's operations. As a result, they can help evaluate the feasibility of making further changes or modifications in the operations.

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Fast Track Exit Scheme 2011 - A Golden opportunity *Mr. Henry Richard Registrar of Companies* Tamil Nadu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands Chennai

The Thrust of enhanced compliance among the companies in the corporate sector has been carried forward by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs by imposing prohibition on filing of event based returns in the case of defaulting companies and by bringing in a Scheme known as Fast Track Exit Scheme 2011 as a remedial measure for easy exit of defunct companies which have not filed returns with ROC for several years. The multi pronged objective of the Ministry is to improve the compliance status of Corporate Sector to a level which is comparable to other developed countries. It is common knowledge that the compliance rate in countries like Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, UK., etc., are much above 90%. Whereas the compliance rate in Chennai is just about 58%. Even in the case of filing of Financial Statement by large sized companies, for whom XBRL is mandatory, they have not promptly filed Form 23AC (XBRL) and Form 23ACA (XBRL) for the financial year 2010-11. As many as about 900 such companies have defaulted and Default Notices have been issued to such companies prevailing upon them to comply failing which Office of Registrar of Companies would have no other option except to initiate prosecution proceedings in the Judicial First Class Magistrate Court. This deplorable state has been a serious concern for the Ministry. The Ministry has attempted to tackle this problem in the following manner:-

Firstly, the Ministry has introduced the concept of "Dormant Company". Any company which has not filed the Balance Sheets and Annual Returns for a continuous period of three years is placed in a separate basket designated as "Dormant Companies". Such companies are prohibited from filing any return. The DIN of the Directors of such companies would also be deactivated. However, such companies can become active by filing the Form 61 for regularization of the company and thereafter proceed to update the filing of Annual Returns and Balance Sheets which will bring the company under "Active Company" category.

Secondly, the companies though not declared as dormant but have defaulted in filing one or two returns are categorized as "Defaulting Companies". The list of such defaulting companies and their directors are posted on Ministry's website www.mca. gov.in. Such defaulting companies and its directors are also not permitted to file any return through MCA Portal until the default is made good. Such companies and directors should take immediate steps to update the filing position and thereafter take steps to get their names and that of the company removed from the defaulting list.

Thirdly, the Ministry has come out with a special scheme known as "Fast Track Exit Scheme 2011" under which the defaulting companies or the dormant companies which have no intention to continue their business can avail this scheme and get the company struck off under Section 560 of the Companies Act, 1956. This special scheme was launched from July 2011 and kept open permanently. The predominant benefit of this scheme is that the defaulting or dormant companies need not update their filing position. In other words, the company is not required to file overdue Balance Sheets and Annual Returns but a Statement of Account has to be made showing the current status of assets and liabilities duly certified by a Chartered Accountant. Moreover, the directors of such companies need not have DIN or Digital Key for the purpose of filing the application in the prescribed form. In such cases, the e-application will be filed by the Professional using his digital key supported by the physical documents executed by the directors such as, the physical FTE application, Affidavit on stamp paper, and Indemnity Bond on Stamp paper and Statement of Account duly signed by the directors accompanied by the Board Resolution. If new directors are co-opted for the purpose of quorum on the Board of Directors, it is not necessary to file Form 32 with ROC but such appointment of Director shall be certified by the professional. This exit route for dormant or defaulting companies is truly easy, simple and fast.

The above measures taken by the Ministry to weed out the dormant and defaulting companies or alternatively persuade them to update the filing position are the best possible measures which the Regulator could take.

This golden opportunity should be availed by the companies. The professionals who are advising the companies must prevail upon such companies not to let go this opportunity so as to achieve the laudable objective of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. The detailed list of such defaulting companies is available in the website of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for public view so that all the concerned can take appropriate measures for remedial action. The companies and professional friends must work hand in hand to improve the compliance status of the Indian Corporate Sector and make it as good as that prevailing in other developed countries.

#### ISA Assessment Test Notification

In pursuance of Rule 7 of Schedule 'F' to Regulation 204 of the Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1988 (as amended vide Notification No. 1-CA(7)/59/2001 dated 28th September 2001), the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India has notified vide No.13-CA(EXAM)/ISA/J/2012 dated 2nd May 2012 that the Information Systems Audit (ISA) Course Assessment Test will be held on 23rd June 2012 (Saturday) from 10.30 AM to 2.30 PM at various cities provided sufficient number of candidates offer themselves to appear from each city. The said notification has been hosted in the ICAI Website in the Menu Students > Examination. It can be viewed directly under the link http://220.227.161.86/26694exam16059.pdf

#### **Education Verification Fee**

It has been decided by the competent authority to henceforth charge a sum of Rs.500/per person as the education verification fee from the companies/ agencies seeking such verification of qualification with effect from 23rd May 2012. The fee shall be payable by way of a demand draft drawn in favour of the Secretary, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and payable at New Delhi.

However, the Departments/Ministries of the Central Government, State Governments, PSUs etc. shall not be required to remit the said education verification fee. Further, it is also clarified that such fee is not to be charged from the concerned members and students of the Institute.

**Examination Department** 

# Updates on Direct Taxes

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#### Income from market complex 2 constructed for commercial exploitation – whether business income or income from house property

If a commercial property which is specifically designed for a particular usage with certain amenities, it is always an issue whether income arising from such property on leasing the same is to be treated as 'property income' or 'business income'. In a case before Hon'ble Cuttack Bench of ITAT, the same issue came up for consideration. A particular land was allotted in the name of a person LM with a specific direction to use the land for commercial establishment. After the demise of late LM, the land was divided among his coparceners. The share of each coparcener is so small that the commercial utilization of individual share was almost impossible. Hence, all the coparceners decided to form a partnership by offering their individual share of land as investment and constructed market complex. Income from such complex was earned by the assessee firm by carrying on adventure in nature of trade. Incidentally, services like electrician, plumber, sweeper, watch & ward and maintenance was taken care by the firm for which reimbursement of such expenses was received from the tenants. Assessee claimed the income as 'business income' whereas the Assessing Officer treated the same as income from 'property'. Assessee also took bank finance to construct the commercial complex. Looking at 3all the surrounding facts the Hon'ble ITAT came to the conclusion that the income is to be assessed as 'business income' and not as 'property income'. The ratio of the Supreme Court judgment in the case of Sambhu Investment Pvt. Ltd, (263 ITR 143) was also considered wherein it was held that if the main intention is to exploit the property commercially then the same should be treated as 'business income'. It is also pertinent to refer to similar decision of the ITAT in the case of ITO vs. Tejmal Bhai & Co. (2006) (99 ITD 399) (Rajkot)

#### Narayan Market Complex vs ITO (2012) 20 taxman.com 698 (cuttak-Trib)

#### Interest on borrowed funds – Investment into equity of subsidiary – whether interest allowable

This issue was originally resolved in the case of *S A Builders Ltd vs. CIT* (2007) (158 taxman 74) (SC) that interest on borrowed funds must be allowed on the grounds of commercial expediency though such borrowed funds were given as 'interest free loan' to the subsidiary. In the present case, the Hon'ble Supreme Court observed in the context of claiming deduction of expenditure on account of interest on borrowed funds when such funds were utilised by the assesse to subscribe to the equity capital of its subsidiary company as under ;

"In our view S A Builders Ltd vs. CIT (A) and another reported in 288 ITR 1, needs reconsideration."

Accordingly, Supreme Court directed to issue notice on SLP and application for condonation of delay.

Recently, Bombay High Court in the case of *Reliance Communication Infrastructure Ltd (2012) 21 taxmann. com 118 (Bom)*, allowed deduction u/s 36(1) (iii) for interest paid on money borrowed for making investment in subsidiary company by relying of SC ruling in *S A Builders (supra)*, HC allowed this deduction observing that the investment made by the Reliance in its subsidiary was strategic investment for furthering business prospects in the area of telecommunication.

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Tulip Star Hotels Ltd, (2012) 21 taxman.com 97 (SC)

## Interest on advance tax (u/s 234A, 234B & 234C) default not automatic

An interesting issue whether interest on advance tax default is leviable, if the same is not specifically mentioned in the assessment order, came up before Hon'ble Allahabad High Court. As per the facts, assessee firm's assessment for the AY 1991-92 was completed by the AO making certain additions on account of unexplained investments in the raw material and sale of the same outside books. AO's order did not specify levy of interest u/s 234A, 234B & 234C in the assessment order where as such interest was included in the notice of demand. Assessee contended that the same is not legally permissible to levy interest without specifying the same in the assessment

order. ITAT accepted the contention of the assessee. On appeal, division bench of the High Court endorsed decision of ITAT and held that interest for advance tax should not be charged in the absence of any direction by the Assessing Officer in the assessment order. High Court placed reliance on coordinate bench decision in Deep Awadh Hotels (P) Ltd (ITA No.81 & 82/2002), and it was observed that charge of interest u/s 234A, 234B & 234C was mandatory as per Supreme Court ruling in Anjum M H Ghaswala (2001) (251 ITR 1). However, SC ruling in Ranchi Club Ltd, (2001) (247 ITR 209) (SC), was still applicable to the extent that such interest is leviable only if ordered by the Assessing Officer in the assessment order. Reliance was also placed in the case of Dehradun Club Ltd, in ITA No.15/2006 of Uttarakhand High Court which has laid down the same proposition. Accordingly, it was held that levy of interest u/s 234A, 234B & 234C is not legally tenable, unless the same is specified in the assessment order.

Sarin Chemical Laboratory -TS-333-HC-2012 (ALL)

#### Bad debts written off in the books sufficient to claim deduction u/s 36(1) (vii)

Inspite of an amendment brought in to sec. 36(1)(vii) in 1989 that bad debts are allowable, if the same are written off in the books of account, the AO's are disallowing time and again insisting the assessees to establish that the debts have become bad. On the same issue, Hon'ble Delhi High Court relying on the Supreme Court decision in the case of TRF Ltd (2010)190 TAXMAN 391 (SC), held that bad debts are allowable u/s 36(1) (vii), if the same are written off in the books of accounts and such amounts should have been offered as income in the same year or in the earlier financial years. Revenue's argument that assessee should have demonstrated its efforts for recovery of debts was brushed aside. It is highly desirable that CBDT must issue a circular adopting the ratio of Supreme Court decision in the case of TRF Ltd, to avoid unwarranted litigation.

Auto Pin India Ltd., TS-270-HC-2012 (Del)

# Updates on Indirect Taxes

The Indirect taxes are updated every day and the amendments and judgements will have a greater impact on the Economy as a whole.

#### 1. VAT Audit Under TNVAT Act

A bill was introduced in the Tamilnadu Legislative Assembly to audit the books of accounts of the Dealers whose total turnover crosses Rs.1 crore in the said year. The audit is to be conducted by a Chartered Accountant or by a Cost Accountant. Failure to file the audit report will attract a penalty as per the provisions of the act. This provision is given to the *TNVAT act by Tamilnadu Value added tax (Third Amendment) Act, 2012.* 

#### 2. Amount collected not deposited is illegal

It was decided that the collection of the tax by the dealer and not remitted to the Government when the goods were exempted. Held Collections is illegal, by Hon. Kerala High Court in the case of WP © NO.23728 OF 2006 dated 28-03-12, *Kamakshi Shekar vs State of Kerala.* 

#### 3. Attachment of Personal bank account of Legal Representative

The personal bank account of the Legal Representative cannot be attached for the arrears of the deceased. Hon. Madras High Court in the case of *S. Gowri Vs State of Tamilnadu* reported in 18 TNCTJ 15.

#### 4. Registration cannot be cancelled for the non-filing of annual return under TNVAT ACT in formI-1.

When the dealer has not filed the annual return the registration cannot be cancelled on this grounds. It was decided by Hon. High Court of Madras in the case of W.P. NO.2378 of 2012 and M.P. No. 1 of 2012, *M/s. Vel Enterprises vs. State of Tamilnadu.* 

#### 5. Service of Order by Speed Post not a valid Mode of Service

Sending of order by "Speed Post" is not a sufficient compliance to the provisions of Section 37C (1) (a) of Central Excise Act, 1944- Order is to be served on the assessee or his agent sending it by Registered post A.D. or by other modes of service specified in Section 37C alone valid service of order. Tribunal order dismissing the appeal by accepting dispatch of order by speed post as valid service set-aside – Section 35B of Central Excise Act, 1944. [26 S.T.R 299(Bombay HC)] Amidev Agro Care Pvt. Ltd vs. Union of India

#### 6. Demand on the basis of Annual Report of Assessee risible

The assessee contended that they are not "Commercial concern" and hence did not have liability to pay service tax under the head "Man power Recruitment or Supply Agency's service" prior to 1-5-2006. The adjudicating authority has recorded finding to the effect that the appellants were engaged in commercial activities and fell within the ambit of "commercial concern" an expression used in the definition of "Man power Recruitment or Supply Agency's service". The adjudicating authority arrived at the above finding after examining the annual reports of the company, where in profits arising out of commercial activities were recorded which was not successfully rebutted by the assessee. [26 S.T.R 310] (Tri.-Mumbai)] Godavari Khorecane Transport Co. (P) Ltd. vs C.C.E Aurangabad

#### Assessee not liable for fault of the Department

7.

The assessee at New Delhi manufactured Semi-finished Ayurvedic medicine which is not excisable as per his belief. He cleared those goods to their sister unit at Bangalore without payment of duty. But the Excise department is having different view and demanded the Excise duty. Because of the insistence of the department in order to gain peace, he has deposited the said amount. After depositing he took CENVAT credit at the Bangalore factory. However, they challenged the decision of the commissioner of the Central Excise, New Delhi. In appeal the assessee's contention was accepted. In the mean time the excise authorities at Bangalore proceeded against the assessee on the ground that the credit taken by them is irregular. Though the excise duty was not paid at the time of clearance strictly in accordance with the rules governing the same, the assessee cannot be found fault with. The said stand has been vindicated by the order of

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> the Appellate Authority at Delhi, which has become final. Once he has deposited the amount, in principle, he is entitled to avail the benefit of CENVAT credit, which he has done at Bangalore factory. At any rate, for the fault of the department, the assessee cannot be made to suffer. [26 S.T.R 386(Kar.) In the HC of Karnataka at Bangalore], Commissioner of C.Ex, Bangalore-IIIVs Himalaya Drug Co. Ltd.

#### Valuation (Customs)

8.

Admitted misdeclaration of quality, value and country of origin-In such case, Invoice represents manipulated transactions and not the actual one. When transaction itself is not genuine, transaction value method cannot be resorted. In such case, other method of valuation based on comparable value of identical/similar goods etc., to be adopted. Sec 14 of Customs Act, 1962 - Sundaram Finance Ltd. vs. Commissioner of Customs, [279 ELT 220 (TRI. Chennai)]

9. Plastics - Waste, parings and scrap of plastics-Exemption under notification No.53/88-C.E.

The Appellate Tribunal had held that waste, parings and scrap of plastic having arisen from goods falling under Chapter 39 of Central Excise Tariff, benefit of Exemption under notification no.53/88-C.E is available as reported in (108) E.L.T. 847[Tri-Del](*Collector vs Bharat Seats Ltd.*) On Appeal by the department before Supreme court Hon'ble SC dismissed the appeal and so benefit of the notification No.53/88-C.E. available to Plastics – Waste, parings and scrap of plastics.[279 ELT A47(SC)]

#### 10. CENVAT

The assessee was the recipient of the Intellectual property service provided by the foreign companies and being the deemed Service provider in terms of Sec. 68 (2) of the Finance Act 1994 and rule 2(1)(d)(IV) of the Service tax Rules 1994. The Assessee utilized the credit relating to Input services such as advertisement, freight, manpower recruitment, for discharging the service tax in Intellectual Property received as a deemed service Provider.

The department proceeded against him as he is not eligible for CENVAT

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property Services which is not the output service. The assessee is only the receiver of service and the deemed service provider.

The Tribunal set aside the order of the commissioner and allowed the CENVAT credit and utilization to the assessee. On appeal by the revenue the Karnataka HC, dismissed the appeal and confirmed the Tribunal order. Commisionerate, Bangalore vs. Aravind Fashions Ltd. [50 VŠT 310 Karnataka HC]

Exactly contrary judgment to the above also reported in 26 STR 241(TRI-DEL) Ŝangam (India) Ltd. Vs Commissioner Of Central Excise, Jaipur-II

#### 11. Business Auxiliary services

"Commission Agents for procurement of Inputs would not be liable for service tax under the category of Business Auxiliary work", prior to 10.9.2004 decided by Hon.Delhi Tribunal in the case of New Quest Corp. Ltd reported in 25 STR 441.

#### credit utilized on the Intellectual 12. Commercial Coaching or Training:

Institute imparting knowledge in Export-Import merchandising and retail management enabling the students to take employment or self employment after training is also eligible for exemption as "Vocational Training" decided in the case of Ashu E port Promoters (P) Ltd Vs CST 25 STR 359.

#### 13. Lump Sum tax cannot be levied.

The State Government levied tax based on its legislative powers and direct to pay tax by brick manufacturer on a lump sum basis. But the High Court set aside the provisions as Beyond Competence of Legislature in the case of M/s. Balaji Bricks Industries and Another Vs State of Punjab and another reported in 50 VST 164. The Judgement was rendered by the High Court of Punjab and Haryana.

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#### CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS DAY Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2012 An occasion to rejoice.

	EVENTS
06.00 a.m. <b>Marina Beach, Chennai</b>	Walkathon by Members, Students and Staff of ICAI with their family
08.00 a.m. <b>ICAI Bhawan, Chennai</b>	Institute's Flag Hoisting by <b>CA. K. Viswanath</b> , Chairman, SIRC of ICAI
08.30 a.m. <b>Chennai</b>	<b>Cricket Match</b> between Chartered Accountants Vs. Staff of Income-tax Department (Venue & other details will be hosted in the SIRC Website)
04.00 p.m. ICAI Bhawan, Chennai	Sports & Games for children and spouse of Members
06.00 p.m. <b>P. Brahmayya Memorial Hall,</b> ICAI Bhawan, Chennai	<ul> <li>C.A. Day Celeberations</li> <li>Guests of Honour: Past Chairmen of SIRC</li> <li>CA. S.G. Ramachandran</li> <li>CA. M. Bheema Bhat</li> <li>Honouring Senior Members of the Profession</li> <li>Grand Cultural and other Entertainment Events</li> <li>Dinner</li> </ul>

Members, their children and spouse interested to participate in sports and games and members interested to play cricket for ICAI may email their details viz. Name, M.No., Mobile No. and their particulars pertaining to cricket to sirc@icai.in

#### SIRC WELCOMES ALL MEMBERS WITH FAMILY - NO ADMISSION FEE

CA. P.V. Rajarajeswaran Secretary, SIRC

CA. K. Viswanath Chairman, SIRC

SIRC appeals for generous contribution to the Chartered Accountants Benevolent Fund on the day.

# **DONATION CAMP**

#### **OUR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY –** DONATE BLOOD – SAVE LIVES

Chartered Accountants, their family members and students of Chartered Accountancy have been responsible for saving many lives by donating blood. During the last fifteen years, SIRC of ICAI has conducted more than thirty blood donation camps and more than eight thousand units of blood have been collected. In addition, we have been able to provide the names of hundreds of Blood Donors for emergency requirements. Thousands of our fellow human beings have benefited from these Camps. We are organizing the two day blood donation camp on Saturday June 30 and Sunday July 1, 2012. This year, the Camp also coincides with the CA DAY, being celebrated every year on the  $1^{st}$  of July. This camp is being organised at the instance of Hemophilia Society-Madras Chapter and by the Rotary Central TTK VHS Blood Bank, Chennai. Lions Club of Anna Nagar II Avenue and Lions Club of Madras Metro West, are co-sponsors of the Half yearly event. The details are given below:

Days Dates Timings Venue	: :	Saturday & Sunday June 30 & July 1, 2012 9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Air-conditioned Room at the ICAI Bhawan at No. 122, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600034			
Eligibility	:	Any person 18 years and above but below 60 years, with a minimum weight of 50 kgs. The donor should not have donated blood after 31st March 2012 (Any earlier date is acceptable)			
Registration	:				
Name				Phone Nos.	
1. SIRC of ICAI			:	30210320/ 30210321	
<ol> <li>Hemophilia Socitey – Mr. S. Vaidyanathan</li> <li>Dr. J. Balasubramaniam</li> </ol>		athan		2254 1652 2474 2818 / 2254 2829 / 9444038048	
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You can also register through email at sirc@icai.in; chairmansirc@gmail.com; hsmc1988@gmail.com. A certificate in appreciation will be issued to every donor at the camp venue itself. A donor card, with blood group and date of donation will be issued to every donor, within 2 weeks of the camp.

Since you know the value of this noble gesture, we request you to kindly encourage and register other eligible relatives, friends & neighbours to enable us to reach a milestone in blood collection.

(EARLY REGISTRATION WILL BE HELPFUL) DO NOT FORGET JUNE 30 AND JULY 1, 2012 LET US SAVE VALUABLE LIVES BY DONATING BLOOD

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### A COMPENDIUM OF STANDARDS ON INTERNAL AUDITING - ISSUED BY THE ICAI

#### (SIA) 1, Planning an Internal Audit

The purpose of this Standard on Internal Audit is to establish standards and to provide guidance in respect of planning an internal audit. An internal audit plan is a document defining the scope, coverage and resources, including time, required for an internal audit over a defined period. The internal audit over a defined period. The internal auditor should, in consultation with those charged with governance, including the audit committee, develop and document a plan for each internal audit engagement to help him conduct the engagement in an efficient and timely manner.

#### (SIA) 2, Basic Principles Governing Internal Audit

The purpose of this Standard on Internal Audit (SIA) is to establish standards and provide guidance on the general principles governing internal audit. Compliance with the basic principles requires the application of internal auditing procedures and reporting practices appropriate to the particular circumstances.

#### (SIA) 3, Documentation

This standard lays down the documentation requirements during the course of an internal audit. "Internal audit documentation" means the record of audit procedures performed, including audit planning as discussed in the Standard on Internal Audit (SIA) 1, Planning an Internal Audit, relevant audit evidence obtained, and conclusions the auditor reached (terms such as "working papers" or "work papers" are also sometimes used).

Thus, documentation refers to the working papers prepared or obtained by the internal auditor and retained by him in connection with the performance of his internal audit.

#### (SIA) 4, Reporting

The purpose of this Standard on Internal Audit (SIA) is to establish standards on the form and content of the internal auditor's report issued as a result of an internal audit performed by an internal auditor of the systems, processes, controls including items of financial statements of an entity. The internal auditor's report should contain a clear written expression of significant observations, suggestions/ recommendations based on the policies, processes, risks, controls and transaction processing taken as a whole and managements' responses.

#### (SIA) 5, Sampling

The purpose of this Standard on Internal Audit (SIA) is to establish standards on the design and selection of an audit sample and provide guidance on the use of audit sampling in internal audit engagements. The SIA also deals with the evaluation of the sample results. This SIA applies equally to both statistical and non-statistical sampling methods. Either method, when properly applied, can provide sufficient appropriate audit evidence. When using either statistical or non-statistical sampling methods, the internal auditor should design and select an audit sample, perform audit procedures thereon, and evaluate sample results so as to provide sufficient appropriate audit evidence to meet the objectives of the internal audit engagement unless otherwise specified by the client.

#### (SIA) 6, Analytical Procedures

The purpose of this Standard on Internal Audit (SIA) is to establish standards on the application of analytical procedures during an internal audit. "Analytical procedures" means the analysis of significant ratios and trends, including the resulting investigation of fluctuations and relationships in both financial and non-financial data that are inconsistent with other relevant information or which deviate significantly from predicted amounts.

This standard spells out the nature and purpose of Analytical Procedures, its role in planning and conducting the internal audit and final review, and the extent of reliance on such procedures.

## *(SIA) 7, Quality Assurance in Internal Audit*

The purpose of this Standard on Internal Audit (SIA) is to establish standards and provide guidance regarding quality assurance in internal audit. A system for assuring quality in internal audit should provide reasonable assurance that the internal auditors comply with professional Standards, regulatory and legal requirements, so that the reports issued by them are appropriate in the circumstances.

#### (SIA) 8, Terms of Internal Audit Engagement

The purpose of this Standard on Internal Audit is to establish standards and provide guidance in respect of terms of engagement of the internal audit activity whether carried out in house or by an external agency. A clarity on the terms of the internal audit engagement between the internal auditors and the users of their services (hitherto known as "auditee") is essential for inculcating professionalism and avoiding misunderstanding as to any aspect of the engagement. This standard describes the essential elements of "Terms of Engagement", i.e., scope, responsibility, authority, confidentiality, limitations reporting, compensation and compliance with standards.

#### (SIA) 9, Communication with Management

This Standard on Internal Audit provides a framework for the internal auditor's communication with management and identifies some specific matters to be communicated with the management such as, the Internal Auditor's responsibilities in relation to the Terms of Engagement, Planned Scope and Timing of the Internal Audit and Significant Findings from the Internal Audit. It also provides guidance in establishing the communication process, form and timing of communication, documentation and helps measure the adequacy of the communication process.

#### (SIA) 10, Internal Audit Evidence

Paragraph 14 of the SIA 2, Basic Principles Governing Internal Audit, states:

"The internal auditor should, based on his professional judgment, obtain sufficient appropriate evidence to enable him to draw reasonable conclusions therefrom on which to base his opinion or findings".

The purpose of this Standard on Internal Audit is to amplify the basic principle outlined above and to provide guidance in respect of applicability of this standard during an internal audit. An internal auditor is required to collect appropriate evidence out of his audit process to substantiate his checking and findings. This Standard deals with the qualitative and quantitative aspects of evidence in internal audit.

#### (SIA) 11, Consideration of Fraud in an Internal Audit

The primary responsibility for prevention and detection of frauds rests with management and those charged with governance. However, an internal auditor should, therefore, use his knowledge and skills to reasonably enable him to identify indicators of frauds. This standard lays down the procedure to be followed by an internal auditor to identify risks of such frauds and help the management fulfil its responsibilities relating to fraud prevention and detection.

#### (SIA) 12, Internal Control Evaluation

The purpose of this Standard on Internal Audit is to establish standards and provide guidance on the procedures to be followed by the internal auditor in evaluating the system of internal control in an entity and for communicating weaknesses therein to those charged with governance. It lays down procedures for testing the Internal Controls of the entity.

#### (SIA) 13, Enterprise Risk Management

The purpose of this Standard on Internal Audit is to establish standards and provide

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management system during an internal audit or such other review exercise with the objective of providing an assurance thereon. This Standard applies where the internal auditor has been requested by the management to provide such an assurance on the effectiveness of its enterprise risk management system. Enterprise risk management enables management to effectively deal with risk, associated uncertainty and enhancing the capacity to build value to the entity or enterprise and its stakeholders. Internal auditor may review each of these activities and focus on the processes used by management to report and monitor the risks identified.

#### (SIA) 14, Internal Audit in an Information Technology Environment

An information technology environment exists when one or more computer(s) of any type or size is (are) involved in the processing of financial information. The overall objective

guidance on review of an entity's risk and scope of an internal audit does not management system during an internal change in an IT environment.

However, an IT environment may affect:

- a) The procedures followed by the internal auditor in obtaining a sufficient understanding of the processes, systems and internal control system; and
- b) The auditor's review of the entity's risk management and continuity systems.

The purpose of this Standard on Internal Audit (SIA) is to establish standards on procedures to be followed when an internal audit is conducted in an information technology (IT) environment

#### (SIA) 15, Knowledge of the Entity and its Environment

The purpose of this Standard on Internal Audit is to establish standards and provide guidance on what constitutes the knowledge of an entity's business, its importance to the various phases of an internal audit

#### Membership and Certificate of Practice Fee for the year 2012-2013

Annual Membership Fee and Certificate of Practice Fee for the year 2012-2013 is payable on 1st April 2012. The schedule of fee is as under:

For Members <b>below age</b> of 65 years					
Associate Membership Fee	:	`	800/-		
Fellow Membership Fee	:	`	2200/-		
Certificate of Practice Fee	2000/-				

For Members <b>above age</b> of 65 years						
Associate Membership Fee : ` 600/-						
Fellow Membership Fee	`	1600/-				
Certificate of Practice Fee : 1500/-						

It may be noted that remittance of fee has to be made by local cheque (in case of Members who are residing in the cities in which respective Decentralised Office is situated) or by way of demand draft in favour of 'Secretary, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India', payable at the place where the concerned Decentralised Office is located. It may also be noted that under no circumstances out-station cheques will be accepted. No remittance should be made directly to the Head Office or a different Decentralised Office.

Members can also pay fee in advance in accordance with details given in the communication already sent to the members.

Members are advised to remit the fee at the earliest. For more details visit our website www.icai.org.

#### Invitation for Contribution of Articles

SIRC of ICAI invites Articles from Members for publication in the SIRC Newsletter. SIRC is releasing Theme Based monthly Newsletter. The theme finalized for the July, August & September 2012 issues are as follows:

Month Theme		Articles to reach SIRC on or before		
July	Non Corporate Taxation	June 21, 2012		
August	Corporate Taxation	July 10, 2012		
September	Tax Audit	August 10, 2012		

Members may send the soft copy of their article, profile and passport size colour photograph to SIRC by email to sirc@icai.in and sircnewsltr@icai.in for consideration by the Editorial Board on or before the above said dates.

engagement and the techniques to be adopted by the internal auditor in acquiring such knowledge about the client entity and its environment, prior to commencing an internal audit engagement and subsequently thereafter, at all stages of the internal audit process. This Standard also sets out the guidelines regarding the application, usage and documentation of such knowledge by the internal auditor.

#### (SIA) 16, Using the Work of an Expert

The purpose of this Standard on Internal Audit is to establish standard and provide guidance where the internal auditor uses the work performed by an expert. When the internal auditor uses the work of an expert, he should satisfy himself about the competence, objectivity and the independence of such expert and consider the impact of such assistance or advice on the overall result of the internal audit engagement, especially in cases where the outside expert is engaged by the senior management or those charged with governance. It lays down principles for identifying the need to use the Work of an Expert and evaluating the work of such Expert.

# *(SIA) 17, Consideration of Laws and Regulations in an Internal Audit*

This Standard on Internal Audit (SIA) deals with the internal auditor's responsibility to consider laws and regulations when performing an internal audit. This SIA also applies to other engagements in which the internal auditor is specifically engaged to test and report separately on compliance with specific laws or regulations.

It lays down the procedures for Consideration of Compliance with Laws and Regulation and to identify instances of Non-Compliance of the same



#### About CA Shiksha

**CA. Shiksha** is an initiative to provide distance learning at the door step of the student. This e-learning includes interactive learning. It providing the students with a comprehensive package of e-learning + video lectures + mock tests + assessment report+ quick revision notes, making it lot easier to grasp, understand and finally answer examination. Now students of CPT can learn at their leisure anytime as long as they have access to the internet.

This portal has been beneficial to the students especially to those who hail from small towns or are economically challenged. The need to come to metros in search of quality coaching, or settle with sub-standard coaching in the nearby areas could be obviated. Going to big cities for CA coaching not only creates problem of relocating, it also puts extra financial burden on students.

For details please visit CASHIKSHA — http://www.shiksha.com/

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# Two months Coaching Classes for Common Proficiency Test (CPT)

for students appearing for December, 2012 CPT Examination

#### Commences on Wednesday, July 4, 2012

Timings	Batch	Monday to Friday	Saturday & Sunday
	Morning	06.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon	Between 7.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. (for both batches)
	Evening	02.00 p.m. to 08.00 p.m.	

#### Fee: 3,000/-

#### (2 months intensive coaching, two revisions in each subject and one model examination)

- Fee remittance through Syndicate Bank, Nungambakkam branch, Chennai-34. Bank challan available at SIRC Office.
- Outstation students should remit fee by DD favouring 'SIRC of ICAI' payable at Chennai. Fee and details to be sent to SIRC of ICAI, "ICAI Bhawan", MG Road, Chennai-34.
- For further details visit www.sircoficai.org Ph: 044-3021 0322/320 - Email: sircclasses@icai.in

#### **NEW SCHEME OF GMCS PROGRAMME**

In accordance with the decision of the Council of the ICAI, a new scheme of General Management and Communication Skills (GMCS) Programme has been introduced according to which, all students of CA course who register for articled training on or after 1st May 2012 have to undergo GMCS programme twice during the period their articled training as under:

(i)	GMCS-I (15 days)	During the 1st year of articled training
(ii)	GMCS-II (15 days)	After completion of 18 months of training but before completion of articled training

The fee for each programme of GMCS-I & II Programme shall be Rs.6,500/-. Course fee include provision of Morning Tea/Lunch/ Afternoon Tea.

Those who are undergoing articled training or are registered prior to 1st May, 2012 shall be governed by existing curriculum. With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2012, the fee for existing GMCS Course also shall be `6500/-. Those who have already paid ` 4,000/- and opting to join GMCS classes commencing on or after 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012 need to pay the differential amount of ` 2,500/-



CA. G. Ramaswamy, Immediate Past President-ICAI inaugurating. (L-R): CA. D. Prasanna Kumar, Vice Chairman-SIRC, CA. P.R. Aruloli, Chairman-Management Accounting Committee of SIRC, CA. K. Viswanath, Chairman-SIRC and CA. P.V. Rajarajeswaran, Secretary-SIRC



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**Shri S. Thiagarajan** Deputy Director, ESI Corporation Chennai

CA. A. John Morris Chennai



CA. R. Marimuthu Chennai

Chief Guest Mr. Nilendu Mishra, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-II, Chennai inaugurating. (L-R): Dr. T. Paramasivan, Senior Deputy Director, ICAI, CA. P.R. Aruloli, Member-SIRC & Seminar Co-ordinator and Shri S. Thiagarajan, Deputy Director, ESI Corporation.

Mr. Nilendu Mishra

Regional PF ommissioner-II Chennai



Consultation Meeting on Advancement in Tax Administration organised by Direct Taxes Committee-ICAI on April 30, 2012 at Chennai. (L-R): Shri Gautam Ray, Senior Consultant, ICRIER, CA. Rajendra Kumar P., CCM-ICAI, Dr. Parthasarathi Shome, Director & Chief Executive, ICRIER, New Delhi, Shri Rajiva Ranjan Singh, Senior Consultant and Ms. Anwesha Das, Research Associate, ICRIER observing to the suggestions of the participants.



CA. K. Viswanath, Chairman-SIRC of ICAI addressing the students at the Inaugural Session of GMCS Batch held on May 21, 2012 at Chennai. (L-R): CA. Gopal Krishna Raju, Member-GMCS Co-ordination Committee of SIRC and CA. Naresh Chandra Gelli V., Chairman-SICASA.

#### **CPE SEMINAR ON MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING**

Organised by SIRC of ICAI under the auspices of Management Accounting Committee of SIRC May 19, 2012 - Chennai

#### **Resource Persons**



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President-ICAI



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Mr. N. Muralidarar General Manager (HR) Ashok Leyland, Chennai

#### **CPE SEMINAR ON FEMA**

Organised by SIRC of ICAI under the auspices of Committee for Banking, Insurance and Pension of SIRC May 21 & 22, 2012 - Chennai

Chief Guest Dr. J. Sadakkadulla, Principal & Chief General Manager, Reserve Bank Staff College, Chennai (2nd from Left) inaugurating. (L-R): CA. P.R. Aruloli, Member-SIRC, CA. K. Viswanath, Chairman-SIRC, CA. E. Phalguna Kumar, Member-SIRC, CA. V.X. Jose, Member-SIRC and CA. Gopal Krishna Raju, Chairman-Committee for Banking, Insurance and Pension of SIRC.

CA. B. Ramana Kumar CA. Ashok Deora



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#### Alleppey Branch – May 1, 2012



CA. K. Viswanath, Chairman-SIRC of ICAI along with CA. Babu Abraham Kallivayalil, Past Chairman-SIRC and CA. V.X.Jose, Member-SIRC and Ex-Officio Member-Alleppey Branch, CA. Biju Narayanan, Chairman, other Office Bearers and Managing Committee Members of the Alleppey Branch inspecting the progress of the construction of the Alleppey Branch Building during the official visit of the Chairman, SIRC to the Branch.

#### Coimbatore Branch – May 18, 2012



Chief Guest CA. G. Ramaswamy, Immediate Past President-ICAI inaugurating the One Day Conference on Direct Tax in the presence of Guest of Honour CA. K. Viswanath, Chairman-SIRC of ICAI (during his official visit). (L-R): Ex-officio Members of Coimbatore Br. CA. K. Shanmukha Sundaram, Immediate Past Chairman-SIRC & CA. S. Murali, Member-SIRC, CA. P.V. Rajarajeswaran, Secretary-SIRC, CA. P. Viswanathan, Secretary and CA. K. Jalapathi, Chairman of Coimbatore Br.

#### Trichur Branch – May 12, 2012



Chief Guest Mr. P.J. Joseph, GM, United India Insurance Co. Ltd., Chennai inaugurating CPE Seminar on Banking & Insurance organized by SIRC under the auspices of Committee on Banking, Insurance & Pension of SIRC. (L-R): CA. T.T. Shajan, Vice-Chairman & Secretary-Trichur Br., CA. Gopal Krishna Raju, Chairman-CBI&P of SIRC, CA. Geo Job, Chairman-Trichur Br., CA. P.R. Suresh, Member, SIRC and CA. Babu Abraham Kallivayalil, Past Chairman-SIRC & Ex-Officio Member, Trichur Br.

# Kottayam Branch — May 1, 2012 HE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF INDI

CA. K. Viswanath, Chairman-SIRC of ICAI inaugurating the Seminar on Capital Gains during with his official visit to the Branch. (L-R): CA. P. Sudhakar, Treasurer-Kottayam Br., CA. Babu Abraham Kallivayalil, Past Chairman-SIRC & Ex-Officio Member-Kottayam Br., CA. Antony Francis, Chairman-Kottayam Branch, CA. V.X. Jose, Member-SIRC, Resource Person CA. Sherry Oommen and CA. Josy Thomas, Secretary-Kottayam Br.

#### Erode Branch – May 18, 2012



CA. K. Viswanath, Chairman-SIRC of ICAI addressing the members at the meeting organised during his official visit to the Branch. (L-R): CA. K. Rajendran, Chairman-Erode Branch, CA. P.V. Rajarajeswaran, Secretary-SIRC and CA. R. Nagarajan, Secretary-Erode Branch.

#### Ernakulam Branch – May 25, 2012



CA. Babu Abraham Kallivayalil, Past Chairman-SIRC & Ex-Officio Member-Ernakulam Br honouring CA. K. Viswanath, Chairman-SIRC of ICAI at the National Seminar on Code of Ethics organised by ESB of ICAI and hosted by Ernakulam Branch of SIRC during his official visit to the Branch. (L-R): CA. V.X. Jose, Member-SIRC and Ex-Officio Member-Ernakulam Br., CA. P.P. Mathukutty, Chairman-Ernakulam Br., CA. K. Raghu, Chairman-ESB of ICAI, CA. M.O. Poulose, Secretary-Ernakulam Br.

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