



Dear CA Students,

As you prepare for the CA Examinations in May 2025, I offer my best wishes and support. This journey is challenging yet transformative, and I am proud of your dedication. The CA course is a pathway to becoming a leader in the financial world, combining knowledge and resilience to shape future changemakers.

To succeed, balance is key. Maintain a focused study plan while prioritizing mental and physical well-being through regular breaks and self-care. Utilize ICAI resources effectively, attend revision sessions, and seek mentorship. With smart work and resilience, you will excel not only in the exams but also in your professional endeavours.

#### A Milestone Development: Exams Three Times Annually

I am delighted to share a transformative development in your CA journey: starting this year, the Final Examinations will be conducted three times annually. This progressive step reflects our commitment to addressing students' evolving needs by offering greater flexibility in planning their academic schedules. The new structure aims to reduce exam-related stress while enabling you to pace your progress more effectively. We believe this change will empower you to approach your studies with renewed confidence and clarity.

#### The Power of Collaboration: Interactive Meeting Highlights

Another recent highlight has been the remarkable success of our Interactive Meeting, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 7,800 students across 212 class rooms nationwide. The exchange of ideas during this event was truly inspiring, it showcased the collective energy, aspirations, and potential of our student community. I was particularly moved by the positive engagement displayed by students and the encouraging words shared by our torch bearers during this session.

Such interactions remind us of the importance of collaboration and community in achieving shared goals. As CA students, you are part of a vibrant network that fosters knowledge-sharing, mutual support, and collective growth, a network that will continue to be a source of strength throughout your career.

#### Outcome-Based Learning: Preparing for Dynamic Future

In today's evolving global landscape, success requires more than technical knowledge. It demands critical thinking, adaptability, creativity, communication skills, and entrepreneurial drive. To help you develop these capabilities, the Board of Studies – Operations has adopted an outcome-based learning approach tailored to meet the demands of modern finance and business.

We are upgrading ICITSS and AICITSS classrooms across the country to ensure a consistent and modern learning experience. Simulation-based learning is also being introduced in both ICITSS (IT) and AICITSS (IT), offering practical, real-world training. Alongside this, ICAI continues to organize conferences, workshops, and skills sessions to help you build confidence, expand your perspective, and strengthen your professional network.

#### Upcoming Conferences: Opportunities for learning & Networking

I'm delighted to invite you to three upcoming student conferences: Mega Conference-Udaipur|30-31 May 2025, National Conference

– Vijayawada | 30–31 May 2025 & State Level Conference-Jamnagar|8-9 June 2025. These conferences are exceptional opportunities for CA students to deepen their knowledge, enhance professional skills, and build meaningful connections. With a dynamic mix of technical sessions, panel discussions, and paper presentations, they offer a powerful platform for collaboration, idea exchange, and learning from industry experts.

Beyond academics, participants can take part in volunteer initiatives, interact with thought leaders, and network with peers from across the country, making these events a well-rounded and inspiring experience.

More than just conferences, these gatherings are vibrant communities where students are encouraged to grow, lead, and be inspired. Whether you're looking to present a paper, lend a hand as a volunteer, or simply absorb new perspectives, these events are not to be missed. Join us to learn, connect, and contribute to shaping the future of the profession.

#### RUN@100 Initiative: Nurturing Future Leaders

As future Chartered Accountants navigating an era defined by digital transformation and innovation, it is essential to cultivate a mindset that embraces change fearlessly. ICAI's RUN@100 initiative aims to nurture essential soft skills such as ethical thinking, adaptability, leadership qualities, and teamwork—skills that are indispensable for modern professionals. For those who missed out on this opportunity, the recorded video is available on the ICAI YouTube Channel and also uploaded on DLH Platform

#### National Talent Search 2025-26

I urge all students to actively participate in the National Talent Hunt (NTH) activities, which have already been announced at both the Branch and Regional levels. These include Pitch Deck Presentations, Debates, Quizzes, Elocution, and Essay Writing each designed to provide a platform for you to demonstrate your talents beyond the academic sphere.

Engaging in these events will not only boost your confidence but also help you enhance vital professional skills such as communication, critical thinking, presentation, and problem-solving. These are competencies that align closely with industry expectations and are essential for success in the ever-evolving business landscape.

In closing, I urge each one of you to pursue excellence fearlessly. Stay curious about new ideas; seek inspiration from mentors; embrace challenges as opportunities for growth; and draw strength from nature's timeless wisdom. Remember that success is not merely about achieving goals, it is about enjoying the journey while staying true to your values.

Let me leave you with these powerful words by Harivansh Rai Bachchan:

“मिट्टी का तन, मस्ती का मन, क्षण भर जीवन—मेरा परिचय।”

(“A body made of clay; a mind full of joy; a fleeting life that's my story.”)

May these words remind you to live each moment with courage, joy, purpose and above all with gratitude for this incredible journey.

Wishing each one of you great success in your examinations and beyond!

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