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# From the Chairman's Desk



Dear Students,

Warm greetings to you all!

As we step into the month of April, a crucial period in your academic and professional calendar, it is essential to remain focused, motivated, and committed to your goals. With examinations around the corner, it is important to remember that consistent effort, diligent preparation, meticulous planning, and a positive mindset will serve as your strongest tools in achieving success.

At EICASA, we continuously strive to enhance your learning experience by organizing insightful seminars led by distinguished experts, interactive workshops designed to enhance practical skills, and various forums for professional networking. I strongly encourage you all to

actively participate and make full use of these valuable resources, as they can significantly complement and enrich your academic and professional journey.

In addition, let us not forget the importance of maintaining balance. It is crucial to take care of your physical health and mental well-being during these demanding times. Make sure to take short breaks, engage in physical activities, pursue hobbies, and maintain healthy interactions with your peers and mentors.

We have lined up a number of events in April, including Educational Tour, Pitch Deck & Debate Competition, Workshop on English Speaking etc. the details of which will be shared soon.

Let us embrace the challenges ahead with courage, dedication, and resilience, striving together towards excellence in our journey to becoming distinguished professionals.

Wishing you a productive, enriching, and extraordinarily successful month ahead.

Warm regards,

CA Vikash Kumar Choudhary Chairman EICASA Guwahati



# From the Editor's Desk



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

Dear Readers,

As we look back on the final month of the financial year 2024-25, it's time to reflect on the journey so far and celebrate the milestones we have achieved together. March was an eventful month for EICASA, filled with learning, celebration, and camaraderie.

We started the month by honouring the spirit of womanhood with our Women's Day Celebration, where Women CAs shared their inspiring journeys, highlighting their struggles and indomitable spirit. Their stories were a testament to perseverance and passion, and we deeply appreciate the courage and determination that shaped their journeys.

On the academic front, we conducted a highly insightful Bank Audit Seminar, providing students with a practical understanding of one of the most critical aspects of our profession. The session was enriching, equipping participants with essential knowledge as they prepare for the audit season ahead.

Adding to the excitement, our team participated in the EICASA Premier League, a prestigious regional cricket tournament conducted by EICASA where teams from various branches of Eastern India competed, showcasing their sportsmanship, teamwork, and competitive spirit. It was an incredible experience that reinforced the importance of perseverance and collaboration beyond academics.

As we step into a new financial year, let's carry forward the lessons learned, the friendships made, and the enthusiasm that drives us. It's the perfect time to set new goals, embrace new opportunities, and keep pushing the boundaries of what we can achieve together.

Looking ahead, we have more exciting events and initiatives planned for the upcoming months. Stay tuned, stay inspired, and let's continue striving for excellence together.

Best regards

Mudit Surana E-Newsletter Editor EICASA Guwahati



# **BOS** Announcements

## Renewal of 75% Concession in Registration Course Fee for all levels of CA Courses for select regions

Candidates/Students from Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and 8 North-East States, namely, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura may note that the scheme of concession of 75% fee for the students registering from these Union Territories and States for all levels of CA Course i.e. Foundation, Intermediate and Final extended till 31st March 2028.

Level	Registration Fees (Rs)	Concession (Rs)	Registration Fees to be Paid (Rs.)
Foundation	9,000	6,750	2,250
Intermediate	18,000	13,500	4,500
Final	22,000	16,500	5,500

The following fee needs to be paid by the above categories of students: -

The said concession will be permissible for the candidates/students who will be enrolling till 31st March, 2028. Please note that all other fees except the concession in registration fee mentioned above will have to be paid by the beneficiary student. Candidates/Students would need to upload domicile certificate/ permanent resident certificate, proof of identity like Adhaar card, Passport, Voter ID, Driving License, and Ration Card for availing the fee concession.

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# Activities of the Month

### Seminar on Health and Wellness



The Health & Wellness Seminar on 8th March 2025 promoted workplace health through yoga, nutrition, and interactive activities. Milton Kumar Mahanta led an Office Yoga session to enhance productivity. Experts, including Dr. Arunima Deb Choudhury and Dr. Jayashree Goswami, discussed the benefits of millets for health. CA Kaberi Bhuyan and CA Raginee Goyal highlighted wellness in professional life. The event concluded with a Millet Cooking Competition, encouraging practical application

of nutrition knowledge. The seminar offered valuable insights and hands-on experiences, inspiring participants to embrace healthier lifestyles.

## Women's Day Celebration– Aspire, Adapt, Achieve

On March 8, 2025, the Guwahati Branch of EICASA, in collaboration with ERIC, celebrated International Women's Day with the theme Aspire, Adapt, Achieve – Pioneering Change, Setting Trends. The event aimed to empower women in the CA profession through interactive activities such as the Wall of Thoughts for gratitude, an Open Mic for heartfelt speeches, and Creative Feelings for artistic expression. A lively Jamming Session added to the fun.



A Women-Centric Motivational Talk featured inspiring success stories from eminent speakers like Mrs. Arunima Choudhury, Joint Commissioner of State Tax, Assam, and Dr. Deepanjali Brahma, a Cosmetic Surgeon, alongside personal stories from Guwahati Branch members. The event fostered empowerment, networking, and motivation.

The celebrations concluded with a festive Holi Celebration and a Chaat Party, where attendees enjoyed colors, delicious street food, and camaraderie. The event successfully inspired women to lead, adapt, and achieve in their personal and professional journeys.



# Activities of the Month

### Industrial Visit to Yarn Factory

On 21st March, the Guwahati Branch of EICASA organized an industrial visit to Orient Processors Pvt. Ltd. Unit-II, a yarn processing unit, providing CA students with practical exposure to the textile industry. Supervised by CA Prabhaw Agarwalla and CA Neha Choudhary, students observed the yarn processing cycle, including spinning, dyeing, and weaving. Industry experts highlighted manual handloom techniques and discussed sustainability and financial management in the sector. The visit deepened students' understanding of artisans' skills and the economic significance of handloom fabrics, reinforcing EICASA's commitment to bridging academic learning with real-world industry insights.





### Seminar on Bank Audit



The Guwahati branch of EICASA held a Bank Audit Seminar on March 29th at ICAI Bhawan. CA Kumar Victor Shah introduced the event, followed by CA Sweta Agarwal's session on banking audits and fraud detection. CA Lokesh Agarwal then led an Excel session on data analysis in audits.



# Activities of the Month EICASA Premier League

The Cuttack Branch of EICASA hosted the EPL from 28th March to 30th March, bringing together eight teams, including Guwahati. Led by Captain Pratik Agarwal and Vice-Captain Rithik Bajaj, Guwahati secured one win in the league stage. Yash Sharma was named Man of the Match for his outstanding performance. The tournament was a great platform for sportsmanship, teamwork, and networking, strengthening inter-branch relationships.



अवधारणाओं और रेसीपी

सखाया। सीए छात्रों और चार्टर्ड

काउंटेंट्स के लिए मिलेट्स आधारित

और स्वस्थ पेय पर एक पाव



# Media Coverage



Dainik Purvoday - 22.03.2025



Pratah Khabar - 23.03.2025

#### अपने संबोधन में उन्होंने मालाग्या आईसीएआई गुवाहाटी ने महिला दिवस मनाय।

गुवाहाटी, 8 मार्च (पू.सं.)। आईसीएआइं, गुवाहाटी शाखा (ईआईआरसी) ने शाखा अग्यस गगिनी गोयल के ट्राट्शी नेतृत्व में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस के अवसर पर एक कश्वक्रम आयोजित किया। आईसीएआई की महिला और युवा सदस्य उत्कुहता समिति (डब्ल्यूवाईएमईसी) के इस कार्यक्रम की सहस्आत ट्रेनर मिल्टन कुमार महंत द्वारा क ऑफित योग पर अभ्यसस सत्र के साथ दे

अप्रतिदेश का अग्रे के वार्वजा के साहत हुआत ट्रेनर मिल्टन कुमार महंत द्वारा कृषि फिस योग पर अभ्यास सत्र के साथ देव चौ है। इसके बाद मिलेट्स पर एक पहलू प पल्डकता सत्र का आयोजन किया गया। विश्ववी पोई समिति की अप्यक्ष नितिका विज्ञान

अप्यस रागिमी में अंतर्राप्टीय पर एक कर्ण्यम इंतर्गएआई की उल्डुस्ता सामिति इस कार्यक्रम की स्मार महंत द्वारा स्म सत्र के साथ तेट्र पर एक पहलू पर बात की और अस्म

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Dainik Purvoday - 09.03.2025



# Articles Corner

# ESG Reporting: A Growing Imperative for Chartered Accountants

#### Definition

ESG reporting refers to the disclosure of data related to a company's Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) performance. It provides transparency on how a business manages sustainability risks and opportunities, helping stakeholders—including investors, regulators, and customers assess its ethical and responsibilities.

#### ESG stands for -

- 1. Environmental (E) Environmental Responsibility
  - o Carbon footprint and emissions reduction
  - o Renewable energy usage
  - o Water and waste management
  - o Climate change mitigation initiatives
- 2. Social (S) Social Responsibility
  - o Employee welfare and labour practices
  - o Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI)
  - o Human rights policies
  - o Community engagement and corporate social responsibility (CSR)

#### 3. Governance (G) - Ethical and Corporate Governance

- o Board composition and independence
- o Ethical business practices
- o Anti-corruption and compliance policies
- o Executive compensation and accountability

#### ESG in India

India has embraced ESG with SEBI's Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) mandate for the top 1,000 listed companies. This framework enhances corporate transparency and helps investors assess sustainability risks. Many corporations are proactively aligning with global ESG frameworks such as GRI, SASB, and TCFD. Government initiatives promoting renewable energy, carbon neutrality, and social welfare further bolster India's ESG landscape





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#### ESG in Practice

Companies worldwide are embedding ESG principles into their operations. Businesses are adopting green energy solutions, enhancing workplace diversity, and enforcing strong governance policies to build long-term sustainability. Leading corporations are using ESG metrics to shape investment decisions, reduce regulatory risks, and improve brand reputation. With growing stakeholder pressure, organizations must integrate ESG reporting into core strategies, ensuring not only compliance but also competitive advantage.

#### Challenges and Opportunities

While ESG reporting is gaining traction, challenges include data collection complexities, lack of standardization, and aligning ESG metrics with financial performance. However, these challenges present opportunities for CAs to develop expertise in sustainability audits, risk assessment, and compliance advisory.

#### The Future of ESG

As ESG becomes central to corporate strategy, CAs must stay ahead, guiding businesses toward responsible and sustainable growth. The demand for ESG expertise will continue to rise, making it a valuable specialization for finance professionals.

The time for action is now!

Prachi Singh CRO0781944







## Questions:

1. Which Country recently designated English as its official language?

2. According to the 2024 World Air Quality Report, what is the rank of India for air pollution?

3. Which ministry has launched Swavalambini initiative to promote women entrepreneurship in India?

4. Zomi Tribe is primarily found in which state of India?

5. Which regulatory body has launched a centralised database Portal for corporate bonds called Bond Central?

6. Prime Minister's Internship Scheme 2025 is launched by which ministry?

7. Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR) is located in which state?

8. Which organization developed the Brahmastra Missile (Long Range Anti-Ship Missile)?

9. Which country won the Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship 2025?

10. Who won the Best Actor Oscar in 2025?

## RULES

1. Response to be submitted latest by 15th April, 2025 at eicacsaactivities@gmail.com

2. Mention your Name, Registration Number, Level of CA and contact number. Also attach your passport size photograph.

- **3.** 1st three winners will be featured in the next edition of E-newsletter.
- 4. Winners will be selected on the basis of maximum correct answers within the given deadline.
- 5. If there are more than one response, then the 1st response would be considered as final.

## Winner for January!



Answers for January

- 1. Virat Kohli
- 2. England
- 3. Gongadi Trisha
- 4. Nathan Bracken
- 5. Harmanpreet Kaur
- 6. Australia
- 7. Ajinkya Rahane
- 8. Sammy jo Johnson
- 9. Mohammed Shami
- 10. Stuart Broad



# Management Team EICASA, Guwahati



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CA Kumar Victor Saha Nominated MC Member



Jaitra Pareek Vice Chairman



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Khusboo Tiwari Cultural Coordinator

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CA Neha Choudhary Advisor



CA Rishabh Sharma Advisor



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