



Dear Professional Colleagues,

At the very beginning, I would like to thank you for honouring me with the position of the 16th Chairman of Pimpri Chinchwad Branch of WIRC of ICAI. This is indeed a proud moment for me; nevertheless, I am cognizant of my responsibilities, and I look forward to taking our Branch's vision closer to its destination.

As a part of the committee, I have witnessed the exponential growth of the Branch, which has been possible because of its members, who have constantly worked to accomplish its goals. It has been an exciting journey, punctuated with numerous opportunities to learn and grow, and become not just a better professional, but also a better individual. I could not have done it without the support and guidance of each and every member of the Branch, and particularly of our past chairman, MCM, leaders, sub-committee members, sponsors and partners. I appreciate the confidence you have shown in me and request your continued support as I take on this new role.

The month of February was an eventful one at your branch. On 1st February we had live screening & group discussion on Union Budget 2023. It was followed by a seminar on GST - How To Face Departmental Audit & Budget Changes on 4th February. On 18th February on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri, the new office bearers took charge and on the same day we were blessed to have an interactive meet with the Honourable Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance Shri Bhagwat Karadji. He was accompanied by Shri Sadashiv Khade, Ex Chairman of PCNTDA and other prominent dignitaries. In his speech Dr. Bhagwat Karad lauded the CA profession and said that the dream of taking India to the top position in the world is possible and for that Cas have to play an important role. He also felicitated the new office bearers of our Branch. The programme was a huge success with more than 100 members and students attending the same. Similarly, on 24th we had a half day seminar on Income Tax notices under faceless regime.

The branch endeavours to conduct various programs for members and students in the coming days. We are also in the process of getting approvals for various national conferences and post qualification courses to be held at Pimpri Chinchwad. The details will be shared soon.

This year on 1st July our Institute will be entering into the 75th year of its existence, my team and I will spread awareness to make it a grand celebration. Our efforts will be to encourage start-ups and organise events where CA members can guide the business community in utilising new business opportunities. In addition, we will be promoting initiatives by the government such as G20 Presidency of India for 2023.

I request all of you to join me and put in your best efforts to meet these various goals in 2023.

There are other Branch objectives, which will find significance in my team's list of priorities, such as providing networking opportunities for members; encouraging Chartered Accountancy as a solid career path for students, executing programs related to Corporate Social Responsibility and initiating purposeful interaction with the government authorities.

It is going to be a busy year ahead for us, and I wish for you to be as driven about the Branch and its work as I am. Please join me in taking the Branch to newer heights for the benefit of its members and the community.

The year 2023 is the first year of the 3 years of the CPE Block years. I urge members and students to attend the various programmes on various topics including mandatory CPE programmes like Code of Ethics & Standards on Auditing which will be held shortly.

Please send your emails to pimpri.chinchwad@icai.org for any queries, suggestions or feedback you may have with respect to the branch and its activities.

Warm Regards,

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Chairman