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EDITORIAL



Thriving Together in a Season of Change and Opportunity

Dear Colleagues,

As we bid adieu to September, and embrace October, our profession enters one of its busiest and most dynamic periods — the peak season. Deadlines loom, audits demand our focus, and regulatory updates arrive with increasing frequency. Yet, it is inspiring to see Chartered Accountants across the Thrissur Branch rise to these challenges with dedication, professionalism, and resilience.

Our Chairman's insightful message reminds us that while commitment to work is essential, caring for our well-being is equally important. Short breaks, healthy routines, and adequate rest are not luxuries; they are essential tools for sustained professional excellence. A clear mind and a healthy body empower us to deliver high-quality services, manage clients effectively, and remain resilient during demanding times.

This period also highlights the constant evolution of our profession. From regulatory updates in GST and income tax to leveraging AI-driven tools for audits and compliance, Chartered Accountants today are not just compliance specialists but advisors, technologists, and change managers. As CA M. Jhanasree emphasizes, staying ahead requires curiosity, adaptability, and emotional intelligence — qualities that allow us to transform challenges into opportunities.

This season is an opportunity to lead with positivity, resilience, and foresight. By staying proactive, embracing innovation, and balancing professional commitments with self-care, we not only meet client expectations but also set new standards of excellence. Let's make this season a period of growth, achievement, and shared success for every member of the Thrissur Branch.

Warm Regards,

CA Jinu Rose Johnson

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CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE



Dear Esteemed Members,

Greetings to you all as we welcome the month of September!

This time of year marks a particularly demanding period for many of us. With various statutory deadlines looming, September heralds the onset of a *peak season for professional work*. I understand the intensity of the commitment required to navigate the audits, filings, and compliance rush successfully. I want to acknowledge and appreciate the dedication, long hours, and meticulous effort each of you puts in to ensure client needs and regulatory mandates are met with the highest standards of our profession.

While professional excellence is paramount, I want to take a moment to underscore the vital importance of *work-life balance*. During these demanding weeks, it's easy to let the pressure consume all your time and energy. Please remember that taking regular, short breaks, maintaining healthy eating habits, and ensuring adequate rest are not luxuries—they are **essential tools* for sustainable peak performance. A clear mind and a healthy body are your most valuable assets in delivering precise, high-quality professional services. I encourage both practitioners and members in industry to manage your time proactively and support your teams in prioritizing well-being.

Even in the midst of deadlines, learning must continue. The regulatory landscape never pauses, and neither should our professional growth. The Thrissur Branch remains committed to providing accessible and high-impact *CPE seminars and workshops*. For September, we have curated sessions specifically designed to address complexities arising during this peak period, ensuring you have the most current information and practical solutions at your fingertips. Please check our website and communication channels for the schedule, and utilize these opportunities to enhance your technical knowledge efficiently.

In the month of September, we conducted 18 cpe hours of seminar covering topics on international taxation and transfer pricing, Company Audit, Tax Audit, and GST 2.0.

We celebrated Teachers Day on 3rd September, Students Onam and conducted Women Safety Awareness programme in collaboration with city police under the “Nirbhaya “ initiative.



Your collective commitment to integrity and hard work is what makes the Thrissur Branch a benchmark of professional excellence. I wish you all a highly successful and efficient peak season.

Our Academic activities are also in full swing. 4 Batches of Foundation and Two Batches of Intermediate are currently going on in our branch.

We had already circulated our detailed Activity Report on 5th October 2025

We have lined up insightful sessions and workshops for the coming weeks, designed to keep you updated on the latest developments in our dynamic professional landscape. Topics on Internal Audit, Concurrent Audit of Banks and proposals to Budget for 2026 are already planned.

Your participation and engagement are what make our branch a success. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and seminars.

Wish you a good work life balance in the coming months

With warm regards,

CA. SANJON G

Chairperson

ICAI Thrissur Branch(SIRC)

Handling Changes & Staying Ahead



CA. JHANA SHREE

“Change is inevitable. Growth is optional.” — John C. Maxwell

The last few months have tested the resilience of Chartered Accountants like never before. From dynamic updates in GST law to frequent tweaks in the Income Tax e-filing portal, and from managing September deadlines to navigating AI-driven tools — the profession has once again proven its ability to adapt under pressure.

For many practitioners, this period wasn't just about statutory compliance — it was about emotional endurance, managing anxious clients, and staying current in an era of automation.

The Reality of Rapid Change

The profession today stands at the crossroads of law, technology, and human expectations.

- **Regulatory turbulence:** The frequent updates in GST, reconciliation challenges, and portal issues demand continuous learning. Every notification or clarification feels like a new chapter that must be absorbed overnight.
 - **Technological transformation:** Artificial Intelligence and automation tools are reshaping how we audit, review, and report. What once required long hours now needs analytical oversight and adaptability.
 - **Client management:** Clients, too, face confusion amidst changing deadlines and systems. Their anxiety often finds its way to our inboxes and phones, testing our communication and patience.
- The challenge, therefore, is not merely about understanding change — but staying emotionally and technically ahead of it.

From Reaction to Preparation

In practice, many CAs spend their time reacting to change rather than preparing for it. But what if we shift the mindset?

Build an early-warning radar:

Subscribe to reliable update channels (ICAI, GSTN, CBDT) and block a short time each week purely for professional reading.



Regular exposure turns sudden changes into expected ones.

Leverage technology consciously:

AI and automation are not threats but partners. Tools for document management, GST reconciliation, and AI-based drafting can drastically cut repetition. Learn one tool deeply rather than trying many superficially.

Develop emotional intelligence:

Clients don't just seek compliance — they seek reassurance. A calm tone, timely response, and transparent explanation often solve half the problem. Emotional steadiness is as vital as technical skill.

Delegate and empower:

Many practitioners shoulder every responsibility. Training juniors or outsourcing repetitive tasks can free bandwidth for strategic thinking — and personal well-being.

Staying Ahead, Holistically

CAs today are not just accountants; they are advisors, technologists, communicators, and change managers.

The next era belongs to those who:

- Keep learning even when busy,
- Embrace AI instead of resisting it,
- Prioritize mental health alongside compliance,
- And view every update as an opportunity to reimagine service.

By staying ahead, we don't just serve clients better — we preserve our own peace and relevance in a rapidly changing ecosystem.

The Human Side of Adaptability

The profession has always thrived on discipline. But now it also demands flexibility — the ability to let go of old systems and embrace new tools.

When the GSTN portal slows or the ITR deadline extends again, it's not just a professional test; it's a reminder that adaptability is our greatest audit skill.

As professionals, let's remind ourselves that behind every return, report, and regulation is a human being — us — learning, unlearning, and staying resilient.

Conclusion

Change is the only constant in taxation and technology alike. But every change, when handled with foresight, empathy, and innovation, becomes a stepping stone toward professional excellence.

Let's choose to not just handle change — but to lead through it.

“The secret of change is to focus all your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new.” — Socrates

I. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. CPE Programmes

Date	Programme Title	Chief Guest / Speaker(s)	CPE Hours	Attendance
16 Sep	<i>International Taxation and Transfer Pricing: Controversies and Compliance</i> <i>Company Audit – Revisited</i>	CA G. Rengarajan, Kochi CA Jomon K George, Past Chairman, SIRC of ICAI (2019-20)	6	74
20 Sep	<i>Tax Audit – Key Concepts, Applicability and Recent Amendments</i> <i>Tax Audit – Clause by Clause Analysis</i>	CA Adv. Santhosh Sagar, Bengaluru CA Ravinath R Pai, Ernakulam	6	129
27 Sep	<i>GST 2.0: New Rates and Key Updates</i> <i>GST 2.0: Key Issues and Updates</i>	CA Soman N.L, Ernakulam CA Roopa Nayak, Bengaluru	6	84

2. Non-CPE Programmes

Date	Programme Title	Highlights	Attendance
03 Sep	Teachers' Day Celebrations	Organized in association with SICASA, with active participation of Managing Committee members, eminent faculty, and honored staff of ICAI Thrissur Branch. The event was attended by over 350 students, who expressed heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the invaluable contributions of their teachers to education and professional development.	350+
03 Sep	Students' Onam Celebration	Conducted in association with SICASA, the Onam celebrations brought together students for a vibrant and culturally rich event. The programme included traditional games, cultural performances, and festive activities, showcasing the spirit of Onam and fostering camaraderie among students.	350+
12 Sep	Women Safety Awareness Programme	Conducted in collaboration with the City Police under the 'Nirbhaya' initiative. Sessions were led by SI Mr. Santhosh, ASI Ms. Shiji, and Senior CPO Ms. Sheeja, who addressed students on key aspects of women's safety. Interactive discussions enhanced awareness and practical preparedness.	350+

3. Administrative Meetings

Date	Meeting	Venue
12 Sep	Managing Committee Meeting	ICAI Bhawan
26 Sep	Managing Committee Meeting	ICAI Bhawan

II. ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

1. Coaching Classes (Ongoing)

Course / Batch	Attendance
CA Final – Sep 2026 (IDT: 29 Aug–14 Sep)	19
CA Intermediate – Jan 2026	147
CA Intermediate – May 2026	148
CA Foundation – Jan 2026 Batch 1	83
CA Foundation – Jan 2026 Batch 2	69
CA Foundation – Jan 2026 Batch 3	120
CA Foundation – May 2026 Batch 4	84

2. ICITSS & AICITSS Programmes

Dates	Programme	Batch	Attendance
25 Aug – 15 Sep	Advanced ITT	Thrissur 23	19
20 Sep – 10 Oct	Orientation	Thrissur 17	50

III. SEPTEMBER 2025 HIGHLIGHTS & CLOSING SUMMARY

The ICAI Thrissur Branch continued its mission of **empowering members and students through knowledge, professional excellence, and community engagement** throughout September 2025.

- Three **CPE programmes** addressed contemporary professional issues in *International Taxation, Tax Audit, and GST*, benefiting our members.
- A series of **non-CPE programmes** including *Teachers' Day, Students' Onam Celebration*, and a *Women Safety Awareness Programme* engaged more than **500 students collectively**, highlighting both professional and cultural dimensions.
- Regular **administrative meetings** ensured smooth functioning of the branch.
- The **academic front** remained vibrant, with ongoing **CA Foundation, Intermediate, and Final coaching classes** and structured **ICITSS & AICITSS programmes**, ensuring a strong academic support system for students.

The Branch extends sincere appreciation to all **speakers, members, students, and participants** for their enthusiastic support and contributions. Their active involvement remains the driving force in strengthening the ICAI community in Thrissur.

Looking forward, we remain committed to fostering **professional excellence, academic growth, and collaborative engagement** in the months ahead.

Thank you.