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## MESSAGE

### ICAI Raipur Branch Chairman's Communication



**CA M.M. UPADHYAY**  
Chairman

Dear Students,

It is that month of the year again in which we celebrate our Independence Day. Our Nation attained Independence from the British Rule on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 1947, all because of the sacrifices and hard work of all the freedom fighters whom we respect heart fully. The freedom struggle of India is an evidence to the fact that anything can be achieved if we have determination and patience. In this Independence Day, let us remember those brave hearts who sacrificed their lives for this great nation, and reaffirm to ourselves that we will ourselves try to serve this country and its people by some way or another.

I have been informed by the CICASA managing committee that this August edition of the newsletter would be released on the program being organized on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August. It is great to hear that students have registered in huge numbers for the program and that the seats are almost full. I would like to congratulate Team CICASA and wish that the program be great and productive.

## MESSAGE

### CICASA Chairman's Communication



**CA YOGESH KU. PUROHIT**  
CICASA Chairman

Dear Students,  
Greetings for better future!

Many Congratulation to Champions of the State Level & Raipur level indoor Sports. I also congratulate the members of the CICASA for organising well planned indoor sports with record break participants. Really it was a good experience for me to be a part of indoor sports in Raipur as well as State level which was organised by Bilaspur branch.

As I think, Sport gives quick refreshment to our mind we cannot think about life without sport. A quote from a Russian Poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko "I love sport because I love Life, and sport is one of the basic joy of Life." And really all of you will fell this after reading this quote.

No matter if you lose - the most important thing is whether you did your best or not and there is always a place for improvement. Winners never quit and quitters never win. So friends just play, have fun and enjoy the game.

When we do anything and want to win and for that we need strength and it comes from our mind. This mental Strength is very important because you will either win or lose in your mind. So first win is in your mind and surely with this win you will be a winner of life.

Lastly, I would like to end this communication by saying

"अपनी संभावनाओं को मनन की शक्ति द्वारा पहले ही देख पाना सफलता का रहस्य है"

## MESSAGE

## SECRETARIAL

Hello Friends,

A very Happy Independence Day in advance!!



**JAYESH SACHDEV**  
Secretary

I am really glad to interact with you again through this newsletter. It has been a great learning experience in the past 2-3 months. With the guidance of our chairman CA Yogesh Purohit Sir, and the hardwork of whole CICASA team, we have been able to hold various programmes such as the Blood Donation Camp and the Quiz and Elocution competition successfully.

This newsletter is being unveiled by us strategically on this program of “Legends Meet” so that maximum students are informed of this publication of CICASA and to increase the readership base. This newsletter is an “E-Newsletter”, i.e., it is not printed but published in digital format only. It is uploaded in the website of “ICAI Raipur” (CICASA tab) and in the CICASA WhatsApp Groups, so that it can be easily accessed anytime, anywhere. All of you are encouraged to read, explore and contribute to this newsletter.

## MESSAGE

## EDITORIAL ENDEAVORS

Hello Friends,

Hope you all are doing well!

I am delighted to present before you, the August Edition of the CICASA E-Newsletter in this magnificent program of “Legends Meet – Innovation with Experience”. I am sure you would like the splendid arrangements made by team CICASA and the program would be a successful one.

Team CICASA is now in full momentum in organizing various programs. The huge turnout in the Blood Donation Camp clearly depicts the zeal with which we CA students are ready to come forward for social service. Each and every person who came that day is worthy of a salute.

We are trying our best to leave no CA student behind in this journey of personal development and fellowship. Many of our friends, who were earlier not aware of CICASA, are getting informed and participating in the programs. The more you get involved and participate in the programs, the better the programs would be.

Efforts are on to bring new innovations in the newsletter. If you have got any idea that you would like to share in this regard, do share it with us at [cicasa.raipur@gmail.com](mailto:cicasa.raipur@gmail.com).



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# THE INCOME DECLARATION SCHEME, 2016



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## I. INTRODUCTION

The Income Declaration Scheme, 2016 (referred to here as 'the scheme') as announced in the budget proposals earlier this year, is the latest addition to the Government's anti-black money drive.

It is contained in Chapter IX of the Finance Act 2016, which received the assent of the President on 14<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016. The scheme is further governed by:

- Notification No. 33/2016 – Income Declaration Scheme Rules, 2016.
- Circular No. 16/2016 - Explanatory Notes
- Circular No. 17/2016, 24/2016, 25/2016, 27/2016 - Clarifications in the form of FAQs.

As a onetime compliance window of opportunity for defaulters, the scheme is a welcome move to curb the generation and spread of black money and to make the citizens compliant tax payers. The scheme provides an opportunity to tax evaders to disclose their unaccounted income or assets and come out clean by paying the applicable tax, surcharge and penalty.

## II. WHAT CAN BE COVERED IN THE DECLARATION?

A Declaration under the scheme can be made in respect of:

- ✦ Any income chargeable to tax under the Act for any assessment year prior to 2017-18 for which the declarant:
  - failed to furnish return of income u/s 139 or
  - failed to disclose such income in the return of income or
  - failed to declare fully and truly all material facts necessary for the assessment.
- ✦ Any income in the form of investment in any asset located in India.

The fair market value of such asset as on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2016 (computed in accordance with Rule 3 of the Income Declaration Scheme Rules, 2016) shall be deemed to be the value of undisclosed income. Where the asset is acquired partly from the income that has been assessed to tax earlier, the FMV shall be reduced proportionately.

Subsequent sale of such assets shall be liable to tax under the head 'Capital Gains'. The cost of asset would be the FMV as calculated above as on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 and the period of holding shall start from the said date.

## III. RATES

The person making the declaration would be liable to pay:

- Tax @30% of value of undisclosed income.

- Surcharge (to be called Krishi Kalyan Cess) @ 25% of such tax.
- Penalty @ 25% of such tax.

totaling in all to 45% of the value of undisclosed income declared by him.

This special rate will override any rate or rates specified under the provisions of the Income Tax Act or the annual Finance Acts. Any amount paid as tax, surcharge or penalty in pursuance of declaration made under the scheme shall not be refundable at any point of time.

#### IV. TIME LIMITS

- The scheme came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 and is available up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 for filing the declarations.
- Payments toward tax, surcharge and penalty must be made by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016. However during the course of meetings and seminars held in different parts of the country, various stakeholders expressed their concern regarding the difficulties for making by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Taking into consideration the practical difficulties of stakeholders, the government has decided to revise the time schedule for making payments as under:
  - A minimum amount of 25% of the tax, surcharge and penalty to be paid by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016;
  - A further amount of 25% of the tax, surcharge and penalty to be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017; and
  - The balance to be paid before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

#### V. PROCEDURAL ASPECTS

- A declaration under the scheme is to be filed up in **Form 1** as prescribed in the rules.
- The declaration is to be filed with the jurisdictional PCIT/CIT.
- The declaration may be filed either in paper form or through e-filing website of Income Tax Department using the digital signature of the declarant or through electronic verification code (EVC).
- The persons authorized to sign the declaration is defined u/s 186 of the Finance Act, 2016.
- The jurisdictional PCIT/CIT will issue the acknowledgement in **Form 2** within 15 days from the end of the month in which the declaration has been furnished.
- The proof of payment of tax, surcharge and penalty shall be furnished by the declarant to the jurisdictional PCIT/CIT in **Form 3**.
- The PCIT/CIT will issue a certificate of accepted declaration in **Form 4** within 15 days of submission of Form 3.

#### VI. SCHEME NOT TO APPLY IN CERTAIN CASES

No declaration can be made in respect of any undisclosed income which was chargeable to tax for AY 2016-17 or any earlier AYs in the following cases:

- Where a notice u/s 142, 143(2), 148, 153A or 153C of the Income Tax Act has been issued before 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 in respect of such AY and the proceedings are pending with the Assessing Officer. The declarant is required to verify non receipt of any such notice in Form 1.
- Where a search has been conducted u/s 132 or requisition has been made u/s 132A or a survey has been carried out u/s 133A in a previous year and the time limit for issuance of notice u/s 143(2), 153A or 153C for the relevant AY has not expired.
- Undisclosed foreign income and assets to which the Black Money and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015 applies.

In above cases, if the declaration is made under the said scheme then it shall be deemed as if the

declaration was never made and all the provisions of the act, including penalties and prosecutions, shall also apply accordingly.

## VII. EFFECTS OF VALID DECLARATION

Where a valid declaration as stated above has been made, the following consequences will follow:

- The amount of undisclosed income declared shall not be included in the total income of the declarant for any AY.
- Assets specified in declaration shall be exempt from Wealth Tax.
- Declaration undisclosed income will not affect the finality of completed assessments.
- The contents of declaration shall not be admissible in evidence against the declarant in any penalty or prosecution proceedings under the Income Tax Act and Wealth Tax Act.

## VIII. CONFIDENTIALITY OF DECLARATION

In its third set of FAQs, the IT Department has assured full confidentiality of information even from other law enforcement agencies and no enquiry of source of income. The scheme provides immunity under the IT Act, Wealth Tax Act and the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act.

## IX. CONCLUSION

It is hoped that the IDS 2016 emerges successful in achieving its objectives like the Voluntary Disclosure of Income Scheme of 1997, which garnered the revenue of over Rs. 7800 crore for the government.

In this backdrop, the Chartered Accountants, given their unique skill sets and exposure to every layer of Indian business and economy, are in a very strong position to implement the provisions of related laws, ensure compliance, spread awareness and convince Indian businesses against generation of black money in any form.



# PAPERLESS SOCIETY A REALITY?

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## Definition

A **Paperless society** can be defined as a society in which communication and record keeping (written documents, letters, etc.) with the use of paper is replaced by electronic communication and storage. This concept was originated by Frederick Lancaster in the year 1978.

## Towards a paperless society

Nowadays, it has become all too common to see a message from some organization proclaiming with great self-satisfaction that it is shifting to “paperless” communications. Even our government says that it is trying to reduce the use of paper and digitize every process. The concept of Digital India envisaged by our Prime Minister also involves the vision that documents and proofs required to be submitted at different government departments be digitally stored and transmitted. The “DigiLocker” facility has also been made available in this regard.

But the reality is that we still use a lot of paper, despite the excessive use of personal computers, smartphones and other digital devices, and despite the increasing popularity of online bill paying & other digital transactions. As of today, the world produces around 300 million tons of paper every year, which requires almost 4 billion trees to be cut down. The reason?

Let us take for example “Printed Journals” vis-à-vis “E-Journals”. Most people simply like reading a printed paper magazine, enjoying the tactile feel of the pages and appreciating the design and handiness, as compared to straining their eyes reading an “E-Newsletter”.

If we compare paper books and e-books, there are many benefits of paper books which cannot be overlooked. Paper books are flexible, easy to flip through, easy to mark your place in, you can write anywhere on them, you can loan them to your friends or sell them back to bookstores at will, they never have to be charged, they never need to be updated with new software or hardware, and they can withstand some pretty rough treatment.

If we see it from a broader perspective, paper is the transitional stopgap that gives our society time to transition and deliver a perfect, paperless era with systems that truly fit the modern and creative world. But as of now, we are still far away from a truly paperless society.

## A Paperless Office

A **paperless office** is a work environment in which the use of paper is eliminated or greatly reduced. This is done by converting documents and other papers into digital form. The term



"The Paperless Office" was first used in commerce by Micronet, Inc., an automated office equipment company, in 1978.

The need for paper is eliminated by using online systems, such as replacing index cards with databases, typed letters and faxes with email, and reference books with the internet.

## Advantages

1. A paperless office uses less physical space when bulky filing cabinets are eliminated or reduced.
2. Relocating to a smaller office or building may be possible, saving money on a lease
3. The chances of losing important documents are lower when scanned and filed electronically, and the documents are often easier to find in an electronic system.
4. Processing documents electronically opens up the opportunity for employees to work remotely and can improve efficiency and employee morale.
5. An environmentally friendly approach to office management.

## Disadvantages

1. Up-to-date computer hardware and software is essential for a paperless office, so you may have to upgrade your systems initially and keep them upgraded, which comes at a cost.
2. If you don't have an IT person in your company, you may need to hire one to monitor your system, train new users and perform regular backups of your information.
3. Maintaining tight security for your documents and business information is vital, and the more people use a system, the closer it must be monitored for privacy issues & viruses.
4. Improperly scanned documents can result in incomplete records, and files that are incorrectly named or stored electronically are often difficult to retrieve.



# PLASTIC MONEY



## What is Plastic Money?

Plastic money is a term that is used in reference to the hard plastic cards we use every day in place of actual currency notes. They can come in many different forms such as cash cards, credit cards, debit cards, pre-paid cash cards and store cards.



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## Need & Development of Plastic Money in India

Plastic Money is the need of hour in Growing E-commerce market like India. It has gained much Importance in the past few days After Launch of Digital India – Campaign by Our Honble Prime Minister. Earlier, customers were not very comfortable with carrying a debit card or credit card out of the country, because it is difficult to map expenses. Also, the cost of using such cards was high. However In recent times Government and Banks are Continuously Promoting the use of Plastic Money in India. Like Recently Rail Ministry Waived off Service Fee that was charged while booking E-Tickets through Credit/Debit cards. The Growing pattern of E-Commerce and E-Commerce Websites like Flipkart, eBay, amazon etc. have also contributed much to the development of plastic money in India.

## Advantages of Plastic Money to Indian Economy

The use of plastic money would lead to a decreased risk of menace of black money, Tax Evasion and Fake Currency notes in the Indian economy. The level of transactions that take place in India are still largely paper based, leading to lack of permanent records in any registry as these would be paper based as well. Online Transactions can be easily traced by building a database of Transactions and matching them. Plastic Money will also save cost of printing; it will help us to move towards the paperless society and thereby will save environmental cost of deforestation.

## Problems In use of Plastic Money in India:

One of the Major threat of using Debit, Credit cards and Net banking is Cyber Attacks and Frauds that might occur, Often the hackers Steal the information of user and gain on the Cost of others, this may have an Adverse impact on the users Financially and Socially. Lack of Knowledge poses a significant place while promoting use of plastic money at ground level, often people are also afraid of technical issues that they might face while using plastic money. Small & Medium Retailers, Businessman's etc. generally don't have the facility of accepting E-payments & Swiping card means, getting money in the account. Here most of the traders do not keep invoice book; so getting white money could mean paying more taxes.

# गुरु की महिमा



सांत्वना का संसार देखा, सामाजिक कोहराम भी देखा,  
कटु वचनों की कटुक्ति देखी, व्यंगों के बाण भी झेले,  
मर्माघाति आघात देखे, चाटुकारिता की मिठास भी देखी,  
सहयोगियों की भीड़ में, दुश्मनों का जमघट देखा।

संसार समर से त्रस्त, असमंजस सा दिशाहीन,  
प्राप्त संयोगों पर, शक कर रहा था।

और तभी

गुरुदेव का सानिध्य मिला, खुशियों का अंवार मिला,  
सात्विक विचारों का मार्ग मिला, चलता गया, बढ़ता गया,  
बाधाओं से पार, होता गया।

गुरुदेव,

यही कृपा बनी रहे, स्मरण सदा होता रहे,  
मन मस्तिष्क में, छवि सदा बनी रहे,  
हृदय पटल पर मेरे, सदा अंकित रहें।

यही पाती प्रार्थना की है -

कृपा, करुणा और कामयाबी, सदा निर्विघ्न बनी रहे।



HARDIK PATNI

## Memorable Moment

### CICASA conducts blood donation camp



Raipur, Jul 26:

With the motto to share a little, care a little by donate blood, Raipur Branch of Central India Chartered Accountants Students' Association (CICASA) in association with 'Aashirvad Blood Bank' organized a blood donation camp to inculcate the good habit of blood donation among the CA students at ICAI

Bhawan located in Moudahapara here on Monday. The blood donation camp witnessed huge participation from Non-CA students as well as adults.

In this camp, over 90 persons came voluntarily to donate blood, and though some were rejected due to medical limitations, all in all the total blood units collected was around 70. The most important part of

the event was that maximum participants were first time donors. All the participants in the camp were presented with a 'Certificate of Appreciation' for their outstanding contribution and service to Humanity. It was really glad to see that some parents also came along. All the CICASA committee members, who were eligible to donate blood, were among the first blood donors.

**Blood Donation Camp witnessed a turnout of more than 80 students**



Around 13 teams participated in the Preliminary Round of the Quiz Competition

### CICASA holds Quiz Contest



Participants and judges posing for a group photo session.

**Staff Reporter**  
RAIPUR, Aug 5: Staff by 11 teams with participation in each team took part in the quiz competition. In the quiz rounds, 100 questions were distributed which were related to subjects of CA students. Like accountancy, law, taxation, marketing, auditing, IT, general awareness and Indian tax. It was followed with the most crucial round - Rapid Fire round. Participants from quiz competition will qualify for upcoming regional level competition. The students who get selected for regional level election contest are Raipur, Bhandarkar, Keshavnagar and ICAI Raipur. The winners of quiz contest are Keshavnagar and ICAI Raipur.



Annual General Meeting of Raipur Branch of CICASA



CA Suraj Jhannwar, Past Secretary of Raipur Branch also came to the Blood Donation Camp



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## Failure-A Stepping Stone To Success

### **FAILURE DEFEATS A LOSER AND INSPIRES A WINNER.**

“Only a man who knows what it is like to be defeated can reach down to the bottom of his soul and come up with the extra ounce of power it takes to win”-Muhammad Ali, the legendary boxer once declared.

It is almost impossible to go through a life without experiencing some kind of failure. Failure is a part of everyone's life and everyone has experienced failure at some point or the other. Failure can be very disheartening for everyone, but a person who takes this as a challenge will always succeed in life as he will take it as a learning lesson. A person actually fails when he loses hopes. Any success which comes after failure is much more precious, because it has been earned after a lot of hard work and keeping faith in own self.

Difficulties in our life do not come to destroy us but to help us realize our hidden potential and power. We should face these situations and let the difficulties know that we too are difficult. Many of our world's greatest leaders and persons have achieved success only after failing several times. Even a brilliant scientist like Thomas Alva Edison failed for around 10,000 times before he could invent bulb, so failure is not final. Sometimes the harder you fail, the stronger you rise.

Failure teaches us many things-it teaches us to keep patience which is very helpful to lead a good life. It teaches us to plan things in advance and work accordingly, to meet goals in specified time period, to introspect and learn from our past mistakes and do not repeat that again. It teaches us the important saying that 'failing to plan is planning to fail'. It also teaches us that easy success can get into a person's head and may not stay for long, rather a success which comes after struggle has sound footings and one should not get disheartened, but learn to stand up more strongly every time.

We have seen that many students of our Chartered Accountant's fraternity who met failure several times but never gave up hopes, and kept with their hard work ultimately achieved a rank. In C.A a student doesn't really fails when the big four letter word 'Fail' reflects on the computer screen, but he actually fails when he loses hopes and doesn't think of trying another time.

Everyone must overcome the biggest barrier of life, which is the fear of failure. It should not be seen as a hurdle, but as a new opportunity in life. We all should take failure as a challenge and start our lives afresh with new energy, zeal and vigor. Most people have achieved their greatest success one step ahead of their greatest failure.



## ICAI NOW Mobile App – New Version Released



The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India is proud to launch the new and improved version of ICAI Mobile App ICAI Now. The new version is available on all major platforms i.e. Android, iOS and Windows. The App has undergone various enhancements since it was launched in February 2014 keeping in mind the Industry Best Practices, Upgradation of Technology and feedback received from Students, Members and other stakeholders. Since its inception, the app has got a tremendous response and has got an average rating of 4.2. The Mobile App ICAI Now has been downloaded by more than 3,30,000 users and the number is increasing by leaps and bounds.

ICAI Mobile App ICAI Now has been instrumental in bringing another revolution in disseminating information, knowledge and expertise to empower students, members and other stakeholders anytime, anywhere.

## Create your own Email Id with the domain @icai.org!!

Our Institute is providing an amazing facility for the benefit of members and students. We can create an email Id ending with @icai.org by registering at the portal. All you have to do is visit the following link and give the required details:  
The link for CA Students is:  
<http://online.icai.org/emailreg/icaisemailreg.php>  
The benefit of such an email id is that we can proudly depict that we are from the ICAI and it gives a professional touch to our email id. Go and try it yourself!!



## ICAI – IGNOU Memorandum of Understanding

For furtherance of commerce and management education, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Indira Gandhi National Open University have signed an MoU and special B.Com. and M.Com courses are available for CA students.

IGNOU conducts a specialized B.Com Course majority in Accountancy and Finance for the students of chartered accountancy course by which exemption is granted in certain common subjects such that these students can improve their learning process by acquiring knowledge in new areas rather than concentrating in the same subject, which are covered in the theoretical education scheme of the chartered accountancy. Further, recognizing subjects of study in the chartered accountancy final stage, the IGNOU conducts a special master programme in commerce majority in Finance and Taxation for the benefit of students who are undergoing CA Final Course or who have already qualified CA Final examination.

For detailed information regarding this scheme, students should visit the following link:

[http://www.icai.org/post.html?post\\_id=729&c\\_id=129](http://www.icai.org/post.html?post_id=729&c_id=129)



Articles, write-ups and other original content are invited to be included in the upcoming issues of the CICASA newsletter.

**Guidelines -**

1. The topic must be relevant and not necessarily academic. It can be articles on academic issues, current affairs, experiences, opinions, poems, suggestions, motivational content etc.
2. The content may be compiled from multiple sources and it must be in word format. It should not be a copy paste job. Contributors are advised to send along with their content, - Full Name, CRO number and A Photo in the email id-prakharjain2244@icai.org. Active participation and contribution by you all only will make the newsletter better. For any queries/suggestions, you may contact at the above email id.



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