



BCICAI CONNECT - AUGUST 2019

From the Chairperson's desk

Dear Esteemed BCICAI Members,



WELCOME. By the time this communication reaches you, most of you must still be busy unpacking your bags after the summer break and settling into the routine. Those with school going kids will be preparing for the start of the next term. We as professionals have a quarter end staring at us in few weeks, and those who are VAT registered have the filing deadlines. Taking vacations at periodic intervals has several benefits, and, most important among these, is the ability to bond with your immediate family and friends. We all get caught in the mundane and at times fail to appreciate the role our families play in our lives. While we do our best to integrate our work and family, short vacations help to relax, rejuvenate and come back fresh to hit the ground running. Those of you who didn't have the luxury of taking any break, hope you made the most of the public holidays in Bahrain. Though the last couple of months has been relatively quieter period, the Bahrain Chapter of ICAI had a busy time. Below is a snapshot of the month.

1. NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The New Executive Committee lead by CA Maheshkumar Narayan assumed responsibility on 1st August 2019. The theme for the year is "Conquering New Frontiers".



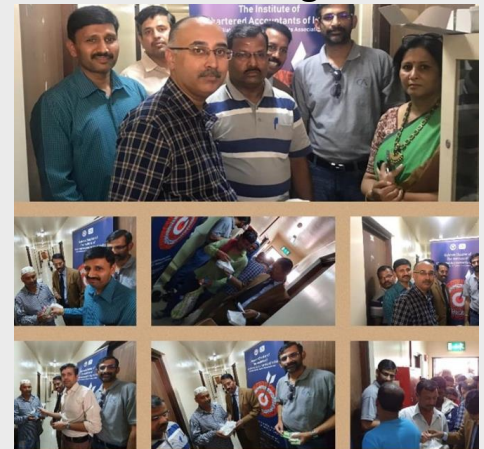
2. DIGITAL ID CARD

BCICAI will now use Digital ID card for its members which can be accessed on their mobile phones using the BCICAI app. This can be used for registering during conferences and also to avail exclusive discounts for BCICAI members



3. CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)

BCICAI team visited a labour camp in Asker and with support of ICRF and our sponsors Trafco and Kalaam Telecom Bahrain distributed food packets, water and juices and also distributed international calling cards.



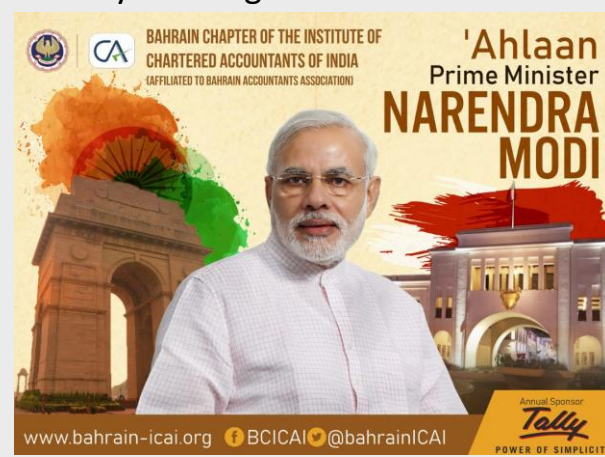
4. INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

CAs in Bahrain joined in large numbers along with the diverse and vibrant Indian Community at the Indian Embassy premises to celebrate India's 73rd Independence day. The Indian Ambassador HE Alok Kumar Sinha met our members and extended his warm greetings to our CA fraternity.



5. INDIAN PRIME MINISTER VISIT TO BAHRAIN

Over 300 BCICAI members and family attended the community event organized during the historic first visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Bahrain. Your ex-com supported the Indian Embassy in gathering information of members & their family who registered for the event.



6. EFFORTS TO ENHANCE THE MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

New Ex-Com has taken a new membership initiative drive this year. The objective is to reach out CAs who are non-members or those who have not renewed their membership with our Bahrain Chapter. Contact was made with over 50 prospective members. 5 new members registered during the month and 3 members came back to the fold.



7. 11th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

This year the conference will be held on 29th and 30th November 2019 at the Diplomat Radisson Hotel, Manama. Like previous years, the Excom is working diligently to make the conference a grand success.



10. MEETING WITH H.E. ABDULNABI AL SHOALA

On Aug 29th, Excom representatives met HE Abdulnabi Al Shoála, Former Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, and appraised him on the recent activities of the Chapter and those planned for the year ahead. This meeting was extremely fruitful and His Excellency offered wholehearted support for the chapter activities.



8. DISCOUNT SCHEMES FOR MEMBERS

New Discount Schemes & Special offers for BCICAI members introduced during August 2019

- YATEEM OPTICIAN.
- YORKS TAILORING & TEXTILE



11. BCICAI CAREER OPPORTUNITY

We shared details about a potential career opportunity as VAT Accounting Specialist for our members.

We would also want to draw your kind attention to the Overseas Campus Placement initiative launched by ICAI details of which were shared through the email and can be found at <https://cmib.icai.org>



9. MEDIA COVERAGE OF BCICAI

During August 2019, the media coverage for BCICAI included:

1. Interview with Chairperson of BCICAI, CA Maheshkumar Narayan in Salaam Bahrain
2. DT News published welcome message from BCICAI Indian PM Shri Narendra Modi
3. CSR activity at Asker labour camp.



12. AUSPICIOUS OCCASIONS AND GREETINGS

In order to enhance members involvement, we have been reaching out to members to share video greetings on behalf of BCICAI. This has been well received and will continue for the rest of the year. Greetings were also sent on Eid Al-Adha, Parsi new year, Independence Day, Kirshna Janmashtami and Hijri New year.



We are also working on updating few features on the website as well as testing new features. During the testing phase members may receive some test/automated messages, though we will strive to keep such testing related disruptions to the minimum. We are reinvigorating the social media pages of our chapter and posting regular updates relevant to members. Please visit these pages like, follow and share them.

- <https://www.facebook.com/BCICAI/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/ICAIBAHRAIN>
- <https://twitter.com/BahrainICAI>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/in/icai-bahrain-2a971518a/>

Best regards,
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Chairperson-BCICAI
1st September 2019