



**BAHRAIN CHAPTER OF
THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED
ACCOUNTANTS OF INDIA**
(AFFILIATED TO BAHRAIN ACCOUNTANTS ASSOCIATION)

BCICAI CONNECT

November- December 2019

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Dear Esteemed Members,

On behalf of the Executive Committee and on my personal behalf I wish you and your family a "Happy and prosperous New Year 2020". We look forward to, yet another year filled with peace and compassion in our hearts & minds for the entire Humanity. While 2019 leaves us with many mixed memories, let us pledge to do our bit to make our lives and those around us better. I am sure as we usher into a new year, we all will have lots to cheer about and feel blessed. Your Excom will keep bringing to you lots of interesting events and activities throughout the year and we sincerely hope that you will continue to support us in all our endeavors as we aim to Conquer New Frontiers in 2020.

CA Maheshkumar Narayan
Chairperson

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CPE Event in association with Oracle

In association with Oracle conducted a seminar on "Future Ready Enterprises". Speaker from Oracle Ms Shobha Singh, Strategy & Business Development Director and CA Lokendra Rawat, Strategic Accounts Leader – ECEMEA gave a detailed insight how to create intelligent systems and enhance the finance functions. It was an extremely insightful and informative session for the members.



Farewell to Shri. Rudresh Kumar Singh, Teacher of Culture, Embassy of India in Bahrain

Shri. Rudresh Kumar, who completed his tenure with the Indian Embassy in Bahrain and relocated to India was extended a farewell by BCICAI. Chairperson CA Maheshkumar Narayan expressed sincere gratitude to Shri. Rudresh for his wholehearted efforts to support BCICAI events related to yoga and in conducting exclusive yoga classes for BCICAI members and families. Shri. Rudresh was felicitated with a memento for his contribution and services to BCICAI.



Maiden participation in Bahrain Marathon Relay 2019

Under the astute coaching and leadership of Past Secretary of BCICAI, CA Raunaq Desai, BCICAI participated for the first time in the Bahrain Marathon Relay 2019. The team comprising of 16 runners, most of whom were first time runners, completed the relay in 4 hours 31 minutes and stool 96th among 180 teams, and 45th among 91 teams in open category. Besides the runners there were reserves and team of volunteers who supported the team in a smooth execution of the plans.



JMT Youth Max Workshop

A workshop "John Maxwell Training Youth Max" was conducted for children in the age group of 11 to 18 by Past Chairperson, CA Meenakshi Sundaram and his team. CA Meenakshi is Certified John Maxwell Team Speaker, Trainer, and Coach. About 30 children of members benefitted from the workshop.



Children's Day Celebration

"Children's day" was celebrated by cutting cake and distributing sweets. The Children's day celebrations are held in memory of India's first Prime Minister, Late. PT. Jawaharlal Nehru who was born on 14th November.



BCICAI 11th Annual International conference Press meet

BCICAI invited several media houses and journalist for disseminating information about the 11th Annual International Conference, 2019. Chairperson CA Maheshkumar addressed the media at Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel and shared relevant information about the conference theme, speakers and the agenda. Representatives from the key sponsors attended the press briefing and shared their views about their participation in the 2-day conference.



11TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2019

The 11th Annual International Conference themed “**Disruption A Catalyst for Growth**” was held on 29th and 30th November 2019 under the patronage of the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, H.E. Zayed R. Al Zayani at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel. The conference witnessed 350 plus delegates and guests from diverse work backgrounds and varied industries network and interact with each other over the course of the 2-day event.

H.E Ali Makki, Assistant Undersecretary of Commercial Registration & Companies, MOICT inaugurated the conference. Former Indian cabinet minister and Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s emissary for the G7 and G20 summits, CA Suresh Prabhu, delivered the keynote address. Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, H.E Alok Kumar Sinha, Abbas Al Radhi, President, Bahrain Accountants Association, CA Rajendra Kumar, ICAI, Central Council member, CA Ramachandran, Partner, KPMG addressed the delegates in the Inaugural Session. The conference souvenir featuring several articles, commercials and support messages was released at the inaugural ceremony. A dance based on yoga postures performed by children was yet another highlight of the inaugural.

Speakers from Bahrain, H.E Abdulnabi Al Sho’ala, erudite scholar, Founder and advisor to the Board of AlFanan Investment Holding Co. B.S.C. © and Mr. Khalid Saad, CEO, Bahrain Fintech Bay, joined several speakers from India of the likes of Kris Gopalakrishnan, Co-founder Infosys, Mohandas Pai, Chairman, Axilor ventures, Venkatesh Iyer, Founder, Goli Vadapav, D Sivanandan, IPS (retired), Captain Gopinath, Founder Air Deccan, John Kuruvilla, Co-founder & CRO- Kalpnik Technologies Pvt Ltd, Dr. Radhakrishnan Pillai, author of Corporate Chanakya and several other bestselling books and Ms. Shalini Kamath, Leadership Coach & Founder, SKA Consulting.

Technical sessions speakers included Mr. Lyth Al-Khazrage, Head of Governance & Assurance Digital Hub- KPMG, Mr. Bipin Shete, Regional Partner, Advisory, BDO and Mr. Navneet Sharma, Director, IT advisory, Grant Thornton.

The conference ended on a high note with an inspiring and impactful sound story by Oscar award winner & acclaimed sound designer Dr. Resul Pookutty.

For the very first time the Annual conference featured a stand-up comedy show by Comedian Praveen Kumar. BCICAI also launched the first edition of BCICAI Young Achievers Award. These awards aim to celebrate and recognize the excellent efforts and achievements of the children of BCICAI members for going the extra mile to progress their own learning or achieve something truly amazing and Conquering New Frontiers.

Special limited edition BCICAI branded T shirts were distributed to members on Day 1 of the conference. Attractive Conference gift and several raffles were given away on both the days of the conference.

Annual sponsors were Tally & UAE Exchange, Title Sponsors were Al Hilal Life & GFH Financial Group. Event sponsors were KPMG, BDO, Grant Thornton, Diyar, MMJS VAtegenie. Automotive sponsors were EK Kanoo Lexus, ICT Sponsors were Kalaam Telecom and Day sponsors were BCFC and Trafo Group.

The event was widely covered in the press and received encouraging feedback from participants, sponsors, speakers and other stake holders.



Exclusive Bollywood Movie Screening

The first exclusive BCICAI Movie screening for the term 2019-20 was held on the 20th of December at the Cinopolis Theatre in Atrium Mall, Saar. The screening of the movie (Dabangg 3) was a family affair enjoyed by over 200 people. Santa Claus too attended the event and distributed cakes and chocolates. Members dressed up in Bahrain National flag colour (Red & White) and had a great time together.



CPE event Awareness session on Immigrate to Canada and Care for your Heart

Speaker CA Tanmay Kelkar, who specializes in Canadian Real Estate investment and taxation matters provided vital information to members and families about Things one must know, when planning to Immigrate to Canada. He touched upon the aspect's of Real Estate Investment and Tax. This was followed by a session by Dr. Praveen Kumar, Cardiologist from Royal Bahrain Hospital, who presented a Health Talk on How to Take care of your Heart. The talk focused on the Do's & Don'ts when it comes to taking good care of the Heart.



Health Check-up Camp

A Health check-up facility for the Members and families was organized where a team of qualified medical professionals from Royal Bahrain Hospital checked the vitals and random blood glucose levels. Useful information was shared about essential lifestyle practices required for maintaining the optimum blood pressure and sugar levels.



WCOA 2022

BCICAI propagated the news of the World Congress of Accountants to be held in 2022 for the first time to India. Our parent body ICAI will the hosts this prestigious event which happens once in four years and attracts over 6,000 accounting professionals from 130 countries. BCICAI designed WCOA 2022 roll ups, photo cards, hand-cards and undertook registration of interested participant and sent out emails. The WCOA 2022 promotional video created by ICAI was played inside the movie theatre on a giant screen. WCOA 2022 related information was also disseminated at the technical event on 27th December 2019.



Festive Greetings

The popular greetings with messages from young children of BCICAI members continued during November and December. The greetings sent out included Childrens' Day, Bahrain National Day and Christmas. Mr Rudresh Kumar Singh recorded the greetings for Guru Purab and thanked BCICAI for closely associating with the Embassy on the Yoga events. Greetings where also sent out congratulating Bahrain football team for winning the Gulf Cup.



100 seconds video on completion of 100 days of the Excom

Chairperson, CA Maheshkumar, recorded a unique 100 Days in 100 Seconds video where he highlighted the key achievements of the Chapter in the first 100 days of the term 2019-20.

Career opportunities

Two career opportunities were shared for the benefit of members
 2019-20/05 Manager (Leading advisory Firm)
 2019-20/06 Head of Accounts & MIS (Travel & Tour operator)

APPRECIATION FROM STAKEHOLDERS

Phenomenal is the word which comes to my mind , when I recall the way this entire event was organized from the word go! Big Thank you Mahesh and BCICAI.

I am extremely pleased and we at UAE Exchange Bahrain are Tremendously excited to have kickstarted this awesome partnership. You made everyone feel fit as a fiddle .

Your entire team was on the ball. Appreciate your painstaking work for engagement of the conference and needless to say, your Greek hospitality!

The conference was equally stimulating in all aspects .

It takes two to tango so let's make this relationship a sustainable and long lasting ecstatic journey for both of our entities!

Akassh Nainwal | Executive Director & General Manager

UAE Exchange Centre Co. Bahrain W.L.L

Greetings from the PRMMC team. At the outset, we would like to congratulate you on an excellent conference full of brio and exciting professional energy. Your selection of speakers was excellent and the wide-ranging topics were thought-provoking. I would also like to add a word of appreciation on the smoothness with which you and team handled the interaction with us. Thanks so much for that. I believe that we managed to cover much new ground in our media interaction this year. We have had excellent coverage from both DT and GDN and a new addition has been the Malayalam press which has given us good coverage and introduced BCICAI to a whole new audience of professionals. We have also gotten good online coverage from 24x7 News Bahrain and Delmon Post (Arabic) and - for the first time - from the Bahrain News Agency (BNA) which is followed by all Arab influential government and business people as well as newspapers in other GCC countries that subscribe to the news agency's services.

Meera Ravi

Director

PRM Marketing Consultancy w.l.l.

Congratulations to you and your team for the successful organization of BCICAI 11th Annual International conference event. It was really a sight and we hope it get bigger and better every year. More so we hope that we catered the right product for the people present and added value to the event.

Vinit Maroo

Manager - GFH Properties

Dear Mahesh and the Spirited Executive Committee of BCICAI,

Hearty Congratulations on a Well Organized 11th Annual International conference that stood out in Vision, Creativity, Content, Hospitality and Execution.

We really found the theme, line up of speakers, content and platform extremely enriching. The Executive Committee & Volunteers gave us the right platform to engage & connect with the various corporate groups / key individuals apart from highlighting us as the 'Title Sponsor' during the course of the conference and through the various media promotions.

Wishing You & the entire Team of BCICAI members continued success.

Roshan Aravind

Chief Distribution Officer

AL HILAL LIFE

It was our pleasure to become a sponsor and be part of the prestigious and flagship event of BCICAI the annual international conference. We thank you for all the support and attention provided to us during the pre-event and during the event sessions. We look forward to working with BCICAI in all future years and wish you all the very best.

NATH VENKITACHALAM

Partner - Audit & Business Assurance Services

APPRECIATION FROM STAKEHOLDERS

Thank you for the opportunity and a wonderful 2 days. Your support for us was incredible despite the late requests. We wish continued association and mutual success

Krishnan Kavasseri

Chief Financial Officer, Ebrahim K Kanoo BSC®

This is to thank you your entire team who went into great details and put in painstaking effort in ensuring that every aspect of the Conference was executed with meticulous attention to detail along with zest, cheer and care.

I am simply overwhelmed and words fail me and even if I do find the right words, they will be inadequate to convey my inmost feelings of appreciation and gratitude.

Governments may and come go, and the officially appointed Ambassadors are often constrained and represent the changing views of governments dictated by politicians and their shortsighted outlook. But highly talented professional Indians like you who live in foreign countries, under trying conditions, balancing your love for the country of your birth with your dedication and service to the country of adoption are the 'true ambassadors' and embody the highest values that India stands for. It's not an easy task for any of you to do what you're doing - achieving professional excellence for the economic prosperity and well-being while simultaneously earning the trust and integrating your self into the cultural and social milieu of the country you have adopted. But I often think of the millions of fellow Indians who offer their service through unremitting hard labour with many challenges, under inclement weather and harsh dwellings, especially when alienated from their families and loved ones. My salute to them. Warmest wishes to you and all your families for happiness, peace and prosperity.

Capt. Gopinath

I had the honour and privilege to be invited as a speaker at the annual conclave of the chapter of chartered Accountants of Bahrain.. the two proceedings were attended by extremely capable industry leaders like Kris, Mohandas Pai and dr Radha Krishnan pillai et al..it was an enlightening experience for me leave the 300 CAs from the entire region!!

The audience also comprised of highly placed, intelligent CAs from all over UAE and also mostly hailing from India !!

Thus the participation, absorption etc of the matters discussed was also of a very high order.

The managing committee left no stone unturned to make the grand event a huge success.

We the speakers felt "at home" and we're smothered with warmth and affection.

I appreciate the deep involvement of Mr Mahesh Narayan and his team!

D.Sivanandhan IPS(Rtd)

Former DGP, Maharashtra

What a successful day for me. It seems that whole day was mine only as I received lots of greetings, encouragement, applause, wishes and blessings.

Behind a successful event, there are many efforts, dedication and support from different gentle people.

On this note, I want to say thanks a lot to Shri Rudresh Kumar Singh for believing in me reg. this project, all my 10 little yoginies who maintained गुरु शिष्य परम्परा and gave their best on stage, Mr. & Mrs. Ajay Kumar for providing venue, Mahesh & Riya for better guidance and support during this time, of course all respected parents who co-ordinated tightly to make sure that all girls would attend all classes to learn yoga in a beat way, special thanks to my loving husband Nitin for taking care of my daughter during all my Yoga classes.

Last but not the least, thanks to BCICAL for honoring me. It encourages me to go ahead!!!!

आप सभी का बहुत बहुत धन्यवाद और आभार प्रकट करती हूं.

Congratulations to you and to the excom for the well conducted conference event.

Ms. Pragya Nithin

Yoga Dance trainer

MEMBERS FEEDBACK

"Well organized seminar with some very good speakers. Thanks to the MC and volunteers. Keep up the good work."

"Congrats and a big thanks to the Ex Com and its team of volunteers in putting up a fantastic International Conference"

"Great team work and visionary Mahesh's leadership needs to be commended for an excellent conference"

What a fabulous event it was ...for two days in continuation we were enriched with the thoughts from some of the best from different fields of society ...

"As an ex Excom member who was involved in organizing the first international conference I have no doubt that this conference has made a new benchmark for us in BCICAI.

Right from beginning till the end everything was managed with perfection ...be it registration, punctuality, stage management, souvenir, food, selfie stage, use of social media and so on ..it's very difficult for me to find any scope for improvement in the same.

The idea of wearing BCICAI T shirt on day 2 was a brilliant one and a welcome change from the formals ...

Very well done and congratulations to you and your team .. you guys rock ...keep it up ...you have raised the bar to a new level"

"Excellent Conference!! Great speakers and very well Organised!! Congratulations to all the team"

"Great show and fantastic efforts ExCom... Hats off"

"Outstanding conference, brilliant speakers and fantastic arrangements. Heartiest congratulations to Mahesh and the BCICAI team for organizing such a memorable event"

"Excellent conference!! A new frontier has been conquered today by BCICAI ! Dear Mahesh kudos to you and your team for making it happen. Wishing the entire team more success!!"

PRESS RELEASE



Dr Praveen Kumar, Cardiologist, Royal Bahrain Hospital, addressed BCICAI members and families on the subject "Care for your Heart" and shared vital information on the precautions and life style habits to be followed to prevent cardiovascular diseases. Speaker CA Tanmay Kelkar, expert on Canada real estate and tax matters provided useful information to the audience on Canada settlement, real estate and taxation aspects for immigrants.



Role of disruption in growth to be probed at BCICAI conference

MUMBAI: Former Indian cabinet minister Shashi Prasad, a chartered accountant, will be one of the top speakers at the upcoming international conference of the Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) in Manama. The event will be held on November 20 and 21 at the Diplomat Bahrain Hotel. The conference will feature a panel discussion on the role of disruption in growth, moderated by Dr Praveen Kumar, cardiologist at Royal Bahrain Hospital. Other speakers include CA Tanmay Kelkar, expert on Canada real estate and tax matters, and CA Mahesh Prasad, former Indian cabinet minister. The event is organized by the Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) in Manama. The conference will be held on November 20 and 21 at the Diplomat Bahrain Hotel. The event is organized by the Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) in Manama.

Chartered Accountants to discuss disruption for growth

The event is expected to attract more than 100 participants including key decision makers, C-level executives, entrepreneurs, finance and investment professionals representing various work sectors.

The Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is organizing the 21st World Congress of Chartered Accountants of India (WCAI) in Manama, Bahrain, from November 20 and 21. The event will be held at the Diplomat Bahrain Hotel. The conference will feature a panel discussion on the role of disruption in growth, moderated by Dr Praveen Kumar, cardiologist at Royal Bahrain Hospital. Other speakers include CA Tanmay Kelkar, expert on Canada real estate and tax matters, and CA Mahesh Prasad, former Indian cabinet minister. The event is organized by the Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) in Manama.



ICAI to host World Congress of Accountants

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EVENTS HELD AUGUST 2019-DECEMBER 2019

CPE EVENTS

Event Date	Event Title	CPE Hours
10 Sep 19	Secrets of Long Lasting Relationships	2
25 Sep 19	Impact of 4th Industrial Revolution on Finance and Auditing	3
15 Oct 19	Cloud Economics	3
18 Oct 19	Introduction to risk management and women's wellness	3
25 Oct 19	How Fraud analytics, whistleblowing and Fraud Triangle are redefining Finance function	3
6 Nov 19	Future Ready Enterprises	3
29 & 30 Nov 19	Annual Conference	12
29-Dec-19	Awareness session on migration to Canada (Taxation & Real Estate) and Health Talk	2
Total CPE hours per member		31

NON-CPE EVENTS

Event Date	Event Title
1-Aug-19	CSR Event - Food distribution in Labour Camp at Asker
13& 27 Sept 19	Webinar - Fun with Maths Children
2 Oct 19	Beach Cleaning, Gandhi Jayanthi, Launch of cloth bags
14 Oct 19	Orientation session for commerce students at Asian School
17 Oct 19	Orientation session for commerce students at New Millenium School
19 Oct 19	A Talk on Health Living with Dr B.M.Hegde
24 Oct 19	Diwali Celebrations Rangoli Layout
8 Nov 19	JMT Youth Max Workshop by CA Meenakshi Sundaram
15 Nov 19	BCICAI team in Bahrain Marathon Relay
29 Nov 19	Young Achiever's Awards
29 Nov 19	Family Event - Comedy Show by Praveen Kumar
20 Dec 19	Family Movie show - Dabbang 3, Christmas & Bahrain National Day Celebrations
27 Dec 19	Health Check by Royal Bahrain Hospital
27 Dec 19	Christmas and New Year Cake cutting

BCICAI extended a warm welcome to members and families of ICAI Abu Dhabi chapter who were on a cruise trip to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

