



# BCICAI CONNECT - SEPTEMBER 2019

## From the Chairperson's desk

Dear Esteemed BCICAI Members,

At the outset I wish each one of you Happy Navratri. This 10-day (9n/10d) festival is widely celebrated in different parts of India and practices and customs vary. However, the underlying theme is the victory of Good over Evil.

On September 21st, 2019 Bahrain marked the official end to summer and we are all eagerly looking forward to the pleasant and cool temperatures to set in. Your Chapter meanwhile had a hectic month with several activities and events for members. Below is the snapshot of the month:

### 1. 1st CPE event Secrets to lasting Relationships (2 hrs CPE)

Over 150 members attended the High Tea event on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. with talk on "Secrets of Lasting Relationships" by Mr Shubha Vilas, renowned Tedx speaker and corporate trainer. The speaker gave invaluable insight on several aspects of sustaining and improving relationship both in the professional and personal space.



### 2. 2nd CPE event Impact of 4th Industrial revolution on Finance and Auditing (3 hrs CPE)

Over 170 members attended the Technical event on 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. on "4th Industrial revolution on Finance and Auditing". Speaker was CA Anand Jangid, an experienced Fintech professional. A team of eight audit personnel from National Audit office also participated in the seminar.



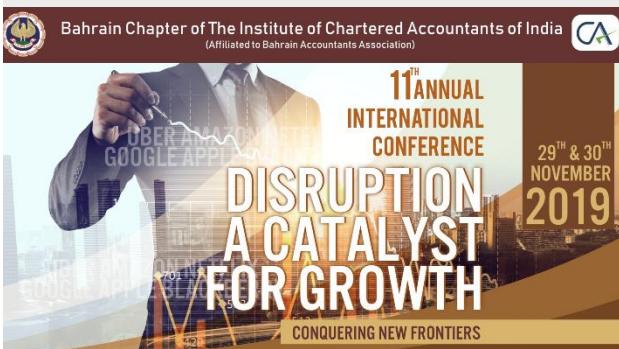
### 3. 21st Annual General Meeting

AGM of the Chapter was held on 25th September 2019 in which members approved the agenda, financial statements and activity report for 2018-19. A Connect 2018-19 was launched during the AGM. Chairperson CA Sridhar thanked members, sponsors and all stakeholders for their support in achieving the chapter's objectives during the year.



### 4. Launch of Conference Theme and details

The theme of our 11th Annual International Conference "Disruption A Catalyst for Growth" was officially launched. This year the conference will be held on 29- 30 November 2019. The introductory video of the event was also launched. Several high profile and acclaimed speakers from Bahrain and India are expected to participate in this 2-day event.



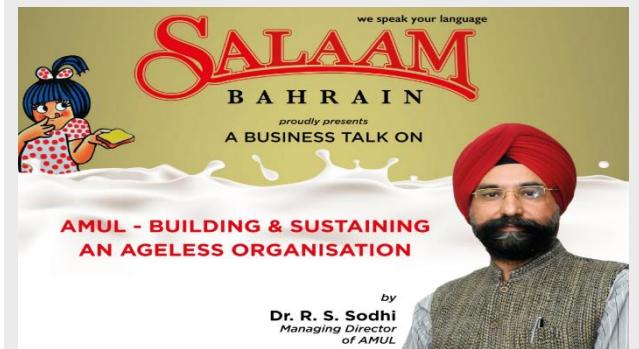
### 5. Annual Sponsor for 2019-20

UAE Exchange has partnered with BCICAI as the Annual Sponsor for the year 2019-20. The partnership was announced at the Technical event on 25<sup>th</sup> September. The sponsorship will commence w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> October and will be valid for a year.



### 6. Talk by Dr. R.S Sodhi, Managing Director of Amul

Salaam Bahrain extended few invitations to BCICAI members for a talk by Dr. R.S Sodhi, Managing Director of Amul, on "AMUL - Building & Sustaining a Timeless Organisation". The event held on 14<sup>th</sup> September was well attended by our members and much appreciated.



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## 7. Launch of New lapel pins

To commemorate 70 years of ICAI, new lapel pins were launched for the members. Members renewing their membership and new members joining in 2019-20 will be issued new lapel pins.



## 8. Collection Desk for Fees

Multiple fee collection windows were set up in order to facilitate the payment of renewal fees for 2019-20 and conference fees. Dedicated team of volunteers including CA Bharat Venkat, CA Gopal, CA Clifford, CA Karthikeyan, CA Panchanathiswaran assisted in the collection process.



## 9. Media Coverage of BCICAI

During September 2019, the media coverage for BCICAI included: DT News published the precursor and the news of First Technical Seminar on the topic "4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution – Impact on Finance and Auditing"



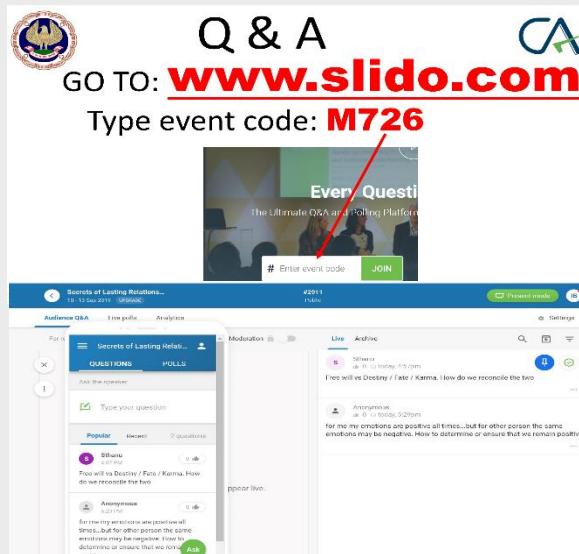
## 10. Exclusive yoga classes

Indian Embassy in consideration of the excellent relationship with BCICAI has agreed to conduct exclusive Yoga sessions in the Indian Embassy premises on Sunday and Tuesday from 7.30 PM to 8.30 PM. The session is being conducted by a certified Yoga trainer from the Embassy.



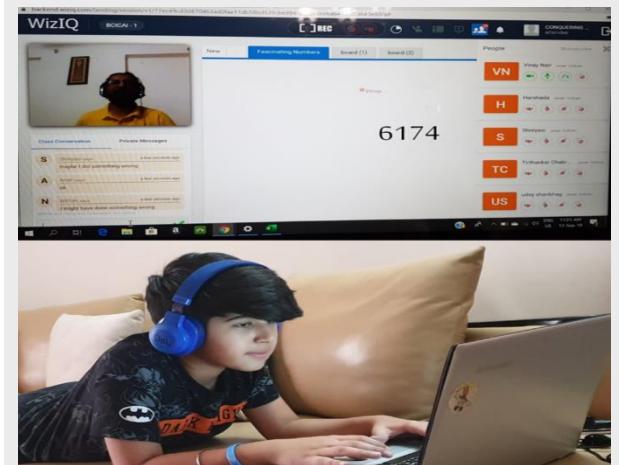
## 11. Slido for Questions

BCICAI has started using technology called Slido for conducting their Q & A session at the BCICAI events. This was used successfully during the two CPE Seminars that were held during September 2019



## 12. Webinar for Kids

BCICAI in association with VicharVatika conducted first ever webinar sessions for 10 to 12 year olds on topic "Fun with Maths". The 2 webinars conducted on 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September was conducted by Mr. Vinay Nair, Founder, VicharVatika who is acclaimed Mathematics Educator.



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## 13. Discount schemes

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

- ANJAPPAR
- ANANDA BHAVAN
- ITS FILMY
- CEASARS
- LPOD



## 14. BCICAI Marathon Team

BCICAI has decided to register a team for the first time to participate in the Bahrain Relay Marathon 2019. More than 20 members have registered for the event. The team will be led and coached by CA Raunaq Desai and preparations are underway.



## 15. Meeting with Embassy Officials

Members of the Executive Committee of the BCICAI met with the Officials of the Indian Embassy to extend invitation to the Indian Ambassador for the Annual International Conference as well as to hand over the "Patron" Lapel Pin to the Ambassador



## 16. Auspicious Occasion Greetings

Members involvement continued to create video greetings on behalf of BCICAI. Greetings were sent to mark the festive occasions of Onam, Ganesh Chaturthi and Navratri.



Onam Greetings  
CA Nikhil Vyapari  
www.youtube.com

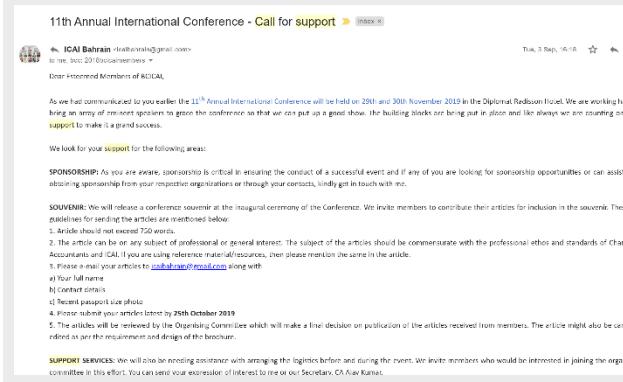


Ganesh Chaturthi Greetings  
CA Sharmila  
www.youtube.com

## 17. Member Support Sought

BCICAI Executive Committee sought active support from the Members on the following topics:

- Sponsorships support for International Conference
- Articles for International Conference Souvenir
- Volunteer call for Annual Conference



## 18. Member Feedback for Monthly Connect

Members have sent many messages of their support and appreciation for the first monthly BCICAI Connect for August 2019.



I extend my sincere gratitude to my Excom colleagues who worked tirelessly to bring all the activities listed above. We are working hard on planning and implementing the requisite activities for the Annual Conference and other events in the coming months. We are working hard on getting Sponsorship and as mentioned in our call for support message, members are requested to pitch in with support for obtaining sponsorships which is a key element in ensuring quality programs and events are rolled out for benefit of members.



Best regards,  
CA Maheshkumar Narayan  
Chairperson-BCICAI  
1<sup>st</sup> October 2019

## BCICAI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- CA Maheshkumar N (Chairperson)
- CA Sandeep Shah (Vice-Chairperson)
- CA Ajay Kumar (Secretary)
- CA Raghu Iyer (Treasurer)
- CA Ragunathan (Joint Secretary)
- CA Sunita Gupta (Joint Treasurer)
- CA Chetan Dongra (Member)
- CA Bhavin Deliwala (Member)
- CA Garvita Shrivastava (Member)
- CA Riya Bhansali (Member)
- CA Jagadish P (Member)

# BIDDING ADIEU

Two of our long standing members are bidding farewell to Bahrain shortly.

## 1. CA K. Krishnamoorthy - Founder Chairman (1986 / 1987)

The Founder Chairman of the Bahrain Chapter of ICAI has decided to retire and leave the Island. He was honoured by the Current and Past Chairpersons during the Technical event held on 25<sup>th</sup> September



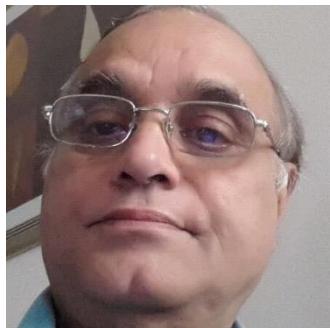
## 2. CA Venkatesh Murty

CA Venkatesh Murty who is working as the Chief Internal Auditor at the Ministry of Works in Bahrain has decided to retire and leave the Island. He has sent in a special message about his time spent in Bahrain:

*Memoirs of a decade of my stay in Bahrain*

*At the outset, I am extremely thankful to BCICAI for having given me an opportunity to express myself for sharing my invaluable experience in Bahrain for over a decade.*

*I made my beginning here in 2008 having joined KPMG Fakhro on a secondment assignment to set up Internal Audit function in Ministry of Works Affairs. Initial part of work experience was quite challenging from the point of view of Nationality, culture, language and nature of work challenges. Here unlike in India, we need to be self starters and contributors of knowledge and experience. This kind of situation for a professional provides opportunity to derive great amount of satisfaction in terms of self actualization and enhances self esteem. Overall, I can say that there will be transformation as a professional. Added to this, I find BCICAI providing all the needed support in knowing professional developments in India as well as in Middle East. I found this support bringing about the best in individuals as professional Chartered Accountants. I sincerely thank BCICAI Chapter for doing this noble service to all professional Chartered Accountants in Bahrain with human touch in all its approaches.*



*Coming to personal side of my stay, there have been family affiliations and deep friendship bonds. This is made possible mainly due to superlative work life balance in Bahrain. Government has created wonderful atmosphere for people of various faiths to live peacefully and happily and also, we do not miss the kind food which are available in India. Bahrain is just 4 hours flying distance from India which makes us to keep in touch with our families back in India. We are also able to contribute to our country in terms of foreign remittances.*

*Overall, it has been wonderful experience for me and my family here in Bahrain and we truly miss our Bahrain friends. I am ending my short note of memoirs of decade of my stay in Bahrain with a Big Thanks to BCICAI members, Government of Bahrain, families of fellow Chartered Accountants and to all those who contributed to my happy stay here.*

*My heart is not prepared to bid Good Bye since I wish to remain in touch with this place through BCICAI.*

*Thanks, Thanks .....*

*Yours Truly,*

*CA Venkatesh Murty*