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**DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE,  
SERVICES & WTO DIRECTORATE**

THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED  
ACCOUNTANTS OF INDIA  
(SET UP BY AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT)



# MESSAGE FROM DIRECTORATE LEADERSHIP

Dear Professional Colleagues,

"The future belongs to those who prepare for it today."- Malcolm X

We are pleased to present a snapshot of the key initiatives and milestones of the DITS & WTO Directorate, reaffirming ICAI's commitment to strengthening the global presence and competitiveness of the Indian accounting profession.

During the period, the Directorate focused on capacity building, global preparedness, policy advocacy, and international engagement, enabling members to access cross-border opportunities while supporting India's professional services trade agenda through sustained collaboration with Government and global stakeholders.

## Key Activities & Highlights

- **Thought Leadership & Global Representation**
  - o Organised Chintan Shivir 2025 on Professional Services with the Ministry of Commerce & Industry and SEPC.
  - o Represented ICAI at the WTO, Geneva.
- **Capacity Building & Global Readiness**
  - o Conducted foreign language
  - o Certificate Courses on Overseas Outsourcing Services
  - o Completed 30 expert-led sessions under the GLOBAL UDAAN Series.
  - o Conducted the 2nd batch of the 3-day Residential Hands-on Workshop on Overseas Outsourcing Services – US.
  - o Organised multiple editions of the GCC Summit – "From Ledgers to Global Leadership" across major cities.
- **Policy Advocacy & Government Engagement**
  - o Provided technical inputs on MFN treatment and services issues under ongoing FTA negotiations.
  - o Meeting with various officials at Ministries.
- **Publications**
  - o Launched "The Future of Work: Outsourcing, Technology & Trade in Services" during the 447th Council Meeting.

As we enter the New Year, the Directorate looks forward to new language courses, advanced certifications, and a structured mentorship initiative. We thank all members and stakeholders for their continued support and wish everyone a Happy New Year and continued global success.



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Convenor



CA. (Dr.) Sanjeev Kumar Singhal  
Deputy Convenor

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2 batches of online Spanish Language Course from 17th January to 7th March, 2026
- Online AI Katsudoo Japanese language course from January 2026
- Online Business English language course from January 2026
- 3rd ITEC training program at COE Hyderabad from 12th to 23rd January, 2026
- 1st batch of the Certificate Course on Overseas Outsourcing Services (Australia Jurisdiction) in January/February 2026.
- Online mentorship program to be held in January/February 2026.
- Background material for UK Course.

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ISSUED BY DIRECTORATE

Faculty for Certificate Course on Overseas Outsourcing Services - Australian Jurisdiction.  
<https://forms.gle/64YuhMJBjEZVh25y5>



### SURVEY

Survey for seeking reference for learning a foreign language through virtual mode from ICAI Members & Students.  
<https://www.icai.org/post/ditswto-aps29>



# Capacity Building Program

## Chintan Shivir 2025 on Professional Services with the Ministry of Commerce & Industry and SEPC



For detailed outcomes of the Chintan Shivir, please scan the QR code.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC), organised a Chintan Shivir on Professional Services titled "Expanding Global Horizons: Opportunities for Indian Professionals" on 23rd December 2025.

The event witnessed the participation of over 100 delegates from industry, the professional fraternity, and Ministries. Four focused sessions were conducted, covering key themes such as making professionals globally ready; strengthening international mobility through Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) and Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs); developing global networks through the formation and expansion of professional chapters abroad; and leveraging Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) to boost exports of professional services. A glimpse of the event is presented below.



## Certificate Course on Overseas Outsourcing Services

- Successfully completed 10 batches of the Certificate Course on Overseas Outsourcing Services (US Jurisdiction), trained 1,300+ members.
- Completed 2 batches of the Certificate Course on UK Outsourcing Services, benefiting around 200 members.

## Accounting Process Outsourcing (APO) Portal



To register at Accounting Process Outsourcing (APO) Portal visit at <https://apo.icai.org/>

## Government Representations / Meetings

- Seeking mandate on MFN offer under India-EU FTA negotiations - reg.
- ICAI inputs on request from NZ regarding MFN treatment under ongoing IN-NZ FTA negotiations – reg.
- Input Required: OECD STRI Database Update – Nationality/Citizenship Requirement
- Preparation of Roadmap for India's Services Exports-Business Sector
- Seeking comments on request from New Zealand regarding Most Favoured Nation (MFN) treatment under
- ongoing India-New Zealand FTA negotiations – reg.
- Seeking Mandate on MFN offer under India-EU FTA negotiations-reg
- Inputs on India-Chile FTA: Seeking Mandate for Market Access offer for Chile – Professional Services
- Waiver of Requirement of 3000 Hours of Practical Experience for Auditor Registration in Australia



Meeting with Shri Darpan Jain, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India on 19th Nov,2025.



Meeting with Shri Alok V. Chaturvedi, IAS (Retd.), Director General, Export Promotion Council for EOUs and SEZs (EPCES) on 28th October,2025.

## Foreign Languages

S.no.	Language	Date	No. of Candidates	Institute
1	Online Japanese Language Course – A2 B1- Katsudoo & Rikai level	8 <sup>th</sup> November to 15 <sup>th</sup> March,2026	10	Japan Foundation
2	Online German Language Course	29 <sup>th</sup> November to 29 <sup>th</sup> March ,2026	6	Goethe Cervantes

## ICAI Represents India at WTO, Geneva

ICAI represented India at the Council for Trade in Services (CTS) Thematic Session on Recognition of Professional Qualifications at the World Trade Organization (WTO), Geneva. The session witnessed participation from over 150 delegates across 120+ countries, highlighting the global emphasis on professional mobility and mutual recognition.



- Meeting with CA. Mahaveer Singhvi, IFS, Joint Secretary (NEST), Ministry of External Affairs on 28th October, 2025.
- Meeting with Ms. Anooa Nair Director (Services SMD), Department of Commerce on 14th Nov, 2025 MFN treatment under ongoing IN-NZ FTA negotiations.



## Global Udaan Series

Launched by the DITS & WTO Directorate on 4th April 2025, this weekly Friday webcast features eminent dignitaries and domain experts, aiming to broaden members' global perspective and awareness of emerging opportunities. So far, 30 insightful sessions have been conducted on diverse themes.

### 2 Batch of 3 Days Residential Hands-On Workshop on Overseas Outsourcing Services – US

ICAI successfully conducted the 2nd batch of the 3-day Residential Hands-on Workshop on Overseas Outsourcing Services – US on 17th, 18th & 19th November 2025 (Monday to Wednesday) at the ICAI Centre of Excellence, Hyderabad. The programme witnessed active participation from 27 professionals, focusing on practical insights and real-world exposure to US outsourcing practices.



### Global Capability Centres (GCCs) Summit: From Ledgers to Global Leadership

3rd Edition of Global Capability Centres (GCCs) Summit held in Hyderabad: 09-10 October 2025, HICC Novotel, Hyderabad



4th Edition of GCC Summit held on 28th -29th November 2025 (Sheraton Grand Pune)



Launch of Publication: *The Future of Work: Outsourcing, Technology & Trade in Services* Authored by CA. Rahul Rungta, the publication was officially launched during the 447th Council Meeting on 10th December 2025.



5th Edition of GCC Summit held on 12th -13th DECEMBER 2025 (Jnana Jyoti Auditorium, Bengaluru)



6th Edition of GCC Summit held on 19th December 2025 (Hotel Hilton, Jaipur)



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