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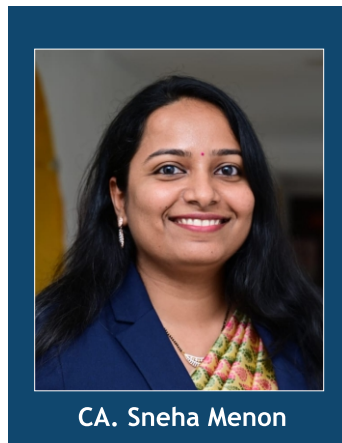
FROM THE DESK OF THE WICASA CHAIRPERSON

My dear Students,

As important as articleship and exams are, being in sync with the profession and honing one's non-academic skills is an equally important aspect in a CA Student's journey. And so, my first address as WICASA Chairperson 2025-26 begins with updating (read: syncing) all of you with the organisational changes at ICAI in 2025.

With the conclusion of elections over the past few months, a new council term 2025-29 has begun at ICAI - at the Central Council and Regional Council levels as well as at the Branch level and at the student level at WICASA.

As we look forward to new beginnings under a new leadership - I would like to personally introduce our Goa leadership for the year 2025-26 to our dear students of Goa WICASA:



Goa Branch - WIRC Managing Committee Members:

Chairman : CA. Vishwanath Bhobe

Vice Chairman: CA. Vinayak Dhumatkar

Secretary: CA. Vaibhav Bale

Treasurer : CA. Akshay Mulgaonkar

Managing Committee Member and WICASA member : CA Venkatesh Shenai

And myself CA. Sneha Menon serving as Chairperson - WICASA

WICASA Goa - Managing Committee Members:

Chairperson: CA. Sneha Menon

Vice-chairperson and Secretary: Vedang Sawant

WICASA Member : CA. Venkatesh Shenai

I have absolutely no qualms in saying that I am extremely proud to work with and learn from this team of capable, wise and hardworking leaders of our profession, who have nothing but the best interests of our members and students at heart.

Also, CA Venkatesh, Vedang and I have taken over the mantle from an equally vibrant and intelligent team of WICASA 2024-25 led by CA. Vaibhav Bale as WICASA Chairperson, and members Elaine Correa, Apoorva Mandrekar, Marianne Diniz, and Amey Joshi. They have set the bar high for us - and we hope we can scale it and meet expectations.

Having said that, as I step up to this honour of serving the student community of my academic and professional alma mater - I commit that WICASA Goa will put in its best efforts for the term 2025-26 to maximise as much learning, knowledge sharing, upskilling, and support to as many students as possible across Goa.



To help us do this, it is my sincere appeal to all the students to please do reach out to us for support which Goa WICASA can provide and to come forward to participate in the events that we organise.

Over the past two months, in addition to Career Counselling Sessions, Mock Test Series for Intermediate and Final Students, your WICASA also organised an Industrial visit to Kinenco Limited at Pilerne. A visit to the factory floor with detailed explanation of processes, was followed by a one hour discussion and QnA vis a vis accounting implications. A Half Day Seminar on Bank Branch Audit Essentials was also conducted by highly experienced faculty CA Atul Joshi who took the students through the detailed audit procedures and checklist to be followed when conducting Bank audit.

We are making the best efforts to organise the most relevant and student centric activities and it is only your enthusiastic participation that can make Goa WICASA more vibrant and enable you to stand shoulder to shoulder with the best of the best students across the country.

CA. Sneha Menon

Chairperson, WICASA Goa, Year 2025-26

ICAI 75th Year Celebration Logo



Goa Branch Golden Jubilee Celebration Memorabilia



FROM THE DESK OF THE WICASA VICE-CHAIRPERSON & SECRETARY

Dear Students,

A warm greeting to all of you.

My name is Vedang Sawant, and I am currently pursuing the Final level of the Chartered Accountancy course. It is with immense gratitude and a sense of responsibility that I share the news of my recent appointment as the Vice-Chairperson and Secretary of Goa Branch of WICASA of ICAI for the term 2025-26.

Choosing to be a part of the WICASA Committee was a deliberate decision to step beyond my comfort zone. As someone who has always been more reserved in nature, I saw this platform as an opportunity to challenge myself, enhance my interpersonal skills, and connect more deeply with the CA fraternity.

WICASA has already proven to be a space of immense learning, collaboration, and growth, and I am truly honored to now contribute in this new capacity. I am committed to dedicating my efforts wholeheartedly to ensure a productive, engaging, and enriching experience for all our fellow students in the coming year.

I encourage each of you to actively participate in the events, initiatives, and opportunities that lie ahead. Together, let us strive to uphold the values of this esteemed profession and make our tenure at WICASA a truly memorable and meaningful one.

Warm regards,

Vedang Sawant

Vice-Chairperson & Secretary

WICASA, Goa Branch (2025-26)



Vedang Sawant

A JOURNEY OF GRATITUDE, GROWTH AND NEW BEGINNINGS

As I pen down this message, my heart is full of gratitude. It's been a journey filled with learning, growth and countless memories.

WICASA isn't just a committee—it's a platform that transforms students. From developing public speaking skills to organizing industrial visits, seminars and talent search, WICASA gives us the space to discover and grow beyond academics. It builds confidence, leadership and lasting connections.



Apoorva H Mandrekar
CA Final Student

Personally, I've learned so much during my tenure and the experience has been truly enriching.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to:

- CA. Vaibhav Bale Sir and CA. Vishwanath Bhohe Sir for trusting me with this wonderful opportunity and always guiding us with patience and vision.
- Ranjitha Ma'am, whose constant support in administrative matters made so many things run smoothly.
- And to my amazing fellow WICASA committee members—thank you for your dedication and endless energy. You made this journey unforgettable.

To the new committee—congratulations!

You're stepping into a wonderful opportunity. Make the most of it. Be creative, be inclusive, and keep the energy alive. WICASA has the power to shape your journey, just as it did mine.

“कर्मण्येवाधिकारस्ते मा फलेषु कदाचन।”

Karmanye vadhikaraste ma phaleshu kadachana

(You have a right to perform your duties, but not to the fruits thereof)

— Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 2, Verse 47

This beautiful verse taught me that our true growth lies in effort, commitment and service—not just results.



WICASA—a home of light,
Where students rise and futures take flight.
We learned to lead, to serve, to speak,
To turn each moment into the peak.
It taught me strength, it taught me grace,
To hold my ground, to find my place.
Though my tenure ends, the memories stay,
And the lessons learnt will light my way.

So to all the students out there—dream big. Speak up, take initiative, support one another.
Use this platform not just to shine, but to uplift others as well.

Wishing the new team all the very best—shine bright and make WICASA Goa even more
stronger!

THE RADIANCE OF WOMANHOOD: CELEBRATING FEMININE GRACE AND STRENGTH



She is colourful.

She is full of life.

A woman is a walking festival, bringing vibrancy to everything she touches.

Hand a baby to a man for 5 minutes, he may hold it carefully, he may do it well, no doubt.

Hand the same baby to a woman—

She cradles it

She sings to it

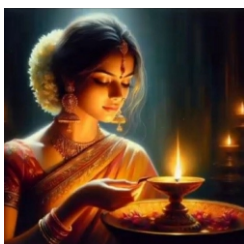
She celebrates its presence.

It's 5 minutes of thorough celebration for her.



Apoorva H Mandrekar
CA Final Student

This innate expression of love and beauty is the hallmark of womanhood.



Women infuse every ritual with joy. A simple prayer becomes a symphony of devotion in her hands, transforming a home into a temple. Whether she is dressing up for a wedding, caring for a family, or simply laughing with friends, her essence is one of warmth, culture and grace.

In today's world, there is a growing tendency to fit women into predefined moulds.

Society often imposes standards that strip away a woman's inherent beauty, making her feel that she must change to be accepted.

Why must a woman walk in a certain way, speak in a certain tone, or dress in a dictated fashion?

Why should a Lotus become a Jasmine? Why should a Jasmine become a Lotus? —each unique, yet diminished when altered.

Forcing a woman to change her inherent nature is like taking a lotus out of the water and placing it on land, expecting it to thrive like a jasmine. Just as the lotus wilts without its natural environment, a woman loses her essence when she is pressured to conform to imposed ideals. True empowerment lies in allowing her to flourish in her own unique beauty and strength.

True empowerment is not about imitation but about embracing one's natural strength. The richness of a woman's identity lies in her individuality, in the culture she carries within her.



**She walks not to follow, but to lead,
She speaks not to echo, but to inspire.
Her beauty is not just skin deep,
It is the soul that sets her on fire.**

A woman's strength is rooted in her *vatsalya*—her boundless, motherly affection. This motherliness is not just about bearing children; it is a spiritual quality that defines her essence. Even a five-year-old child, upon receiving a doll, instinctively nurtures it, she becomes a mother immediately.

In ancient Indian culture, when a bride enters her new home, a Rigvedic mantra blesses her with the role of a mother—not just to her children but to all those she loves, including her husband. This expanded sense of love and care is her real *shakti*.

A mother fears no one. She commands respect, not by force but by the sheer power of her presence.

A mother is not afraid of anybody, she's looked up with dignity and respect. When the motherhood is realised in a woman, she becomes truly empowered.

Modern definitions of empowerment often limit it to financial independence or personal freedom. While these are essential, true empowerment is deeper. A woman is not just strong because she can earn or fight; she is strong because she loves, nourishes, and sustains.

**She wields a sword when needed,
Yet her hands heal the deepest wounds.
She builds nations, not just homes,
For she carries history in her womb.**

Indian history is filled with empowered women—warriors, poets, yoginis, queens, and spies. From Rani Lakshmibai, who led armies, to Andal, who composed divine poetry, to the women who played crucial roles in India's freedom struggle, each one showcased the perfect blend of power and love.



Today's woman is already empowered, but she must remember to channel her power wisely. In a world that often equates strength with aggression, let us redefine strength as nurturing, protecting and uplifting.

Instead of competing, let us celebrate.

Instead of imitating, let us innovate.

Let us embrace our uniqueness and use our strengths to sustain, not to destroy.



**Not in the shadows, nor in the chains,
But in the sun, where power reigns.
She is the dawn, the storm, the sea,
A woman—wild, wise, and free.**



Let us celebrate womanhood in its fullest essence.
Not just on one day, but every day.



Activity Report from February to March 2025

Sr. No.	Date	Programme	Speakers
1	3rd to 21st February 2025	ICITSS Course for CA Students	
2	15th February 2025	Goa Branch of WICASA jointly with Pune Branch & others Branches of ICAI organised Students Seminar on Introduction & Opportunities in ESG	CA. Mayur Agarwal
3	16th February 2025	Goa Branch (WIRC) of ICAI organised Interactive Meeting with Newly Qualified Chartered Accountants who cleared November 2024 Final Examination	
4	22nd February 2025	Goa Branch of WICASA organised Industrial visit to Kinenco Limited, Pilerne Industrial Estate, Bardez, Goa	
5	8th to 21st March 2025	Goa Branch (WIRC) of ICAI & Goa WICASA organised Mock Tests (Series-I) for the Students of Intermediate and Final level appearing in the May 2025 Examinations	
6	11th March 2025	Goa Branch (WIRC) of ICAI organised Investor Awareness Programme at VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Govind Ramnath Kare Road, Comba, Margao, Goa	CA. D Shravan Swarup
7	12th March 2025	Goa Branch (WIRC) of ICAI organised Career Counselling Programme at Rosary College, Navelim	CA. Prasheel Kamat
8	17th March, 2025	Goa Branch (WIRC) of ICAI organised Interactive Session with CA. (Dr.) Rohit Ruwatia, Chairman, Board of Studies – Operations, ICAI	CA. (Dr.) Rohit Ruwatia, Chairman, Board of Studies – Operations, ICAI
9	26th March 2025	Goa Branch (WIRC) of ICAI & WICASA organised Half day Seminar for CA Students on “Essentials of Bank Branch Audit”	CA. Atul Joshi
10	28th March 2025	Goa Branch (WIRC) of ICAI organised Career Counselling Programme at Narayan Zantye College of Commerce, Bicholim, Goa	CA. Mitali Talwadker
11	28th March 2025	Goa Branch (WIRC) of ICAI organised Tax & Financial Awareness Programme at Narayan Zantye College of Commerce, Bicholim, Goa	CA. Pradnya Bhat



ICITSS Course for CA Students held from 3rd to 21st February 2025





Interactive Meeting with Newly Qualified Chartered Accountants who cleared November 2024 Final Examinations held on 16th February 2025







**Industrial visit to Kineco Limited, Pilerne Industrial Estate,
Bardez, Goa held on 22nd February 2025**





Mock Tests (Series-I) for the Students of Intermediate and Final level appearing in the May 2025 Examinations held from 8th March to 21st March 2025





Investor Awareness Programme at VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Margao held on 11th March 2025





Career Counselling Programme at Rosary College, Navelim held on 12th March 2025



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**Interactive Session with CA. (Dr.) Rohit Ruwatia, Chairman,
Board of Studies - Operations, ICAI held on 17th March 2025**





**Half day Seminar for CA Students on
“Essentials of Bank Branch Audit” held on 26th March 2025**







Career Counselling Programme & Tax & Financial Awareness Programme held on 28th March 2025







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About the Goa Branch

Goa Branch of Western India CA Students Association (WICASA Goa) was formed in 2013 and is currently headed by the WICASA Chairperson CA. Sneha Menon. WICASA is the student's wing of Western India Regional Council of Institute of Chartered Accountants Association (WIRC-ICAI). It is this association which provides students a platform to learn, share, participate and perform. It is a platform given by ICAI for the students, by the students and of the students. It's a family consisting of 1,50,000 members in western region. The managing committee of WICASA Goa consists of 3 members, which includes 2 members from the Managing Committee of the Branch and the rest would be Chartered Accountancy course students, pursuing their article ship, to be the eminent future torch bearers of the institute.

Managing Committee Goa Branch of WICASA OF WIRC of ICAI



CA. Sneha Menon
Chairperson Goa WICASA



Mr. Vedang Sawant
WICASA Vice Chairperson
and Secretary



CA. Venkatesh Shenai
Managing Committee Member

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