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STUDENTS' E-NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2024

"PRAGATI"

- JOURNEY TOWARDS EXCELLENCE

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success.
If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." - Albert Schweitzer

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Articles, poems, quotes, short stories or artistic works are invited from Students for the upcoming Students' Newsletter.

The articles, poems, etc. should be received latest by the 30th of this month. The article should comprise of 500 to 2000 words.

The authors are advised to :

Mail a Softcopy of the article with complete communication along with e-mail address and Student Registration number to newsletter.icaislg@gmail.com .

A Softcopy of latest passport size colour photograph should also be mailed.

Siliguri Branch of EICASA of ICAI

MEET THE COMMITTEE
2024-25

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My Dear Students

I extend my warmest wishes to each one of you who is appearing for the CA Exams in May'24. You are embarking on a journey towards a rewarding career that promises not only to meet your personal goals but also to make a significant contribution to our nation's advancement and as such give your best while studying for the examinations without thinking of the result. I like to remind you of one of the most important teaching of Bhagwat Gita :-

" कर्मण्येवाधिकारस्ते मा फलेषु कदाचन।। "

As we reflect on the month of April, I am thrilled to share with you the remarkable events that have unfolded within our vibrant student community. April has been a month brimming with inspiration, enlightenment, and the spirit of collective endeavor.

First and foremost, on 06th April, 2024 we were thrilled to host the session on AI Tools - Chat GPT+ & Co-Pilot. The session served as a beacon of equipping us with invaluable tools to bolster our confidence and resilience. On 22nd April, 2024, we had organized a Plantation drive on the occasion of - **"Earth Day"**.

As we bid farewell to April and set our sights on the opportunities that May holds, I want to apprise you all with the upcoming events for the month.

We shall be having an Industrial Visit to a prominent Plastic Factory. Youth Fest – a day to enjoy and showcase your talents is being organized on 26th May. We are also planning to organize various practical sessions on important topics. We shall also be organizing the annual Sports on 2nd June,2024.

I urge each one of you to kindly participate in these events. Team EICASA is leaving no stone unturned to make these programs flawless but that cannot be achieved without your active participation. Let's come together to showcase our strengths, learn from industry experts, and set the tone for the year ahead. I look forward to interacting with all of you.

Thank You

Warm regards and best wishes to all,

CA Aadarsh Chandak
Chairman, Siliguri Branch (EIRC)

VICE-CHAIRPERSON (EICASA) COMMUNICATION

My warm greetings to all the students!

April marks the onset of a new financial year, and with it comes a flurry of activity and anticipation. I'm delighted to address you in this month's newsletter. Here's an update on recent achievements and exciting initiatives planned for the upcoming month.

We recently concluded a seminar on AI Tools-Chat GPT & Co-Pilot which was a resounding success with the help of your participation. The positive feedback underscores our commitment to fostering enriching experiences for all students. Additionally, The Earth Day exemplifies the collaborative spirit that drives progress within our institute.

Looking Ahead: Opportunities for Engagement

We're thrilled to announce our annual event **"YOUTH FEST"**. This event promises to be an excellent opportunity to showcase your talent, connect, collab and a source of break after the exams. We encourage everyone to save the date and stay tuned for further details. Furthermore, we're also launching Industrial Visit this month followed by workshops. We invite everyone to participate and contribute to its success.

Further, as you delve into your studies, remember that each page turned is a step closer to your professional aspirations. Make every day count and let your dedication today pave the way for a brighter tomorrow. I wish everyone of you emerge victorious and ready to contribute to the world of finance and commerce with your knowledge and integrity.

Our EICASA is firmly committed to nurturing a dynamic and inclusive environment for all students. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions, suggestions, or simply want to connect. We eagerly await your participation in upcoming events and collaborative efforts to maximize the success and joy.

With tons of love & respect,
Yati Periwal
Vice Chairperson, EICASA

EICASA MEETING

The monthly meeting of EICASA Managing Committee was held on 12th April, 2024 from 7:30 PM onwards at the office of the Chairperson EICASA, CA Aadarsh Chandak at Naya Bazar, Siliguri to discuss about various activities and seminars to be conducted in the month of April'2024, Seminar on AI Tools- ChatGPT+ and Co-Pilot, Earth Day Celebration and various other misc. matters.

The meeting was attended by Yati Periwal - Vice Chairperson, Keshav Kumar Agarwal - Secretary, Shubham Agarwal – Treasurer, Anupam Mahato – Co-editor, Rounak Agarwal – Member, Dipti Sah – Member in the presence of Chairperson CA Aadarsh Chandak.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Re: Cut-off date for enrollment in Foundation /Intermediate Course for appearing in September 2024/ January, 2025 Examinations.

The Institute has decided that from May/June 2024 onwards, Intermediate & Foundation course Examinations will be held **thrice in a year** in the month of **May/June, September and January** from the existing practice of twice a year and CA Final course examination will continue to be held **twice a year** in the month of **May and November**.

*Students who are fulfilling the eligibility criteria for Admission to the Foundation course examination i.e registered with the Board of Studies of the Institute for a **minimum period of four months** on or before the 1st day of the month in which the examination is held along with other eligibility conditions specified in Regulation 25F and for Intermediate course Examination i.e registered with the Board of Studies of the Institute and produces a certificate to the effect that he has undergone a study course for **a period of not less than eight months** as on the first day of the month in which the examination is held along with other eligibility conditions specified in Regulation 28G can appear in the next eligible exam.*

Students may note that as per the above eligibility criteria –

- the last date for registration in Foundation Course for appearing in September 2024 Examination is 1st May 2024.

- the last date for registration in Intermediate Course for appearing in January 2025 Examination is 1st May 2024 through both the routes.

It may be noted that students who have registered in Intermediate Course either through Foundation Route or Direct Entry Route up to 1st January 2024 are eligible for appearing in September 2024 Intermediate Examination.

For registration, students may visit the Self-Service Portal at **https://eservices.icai.org/**

Joint Director,
Board of Studies

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ICAI Digital Learning Campus Portal: Self-Paced Online Modules (SPOM) SET A and SET B

The Board of Studies of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has taken a significant leap forward in enhancing learning experiences of the students with the introduction of Self-Paced Online Modules (SPOM). It provides an enriched and flexible learning experience to our students in alignment with the New Scheme of Education and Training wherein students are required to complete the minimum prescribed 40 learning hours of Self-Paced Online Modules in both SET A: Corporate and Economic Laws and SET B: Strategic Cost & Performance Management as available on the ICAI Digital Learning Campus **https://lms.icai.org/login**. The students may note the following: -

- Students who have registered for the Final Course can only undergo SPOM courses at their own pace, anytime and anywhere.

- No separate fee is payable for Self-Paced Online Modules.

- Students can monitor their learning journey and track the completion status of SPOM on dashboard of ICAI Digital Learning Campus.

- After completing the prescribed number of hours learning students have to appear for SPOM test to be conducted by Examination Department. (A separate announcement in this regard would be webhosted by Examination Department in due course).

- Students may refer the Examination announcement-**https://resource.cdn.icai.org/75658exam61200.pdf** for exemption(s) in SPOM.

Students can login at ICAI Digital Learning Campus Portal by using following methods: -

1. Login at **https://lms.icai.org/login** with OTP
(OTP will be received on registered Mobile no. with Self- Service Portal (SSP, ICAI only)

2. Sign in with SSP (Login details)

Important Instructions: -

- Students are advised before login to read the FAQs carefully. **Click here to read the FAQs.**

- Students must have Desktop/Laptop with webcam for undergoing Self-Paced Online Modules.

- It is essential for students to have an internet connection with a minimum speed of 2 to 5 Mbps to effectively engage with the topics available on the ICAI Digital Learning Campus.

- Students should ensure proper light for face detection since this platform automatically compares the student's face detection with the SSP profile photo.

- During Self-Paced Online Module (SPOM) learning, students are advised to remain within the frame of the webcam throughout the duration of the SPOM.

Secretary,
Board of Studies

"CONQUERING FEAR: STEPPING INTO COURAGE & EMBRACING POSSIBILITY"

What is Fear?

Fear is a powerful emotion that stops us from reaching our true potential but it's possible to conquer fear and step into a life of courage and possibility if we are ready to face our fears. Fear is a primal instinct designed to keep us safe from danger. It can manifest in various forms, such as fear of failure, fear of rejection, fear of the unknown, or fear of change. While these fears may be rooted in past experiences or perceived threats, they often exist only in our minds, creating barriers that limit our growth and potential.

Impact of Fear

When we allow fear to dictate our actions, we may find ourselves stuck in a cycle of avoidance, procrastination, and self-doubt. Fear can rob us of opportunities, prevent us from taking risks, and keep us trapped in our comfort zones. Over time, it can erode our confidence and self–esteem, leading to feelings of regret and unfulfilled potential.

Confronting Fear: The first step in conquering fear is to confront it. This requires a willingness to step outside of our comfort zones and face the things that scare us the most rather than avoiding or suppressing our fears, we must acknowledge them and examine their underlying causes power over us.

Cultivating Courage: Cultivating courage involves stepping into the unknown, taking risks, and embracing vulnerability. It requires a shift in mindset from avoidance to action, from self-doubt to self-belief.

Embracing Possibility: When we conquer our fears and step into courage, we open ourselves up to a world of endless possibilities. Instead of being held back by our fears, we are propelled forward by our dreams and aspirations. By embracing possibility, we unleash our creativity, innovation, and potential for growth. We discover that the greatest rewards often lie on the other side of fear.

Conquer the Fear: Conquering fear isn't easy, but it's worth it. By facing our fears, building courage, and embracing possibility, we can break free from the limitations that hold us back and create a life filled with meaning, purpose, and fulfillment. So, let's be brave, and step out of our comfort zones, knowing that on the other side of fear lies a world of endless opportunity waiting to be explored.

Khusboo Agarwal
CA Final

ERO 0258892

STUDENT DEMOCRACY: CAPTURING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN ACTION

In a heartwarming display of civic duty, students have participated in the recent Lok Sabha elections, embodying the true spirit of democracy through their active involvement. Their selfies proudly showcasing inked fingers stand as poignant reminders of their commitment to shaping our nation's future. These snapshots not only emphasize the importance of each individual's vote but also highlight the collective impact of our community's participation in the electoral process.

Name : Abhranilay Basu
ERO : 0141122

Name : Naince Parveen
ERO : 0262419

Name : MD Amin
ERO : 0261533

Name : Krishna Agarwal
CRO : 0755107

Name : Gagandeep Kaur
ERO : 0258374

SILGURI (EICASA) ACTIVITIES

Celebrating World Earth Day 2024: Planting Seeds of Change

In honor of World Earth Day 2024, the Siliguri Branch [EICASA] organized a special tree-planting initiative on April 22nd, demonstrating our commitment to environmental sustainability and conservation. Through this initiative, we not only celebrated World Earth Day but also reaffirmed our dedication to environmental stewardship. Together, we can continue to nurture and protect our precious planet for generations to come.

SILGURI (EICASA) ACTIVITIES

Unlocking the Power of AI: Seminar on ChatGPT+ and Co-Pilot

On the 6th of March, 2024, the Siliguri Branch (EIRC) and Siliguri Branch (EICASA) jointly organized a captivating seminar focused on the transformative potential of ChatGPT+ and Co-Pilot. Held at the prestigious ICAI Bhawan, the event provided attendees with a unique opportunity to delve into the cutting-edge capabilities of these AI technologies.

The seminar featured esteemed speaker Hritavash Saha Sir, whose expertise illuminated the intricacies of ChatGPT+ and Co-Pilot. Attendees were treated to a comprehensive exploration of these AI platforms, learning how they can revolutionize various aspects of our professional and personal lives. From enhancing productivity to fostering creativity, the applications of ChatGPT+ and Co-Pilot are limitless, promising to reshape the way we interact with technology. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Hritavash Saha Sir for sharing his expertise, as well as to all who contributed to making this seminar a resounding success.

SILGURI (EICASA) ACTIVITIES

PROJECT KALAM

Throughout every Sunday in April, Project Kalam, an initiative of the Siliguri branch of the EICASA, persisted in its mission to empower underprivileged children through education. Despite time constraints, our devoted volunteers wholeheartedly engaged in a variety of educational activities to inspire and uplift these young minds. From interactive learning sessions to creative workshops, our endeavors were geared not only towards imparting knowledge but also towards nurturing a genuine passion for learning among these deserving children.

SUDOKU ANSWER (MARCH)

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WINNER OF SUDOKU

RISHABH BANSAL
CA FINALIST
ERO 0252674

VIKASH KHERIA
CA FINALIST
CRO 0499816

RAKSHAK LAKHOTIA
CA FINALIST
ERO 0268146

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Manish Agarwal
CA Finalist
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Workshop on Registration of DGFT, ICEGATE etc.

Industrial Visit

Youth Fest 2024

Summer Sport's Day

Elocution & Quiz Competition

UNLEASH YOUR INNER GENIUS

Greetings everyone!
We are thrilled to announce that we are accepting articles from students & Members, for EICASA's monthly newsletter, DIVYA!

Grab this opportunity and let your articles shine through the pages of our newsletter! It's time you channel your inner genius to send us any of the following:

Word article on the following topic:
Any topic from our syllabus - Mental Health , Painting and art, Poems and write ups/ stories , Photographs, Memes and on other matters as circulated in the group.
We are expecting the articles by the 26th of every month so be sure you send them before the deadline!

Submission ID : newsletter.icaislg@gmail.com

Regards,
EICASA,
SILIGURI BRANCH