Webinar on

"LEVERAGING PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE TO FACILITATE CMAs FOR CAREER PLANNING"

by The Journal & Publications Committee, ICMAI on June 24, 2026

Journal and Publications Committee, ICMAI hosted a webinar titled "Leveraging Professional Experience to facilitate CMAs for Career Planning" on June 24, 2026 from 05:00 P.M. - 06:00 P.M. The webinar featured welcome address by CMA Harshad S Deshpande, Chairman, Journal and Publications Committee, who highlighted the career dilemmas faced by young Cost and Management Accountants (CMAs), including choices between private sector vs. public sector undertakings (PSUs), practice vs. employment and specialized industry domains. He emphasized the importance of adaptability and proactive career planning in an uncertain economic environment. The keynote speaker was CMA Sibaprasad Patnaik, Director Finance, Gliders India Ltd., Kanpur (A Central PSU under Ministry of Defence). He advised professionals to view problems as challenges and convert those challenges into opportunities. He stressed building strong team trust, leveraging informal relationships alongside formal structures and stepping out of comfort zones to achieve long-term growth. CMA Sibaprasad Patnaik encouraged CMAs to thoroughly analyze Corporate Annual Reports specifically the Director's Report, Management Discussion & Analysis (MD&A) and Committee Disclosures. Pointing to corporate failures like Enron and Satyam, he underscored that robust internal financial controls and strong corporate governance are vital to preventing fraud. Addressing students and young professionals, he outlined clear expectations for job interviews and campus placements. During the Q&A segment, CMA Sibaprasad Patnaik addressed member queries regarding career transitions and skill building moving into strategic advisory roles that requires gaining hands-on, practical experience before transitioning into consulting. Modern CMAs must continuously update their technical knowledge such as Ind AS, Cost Accounting Standards and regulatory compliances while staying adaptable to technological advancements like Artificial Intelligence. The session was moderated effectively by Ms. Indrakshi Bhattacharya from the Journal & Publications, ensuring a smooth and engaging flow of discussion. The programme concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by CMA Sucharita Chakraborty, HoD, Journal and Publications Committee, who expressed her sincere appreciation to the speaker for sharing valuable practical insights. She also encouraged the participants to approach professional challenges with resilience, confidence and a positive outlook, emphasizing the importance of continuous learning and adaptability in their careers.