

"Rise Bengal: Powering the Journey towards Viksit Bharat@2047"

held on September 21, 2026 at Raajkutir, Kolkata

The Board of Advanced Studies & Research and the Career Counselling & Placement Committee of ICAI organised "Rise Bengal: Powering the Journey towards Viksit Bharat@2047" on September 21, 2026, at Raajkutir, Kolkata. The summit brought together distinguished leaders, policymakers, industry stalwarts, and eminent personalities from academia, industry, and diverse sectors, providing a dynamic platform for dialogue, knowledge exchange, collaboration, and meaningful deliberations on opportunities for sustainable growth and development.

The event was graced by Chief Guest Dr. Swapan Dasgupta, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of West Bengal, along with Guest of Honour Dr. Shankar Ghosh, Minister-in-Charge, Tourism & Parliamentary Affairs, Government of West Bengal, and CMA (Dr.) Rajesh Kumar, Hon'ble Member of the Legislative Assembly, West Bengal.

CMA Chittaranjan Chattopadhyay, President, ICAI delivered the welcome address and CMA Manoj Kumar Anand, Vice President, ICAI delivered the special address. The inaugural session of the programme was also graced by CMA Vinayaranjan P, Council Member & Chairman, Career Counselling & Placement, Training & Educational Facilities and Board of Advanced Studies & Research ICAI, Shri Inder Deep Singh Dhariwal, Government Nominee ICAI, Shri Jyoti Prakash Gadia, Government Nominee ICAI and CMA Avijit Goswami, Council Member ICAI and CMA (Dr.) Debaprosanna Nandy, Secretary, ICAI.

Dr. Swapan Dasgupta, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of West Bengal highlighted that Business growth should come first, as it drives investment, employment, opportunities, and revenue. Cost Accountants can play a vital role in managing costs,

improving efficiency, and enhancing competitiveness. He also expressed his hope that Cost Accountants should be included in the broader definition of "Accountant," recognising their contribution to strengthening businesses and fostering sustainable economic growth.

CMA (Dr.) Rajesh Kumar, Hon'ble Member of the Legislative Assembly, West Bengal, highlighted the vital role of Cost and Management Accountants (CMAs) in ensuring financial efficiency, accountability, and optimal utilisation of public funds. Extending the Institute's message, "Behind every successful business decision, there is always a CMA," he emphasised that CMAs also play a crucial role in ensuring that every public rupee is spent efficiently and responsibly.

Dr. Shankar Ghosh, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge of Tourism and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of West Bengal, highlighted the state's immense tourism potential, with emphasis on strategic investment, infrastructure development, sustainable tourism, enhanced connectivity, and positioning Bengal's diverse destinations—from the Himalayas to the Sundarbans—as premier national and international tourist attractions.



The 1st Technical Session was graced by the presence of several eminent dignitaries and distinguished professionals, including CMA Ashwini G. Dalwadi, Former President and Council Member ICAI, CMA Suresh R. Gunjalli, Council Member ICAI, CMA (Dr.) Debaprosanna Nandy, Secretary (Officiating) ICAI, CMA Vinayaranjan P., Chairman, Board of Advanced Studies and Research ICAI, CMA Arati Ganguly, Former Chairperson, ICAI-EIRC; Dr. P. K. Hazra, Director – Cardiology, Manipal Hospital, Kolkata; Mr. Chanchal Chandra Deb, Managing Director, Homoeo Research Laboratory Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Krishna Kumar Gupta, Chairman, Jagannath Gupta Institute of Medical

Sciences and Hospital and Dr. Sombrata Roy, Zonal Head, C. K. Birla Hospital, Kolkata.

The 2nd Technical Season was graced by the presence of several eminent dignitaries and distinguished professionals, including CMA (Dr.) V. Murali, Council Member, ICAI; CMA Navneet Kumar Jain, Council Member, ICAI; Dr. Arnab Basu, Co-Founder and CEO of Yancha; Mr. Sushil Poddar, President, Confederation of West Bengal Trade Associations; Mr. Manab Paul, Founder, Sree Balaji; Mr. Rajeev Paul, Managing Director, Bhooter Raja Dilo Bor; CMA Subhasish Chakraborty, Former Chairman, ICAI-EIRC; CMA Abhijit Dutta, Vice-Chairman, ICAI-EIRC; Shri Pranay Roy, Spokesperson, BJP; and Shri R. Veerabahu, Director (Finance), Braithwaite & Co. Limited.

A key highlight of the summit was the discussion on the strategic role of Cost and Management Accountants in driving sustainable growth, strengthening economic resilience, promoting responsible business practices, and contributing to India's journey towards becoming a developed nation by 2047.

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by CMA Vinayaranjan P, Chairman, Career Counselling & Placement, Training, Educational Facilities, and Board

of Advanced Studies & Research, ICAI.

The participation of delegates from diverse organisations further enriched the event. Representatives attended from Nakamichi Packaging Pvt. Ltd., Limelight Hotels Pvt. Ltd., 10X Fin Solutions, Simplex Infrastructures Ltd., Cemindia Projects Limited, TCN Global, CMRI Hospital | CK Birla Hospitals, Infinity Infotech Parks Ltd., University of Calcutta, HSBC, Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd, Sushila Birla Girls' School, Jagannath Gupta Institute of Medical Sciences & Hospital, The Statesman, Strategic Consultancy Business Aidiyas, IIT-IIM, Softthink Intelligent Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Calcutta Club, East Bengal Club, Coal India Ltd., Braithwaite & Co. Ltd., WBSEDCL, Sarna Infocom Pvt. Ltd., Deloitte India, Birla High School, TCS, GAIL, and several other esteemed organisations.

The diverse participation reflected the importance of collaboration among academia, industry, government, and professional institutions in shaping a stronger and more resilient economic ecosystem.

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