

ICAI Muscat (Oman) Chapter, in strategic partnership with CBFS, delivers high-impact knowledge sessions on women's leadership and NRI taxation



The ICAI Muscat (Oman) Chapter, in strategic partnership with the College of Banking and Financial Studies (CBFS), continues to advance professional excellence and thought leadership through the successful delivery of two high-impact online Continuing Professional Education (CPE) seminars focused on Women's Leadership and Decoding NRI Income Tax Returns.

These initiatives reflect a shared commitment between ICAI Muscat (Oman) Chapter and CBFS to strengthen professional capabilities, foster inclusive leadership, and enhance technical expertise across the finance and accounting community in Oman and the wider region.

International Women's Day: Advancing Leadership, Inclusion, and Resilience

In celebration of International Women's Day, the Chapter hosted a distinguished virtual forum that convened prominent voices and professionals to explore themes of leadership, resilience, and inclusion in today's evolving workplace.

The session was honored by the



presence of Ms. Tavishi Behal Pandey, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of India in Oman, as Chief Guest. In her keynote address, she underscored the critical importance of empowering women and fostering inclusive growth across sectors.

The event featured an exceptional lineup of speakers:

- Dr. Malvika Iyer, recipient of India's highest civilian honor for women, "Naari Shakti Puraskar," and an internationally recognized motivational speaker and disability rights advocate, who delivered a powerful narrative on resilience and breaking

barriers.

- CA Nissy Poulse, who shared a compelling professional journey from nursing to high-impact finance, highlighting adaptability and leadership transformation.

- CA Shilpa Mehta Jain, a polio survivor, who emphasized the role of mindset, perseverance, and self-belief in achieving professional success.

The session attracted strong engagement and offered rich perspectives on inclusive leadership and personal growth, reinforcing the importance of diversity as a driver of institutional and societal progress.

Technical Excellence: Decoding NRI Income Tax Returns

As part of its ongoing technical capacity-building agenda, the Chapter also delivered a specialized seminar on "Decoding NRI Income Tax Return," addressing critical and often complex tax considerations relevant to Non-Resident Indians.

The session was led by CA Palak Pavagadhi, Partner at Pavagadhi Shah & Associates and a recognized tax expert in India. The seminar provided practical and in-depth insights into:

- Taxability frameworks applicable to NRIs

- Filing requirements and compliance complexities

- Common errors and risk areas in NRI tax returns

- Strategic approaches to tax planning and optimization

The session was highly practical, well-structured, and well received, equipping participants with actionable knowledge to navigate intricate taxation requirements with greater confidence.

CBFS Role: Enabling Knowledge, Strengthening Professional Ecosystems

The College of Banking and Financial Studies (CBFS) played a pivotal

role in enabling these initiatives, reinforcing its position as a national hub for professional development, executive education, and knowledge advancement in the financial sector.

Through such strategic collaborations, CBFS continues to:

- Facilitate high-quality knowledge exchange platforms

- Strengthen industry-relevant competencies

- Support the development of future-ready finance professionals

- Contribute to the broader knowledge economy and professional ecosystem in Oman

Sustained Impact and Forward Momentum

Both seminars witnessed strong participation from finance and accounting professionals across Oman and the GCC, reflecting the growing relevance and impact of such collaborative knowledge initiatives.

The ICAI Muscat (Oman) Chapter, in partnership with CBFS, remains committed to delivering high-value learning experiences, fostering professional excellence, and contributing meaningfully to the advancement of the accounting and finance profession at both national and regional levels.