

Report on Mentoring and Awareness Session on Cost and Management Accountancy (CMA) Course

Organised by: DIQA Unit, Post Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir in collaboration with The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI), Srinagar Chapter

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Time: 11:30 A.M.

Venue: Post Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar

Introduction

The DIQA Unit of the Post Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir, in collaboration with the Srinagar Chapter of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI), organised a Mentoring and Awareness Session on the Cost and Management Accountancy (CMA) Course on 7 September 2026 at 11:30 A.M. at the Post Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir.

The programme was organised to familiarise students with the CMA qualification, its structure, eligibility requirements, examination pathway, professional training and career opportunities. The session also sought to provide practical guidance on pursuing the CMA qualification and understanding professional opportunities in cost and management accountancy.

The CMA programme offered by ICMAI comprises three levels—Foundation, Intermediate and Final—and develops expertise in areas such as cost management, management accounting, financial management, performance management, taxation, auditing and strategic decision-making. Graduates may seek direct admission to the Intermediate level, subject to ICMAI's eligibility requirements.

Welcome Address

The programme commenced with the formal announcement and welcoming of participants, followed by an introduction to the objectives of the session.

The Welcome Address was delivered by Prof. Effat Yasmin, Head, Post Graduate Department of Economics and Chairperson, DIQA Unit, University of Kashmir. She welcomed the resource person and participating students and emphasised the importance of exposing students to professional qualifications and diverse career pathways. She also appreciated the initiative of the ICMAI Srinagar Chapter in engaging with students and providing guidance regarding the CMA profession.

Resource Person and Felicitation

The session was conducted by CMA Bashir Ahmad Masoudi, Chairman, Srinagar Chapter, ICMAI. He is a Fellow Member of ICMAI and has a longstanding association with the development and promotion of the Cost and Management Accountancy profession in Jammu and Kashmir. He also served as the Founder Chairman of the Srinagar Chapter from 1984 to 1990.

CMA Masoudi has extensive professional experience in finance and management accounting. He served with the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and superannuated as Head of Finance, Rourkela Steel Plant. He has also held senior responsibilities in financial management and internal audit and has been actively involved in promoting CMA education and career awareness among students in Jammu and Kashmir.

As a mark of appreciation, CMA Bashir Ahmad Masoudi was felicitated by Prof. Effat Yasmin, Head, Post Graduate Department of Economics, on behalf of the DIQA Unit and the Department of Economics, University

of Kashmir. In a reciprocal gesture, Prof. Effat Yasmin was also felicitated by CMA Bashir Ahmad Masoudi on behalf of the ICMAI Srinagar Chapter.

Mentoring and Awareness Session

The main mentoring and awareness session was conducted by CMA Bashir Ahmad Masoudi. He acquainted students with the CMA course, its different levels, examination process, professional training and career prospects.

The session provided students with an understanding of the role of Cost and Management Accountants and the professional opportunities associated with the qualification. Students were apprised of career avenues in cost management, financial management, accounting, auditing, taxation, consultancy and strategic decision-making. The qualification can lead to professional roles including Cost Accountant, Cost Controller, Financial Analyst, Internal Auditor, Finance Manager and Chief Financial Officer, among others.

Interaction with Students

The mentoring session was followed by an interactive Question-and-Answer session. Students actively participated and sought clarification on eligibility, course levels, examinations, career opportunities and the professional pathway towards becoming qualified Cost and Management Accountants.

The interaction enabled students to engage directly with an experienced professional and obtain practical guidance regarding the CMA qualification.

MCQ-Based Assessment and Further Support

At the end of the programme, a 15-minute MCQ-based test was conducted for the participating students. The assessment provided students with an opportunity to test their understanding of the CMA course and the information shared during the session.

Students were informed that the ICMAI examinations constitute the professional examination pathway through which candidates progress towards becoming qualified Cost and Management Accountants, with the CMA programme progressing through the Foundation, Intermediate and Final levels.

It was further announced that students who successfully clear the MCQ-based test will be supported by the ICMAI Srinagar Chapter in preparing for the examinations conducted by ICMAI at the pan-India level. This support is intended to encourage interested students to pursue the CMA qualification with continued guidance during their examination preparation.

Outcomes of the Programme

The programme provided students with first-hand information about the CMA qualification and its professional prospects. It helped students:

- understand the structure and levels of the CMA programme;
- become familiar with eligibility and admission requirements;
- understand the examination pathway leading towards professional qualification;
- learn about professional training and skill development;
- explore career opportunities in Cost and Management Accountancy;
- interact with an experienced CMA professional; and
- become aware of continued mentoring and examination-preparation support through the ICMAI Srinagar Chapter.

The programme also provided a platform for strengthening academic and professional interaction between the Post Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir, and the ICMAI Srinagar Chapter.

Vote of Thanks

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr. Rahul Kundal, Assistant Professor and Nodal Officer, DIQA Unit, Post Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir.

Dr. Rahul Kundal expressed his sincere gratitude to CMA Bashir Ahmad Masoudi, Chairman, Srinagar Chapter, ICMAI, for accepting the invitation and sharing his valuable professional experience and guidance with the students. He also thanked the ICMAI Srinagar Chapter for its initiative and for extending further support to students who successfully clear the MCQ-based assessment in preparing for the pan-India ICMAI examinations.

Dr. Kundal placed on record his gratitude to Prof. Effat Yasmin, Head, Post Graduate Department of Economics and Chairperson, DIQA Unit, for her support and leadership in facilitating the programme. He also thanked the faculty members, students and all those involved in making the programme successful, and appreciated the enthusiastic participation of the students.

Conclusion

The Mentoring and Awareness Session on Cost and Management Accountancy (CMA) Course successfully provided students with valuable exposure to the CMA qualification, its examination pathway and career opportunities. The session combined mentoring, interaction and an MCQ-based assessment, providing students with both professional guidance and an opportunity to demonstrate their understanding.

The collaboration between the DIQA Unit, Department of Economics, University of Kashmir, and the ICMAI Srinagar Chapter provided a meaningful platform for connecting students with professional expertise and creating opportunities for continued guidance towards the CMA examinations and professional qualification as Cost and Management Accountants.

The programme concluded with the formal closing of the session