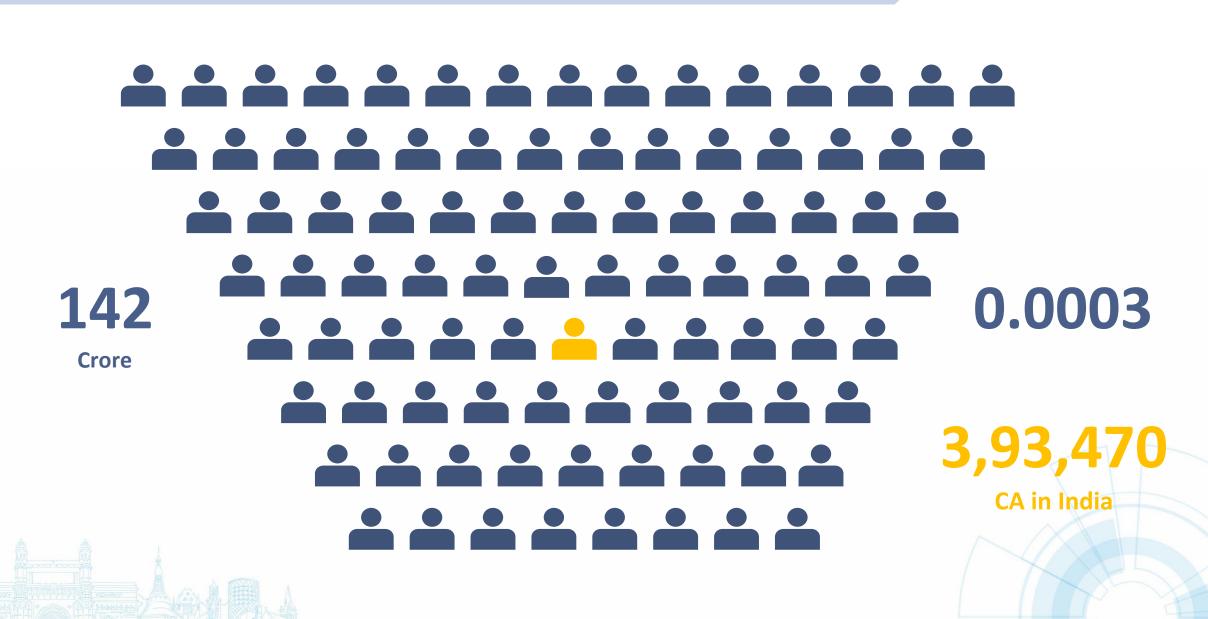
# OPPORTUNITIES AND ETHICS IN TAXATION

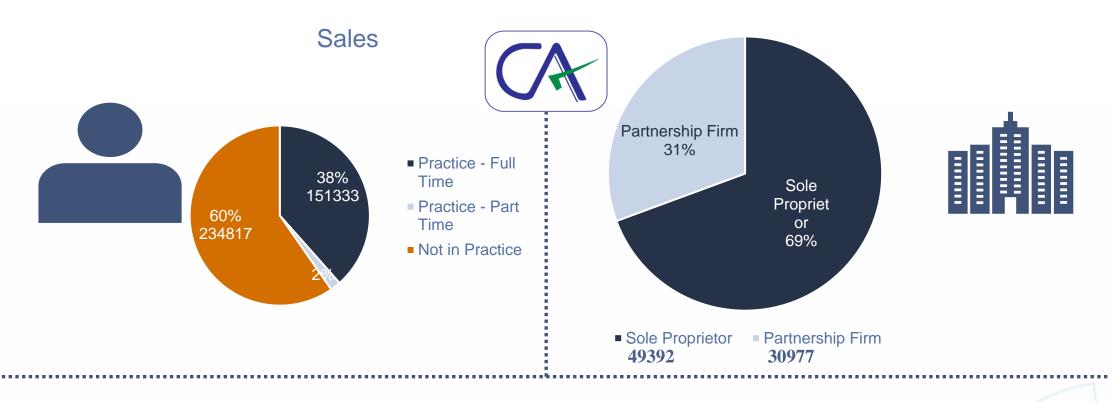
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#### YOU ARE A RARE SPECIE



#### STATISTICS – THE KNOWN FACTS





**3,93,470 Total Chartered Accountants** 

**Total Chartered Accountants Firms** 

80,369





#### STATISTICS – THE KNOWN FACTS

Rs. 3,79,760 Cr

Rs.39,578 Cr

6.77 Cr

Direct Tax Net collections for the

FY 2023-24

Refund

FY 2023-24

ITR Filed

1,65,105 Cr

GST revenue collected for July 2023

21 lakh +

Tax Audit Reports (TARs)





#### STATISTICS – THE KNOWN FACTS



#### **OUR EXISTENCE – THE ALARMING SITUATION**

#### **TOP PROFESSIONALS IN DEMAND**

- 1. Data Scientist
- 2. Data Analyst
- 3. Blockchain Engineer
- 4. UX Designer
- 5. Cyber Security Engineer

- 6. Cloud Developer
- 7. DevOps Engineer
- 8. Digital Marketing Specialist
- 9. Project Manager
- 10. Product Manager





#### **OUR SAVIOUR – THE SMART SKILLS**

#### **TOP SKILLS IN DEMAND**

- 1. Digital Literacy
- 2. Data Literacy
- 3. Critical Thinking
- 4. Emotional Intelligence
- 5. Creativity

- 6. Collaboration
- 7. Flexibility
- 8. Leadership Skills
- 9. Value Addition
- 10. Curiosity and Continuous Learning





**Thinking** 

**BOLD** 



and

**BEYOND** 

Think Beyond Compliances

## Chartered Accountants are not "COMPLIANCE OFFICERS"

### We are "STRATEGIC FINANCIAL ADVISORS"





# OPPORTUNITIES IN TAXATION



- ➤ Advisory on Entity Set from Tax Perspective
- > Transaction Tax Advisory
- > Tax-efficient group reorganization
- Strategic Tax Advisory







- > A holistic Tax review of assessee.
- > Tax-efficient investments.







- ➤ M&A Deal Advisory and Support.
- ➤ Exchange Control & Regulatory Services.
- Promoter Restructuring & SuccessionPlanning.
- ➤ Employee Stock Option Plan (ESOP) Services.





- ➤ Tax-efficient planning & structuring of cross border transactions.
- > Restructuring of investments.
- Advising on transnational joint ventures and collaborations.
- Strategizing entry and exit from India.
- ➤ Analysis of Treaties & DTAA



- Developing Tax Litigation Approach.
- Assistance in Filing Tax Appeals.
- Appearing Before Revenue / Appellate Authorities.
- Assisting Tax Counsels for Representation at Various Levels.

# ETHICS IN TAXATION

# Addressing Corruption and Tax Evasion

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#### Leveraging Technology

Using artificial intelligence and data analytics to detect tax fraud and evasion.

#### Strengthening Enforcement

Conducting rigorous audits and investigations to deter noncompliance and punish wrongdoers.

#### Promoting Civic Awareness

Encouraging citizens to report suspicious activity and participate in the fight against corruption.

#### **KEY ETHICAL ISSUES IN TAXATION**

1 Transparency

Ensuring that taxpayers are informed of their rights and obligations and that the tax authorities are accountable for their actions.

2 Integrity

Preventing corruption and ensuring that tax officials act ethically and impartially.

3 Equity

Maintaining fairness and equality in the distribution of the tax burden among different classes of taxpayers.



#### TAX PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE: OUR SIGNIFICANT ROLE

#### **Tax Planning and Related Services**

# What Are Tax Planning Services?

Tax planning services are designed to assist individuals or entities in structuring their affairs in a tax-efficient manner while complying with tax laws and regulations.

# What Are Related Services?

Related services are those that are based on or linked to a tax planning service, whether provided by us or another party.

#### Who Is This Section For?

This section applies to everyone, regardless of the nature of the client, including whether it is a public interest entity.



#### TAX PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE: OUR SIGNIFICANT ROLE



#### **TAX PLANNING AND RELATED SERVICES**

Tax services comprise a broad range of services, including activities such as:

- Tax return preparation.
- Tax calculations for the purpose of preparing the accounting entries.
- □ Tax planning and other tax advisory services.
- Tax services involving valuations.
- Assistance in the resolution of tax disputes





#### **THREATS – A CAUTIOUS CALL**

#### **SELF-INTEREST THREAT**

the threat that a financial or other interest will inappropriately influence a professional accountants judgment or behavior

#### **ADVOCACY THREAT**

the threat that a professional accountant will promote a client's or employing organization's position to the point that the his objectivity is compromised;

#### **SELF-REVIEW THREAT**

the threat that a professional accountant will not appropriately evaluate the results of a previous judgment made; or an activity performed by the accountant, or by another individual within the accountant's firm or employing organization, on which the accountant will rely when forming a judgment as part of performing a current activity;

#### PROVIDING TAX RETURN PREPARATION SERVICES TO AN AUDIT CLIENT

Tax return preparation services involve:

#### Assisting in tax reporting obligations by

- Drafting and compiling information
- Advising on the tax return treatment of past transactions
- Responding on behalf of the audit client to the tax authorities" requests for additional information and analysis.

NO THREAT INVOLVED

#### **REASON FOR NO THREAT**

Tax return preparation involves analyzing past financial data within existing tax laws. This includes considering precedents and undergoing tax authority review.

#### PREPARING CALCULATIONS OF TAX LIABILITIES TO AN AUDIT CLIENT

#### **SELF – REVIEW THREAT**

# Actions that might be safeguards to address such a self-review threat

#### **Not Public Interest Entities**

- Using professionals who are not audit team members to perform the service.
- Having an appropriate reviewer who was not involved in providing the service review the audit work or service performed.

#### **Public Interest Entities**

- ➤ Using professionals who are not audit team members to perform the service.
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Note: A firm or a network firm shall not prepare tax calculations of tax liabilities

#### PROVIDING TAX VALUATIONS SERVICES TO AN AUDIT CLIENT

#### **ADVOCACY THREAT**

#### **SELF-REVIEW THREAT**

A firm or its network might value for tax purposes only, with no direct impact on financial statements (only tax-related entries). If immaterial or externally reviewed by tax/regulatory authorities, this typically poses no threats.

If the valuation that is performed for tax purposes is not subject to an external review and the effect is material to the financial statements, the following factors are relevant in evaluating the level of self-review or advocacy threats created by providing those services to an audit client:

- > The extent to which the valuation methodology is supported by tax law or regulation, other precedent or established practice.
- The degree of subjectivity inherent in the valuation
- > The reliability and extent of the underlying data

#### PROVIDING TAX PLANNING AND OTHER TAX ADVISORY SERVICES

#### **ADVOCACY THREAT**

#### **SELF-REVIEW THREAT**

Tax planning or other tax advisory services comprise a broad range of services, such as advising the client how to structure its affairs in a tax efficient manner or advising on the application of a new tax law or regulation

# Factors relevant in evaluating the level of self-review or advocacy threats

# Actions that might be safeguards to address such threats

- The extent to which the valuation methodology is supported by tax law or regulation, other precedent or established practice.
- The degree of subjectivity inherent in the valuation.
- The reliability and extent of the underlying data.

- Using professionals who are not audit team members to perform the service might address self-review or advocacy threats.
- Having an appropriate reviewer, who was not involved in providing the service review the audit work or service performed might address a self-review threat.
- Obtaining pre-clearance from the tax authorities might address self-review or advocacy threats.

#### PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN THE RESOLUTION OF TAX DISPUTES

#### **ADVOCACY THREAT**

#### **SELF-REVIEW THREAT**

A tax dispute might reach a point when the tax authorities have notified an audit client that arguments on a particular issue have been rejected and either the tax authority or the client refers the matter for determination in a formal proceeding, for example, before a court

# Factors relevant in evaluating the level of self-review or advocacy threats

- The role management plays in the resolution of the dispute.
- The extent to which the outcome of the dispute will have a material effect on the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion.
- Whether the advice is the subject of the tax dispute.
- The extent to which the matter is supported by tax law or regulation, other precedent, or established practice.
- Whether the proceedings are conducted in public

## Actions that might be safeguards to address such threats

- Using professionals who are not audit team members to perform the service might address self-review or advocacy threats.
- Having an appropriate reviewer who was not involved in providing the service review the audit work or the service performed might address a self-review threat.

#### PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN THE RESOLUTION OF TAX DISPUTES

A firm or a network firm shall not provide tax services that involve assisting in the resolution of tax disputes to an audit client if:

- The services involve acting as an advocate for the audit client before a court in the resolution of a tax matter; and
- The amounts involved are material to the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion.

#### **LETS GET CONNECTED**





# THANK YOU

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