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Dear CA students,

I hope this communique finds you all in good health and high spirits. This is my first address to you as The Chairperson of Pune Branch of WICASA. As the month of March 2023 draws to a close, I have a lot to share with you in this edition of our magazine.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate WCASA Team 2022-23. Their hard work, team effort and fantastic execution of various types of programs under the able leadership of CA. Moushmi Shaha is evident from the awards they have bagged viz: 1st Award for "Best WICASA at National Level" as well as 1st Award for "Best WICASA at Regional Level". I extend my best wishes and regards to the entire team for the same.

I strongly believe in Team work. My aim this year shall be to build an able Team who shall organise not only education and curriculum related programs but shall also endeavour programs for personal skill development, knowledge series, lectures by experts, revisions / fast track series, bonding with students, team events, industrial visits, sports activities, youth festival etc. My entire objective shall be to provide you with 360 degree vision on various topics and updation on technological developments.

Last but not least, I would like to remind you that our magazine is a platform for you to showcase your talent and share your experiences with the CA student community. I encourage you to write to us with your articles, poems, stories, and any other content that you would like to share with your peers.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of our magazine, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

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Rupee- Digital Currency: Its Impact on the Indian Economy

Cash! The most wanted thing on this Planet. The asset which has the power of winning Wars, Politics & Love will now soon be starting to get eliminated from everyone's hand, books & pockets. This tangible piece of paper for whom everyone functions will now be transacted digitally.

Yes!! In the recent Financial Budget for 2022-23, Nirmala Sitharaman the Finance Minister of our country has coined a new term "E-Rupee" which is to bring revolution in the payments system for the entire nation. We will now be able to purchase the real things without having the real cash. From buying marketed Fruits to Purchasing a Villa by Juhu, all can happen at the click of button.

This historic announcement will lead to shift old Indian habit of "Burying money beneath the ground" to "Carrying digital cash without the hesitation of being theft/mockered". A couple of decades ago, no one has ever imagined this drastic change in transaction of "Rupee to E-Rupee", but now everything seems possible.

As they say, "The change is constant", the world also has seen changes in the way transactions are carried over the years. Right from the era of Barter Exchange where goods are exchanged for other goods/services to this era of making payments online. Ancient stories also depict the usage of Fiat Money in the earlier period, where "Take ser was Bhaaji, and Take ser was Khaja".

But this "E-Rupee" concept is totally new, the way digitalization is involved in this process of exchanging money, it is quick & risk-free.

What is a Digital Rupee?

The Digital Rupee, will be a legal tender issued by RBI & will function exactly the same like any other Fiat Money. CBDC (Central Bank Digital Currency) is virtual currency but it has nothing to do with Private Virtual Currencies, that have flourished over the recent years. Private Cryptocurrencies are a way apart from the historical concept of money & can be manipulated as they are owned by a group of few people. However, this e-rupee is a central backed Centralized Currency with the help of Block-Chain technology, that represents true value & the liability of Government for paying the same. **"I promise to pay the bearer the mentioned amount"** will be engraved as a prominent promise by this currency. Its value will not change irrespective of any event and will act likewise the real Cash.

Impact on Indian Economy:

This new rupee will be beneficial to the economy to a very better extent & will aid our country in many ways. The Note Monetization of 2016 & Covid 19 pandemic has already set the right mood for new digital currency. The usage of digital transactions has significantly accelerated the economy while paving the new ways people used to do transactions. The number of virtual cryptocurrencies & people investing in cryptos

has forced the government to launch its own currency & take an end for the parallel running crypto economy.

The introduction of this new currency will lead India to potentially expand International Commerce, support financial inclusions & transform the economy. The issue of CBDC will have more efficient & economic currency management system in India. The new currency will be transacted without any other intermediary in between, unlike any other payment mode, which will have less transaction time & lesser payment failure chances.

Instead of handing over Cheques to the vendor, a direct cash can also be transmitted to his account. Need for a bank is not anymore required to carry transactions leading to lesser downtime & faster settlement of funds. Smooth Cross Border transactions can also be done at an ease, as no other intermediaries are involved & exports payments can also be done from any corner of the world.

As the transaction is online RBI is also likely to save on operational costs of Printing, Distributing & Storing the currency notes. As per reports, RBI spends about 17/-Rs Per 100/-Rs note. CBDC the legal tender, will be a revamped version of the physical currency that will eventually reduce the cost of currency management.

The new digital Currency can easily detect fraudulent transactions & mishappenings in the economy. Easy tracking of the notes will also encourage anti-corruption practices & lead country towards actually becoming "Superpower" one day.

Effects of Digital Rupee:

This new money may transform the way, vegetables are purchased, but will also allow the anti-socials to start a new game of carrying frauds & winning the money of the innocents. Even though the currency is backed by the Security and policies of central Bank & government, security thefts cannot be seriously ignored. Recent event of Russia Vs Ukraine has taught us the ill treats of some people where cyber attacks were carried out by one country on another just to ruin the banking system. So, special attention on security as well as awareness programs may also be carried out on the usage of Digital Currency. Nearly half of our country is not even having access to basic internet services, so infrastructure challenges on the way of digitalization needs to be planned properly.

There could also be dislocation of money from banks. As no direct involvement of banks, there will be a reduction in the amount of bank deposits & may also affect credit utilization by banks & creation of lesser credit money in the economy. Commercial banks play a pivotal role in lending credits to the private sector thus a complete ignorance can't be given on the mere fact of welcoming Digital Currency & Digital India.

Digital India:

Despite of all these challenges new India has high aspirations from the pioneering new technology & will introduce new job opportunities in the Technology World. This robust settlement mechanism will ensure India to higher heights & will lead our nation towards complete digitalization. While India witnesses "Azadi ka Amrut Mohotsav" the digital rupee will truly reflect the vision of our beloved PM Narendra Modi for "New India".

E-₹ Rupee : An initiative for Better India!



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Five Years of GST – GST@5

Background – 1

Just as Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel unified India by subsuming various states in common entity, in the same way GST has brought unification in various aspects of Indirect Tax regime. Prior to GST, there were multiple taxes like excise duty, Service tax, CST, Purchase tax, Entertainment tax, etc. And India being a socialist, secular and democratic republic follows federal structure consisting of Central and State governments. Even the constitution grants power to levy and collect taxes at their respective levels under article 245 and 246. Due to various taxes, it led to multiplicity of rates, laws and different procedures which increased the burden on taxpayers.

Problems prior to GST regime :-

1. Cascading Effect – Cascading means tax on tax. Under VAT, Service tax the tax was levied on value which included excise duty. Even there were certain taxes of which input tax credit was not admissible, forming part of cost of goods leading to rise in prices.
2. Lack Of Uniformity in VAT provisions – Each state had their own VAT law comprising of different rates but the problem was not only confined to rates, also in procedures, computations, etc.
3. Service Tax – Preclusion of states from levying tax on services led to problem in taxation on contracts which involved both goods and services.

To address the above problems and many more, introduction of GST on 1st July, 2017 played a vital role due to which country witnessed digitisation in tax compliances and improvements in supply chain.

Key Highlights of GST Regime – 2

1. Promotion of synergetic governance involving both centre and states in sharing of powers and responsibilities.
2. Introduction of E-invoicing leading to substantial reduction in transcription errors and availability of complete trail of B2B invoices with department.
3. Emanation of E-way Bill for hassle free movement of goods, elimination of boundary check posts.
4. Establishment of GST Council under Article 279A of Constitution to be headed by Union Finance Minister and consisting of other Revenue ministers nominated by State Governments.

Key Decisions of GST Council – 3

1. 2017 – Relief for MSME sector, Reduction of GST rate on restaurant service from 18% to 5%, introduction of E-way Bill.
2. 2018 – Enhanced limit for exemption on RWA from 5000/- to 7500/-, Interest to be levied on Net Tax Liability.
3. 2019 – Composition Scheme for Services, Introduction of E-invoicing, Restructuring of GST rates on Hotels, Single uniform rate on Lottery.
4. 2020 – Introduction of QRMP Scheme for registered persons having aggregate annual turnover upto 5 crore, E-invoicing.
5. 2021 – Reduction in GST rates related to COVID items, Special scheme for suppliers of Bricks, Self-Certified Reconciliation Statement in Form GSTR-9C.
6. 2022 – Non-Refund of accumulated ITC in certain cases, Decriminalisation, Insertion of Para 7 in Schedule 3 of CGST Act, 2017, Procedure for verification of ITC differences in GSTR-2A & GSTR-3B.

Trade Facilitation & Compliance – 4

The primary purpose of GST introduction was to make easier for taxpayers to comply with the procedures. Goods and Service Tax Network (GSTN) has been proved to be one stop solution for compliance requirements namely GST registration, issuing e-invoices, generation of e-way bills, furnishing periodic returns and tax payments, etc. In fact, GST regime has established a 360 degree digital support with establishment of GST Suvidha Providers (GSP), Application Service Providers (ASP), Invoice Registration Portals (IRP), etc. Technology enabled tax regime has brought a reform in India to great extent.

GST in Numbers - 5

1. Registration has increased from 66.50 lakhs to 138.16 lakhs. (107.73 %)
2. Average annual GST revenue has increased from 82,294 crores to 1.55 lakh crores.
3. Even the difference between eligible return filers and actual filers has contracted to greater extent.

Conclusion

On completion of half decade of GST implementation various crucial measures has been taken to unlock blockages and to simplify the process for economic vibrancy in India. Tremendous increase in taxpayers and revenue signifies that GST has been well running on its track. Lots of initiatives in MSME sector and exports has led in India to well structure its foreign trade policies and strengthening its foreign trade relations. The innovative and legal solutions introduced during this period has actually made it Good and Simple Tax , truly said by **Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**.



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End the stigma

"Just because I have a smile on my face
That doesn't mean I'm free from disgrace
Just because I have tears on my eyes
That doesn't mean I'm being criticize."

Sometimes, what we see is not exactly what it is. But to understand this, still people aren't educated enough. And this is why the word "stigma" strikes time and again. Stigma is a feeling of shame or judgment from others. In our society, "stigma refers to the prejudice that results from the labels we put on people who have some undesirable condition such as mental illness." It causes many people into silence and prevents them from seeking help, which hurts them severely in their lives.

43.8 million adults experience mental illness every year. Isn't this number too big? According to World Health Organization (WHO), 1 in 5 persons will suffer from mental illness every year. If mental illness is such a dominant and prevalent issue within a society today, why do people still hold these negative views and attitude within the society? Why? For their own enjoyment? Or for taking lives?

Lots of stigmatized issues have affected lives of many people. But one stigmatized issue that has affected every girl of this world and every parents who are dreaming of success for their girl child is "**Blaming to victim**".

In Nepal, 6 rap cases register in a day, 185 cases register in a month and 2220+ cases register in a year. Only Register? Thousands of victims do not register because of the word "stigma". Can we even think about the pain they bear? No absolutely not. Miles more pain they bear than we think. Only victims can feel. Despite suffering so much pain, people blame them for their condition. Why? Because they wear short dresses? Because they want to fulfill their parent's dream? Because they want to be equal to boys? Because they use social media? Or because they want to do something big for a nation? No matter what the reason is. But your thinking, criticism, judgment, blaming matters a lot. Despite suffering physically, people give thousands times more pain mentally. The time when they need your support, love and care, you tortured them mentally. That is called life taking word "stigma". People blame victim instead of blaming rapist. Instead of blaming, if they start supporting victims then victims will be mentally strong which will help them to overcome by physical pains, So to make the people mentally strong, to make them known that they are not alone, to encourage them, to support them, to create the climate of foster healing, ending the stigma is very necessary.

We can do lots of things to end the stigma. We can educate the people, especially students, we can put posters around the town with a message that supports the end

of stigma as a kindly reminder to not to judge others. We should all remember to be supportive of anyone who is dealing with a mental illness.

And lets start a mission called "feel and kill" through this mission, we can try to feel the way they are suffering from stigma and work as much as possible to support them and kill their stigma. This mission will only work if thousands of hands bind together for those people who are suffering today. Because if people can ruin lives then only people can save lives. Only people can understand the problems of other people.

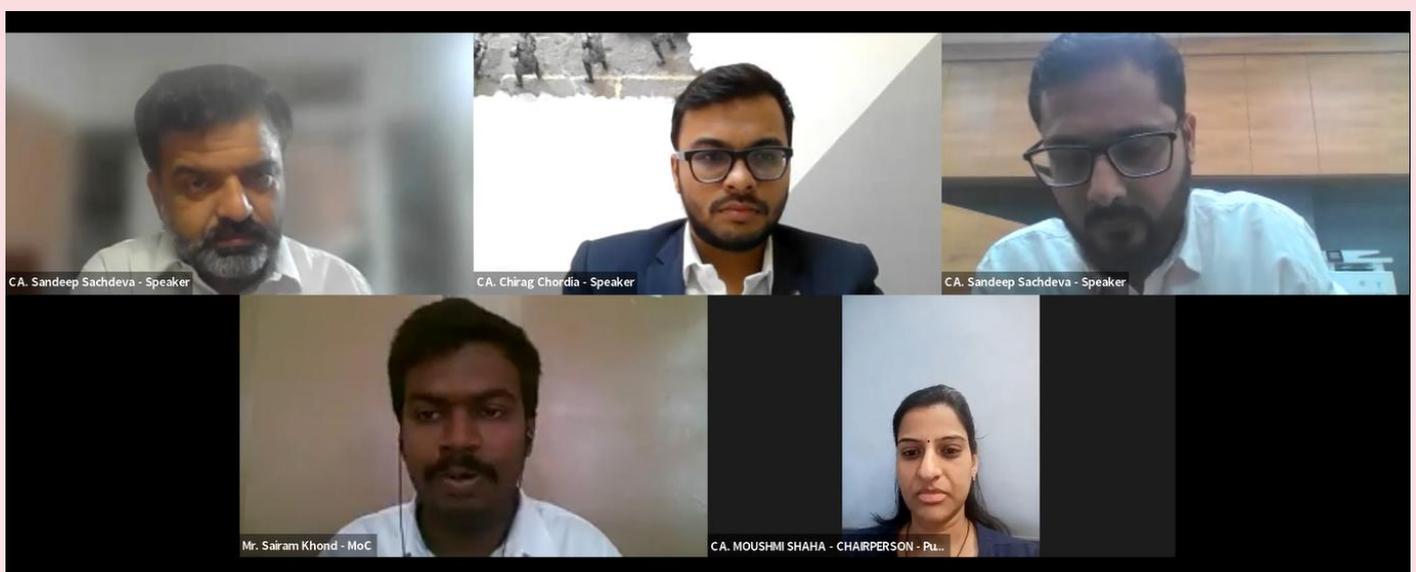
When people who desperately need help are left feeling like this, it's no wonder so many lives lost because of it. That is something we need to change. And I believe if we make more effort together to support and spread awareness of mental illness, stigma would diminish soon.

Thank you!

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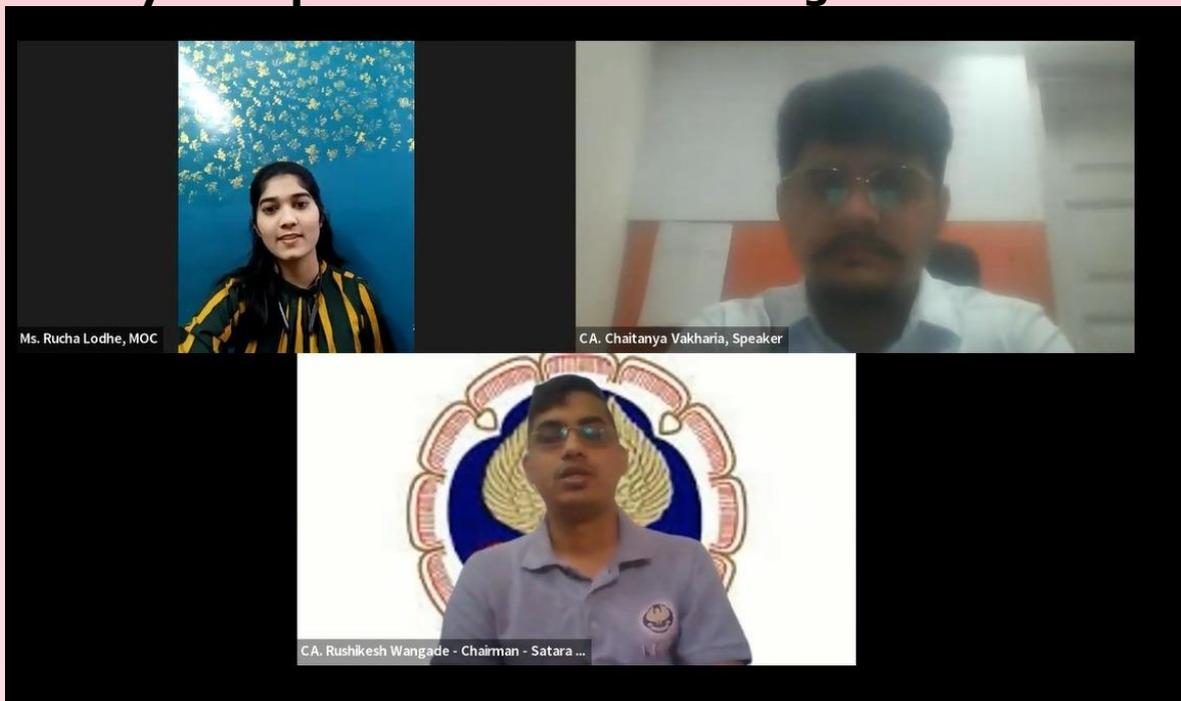


Webinar on Analysis of Union Budget 2023 for CA Students

Workshop on GST Compliance Training for Articles in CA Offices - Series I



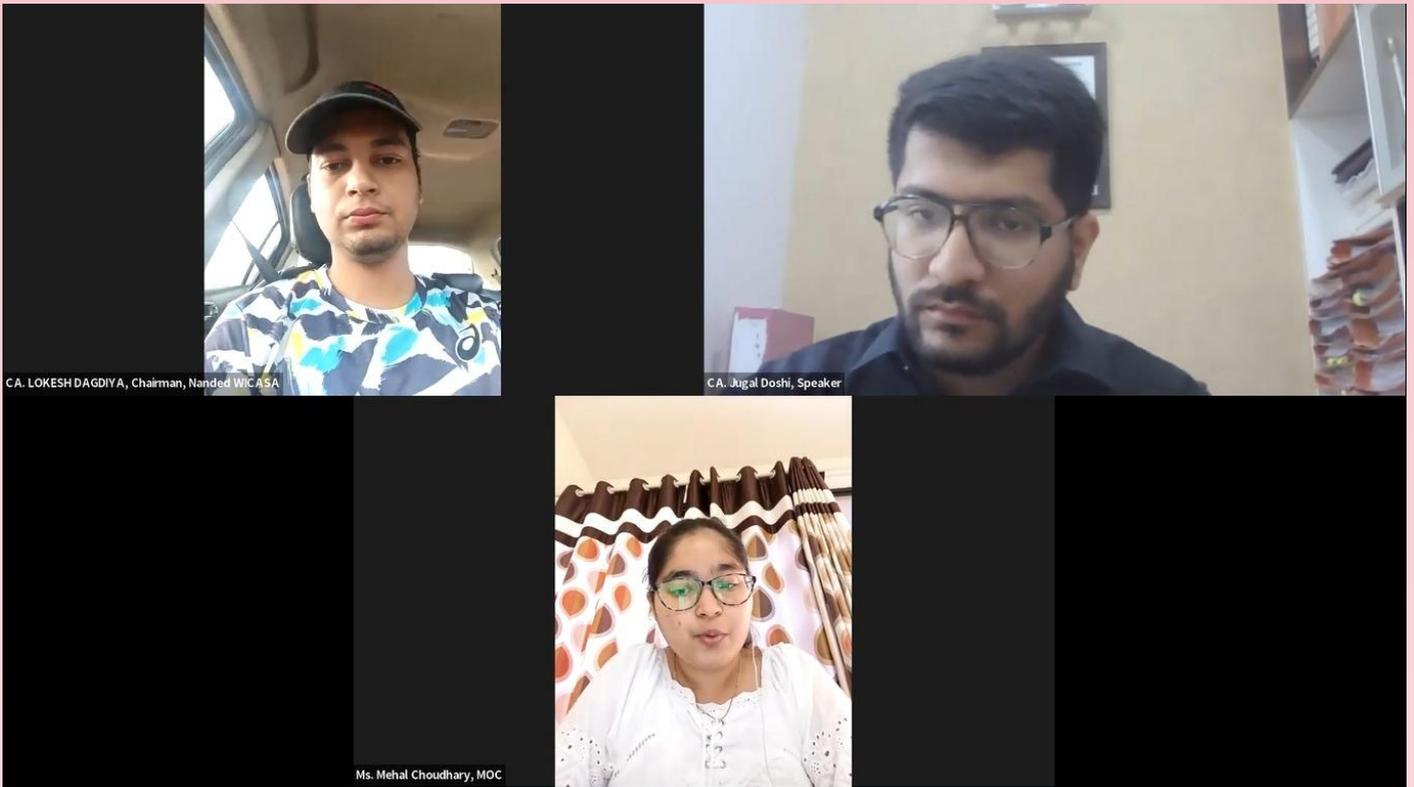
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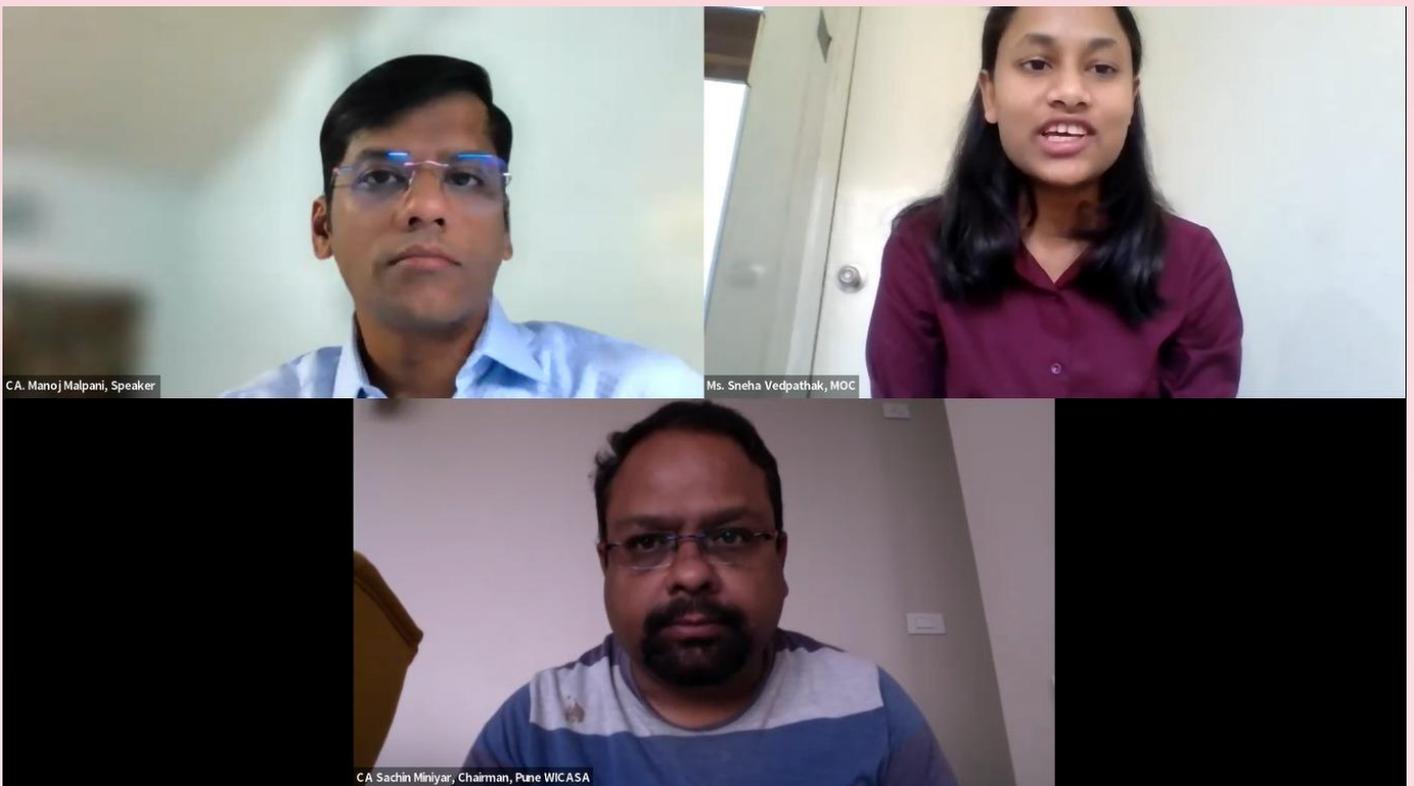
Day 2 - Reverse Charge Mechanism under GST



Day 3 - Supply including Exempt, Mix, Composite & Non-GST



Day 4 - Precaution & Pointers while filing GST returns



Day 5 - Study of financial statements from GST point of view- Balance-sheet, TB, Notes to accounts etc.