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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



CA Harshit Desai

Chairman, Anand Branch
of WIRC of ICAI

Dear Esteemed Members,

Warm greetings to each one of you.

Some months bring routine; others bring transformation. September 2026 belonged firmly to the latter — a month in which our profession paused to look ahead, to embrace change, and to discover the opportunity that always lies within it.

At the very heart of the month stood ANTARA — the Sub-Regional Conference 2026, held on 2nd and 3rd September at Waves Club, Vadodara. Organised by the Western India Regional Council of the ICAI and hosted by the Vadodara Branch, our Anand Branch was proud to stand among the eleven branches that jointly brought this landmark event to life.

ANTARA — 'Where Change Creates Opportunity' — was far more than a conference; it was a statement of intent. Across twelve hours of rich technical sessions, stalwarts of our profession spoke on everything from the Tax Audit & Form 3CD Masterclass and the future of trade and technology, to Tax AI 2.0, GST litigation strategy, and even the taxation of today's digital influencers. It was a vivid reminder that the Chartered Accountant of tomorrow is no longer merely a compliance professional, but a trusted advisor, a strategist, and a catalyst of growth.

What moved me most, however, was the spirit in the room. Hundreds of members came together not only to learn, but to connect, to exchange ideas, and to reaffirm a shared belief: that periods of transition are not threats to be feared, but foundations upon which the future is built.

Dear members, as this September reminded us, the future of our profession belongs to those who stay curious, remain agile, and lead with integrity. Change will keep coming — faster than ever before. Let us meet it, just as ANTARA taught us, not as a challenge to overcome, but as an opportunity to create, to contribute and to lead.

Together, let us keep learning. Together, let us keep leading the change.

With warm regards,
CA Harshit Desai
Chairman, ICAI Anand Branch (WIRC)

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Sub Regional Conference 2026

ANTARA

WHERE CHANGE CREATES OPPORTUNITY

At Waves Club, Vadodara

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Vadodara Branch

CPE 12 HOURS

2nd 3rd September 2026

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About the Theme

Every profession evolves and experiences change. But few professions stand at the center of change as consistently as Chartered Accountancy.

Businesses are transforming, technologies are advancing at an unprecedented pace, regulations are becoming increasingly dynamic and entirely new opportunities are emerging across industries and geographies. In this evolving landscape, Chartered Accountants are no longer seen merely as compliance professionals instead they are trusted advisors, strategic partners and catalysts of growth.

ANTARĀ embodies this transformative phase. It represents the journey from established practices to emerging opportunities, from adaptation to leadership and from responding to change to shaping it. It is a recognition that periods of transition often become the foundation for future growth and innovation.

Today's Chartered Accountant is expected to be more than a technical expert. The profession increasingly demands strategic thinking, technological awareness, global perspective, litigation preparedness, communication skills and the ability to build trust and influence in a rapidly changing environment. Whether it is leveraging Artificial Intelligence, navigating international taxation, addressing emerging business models, strengthening professional identity or responding to evolving legal and regulatory frameworks, success lies in the ability to adapt, anticipate and lead. These shifts are not isolated changes; they are part of a larger transformation that is redefining the profession itself.

ANTARĀ celebrates this spirit of embracing change and discovering opportunity within it. It encourages professionals to remain curious, agile and forward-looking, while continuing to uphold the values of integrity and excellence that define the profession.

As we come together to learn, engage and exchange ideas, ANTARĀ serves as a reminder that the future belongs to those who view change not as a challenge to overcome, but as an opportunity to create, contribute and lead.

ANTARĀ – Where Change Creates Opportunity.

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Conference Structure

Inaugural Session

Inauguration of the Conference and Interaction with Torch Bearers of WIRC

Day 1

September 2, 2026

8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

Registration
Networking & Breakfast

Technical Sessions



Tax Audit & Form 3CD Masterclass

Preparation, Presentation, Documentation, Critical Clauses, Common Errors and Professional Safeguards

CA. Ashok Mehta



Trade in Transition - From Tariffs to Technology

FDI, Digital Trade Laws and the Future of Global Agreements

CA. Sanjay Tolia



Tax AI 2.0

How AI Is Reshaping Compliance, Assessments and Enforcement

CA. Akhil Pachori

Mock GST Search under GST



CA. Manish Gadia



CA. Deepak Thakkar



CA. Sumit Jhunjhunwala



CA. Bishan Shah

Day 2

September 3, 2026

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Networking & Breakfast

Technical Sessions

Fake Invoices, Cancelled Registrations and ITC Denial



Judicial Developments and Notice-Handling Strategy under GST

CA. (Adv) Avinash Poddar

Visibility with Integrity



Smart Branding and Marketing Strategies for Professional Firms

Mr. Animesh Bhatt

Taxation of Charitable Trusts and Institutions



Registration, Exemption, Governance and Assessment Issues

CA. Manish Dafaria

From Followers to Financials

Panel Discussion on Decoding the Taxation of Influencers



CA. Sarthak Ahuja*



CA. Rahul Parikh



CA. Abhishek Anant (GstGuy)

* Subject to confirmation

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ANTARA
WHERE CHANGE CREATES OPPORTUNITY

I AM ATTENDING

A step towards staying current.
A step towards creating impact.



LEARN.
From the best.

NETWORK.
With the right minds.

GROW.
For a better tomorrow.

CA. HARSHIT DESAI

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