Dear Member,

The rupee has appreciated more than 8% against the dollar since January this year. It is fast gaining confidence and acceptance of the investors the world over. US based Inter American Development Bank raising rupee denominated debt and Dubai launching rupee dollar future contract are pointers to this phenomenon. However, the growing strength of rupee puts pressure on exporters.

India’s impressive development is gaining momentum day by day making India a trillion dollar economy. For dynamic professionals, it provides many opportunities both on and off the shore. To capitalise these opportunities, professionals need to constantly build professional skills, enhance knowledge-base and fast but not the least have wider horizons. This will enable them to deliver value to the users of their services.

Hectic time of the year for filing tax returns is round the corner. One who plans in advance, has methodical approach, uses appropriate technology, etc., will always have an edge over others in timely and efficiently accomplishing the job. One should also get acquainted with the new forms of Income Tax returns demanding detailed information and plan for gathering such information from the clients to avoid last minute hassles in filing returns.

The new Managing Committee of the Society will assume office from July 6, 2007. The transition process has begun. All the sub-committees have started formulating their annual plans for the ensuing year. The plan will lay down the broad roadmap of the activities to be pursued in the coming year. May we have your valued suggestions on the various new activities for preparing the annual plan?

My hearty congratulations to Mr. Anil Sathe for being elected as the vice-president of the Society for the year 2007-08 and I wish him a successful tenure ahead.

Finally, I thank each and every one of you for the support and guidance given to me in discharging my duties throughout my tenure as the vice president. I bid adieu.

With kind regards,

Rajesh Kothari

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**Lecture Meetings**

**Venue:** 4th floor, IMC, Churchgate, Mumbai-400020. (unless otherwise specified)

**Day & Date:** Wednesday, 27th June 2007

**Time:** 6.15 p.m.

**Speaker:** Kishor Karia, C.A.

**Subject:** Transactions in Immovable Property (incl. redevelopment with TDR, etc.) — Some Capital Gains issues

(This meeting is open to CA students also)

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**Day & Date:** Wednesday, 18th July 2007

**Time:** 6.15 p.m.

**Speaker:** Pradip Kapasi, C.A.

**Subject:** Current issues in Taxation of Shares & Securities (including Derivatives, Characterisation of income and Speculation Business)

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**Day & Date:** Wednesday, 8th August 2007

**Time:** 6.15 p.m.

**Speaker:** Mukund Chitale, C.A.

**Subject:** Accounting Standards as applicable to SMEs

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**Day & Date:** Wednesday, 22nd August 2007

**Time:** 6.15 p.m.

**Speaker:** T. Gunasekaran, Advocate

**Subject:** Recent Controversies in service tax

*Fellowship over a cup of tea at 5.45 p.m.

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**Founding Day Celebration**

The Founding Day of the BCAS will be celebrated on Friday, 6th July 2007 at the Senate Banquet Hall, behind Status Restaurant, Nariman Point, Mumbai from 6 p.m. onwards. The Founding Day lecture will be delivered by Shri Shailesh V. Haribhakti, CA who will speak on ‘FUTURE and the PROFESSION’.

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**Programmes**

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| Seminar on FEMA for Beginners | 13, 14-7-2007 | M. C. Ghia Hall, Rampart Row, Kala Ghoda, Mumbai-400023 | 5 |
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☞ Hoped and hoped that you would get the snapshots of the Finance Bill proposals on your desk within a couple of days after the Budget Publications of the Society are released?

Well, we have good news for you — all these issues are now going to be resolved very soon . . . . . .

Keeping in view the long standing demand of members, we are pleased to inform you that with immediate effect, we have started an Imprest system for our members to order the BCAS publications. All members, journal subscribers and students can take advantage of this scheme. We have kept this scheme open for non members also.

The modalities of the scheme are as under:

☞ Rs.2500 to be kept with us as an Imprest cash in your account till you desire. There is no validity period for the same. (In case of non-member, Rs.250 extra to be paid for account handling charges.)

☞ The base level would be Rs.250, which needs to be replenished again to Rs.2500 by the person opting for the scheme.

☞ Any publication, conference papers or CDs costing less than Rs.250 would be sent to you as soon as they are published. This would also include one set of English edition of the Budget Publication (a set of 5 books).

☞ For outstation members, the requisite amount of postage would also be adjusted from the said imprest account.

☞ For subscribers to the scheme in Mumbai, we need to be intimated in advance about the mode of delivery of the said publication. It can be sent either by courier (whereby the courier charges would also be adjusted from the imprest account) or it could be collected by your representative from the BCAS office. In case you opt for the latter option, then the delivery of the publication must be effected within 15 days of the receipt of the mail notifying the release of the publication, failing which, we would courier the publication to you, and debit the charges to your account.

☞ For premium publications like BCAS Calendars, Referencer, and other topic-specific publications, we would send an email to all the subscribers and would send these publications only on receipt of intimation from the subscriber. An email needs to be sent to asst.km@bcasonline.org specifying the relevant details, such as quantity and the type of publication, etc. (e.g., in the case of the Referencer — whether Premium, Refill or Super Saver)

☞ An intimation showing the account balance would also be sent to the subscriber every time along with the publication.

☞ For exit options, if a subscriber intends to exit within six months of joining the scheme, then an exit load of Rs.100 would be deducted and the balance would be returned to him/her. In other cases, the entire balance would be returned without any exit load, upon receipt of the exit intimation.

So, what are you waiting for? Pick up your chequebooks, sign a cheque for Rs.2500 and send it to us at the BCAS office and relax . . . .

Please mention your option of whether the publication needs to be sent by courier or not, while sending the payment.

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The BCAS Clinics

Right to Information Clinic

BCAS Foundation conducts the Right to Information Clinic. The Right to Information Clinic (RTI Clinic) is headed by Mrs. Hema Sampat, a research scholar on the subject of RTI. The Clinic has two RTI activists, Mr. Kewal Semlani and Mr. Shailesh Gandhi, as advisors. Mr. A. K. Asher, Advocate, also assists in the working of the Clinic.

The Clinic provides help and guidance to BCAS members as also to non-members, i.e., all citizens, for making applications under the RTI Act and also assists in resolving any related difficulties on the subject of RTI.

The Clinic will operate from BCAS office — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The RTI Clinic days are 23rd June 2007; 14th, 21st and 28th July 2007 (all Saturdays)

Charitable Trust Clinic

The next Charitable Trust Clinic will be held on Friday, 13th July 2007, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the library room of BCA Society at New Marine Lines.

Chartered Accountants and Trustees interested in having their queries solved are requested to call the Society’s office (Mrs. Mistry on extn. 20) and obtain a prior appointment, latest by noon on the day of the Clinic. Querists are also advised to bring along relevant papers like trust deed, audited accounts, etc.

Panel of Advisors:

Ratanshaw Damanwala,
Shariq Contractor,
Gautam Nayak,
Anil Sathe and Atul Shah

Accounts & Audit Clinic

The next Accounts & Audit Clinic will be held on Saturday, 7th July 2007, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the library room of BCA Society at New Marine Lines.

Persons interested in having their queries pertaining to accounting and auditing issues are requested to send the queries by email to em@bcasonline.org one week in advance and call the Society’s office (Ms. Pratibha on extension 13) to obtain a prior appointment, a day before the day of the Clinic. Please note that the Society will not answer any queries pertaining to tax issues.

Panel of Advisors:

Sanjeev Pandit,
Himanshu Kishnadwala and
Jayesh Gandhi

Founding Day Function and Annual General Meeting

On Friday the 6th July 2007, Founding Day Function will begin immediately after the 58th Annual General Meeting which will be held at 4.30 p.m. at Senate Banquet Hall, behind Status Restaurant, Nariman Point, Mumbai.

The following business will be transacted at the abovesaid 58th Annual General Meeting:
1. To adopt the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6th July 2006.
2. To receive and adopt the report of the Managing Committee.
3. To receive and adopt the audited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2007.
4. To announce the results of the election of President, Vice-President, two Joint Secretaries, Treasurer and eight members of the Managing Committee.
5. To appoint Auditors for the year 2007-08.
6. To present the annual plan for the ensuing year.

Naushad Panjwani
Pradip Thanawala
Hon. Secretaries

NEW RETURN FORMS

Government has brought out new Income-tax Return Forms recently. A large number of issues/difficulties relating to the same have already been brought to our notice by some members. You are requested to urgently intimate to the BCAS at km@bcasonline.org if you have encountered any difficulty/problem while filling in any of the new ITR forms. Please mark a copy to asst.km@bcasonline.org to enable BCAS to make a comprehensive representation to the CBDT in the matter.

BCAS Opinion Poll

Cast your vote and help us in mobilising the opinion of our members, so that the same can be conveyed to the authorities in a strong voice.

This month’s poll:

Do you feel there is a need for BCAS to launch E-Learning Programmes?

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To cast your vote, log on to www.bcasonline.org

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Kanu Chokshi Chairman,
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Strategic Studies Committee of BCAS
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Workshop on ‘Property & You’

It’s that time of the year again — the eagerly awaited 4 Series Workshop on Allied Laws is back!! This year we, at Allied Laws Committee of the Chamber of Income-tax Consultants and Indirect Taxes & Other Laws Committee of the Bombay Chartered Accountants’ Society thought why not have an innovative workshop which not only covers property but also impacts individuals personally. The workshop would deal with various important subjects relating to property transactions, both movable and immovable, which would enable members to provide greater value-added services to their clients and also benefit them at personal level. If you feel that many of these topics would be less relevant for tax practitioners, then friends, think again! As providers of holistic services, we cannot afford to ignore these important but less discussed topics which more often than not pose roadblocks to several transactions.


Time: 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Venue: Gulmohar Conference Room, BCAS Office

Fees: Consolidated fee of Rs.750 for all 4 workshops (inclusive of course material, light refreshments, and contribution of Rs.20 towards BCAS Foundation).

Transfer of Property Act

— Important Provisions

A practical look at some of the vital but complex provisions — What is property, Who can transfer, What restrictions can be put on a transfer, Till how many years can property by transferred, Can property be transferred to an unborn, Rule against perpetuity, etc.

Parimal Shroff, Advocate

Minors

Law relating to Minors, Hindu Minority Act, Minors concept under Contract Act — Principle, Case Laws, Adoption by Hindus, etc.

Mahesh Shah, Advocate

Hindu Law

Hindu Succession Act including the recent amendments, Law relating to HUFs, Formation, Partition, Investment by HUFs, Maintenance of Wife, etc.

Vipul Joshi, Advocate

Law relating to Gifts

Transfer of Property Act, Company Law, Hindu Law, Stamp Duty, Income-tax.

Anup Shah, CA

Additional sale counter at Bandra for BCAS publications

We are happy to announce that BCAS publications will now be available for sale also at

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Always been reading this newsletter and wondered what went into making it?

BCAS publications are a fantastic source of information and reference material. Would you like to be associated with the publications?

Our updated website has around 1000 hits a day now. Would you like to be a part of the team that updates it?

If the above job profile entices you, then you are fit to be what we at BCAS are looking for... a Knowledge Manager.

BCAS is recognised today as one of the premier depositories of knowledge in the country, so far as Chartered Accountants are concerned.

The various programmes, publications, web-pages and the journal of BCAS generate a wealth of data and information which is priceless, and sought by professionals all over India. We need somebody to help us manage it.

You should be an academician (preferably a Chartered Accountant), eager to learn new things and to grow professionally. Working knowledge of computers is essential.

Besides co-ordinating matters relating to the journal, website and publications, the work profile would include co-ordination and management of matters relating to our library and relating to preparation of course material for various seminars, conferences and study circles. You would need to interact with professionals of different age profiles, and to also co-ordinate with various committee members and faculty.

If you feel that you fit the job requirement, please apply to Col. Raje, our General Manager, by emailing him at gm@bcasonline.org or send your CV to him at the Society’s office.

FEEDBACK INVITED

BCAS invites members to give their views on the possibility of BCAS conducting e-learning programmes in the near future. Please give your opinion to us by accessing the Opinion Poll on www.bcasonline.org. For details, refer to page 3 of this newsletter. Your views are important to us and we always look forward to constructive suggestions.

Public money ought to be touched with the most scrupulous conscientiousness of honour. It is not the produce of riches only, but of the hard earnings of labour and poverty. It is drawn even from the bitterness of want and misery. Not a beggar passes, or perishes in the streets, whose mite is not in that mass.

— Thomas Paine
PE II & FINAL C.A. STUDENTS’ EDUCATION CRASH COURSES

(Jointly with W.I.R.C. of I.C.A.I.)

For November 2007 & May 2008 Examinations

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3. Fees: Rs.1000 per student for P.E.II or Final (Total, and not per Subject, including cost of Study Materials)

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Notes:

1. Please send the above form along with cash/cheque/draft drawn in favour of “BOMBAY CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS’ SOCIETY”, to the Society’s office, at the address mentioned above.

2. We propose to have multifarious activities like Elocution Competition, Public Speaking, Self-Development Education Courses, Orientation Courses, etc. for interested students.

3. Members are requested to keep the proforma of this sheet and send the same duly filled in by new articled trainee after his/her enrolment in their office.
Regularly, when a transaction occurs and on a monthly basis, to their issues, Banks are advised to issue ACU Dollar account statements.


This circular advises Banks to issue ACU Dollar account statements regularly, when a transaction occurs and on a monthly basis, to their foreign counterparts to avoid reconciliation problems.


Presently, the terms and conditions as applicable to Non-Resident (External) Rupee (NRE) accounts in respect of joint accounts, repatriation of funds, opening account during temporary visits, operation by power of attorney, loans/overdrafts against security of funds held in the account, apply mutatis mutandis to Foreign Currency (Non-Resident) Account (Banks) (FCNR (B) accounts).

This circular permits remittance of maturity proceeds of FCNR (B) deposits to third parties outside India if the remittance is specifically authorised by the account holder and the authorised dealer is satisfied about the bona fides of the transaction.

A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 58, dated May 18, 2007

Presently, different time periods are stipulated for surrender of foreign exchange received by/realised by/unspent with/unused with a resident individual to an authorised dealer.

This circular prescribes a uniform date for surrender of such foreign exchange. Accordingly, an individual resident in India can surrender foreign exchange that is received/realised/unspent with/unused with a resident individual to an authorised dealer.


This circular grants permission to Navratna Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to invest in unincorporated entities in oil sector abroad.

This circular grants permission to Navratna PSUs to invest in unincorporated entities in the oil sector (i.e. for exploration and drilling for oil and natural gas, etc.) abroad under the automatic route, provided the investment proposal is approved by the appropriate competent authority (i.e. Empowered Committee of Secretaries and the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs) and is duly supported by a certified copy of the Board Resolution approving such investment.

A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 60 dated May 21, 2007

This circular has modified with immediate effect the ECB policy as under, both for the automatic route as well as the approval route:

1. **End-use**: Presently, utilisation of ECB proceeds is not permitted in real estate. However, the term ‘real estate’ excludes development of integrated township as defined by Press Note 3 (2002 Series) dated January 4, 2002. This circular withdraws the exemption granted to the ‘development of integrated township’ as a permissible end-use of ECB.

Hence, utilisation of ECB proceeds is not permissible in real estate, without any exemption.
2. All-in-cost ceilings: The all-in-cost ceilings for ECB are modified as follows:

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A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 61, dated May 24, 2007
Payment towards Cash Calls for the purpose of oil exploration in India
Presently, payment of Cash Calls to the Operator by members of the consortium as per production sharing agreement requires prior approval of RBI.

This circular does away with the requirement of obtaining prior approval of RBI. Subject to satisfaction of certain terms and conditions Cash Calls can be paid to the Operator for the purpose of oil exploration in India without obtaining prior approval of RBI either by:

(a) Credit to the foreign currency account of the Operator.
(b) Credit to the rupee account of the Operator.
(c) Remittance overseas.

Opening of Escrow/Special Accounts by Non-Resident Corporates for open offers/delisting/exit offers
Presently, opening of Escrow account and Special account by non-resident acquirers for transfer of shares/convertible debentures of an Indian company through open offer/delisting/exit offer in accordance with SEBI Regulations requires prior approval of RBI.

This circular does away with the requirement of obtaining prior approval of RBI. Subject to satisfaction of certain terms and conditions non-resident acquirers can now open Escrow account and Special account with a Bank in India for transfer of shares/convertible debentures of an Indian company through open offer/delisting/exit offer without obtaining prior approval of RBI.

Import of equipments by BPO Companies in India for International Call Centre
This circular grants permission to BPO companies in India to directly approach AD Category-I banks to make remittances towards the cost of equipment to be imported and installed at their overseas sites. The BPO company should have obtained necessary approval from the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Government of India and other concerned authorities for setting up the International Call Centre. Banks must make remittance directly to the account of the overseas supplier, which should be strictly in accordance with the terms of the contract. Banks should exercise their commercial judgement before making remittances, verify the bona fides of the transaction and also obtain a certificate either from the CEO or auditor of the importer as evidence of import.

A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 64, dated May 25, 2007
Foreign Exchange Management (Deposit) Regulations, 2000 — Operation of NRO account by Power of Attorney Holder
This circular grants permission to a resident Power of Attorney holder to operate the NRO bank account of a non-resident account holder. The resident Power of Attorney holder can however undertake only the following transactions:

1. All local payments in rupees including payments for eligible investments subject to compliance with relevant regulations.
2. Remittance outside India of current income in India of the non-resident, net of applicable taxes.

The resident Power of Attorney holder cannot undertake the following transactions:

1. Remittance of funds outside India to the account of any person other than the non-resident account holder.
2. Payment by way of gift to a resident on behalf of the non-resident account holder.
3. Transfer of funds to another NRO account.

Remittance of winding up of companies
Presently, remittance outside India of assets of an Indian company under liquidation requires prior approval of RBI.

This circular permits AD Category-I banks to make remittance, subject to satisfaction of certain terms and conditions, out of assets of the Indian company under liquidation under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956.

Risk Management and Inter-bank Dealings — Commodity Hedging
This circular has further liberalised the provisions of Regulation 6 of Notification No. FEMA 25/RB-2000 dated May 3, 2000 and A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 03 dated July 23, 2005 in respect of the following for certain domestic users:

1. Commodity Hedging for Domestic Transactions — Select Metals

Persons who are exposed to systemic price risk, but are not covered by the above can approach RBI through their banks for similar permission.

A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 67 dated June 1, 2007
Deferred payment Protocols dated April 30, 1981 and December 23, 1985 between Government of India and erstwhile USSR
The rupee value of the special currency basket has been fixed, with effect from April 19, 2007, at Rs.56.8292 as against the present value of Rs. 58.6627.
A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 68, dated June 1, 2007

Overseas Direct Investment — Rationalisation of Forms

Presently, different application forms are to be used for direct investment in an overseas Joint Venture (JV)/Wholly Owned Subsidiary (WOS), viz. ODA — for investment under the automatic route, ODI — for investment under the approval route and ODB — for issue of ADR/GDR on back to back basis. Also, reporting of remittances is done in either of these two forms, viz. ODR — for remittances made of overseas direct investments and ODG — for overseas acquisitions made under ADR/GDR Stock Swap Scheme. Over and above this, Annual Performance reporting on the functioning of the JV/WOS has to be done in Form APR.

Annexed to this circular is a new consolidated Form ODI. Apart from consolidating all the above forms this new Form ODI also includes a section for reporting Closure/Disinvestment/Winding Up/Voluntary Liquidation of the overseas JV/WOS under general permission. This new form has come into effect from June 1, 2007. It comprises four parts:

Part I — Which includes the following:
- Section A — Details of the Indian Party
- Section B — Details of Investment in New Project
- Section C — Details of Investment in Existing Project
- Section D — Funding for JV/WOS
- Section E — Declaration by the Indian Party
- Section F — Certificate by the Statutory Auditors of the Indian Party

Part II — Reporting of Remittances

Part III — Annual Performance Report (APR)

Part IV — Report on Closure/Disinvestment/Voluntary Liquidation/Winding up of JV/WOS.


Exim Bank’s Line of Credit (LOC) of USD 8 million to the Government of Seychelles

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A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 70 dated June 7, 2007

Deferred payment Protocols dated April 30, 1981 and December 23, 1985 between Government of India and erstwhile USSR

The rupee value of the special currency basket has been fixed, with effect from May 3, 2007, at Rs.54.9580 as against the present value of Rs.56.8292.


Data on Project Finance

In order to facilitate compilation of consolidated data on project export contracts/supply contracts on deferred payments on an all India basis, this circular advises banks to send a copy of post award approvals accorded by them for project export contracts/supply contracts on deferred payment basis to the Export-Import Bank of India, Centre-I, 21st floor, World Trade Centre Complex, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai-400005.

Second thoughts . . .

A young man, a student in one of the universities, was one day taking a walk with a professor, who was commonly called the student’s friend for his kindness to those who waited on his instructions.

As they went along, they saw lying in the path a pair of old shoes, which were supposed to belong to a poor man who was working in a field close by, and who had nearly finished his day’s work . . .

Student turned to the professor, saying: “Let us play the man a trick: we will hide his shoes, and hide ourselves behind those bushes, and wait to see his perplexity when he cannot find them . . .”

“My young friend,” answered the professor, “We should never amuse ourselves at the expense of the poor . . . But you are rich, and may give yourself a much greater pleasure by means of this poor man. Put a coin in each shoe, and then we will hide ourselves and watch how this affects him.”

The student did so and they both placed themselves behind the bushes close by. The poor man soon finished his work, and came across the field to the path where he had left his coat and shoes . . .

While putting on his coat he slipped his foot into one of his shoes, but feeling something hard, he stooped down to feel what it was, and found the coin. Astonishment and wonder were seen upon his countenance. He gazed upon the coin, turned it around, and looked at it again and again.

He then looked around him on all sides, but no person was to be seen. He now put the money into his pocket, and proceeded to put on the other shoe; but his surprise was doubled on finding the other coin . . .

His feelings overcame him . . . he fell upon his knees, looked up to heaven and uttered aloud a fervent thanksgiving in which he spoke of his wife, sick and helpless, and his children without bread, whom this timely bounty, from some unknown hand, would save from perishing . . .

The student stood there deeply affected, and his eyes filled with tears. “Now,” said the professor, are you not much better pleased than if you had played your intended trick?”

The youth replied, “You have taught me a lesson which I will never forget: . . . I feel now the truth of these words, which I never understood before: “It’s more blessed to give than to receive.”

If you want happiness....
For an hour — take a nap
For a day — go fishing
For a month — get married
For a year — inherit a fortune
For many years — love someone
For a lifetime — help someone . . .

Source: Internet Mindspeak
BCAS Study Circles for 2007

All members may be already aware that the extension given this year to all the Study Circles is getting over in March 2007.

As most of you know that, the concept of Study Circle was initiated by BCAS. Our visionaries thought of getting together, members with interest in a particular subject, to analyse and discuss topics of relevance to professionals. Unlike other programmes, Study Circles are very interactive and enable members to share their views on the subject. Those of you who have been members of these Study Circles in the past have experienced the joys and the treasure of knowledge and invaluable contacts that these Study Circles bring in to your professional lives.

BCAS announces the formation of Study Circles for the financial year 2007-08.

Members desirous of sharing and gaining knowledge are invited to join the Study Circles. This year onwards, the fees for all the Study Circles have been kept at a uniform rate of Rs.300 for the year.

The details of the Study Circles are given alongside:

Notes:
1. Fees include Rs.20 as contribution to BCAS Foundation.
2. Venue: Generally, all Study Circle meetings would be held at the Conference Rooms at BCAS. In exceptional cases, at other venues.
3. Enrolment to the Study Circles is open to all members.
4. It will be our endeavour to hold 6 to 10 meetings of each Study Circle in a year.

Enrolment Form

Study Subject Tick whichever applicable

I. Direct Tax Laws
II. Indirect Tax Laws
III. Company Law, Auditing and Accounting
IV. FEMA
V. Economic & Allied Laws
VI. Computers
VII. Human Resource Development
VIII. Internal Audit Studies

Combined Enrolment Form

Seminar:
FEMA for Beginners 13,14-7-2007 Rs.1020
COURSE:
Imrest System for Publications Rs.2500 for members Rs.2750 for non-members

Workshop:
Workshop on 'Property & You' 29-6-2007 5,13,20-7-2007 Rs.750

Please fill in the above form appropriately and send the same to the Society’s office along with the requisite payment. Please mention your name and membership number on the reverse side of the local cheque/at par cheque/Demand Draft.