



MSME & Startup Updates Quarterly e-Newsletter



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CA. Gyan Chandra Misra

Chairman

Committee on MSME & Startup, ICAI

Dear Members and Stakeholders,

It gives me immense pleasure to present another edition of our Quarterly Newsletter, showcasing our continued commitment to strengthening India's MSME and Startup ecosystem. Guided by our vision of knowledge sharing, capacity building, and stakeholder collaboration, we remain dedicated to reinforcing the role of Chartered Accountants as trusted business advisors and catalysts of economic transformation.

The past quarter was marked by critical strategic initiatives, most notably the '**MSME Manthan Meet 2026**' held on May 8th-9th in Shimla. This prestigious summit featured a virtual keynote address by the **Hon'ble Union Minister of MSME, Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi**, who commended ICAI's vital role in strengthening the MSME ecosystem. Against the serene backdrop of Shimla, key leadership and institutional stakeholders engaged in intensive brainstorming sessions to streamline compliance mechanisms, enhance outreach efficiency, and map out a robust roadmap for empowering micro and small enterprises nationwide.

Expanding its strategic outreach, the Committee successfully organized two **All India MSME Associations Meets** this past quarter in April and June. This dual initiative served as a powerful platform to unite diverse industry bodies, ensuring aligned expectations, deeper operational synergy, and a robust, co-created ecosystem for small businesses nationwide.



CA. Sanjay Kumar Agarwal

Vice-Chairman

Committee on MSME & Startup, ICAI

Dear Members and Colleagues,

The latest edition of the ICAI MSME & Startup Committee's Quarterly Newsletter highlights a highly impactful three months. The Committee has actively driven numerous initiatives designed to empower the MSME and startup sectors through deep stakeholder engagement, knowledge dissemination, and strategic professional collaboration.

A major highlight of this quarter was the **ICAI ScaleUp India Summit 2026**, organized on **26th- 27th June, 2026** with the support of the **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, National Small Industries Corporation, Laghu Udyog Bharati, All India Association of Industries, NSE, i-Hub, CAIT, AIAI, FICCI FLO, SIDBI**, leading banks, and other ecosystem partners. Over two days, the summit brought together policymakers, industry leaders, investors, Chartered Accountants, entrepreneurs, startups, and representatives from leading financial institutions, including NABARD, Bank of India, NaBFID, Bank of Baroda, NKGSB Co-operative Bank, T-Hub, i-Hub, and NSE, to exchange ideas and discuss opportunities for strengthening India's MSME and startup ecosystem.

Following up on the summit's success, the ICAI MSME Mahotsav 2026 took these efforts to the **community level** by engaging ICAI branches



Message from the Chairman

Another remarkable milestone was **ICAI ScaleUp India Summit 2026**, hosted at the Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai. Supported by the Ministry of MSME and key industry partners, this flagship event served as a powerful platform for over **1,500 delegates, 70+ speakers, and 40 exhibitors**, while **more than 100 startups** registered their participation. A major highlight was the **"Startup – ScaleUp Tank,"** which allowed promising startups to pitch directly to seasoned investors, reaffirming ICAI's leadership in building a future-ready entrepreneurial ecosystem.

We also witnessed the nationwide celebration of the **ICAI MSME Mahotsav 2026 on International MSME Day**. Actively supported by more than 130 ICAI branches, this initiative established dedicated MSME Helpdesks that provided real-time financial, regulatory, and compliance guidance. The Mahotsav featured an ambitious **Guinness World Records™** attempt to mobilize the CA fraternity for the largest coordinated financial advisory initiative for MSMEs, demonstrating our collective commitment to economic empowerment.

Additionally, the **SME Fund Raising Conclave at Indore** created vital awareness about diverse funding avenues, while our weekly **ICAI MSME Pathshala Series** maintained its focus on continuous professional development, equipping our members with the latest policy updates and emerging technologies.

Together, we will continue to build a resilient entrepreneurial ecosystem that supports the vision of Viksit Bharat. I sincerely appreciate the unwavering support of our members, branches, and stakeholders in making these initiatives a resounding success.



Message from the Vice-Chairman

across the country. Through this nationwide initiative, thousands of MSMEs received practical guidance, financial awareness, and professional support, helping businesses access the right resources, strengthen their operations, and move towards sustainable growth.

This quarter, we placed a strong emphasis on deepening collaboration across the entrepreneurial ecosystem through a series of high-impact engagements. We initiated these strategic efforts with the **SME Fundraising Conclave**, organized in collaboration with the SEBI, **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)** to demystify public market listings and open up equity financing for small enterprises. Building on this, the **MSME Manthan Meet 2026** was held in May for **Development & Facilitation Officers (DFO) of Ministry of MSME** convening key representatives from pivotal organizations-including Laghu Udyog Bharati, NSIC, and KVIC-to drive vital awareness around diverse funding avenues and government schemes. Maintaining this momentum, we organized two **All India MSME Associations Meets**, bringing together key stakeholders to deliberate on MSME pertinent issues and the impetus required to overcome structural challenges.

Through these milestone events, the Committee aimed to bring together stakeholders in MSME & Startup ecosystem to build stronger partnerships and promote coordinated efforts across the country to support the growth and development of small businesses. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our members, regional branches, and dedicated stakeholders. Your unwavering support and active participation remain the driving force behind our mission to fortify and elevate the MSME and startup ecosystem.

Initiatives of MSME & Start-up Committee, ICAI

The Committee has undertaken several significant activities during this quarter to enhance professional development and Knowledge sharing with in the MSME & Startup Ecosystem. These activities include the following:

ICAI ScaleUp India Summit 2026

The ICAI ScaleUp India Summit 2026, organized by the Committee for Capacity Building of MSME & Startup, was held on 26th and 27th June 2026 at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, in conjunction with International MSME Day. This flagship initiative of the Committee is being conducted as part of ICAI's nationwide movement to empower MSMEs and Startups through knowledge dissemination, professional handholding, and ecosystem collaboration, aligned with the Government of India's vision of 'Viksit Bharat'.

Key features of the Summit include:

1. 13 insightful panel discussions across two days, covering finance, policy, compliance, innovation, and emerging trends for MSMEs and Startups.
2. A dedicated exhibition area and 40+ table spaces for participating in MSMEs and Startups to showcase their innovations and business offerings.
3. The summit was supported by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, National Small Industries Corporation, Laghu Udyog Bharati and All India Association of Industries, NSE, i-Hub, CAIT, AIAI, FICCI FLO, SIDBI, Leading Banks and Ecosystem Partners.

The Summit has received a positive response from participants, industry leaders, and professionals, reinforcing ICAI's role in facilitating grassroots development and strengthening the CA profession's contribution to MSME growth. The summit saw 1500+ delegates & Visitors, 13+ sessions with 70+ speakers, 40+ exhibitors, and 83 startup pitches, 22 were shortlisted and 7 Startups were selected by the Sharks for Intent to Invest. The details are. It also provided on-the-spot mentoring through the ICAI MSME Helpdesk, reinforcing ICAI's commitment to MSME and Startup growth.

ICAI MSME Mahotsav 2026

As part of this nationwide drive, more than 130 ICAI branches organized Mahotsav at their respective premises. These local events provided hand-holding support MSMEs through dedicated helpdesks set up for grievance redressal and advisory assistance. The initiative brought together key stakeholders from the government, industry, and the professional community, ensuring direct support to MSMEs at the grassroots level and enhancing the visibility of small businesses within their communities.

Key Features:

1. More than 130 ICAI branches conducted Mahotsav events
2. MSMEs supported via dedicated helpdesks
3. Participation of ministers, MLAs, and senior officials across states

Eminent dignitaries graced the **MSME Mahotsav** events across the country, including **Shri Satish Sharma**, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Government of Jammu & Kashmir at the J&K Branch of NIRC; **Smt. Mukta Raja**, Hon'ble MLA from Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, at the Aligarh Branch of CIRC; **Shri P. K. Kunhalikutty**, Hon'ble Minister for Industries, IT and AI, Government of Kerala, at the Kozhikode Branch of SIRC; and **Shri Dr. Mahesh Sharma**, Hon'ble Member of the Lok Sabha, at the Gautam Budh Nagar Branch of CIRC.



All India MSME Associations Meet 2026

M SME & Startup Committee of the Institute successfully organised the first All India MSME Associations Meet 2026 in virtual mode on Wednesday, 1st April 2026 at 11:00 AM. The virtual meet was graced by the esteemed presence of Smt. Smriti Irani Ji, Former Union Minister, who honored the event with her valuable insights and guidance. In her address, Smt. Irani Ji placed on record the commendable initiatives undertaken by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India to support MSME and startup stakeholders. She acknowledged the pivotal role played by ICAI in fostering a more conducive environment for MSMEs through a series of targeted measures. The meeting witnessed active participation from senior representatives of key government and developmental institutions, including GeM (Government e-Marketplace), KVIC (Khadi and Village Industries Commission), NSIC (National Small Industries Corporation) along with leaders from various prominent MSME associations across the country. More than 100 MSMEs and industry stakeholders participated in the virtual meet, reflecting the strong engagement and collective commitment towards strengthening the MSME ecosystem in India.



Following the successful first All India MSME Associations Meet, the MSME & Startup Committee of the Institute also organised a second All India MSME Associations Meet on **15th June 2026 at 2:30 PM** as part of the outreach initiatives for the various initiatives of the Committee. The meeting served as a platform to engage MSMEs, startups, industry associations, professionals, and other ecosystem partners, encouraging their active participation in the forthcoming summit. Senior representatives from **Laghu Udyog Bharati** were also present physically and shared their valuable perspectives on strengthening collaboration between industry bodies and the professional fraternity for the growth of MSMEs and startups. During the session, participants were briefed about the objectives, key focus areas, and opportunities offered by the ICAI ScaleUp India Summit 2026, ICAI MSME Mahotsav 2026 and other initiatives, including discussions on startup innovation, MSME growth, funding, digital transformation, and policy support. The interactive meeting witnessed enthusiastic participation from stakeholders across the country, reinforcing ICAI's commitment to fostering collaboration, knowledge sharing, and sustainable growth within the MSME and startup ecosystem.

SME Fund Raising Conclave

The Committee organised the SME Fund Raising Conclave as a key initiative to facilitate access to finance and promote growth opportunities for MSMEs. The Conclave was held on 30th April 2026 at ICAI Bhawan, Indore. This initiative was jointly organised by Securities and Exchange Board of India, BSE and AIBI. The programme was graced by Mr. Rajesh Dangeti, Chief General Manager, SEBI, as the Chief Guest, who shared valuable insights on capital market access and regulatory perspectives for MSMEs. The Conclave aims to create awareness among MSMEs and professionals regarding various fund-raising avenues, including SME IPOs, private equity, venture capital, and debt financing mechanisms.

The event witness participation from approximately 150 Chartered Accountants, MSME entrepreneurs, and other stakeholders, and provides a platform for meaningful interaction with market experts and institutions. The deliberations focused on enabling MSMEs to explore structured financing options, enhancing their financial preparedness, and encouraging their transition towards formal capital markets.



ICAI-DFO Stakeholders Residential Meet – MSME Manthan Meet 2026

The Committee successfully organised ICAI-DFO-Stakeholders Residential Meet – “MSME Manthan Meet 2026” at Shimla on 7-8 May 2026. Approx 70 Development & facilitation officers of Ministry of MSME, eminent speakers and key stakeholders of MSME ecosystem viz KVIC, NSIC and Laghu Udyog Bharati attended the meet. The event was a high-level convergence of policy and practice that has further cemented ICAI’s position as a Partner in Nation Building.

The event gained immense prestige with the virtual recorded address by the Hon’ble Union Minister of MSME, Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi. Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi ji acknowledged the role and complimented ICAI in fostering the growth of MSME sector in India and congratulated the Institute in conceptualizing the said residential meet. His address to the ICAI, along with senior Ministry officials, underscores the trust the Government of India places in the Institute to lead the national dialogue on MSME growth.



ICAI MSME Pathshala Series- Capacity Building Through Knowledge Sessions

ICAI MSME Pathshala Series has been conducted every Friday as part of a sustained effort to build capacity and enhance member engagement in the MSME and Startup ecosystem. The series is designed to equip Chartered Accountants and professionals with in-depth knowledge of MSME policies, compliance, sectoral opportunities, and regional schemes. It serves as a continuous learning platform to empower CAs to become effective growth partners for MSMEs across India. The weekly webinars have ensured consistent knowledge dissemination and have received encouraging participation from members across the country.

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Webinar on MSME Pathshala Series 3.0

Topic: Mastering Fundraising - A strategic capability

10th April 2026 Friday **From 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

Duration of Session(s) - 2 Hours

Speakers:
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 CA. Sonia Purswani (Member, MSME & Startup Committee, ICAI)

2 CPE Hours Unstructured

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Webinar on THE FOUR CAPITALS OF EVERY BUSINESS

DATE: 15 June 2026 **TIME:** 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM **EVENT VENUE:** VIRTUALLY **CPE CREDIT:** 2 CPE HOURS **DURATION:** 2 HOURS

Speakers:
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UPCOMING EVENT: Join ICAI Scaling India Summit 2026 on 26-27 June @ Jio Convention Centre BKC, Mumbai. Earn 12 CPE. Mrs. learn, network & grow with experts. <https://live.icai.org/msme/05062026>



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