



# NEWSLETTER



75<sup>th</sup> year  
**CA DAY**  
1<sup>st</sup> July 2023





## Preface

It is our pleasure to present the latest edition of the ICAI newsletter. This newsletter is designed to keep our members up-to-date on the latest news, developments, and events within the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

In this newsletter, you will find a range of articles, news items, and updates from various departments and committees within ICAI. We have endeavored to provide a diverse range of content that will be of interest and relevance to our members, including updates on professional standards, regulatory changes, and the latest trends and best practices in the field of accountancy. We hope that this newsletter will serve as a valuable resource for our members and help them to stay informed and engaged with the activities and initiatives of ICAI. We welcome feedback from our members and would be happy to hear from you if you have any suggestions or ideas for future editions of the newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the Institute's activities.

## Newsletter Editor



CA Neha Bafna



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**"SUCCESS IS NOT FINAL, FAILURE IS NOT FATAL: IT IS THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE THAT COUNTS."**



**CA SEEMA BAHETI**  
CHAIRPERSON

## Message From Chairperson

Dear members,

Greetings! I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. As we step into the month of July, I am delighted to share with you the successful events that have taken place in the past month and extend an invitation to an exciting upcoming event.

Looking ahead, I am excited to invite you all to the Sub-Regional Conference, which is scheduled to be held in Shegaon on the 25th and 26th of August. This conference promises to be a platform for enriching discussions, networking, and learning from experts in the field. It presents an excellent opportunity to expand our knowledge and horizons, exchange ideas, and foster new connections.

The Sub-Regional Conference will feature esteemed speakers, engaging panel discussions, and interactive workshops covering a wide range of topics relevant to our profession. It is a chance for us to come together, share our insights, and contribute to the growth and advancement of our field.

I encourage each and every one of you to mark your calendars and make plans to join us at the conference. Your presence and participation will undoubtedly enhance the experience and contribute to the success of the event.



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In the coming weeks, we will be sharing further details regarding the conference agenda, registration process, and accommodation options. Keep an eye on your inbox for updates and announcements.

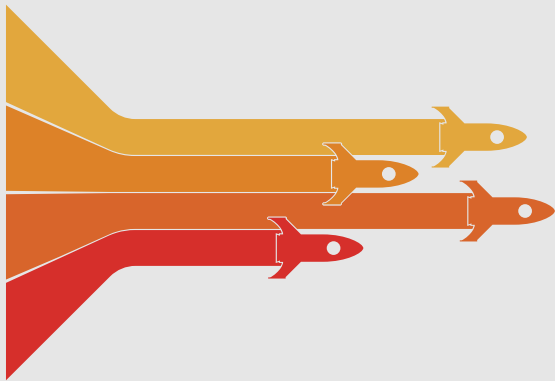
Once again, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your unwavering support and active involvement. Let us continue to work together to achieve new heights of success and excellence.

Wishing you a productive and fulfilling month ahead!

Warm regards



"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it."



**CA NAVIN KRIPLANI**  
EXECUTIVE MEMBER

## Message From EXECUTIVE MEMBER

Greetings for the Day....

Warm greetings to you all! As we step into the month of July, I am thrilled to share some exciting news and extend a special invitation to all of you. Your active participation has been instrumental in making our recent events a great success. In particular, I want to highlight the wonderful celebration of CA Day and the enlightening Tax Clinic that took place on 13th and 14th July.

Now, I am pleased to invite you to another enriching opportunity – the Sub-Regional Conference scheduled to be held in Shegaon on 25th and 26th August. This conference promises to be a hub of valuable insights, networking, and learning. It will bring together professionals from various corners, creating a unique platform to share experiences, gain knowledge, and expand our horizons. I urge each one of you to mark your calendars and make arrangements to join us at the conference. Your active participation will not only enrich your own professional journey but also contribute to the success of the event

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and commitment. Wishing you a productive and fulfilling month ahead!

Best Regards

# **BUSINESS RESPONSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORT** **A STEP TO MAINSTREAM ESG**



**CA PREMLATA DAGA SABOO**

## **BRIEF BACKGROUND**

Sustainability reporting is an overview of the company’s economic, environmental, and social impacts caused by everyday business operations and activities. Sustainability reporting has come to the mainstream of businesses because the stakeholders have started demanding business accountability for their social and environmental impacts as well. It ensures that the organisations consider their impacts on the sustainability issues and enables them to be transparent about the risk and opportunities they face. Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR) is an attempt to mainstream Economic, Social and Governance (ESG) Reporting in India.

ESG Reporting started in India a decade ago when Ministry of Corporate Affairs issued the Voluntary Guidelines on Corporate Social Responsibility. Since then, the ESG reporting has come a long way. Here is a quick look on the development so far.

<b>2011</b>	The National Voluntary Guidelines (NVGs) on Social, Environmental and Economic Responsibilities of Business released by the MCA
<b>2012</b>	SEBI mandates top 100 listed companies by market capitalization to file Business Responsibility Reports (BRR) based on NVGs
<b>2015</b>	SEBI extends BRR reporting to top 500 companies by market capitalization
<b>2019</b>	National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct (NGRBC) released.
<b>2020</b>	MCA Committee proposed format for BRSR Reporting.
<b>2021</b>	BRSR Format released for top 1000 Listed Companies by market capitalization



## APPLICABILITY:

From F.Y 2022-2023 BRSR reporting is mandatory for top 1000 listed companies (by market capitalization) while disclosure is voluntary for the F.Y 2021-2022.

Those listed entities which prepare and disclose sustainability reports (as part of annual report) based on internationally accepted reporting frameworks such as GRI, SASB, TCFD, Integrated Reporting, can cross-reference the disclosures made under such framework to the disclosures sought under the BRSR. Further, in case the data sought in the reporting format is already disclosed in the annual report, the listed entity can provide a cross-reference to the same. Thus, an entity need not disclose the same information twice in the annual report. However, the entity should specifically mention the page number of the annual report or sustainability report where the information sought under the BRSR format is disclosed as part of the report prepared based on internationally accepted reporting framework.

## REPORTING FORMATS

The BRSR reporting format is aimed to serve as a single source for all non-financial disclosures.

- 1) There are two versions of reporting format.
  - a) Comprehensive (For Top 1000 listed companies (by market valuation)
  - b) Lite Format (For listed companies (other than covered in point a) and unlisted companies)

Presently the reporting is mandatory for top 1000 listed companies but going forward it will be made applicable to unlisted companies as well based on certain criteria of turnover or capital as will be notified by MCA. Hence it is recommended that the small companies should also start the reporting with the lite version on voluntary basis.

## A] STRUCTURE OF THE BRSR COMPREHENSIVE REPORT FRAMEWORK

The BRSR has three sections and the purpose and structure of each of these three sections is given below:



## Section A: General Disclosure

The objective of this section is to obtain basic information about the company – size, location, products, number of employees, CSR activities, etc. The proposed formats include additional disclosures on proximity of a company's operations to environmentally sensitive sites such as protected areas, water-stressed zones, etc.

## Section B: Management and Process

In this section, the company is required to disclose information on policies and processes relating to the NGRBC Principles concerning leadership, governance, and stakeholder engagement. Wherever relevant, companies have been asked to provide links to their websites where these policies are available. The purpose of this section is to understand whether the company has the building blocks in place that will enable and ensure responsible business conduct. It reflects the belief that policies and processes are foundational in nature to ensuing action.

## Section C: Principle-Wise Performance Disclosure

Responses to Section C indicate how a company is performing in respect of each Principle and Core Element of the NGRBCs. This section requires companies to demonstrate their intent and commitment to responsible business conduct through actions and outcomes. The questions in this section have been divided into two categories: 1. Essential: Those that are mandatory for all companies. 2. Leadership: Those that are voluntary and which provide an opportunity for companies to present their impacts and outcomes. It is expected that in the next cycle of review, questions from the Leadership category would be moved to the Essential category and so companies should see this as a pathway to transitioning to a more comprehensive disclosures regime. Following are the 9 principles:

Principle 1: Businesses should conduct and govern themselves with integrity and in a manner that is ethical, transparent and accountable.

Principle 2: Businesses should provide goods and service in a manner that is sustainable and safe.

Principle 3: Businesses should respect and promote the well-being of all employees, including those in their value chains.



Principle 4: Businesses should respect the interests of and be responsive to all its stakeholders.

Principle 5: Businesses should respect and promote human rights.

Principle 6: Businesses should respect and make efforts to protect and restore the environment.

Principle 7: Businesses, when engaging in influencing public and regulatory policy, should do so in a manner that is responsible and transparent.

Principle 8: Businesses should promote inclusive growth and equitable development.

Principle 9: Businesses should engage with and provide value to their consumers in a responsible manner.

## B] STRUCTURE OF THE BRSR LITE REPORT FRAMEWORK

As presently only the top 500 listed companies have the experience of business responsibility reporting the organisations that are outside the list of 500 have absolutely no experience of reporting on non-financial factors and hence expecting them to report on the points covered in the comprehensive format will not be pragmatic. These companies are unfamiliar with any form of sustainability reporting hence in order to make them ready for the future committee proposed a second format called BRSR LITE. This again has the Essential and Leadership category of questions, but fewer in number, and seeks information which such companies should be able to provide. This version was made with the intention of having the MSME organisations to also be a part of the BRSR reporting.

## CONCLUSION

The growing salience of non-financial disclosures along with the annual financial disclosures ensures that businesses explicitly recognise their environmental and social responsibilities. The proposed BRSR formats provide a standard and consistent framework to capture their performance on globally recognised and locally relevant indicators. Value chain, labour welfare, and women's participation in economic activity – recognised as the three key pillars for inclusive development – are within the influence of companies and have been explicitly emphasised in the proposed BRSR formats. Sustainable production, with focus on raw material procurement, waste disposal, and recycling are recognised challenges and



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have been incorporated in to the BRSR. The NGRBC and its companion BRSR is a significant step to enable businesses in India to not just behave responsibly, but to also demonstrate to its stakeholders that it walks the talk. We can then proudly say “Make in India – Responsibly”.

Reference: Report of the Committee on Business Responsibility Reporting dated 8th May 2020.



# TAXATION OF CRYPTOCURRENCY TRANSACTIONS IN INDIA



CA. VIVEK SHAH

In recent years, the popularity of cryptocurrency has surged in India. As of March 2023, statistics indicate that there are approximately 1.5 crore crypto investors in the country. However, the taxation framework for crypto transactions is currently under development in India. The 2022-23 budget introduced several new tax measures for cryptocurrency transactions. These measures encompass a 30% capital gains tax on cryptocurrency, a 1% Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) on crypto transactions, and a Tax Collected at Source (TCS) on cryptocurrency exchanges. It's important to note that these so-called cryptocurrency exchanges lack recognition from any authoritative body and are not regulated by any governmental entity, including SEBI, RBI, or the Ministry of Finance.

The introduction of TCS on Indian crypto exchanges led to a surge in adoption of foreign crypto exchanges that weren't subject to the same rule. Understanding the taxation of cryptocurrency transactions in India begins with comprehending the definition of a Virtual Digital Asset (VDA). A VDA is defined as "a digital asset that is not considered to be legal tender, but is accepted by natural or legal persons as a medium of exchange, a unit of account, or a store of value, and can be transferred, stored or traded electronically." This encompasses various cryptocurrencies and digital assets, excluding those used for gambling or gaming.

## **Tax Treatment of Crypto Transactions:**

The tax treatment of capital gains from cryptocurrency falls under Section 115BBH of the Income Tax Act, 1961. This section stipulates that gains from transferring a VDA are subject to a special tax rate of 30%. This 30% tax rate applies to all capital gains from cryptocurrency, regardless of the holding period. There is no exemption limit for capital gains from cryptocurrency. Losses from the transfer of a VDA cannot be offset against income from other VDA transactions. The topic of setoff of losses of VDA against VDA profits has sparked considerable debate. When brought up in the Rajya Sabha, the Honourable Minister of State for Finance clarified that no losses can be set



against income from other VDA transactions. The topic of setoff of losses of VDA against VDA profits has sparked considerable debate. When brought up in the Rajya Sabha, the Honourable Minister of State for Finance clarified that no losses can be set off against profits. This means that inter-head and intra-head setoff of losses are not permitted by law.

Professional Chartered Accountants can leverage specialized software, such as [www.binocs.co](http://www.binocs.co)," to accurately account for crypto gains and corresponding tax liabilities. These reports can be easily incorporated into the current Income Tax Return forms, ensuring precise tax calculations. It's crucial to debunk the misconception among end-users that crypto profits are taxed similarly to equity shares. As professionals, it's our duty to rectify this perspective. Failure to accurately compute tax liabilities on crypto transactions may lead to interest and penalties as per the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

## **TDS and TCS Provisions for Cryptocurrency Transactions:**

In addition to the 30% tax on crypto gains, the Indian government introduced a 1% TDS and a 0.1% TCS on cryptocurrency transactions. The TDS provision applies to all Indian residents transacting in cryptos. The TDS rate is 1% of the received amount, which could increase to 20% if the transacting party's PAN is unavailable. For non-resident recipients, the TDS rate under Section 195 is 20%. The TCS provision applies to all Indian cryptocurrency exchanges, with a rate of 0.1% of the traded amount.

## **Implications of New Tax Provisions for Cryptocurrency Investors:**

The taxation landscape for cryptocurrency transactions in India continues to evolve. The new tax provisions introduced in the 2022-23 budget have far-reaching implications for cryptocurrency investors. Investors must diligently track their capital gains and losses from crypto transactions and pay a 30% tax on all gains. Additionally, investors must deduct TDS on crypto transactions, and cryptocurrency exchanges are required to collect TCS.

Several crypto traders with significant volumes have relocated outside India due to the absence of regulation, punitive tax policies, and lack of legal recognition of



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cryptocurrencies within the country. Contrastingly, many countries impose 0% tax on cryptocurrency gains and legally recognize cryptocurrencies. Despite the prevailing situation in India, Chartered Accountants (CAs) should always advise end-users to comply with local laws. Adherence to the law of the land, even if perceived as irrational, is paramount.



# ETHICAL STANDARDS BOARD

## Know your Ethics?

*ICAI ethics on a signboard, the principles of the ICAI Code of Ethics should guide the behavior and practices of chartered accountants in all professional and public interactions, including the display of information.*

*Here is a general guideline on how a chartered accountant may choose to display their professional affiliation and adherence to ICAI ethics on a signboard:*

- 1. Name and Designation: Your full name along with your professional designation "Chartered Accountant" can be prominently displayed on the signboard. This should indicate your affiliation with ICAI.*
- 2. ICAI Logo: If permissible by ICAI, you might include the official ICAI logo on your signboard. This logo signifies your membership and adherence to the institute's ethical and professional standards.*
- 3. Contact Information: Your contact details, such as phone number, email, and office address, should be displayed to help clients and potential clients reach you easily.*
- 4. Code of Ethics Statement: While not mandatory, you could include a brief statement that indicates your commitment to ICAI's Code of Ethics and professional standards. For example:*
- 5. "Committed to Professional Excellence and ICAI's Code of Ethics"*
- 6. Qualifications and Expertise: You can include a brief line that highlights your qualifications and areas of expertise. However, ensure that any claims made are accurate and in line with ICAI regulations.*

*Remember that the signboard should be professional, clear, and concise. It should accurately represent your identity as a chartered accountant and your commitment to ICAI's Code of Ethics. Always check with your local ICAI chapter or regulatory body to ensure that your signboard adheres to any specific guidelines they might have.*



# Past Events



**CELEBRATION  
1 JULY 2023  
CA DAY,  
BLOOD DONATION,  
TREE PLANTATION,  
CULTURAL EVENT**





# Past Events

## TAX CLINIC ON 13TH & 14TH JULY 2023





ABOUT SUB REGIONAL CONFERENCE 25 & 26 AUGUST

अरिहण DAY 1 RISING UPWARDS Friday, 25th August 2023

अरिहण DAY 2 RISING UPWARDS Saturday, 26th August 2023



9 AM to 10 AM

Registration and Breakfast



7.30 AM to 9 AM

Darshan

10 AM to 11 AM Inauguration- Dr. Bhagwat Karad Minister of State for Finance



9AM to 10 AM Breakfast



11 AM to 1 PM Technical Session 1- CA Sunil Gabhawalla How to Handle GST Litigations



10AM to 11.15 AM Technical Session 4- Dr. CA Girish Ahuja Critical issues in Capital gains



1 PM to 2 PM Lunch



11.15 AM to 1 PM Technical Session 5- CA Nihar Jambusaria Past President ICAI Charitable Trust



2 PM to 3.30 PM Technical Session 2- CA Nilesh Vikamsey Past President Current Scenario of CA Practice-Global Opportunities & New Avenues.



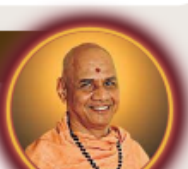
1 PM to 2 PM Lunch



3.30PM to 5.00PM Technical Session 3- CA Vimal Punmiya Understanding Wills & Nominations



2PM to 3.30 PM Spiritual session- Swami Shri Govind Dev Giri ji Maharaj Indian Ethos in Management भारतीय संस्कृति में प्रबंधनशास्त्र



5PM Onwards Visit to Anand Sagar Kavi Sammelan And Dinner



3.30 PM to 5 PM Panel Discussion - Capital Market





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### Venue

**Auditorium of Shri Sant Gajanan Maharaj Engineering College, Shegaon, Dist. Buldhana**



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With 1 night Accommodation:  
Rs 3540 (Incl.GST)  
For Non-CA Spouse:  
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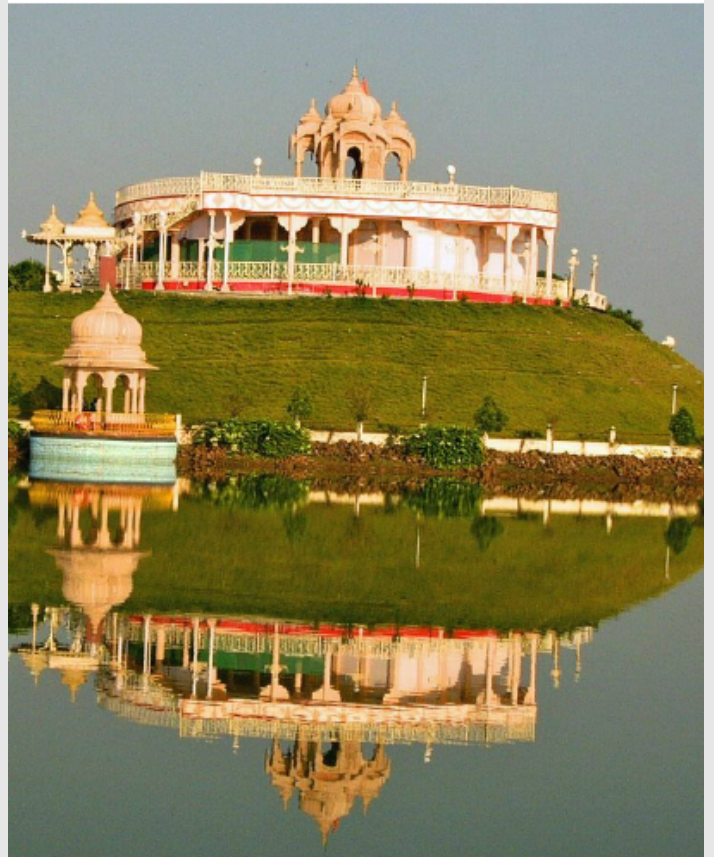
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Dear valued readers,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support and interest in our newsletter. It is because of your encouragement and feedback that we strive to deliver informative and engaging content on a regular basis.

As we move forward, we are always looking for ways to improve and expand our coverage of various topics. To that end, we would like to invite you to contribute articles to our newsletter. We welcome your perspectives and insights on a wide range of subjects, from technology and business to lifestyle and culture.


If you have an article that you would like to submit, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We would be delighted to consider your piece for publication in our upcoming issues.


Thank you once again for your support, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

CA Pranay Bafna and the Newsletter Team.

*Thank  
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