



From the President

“iyi bir öğretmen bir mum gibidir ... başkalarının yolunu aydınlatmak için kendini tüketir”

is a **Turkish quote** which says – *a good teacher is like a candle...it consumes itself to light the way for others!*

And it is exactly this, what we at the Chamber, believe in! The roots of the Chamber and its embedded ideals focus on benefitting the society at large by sacrificing individual interest, imparting limitless learning, spreading knowledge far and wide, and being a benevolent teacher. The Chamber has evolved as an institution which has shaped itself into a teacher; a body which personifies endless growth through learning and experience and a pillar which strengthens our confidence by keeping us regularly updated. And this makes me say – the Chamber, a temple of knowledge, is empowered by its members and their contributions as much as by its ideals and principles.

In Swami Vivekananda’s words – *“Arise! Awake! And stop not till thy goal is reached!”* And probably, we’ll never stop because after accomplishing one goal, we always envision the next one! And in the interim, we should constantly keep the learning curve moving up. In APJ Abdul Kalam’s words – *“If four things are followed – having a great aim, acquiring knowledge, hard work, and perseverance – then anything can be achieved!”*

The month that has passed has seen many interesting events, the saddest one being the cruel attacks on CRPF convoys by terrorist groups. I would like to extend my heart-felt condolences for the jawans martyred in the Pulwama attacks and would like to urge the stakeholders and the members to extend help in whatever way possible to the ones who laid down their lives, protecting us.

The month of March also houses two major festivals – Maha Shivratri and Holi. It is believed that the people who fast on this night and offer prayers to Lord Shiva bring good luck into their life. Holi is one of the most colourful festivals celebrated in India with full zeal and enthusiasm. Holi is celebrated as an icon of destruction of the evil and on this auspicious occasion I wish all my friends, members and stakeholders a happy and a safe Holi.

This month also saw the conclusion of one the most grand Maha-Melas of the world – the Kumbh Mela. This biggest religious gathering organised at the banks of confluence of three holy rivers Ganga, Yamuna and mythical Saraswati, has created three world records this year - for largest traffic and crowd management plan of 24 crore visitors in 49 days; the biggest painting exercise at public places under the 'paint my city' scheme; and the third world record is a testimony to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Clean India Mission for the world's biggest sanitation and waste disposal mechanism and instal about 150,000 mobile toilets.

A man asked a Sculpturist "How do you make such beautiful Idols from Stone?. He replied: "Idols and Images are already hidden there....I only removed the unwanted stones". Moral: Your happiness is hidden within you, just remove the worries and enjoy your life.

CTC News

CTC's flagship – *The Dastur Essay Competition* this year has seen the highest number of registrations in the history of CTC with about 467 registrations flowing in till 15th February, 2019.

This month also saw CTC organising a successful and splendid **42nd Residential Refresher Course (RRC) at Lucknow** inaugurated by the Honourable Uttar Pradesh Governor – Shri Ram Naik ji, with record 223 delegates, inscribing it in CTC's history as one of the largest attended RRC's ever conducted with the highest ever recorded delegates in the last 42 years.

Announcing the **13th Residential Conference on International Taxation** with a galaxy of speakers, which will be held on Thursday, 20th June to Sunday, 23rd June, 2019 at Surat. The RRC has already seen 140 registrations under early-bird offer, that is till 28th February, 2019. I am hopeful of seeing this RRC again breaking all previous records of attendance and turn out as successful and enjoyable as the one at Lucknow.

The 12th of this month will also see a Lecture Meeting on "**Current Economic Scenario and Ease of Doing Business in India**" jointly with Indo-Japanese Association and Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

The CTC in association with Government Law College this month announces the **3rd Edition of the Dr. Y. P. Trivedi National Tax Moot Court Competition**. This year, the Moot Proposition will be based on Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 1988 and Income-tax Act and is scheduled to be held on the 29th and 30th March.

The 8th day of March will see a Lecture meeting on "**Life is Beautiful**" by Swami Gyanvatsaldas ji, which will aim at balancing our lives and taking stock of our own balance sheet not only in terms of financial assets and liabilities but also our families and friends, our social interactions, our own mind and most importantly our spiritual self.

We have also planned unique *Student Orientation Programme* with new design from 13th to 15th March, 2019 at Mulund, Mumbai.

In current mobile and digital scenario, we are slaves of gadgets and equipment and forgotten art of memory. We have organised lecture meeting on "*Dynamic Memory*" on 11th March, 2019.

Triangular Cricket match is being held on 17th March between CTC, GSTPAM and MCTC to foster friendship and greater bonding of members.

Announcing the *Industrial visit* on 6th and 7th March to Volkswagen Plant & Parag Milk Foods Ltd., to acquaint students and members with various functions, activities and procedures related to management of industrial plants. We have batches of 40 students and members on both days.

Special Story for March, 2019 is continuation and Part 2 of "Concepts Relevant to Taxation, Law and Practice". I once again thank K. Gopal and Ajay Singh.

It brings me immense pleasure to announce new events and activities CTC initiates every month and it is this which keeps the wheel going and signifies progress by adding new laurels to this great institution with many more to come.

Let's come together and unite ourselves in this mission of growing CTC and making it reach newer heights. Ultimately, in Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's words – "*Manpower without unity is not a strength unless it is harmonised and united properly, then it becomes a spiritual power!*"

Thanking you.

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