

World CMA Students'

This section focuses on reflections from young students of ICMAB and how they have been pursuing their CMA career path and facing challenges in CMA study at the beginning of their career.



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as an officer, Cost & Accounts Department. Previously, he worked in Brothers Furniture, Coats BD Ltd & EXIM Bank Bangladesh Limited in different position. He has completed his SSC & HSC from Rajoir Gopalganj K.J.S Pilot Institution & Rajoir Degree College and completed his Honor's & Master's in accounting with first class from National University. He has achieved LLB from National University He is also an income tax Practitioner with a member of Dhaka Taxes Bar Association. During his educational life Mr. Anik has achieved A.F. Mujibur Rahman Foundation Scholarship from ICMAB, Jonokallyan Somity Scholarship & Grameen Bank Scholarship. He has involved with many social activities during his education life.

Why do you pursue CMA education from ICMAB? Explain in detail.

When I was in class nine I took decision to study in business studies. Though my father and mother both are from science background. At my graduation stage I have few of my elder brothers are struggling to get a better job. Then I set a goal that I have to do something different in this competitive market. After completing my graduation I came to Dhaka to fulfill my dream and started internship in EXIM Bank Bangladesh LTD. At that time I did not know about ICMAB. I have visited different universities and professional institutes. After that one day I came to ICMAB. The environment and curriculum of the institute attracted me very much. I took the very important decision to admit in ICMAB where, my dream is to be fulfilled. Now, I think that ICMAB admission decision is the turning point in my life.

How do you make a comparison between CMA education and other academic qualifications?

Basically, academic education is mostly theoretical & traditional. To be a Corporate Leader we should not only look at the aspects of traditional education system. Beside this, always we need to think something different beyond traditional education system. A CMA's role is geared towards assessing business possibilities and need to have the strategic

insight to assess risk and make vital business decisions based on understanding of the business environment with considering reasonable grounds. In all sector of business, Businessman prefers minimum cost with highest profit. In this perspective, I think A CMA can play a vital role with his professional knowledge.

What are the main challenges you faced in studying for CMA education?

In the year of 2015, I got admitted in ICMAB & within 4 exams I have completed 1200 marks. I thought that, I fulfill my dream within next 4 exams. But at that time, I joined Brothers Furniture due to sudden illness of my father which became serious. But he is no more with us after suffering six months. After that, all responsibility of my family came on my shoulder. So I couldn't appear 2 exams in 2017. I came back to ICMAB 2018th July exam & continued my study from that. Always, I have got nice co-operation from members & students of ICMAB.

Do you think that CMA qualification will help you to get added advantage in the job market?

The CMA provides knowledge of finance, accounts, costing, Budgeting, Tax, VAT & whole business that the organizations is looking for. Employers' give preference to a CMA. A CMA often works closely with top management. Her/his knowledge, skill, and experience influences the direction of

these organizations. Now I am working in a leading pharmaceuticals company due to my attachment with CMA education. When I work with my superior or management I feel more comfortable due to professional knowledge. I understand their thought and give better solution within a very short possible of time.

What are the strategy you are following to complete the CMA education on schedule?

“Time & Tide Wait for None” I always believe and doing my work according to this Proverb. So, I think time is the main fact to get this valuable degree. I also believe another Proverb “Practice Makes a Man Perfect”. Timeliness & accuracy will opportunity to succeed. I am always pursuing job during the journey of ICMAB. After completing my office I always love to go library for using my time. In the weekend I again practice what I solved in the previous week. I want always be positive & passionate.

What do you expect to get from ICMAB as a student?

As a student of ICMAB, I have few expectations which are:

1. Library should be enriched with all kinds of latest books. At least one soft copy of all latest edition books should be collected so that students can collect it.
2. Professional development of the student by arranging extra curriculum activities like Internship, case study discussion, Leadership program etc. regularly.
3. Members are the instructor & guardian of students. So, we expect more co-operation from our expert Members
4. Need To arrange seminar on regular basis on current issues like, changes in global accounting standards, capital market & prominent accounting software like SAP, Tally, Quick Books, Xerox etc.
5. Need to arrange job fair with regular basis. ICMAB is a professional Institute so that practical knowledge is needed for each student. Students get an opportunity to get perfect job in job fair and use his knowledge to face Interview.

Could you remember any memorable event during your study at ICMAB?

There are lots of memorable events during my study in ICMAB. Now I want to share two memorable events which are:

1. I received A.F. Mujibur Rahman Foundation scholarship from honorable President Sir, Secretary Sir & other respected member of ICMAB.
2. Another one is; suddenly in the year of 2016 my father visited ICMAB and wanted to know about status of my education & the future of ICMAB students. He communicates with some seniors & talked with some officials about the above issue. After returning home he told me to continue my study and complete this degree as soon as possible. He also advised me to be good human beings so that I can serve the society as well as the country.

To fulfill your future dream comes true, do you think the CMA qualification will be able to fulfill your Aspirations?

I strongly believe that my cherished dream will come true if I will qualify as a CMA by acquiring knowledge and skills. CMA helps me to gather knowledge about Accounting, IAS, IFRS, ISA, Finance, Companies Act, VAT & Taxation, Strategic Management and so on. To become a corporate leader a professional degree will help me. With professional knowledge, expertise & skills of relevant area will make me a a corporate leader with Integrity & Ethics.

“We should not give up and we should not allow the problem to defeat us”

A.P. J. Abdul Kalam

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