



# 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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district is lalmonirhat. He has completed his MBS & BBS in Marketing from National University. He is also an income tax practitioner working with NBR. He completed HSC & SSC from Ialgot. High school & college. During his educational life he has involved in many social & Cultural activities. He is a good learner & self-Motivated person.

### **Why do you pursue CMA education from ICMAB?**

I have a dream and CMA is the right pathway to fulfill my dream My first action is to pursue CMA education because the CMA opens the door into the business world. The gold standard of management accounting. (CMA) gives me credibility and status also. As I want to be decision maker in corporate arena CMA degree helps me to make the right decision in that highly competitive environment. To be a fully qualified CMA ICMAB is the right institution. Anyone can pursue CMA education with a low cost.

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

The CMA is an industry recognized professional qualification focused on management accounting , while academic degree like MBA covering a broader aspects of finance and management. CMA students can go beyond general number crunching skill into the realms of critical thinking and understanding. CMA studies promotes a deeper understanding of the contents and get a competitive advantage and most importantly CMA education is crafted and delivering a scope for continuing professional development and ensures to attain and enhance the knowledge.CMA profession attract the right kind of candidates.CMA students become more competitive in the job market.

Academic degree courses is valuable, but the popularity of CMA /professional degree in recent times have firmly established its ground in the job market. Most of the time academic study failed to make a person ready for job. A professional degree is absolutely essential after an academic degree to gain job required skills and knowledge. ICMAB's syllabus is up dated with the latest changes in the dynamic world.

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

After completing my academic qualification when I took decision to enrich my career, I got admitted into ICMAB to become professional Accountant. At first I did not make a proper study plan to face CMA exams. Sometimes I was depressed and hesitant to continue CMA education because some other opportunity were looming there like BCS, govt. jobs etc. Even after two or more exam attempts, I couldn't cope with the CMA exams due to lack of proper strategy to read each and every topic of a course.

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

The CMA is better suited to corporate environment. CMAs' are highly demanded at established companies

with manufacturing facilities which require cost and inventory management. CMA's can work for a wide range of corporations but usually end up at companies that need a professional who specializes in management accounting and costing. Consequently, many individuals holding senior management positions in strategic planning, accounting and finance are CMAs. There also demands for CMAs in other sectors like management advisory, accounting, Government & public sector strategy formulation, risk assurance advisor, tax service.

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

I have followed some strategy, among them, I have tried to attend all the lectures of all courses. I tried to spend more time on reading syllabus referred books. Most importantly I have tried to understand the core concept of each and every topic. I believe that study based on group helped me a lot. I emphasized to cover each and every topic from our syllabus. I always tried to develop a study plan and stick to the plan. Study, discussion and revision, is the best method for me.

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

I strongly hope that ICMAB will continue to arrange self-development program for students throughout the year like:

- Tax and vat related training for student at regular interval.
- Most importantly full training course on integrated software like SAP/Oracle.
- Regular Job fair for fresh candidates & others.
- Presentation skill development courses and seminars.
- Soft Skills development program on regular basis.

- Emphasis on visual learning process.
- Provide efficient instructors
- counseling program for students by industry experts.

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

ICMAB has given me so much memorable event, among them one event which is close to my heart. Basically it gave me a true inspiration to complete CMA degree. It was the day when my first exam result was published, my registration number was on the result sheet but there was no grade against my registration number, so I thought I failed in that exam. After few moments of sadness and confusion, one of the senior students of ICMAB informed me that I have passed the exam. He took me to the academic office of ICMAB to assure me that I have really passed in the exam. I was so happy at that moment which I can't express in words. This happiness have inspired me and made me confident throughout my whole CMA career. Actually happiness of passing that exam was much more than the happiness of passing of all other course that I have passed so far.

Do you think the CMA qualifications will be able to fulfill your aspirations?

To be a successful entrepreneur or a true business leader or an efficient manager, I need to understand the complete dynamics of business. Without the practical knowledge of the business world it is quite impossible to shine in the future. CMA qualification is the right forum to get that knowledge. So, I strongly believe that CMA qualification will help me to fulfill my aspirations.

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