

Members of the ICAI Doha Chapter with special guests during the CA Day in Doha recently.

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Doha is now an examination centre for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), it was announced during the 'Chartered Accountants (CA) Day' hosted recently by the ICAI Doha Chapter.

'CA Day' was highlighted by a seminar on 'Managing at Challenging Times' where CA Rupalakshmi Setty, the chairperson of ICAI Doha Chapter, made the announcement. She said ICAI will conduct foundation, IPCC, and final tests on the November 2018 examinations. During the seminar, around 150 senior finance professionals and stakeholders in various businesses and organisations across Qatar listened to leadership facilitator Jaafar Ali Jaafar al-Sarraf, who explained how successful people have turned challenges into opportunities.

Al-Sarraf provided real life examples and elaborated on how business challenges could be met through market penetration, product development, market development, and diversification strategy. He emphasised that the people and the customers are the two important aspects, and will always be the biggest competitive edge for any enterprise.

He also demonstrated ways to mitigate internal and external challenges, especially the recent political challenges faced by the country.

On CA Day, which marks the 70th Platinum Jubilee Celebration of ICAI, the chapter released a half yearly e-magazine. Setty also took the opportunity to launch the theme of the 5th Annual International Conference - 'Sustainability & Growth in the Digital Era', to be held on October 25 and 26. The conference will have business leaders and other professional speakers deliberate on the theme from across the globe, she said. Vice-chairperson CA Rukkaiya Pachisa welcomed Doha Bank CEO DR R Seetharaman, who was a special guest of the event. Seetharaman, who spoke on disruptive challenges and ways to mitigate them, also led the cake-cutting ceremony together with al-Sarraf.

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