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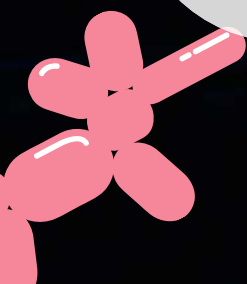
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Chairman's Message



Dear Students,

As I sit down to pen this Chairman's report for January 2024, a wave of emotions sweeps over me. Reflecting on the journey we have embarked upon together over the past year fills me with immense pride and a touch of nostalgia. It has indeed been a tremendous year for our branch, marked by remarkable achievements, significant learning, and unforgettable camaraderie.

We navigated through the challenges with resilience, turning them into opportunities for growth and learning. Our branch organized numerous successful events, workshops, and seminars that not only enhanced our professional skills but also fostered a sense of community and mutual support among us. These initiatives have significantly contributed to our personal and professional development, preparing us for the future with confidence and competence.

Our achievements over the past year were made possible by the collective efforts of every member of this branch. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and unwavering support have been the cornerstone of our success. As we celebrated our victories, we also learned from our setbacks, emerging stronger and more united than ever before.

I take this opportunity to congratulate all the teams who came forward to participate. I hope events like these will enable individuals to come together and foster a culture of teamwork. Special Congratulations to the winners of All Kerala Inter Branch competitions - Cultural Fest- Ekah, Football - Superbia & Cricket for bringing the Championship title to our organization. The concept of team spirit, AIKYAM, has been successful and all the teams have showcased exemplary performances. Congratulations to all the teams involved.

As I step down from my role as the Chairman of SICASA, Ernakulam Branch, I do so with a heart full of gratitude and memories that I will cherish forever. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you, and I am confident that the incoming committee will continue to lead our branch towards even greater heights. I extend my heartfelt wishes to them and trust that their tenure will be marked by even more success and accomplishments.

I am reminded of the words of Thomas A. Edison, who once said, "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." Let this quote be a guiding light for all of us as we continue to strive for excellence in our professional journeys. Hard work, perseverance, and never giving up are the keys to overcoming challenges and achieving our goals.

As I bid farewell to my role, I look forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of our branch under the new leadership. Let us all extend our support and cooperation to the incoming committee as they take on the mantle of leading our branch forward.

With warm regards and best wishes for a successful year ahead,
CA. Tonny Varghese
Chairman, Ernakulam Branch of SICASA of ICAI

Secretary's Report

Saikripa

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Happy New Year everyone. What an incredible year it has been! Upon reflecting the journey we've come along, I am humbled and grateful for the numerous significant milestones, both professionally and personally, that we've achieved.

Each month brought its own unique experiences and highlights, and looking back on them now fills me with a sense of nostalgia. This collective experience has been marked by growth, collaboration, and the creation of countless cherished moments. It has been an enriching experience of hosting vibrant and informative events like National Conference - Advaita 2023, Impetus (Indoor Games), Freehit (Cricket), Kick-Off (Football), Commerce Olympiad, National Talent Search Competitions, Encore (Cultural), Various educational seminars and workshops and so on.

Organizing each and every event not only brought our community together but also presented us with the invaluable chance to analyse opportunities for growth and enhancement, gained insights into our strengths, and fostered a deeper understanding of our collective potential. The challenges we faced and overcame during these events have contributed significantly to our organizational learning and development.

Speaking of the events we conducted in January 2024, the month was brimming with a myriad of activities that included Kick-Off Women's Football Penalty Shootout, Meet A Chartered Accountant by CA. Sreenivasan P.R. (Past Chairman, Ernakulam branch of SIRC of ICAI), JAM (Just-A-Minute) Competition in collaboration with CASK Orators Toastmasters Club, Face Painting Competition, Workshop on Power Query in Excel, Study Circles, Commerce Olympiad, Book Review Competition, Seminar on RERA Act, 2016 & Career Counselling programme. Active participation and involvement by the students contribute not only to the vibrancy of the community but also strengthen the bonds and fosters a sense of togetherness among our students and members.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the participants of the All-Kerala Cultural Fest (Ekah), Football (Superbia), and Cricket Tournaments for your outstanding performances that have led to the well-deserved championship titles for SICASA Ernakulam. Well done, and thank you for bringing pride and success to our organization.

As I step down with a profound sense of gratitude and the privilege of serving in this role. I carry with me the warmth of your presence and the positive energy that our collective efforts have generated. Here's to celebrating the successes of 2023 and looking forward to new opportunities in the upcoming year.

With heartfelt gratitude and due respect.

Saikripa

Secretary, Ernakulam Branch of SICASA of ICAI

Vice Chairman's Report

Sreeraj Remesh

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It is with a sense of immense gratitude and a touch of nostalgia that I present this report for January 2024, marking the conclusion of an incredibly eventful and rewarding year at the Ernakulam Branch of SICASA of ICAI.

As I reflect on the past twelve months, it is surprising how swiftly the time has elapsed, leaving us with a heart full of memories and achievements. The journey, filled with challenges and triumphs, has been a proof to the hard work, perseverance, and unwavering commitment exhibited by each member of our committee. Our calendar was marked by several landmark events that not only showcased the talents and enthusiasm of our members but also significantly contributed to their professional growth.

The CA Students' National Conference stood out as a crowning achievement, drawing widespread acclaim and participation. Events such as Encore 2023, Freehit 2023, and Kickoff 2023 where we organised the matches with a record 31 teams, were not just successful but also set new benchmarks in terms of innovation and engagement within our community.

These accomplishments were made possible through the collaborative efforts of a dedicated team. I extend my heartfelt thanks to CA Deepa Varghese, Chairperson, Ernakulam Branch of SIRC of ICAI, CA Tony Varghese, Chairman, Ernakulam Branch of SICASA of ICAI, Ms. Saikripa, Secretary, Ernakulam Branch of SICASA of ICAI and all the managing committee members and my Core committee members, whose passion and dedication have been the backbone of our initiatives. Their relentless effort and team spirit have not only contributed to our achievements but have also been a source of personal inspiration.

As I step down from my role, I do so with a heart full of fond memories and invaluable lessons that I will carry forward into the future. The experiences gained here have been transformative, equipping me with insights and perspectives that will undoubtedly shape my professional journey ahead.

As the words of C.S. Lewis go and I quote: "There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind." As we move forward, let us do so with full enthusiasm and the conviction that our best days are yet to come.

Thank you all for a remarkable year.

Sincerely,
Sreeraj Remesh
Vice Chairman, Ernakulam Branch of SICASA of ICAI

Editors' Note



Before we begin, we would like to say that last year, has been a roller coaster ride for all of us and as a committee we indeed have an enriching experience. As curtains are falling on this wonderful journey, we, the SICASA Committee take this opportunity to thank all the CA students who have constantly provided us the much-needed support, motivation, and encouragement in each of our initiatives.

The January edition of Inicio is themed on the National Youth Day, which was observed on January 12th. This day is observed to celebrate the birth of great Swami Vivekananda who is an inspiration to numerous young people across the nation. This is also the month in which we celebrate the 75th Republic Day, the day in which India became a "Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic."

The events of the month began with the Meet a Chartered Accountant Seminar. The month was filled with a lot of activities such as the Book Review Contest, Face Painting Contest, JAM, Kick Off Women's Penalty Shootout, a Seminar on RERA Act, 2016 and a Workshop on Power Query in Excel. We are grateful for the participants for the interests shown in such events.

We are also pleased to inform that we successfully conducted the Commerce Olympiad and Quiz Competitions and our boys' team were judged winners of both Cricket and Football Inter Branch Tournaments. We were also crowned the winners of "EKAH," the All Kerala Inter Branch Cultural Fest.

The results of November 2023 examinations have been announced. We take this opportunity to congratulate all the new Chartered Accountants and those who have inched closer to be Chartered Accountants. For those who could not make it this attempt, it is important to remember that we have a new year, new opportunity, and another attempt for us to achieve our dreams. So, Lets Restart!!

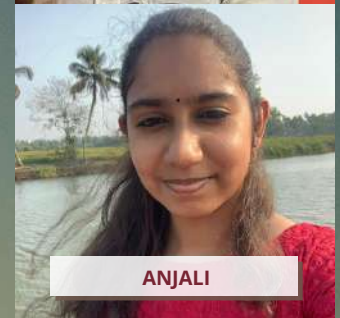
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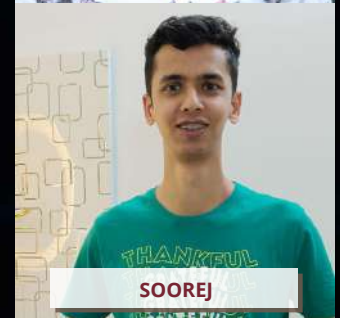
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Angels & Demons – Book review

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Winner of Book Review Competition

First published in the year 2000, "Angels & Demons" by Don Brown is one hell of a prequel to the much-celebrated and controversial Da Vinci Code. Don has penned an epic thriller in more than six hundred and some pages.

In a phrase, the book can be summed up as an epic in a day. With the tale opening its clutches with the non-conventional hero, Robert Langdon a world-renowned symbologist & Harvard professor being summoned to the Swiss CERN yet another one of its kind facility in the world to shed some light into the murder of the Physicist whose chest was sealed with a symbol Langdon knew so damn well. Laydon is met with zillions electrifying thoughts as the very symbol proclaims the return of an ancient enemy of the world's biggest organization, The Roman Patholic Church. The hero of the conspiracy theories, 'Illuminati' takes the plot to its very core.

From there Laydon accompanied by another Italian Physical Vitloria Vetra takes the readers to the streets of Whirlwind quest. As an Illuminati messenger informs about a stolen "antimatter" from the CERN aka the latest centuries "antichrist" set to destroy the sacred "Vatican", the clock ticks in coincidence with the papal election. The four missing preferatlis, a never heard of bomb and a timespan of twenty-four hours is the mind-blowing combination Don Brown offers in the book.

Set amidst the artist streets of Rome, to the clingy scary, to the scared Sistine Phapel, and even to the most secret vault in the whole world, the "Vatican Archives" Don Brown offers a visual treat. Its meticulous research being showcased in every nook and corner of the pages. Let it be a painting, a sculpture or the smell of the chemical preserving the ancient sculptures in the papal archivers a reader is bound to experience the pure essence of when extensive research met literally genius clash.

The characters are new to the readers. A professor with his fair share of crazy ideas with his Mickey Mouse watch is unlike a hero you have met. His companion Victoria Vetra is a stark contrast. A sophisticated young Italian contract.

Their chemistry adds a touch of freshness to the whole plot. The not so familiar set of priests, camerlengos, and preferati are all severed with such intricate details that one feels a personal connection for sure. Don Brown's literacy brilliance shines as he waves the take through the doors of history, religion, science, art, geography, and the contemporary world, satisfying the myriad of tastes while swiftly passing through each of the doors is mastery equivalent to magic and to leave no stone unturned, he explores the emotional valley too!. On a critical note, Don Brown might appear a little too generous towards the detailing side with every nook and corner.

Splashed vibrantly with plot twists, suspense, and revelations the ending may seem to be to lose its fair share of bang for some at some points fact does steal the show from the folk. But while looking at the big picture, Don Brown has presented the angels & demons residing in places least expected within a beautiful flow that one is bound to the voyage in a sitting owing in its mastermind precise thriller moment.



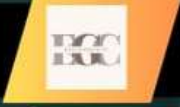









It's a pleasure to experience literature lavishly meeting facts, questioning blind faith all by giving a tour through some of the most marvellous cities and citings. As Langdon concludes his nothing sort of a fairy tale cum science fiction cum travelogue cum theology book all in a blink of one single day Dan Brown's Angels & Demons will definitely follow one a long way in their literature journey.

SCRAPBOOK



Triumph personified 🏆

Congratulations Team EGC for emerging as
Champions in the inaugural season of Aikyam

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AIKYAM POINTS TABLE					
AS AT 31ST JANUARY 2023 (W.E.F 1ST AUGUST 2023)					
RANK		TEAM NAME		TOTAL POINTS	
— 01		EGC		81	
— 02		PAULSON AND COMPANY		74	
▲ 03		SPARTANS		41	
▼ 04		JVR		36	
▲ 04		RAMCA		36	
— 05		JRSIANS		28	
— 06		KJAC		17	
▲ 07		G. JOSEPH & ASSOCIATES		08	
▼ 08		HOUSE OF VJA		06	
— 09		PALINDROME		02	

Upcoming Events In February 2024

Analysis of Union Budget
FY 2024-25

All Kerala Inter Branch
Indoor Games Competition

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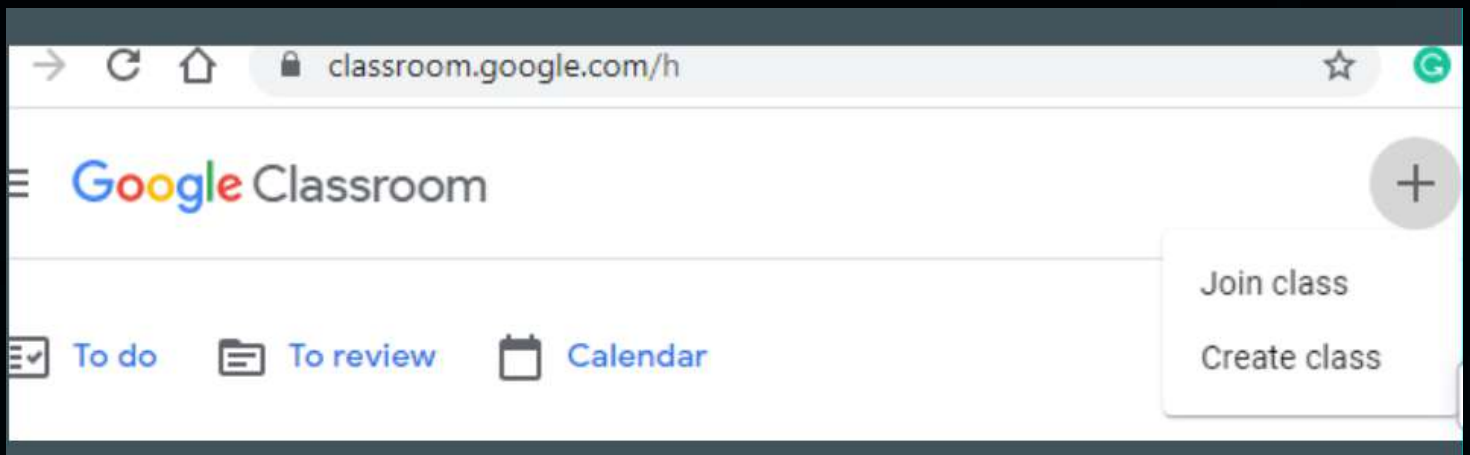
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