



The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India
Eastern India Regional Council

Presents

Voice of Diamonds

A "We Care" initiative



Team EIRC of ICAI presents "Voice of Diamonds" - a "We Care" initiative to feature the insightful experiences of our senior members who are 75 years of age or above as on 1st July 2023 and are in continuous membership for 50 years and above.



MOTTO

Ya esa suptesu jagarti kamam kamam Puruso nirmimanah ।
Tadeva sukram tad brahma tadevamrtamucyate ।
Tasminlokah sritah sarve tadu natyeti Kascan । etad vai tat ॥

य एष सुप्तेषु जागर्ति कामं कामं पुरुषो निर्मिमाणः ।

तदेव शुक्रं तद् ब्रह्म तदेवामृतमुच्यते ।

तस्मिंल्लोकाः श्रिताः सर्वे तदु नात्येति कश्चन । एतद् वै तत् ॥

(That person who is awake in those that sleep, shaping desire after desire, that, indeed, is the pure. That is Brahman, that, indeed, is called the immortal. In it all the worlds rest and no one ever goes beyond it. This, verily, is that, kamam kamam : desire after desire, really objects of desire. Even dream objects like objects of waking consciousness are due to the Supreme Person. Even dream consciousness is a proof of the existence of the self.

No one ever goes beyond it : cf. Eckhart : 'On reaching God all progress ends.')



The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India
Eastern India Regional Council



Chairman, EIRC of ICAI

Dear Esteemed Professional Colleagues,

It is with great pride and joy that I introduce you to the special drive of the Eastern India Regional Council of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, "**Voice of Diamonds**" – a **We Care** Initiative. This project holds a unique place in our hearts as it brings together the timeless wisdom and invaluable experiences of our senior members who have been pillars of strength and knowledge in our fraternity for over five decades.

In our fast-evolving profession, where technological advancements and regulatory changes are constant, it is imperative to pause and reflect on the journeys of those who have paved the way for us. Our esteemed senior members, who are *75 years of age or above as on 1st July 2023 (the day when our ICAI stepped in its 75th Anniversary) and are in continuous membership for 50 years and above* possess a wealth of insights and experiences that are a treasure trove for our younger generation.

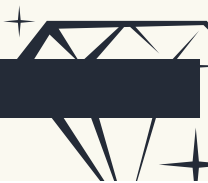
"**Voice of Diamonds**" is not just a collection of stories; it is a beacon of inspiration, a guidebook filled with the wisdom of those who have witnessed and shaped the evolution of the accounting profession of India. Through the We Care initiative, we aim to bridge the generational gap, fostering a sense of continuity and shared purpose among all members of our fraternity.

We as Team EIRC extend our heartfelt gratitude for sharing your journeys with us. Your dedication, perseverance, and achievements are a testament to the enduring spirit of the Chartered Accountancy profession. Your stories will undoubtedly inspire, motivate, and guide our young professionals, encouraging them to strive for excellence and uphold the highest standards of integrity and professionalism. Thank you for your invaluable contributions. Together, let us continue to inspire and empower, ensuring that the legacy of excellence in the profession remains unbroken.

Warm regards,

CA. Sanjib Sanghi

Chairman of Eastern India Regional Council
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India





CA. Abhijit Sen

**Cost Accountant and Company Secretary,
1st rank English Chartered November 1968,
1st rank English Cost May 1969.**

Former General Manager in Finance I.T.C.,
Finance Director of Introducexide and
Managing Director of Nicco



KOLKATA



25 September 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Could live a peaceful life only after retirement



A Little Bit About Me



My years with general motors by Alfred Sloang

Favourite Book



Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

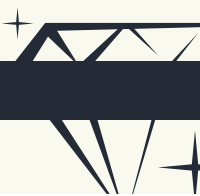
Introduction of computerisation; bandhs and gheraos. Obtaining licences and permits were also challenging. Such hardships can only be overcome by steady nerves, endless patience and perseverance.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Often personal life had to take a back seat

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

If at first you don't succeed try try try again





CA. Alok Kumar Kundu

M. Com.

A proud Chartered Accountant, retired Executive Director - Finance of NTPC Ltd. with working experience of various types of industries



KOLKATA



17 June 1948

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Keep ego at the base line. Express views logically.



A Little Bit About Me



How to win friends and influence people.

Favourite Book



Del Carnegie.

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

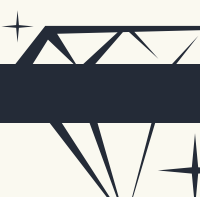
It was a challenge to be a successful finance advisor. But, to achieve the same, it was necessary to always keep updated with the changing domestic and international scenarios.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Routine and disciplined living

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Ponder on issue from different angles and take logical conclusion. Have firm determination, patience and professional approach





CA. Altaf Hossain

B.Com. (Hons)

A simple person who believes in leading with an example, with a hope to quietly contribute and inspire those around me.



KOLKATA



10 August 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

I live by my core values - honesty and integrity



A Little Bit About Me



The wisdom of Kahlil Gibran.

Favourite Book



I have many but I'll share the name who got me hooked to reading from a very young age- **Charles Dickens**

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

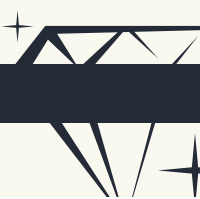
At this point in my life, I just want to express gratitude to God for bestowing upon me a good life. I've crossed many hurdles but strangely don't recall anything now.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

My family has been a huge support system in all of my life's hurdles.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

There are never any short cuts in life. Keep yourself grounded at all times and keep hustling ahead with dignity.





CA. Amal Chandra Chakrabortti

Vast Experience in handling Corporate Affairs



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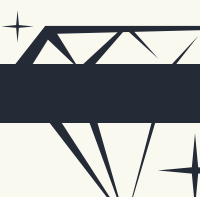


02 October 1930

President of The Institute of Chartered
Accountants of India during 1984-85

CA A.C. Chakrabortti was the Past
President of The Institute of Chartered
Accountants of India during 1984-85.

He was also the Chairman of Ernst &
Young & Managing Partner of S.R. Batliboi
& Co. He has vast experience in handling
Corporate affairs.





CA. Amar Kumar Chatterjee

B.Com (HONS)

Joined LIC in 1971 and worked for thirty five years in various key positions. Post retirement, worked for few years In M/S RAY & RAY, CA, KOLKATA , thereafter started practicing in the name A.K.Chatterjee & Co.



KOLKATA



5 October 1946

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

The most important thing I learned to have peace of mind is to have courage and discharging duties with absolute good intention . In fact our job is to critically analyse all aspects of finance and decision making and nobody welcome that. I came across with voices that said " Auditors are stumbling block to progress" and auditing could be abolished unless required by statue. But, I believed that one will not be a loser if he is honest and fearless . This will bring peaceful life.



A Little Bit About Me



Seven Habits Of Highly Effective People- Franklin Covey.

Favourite Book



At present listening to Swami Swarbapriyananda and Swami Isatmananda of Ramkrishna Mission.

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

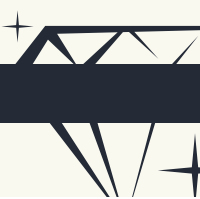
I worked in the life insurance industry, where Institute-designed training helped me overcome challenges by clarifying linkages between functions for decision-making. Despite being part of financial services, Chartered Accountants lack special status. Our critical analysis skills, vital for decisions, were often undervalued as corporate performance metrics differed. The Institute could advocate for our recognition in this field.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I had convictions that one can satisfactorily complete his daily assignment within the working hours. I hardly crossed working hours to and gave adequate time to family life. I firmly believe that those who worked beyond the given hours they try to satisfy their higher ups to compensate their inefficiency. This attitude, though not liked by many has enabled me to harmonize my personal life with official life.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Knowledge in behavioral science, communication skills, analytical skills, and real-time audit completion are crucial for young CAs. The Institute can help by setting audit timeframes, defining auditor selection criteria based on age and firm strength, and protecting young auditors who diligently uncover frauds. Enhancing these areas will improve professional teamwork, communication, and audit quality.





CA. Amarnath Choudhary

LLB, FCS

Dependable and Trustworthy



KOLKATA



6 March 1944

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Always find time to work for community also when you are professionally active. This will give you peace in retirement as well.



A Little Bit About Me



Bhagwad Gita

Favourite Book



Narrated by Lord Krishna

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

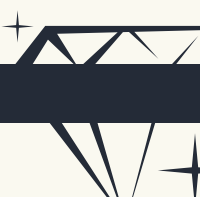
Life has been a smooth ride once I decided my goal to be a complete manager instead of being a specialist. My training during Articleship while pursuing CA inculcated in me a habit of hard work, willingness to learning new skills and working as a team player. It was not difficult for me to gather technical, marketing and Human Resources management skills.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Priority to professional work but importance to personal life as well. Find time for family. Professional success is possible in a happy family atmosphere.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Always remain open to learn new skills. Be transparent in dealings / communication and earn trust . Try add value to the life of persons you are in contact , be it your family member, customer or colleague.





CA. Amiya Ranjan Maiti

M.Com.

Practising since 1971 and gained varied
experience In all fields



KOLKATA



25 March 1947

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Be honest person, maintain punctuality in
workplace and cordial relationship with all
and respect seniors



A Little Bit About Me



Company and Income Tax related books
and CA journals

Favourite Book



Many writers In field of Company Law and
Income Tax

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

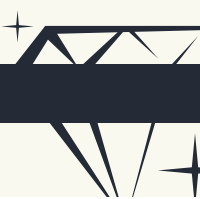
Nothing

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Managed Nicely

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Dedication, hard work , honesty and adherence to
professional ethics integrity, and independence





CA. Anil Kumar Mukhopadhyay

B.Com.

A fighter, with an analytical mind and a sense of logical reasoning



KOLKATA



15 January 1938

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

I believe in Karma- so, do good Karma and leave the rest to god- you will never be wronged. There can be short term setbacks but clinging to your core will surely see you through the tough times.



A Little Bit About Me



Pather Daabi

Favourite Book



Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

Agony of the Partition: We left our motherland, struggled for existence, but never compromised on education. I qualified CA exams on the first attempt.

Lack of Strong Network: Without strong alumni support, I relied on government work, built my network, and taught accountancy.

Economic Downfall: West Bengal's slow growth created limited opportunities.

Technology: At 86, I still work but rely on staff for technology.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Work-life balance was an unknown concept during my early career. My days began with private tuition at 7:30 AM, followed by work from 11 AM to 7 PM, and teaching night college until 9:30 PM. With a supportive family, I overcame post-partition challenges. Eventually, I bought a car and established a firm, sharing the workload with my team.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Sincerity, honesty and perseverance- these are the three main mantras! There is no short cut to success and if you can build the trust and reliability amongst your clientele, the word will spread and so will be your clientele.

Of late, technology adoption is a must.





CA. Arabinda Chakrabarti

M.Com.

Involved in the CA Examination for a long time



KOLKATA



07 July 1939

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Hard Labour



A Little Bit About Me



Mahabharat

Favourite Book



Saratchandra Chattopadhyay

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

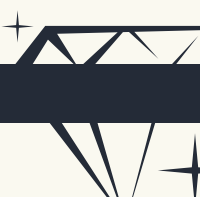
I faced some challenges but could overcome them by my own effort.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Adjusted both of them.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

They should know the subject in detail.





CA. Ardhendu Sekhar Biswas

B.Com. (Hons)

I am an honest, hardworking, straightforward, reasonable person and my enterprising skills helped me to forge ahead. My practice is my passion.



SHILLONG



20 June 1943

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

To believe in God and to remain active and faithful in all aspects



A Little Bit About Me



Sanchyta

Favourite Book



Kabiguru Rabindra Nath Thakur

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

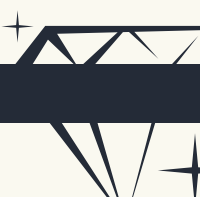
Deciding to practice in a remote area like Shillong in 1976, where the scope for our profession was nearly zero due to the absence of industries and major commercial establishments, was the biggest challenge of my life. My interpersonal skills, positive mindset, determination, dedication, hard work, and solution-oriented approach helped me overcome these challenges.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

In this era, maintaining a balance between work and personal life is crucial. However, in my journey so far, I have always tried to maintain a harmonious balance by ensuring that both professional responsibilities and personal commitments receive the attention they deserve. Besides, I am lucky to have, as and when required, the necessary support and endorsement from my spouse, which has enabled me to lead a peaceful life.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

- a. Be honest and responsible,
- b. Be positive,
- c. Believe in yourself
- d. Keep learning
- e. Share your knowledge
- f. Learn from mistakes,
- g. Accept failures,
- h. Failure is not the end
- i. Move with the time
- j. Look forward





CA. Arunabha Banerjee

L.L.B, B.Com.

Founder of a Proprietorship Firm



KOLKATA



19 August 1939

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Rely on peaceful life by grace of god



A Little Bit About Me



Bhagavad Gita , and Ramakrishna Kathamrita and Rabindranath Tagore books and poems and songs

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

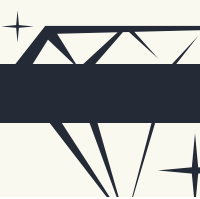
Tried my best to overcome this then problems.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

By grace of god.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Be patience and also grace of god.





CA. Asim Ranjan Manna

B.Sc. with Distinction

I am proud to be the member of the Institute that offer me a lot of opportunities.



KOLKATA



1 April 1943

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Be truthful throughout your career.



A Little Bit About Me



Geetanjali

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

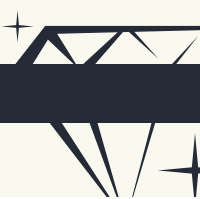
Completing my education from this institute, joined service with public sector undertaking wherein came across the challenges to discharge critical assignment in finance and investments. Imparted knowledge from institute helped me with enormous confidence.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

It was never a problem for me to balance with though at times it was unmanageable.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Study hard and stick to it with patience.





CA. Asis Chandra Choudhury

B.Com. (Hons)

A professional, who never compromises with quality and never stops learning.



KOLKATA



02 September 1942

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

My lesson in life - money cannot buy you dignity, so live a respectable life in your own terms.



A Little Bit About Me



All books of Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

I faced many challenges in my life, but the biggest one has been surviving in a competitive as well as corrupt market as a sole proprietor with complete integrity. The only two strengths that always became my super power was my knowledge gained through continuous learning, and my feeling of responsibility towards this noble profession of CA. Today I feel happy and content to say that I have been able to successfully run my firm for so many years with complete dignity and pride.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Being in practice, there is always the benefit of flexibility which helped me maintain a healthy work life balance. I have enjoyed both an enriching career as well as spent good family time supporting my two daughters growing up. My elder daughter is also a CA. today while my younger daughter pursued bioinformatics. My family has been supportive and understanding in my journey, and my wife, who is a singer by profession, has always encouraged me to stay on track.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

The mantra to success is - always stay dedicated to learning, and never compromise. My father had also been a CA (in fact, he started as a Government Diploma in Accounting, then became a Registered Accountant, and thereafter an FCA once the CA institute was born) and the respect that he commanded were primarily due to his adherence to the principles. I have imbibed his values and these values should be our biggest assets.

Another point - never give up... the best things in life need time to develop.





CA. Asutosh Sen

Man of positive thoughts



KOLKATA



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19 January 1942

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Never run after money.

I was the Vice Chairman of EIRC of ICAI.

A Little Bit About Me



Mahabharat

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

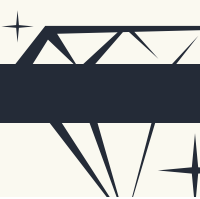
Surviving in this cruel society is a challenge by itself. Could overcome them by faith in God and with the blessings of my parents by my side.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Time management and discipline.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Integrity and constantly upgrade ones knowledge.





CA. Balai Chaudhuri

B.Sc., LLB., FICWA

I passed Chartered Accountancy in 1968 and then after serving various private and government organizations I finally joined ONGC in 1984 as joint director and retired as an Executive Director.



KOLKATA



26 March 1944

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Life is not rupkatha,
Life is chupkokotha.
Be a good listener.

In a discussion of more than 3 persons, don't open your mouth so easily. Listen to every body then give your opinion and suggestions.



A Little Bit About Me



Books of Tarasankar.

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore, Tarasankar, Sunil Gogopadhay.

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

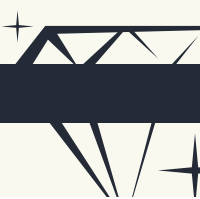
I was always thinking of bringing new systems and new ideas in my area of work.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Every individual has personal life, professional life and family life. One should always be alert to keep a balance in all three of them.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Always fix a goal in your professional area and try to become a specialist in that particular subject.





CA. Banwari Lal Singhal

B.Com.

Been True to the Profession and the Ethics



KOLKATA



15 April 1947

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Take things as they come without any baggage and undue expectations.



A Little Bit About Me



Kalyan by Geeta Press

Favourite Book



None

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

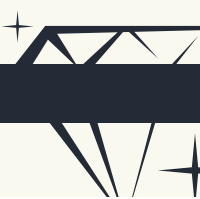
Never shy from seeking help and assistance from all and sundry without any ego attached.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

No office after 6 PM and on holidays.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Never stop learning.





CA. Barun Baran Mitra

B.Sc. and LLB

Enjoying my retired life



KOLKATA



12 April 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Minimum expectation and never compare yourself with others .Try to do your job with your best ability.



A Little Bit About Me



Nothing in particular.

Favourite Book



Fali S Nariman

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

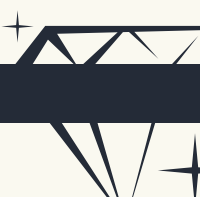
The challenges that I faced are normal for every Chartered Accountant and the same were overcome like others.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I did not face any such situation which could be described as a problem.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Self discipline and honesty to your assignments.





CA. Beeraka Gangaraju

B.Com.

In a garden of achievements and dedication, I bloom as a Founding Partner of Tej Raj and Pal, Chartered Accountants, Berhampur, nurturing branches across the vibrant expanse of India.



BRAHMAPUR



04 April 1936

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Try to make your children and family happy to lead a very peaceful life and enjoy the profession and the work that you are doing by loving the profession and the work that you do. There is a great satisfaction in helping people and organisations through your professional experience.

I was Co-Opted Member Of Students Skills Enrichment Board And Charter Chairman Of Bhubaneswar Branch Of EIRC-ICAI



A Little Bit About Me



Accountancy by Batliboi, Spicer and Pegler.

Favourite Book



None

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

My inspiration to join this profession is Mr. Parthasarathy ji D.A. and my boss CA N.N. Murthy. In 1960, my father couldn't afford the non-refundable Rs. 3000 premium for my studies. Seeing my passion, my mother sold her 15+ Tula gold necklace to pay the fee.

I am forever grateful to her. This sacrifice fueled my determination, leading to my success as a Chartered Accountant in both studies and profession.

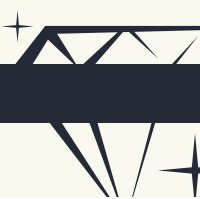
How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I am grateful to my entire family, my wife, my sons, daughters, daughter-in-law and sons-in-law for the consistent and full support in my profession and the respect and love that they have showered upon me that I have been very successful in balancing throughout my personal and professional life.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

My advice to CA students, Have a clear vision before starting the CA journey. With interest, determination, and hard work, becoming a Chartered Accountant is achievable.

Parental blessings are vital. After achieving success, patience is crucial for professional comfort and continued success.





CA. Bhag Chand Jain

B. Com. (Hons)

Enjoying my professional life



KOLKATA



10 February 1946

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Regular hard work and determination.



A Little Bit About Me



How To Win Friends & Influence People By Dale Carnegi

Favourite Book



108 Muni Shree Kshmasagarji Maharaj

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

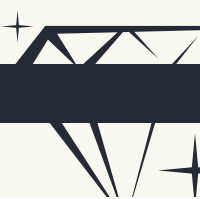
Collection of professional remuneration has always been a big challenge. By regularly explaining to the clients the value of services rendered by me politely, firmly and tactfully, I always overcame the challenge.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Explaining to family members the importance of professional life , the balance in personal & professional life was always struck.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Always be polite, courteous , firm in your opinion and giving liberty to the clients for opinions from others.





CA. Bhupendra Jamnadas Dalal

B.Com.

Contended with my Personal and
Professional Life



KOLKATA



20 October 1947

**What lessons, life at large, taught you for
living a peaceful life?**

Contentment in needs and ambitions.



A Little Bit About Me



Professional books and magazine

Favourite Book



Sukumar Bhattacharya - for Income Tax

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

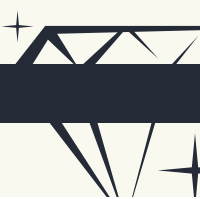
I began my life as very common man with limited commercial exposure. But for my CA qualification, I have been able to gain respect, recognition and was also able to settle in life.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

By keeping professional life and personal life in a very discipline manner and maintaining proper time for both the life.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

You should maintain balance between professional and personal life and contentment in your ambitions.





CA. Bidyut Chatterjee

B. Com.

Hard Working Practitioner



KOLKATA



1 June 1942

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Keeping cool & watching important matters.



A Little Bit About Me



Sanchyta by Robithakur

Favourite Book



Sarat Chandra Chattyopadhay

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

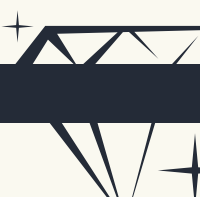
Repeated attempts until success was achieved in professional front.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Paying importance in matters relating to personal life.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Constant upskilling and updating.





CA. Bijan Kumar Basu

M.Com.

I have spent most of My Professional Career in Auditing both in India and Abroad.



KOLKATA



11 April 1943

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Be straight forward and honest.



A Little Bit About Me



Mahabharat

Favourite Book



Sunil Ganguly

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

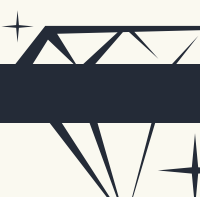
Every step in one's life is challenging. I had taken all my efforts and applied all my energy to overcome them.

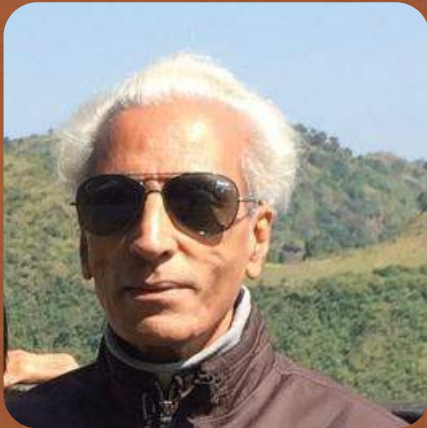
How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

It is two sides of the same coin. There have to be compromises on both sides.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

The best thing I can say is that keeping the legal bindings intact and satisfying the client is very challenging sometimes.





CA. Bijnan Singh Srimal

B.Com., LL.B.

I am Full of Life, Energy and Enthusiasm even at my late eighty as I was in early twenties.



KOLKATA



26 November 1937

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Be content and enjoy life but dream high.



A Little Bit About Me



Jain Darsan

Favourite Book



None

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

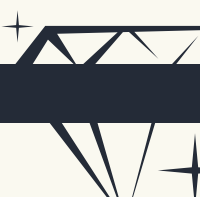
Challenges are always in disguise. It comes in calmness and are in your good times.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Time Management is the key to strike balance between profession and personal life and also between health and wealth.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Honesty, sincerity, hard work, modesty, and down to earth.





CA. Bijoy Kumar Poddar

LLB

Practicing Chartered Accountant since 1969



KOLKATA



3 March 1944

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Remaining sincere and dedicated.



A Little Bit About Me



Professional journal and Bhagavad Gita

Favourite Book



None

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

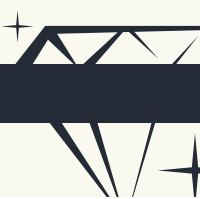
Kept my cool all along and had faith in GOD.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

My wife had always been supporting in my profession as well in personal life.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

One must be sincere, dedicated and honest to the profession. Never indulge in unscrupulous activities.





CA. Brij Gopal Roy

Financial Management from
IMD - Geneva

Successful career



KOLKATA



9 November 1939

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Enjoy what you're doing.

I was a Member of the Taxation Committee of ICAI



A Little Bit About Me



Vivekananda as the Turning Point

Favourite Book



William Shakespeare

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

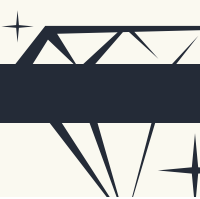
It was a great challenge to be a CEO of an MNC in India.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Didn't mix the two.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

CA is just an entry point in corporate sector, should be flexible to take over any function to be able to rise to the top, not necessarily restricting to Accounting and financial areas only.





CA. Debabrata Bagchi

M.Com.

I passed the C.A. final in 1964 (May term in new syllabus). I passed both the intermediate and final examination in the first available chances in one go long before the end of my articleship.



HOWRAH



31 October 1939

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

I do not want to live a peaceful life without work.



A Little Bit About Me



The Holy Book "Bhagawad Gita"

Favourite Book



A. P. J. Abdul Kalam (Ex President Of India)

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

I joined M/s. Roy & Bagchi, C.A. firm on 2nd May 1960 as an ordinary clerk and worked my way up through various challenges, including financial difficulties and rejection from blue-chip companies, to eventually becoming a practicing Chartered Accountant in 1965, marking the beginning of a 60-year-long journey filled with numerous turbulences and achievements.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I never did balance between my professional life and personal life. This has always been done by my wife from the very first day of my marriage.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Health: Exercise regularly, medicine sparingly. Good health is crucial.

Unending Endurance: Tenacity is key. Embrace failures and persist like Robert Bruce.

Sufficient Working Capital: Essential for survival. Without it, many fail.

Power to Create Alternatives: Necessary for survival. Avoid risky clients and litigation.

Role of Life Partners: Crucial in initial stages. Their support is invaluable.

Little Bit of Luck: Luck and connections play a vital role.





CA. Debidutta Agrawala

LL.B

I am working from home and enjoying the family life full of love and care



DARJEELING



18 March 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Be happy, selfless and positive.



A Little Bit About Me



None

Favourite Book



None

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

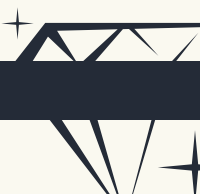
I pray every day. Practice Yoga and exercise daily after my morning routine. As a result, I feel as if I can conquer everything even after suffering a brain stroke in 2021.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Able to strike a balance between professional and personal life very well.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Don't be sad and Don't feel as if I can do anything but do devote your life for the needy and deserving.





CA. Debiprasad Chakrabarti

M. Com.

Old but young satisfied professional Chartered
Accountant



KOLKATA



19 November 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Honestly can give peace of mind which leads
to live happily.



A Little Bit About Me



Collection of Rabindranath Thakur

Favourite Book



Hon'ble Rabindranath Thakur

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

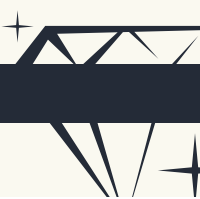
Life is challenging. And all your steps need careful
judgment.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I am of the view that this can be done easily by
convincing family members.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

From the day one I was in practice and concludes that
only patience is the key of success.





CA. Dhanraj Baid

B.Com., LLB.

Honest and Sincere Professional



KOLKATA



17 February 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Care of health.



A Little Bit About Me



Gitanjali

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

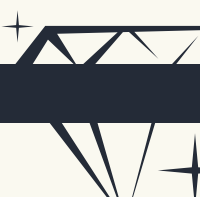
None

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Maintaining a good routine, has been helpful in striking a balance.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Dedication to one's duty.





CA. Dilip Kumar Debansi

I qualified in 1971 and became a member in 1973.

I worked with Bhilai Steel Plant, Cotton Corporation of India, and Oriental Insurance Company, retiring as Chief Manager in 2003. I then joined K C Khanna & Co. until 2008, auditing PNB Treasury and public sector companies. In 2011, I acquired my CoP and became a partner at S K Kundu & Associates.



KOLKATA



15 September 1943

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Do not get angry. Let it go as it is. Time will take care of it.



A Little Bit About Me



Books of Income Tax, Company Law and Bengali Novels.

Favourite Book



Shankar as a Bengali writer and Rabindranath Thakur

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

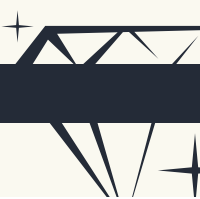
Surviving in the present world is a challenge by itself and by God's grace I am still at the age of 82.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

During my professional life I have to obey the rules and regulations of the firms and the balance time is of my own.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Be calm and quiet. Let the situation not to take over your personal life.





CA. Dindayal Dhandaria

B.Com. (Hons.)

55 years of continuous practice consisting of
Struggle, Success and Satisfaction



TINSUKIA



7 August 1946

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Don't be selfish and self-centred. Take care of the needs of your family, friends and the society.



A Little Bit About Me



You can win

Favourite Book



Shiv Khera

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

- Learning, unlearning and re-learning in the evolving professional panorama.
- Maintaining ethical standards in the professional environment which is unethical and corrupt.

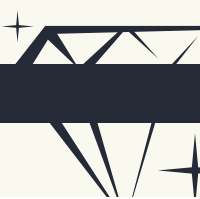
I overcame the same due to teachings from parents in early life and moral strength even when I was physically assaulted on few occasions.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

A rigid routine to prepare before approach of deadlines and accepting assignments commensurate with capability.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

- There is no alternative to the services of a C.A. Society required it since the time of "Chitrugupta" and will continue to require in future. So, be optimistic.
- Knowledge is your weapon.





CA. Dipak Kumar Banerjee

B.Com.(Hons)

I try to be happy with what I have



KOLKATA



19 February 1946

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

If you are honest to yourself, you will be at peace.



A Little Bit About Me



Argumentative Indian by Amartya Sen

Favourite Book



Jeffrey Archer

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

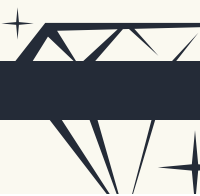
Challenges never end. One needs to cope up with it . There is no such standard formula to overcome challenges in life.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Personal and Professional life both are important. Priorities keep changing.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

It is good to be truthful. That makes others respect you and trust you.





CA. Durga Prasad Poddar

B.Com. (Hons), LLB

Interested in social work alongside my profession



KOLKATA



29 June 1944

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Faith in God



A Little Bit About Me



Bhagavad Gita

Favourite Book



None

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

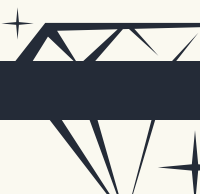
Lost my Son aged 40 years who was also a Chartered Accountant in 2011 but accepted it as a wish of God.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

No challenge

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Dedication and sincerity towards profession.





CA. Dwarika Prasad Salarpuria

B.Com. and LLB

I am a hard-working and driven individual who isn't afraid to face any challenge.



KOLKATA



1 January 1942

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Simple Living, High Thinking , Be patient and calm.



A Little Bit About Me



Godan by Munshi Premchand

Favourite Book



Munshi Premchand

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

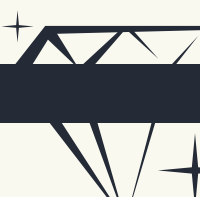
Life is full of challenges. My biggest challenge was to derive profit in 1st year of operation of Nigeria Pipes Ltd in the year 1980 which was established in Nigeria where I was appointed as Project Manager. I managed the operations and through effective cost control, we not only earned profit but also declared dividend in 1st year of operations. London based promoter director Lord Bagreeji had challenged me and he was happy that the challenge was fulfilled.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

In Nigeria I used to wake up at 6 am and drop my children to school. Thereafter after driving 20 kms I used to manage the factory and operations. I spent quality time with my children and my wife helped me in maintaining professional, social and personal life.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Forgive and Forget. To never give up. Winners don't do different things but do things differently.





CA. Gautam Ray

M Com. and DISA

After qualifying CA Examinations in the first attempt, I spent my entire career in the Corporate world specialising in Management Accounting and Information



KOLKATA



19 January 1948

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Being patient and planning all aspects of work.



A Little Bit About Me



Corners of a Foreign Field by Ramchandra Guha

Favourite Book



Ramchandra Guha

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

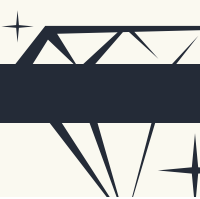
The primary challenge was to convince everybody in my office to switch from manual Book Keeping to Computerised and Mechanised models and to acknowledge the benefit thereof.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I worked hard professionally for six days a week leaving my personal chores and family commitments for Sunday.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Sincerity Honesty and Hard Work which is a must for all for their development.





**CA. Girdhari Lal
Jhunhunwala**



KOLKATA



17 May 1948

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

None

A Little Bit About Me



7 Habits Of Highly Effective People

Favourite Book



Premchand

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

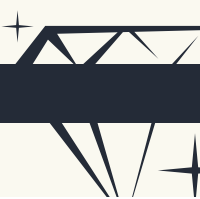
Positive attitude and continuous hard work helped me overcome all the challenges that I faced as a Chartered Accountant and an emerging Professional.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Weekends well spent with family.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Strive to learn continuously.





CA. Gobinda Chandra Bardhan

B.Com.

"Born in Singerbeel Village, Tripura (East Pakistan), migrated to India in 1961; ranked in Chartered Final Exam, November 1971."



KOLKATA



31 December 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Be honest simple and helpful to others. Do not poke into the personal matters of others.



A Little Bit About Me



Geetanjali By Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

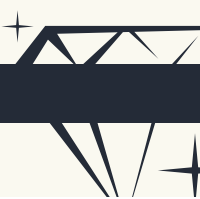
Challenge was for deciding whether I would go for service or for the profession. As I was unmarried when I qualified it was not a problem for me to decide whether to go for Profession or Practice.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I have prefixed date-wise/month-wise yearly calendar for professional and personal life. Hence, I have not faced any problem in balancing between professional life and personal life.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

They should be honest and sincere to their clients. They must not leak out any information of any client to anybody except as required for discharging their professional duties. They may ask advice from their seniors if necessary.





CA. Indranath Basu

B Com. (Hons)

I was into Service but presently enjoying my
retired life



KOLKATA



6 April 1947

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Establish your values right in the beginning
and follow the same religiously.



A Little Bit About Me



Alice in Wonderland

Favourite Book



Sami Vivekananda and swami
Rangathananda

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

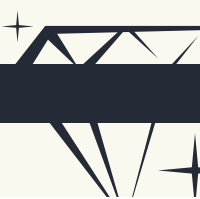
During my service life, I faced numerous challenges in the
form of petty politics from inefficient co-workers but I
maintained a high standard of work ethics coupled with
integrity and honesty.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I always strictly followed certain values of integrity,
honesty and impartiality and never shied away from my
commitments to profession and family despite hardship
to me personally.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

In the long run integrity and hard-work wins despite
initial set-backs.





CA. Jugal Kishore Choudhury

B Com. and LLB

Presently, I am a partner of S K Agrawal and Co
Chartered Accountants LLP



KOLKATA



3 January 1944

What lessons, life at large, taught you for
living a peaceful life?

None



A Little Bit About Me



Bhagavad Gita

Favourite Book



None

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how
did you overcome them?

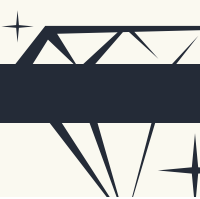
None

How did you strike the balance between
your professional life and personal life?

None

What lessons have you learnt during your
professional life that are a must for the
younger generations to know?

Be Truthful in all your dealings.





CA. Kailash Chand Jain

B.Com (Hons.), LL.B., FCS and FCMA

Simple Living and High Thinking



KOLKATA



1 January 1949

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Take proper care of your health. Spiritual knowledge is as much necessary as any other knowledge.

I was the Chairman of EIRC-ICAI during the year 1986-87



A Little Bit About Me



Books providing spiritual knowledge.

Favourite Book



Jain saints

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

Some of my Challenges were:

- (1) Poverty was challenge in the beginning.
- (2) Health issues.

I Could Overcome my Challenges by:

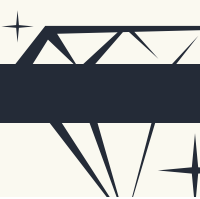
- (1) Hard work.
- (2) Proper care and spiritual knowledge.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I was able to strike a balance very well – Through spiritual knowledge.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Be honest to yourself in character. Earn and learn. Enjoy your work. Don't forget that you will die some day. Your soul was there, is there and will always be there. Try to purify it as much as you can.





CA. Kali Krishna Biswas

LLB, CS and SIA

I am an Industry Veteran and particularly Health Care Administrator and Specialist in Hospital Project Management. Other Industry experience at top level includes PAINTS, TYRE, BATTERY, SHIPPING, TEA, JUTE



KOLKATA



4 December 1944

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Respect all as good human beings, avoid controversies, and always extend a helping hand, be charitable



A Little Bit About Me



Bhagavad Gita

Favourite Book



Swami Vivekananda

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

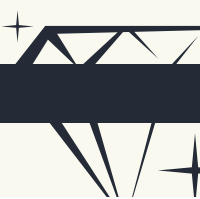
Major challenges were to upkeep the performance, timely delivery of services, maintaining customer satisfaction, peer management, and relationships.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Major issue was to take care of family during travelling and long absence from home leaving the responsibilities to my spouse.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

To have a cool head on your shoulder, never get away from shouldering responsibilities, eagerness to learn, respect seniors and colleagues, building relationship amongst professionals and share experience, promoting new ideas and be innovative.





CA. Kamales Chakrabarti

M.Com.

Mainly I am a banker and joined profession in 2005 after my retirement.



BHUBANESWAR



23 November 1944

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Remaining calm and quiet to live a peaceful life is the lesson I imbibed.



A Little Bit About Me



Business Administration

Favourite Book



Satya Saran Chatterjee

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

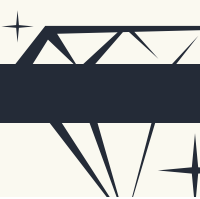
Timely & Appropriate handling of banking issues was the major challenges & the challenges were overcome through diligence & perseverance.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

There is no hard & fast rules in this regard but family's understanding stood in a good stead.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

SLOW BUT STEADY WINS THE RACE





CA. Kanai Lal Bhaumik

BA(Hons), LLB, DISA

A village boy's dream to settle in a city with
honourable status comes true.



KOLKATA



3 October 1946

**What lessons, life at large, taught you for
living a peaceful life?**

Be straight, honest, demand no excess.



A Little Bit About Me



Discover the Diamond in your, by Arindam Chaudhuri

Favourite Book



Dale Carnegie.

Favourite Author

**What were your challenges in life and how
did you overcome them?**

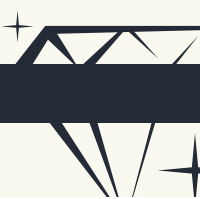
Firstly CA course was unknown till pre graduation. Being a non commerce graduate, it was. a challenge to pass all exams at first attempt ranking 31st. in all India.

**How did you strike the balance between
your professional life and personal life?**

Respect and Love both sectors.

**What lessons have your learnt during your
professional life that are a must for the
younger generations to know?**

Know The Subject, Human And Work Clearly . Be Honest To Your Goal. Respect And Obey Parents.





CA. Kashi Prasad Jhawar

B.Com.

I belong to a middle-class business family from Rajasthan, qualified B.Com in 1964, completed articleship with Lodha & Co., CA (1965-1969), became a CA in November 1968, worked with Lovelock & Lewes (1969-1971) and L.N. Birla Group (1971-1972), started K. P. Jhawar & Co. in 1972, and have been actively practicing in audit and direct tax ever since.



KOLKATA



13 January 1943

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

As a founder of Ratangarh Nagrik Parishad and Ratangarh Maheshwari Sabha Trust, I contributed to various social welfare activities including constructing a bus stand hall, installing a marble statue, providing medical and ambulance services, relief works, and medical camps.

Additionally, I helped build a guest house with 25 AC rooms for public use in Ratangarh, Rajasthan.



A Little Bit About Me



Nothing Specific.

Favourite Book



None Specific.

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

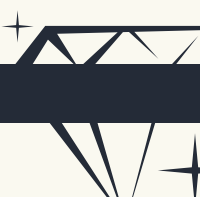
Life will not be complete unless one felt challenges of struggle, up & down in life. By blessings of almighty I got experience of that all.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Nothing came in the way for which I have to compromise and make balance between professional life and personal life.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

"Karmanaye Badhi Karaste Maa - Falesu - Kadachana" (Bhagawad Gita).





CA. Keshar Deo Lath

Cleared C.A. Final in May 1966 examination in the 1st attempt.



ROURKELA



01 July 1940

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Don't be greedy. Be happy with what you earn with your honest labour and fair practices



A Little Bit About Me



“Courtroom Genius” by Nani Palkhivala.

Favourite Book



Honorable President of India Abdul Kalam, Nani Palkhivala and Lord Denning.

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

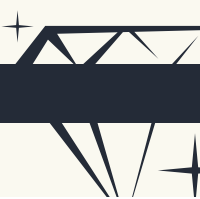
I started with no money or work, accompanied by my cousin who practiced sales-tax law. Finding no opportunities for audit work in Cuttack, I focused on Income-Tax and Sales Tax practice. Despite initial challenges, I persisted and gradually secured certification work from industrial houses, accounting advisory roles, and audit work for charitable societies. Eventually, I earned the trust of a German and then a Japanese company at Rourkela Steel Plant, leading to my success. Thank God.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I was able to strike a very nice balance between professional life and personal life because I had a very understanding life partner.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Persistent hard-work is very important to be successful in life.





CA. Lakshminarayan Karmakar

M. Com . & Company Secretary

Hard work and patience are the only solution in
life



KOLKATA



21 October 1943

**What lessons, life at large, taught you for
living a peaceful life?**

Hard work, patience and will force



A Little Bit About Me



Geetanjali

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

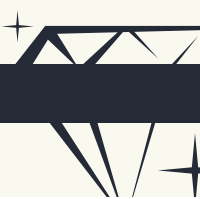
I lost my father ,when I was in Class-X. Notwithstanding
such a loss I worked hard and kept my will power strong
to ultimately become successful.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

It is an unique technique and varies from man to man.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Keep learning process on during professional life and
keep watch on the professional trend.





CA. Lalit Kumar Kanoongo

B.Com(Hons)

Providing strategic financial solutions and expert tax advisory services to nurture businesses to thrive, and a spiritual devotee of lord Krishna.



KOLKATA



15 May 1948

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

In my life, I have learned that to live a peaceful life, it is essential to avoid engaging in unethical activities to earn easy money. Such actions not only tarnish one's reputation but also damage the integrity of the institution. I follow the profound teachings of the Bhagavad Gita to live a peaceful and meaningful life.



A Little Bit About Me



Bhagavad Gita

Favourite Book



Sri Ved Vyasa Ji

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

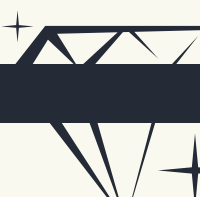
Challenges and opportunities are two sides of the same coin. It depends on whether you give up your goals when you face challenges or turn those challenges into opportunities to achieve your goals. One of the significant challenges I faced in life was the financial strain during my education phase. Despite this, I maintained my belief in myself and focused diligently on my studies. I firmly believe in the saying, "Where there's a will, there's a way." For any challenge, focus and self-belief are key to overcoming it.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Balancing professional and personal life is key to happiness. Family is a divine blessing, and the CA profession is demanding. Dedicate yourself fully at work but switch off and focus on family at home. Setting boundaries ensures both areas get proper attention, leading to better health, financial success, emotional fulfillment, and meaningful relationships. Keep up the good work!

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

In my 50 years as a CA, I've seen the shift from manual to computerized accounting, paper to paperless returns, and manual to online tax assessments. Key changes in company law and tax systems, including VAT and GST, highlight the need for lifelong learning. Staying updated with legal and technological advancements is essential for professional competence and effectiveness.





CA. Mahabir Prasad Agarwal

B.Com. (Hons)

Happy with the Prestigious Profession



TINSUKIA



09 September 1947

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Work honestly. Be fair to everybody. Have satisfaction of work so long it was with you.

I was a Committee Member In EIRC-ICAI for Sometime



A Little Bit About Me



ICAI Publications, Income Tax Act, Guide to the Companies Law & Practice

Favourite Book



A Ramaiya, Kanga & Palkhi Wala, Chaturvedi & Pithisaria'S

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

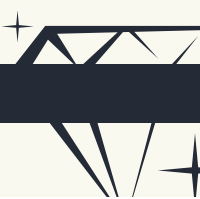
By God's grace i had a very peaceful, smooth and happy life. At one point of time, there was a lot of pressure for not giving qualification in the audit report for certain issues. However, qualified audit report was given in the case of a listed company.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I could successfully maintain my personal life totally separate from the professional life. I could take decisions on the issues with my knowledge and thereby enough time could be spared for personal life.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

To keep the knowledge updated, work with sincerity and integrity. Refer to books if you have any doubt on the issues. Have faith in yourself. Maintain a better social life. Keep notes of the important and special issues you come across.





CA. Mahendra Prasad Gadia

B.Com.

I am happy with my life



KOLKATA



18 May 1946

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Keep your desire to the minimum possible



A Little Bit About Me



Ramayan

Favourite Book



Sant Tulsidas

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

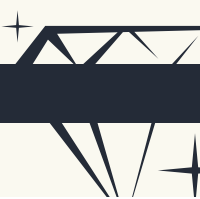
Do not want to discuss

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Keeping time management and discipline, not difficult to manage.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Be polite, understand others problem and find a solution without ego





CA. Makhan Lal Surelia

B.Com. (Hons)

Be with God, and you will be happy!



HOWRAH



15 August 1944

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Do the best for everyone that comes in your life, and forget about results.



A Little Bit About Me



Bhagavad Gita

Favourite Book



Shri Krishna

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

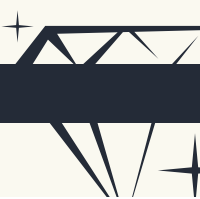
I grew up in a joint family with limited resources. My father emphasized education, leading me to work as Mr. MC Bhandari's PA while in college. Inspired by him, I secretly took and cleared the CA exams. With his encouragement, I became an FCA, worked in his firm, and improved clients' manufacturing profitability. I later started a successful SSI unit. Belief in God, elders, and persistent effort helped me overcome challenges and achieve success.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Don't get too attached to either. Let duty be your guide rather than desires.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Profit maximization is short term thinking. Maximize relationships.





CA. Manmohan Chatrath

LLB

Established Chartered Accountant with a distinguished career in Audit, Assurance and Income Tax spanning over a tenure of 70 years.



KOLKATA



10 August 1930

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

To avoid any dishonesty.



A Little Bit About Me



Sreemad Bhagavad Gita

Favourite Book



Swami Vivekananda

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

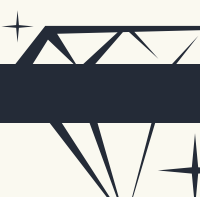
- Kept up with frequent changes in tax laws, accounting standards, and regulatory requirements through continuous professional development and regular training.
- Met with diverse client expectations by clearly defining service offerings, managing expectations from the outset and maintaining regular communication for alignment and satisfaction.
- Attracted and retained top talent by offering career development opportunities, fostering a positive work culture, promoting work-life balance, and recognizing employee contributions.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Implemented efficient time management techniques by prioritizing tasks, setting realistic timelines and encouraging a culture of work-life balance within the team. Scheduled regular breaks and maintained hobbies or activities outside of work to recharge like reading, hiking and spending time with loved ones.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

To be honest throughout my whole life.





CA. Manoranjan Ray

B.Sc., LL.B

I feel proud to be Chartered Accountant



KOLKATA



01 December 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Be honest, live within your means and socially interact with relations and neighbours.



A Little Bit About Me



Kathamrita

Favourite Book



Bibhuti Bhusan Bandopadhyay

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

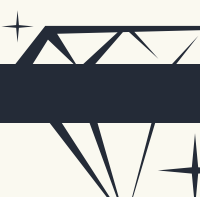
I joined full time practice after almost 17 years of service in a public sector undertaking. I used to get quite a good amount of salary and had no problem to manage our financial requirements. But once I joined the profession, I and my wife had a tough time to manage our financial requirements with our 2 school going children. My wife supported with her income as a music teacher and a boutique business. By grace of God, both my children did well in their academic field. One stood first class first in her MA exam and the son passed CA within the Article ship period..We thereafter had no problem and were happy but unfortunately my wife died in 2020 due to COVID.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Of course, some time, my wife had to take all the burden and critical decision when I am away from my home town due to professional assignment. That way, she helped me a lot to maintain the balance.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Of course keep yourself updated with the latest amendment .Be polite, particularly to your clients, and do not neglect your family.





CA. Manoranjan Saha

M. Com.

I am confident that I can do all works smoothly particularly related to accounting profession.



KOLKATA



01 January 1941

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

For living a peaceful life man should be engaged in professional, social and domestic work.



A Little Bit About Me



Sapiens - A Brief history of Humankind

Favourite Book



Yuval Noah Harri

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

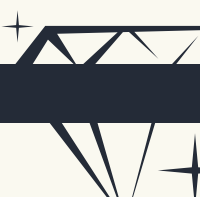
I have faced many challenges both in personal and professional life which cannot be written in this form. However, one of my challenge was - During my service in Public sector undertaking as Dy. Manager (Finance), I had to see whether Profit and loss account and Balance Sheet are true and fair. One of our customer had deducted 5% of the bill amount for liquidated damage. The deducted amount was not provided in accounts. The Resident audit office of the CAG made a comment that Profit was overstated from the Liquidated Damage Amount. My argument was that our customer could not show whether actual loss was incurred by them due to late delivery. Hence we did not provide in the accounts and Profit was not overstated. CAG H.O. agreed with me and dropped this point.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

My wife looked after the family wholly and exclusively on my advice. She did not interfere in my professional work and moreover she encouraged me so that my work was going on smoothly.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Besides through knowledge in accounts and audit, Chartered Accountants should be well equipped with updated knowledge regarding Company Law, Taxation and Commercial Law.





CA. Mohan Lall Choudhry

B.Com.

Fellow Chartered Accountant practicing since 1969



KOLKATA



05 May 1946

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Money is important for living, but you should not chase after it at the expense of compromising your conscience.



A Little Bit About Me



Non-specific other than legal books

Favourite Book



None

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

I came to Kolkata from a small village in the district of Darjeeling. It was very challenging to get an articleship in any Chartered Accountant practicing firm. With vigorous effort, I got an articleship in G. P. Agarwal & Co. in the year 1965. I completed my Chartered Accountancy in the year 1969 and was declared 1st in the eastern region.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I was entirely devoted to my profession from 10 AM to 5 PM, five days a week. The rest of the time,

I dedicated to my family and the upbringing of my three children (one son and two daughters), all of them are also qualified Chartered Accountants.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

1. You should be sincere in your profession.
2. Do not compromise with your clients regarding their wrong doings or manipulations.
3. You should be bold enough to highlight errors or manipulations by your clients, pressurize them to rectify those issues, and only then certify your reports.





CA. Murari Lal Agrawal

Commerce Graduate

After graduate I came to Kolkata from a small village and joined C.A. articelshp in Kolkata



KOLKATA



5 February 1944

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Connect yourself with mature, to have a peaceful life



A Little Bit About Me



Gitobitan

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

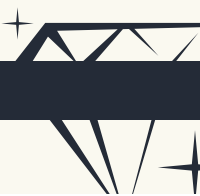
Coming from Chhattisgarh Hostel Accommodation solved my residence problem.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Monetary benefit in outside Audit solved Professional and personal balance.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Mate the balance of outside Audit





CA. N S Seetharama

B.Com., B.Sc.

Always energetic, smiling, polite, calm and defying age.



KOLKATA



13 October 1933

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Do not run after money. Concentrate on improving the quality of your work and maintaining good client relationship.

Spend ample time with your family as work will always be there but family members are also important.



A Little Bit About Me



Sherlock Holmes Series

Favourite Book



Arthur Conan Doyle

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

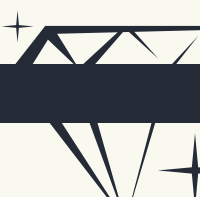
Leaving a recognized Central Government job and shifting to professional practice at a time when I had zero experience in the professional field, against the wishes of my family. I overcame this challenge through determination, grit, self-confidence and patience.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

By maintaining a daily schedule and self-discipline.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

You have to handle your clients tactfully and not with anger or revenge. They might find faults with your work or even make delays with making professional fees, but don't get angry, be tactful and handle them maturely, and show your expertise at the time they need you the most.





CA. Nabakumar Das

M.Com., LLB.

I stick to the work that I need to do without caring for success or failure.



KOLKATA



20 August 1940

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

One should not expect too much.



A Little Bit About Me



Ramkrishna Kathamrita written by Mahendra Nath Gupta.

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

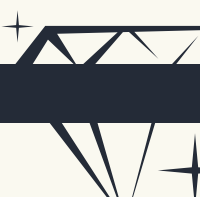
Human life is full of challenges and I cannot remain immune therefrom. This thought ensured peace and tranquility in my mind.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

The members of my family are in legal profession and as such, striking balance is not difficult as yet.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Don't run after money. Let money run after you.





CA. Nandadulal Samaddar

B.Sc.

I am hardworking and driven individual CA with highest sincerity and honesty



KOLKATA



5 February 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Be honest in your life and work



A Little Bit About Me



Banalata Sen

Favourite Book



Jibananda Das

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

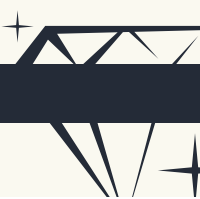
Patience and hardworking.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

By Patience and Adjustment.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Patience, sincerity and honesty.





CA. Nem Chand Karnany

LLB, DISA

Optimist



JORHAT



08 March 1942

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Never retire from profession. Have good social relation. Repay your debt to society by doing some good charitable social work.



A Little Bit About Me



Law of Success by Napoleon Hill

Favourite Book



None

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

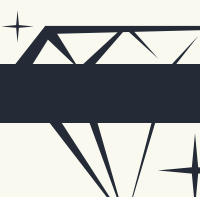
In the beginning of profession I was facing many problems in profession as there was no other CA in town and the senior Income Tax Practitioners were not very co-operative but by regular study and hard work I succeeded

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I was lucky in this respect as ours was the joint family so I was having spare time to devote myself fully for profession and social work.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Be loyal to your profession. Have good knowledge of subject. Devote time to study. Develop habit of reading book. There is no short cut to success.





CA. Nitai Prasad Ghosh

B.Com.

Life long devotee for the profession and surroundings.



KOLKATA



26 December 1935

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Live life with honesty.



A Little Bit About Me



Rabindra Rochonaboli, Sarat Rochonaboli

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Thakur. Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

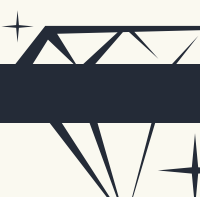
Struggle is a life-long process. Moving on with overcoming every time.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Always strike the balance with the support of my wife.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Respect the profession. Devote your life to your profession whole-heartedly and with due honesty.





CA. Om Prakash Harlalka

B. Com.

A passionate professional with a personality of
relationship building



KOLKATA



23 June 1946

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Never mix your professional and personal life.
Start early, lead a disciplined life, follow your
dreams and work hard to fulfill them.

Give back to society and never fear
challenges. Being a problem solver is the
biggest trait a professional should possess.



A Little Bit About Me



Shrimad Bhagawad Gita

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

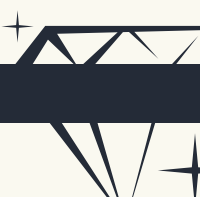
Hailing from a small town in Assam and moving to a big
city like Kolkata in 1964 to pursue the dream of becoming
a Chartered Accountant was challenging. Humble family
background with deep rooted culture and traditional
values helped me sail through all the challenges. Always
keen to build healthy relationship with the people and
society thereby giving back as much as possible. In the
process learnt the value of giving abundantly.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Even today I start my work schedule at 8.30 AM till 6 PM
from Monday to Saturday. This routine along with rising
early in the morning and being a regular morning walker
has helped me immensely both physically and
professionally to strike a right balance between my
personal and professional life. Quality family time and
spending time with my friends outside work has
contributed to my growth and success.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

To serve the community and society to the best of my
abilities. Learning is a non stop process and embracing
change is the key to longevity. Understanding the needs
of my clientele and serve them with a smile is the most
important lesson. Work as a team and lead them with a
strong character.





CA. Om Prakash Lundia

M.Com.

Still practicing and an Active Member



KOLKATA



3 August 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Straight forwardness and honesty.



A Little Bit About Me



Bhagavad Gita

Favourite Book



Premchand

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

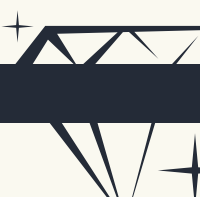
Faced multiple challenges in life as a Chartered Accountant but overcame everything by hard work

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

By dividing 24 hours between professional life and family life.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Honesty.





CA. Om Prakash Kanodia

B.Com.

Hard Working



KOLKATA



18 February 1946

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Satisfaction.

A Little Bit About Me



Bhagavad Gita

Favourite Book



Shri Prabhupada ji

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

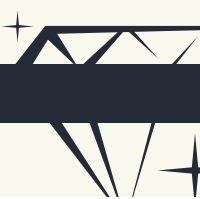
Financial but overcame by providing professional services.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

By Time Management.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Hard work and dedication to professional services.





CA. P Venugopala Rao

Served as Independent Director of
several PSU's of Govt. of Odisha.

Always positive minded and helpful.



BHUBANESWAR



15 December 1938

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Think positive and act positive

I was the Founder Chairman of Bhubaneswar
Branch of EIRC-ICAI and served as a co-
opted member in several committees (six) of
the Central Council of ICAI.



A Little Bit About Me



VEYI PADAGALU by Kavi Samrat
Visawanatha Satyanarayan Garu (Telugu)
Jnana pitha award winner

Favourite Book



Mullapudi Venkataramana (Telugu)

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

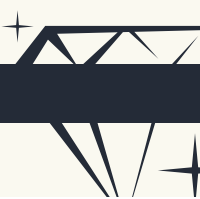
Qualifying Chartered Accountancy was a challenge and carrying the profession of Chartered Accountancy as founder partner of Tej Raj & Pal for the last 55 years which I have thoroughly enjoyed working on major Corporate Audits in both Public & Private Sector (PSB's & PSU's). Shifting from Berhampur, Ganjam to Bhubaneswar was a major challenge which I had overcome with the support & understanding of all concerned.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I am lucky to have a supporting & understanding spouse. My son & daughter with their families have always been loving & supporting.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Unshakeable patience and understanding of the view point with whom I have come into contact.





CA. Paresh Chandra Kunti

DISA

Hard working, sincere, honest and helpful to clients and society.



KANYANAGAR



16 January 1943

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Person should not be greedy for money and wealth. Person should be hard working, sincere and provide help to the society. Every person must do pranayam and some exercise, walking to keep the body and mind in healthy condition.



A Little Bit About Me



EIRC Members' Ready Referencer and Youg Sadhana and Pranayama.

Favourite Book



Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay.

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

Life is full of challenges and we can overcome all challenges through deep thinking, studies of problem and take appropriate decision and if required we may take help from others.

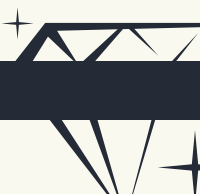
I overcome the challenges following above principle with sincere and hard workings.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Professional life and personal life go side by side. We have to demarcate our total times between professional and personal life. It should not be very rigid, the demarcation should be flexible at time of need.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

1. We should be hard working and sincere to our works.
2. Relations with our customers/ clients should be good and cordial.
3. If any differences with clients, we should convince our customer about our decisions.
4. We should not help our clients illegally in any respect.
5. For any problem of our customers, we should provide our professional help by giving proper advice/ guidance to them.
6. We have social responsibility and it should be fulfilled.





CA. Pawan Kumar Lilha

B.COM(Hons)

I passed my CA Final Exams in November 1969 and began my practice on April 1, 1970. Despite job offers from Central Bank of India, Tata Steels, and Jindal Steel due to my first-attempt merit list success, my parents advised me to pursue my own practice. Though uncertain about assignments, my articleship connections in Kolkata's business and industry helped me start.



KOLKATA



5 March 1948

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

"In today's rapidly growing business environment, borrowings and financial activities have become complex.

Chartered Accountants must perform their duties with integrity and transparency, ensuring accurate disclosures. This allows them to sleep peacefully, free from any undue stress or fear."



A Little Bit About Me



ITR, CTR, Income Tax Tribunal Judgements etc

Favourite Book



Income Tax: Kanga & Palkhiwala, Chaturvedi and Pithisaria and Girish Ahuja

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

In the beginning of my practice it was a challenge to get professional work but with my dedicated work during the Article period i was in regular touch with the management who appreciated my way of working for verifying the accounts. I started getting Audit Assignments which i accepted without looking after the quantum of fees. In this way people got connected and this way I could overcome the challenges in times to come.

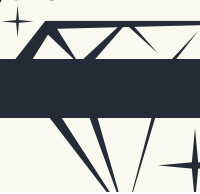
How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I started my practice with fixed time 9.30 AM to 7.30PM within which I always trying to complete all professional work and leave for home .

I was not doing any Professional work on Holidays and as such there is always balance between professional life and personal life.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Since I started my practice, the scope of professional work and associated risks has grown significantly. To meet these challenges, we leverage advanced technologies for swift, accurate results. Chartered Accountants must stay current with laws beyond Income Tax, GST, and Company Law. Integrity and diligence are crucial as our reports are scrutinized by banks, institutions, companies, shareholders, and government departments.





**CA. Pijush Ranjan
Sengupta**

B.Com.



KOLKATA



12 June 1935

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Unable to recall

A Little Bit About Me



Unable to recall

Favourite Book



Unable to recall

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

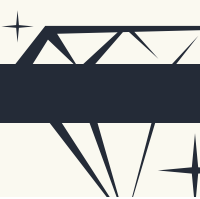
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How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Unable to recall

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Unable to recall





CA. Poonam Chand Bhurat

LLB

Process And Rule Follower



KOLKATA



2 March 1942

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Unable to recall

A Little Bit About Me



None

Favourite Book



None

Favourite Author

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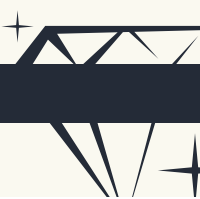
To follow the standards to the profession

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Unable to recall

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Unable to recall





CA. Prabhas Chandra Das

B.Com, LLB

All Bengal Non-Medalist Champion And Odisha State Champion In Table Tennis. I Represented Football And Cricket In School And College.



CUTTACK



5 November 1942

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

To live with others harmoniously, respect all sentiments and meditate for mental peace

I was the Chairman of the Cuttack Branch of EIRC of ICAI



A Little Bit About Me



Life Of Swami Vivekananda

Favourite Book



Achintya Kumar Sengupta

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

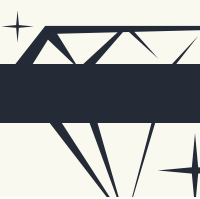
I opted for CA course knowing fully well that it was not easy I worked hard and diligently I passed.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

None

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

To be honest, hard working and to focus on the goal.





CA. Pradip Kumar Hor

I enjoy meeting new people.



KOLKATA



28 October 1944

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

To live and let live.



A Little Bit About Me



Shei Shomoy

Favourite Book



Sunil Ganguli

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

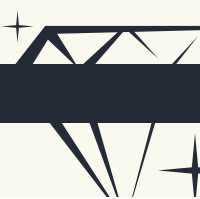
To prove myself as a good officer.
I worked hard with sincere effort and dedication.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I maintained a distance between official work and family time.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Hardworking and integrity.






CA. Pradip Tondon

B. Com. (Hons)

Believe in working as long as possible that too with a positive mind.

 KOLKATA

 25 July 1946

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Be positive and render service with a smile.



A Little Bit About Me



None

Favourite Book



None

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

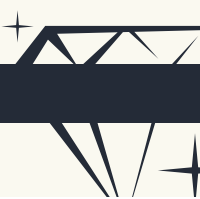
To work in a single industrial group of repute from the beginning till continuing now but in different atmospheres, industry, position, responsibilities and with no end in sight all with the grace and blessings of almighty God and well wishers.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Simple: keeping all happy with only one thing in mind: treat everyone whether at home or work as a family by giving a patient hearing with solving approach to all issues.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Catch the bull by the horn with a smile.





CA. Prakash Chandra Jana

M.Com.

If I think I can do it, I will do it at all costs.



KOLKATA



26 June 1946

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Nothing is more important than honesty and diligence.

Being true to your work, true to your conscience is everything you must do to lead a peaceful life.



A Little Bit About Me



Pather Panchali

Favourite Book



Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

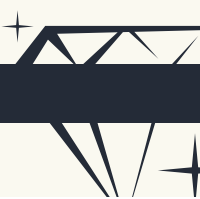
I come from a very distant village in West Bengal and shifted to Kolkata at an early age. Along side my studies and job, I had responsibilities of my siblings and my own family. I knew I had to be consistent with my efforts to make all ends meet. I was also engaged as a Professor under University of Calcutta for 30 years. Gradually I overcame my difficulties over time.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I have always kept my professional matters at the doorstep of my home. My family supported me through every stress I encountered in this journey. Regular exercise and healthy lifestyle helped me through all my ups and downs.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Never lose hope, there is always a next chance. Try to do better next time and strive till you accomplish your goals in life.





CA. Prakash Chandra Maskara

LLB

I was born and raised in Dalkhola in a joint family, excelled academically, earning a gold medal from Bhagalpur University in 1964, completed law in 1967 in Calcutta while pursuing CA, and attribute my success to my family.



SILIGURI



12 April 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Sustainability is the key for living a peaceful life. You need a reasonable resource for your future – Environment, Home, Health, Family, Friends, Fund, Name and Fame and above all a Stable mind set. I have everything and I am lucky. I have no regrets and I am happy.

I was the Founder Chairman of a Chapter of North Bengal Chartered Accountants during 1984-85 and a Co-opted Member of Ethical Standards Board of ICAI



A Little Bit About Me



I had no fascination for books except during studies and hence I have no favourite book.

Favourite Book



No favourite writer. I now stay at home with my children and enjoy the life which god has been kind enough to bestow on me.

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

I was lucky to have no challenges in life since I belong to a middle class business family with a strong bondage and multiple businesses.

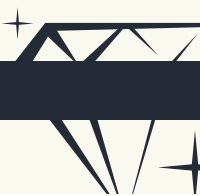
My family encouraged me to start profession since I was the first to come out of business.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Since childhood I was very disciplined, honest, hard working and time bound. My morning starts at 4:00 a.m. I was true to my profession and family. I was sincere to my clients. I had less of competition and problems as CA. I restricted myself to audit and taxation. I enjoyed the profession and have great command in the city and area around. I joined some service organisations especially Lions club where I became the District Governor in 1986.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

You have to be honest and true to your profession, friends and family. Keep good relationship with your colleagues. Choose the area where you want to work and Excel. Continuity and satisfaction is essence of success. Respect the time. Punctuality will give you respect. Try not to say lie. Too much of greed is always suicidal. Name and fame always comes with success. Be a competitor but not jealous. Follow the deserving seniors. Be a good pay master who is always respected. Be a popular leader.





CA. Prem Nath Pathak

M.Com.

Methodical, Punctual and Discipline



KOLKATA



1 July 1947

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Forget everything after completing the assignment / work.



A Little Bit About Me



Bhagavad Gita

Favourite Book



All who are motivational

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

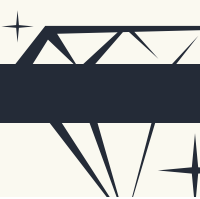
To achieve goal of life by hard work in time/ or before time.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Professional life first and thereafter personal life.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

To maintain punctuality and time in discharging the work.





CA. Radha Kanta Chatterjee

B.Sc. (Hons) and LLB

A meticulous, conscientious and passionate worker.



KOLKATA



23 November 1941

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

They come from the teachings of our great Masters. If only we can put in some effort and quality time to follow them.

To know him, to love him and serve him is difficult, but an effort in that direction in the midst of all the noise and turbulence is necessary.



A Little Bit About Me



Far Away And Long Ago by WH Hudson

Favourite Book



Presently enjoy the simple writing of Ruskin Bond

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

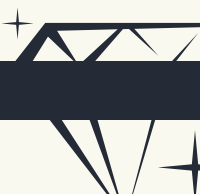
Life at home on the domestic front has been harmonious. That way I am fortunate. At office our understanding was good and faithful. On the whole I may say having lived as though I had no enmity with anyone, the journey was okay.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I can extend the answer to the first question a little further to say that belonging to a middle class family and leading a moderate and simple life the balance just struck.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Let me say what I saw in a newspaper. To be known as someone, "it is not enough to earn money, you have to show you have it." My case was just opposite. So the younger generation is advised to prosper righteously and grow working hard with integrity, intellect and investing wisely. Abjure short cuts and dishonesty.





CA. Radhey Shyam Agarwal

FCS, M.Com. and LLB

I am a person with self-confidence, empathy, grit, determination, foresight and with a “never quenching thirst” for knowledge, self growth and society.



KOLKATA



18 February 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

The lessons for leading a peaceful life include:

- Maintain a positive outlook and possess relevant knowledge in your field.
- Be kind, selfless, generous, and cooperative.
- Keep your ego in check.
- Stay calm under pressure and practice patience through meditation.
- Exude confidence and maintain a well-groomed, pleasing personality to command respect.
- Cultivate good judgement, value time and avoid hastiness or procrastination in decision-making.
- Keep an open mind, listen to others and avoid bias on judgement.



A Little Bit About Me



“Think and Grow Rich” by Napoleon Hill and our own Bhagavad Gita.

Favourite Book



There are many.

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

After qualifying, I was contended with my job at the Birlas, but I felt restless to start something on my own. Despite several challenges and limited funds, my childhood friend R.S. Goenka and I ventured into a business, withstanding many risks and sleepless nights. Our determination and constant innovation helped us succeed. We focused on ideas with the most potential and prioritised being innovative rather than following others. Understanding and adhering to relevant laws was crucial, especially in the FMCG sector. We built a strong core team, delegated responsibilities effectively and fostered open communications. Writing down ideas, being proactive and holding frequent meetings helped us create a cohesive and motivated work environment.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

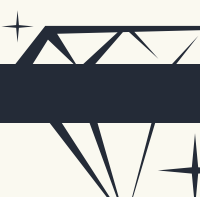
The five pillars mantra that we followed are:

- **Health:** Health forms the foundation of well-being. Prioritising health involves regular exercise, proper nutrition, rest, and stress management.
- **Family:** Family provides emotional support, fostering belonging and security.
- **Wealth:** Wealth signifies financial stability and growth opportunities. Managing wealth involves planning, budgeting, and wise investing.
- **Spirituality:** Spirituality gives life meaning beyond material pursuits.
- **Society:** Society encompasses social responsibility and positive contributions.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Cultivate a strong, well-groomed personality as it becomes your identity. Success hinges on willpower, persistence and clear goals. Face challenges with faith, discipline and self-confidence. Critically analyse and correct bad habits. Make timely decisions, delegate effectively and manage time well. Continuously upgrade skills and knowledge.

Uphold professional ethics and integrity.





CA. Rajaram Chowdhary

B. Com. and LLB

I passed CA final examinations in the year 1971 and worked with Lodhna Colliery Company Limited upto 1973 and there after worked with Coal India Limited on nationalisation of Coal Mines. I am practice since 1971, I passed B.Com. in 1965, LLB in 1968. I was Paper Setter and Examiner of Final exam of LLB in 2003.



KOLKATA



3 January 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

One should be honest to his work so that you are not in trouble as the situation is now prevailing in present scenario.



A Little Bit About Me



Income Tax Report on Direct Tax, Income Tax Law by Chaturvedi & Pithisaria's

Favourite Book



Girish Ahuja, Chaturvedi & Pithisaria's

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

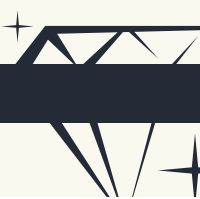
In the beginning years of practice it was very difficult to get Professional Work and got a First Audit of Private Limited Company for ₹ 100/- and in due course of practice the teething problem to get the Professional Assignment was over.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I work for fixed time on every day except in exceptional situation and do not take any Professional work on Holidays and as such there is balance between Professional Life and Personal Life.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

In the present time the younger generations in Professional must have vast knowledge of not only Companies Act but all other acts also which are relevant directly and indirectly to execute the Professional Assignment as Chartered Accountant.





CA. Rajendra Prasad Modi

LLB

Hardworking, Simple, Positive and Honest



KOLKATA



24 July 1948

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Happy family is imperative for peaceful life so that when you go home after full days hard work you can unwind with them and gain strength for next days work. After having worked rigorously with Lions, Rotary Club and Marwari Yuva Manch, I realised that

it is your duty to give back to the society what you have taken from the society, so that the next generation gets uplifted. With this objective in mind our CA Firm had sponsored a Scholarship for CA Students. This gives me lot of peace and inner satisfaction. After all what you give, comes back to you like a boomerang.



A Little Bit About Me



Ramayana and Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta

Favourite Book



Swami Vivekananda and his literatures

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

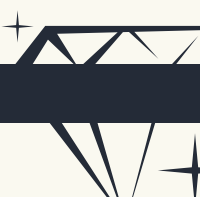
After securing a rank in my CA finals, I declined a PWC job to start my own practice, valuing independence over employment. Guided by my father, I completed my LLB and CA with a rank. Today, my family, including my children and in-laws, are all Chartered Accountants. Recently, we formed an Association for Senior Chartered Accountants to guide upcoming professionals, fostering creativity and benefiting the CA fraternity and society.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Balancing personal and professional life is always challenging. Clarity of thought that what you want from life is very important and working towards it with perseverance and tolerance is the key. If you love your family, you will find time for personal life. Your life partner has a very important role to play in this area. We stood rock solid together with each other and were able to balance the two.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

1. View Challenges as Opportunities. If your calling is higher, you will face higher challenges.
2. Dare. Be brave. To dare does not mean to jump and accept those challenges which are beyond your capacity. Use intelligence.
3. There is no substitute to hard Work
4. Harmonious Social Life must continue





CA. Rajendra Prasad Pansari

Rajasthan University Gold Medalist -
Graduation

To lead disciplined life with focus on self
selected goals.



KOLKATA



07 May 1947

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

1. Fitness of health is paramount.
2. Flexibilities in attitude at work place as well as domestic front is a must.
3. Faith in religion gives a good support to maintain oneself in peace during turbulent periods in life.



A Little Bit About Me



Biographies of legends

Favourite Book



All Prominent Authors

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

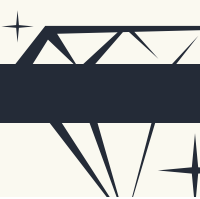
1. Competition with peers at work place to achieve higher positions - Keep concentration on your own performance for best output.
2. Time management vis-a-vis multifarious functions and assignments at a time: Strict monitoring of daily calendar with slots for each function and prioritizing of pending jobs/assignments.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

1. To allocate available time consciously and judiciously between professional needs vis-a-vis personal and family needs.
2. Better relationships and handholding with the professional colleagues and family members.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

1. Always keep knowledge updated in the fields of professional opportunities in which you operate.
2. Think out of box for solutions of the problems at hand.
3. There can't be a problem for which there is no solution.





CA. Rajkumar Patodi

B.Com. and LL.B

I'm a Perfectionist who ensures that everything is in the right place for an assignment to be successful.



KOLKATA



30 January 1943

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Gratitude has played a significant role in my life. Focusing on the positive aspects, even during challenging times, brought me inner peace. Encouraging a grateful attitude can also benefit young CAs in navigating the stresses of a demanding career.



A Little Bit About Me



" Man's Search for Meaning" - this book about finding meaning in life, even amidst suffering, resonated deeply with me.

Favourite Book



Victor Frankl - the Writer of the aforementioned book.

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

A major challenge in my career was adapting to the evolving technology. I overcame this by continuously learning new skills, taking advantage of professional development opportunities and embracing innovation. It wasn't always easy but it allowed me to stay relevant throughout and become successful.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Maintaining a healthy work- life balance was crucial to me. I set clear boundaries by leaving work at a reasonable hour and dedicating time to family and hobbies. However, I was deeply passionate about my career and made myself available when needed. The balance between commitment and personal time allowed me to thrive in all areas of life.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

The most valuable lesson I learned is that a successful CA career goes beyond technical skills. Strong communication, ethical behaviour and the ability to adapt to change are equally important. Never stop learning and seek opportunities to develop your soft skills. Building relationships with colleagues and mentors are also invaluable and encourage you to give back to the profession by mentoring others. +



CA. Ram Gopal Agarwala

B.Com. and LLB

A hard core finance and management professional into practice since more than 50 years



KOLKATA



2 January 1942

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Life is full of challenges but serving the society as a whole give much motivation and personal satisfaction



A Little Bit About Me



Bhagvad Gita

Favourite Book



None

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

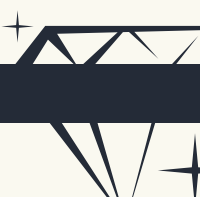
Coming from a very average background, I was the eldest brother of 8 siblings and made sure that all of the 5 brothers do their education . So today 2 are CA's, 2 are Advocates and 1 is a scientist. My initial phase was difficult but with the passage of time my hard work paid off and all are settled and in good shape today.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I got married in 1959 just after my Intermediate exam from Calcutta University and had to do hard labour to establish as a consultant advocate and a CA professional. I started CA practice in 1970. My only motto was to maintain dignity of self and the profession at any cost and to continuously study in law, finance, banking, insurance and accounts. I tried to have a disciplined life when it comes to my fooding, travel and work and i still maintain my timelines. I feel that was the key factor in maintaining balance in my professional and personal life.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Younger generation must not run after money but serve the society with their knowledge and experience and go for innovation in quality of life and profession to create employment





CA. Rama Nand Rustagi

B.Com.

I started my profession in 1970 and the name of my firm is Garv & Associates. Also I serve as cabinet treasurer of Lions Club of Calcutta Greater and I am a member of MCC in Calcutta. I was the President of DTPA and ACAE.



KOLKATA



13 July 1942

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

To repay to the society as our development is only because of what nation has given to us.

I was the Chairman of Eastern India Regional Council of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India



A Little Bit About Me



Swaraj Ka Shankhnad

Favourite Book



Siddharth Shankar Gautam

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

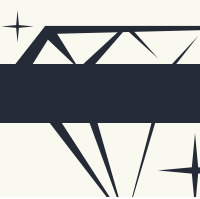
I started my professional career having no means and without any acquaintance as I came from Alwar in Rajasthan and flourished in a great way with my behaviour and better professional services to my clients.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I am a successful professional and associated with all the social organisations of Calcutta as trustee.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Sincere efforts, hard work, tolerance, motivation, day to day studying and better relationship with the clients and good behaviour with articles and other staff.





CA. Ramlal Mundhra

LLB

In practice since 1970



KOLKATA



1 August 1944

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Do not compare yourself with others. Be happy with what you have.



A Little Bit About Me



I Like Bhagwad Gita and I Write and Sing Bhajans Of Lord Krishna

Favourite Book



None

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

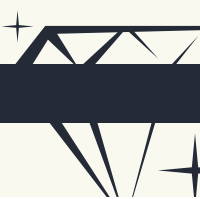
It Was Very Difficult To Establish Myself In Profession, but during early period with help of my parents, Brothers & Friends I could succeed and presently I have got Two other Partners In my firm helping the firm to reach the heights.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

With Smile

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

One has to be sincere and should focus on the profession instead of engaging in various activities & take the challenge with courage & smile.





CA. Ranjit Mal Kothari

Self belief with confidence and Move Forward,
Goal Will surely Be Achieved



KOLKATA



16 January 1946

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

It is entirely a mental exercise "peace and rest of mind" so keep cool.

I was a Committee Member of ICAI



A Little Bit About Me



Literature Of Vivekananda and other great and spiritual personnels

Favourite Book



Books of writers having own experience of life

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

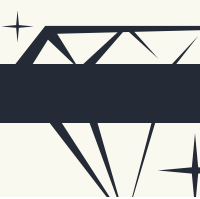
Create good team of professional performers, keep them motivated and encourage giving free hands with proper guidelines.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

The professional life and personal life, both are complementary to each other and same principles apply in balancing both.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

NEVER LOOSE YOUR CONFIDENCE AND ALWAYS REMAIN SELF ESTEEMED AND MOTIVATED





CA. Ratan Lal Rara

I am always happy and straight forward.



GUWAHATI



01 August 1946

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Expectations are the root cause of dissatisfaction. I don't expect anything from anyone.



A Little Bit About Me



How to win friends and influence people.

Favourite Book



Napoleon Hill

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

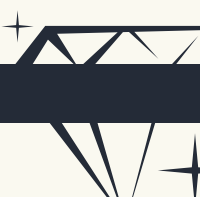
In the initial stage, it was very tough to get professional work but by sheer hard work I could overcome those challenges.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Always encouraged my associates and thereby found time for the family.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

There is no substitute for hard work. Always be honest and sincere.





CA. Sambhu Nath Mittra

M.Com, LLB and FIII

Self-satisfied with my profession



KOLKATA



19 November 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Always discuss the professional problems, that might disturb your mind, with the family, in general and you will live a peaceful life.



A Little Bit About Me



Geetanjali

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

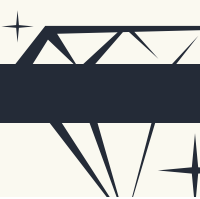
Resisting to immoral offers by scrupulous clients

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I am having busy as well as off seasons. I give more time to family during off seasons and my family is aware of that. There is no misunderstanding between us.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Don't be upset for loss of job. One day you will have sufficient clients.





CA. Samir Kumar Bhattacharyya

Last post held abroad



KOLKATA



16 June 1948

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Be calm and don't be proud



A Little Bit About Me



Geetanjali

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

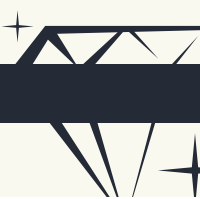
By cool discussion

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

There was no conflict

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Dedication





CA. Samir Kumar Ghosh

B.Com.

I am passionate about my work and it helps me bring my best to the role.



KOLKATA



26 March 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

None



A Little Bit About Me



None

Favourite Book



None

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

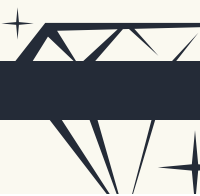
None

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Enjoy work, focus on health, maintain time management and review of finance.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

None





CA. Samiran Kumar Saha

B.A.

I am a Chartered Accountant with professional experience for several years



KOLKATA



01 December 1938

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Office work should not taken at home



A Little Bit About Me



Income tax

Favourite Book



PM Narialbala

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

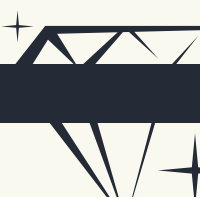
To have professional uplifting initially and achieved it with hard work .

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Personal life never came in the way of professional life for which my wife's help was tremendous

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Without hard work and regular enhancement of knowledge one can not survive in the competitive field.





CA. Sankar Bandyopadhyay

**M.Com. & Fellow Member of Institute of
Cost & Works Accountants of India**

Retired from SAIL ISP as General Manager
(Finance) after working for 33 years. Presently in
Practice



KOLKATA



28 February 1939

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Did not get worried when odds came. Be
calm so that you can take correct decision
/action.



A Little Bit About Me



Abol Tabol by Sukumar Roy-still I love to go
through it

Favourite Book



Late Tarashankar Bandyopadhyay & Syad
Mustafa Ali

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

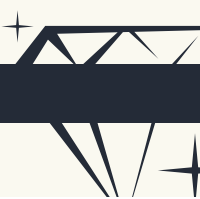
To follow the Governmental Procedures and face CAG
Audit.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Very difficult but even then gave sufficient time for family
life though my wife and son (who is also a CA) did not
agree.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Be honest to your assignment. Do not get depressed in
case of certain obstacles comes, Truth will prevail and
you will overcome one day.





CA. Sankar Prasanna Mukherjee

ACMA

I am self confident



KOLKATA



3 August 1938

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Be happy with what you have.



A Little Bit About Me



Autobiography of important persons

Favourite Book



Sarat Chandra Chatterjee

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

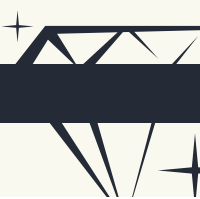
I faced many challenges in my service life and also in profession and I overcame this by my perseverance, confidence and zeal to face the obstacles.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I have no problem in striking the balance between professional life and personal life.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Dont be afraid to take new challenges and assignment and if necessary take advice from your friends, relatives and your professional brothers.





CA. Sankar Prosad Ghosh

CAIIB

Worked as General Manager of Andhra Bank
and now with Union Bank



KOLKATA



3 January 1943

**What lessons, life at large, taught you for
living a peaceful life?**

Hard work and sincerity



A Little Bit About Me



Geetanjali

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

**What were your challenges in life and how
did you overcome them?**

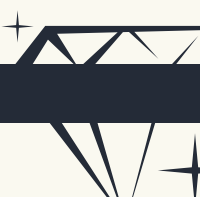
To reach the desired position

**How did you strike the balance between
your professional life and personal life?**

Partially Successful

**What lessons have you learnt during your
professional life that are a must for the
younger generations to know?**

To be Honest and have faith in God





CA. Santosh Kumar Agrawal

LLB., B. Com.

I am a self made person after crossing some difficult hurdles.



KOLKATA



21 May 1944

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Enjoy life without any expectation.

I was a Nominated member in Central Council Committee of ICAI



A Little Bit About Me



Hollywood to the Himalayas

Favourite Book



Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

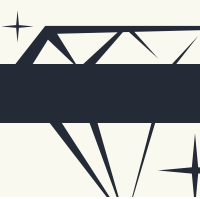
To become a Chartered Accountant in those difficult time when results used to be very poor. Strong will power and determination made me more devoted to planned studies.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

My family, colleagues and juniors always facilitated in maintaining the balance.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Be honest to yourself and to the profession, Hard Work without expecting immediate and matching reward & returns.





CA. Satish Chandra Chaturvedi

B.Com. (Hons)

I readily take up challenges and believe in Honesty, Integrity and Fairness



KOLKATA



18 January 1946

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Be fair, friendly and helpful.

I was a Member Of “Board of Ethical Standard” (Participated in drafting “Code of Ethics 2019”). I was also a Member of “Committee of Members in Entrepreneurship and public Service” (EMEPS)



A Little Bit About Me



I read many books. However my favourite is “BHAGAVAD GITA” and commentaries thereon.

Favourite Book



None To Be Very Specific.

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

Initially during my articleship period, there were naxalite activities at peak in West Bengal. During articleship, studies and attending law classes and practical training by going to universities, offices and factories for audit was very risky. But due to my fearless attitude and with god’s grace I could meet challenges and qualified CA in 1971. During that period West Bengal was very disturbed and Governance in State was fragile and unstable. I found that business and industries were badly disturbed. Capital was flying to other parts / states of our Country from West Bengal. As one of the founder Partner of Chaturvedi & Co., we decided to open branches in other parts of our Country as well. I opened 1st branch in Kanpur in 1971, 2nd in Delhi in 1973 and thereafter 3rd branch in Chennai in 1975 and 4th in Mumbai in 1985. This initiative gave a big boost to our Firms professionally, to overcome the local challenges.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

In our Office we have fixed office hours from 10:30 AM to 5:30 PM and the Office opens & closes punctually. This allows enough time to everyone in our office for profession and personal life. After office hours we generally do not attend professional work unless it is very urgent.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

There is no shortcut to success. Learning and having broad professional exposure during period of articleship and after getting qualified is very essential. Dedication, reliability and personal integrity matters a lot in professional life. One must have positive attitude, adoptability and qualitative delivery in time. Avoiding overloading is also necessary for tension free life.





CA. Sekhar Kumar Chatterjee

M. Com.

To maintain fidelity, confidence through patience and perseverance aiming at obtaining success and credit



KOLKATA



7 August 1940

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Maintaining peace and tranquility even amidst acute despair.



A Little Bit About Me



Books mainly having literary bias

Favourite Book



Oscar Wilde

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

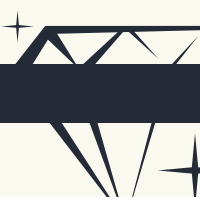
Had to face some challenges to establish a professional career at large, but finally succeeded with devotion and plausible performance.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Devoting to art and culture involving music and musical instruments.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Awakening and discoveries.





CA. Shyamal Kumar Ghosh

B.Sc. (Calcutta University)

At present I am away from the 'Pomp & Grandeur' of life.



KOLKATA



17 September 1938

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Be calm and peaceful but you should be fully focused on your job.

Reading different books on the subject you are facing presently and discussing the issue with anybody who is conversant on the same, will help you on the long run.



A Little Bit About Me



At present it is, 'Ramkrishna Kathamrita'

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

At present I am completely retired person. But, earlier in my professional life, Chairman of our trust wanted to install a very expensive and non utility project in the concern, and wanted me to give financial concurrence to the project, where I stood firm based on sound accounting policy of the concern and advised to cut considerable portion of the project. He disliked and overruled my opinion. There were a series of correspondence in this regard, but the chairman had deliberately stuck to his proposal.

Later on as the expenditure started Government had to intervene and the Chairman had to face query from the Government audit and the project had to be curtailed, for which the Chairman was angry on me till the date of his retirement.

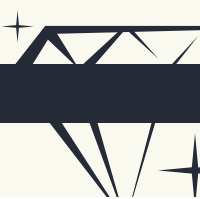
On the last date he shook hands with me and said ' You were right Shyamal'.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Professional' & 'Personal' life are interdependent. But you should not mix the two. You should try to keep the two separate.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

You should be friendly with your Partner/ Colleague .Don't be rude or show your anger to them in any way. Differences, if there, should be discussed and dissolved amicably in a friendly atmosphere.





CA. Somnath Chakrabarti

M.Com. & LLB

Proud to be a member of the Institute and consider this to be the best Indian Educational & Professional Institute



KOLKATA



26 May 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

One should try to be a good human being, be simple in deeds but enriched in high thoughts. One should always try to extend a helping hand for the needy and helpless. Remember money can give you pleasure only but good deeds will give you happiness.



A Little Bit About Me



"Yogi kathamrita" by Sree Sree Paramhansa yogananda

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

The biggest challenge for me was to establish myself in the Profession and slogging for my economic existence.

I could overcome this difficult period only through patience and determination and unquestionable faith in my beloved profession.

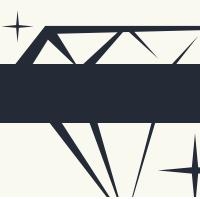
How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I really doubt whether I could really strike a semblance of balance in the beginning years as my personal life suffered badly. But gradually, I started to strike the balance. One thing I always did was that, I never brought back home any official work.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

A mistake committed by you is not a mistake till you realise it as a mistake. Once you realise that, you should try to learn your lesson from that mistake and try to avoid committing it in future. If you commit the same mistake again, then it is no more a mistake but it is a blunder. You should always have faith in yourself and stay away from any such blunder.

You should always remember that you are a member of the best ever professional body and say to yourself that "I am the best". Another thing is that, you should always keep yourself updated with all the changes happening around you.





CA. Sravan Kumar Tibrewal

B. Com. and LLB.

I am physically and mentally fit with a clear mind



DIBRUGARH



28 November 1942

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Life is a challenge, so face it with a cool and intelligent mind.



A Little Bit About Me



Shree Bhagawad Gita

Favourite Book



Nani Palkhivala

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

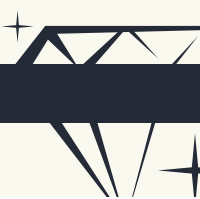
There was pressure from various fields. I knew that these adverse conditions are inevitable but I dealt with it with sheer patience and determination as I was confident that such situation couldn't hurt me.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

My personal life was never a problem for my professional life as I made it certain to take time out for my family and myself.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Adjustment is one of the key factors and also one must be faithful towards the profession.





CA. Srikrishna Gupta

B.Com (Hons)

I always liked to give service to the Society by making time from my profession



RANIGANJ



30 April 1941

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Avoid professional and family tensions. Read books or enjoy music.



A Little Bit About Me



Geetabitan of Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Book



Satyajit Roy

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

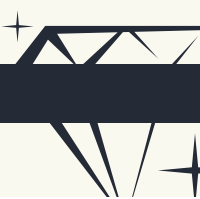
My challenge was to establish myself in the profession by interacting with clients by personal attention.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I never faced any problem to keep balance between professional and personal life. I gave attention wherever it was required.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Give proper attention to the requirements of your clients and to your family.





CA. Subh Karan Soni

B.Com.

I feel proud to be a Chartered Accountant, but throughout My Life, I Have Kept The Student Of Accountancy In Me Alive.



KOLKATA



4 July 1946

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

My lesson for a peaceful life is, simple living with minimum requirements and being close to nature.



A Little Bit About Me



Sreemad Bhagavad Gita

Favourite Book



Mahatma Gandhi

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

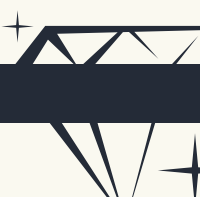
Being a first generation professional in practice, the challenges were many in life which I overcame by determination, consistency in performance, conduct and communication.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Both are vital for existence. By better management of my time table, I have been able to keep balance between my professional and personal life successfully.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

There is no short cut to success, hence the younger generation shall put hard work with sincerity, humility and modesty.





CA. Sudarshan Kumar Dangi

Cost Accountant

52 years of Chartered Accountancy professional life



HOWRAH



2 October 1947

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Avoid worrying and be happy considering that God has given you the best.



A Little Bit About Me



Gitanjali

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

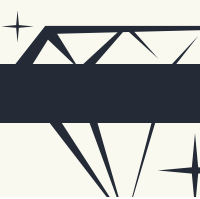
Qualifying CA Examinations but with regular studies it became very simple.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Looked after the Home Minister.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Upgradation of knowledge and staying sincere with the profession without compromising.





CA. Suhas Chandra Saha

M.Com. and ACS

Hailing from a Business family, always desired to become a Chartered Accountant thus stayed dedicated throughout.



KOLKATA



28 September 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Do not criticize others Do not blame others
Peace is within you.



A Little Bit About Me



Sreemad Bhagavad Gita

Favourite Book



Satyajit Roy

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

Two main challenges were:

- i) whether I should join the family business or
- ii) continue with the CA Course ?

With strong determination and hard work I had overcome both the issues ,First by not joining my family business and second ,by continuing with a renowned Audit Firm for pursuing with my CA Course.

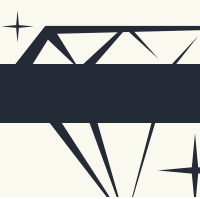
How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

To fulfil commitments to professional life and also to personal life, striking a balance is needed. While all efforts are made by a person who is in between both ends to make a perfect balance, but still in some cases there may remain a gap. This imbalance is disturbing and may create a lot of complications and misunderstanding.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

In the year 1982, I joined the organisation from where I retired in 2021 after serving for about 40 years. During this period I served the organisation in various capacity including Vice President(Finance) and Secretary.

This was possible because of the cooperation and support I received from all my colleagues at all the levels. What I have learnt from my professional life, younger generations must work as a team. In case any of the members have done something wrong instead of blaming him/her everybody must stand by his/her side, discuss and try to resolve the issue. They will have to always work together as a Team.





CA. Sujit Kumar Mallik

B.Com.

I am an old and experienced Chartered Accountant



KOLKATA



2 June 1947

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Not to fight with your wife.



A Little Bit About Me



The Spartacus.

Favourite Book



Albeir Camus

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

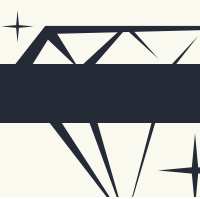
I spent lot of time in Tea Industry and I did first computerization of Labour Wages.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Professional life is only while I am in profession. The rest is my personal life.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

One has to be dedicated to one's job, In addition to full working knowledge.





CA. Sukumar Baksi

B.Com.

A man of Simplicity and High Thinking



KOLKATA



29 February 1940

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Simple living and high thinking.



A Little Bit About Me



Mythology

Favourite Book



Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

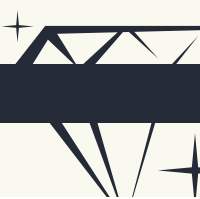
Son & daughter's education / establishment in life by prioritizing their educational needs

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Enjoy your holidays and free time with family and friends.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Do your work with Honesty.





CA. Sumit Basu

B.Com(Hons)

Looking forward to more active life



KOLKATA



5 November 1945

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

To lead an honest and ethical life.



A Little Bit About Me



War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy

Favourite Book



Amitabha Ghosh

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

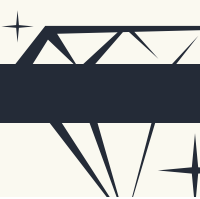
Continuing an active practice for 50 Years.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

With the cooperation of life partner at home and my partners in the profession.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Confidence in self and trust in your colleagues.





CA. Sunil Kumar Biswas

B.Com.

A person of multifaceted interests has lived life with an eye for detail and an ear for nuance.



KOLKATA



15 October 1936

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Be humble, a patient listener, and a keen observer. Be consistent in your work and attitude, and show respect for others.



A Little Bit About Me



Gora

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Tagore

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

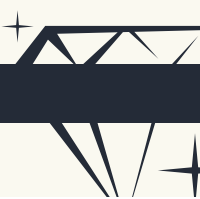
Life has been a springboard for learning, and I have always kept myself grounded with a consistent note of steadfastness and a 'Come What May' attitude.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I have always tried to strike a balance between my personal and professional lives, respecting the privacy of each area, and never letting my official matters disrupt my personal front.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

I have learned perseverance and paying respect to the famous adage, 'Bosses command, leaders teach and listen.' Being a good leader is always a challenge, and the younger generation should have the humility to handle any situation.





CA. Susanta Sarkar

B.A. and M.Com.

Apart from being a member of CA Fraternity, I was also engaged as a lecturer and Head of the Department in an evening Commerce College of Kolkata for about four decades.



KOLKATA



15 July 1943

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

To keep a balance between spending time to run after money and keep peaceful family life. Do not be too greedy and do not run after easy money.



A Little Bit About Me



None

Favourite Book



Sarat Chandra Chattopaddhya

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

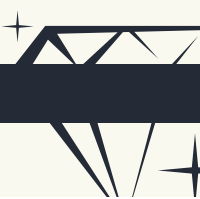
I was very keen to become a Chartered Accountant and also M.Com so that I may enter in profession and also in teaching line. I worked hard and by God's grace stood 1st in 1st class in my M.Com Exam in Calcutta University.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

I had to keep a balance between professional life, teaching life and family life. Though very difficult, I had to make my family happy otherwise than by spending enough time with them. Sometimes I was successful but sometimes not and for that always I had to make them understand that these are for their future only.

What lessons have your learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Every CA. should be very serious, careful and work with enough responsibility. Do not undercut fees and do not give up seriousness and responsibility. You must be up to date with all current laws and regulations and for that you must be hard working and also should spend time to study.





CA. Sushil Kumar Chhawchharia

LLB.

Strong believer in hard work and patience



KOLKATA



17 October 1944

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

To be truthful- not knowing is not wrong, but advising without knowing is a crime.



A Little Bit About Me



Have minimal reading habit except professional reading. However, recently read 'Nudge' written by Thaler & Sunstein

Favourite Book



Sadguru' A Preacher For Practical Advises For Life.

Favourite Author

What were your challenges in life and how did you overcome them?

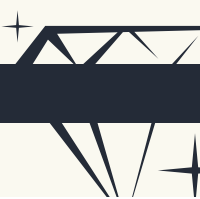
Loss of father at a very early age, who was a Sr. Chartered Accountant, my guide, mentor & idol.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Very supportive family and especially my wife.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Honesty, commitment and sincerity to your work will take you a long way. There is no short-cut to success.





CA. Swapan Kumar Samanta

Chartered Secretary, London

Hardworking and love my profession



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02 January 1944

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Concentration of the mind and limited wants.



A Little Bit About Me



Geetanjali

Favourite Book



Rabindra Nath Tagore

Favourite Author

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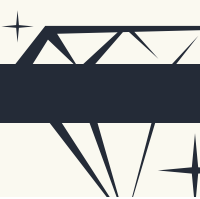
Solving problems by handling them head on.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Positive thinking and adapting to prevalent situations

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

There is no alternative to hard work and love your institute and profession till your last breath





CA. Tansukh Raj Daga

B.Com., LLB.

Hard Work



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25 February 1943

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Nothing as such.



A Little Bit About Me



Mahaveer Vani

Favourite Book



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Favourite Author

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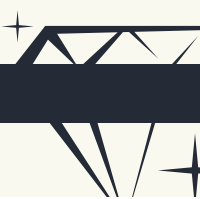
None

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Equal importance to Profession and home.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Message for young is to work hard and keep your self up to date.





CA. Tapan Kanti Sengupta

LLB.

I tried to work sincerely and honestly wherever I was put in.



KOLKATA



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12 December 1948

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Not to quarrel with anybody. Better to try keep quiet.

I was the Chairman of EIRC of ICAI in the year 1992-93

A Little Bit About Me



Chowringhee (by Shankar)

Favourite Book



Rabindranath Thakur, Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay, Saratchandra Chattopadhyay, Shankar, Nimai Bhattacharya and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Favourite Author

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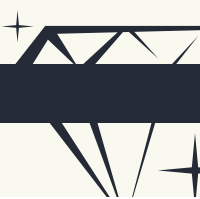
No challenge in my life as such.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

There is no fight in between these two lives.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Try to be sincere in your work and try to take your proper remuneration in time.





CA. Tara Pada Dutta

M Com. & DISA (ICAI)

Ex-General Manager of a Public Sector Undertaking & was in service from 1971 till 1993. Thereafter was Founder of T P Dutta & Associates from 6th December 1993



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03 September 1946

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

To love what you do.

I am a Ex Co-opted member of ICAI; presently a co-opted member of EIRC-ICAI. I was also a Founder Secretary and am an Ex President of SLCA & Ex-Conveynor of SLCA study circle.



A Little Bit About Me



The psychology of money by Morgan Housel.

Favourite Book



Late Sunil Gangopadhyay

Favourite Author

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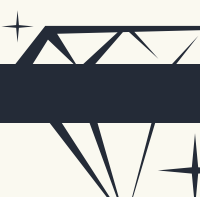
Two challenges both in service and in profession.

How did you strike the balance between your professional life and personal life?

Discipline is the main factor.

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Sincerity, Honesty and Dedication.





CA. Umasankar Chatterjee

B.Com.

Sincerity



KOLKATA



01 January 1941

What lessons, life at large, taught you for living a peaceful life?

Good relationship with people



A Little Bit About Me



Leela Prasaga by Swami Saradananda

Favourite Book



Swami Saradananda.

Favourite Author

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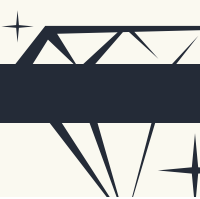
My profession

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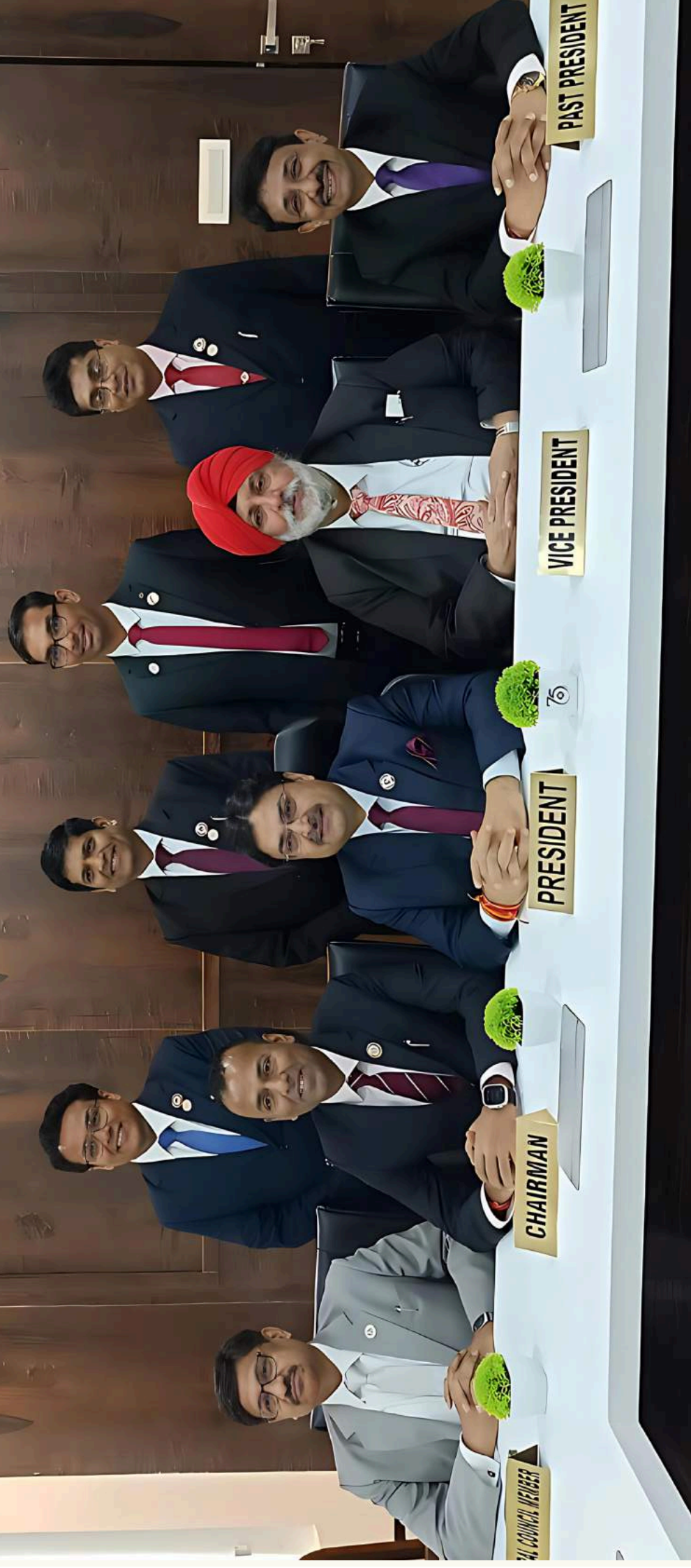
Normally

What lessons have you learnt during your professional life that are a must for the younger generations to know?

Sincerity



TEAM EIRC WITH ICAI TORCH BEARERS (2024-25)



Voice of Diamonds

A "We Care" initiative

"Voice of Diamonds" - a "WE CARE" initiative is a tribute to the legacy and wisdom of our esteemed senior Chartered Accountants who are 75 years of age or above as on 1st July 2023 and are in continuous membership for 50 years and above. This initiative by the Eastern India Regional Council of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India aims to capture the invaluable experiences and insights of such distinguished members, who have been continuous torchbearers of integrity, professionalism, and excellence.

In this compilation, you will find stories that span decades of unwavering commitment, challenges overcome, and triumphs achieved. Each narrative is a testament to the resilience, dedication, and passion that define our fraternity. These voices, rich with knowledge and experience, serve as a guiding light for the new generation of professionals, inspiring them to uphold the high standards of our profession.

May this collection not only honour their contributions but also inspire future generations to follow in their illustrious footsteps for an enriching tomorrow.