

## **Women Members Empowerment Committee of ICAI** **Congratulates CA final toppers!**

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) released the CA Foundation and CA Final (both Old & New course) results on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 for the Exams held in July 2021.

In CA Foundation Examination total 71967 students appeared (38917 male & 33050 female), out of which 19158 students (10150 male & 9008 female) cleared the exams.

In CA Foundation Examination, Girls outperform boys with the pass percentage of 27.26%, compared to boys' pass percentage of 26.08%.

Total 149091 Students (115542 from new course & 33549 from old course) appeared in the July 2021 Final Examination & 10165 candidates qualified as Chartered Accountants (7774 from new course & 2391 from old course).

***This time, all the toppers of CA Final Examination are GIRLS in both old and new course.***

ICAI CA Final Exam Toppers 2021: New Course Result Toppers

	AIR 1	AIR 2	AIR 3
Name	NANDINI AGRAWAL	SAKSHI AIRAN	BAGRECHA SAKSHI RAJENDRAKUMAR
Marks	614/800	613/800	605/800
%	76.75%	76.63%	75.63%

Old Course Toppers

	AIR 1	AIR 2
Name	RUTH CLAIRE DSILVA	MALAVIKA R KRISHNAN
Marks	472/800	446/800
%	59%	55.75%

Women Members Empowerment Committee of ICAI interacted with the toppers to know more about their exam preparation strategy and future plans.

Their inputs on following specific points were sought:

Q1. What made you take up Chartered Accountancy course?

Q2. Who guided or inspired you in this whole journey?

Q3. Any hurdles you have faced while preparing for your CA examinations/ course?

Q4. Your suggestions on how to prepare for the CA exams for your juniors?

Q5. What are your future plans? Are you going to take a Job or Practice and why?

Following are their inputs provided exclusively to Women Members Empowerment Committee-

### **CA Nandini Agrawal, AIR 1 of the CA Final July 2021 batch (New Course)**

"From the school time my mother always inspired me to do CA but being a child at that time I was not having any idea about "Who is a Chartered Accountant"? When I cleared 10th I researched on CA course and then got an idea about it and it really seemed fascinating to me. So, I choose CA.

My brother guided me and my mom inspired me in this whole journey.

Sitting at home since April 20 and then doing exam preparation from Nov 20 was a blessing as I was well settled in my hometown after doing articleship in Gurgaon however it becomes really monotonous for us to sit at home whole time and can't go anywhere. So, it was boredom which was one of the de- moralising things.

Secondly, I got ill near exams time so that was also a hurdle to keep myself motivated and energetic.

Few suggestions to all dear aspirants:

- a) Choose the right material to study.
- b) Make your study planner target based and not time based.
- c) Stay focused, disciplined and positive.

My future's plans are uncertain however I am not going in practice, because going in practice is like settling down. You can never go for job after practice because corporates think that you failed in practice that's why you are coming to job and it's good to obtain some professional experience before planning for further studies/ or going in practice."

### **CA Sakshi Airan, AIR 2 of the CA Final July 2021 batch (New Course)**

"The Journey of Chartered Accountancy started with the ambition of being in a profession that is highly respected and where only merit matters. The profession allows to enter the professional world quickly after completion of Class 12th along with an extensive training period of 3 years also completed by then. In this Journey I was guided through by many teachers and Chartered accountants always putting forth best of the paths available to me.

This course transforms one as a person developing overall personality and perspective towards world. So it obviously had its ups & downs. Many a times one might find it difficult to manage studies and other aspects of their life however the vision to see the words CA as a prefix to my name was the one motivation that kept me going for the last 4 years.

Having said enough about my journey till now, I would like to suggest other CA aspirants that they follow their passion towards the course rigorously. This course is not only about passing exams or securing a rank for that matter, its about the extensive and comprehensive knowledge that it has to offer. Focus on understanding the concepts and their practical application. This will make your studies more interesting and fruitful. Further planning the things well in advance and following that plan is quiet essential to be successful in every walk of life and CA course is not an exception to this.

As far as my future plans are concerned, I will take up a job for now along with pursuing higher studies so that I can further develop my business sense and analytical abilities."

### **Sakshi Bagrecha, AIR 3 of the CA Final July 2021 batch (New Course)**

"When I was in 12th, I started taking it seriously as to what to do next. I consulted many of my seniors and friends and took in their inputs. That's when I heard of this course which is quite challenging and which requires a lot of hardwork from one's end. This stimulated me to take up this course.

For me, my professors from my coaching centre have always motivated me to do better ahead at all levels. Apart from them, my parents and my family have always shown a lot of faith in me which helped me boost up my confidence about exam preparation.

Managing studies while managing office work during articleship was quite challenging. However, I overcame that through better planning and time allocation. Further to it, lockdown that happened in Apr/ May 2021 was another demotivating point in finals preparation because it casted a dark shadow on the attempt being

happening. However, I decided not to lose hope and in order to refresh myself, I resorted to YouTube revision lectures.

Time management is the essence of everything. If you can prioritize things and manage time efficiently, alongwithhardwork and determination, you will sure shot have a successful story to pass ahead. Hence, have a robust plan laid that meets your study pattern and style. Post which, it would become necessary to stick to it and achieve it with every passing day. Write as many mock tests as you can, this will sharpen your concepts and learnings, will also highlight areas that demand more of your attention.

As of now there's nothing decided on it. Would certainly explore more options in further studies. Further, I would like to try my hands in the corporate world which will provide me opportunities to widen my knowledge base and groom me with various entrepreneurial skills."

### **CA Malavika R Krishnan, AIR 2 of the CA Final July 2021 batch (Old course)**

"My mother is a CA dropout. She had to drop CA after getting married. Being a studious student she always regretted dropping out of CA. So this inspired me to take up CA.

My parents and my dad's siblings have always inspired and guided me to pursue CA. They ensured that societal pressure doesn't affect me.

For graduation, I did an integrated course... So I was handling B.com and CA simultaneously. That was hectic as I had back to back classes and exams.

Final students should start preparing during articleship and classes should be also completed during this time. One time study should be also completed. During study leave focus should be to do repeated revisions and write mock papers.

I am planning to take up employment. And on a later stage do MBA."

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