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Artificial Intelligence (AI), particularly Generative AI (GenAI), is rapidly transforming professional services. Businesses worldwide are moving beyond experimentation toward deployment and scaling of AI technologies to improve efficiency, decision-making, and operational performance.

For accounting and auditing professionals, it is increasingly important to demonstrate leadership in the responsible use of AI. Firms must effectively integrate AI across their practices to enhance quality, productivity, and operational excellence while maintaining professional standards and ethical obligations.

Experts forwarded these views at the webinar titled "AI's Applicability in Accounting & Auditing" organized by ICAB on 16 February 2026.

In his address of welcome ICAB President NKA Mobin FCA emphasized that strengthening AI fluency among professionals is essential to reinforce the role of accountants and auditors as trusted advisors in a technology-driven environment.

Mr. Mobin noted that Artificial Intelligence is rapidly transforming the global business environment. In the fields of accounting and auditing, AI is enhancing efficiency, strengthening analytical capabilities, and improving risk assessment processes. From automated data extraction to intelligent analytics and anomaly detection, AI-driven tools are reshaping how professionals deliver assurance and advisory services while maintaining quality and accuracy.

He further stressed that, as the national professional accountancy body, ICAB remains committed to equipping its members with up-to-date knowledge through seminars, webinars, and continuing professional development (CPD) programs. Initiatives such as this webinar help ensure that chartered accountants remain future-ready by combining technical expertise with digital competence to meet the evolving demands of the profession.

The session was chaired by Sabbir Ahmed FCA, Council Member of ICAB, who guided the proceedings and facilitated the discussion throughout the program.

Editorial Note from Chairman – Editorial Board



Dear Readers,

Members of the Institute and our valued readers will, through this publication, gain an overview of ICAB's activities and engagements during the month of February. This month holds profound historical significance, as it commemorates the language movement on the 21st of February 1952- a day that planted the seeds of our independence. It marked the beginning of our collective resistance against injustice and oppression, ultimately inspiring our journey toward a sovereign nation. The Day is observed as International Mother Language Day with due respect and solemnity.

The importance of the Language Movement of 1952 is immense. It instilled in us the values of honour, dignity, and self-determination—the courage to choose what is right for ourselves. The leadership of ICAB continues to uphold and reflect the spirit of this historic legacy in its vision and actions. Our members consistently strive to enhance their professional excellence, actively engaging in the Institute's initiatives under dynamic leadership.

With this brief reflection, let us turn to the Institute's activities during February. ICAB organized a series of online workshops, training sessions, and webinars aimed at strengthening professional capacity. In the early hours of 21 February, ICAB leaders paid homage to the martyrs by placing floral tributes at the National Shaheed Minar, honouring their supreme sacrifice.

During the month, significant progress was made in strengthening communication and collaboration with regulatory authorities, corporate entities, and trade and business bodies. These developments have been comprehensively covered in this issue of the ICAB monthly publication.

Although activities experienced a slight slowdown due to reduced office hours during the holy month of Ramadan, the time was effectively utilized for resource planning and preparation for upcoming initiatives.

Wishing everyone continued success and well-being.

Ala Uddin FCA

The technical session featured a paper presentation by Sk. Ashik Iqbal FCA (ICAB), CPA (USA), Partner of Nurul Faruk Hasan & Co., Chartered Accountants. In his presentation, he shared insights and professional perspectives on the subject, highlighting practical experiences and emerging developments relevant to the accounting and auditing profession.

Key Highlights

- **AI Landscape Shift:** Businesses are moving from GenAI experimentation to real deployment and scaling, focusing on performance and operational impact.
- **Leadership in AI Use:** Accounting and auditing firms must demonstrate leadership in responsible AI adoption to enhance quality, efficiency, and operational excellence.
- **AI Fluency for Professionals:** Strengthening AI knowledge and skills among professionals is essential to maintain their role as trusted advisors in a technology-driven environment.
- **Secure and Controlled AI Use:** GenAI tools used in professional settings must
 - Align with professional standards and firm policies
 - Follow strict risk management and usage protocols
 - Provide accurate, context-specific responses
 - Operate securely within internal systems or firewalls.
- **Emerging AI Regulations:** Organizations should monitor global AI legislation and regulatory developments and incorporate them into accounting and auditing practices.
- **AI Regulation in Bangladesh:** Bangladesh currently does not have a standalone AI law, but future frameworks may classify AI systems based on risk levels (prohibited, high-risk, limited-risk, minimal-risk).
- **AI in Financial Reporting:** AI can influence financial reporting through:
 - AI-generated information
 - AI-enabled automation and internal controls
 - AI-driven estimates and valuations.
- **Audit Implications:** Auditors must understand how entities use AI, assess related risks, and adjust audit procedures and IT control assessments accordingly.
- **Professional Judgment Remains Critical:** Despite AI capabilities, human judgment, ethics, and professional skepticism remain essential in accounting and auditing.

The discussion was further enriched by the contributions of the panel speakers. Khondkar Atique-e-Rabbani FCA, Director of The Computers Ltd., and Sk. Md. Tarikul Islam FCA (ICAB), ACA (ICAEW), Partner of Hoda Vasi Chowdhury & Co., Chartered Accountants, provided their expert views, offering valuable perspectives from both the technology and professional practice domains.

Following the panel discussion, the session was opened for a Question and Answer segment, moderated by Mahbub Ahmed Siddique FCA, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of ICAB, allowing participants to engage with the speakers and seek further clarification and insights.

The program was concluded with concluding remarks by Shubhashish Bose, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICAB, who summarized the key takeaways of the discussion.

Building Bridges, Uniting Voices: A Strategic Consultation Between ICAB and ICMAB

In a landmark step toward strengthening the accountancy profession in Bangladesh, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) and the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) convened a high level strategic consultation led by ICAB President NKA Mobin FCA and ICMAB President Md. Kausar Alam FCMA, aimed at narrowing down all differences and work effectively to serve the national interest, advance the professional standing of our members, and constructively influence public policy and regulatory reforms. The meeting was held on 9 February 2026 at Council Hall, CA Bhaban, Dhaka. The discussion focused on the following areas:



- Professional unity & commitment to public interest
- CFO Independence
- Capacity Growth
- Government Collaboration
- Exploring Joint Platforms
- Formation of a Joint Working

Committee for focused action

Both ICAB and ICMAB reaffirmed their commitment to moving toward purposeful collaboration in a structured framework to build a stronger, more unified, and more impactful finance professional community.

A First Step Towards Stronger Financial Governance ICAB-FRC Strategic Consultation



The two bodies agreed to pursue structured collaboration, acknowledging their distinct mandates while working in a complementary manner to strengthen financial governance and better serve stakeholders on 5 February 2026 at CA Bhaban.

President's Communication



**Dear Fellow Members and
Colleagues,**

Assalamu Alaikum and Greetings to you all.

February, a month of profound historical significance, reminds us of the enduring spirit of our language movement of 1952. As we pay deep homage to the Language Martyrs, we are inspired by their sacrifice, which laid the foundation for our cultural identity, rights, and ultimately our independence. The global observance of International Mother Language Day reinforces the importance of preserving linguistic diversity and cultural heritage across nations.

Dear Fraternities, holy month of Ramadan also fell in this month, and we have squeezed the office hours, but tried to utilize the time in execution of our strategic plan. We convey Ramadan greetings to you, all.

As I step into the 8th month of my presidency, I remain committed to advancing our profession with a vision rooted in integrity,

innovation, and inclusiveness. Chartered Accountants, equipped with analytical expertise, ethical grounding, and strategic insight, are uniquely positioned to contribute to building sustainable and resilient economies.

In line with our motto, during the month of February, ICAB undertook a series of important initiatives aimed at strengthening professional capacity, enhancing institutional collaboration, and embracing emerging global trends, particularly in technology and governance.

05 February 2026: ICAB also held a strategic consultation with the Financial Reporting Council (FRC). Both bodies agreed to pursue structured collaboration, recognizing their complementary roles in strengthening financial governance and enhancing stakeholder confidence.

09 February 2026: In a significant move toward professional unity, ICAB and ICMAB held a high-level strategic consultation. The discussion focused on fostering

collaboration, aligning professional objectives, and working collectively in the national interest.

Key areas included professional unity, CFO independence, capacity building, government collaboration, and the formation of a joint working platform. Both institutions expressed their commitment to building a more cohesive and impactful professional community.

16 February 2026: ICAB organized a timely webinar focusing on the growing relevance of Artificial Intelligence (AI), particularly Generative AI (GenAI), in the accounting and auditing profession.

The session highlighted that businesses are transitioning from AI experimentation to practical deployment and scaling. In this evolving landscape, accounting professionals must demonstrate leadership in the adoption of AI responsible to enhance efficiency, quality, and decision-making, while

upholding professional standards and ethical responsibilities.

I emphasized the importance of strengthening AI fluency among professionals to sustain their role as trusted advisors. He noted that AI is already transforming key functions such as data analysis, risk assessment, and audit processes, and that ICAB remains committed to equipping members with relevant knowledge through continuous professional development initiatives.

The technical session, panel discussion, and interactive Q&A provided valuable insights into practical applications, regulatory considerations, and the continued importance of professional judgment in an AI-enabled environment.

21 February 2026: ICAB observed International Mother Language Day with due respect and solemnity. The National Flag was hoisted at half-mast at CA Bhaban in tribute to the Language Martyrs, reflecting our deep

respect and commitment to preserving the spirit of Ekushey.

Congratulations to Newly Qualified Members

We are delighted to welcome 43 new Associate Chartered Accountants (ACA) who successfully passed the Advanced Level Examinations (November–December 2025 session). I extend my heartfelt congratulations to them and wish them a successful and fulfilling professional journey.

In closing, I would like to reaffirm that ICAB will continue to focus on strengthening professional excellence, embracing technological advancements, and fostering collaboration at both national and international levels.

With warm regards,



N K A Mobin FCA
President, ICAB



Congratulations to Newly Qualified CAs !!

The Advanced Level Examinations of November-December 2025 session-ICAB has witnessed a number of students qualifying in their final examinations. A total of 43 students passed in the Final

Examinations and has become eligible for the membership of ICAB as ACA. The Editorial Board of the Council congratulates the Newly Qualified CAs and wishes them success in their future careers.



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Md Nazir Hossain



Md. Nowab Khan



Md. Iqramul Hasan Atik



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Events on International Mother Language Day

On 21 February 2026, ICAB President NKA Mobin FCA, along with leaders of the Dhaka Regional Committee of ICAB and other members, observed International Mother Language Day (Omar Ekushey) with due respect and solemnity.

In the morning, they hoisted the National Flag at half-mast at CA Bhaban as a mark of profound tribute to the Language Martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the recognition of Bangla as a state language. The ceremony reflected deep respect for the historic significance of the day and reaffirmed ICAB's commitment to preserving the spirit of Ekushey.





ICAB Academic Campus News

The session (Dec'25-Feb'26, 25th Batch) for Certificate Level students which was started from 28-Dec-2025, will now be concluded by 08-Mar-2026 (keeping some special arrangements on Friday & Saturday). There are 1,153 students joining with 56 teachers for the session. All students are the fresh candidates for the Certificate Level exam, Session: May 2026 (1st Quarter), to be held from 02-May-2026.

By the way, the session of Professional Level (21th Batch, Students-569, Teachers-28) begun from 25-Nov-2025, already ended on 28-Feb-2026. Here all students will be appeared at the exam, as examines for the Session: May 2026 (1st Quarter), to be commenced on 11-May-2026.

On the other hand, the classes of Advanced Level have been started from 16-Feb-2026 (19th Batch, Students-160, Teachers-10), and the session will be closed by 30-Apr-2026.

The Class Management Department is ready with its preparation for organizing all the courses (regular, flexible & special classes of Professional & Advanced Levels physically at academic venues, CA Bhaban, 1st floor & 4th floor; and Certificate Level sessions through online system) all over the year, as instructed by the Board of Studies (BoS) of the Institute for the benefit of the students. The concerned students are joining there merrily and completing all the classes effectively.

In the meantime, the Articleship Management Department has been registered articled students 226 and 333 of PAS (pre-articled students) within the month of February 2026. The "Knowledge Sharing Session (KSS)" for Newly Registered Students (52th Batch) already organized in the month of February 24, 25 & 26, 2026.

Furthermore, the Study Materials Department and ICAB-Central Library are utilizing services keeping with upgradation as maintained by the directives of government and also decisions of ICAB management time to time through on line and offline systems. Study manuals & books are now available at Books' Sale Centre. Students are coming pleasantly there, and users receiving dedicated services from the Library, too.

The Students' Counseling and Placement Department (SCPD) has already planned to hold a-Student Awareness and Motivational Programs titled "Start Chartered Accountancy, When You Study in College/University with the 4-Departments' of Govt. B M College, Barishal, after 1st week of April, 2026. Furthermore, Pre-Articled Students (PAS) program communication with the different universities, colleges and English medium schools are running, and registration is open for all the concerned students. By the way, Exemption/ Waiver related addendum on earlier Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony is going to be opened with the different universities and ICAB, after the 3rd week of April 2026. This department also intends to meet and share academic views with the International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT), Uttara Model Town, Dhaka within the 2nd week of April 2026.

The above programs and activities have been organized by the Head of Education

& Students' Affairs Division (ESAD) and a team of 5 departments concern, under the supervision of the Chief Executive Officer(CEO)-ICAB, with the guidance and consent of the and Vice President (E&T), Chairman of the Board of Studies (BoS) and the President of ICAB.

Announcement (Classes of Next Session)

The students' enrolment for Certificate Level classes (regular new-26th batch, Session: March-May, 2026) which was started from 15-Dec-2025, already ended on 26-Feb-2026. The session is going to commence on 10 March 2026.

Furthermore, students' enrolment for special classes (especially, for the students who left 1/2 subjects; or obtained C grade in any subject) of Professional and Advanced Levels has been started from 12-Feb-2026. A notice has been issued in this regard. All concerned students are advised here to make the enrolment for classes by 10-Mar-2026. The session will also start from 12-Mar-2026.

Source: ICAB Campus

Status of Student Registration for CA Qualification

Particular	Number of Students in February '26	Total Number of Students in 2026
Articleship	226	453
Pre-Articleship (Ongoing)	333	454
Pre-Articleship (Special Offer)	-	-
Pre-Articleship (ACMA and ACCA)	..	04
Total	559	911

Admission as Fellow

The following members have been admitted as Fellow of the Institute with effect from the date mentioned against their names:

Name	Effective Date
Reazul Hossain FCA (2057) Partner (Branch In Charge) Rahman Mustafiz Haq & Co. Chartered Accountants Sonargaon Imtiaz Tower (1st Floor) 8,9,10/3 Free School Street (adjacent to Sonargaon Road) Banglamotor, Dhaka-1205	21 January 2026
Sajib Howlader FCA (2058) Partner Akhtar Amir & Co. Chartered Accountants 18/1, Masjid Goli (6th floor) Nayapaltan, Dhaka-1000	29 January 2026
Md. Shaikot Jahan FCA (2062) Senior Manager Accounting Compliance & Reporting (ACR) Ernst & Young Advisory Services Bangladesh Limited Navana Pristine Pavilion 128 Gulshan Avenue, Block # CEN(H)-2 Level-9, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212	19 January 2026
Arafat Yiasin FCA (2066) Assistant General Manager - Financial Reporting DBL Group South Avenue Tower House-50 (6th Floor), Road-03 7 Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka-1212	18 January 2026
Kowsar Ahmed FCA (2067) Manager - Tax & Regulatory Service (TRS) PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Bangladesh Pvt.Ltd. 8 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan -1, Dhaka 1212	28 January 2026
Mohammad Rahad Husain FCA (2069) Director-in-Charge Summit Technopolis Ltd. Summit Group, Summit Centre, 12th Floor 18 Karwan Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215	21 January 2026
Md Emran Hoshen FCA (2070) Partner Syful Shamsul Alam & Co. Chartered Accountants Paramount Heights (Level-6 & 2) 65/2/1, Box Culvert Road Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000	19 January 2026
Md. Asgar Bin Roup Mazumder FCA (2074) AGM - Accounts S. Alam Group S. Alam Bhaban, 2119, Asadgonj, Chattogram	21 January 2026
Rajib Ahmed FCA (2075) First Vice President (FVP) Financial Administration Division (FAD) The Premier Bank PLC Iqbal Centre, 42 Kemal Ataturk Avenue Banani, Dhaka-1213	28 January 2026

Name	Effective Date
Mohammed Shah Alam FCA (2078) Partner M. Shah Alam & Co. Chartered Accountants Commercial Court 95 Agrabad, Chattogram	19 January 2026
Md. Anowar Hossain FCA (2079) Partner Hossain & Hossain, Chartered Accountants ALAMS, Apartment No. 101 House No. 21, Road No. 6 Block D, Niketon, Gulshan, Dhaka	19 January 2026
Md. Jafor Ullah FCA (2080) Partner Syful Shamsul Alam & Co. Chartered Accountants Paramount Heights (Level-6 & 2) 65/2/1, Box Culvert Road Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000	19 January 2026
Abed Khan FCA (2082) Managing Director Lixitweb LTD. and A&A Associates Kha 173 Middle Badda, Gulshan Dhaka-1212	26 January 2026
Md. Aminul Islam FCA (2083) GM - Accounts & Finance Bashundhara Multi Paper Industries Limited Safwan Bashundhara Global Tower -01, Plot # 844, Block # i Road- 12, Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka-1229	21 January 2026
Kajal Kumar Addya FCA (2084) Chief Financial Officer Xclusive Can Limited, QPail Limited Dhaka	20 January 2026
Sagar Chandra Mondal FCA (2086) Assistant Manager - Audit and Assurance KPMG Australia Pty Ltd. 9 & 5 Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka-1212	25 January 2026

Change of Address of Branch Office

Name & New Address	Effective Date
Basu Banerjee Nath & Co., Chartered Accountants Bangladesh House Building Finance Corporation (BHBFC Bhaban, 4th Floor), 1/D, Agrabad C/A, Chattogram-4100	21 January 2026

Restoration of ICAB Membership

Membership of the following person has been restored with effect from the date mentioned against his name:

Name	Effective Date
Zaber Ahamed ACA (1406) Plot No. 308, (5th Floor) Lane-4, DOHS Baridhara Dhaka-1206	28 January 2026

CRC-ICAB Celebrated Int'l Mother Language Day

CAB-Chattogram Regional Committee (CRC) observed International Mother Language Day on February 21, 2026 along with articled students from different firms of Chattogram Region.



Activities of ICAB's Divisional Office Drive to increase Students' Enrollment

Rajshahi Office

- A total of twenty students have registered in (26th batch) under PAS program;
- A total of 11 students in Professional Level have enrolled for the class (22nd Batch);
- A total of ninety-six students claimed exemption from some examination papers at CL.

Barishal Office

- A total of twelve students have registered (26th Batch) under Pre-Articled Students (PAS) program;
- A total of thirty-two students in Certificate Level have enrolled for the class (25th Batch);
- A total of eight students in Professional Level have enrolled for the class (22nd Batch);
- A total of twenty-seven external visitors visited the regional office and enquired about CA course.

Rangpur Office

- A total of twenty-four students have registered in (26th batch) under PAS program;
- A total of seventy-one students in Certificate Level have enrolled for the class (26th Batch);
- A total of thirty-nine visitors visited the office to get information about CA.

Mymensingh Office

- A total of five students have registered (26th batch) under Pre-Articled Students (PAS) program;
- A total of eighteen students in Certificate Level have enrolled for the class (26th batch);
- A total of four students in Professional Level have enrolled for the class (22nd Batch);
- A total of forty-five external visitors visited the regional office and enquired about CA course.

Update of Quard-E-Hasana Fund as of February 2026

Loan Recipients of the Quard-E-Hasana Fund and their study levels of CA Examinations

Level of Examinations		No. of Recipients
Certificate Level	32	148
Professional Level	109	
Advance Level	2	
CA Qualified	5	

- Total loan Recipients of the fund is – 148, amongst whom 60 students are currently receiving the monthly instalments, 21 students have received one-time loan, 31 students are repaying the loan in instalments regularly to the Fund, 19 students are still enjoying the 6 months' grace period (as per Quard-E-Hasana Management Policy) to start the repayment of the loan, and 17 students fully paid back the loan amount.

- Monthly loan installment is being disbursed- Tk. 3,90,000/- in February 2026
- Total disbursement amount of Tk. 1,30,61,500/- as on 28th February 2026
- Total recovery of the loan Tk. 23,80,000/- as on 28th February 2026
- Total No. of students repaying the loan 48 (Forty-Eight), as per their commitment, 100% loan have been recovered up to February 2026
- After disbursement of installment in February 2026, total commitment amount of Tk. 26,22,500/- to 60 students (running) up to March 2028.
- Account's Balance as on February 2026 Tk. 16,23,407/-
- Total beneficiaries of Quard-E-Hasana Fund Qualified as CAs – 05(Five).

Congratulatory Note:

The Newly Qualified CAs namely Mr. Amanullah Aman, Reg: 33044/21 and Md. Jonayed Hossain, Reg: 35149/22 who were the beneficiary of Quard-E-Hasana Fund. Congratulations to them!