

Down the Memory Lane

Examination of the Bombay University with Advanced Accountancy and Auditing in the year 1930, she was awarded the GDA Diploma upon completion of her practical training in accounts in the year 1933. This enabled her to be enrolled as a Registered Accountant (R.A.) in December 1933, and as A.C.A in July 1949.

2. The first lady to have topped the CA Final Examination was Ms. Nandita Shah. She achieved this feat in November 1983 examination.
 3. The first lady to have got elected to the Council of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) was Ms. Priya Bhansali.
 4. CA. G. Rajani was the first ever visually impaired CA as recorded in ICAI history.
- **ICAI Groups/Committees for Women CAs in recent years:** A 17-member 'Women Steering Group' was constituted in 2009 and a full fledged non-standing 'Women Members Empowerment Committee' has been set up for Council Year 2014-15.
 - **Flexi Working Portal for Women Members:** In yet first in ICAI history, a Flexi Working Portal for women members (<http://womenportal.icai.org/>) was launched on 21st April 2014 to provide women CAs a platform to explore suitable opportunities with option for part time jobs, jobs with flexi hours or jobs with work-from-home facility.
 - **ICAI Women Members on 1st March, 2014:** No of CA as Women – 47,665, Associate Member – 41,483, Fellow Members – 6,182. Out of Associate members 10,866 had Full Time COP, 1,231 had Part Time COP, and 29,385 had No COP. Out of Fellow members 4,900 had Full Time COP, 265 had Part Time COP and 1,017 had No COP.
 - **ICAI Girl Students as on 1st March, 2014:** Girls had 36% share in ICAI's active studentship. 1,12,205 of them were in CPT, 1,11,909 in IPCC, 60,789 were in Final.

A CA Pioneered Commerce Education in India

Mr. Kalyan Subramani Aiyar (1859-1940), a CA, is regarded as the pioneer of commerce education in India. He set up his own firm, one of the oldest

Indian firms, in 1897 in Calicut and then shifted to Bombay in 1900. He established the Sydenham College of Commerce & Economics, Mumbai, as *Government College of Commerce* in October 1913, and became its first honorary principal. He also drafted the scheme of GDA (Government Diploma in Accountancy) to be accepted by the Government of Bombay which allowed the accountants to be eligible for Unrestricted Certificate.

(Source: *Accountancy Museum of India*)



Mr. Kalyan Subramani Aiyar

Opening of the ICAI Headquarters

The ICAI Headquarters was inaugurated on 2nd April, 1954 by the-then President of India Dr. Rajendra Prasad. He also inaugurated the first Conference of Chartered Accountants of India.



The-then President of India Shri Rajendra Prasad inaugurating the ICAI Headquarters