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I never dreamt of success. I worked for it

"If you get tired, learn to rest, not to quit." —Banksy

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## FROM THE BRANCH CHAIRMAN'S DESK TO STUDENTS



**CA Narasimma Raghavan R**

My dear Future Professionals

It is both an honor and privilege to address you today as the Chairman of the Chengalpattu District Branch (SIRC).

As I step down, I want to take this moment to encourage each one of you to approach your studies with unwavering dedication and perseverance. The path to becoming a Chartered Accountant is undoubtedly demanding, but it is equally rewarding. Remember, it's not just about passing exams, but about deeply understanding the principles and practices that shape the world of finance.

The foundation of our profession lies in ethics and integrity—values that I urge you to uphold throughout your journey. These principles will guide you as you navigate challenges and embrace opportunities. Face the future with confidence and enthusiasm, knowing that you have the potential to excel and make meaningful contributions to both the profession and society.

I encourage you to make the most of the services and facilities available at the branch. Participate in the seminars, workshops, and conferences regularly organized by our branch. Engaging in these activities will enrich your knowledge, offering insights not only into your subjects but also into various extracurricular areas that will shape you as a well-rounded professional.



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I wish you all the very best in your studies and future endeavors. Continue to grow, thrive, and make a lasting impact as future leaders in the field of Chartered Accountancy.

Jai Hind. Jai ICAI.  
With warm regards,

CA Narasimma Raghavan R  
Chairman  
Chengalpattu District Branch (SIRC)

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**FROM THE SICASA CHAIRPERSON'S DESK TO STUDENTS**



**CA Ravichandran S**

Dear Beloved Students,

**"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing." – Pele**

CA students appeared for the Foundation and Intermediate examinations with great dedication and effort. Their hard work and preparation will surely reflect in their performance. Now, as they await the results, we hope for a positive outcome that rewards their commitment and perseverance.

On January 26th, we proudly celebrated Republic Day with a flag hoisting ceremony. The event symbolized our respect for the nation and the values it upholds. It was a moment of unity and patriotism, reminding us of our responsibilities as professionals and citizens.

**We extend our best wishes to all CA students awaiting their exam results. May their efforts be rewarded with success and open new doors for their professional journey. Stay determined and keep striving for excellence!**

**"Success in CA is not about intelligence; it's about perseverance. Stay focused, stay determined, and one day, the prefix 'CA' will be your greatest reward."**



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**Endeavour to Evolve  
Engage to Excel**

**Good luck....!!!**

**Best Regards  
CA. Ravichandran S  
SICASA - Chairman  
Chengalpattu District Branch (SIRC)**



## IRS TO OPEN FREE FILE FOR MILLIONS AHEAD OF TAX SEASON

IRS Free File is a program offered by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that provides free federal income tax preparation and electronic filing services to eligible taxpayers.

**Eligibility: Income:** Taxpayers with an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$84,000 or less in 2024 qualify.

**Residency :** Available to U.S. residents, including those living abroad.

**Filing Status:** Available for single, married filing jointly, married filing separately, head of household, and qualifying widow(er) filing statuses.

**Benefits : Free Federal Return:** Prepare and e-file federal income tax returns at no cost.

**Free State Return :** Many providers offer free state tax returns, but this varies by provider.

**Guided Preparation :** Partner providers offer guided tax preparation software.

**Electronic Filing :** Fast and secure e-filing of tax returns.

The IRS has announced that IRS Free File is now available for the 2025 tax filing season, ahead of schedule.

Marking its 22nd filing season, IRS Free File went live today, more than two weeks before the 2024 filing season start date. The IRS starts accepting and processing individual tax returns on Jan. 29.

Millions of taxpayers across the nation can access free software products provided by IRS Free File trusted partners by visiting IRS.gov.

### **They included :**

Free File offers guided tax preparation software from eight private-sector partners, which can be accessed through the IRS website. Some providers also offer free state tax return preparation and filing. The IRS is also expanding its Direct File service, which allows taxpayers to file their returns directly with the IRS. This service will be available in 24 states for the 2025 tax filing season, covering a wider range of tax situations.

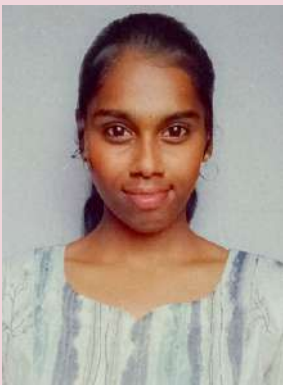


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**Conclusion:**

The IRS aims to provide a convenient and secure way for taxpayers to file their returns, while also helping them claim valuable tax credits. By using Free File, taxpayers can save time and money, and ensure they receive the refunds they're entitled to refund.

The IRS Free File program lets eligible taxpayers file their taxes for free, starting now. The official tax season begins on January 27, 2025. The IRS has also expanded its Direct File program to make filing easier.



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**INCOME TAX CHANGES IN UNION BUDGET 2024: A GUIDE FOR TAXPAYERS**



The Union Budget 2024 brought several changes to income tax rules that will significantly impact Taxpayers.

Understanding these changes is crucial to optimize your tax liability. Here's an overview of the key updates, along with their potential implications.

**1. New Income Tax Slabs Under the New Tax Regime**

The government has revamped the income tax slabs under the new tax regime, enabling taxpayers to save up to Rs. 17,500 annually.

New Slabs for FY 2024-25:

<b>Up to Rs. 300,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>
Rs. 300,000 to Rs. 600,000	5%
Rs. 600,000 to Rs. 900,000	10%
Rs. 900,000 to Rs. 12,00,000	15%
Rs. 12,00,000 to Rs. 15,00,000	20%
Above Rs. 15,00,000	30%

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## 2. Standard Deduction Limit Increased

For those opting for the new tax regime, the standard deduction has been increased:

Ø Salaried individuals: From Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 75,000.

Ø Family pensioners: From Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 25,000.



## 3. Higher Deduction on Employer's NPS Contribution

The employer's contribution to the National Pension System (NPS) now allows deductions of up to 14% of the basic salary under the new tax regime, compared to 10% previously.



## 4. Revised Tax Rates for LTCG and STCG

Changes in capital gains taxation include:

Ø Short-term capital gains (STCG) on equity: Increased from 15% to 20%.

Ø Long-term capital gains (LTCG) on equity-oriented mutual funds: Exempt up to Rs. 1.25 lakh, raised from Rs. 1 lakh.

Ø LTCG from other assets (e.g., real estate, gold): Taxed uniformly at 12.5%, with an option for indexation benefits for houses purchased before July 22, 2024.

### 5. New Holding Period Rules for Capital Gains

The categorization of capital gains as long-term or short-term now depends on simplified holding periods:

- Ø Listed securities: 12 months for long-term gains.
- Ø Unlisted securities: 24 months for long-term gains.



### 6. Rationalization of TDS Rates

The government has standardized TDS rates for several incomes. Key changes include:

- Ø Insurance commissions (non-company): 2%
- Ø Payment of rent by HUFs/individuals: 2%
- Ø E-commerce transactions: 0.1%

These changes ensure simpler compliance and more consistency.



### 7. Claiming TDS/TCS Credits on Salaries

Taxpayers can now claim TDS and TCS credits on other incomes against salary income to reduce the tax deduction amount. This change offers salaried individuals better cash flow management.

### 8. TCS Credit

Transfer from January 1, 2025, parents or guardians can claim Tax Collected at Source (TCS) credits for payments made on behalf of their children, such as tuition fee or foreign education.



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## 9. Taxation of Share Buybacks

The amended law now taxes proceeds from share buybacks in the hands of shareholders at their applicable income tax slab rate. Previously, companies paid Dividend Distribution Tax (DDT) on buybacks at 20%.

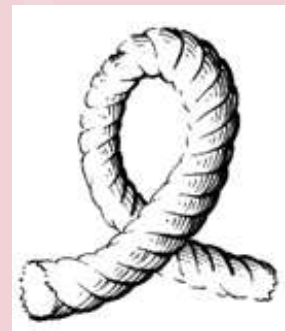
## 10. TCS on Notified Luxury Goods

Luxury goods purchases exceeding Rs. 10 lakh will attract TCS from January 2025. The specific list of luxury items and implementation details are awaited.



## 11. Updated TDS Rules for Property Sales

Buyers must deduct TDS from the total payment made to sellers if the property's sale value exceeds Rs. 50 lakh, even if the seller's share is less than Rs. 50 lakh. This rule closes a potential loophole in property transactions.



## 12. TDS on RBI Floating Rate Bonds

Interest earned on RBI Floating Rate Bonds will now attract TDS if it exceeds Rs. 10,000 per month. This amendment ensures tax compliance for high-value interest income.



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### 13. Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme 2.0

The revamped scheme facilitates resolution of pending tax litigations. Taxpayers can settle disputes with the Income Tax Department under this initiative, applicable from October 2024.

### 14. Aadhaar Enrollment Number

Discontinued from October 2024, quoting Aadhaar enrollment numbers in ITR or PAN applications will no longer be accepted. Taxpayers must have a valid Aadhaar number for these purposes.



### 15. Reduced Time Limit for Reopening Old ITRs

The Income Tax Department has reduced the time frame for reopening old ITRs from 10 years to 5 years if the income escaping assessment exceeds Rs. 50 lakh.

The government has updated the income tax rules for the year 2024-25 to make things easier for taxpayers. They've changed the income tax slabs and rates, which means how much tax you pay could change depending on your income. These updates aim to reduce confusion and make it simpler to understand how much tax you owe. The overall idea is to make tax calculations fairer and simpler for everyone.



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## ABOUT KAIZEN THEORY

Kaizen is a Japanese business philosophy that encourages continuous improvement involving employees at all levels of a company. The word kaizen is often translated as "change for the better." Its goals include greater efficiency, higher quality, and less waste. The goal of kaizen is to make small changes over a period of time to drive continuous improvement within a company. The kaizen process recognizes that small changes now can add up to huge impacts in the future. Under kaizen, improvements can be initiated by any employee at any time. The philosophy is that everyone has a stake in the company's success and everyone should strive, at all times, to help make the business better. Kaizen also applies to processes, such as purchasing and logistics, that cross organizational boundaries into the supply chain.

### Types of Kaizen

The below are the some of the most important types, which are highly beneficial for or day to day life.

**Point kaizen** - Point kaizen is one of the most commonly implemented types of kaizen. It happens very quickly and usually without much planning. As soon as something is found broken or incorrect, quick and immediate measures are taken to correct the issues. While these measures are generally small, isolated and easy to implement, they can have a huge impact.

**System kaizen** - System kaizen is accomplished in an organized manner and is devised to address system-level problems in an organization or any production factory.

It is an upper-level strategic planning method for a short period of time.

**Line kaizen** - Line kaizen refers to communication of improvements between the upstream and downstream of a process. This can be extended in several ways.

**Plane kaizen** - This is the next upper level of line kaizen, in that several lines are connected together. In modern terminologies, this can also be described as a value stream, where instead of traditional departments, the organization is structured into product lines or families and value streams. It can be visualized as changes or improvements made to one line being implemented to multiple other lines or processes.

**Cube kaizen** - Cube kaizen describes the situation where all the points of the planes are connected to each other and no point is disjointed from any other. This would resemble a situation where Lean has spread across the entire organization. Improvements are made up and down through the plane, or upstream or downstream, including the complete organization, suppliers and customers. This might require some changes in the standard business processes as well.





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### **How Kaizen helps student's success**

As students face the challenges of academics, it is crucial to adopt effective learning practices that promote both personal and academic success. The Kaizen principle, celebrated for its success in continuous and incremental improvement, can be an invaluable asset in the learning journey.

**Start small** - Students can begin with small, achievable goals in studies. Tackle a single concept each day or dedicate a short time to a challenging subject.

"Start wherever you are and start small." – Rita Bailey

**Continuous improvement** - Embrace the Kaizen principle of continuous improvement. By making small, consistent changes in the study habits, students can progressively enhance their understanding and performance.

"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."

**Consistency is key** - In line with Kaizen principles, consistent effort, no matter how small, is crucial in studies. A regular study routine, even with small steps, leads to better memory retention and understanding of the subject. Consistent engagement yields long-term benefits, ensuring academic progress.

"Successful people don't do extraordinary things; they do ordinary things extraordinarily well."

**Process over outcome** - Kaizen emphasizes process improvement. Students should focus on refining the study process rather than fixating on grades. Enhancing note-taking, time management, and conceptual understanding contributes to effective learning and better outcomes in exams and assignments.

"Trust the process"

**Learning from failure** - Failure is an integral part of learning. Each academic challenge is a chance to learn and advance. Reflecting on what didn't work and how to refine the approach can transform difficulties into valuable learning experiences.

"There is no failure except in no longer trying." —Chris Bradford



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**Seek and utilize feedback** - Feedback is a critical component of the Kaizen approach. Students should seek feedback from teachers, peers, or study groups. Constructive criticism helps identify areas for improvement and adjust study methods accordingly.

**Eliminate inefficiencies** - Kaizen strives to minimize waste. Identify what hinders learning distractions, poor time management, or ineffective study methods. Eliminating these inefficiencies can dramatically improve students' academic performance.

**Create a supportive environment** - A conducive educational environment is vital. In alignment with Kaizen, students should surround themselves with mentors, study groups, and friends who boost their morale and provide necessary assistance. This supportive network helps in pursuing their educational goals and aspirations.

**Celebrate small achievements** - Recognizing and celebrating small accomplishments in the learning journey is key to maintaining motivation and momentum. Kaizen encourages acknowledging these milestones, no matter how minor they may seem. These moments remind students of their progress on the academic path.

**Conclusion:**

By incorporating the Kaizen principle into academic life, students commit to a path of continual, incremental improvement. This strategy not only enhances their academic achievements but also fosters a mindset conducive to lifelong learning and success.



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## TRANSSHIPMENT PORTS: LOCATION AND TRADE ROUTES

### Synopsis of previous article:

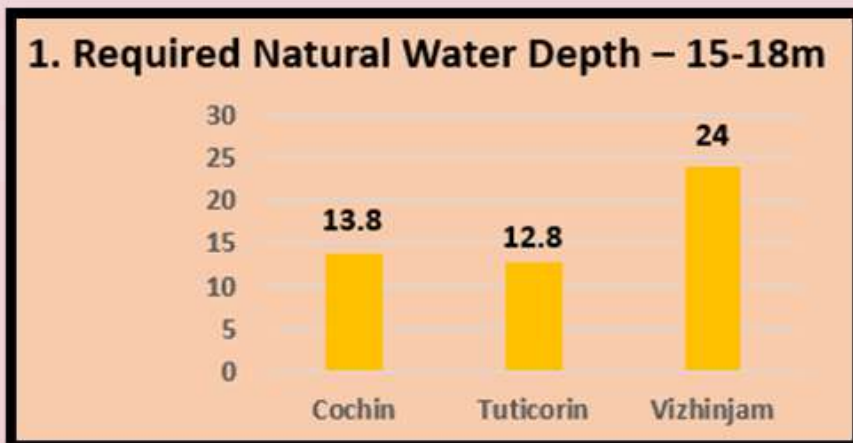
In the previous article, we ended with the transshipment ports which are being built in India (Vizhinjam Port in Kerala). Have you ever thought about why Vizhinjam location is chosen for building transshipment port having cochin and Tuticorin nearby?

### Factors for Transshipment port

There are two major factors which are considered for building a transshipment port.

1. Natural Water Depth
2. Distance from International Sea Route.

Natural water depth is vertical distance between the sea floor and still water level. The minimum natural water depth required for building a transshipment port is 18 meters.

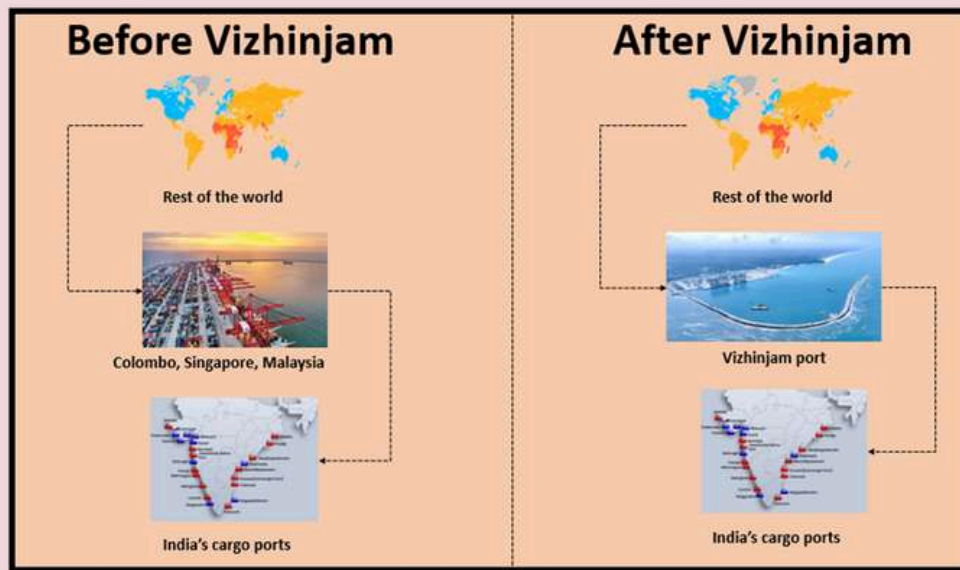


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**How does building of the transshipment port change the trade routes?**

Prior to building the transshipment ports, the cargos were transhipped in the neighbouring countries of Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Singapore.

Now having built the transshipment port, all the imports shall be transhipped in Vizhinjam port for final destination.



**Conclusion:**

Building the transshipment port is going to drastically change the vessel schedules of the cargos.



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## TRIVIA CORNER

DEF Ltd. is a well-established FMCG (Fast-Moving Consumer Goods) company that operates in multiple countries. The company has a strong market presence but is facing intense competition from new entrants offering organic and sustainable products. DEF Ltd. is also struggling with supply chain disruptions and increasing raw material costs. To counter these challenges, the management is considering the following strategic initiatives:

1. Diversification Strategy: Expanding into the organic food segment.
2. Cost Leadership Strategy: Reducing production costs by outsourcing to low-cost suppliers.
3. Technology Adoption: Implementing AI-driven demand forecasting to optimize inventory.
4. Strategic Alliances: Partnering with local retailers to enhance distribution.
5. Market Penetration Strategy: Aggressive promotional campaigns to retain market share.

Questions:

**1. DEF Ltd. is facing competition from companies offering organic and sustainable products. Which strategic tool can BEST help the company analyze its competitive environment?**

- a) SWOT Analysis
- b) BCG Matrix
- c) Value Chain Analysis
- d) PESTEL Analysis

**2. The management of DEF Ltd. decides to expand into the organic food segment. This is an example of which type of growth strategy under Ansoff's Matrix?**

- a) Market Penetration
- b) Market Development
- c) Product Development
- d) Diversification



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**3. By outsourcing production to low-cost suppliers, DEF Ltd. is adopting which of the following generic strategies as per Michael Porter?**

- a) Differentiation Strategy
- b) Cost Leadership Strategy
- c) Focus Strategy
- d) Vertical Integration

**4. The company is implementing AI-driven demand forecasting to optimize inventory. Under which functional strategy does this initiative fall?**

- a) Marketing Strategy
- b) Financial Strategy
- c) Operational Strategy
- d) Human Resource Strategy

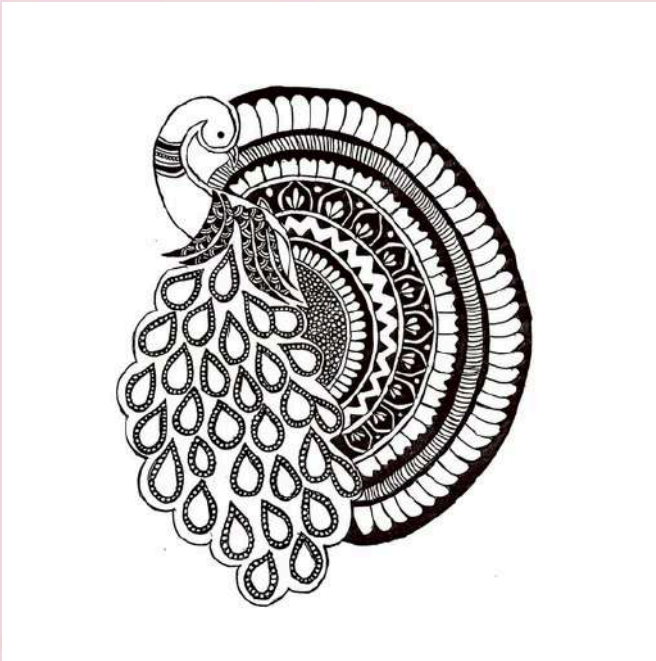
**5. DEF Ltd. plans to enter strategic alliances with local retailers to improve distribution. Which of the following is NOT a key advantage of forming strategic alliances?**

- a) Access to new markets
- b) Shared risks and costs
- c) Immediate elimination of competition
- d) Leveraging partner strengths

**Answers to MCQ is in below pages**

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**STUDENTS ART GALLERY**



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**Answers to MCQ at page no: 19**

**1. a) 2. d) 3. b) 4. c) 5. c)**



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**OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR CA STUDENTS**

Articles are invited from students for publishing in the e-newsletter. The articles shall be either on a specific subject or a general article.

For all the artistic minds, you may highlight your artistic skills by sending your art to us. It could be drawing, poem, photographs and all the artwork which is unusual in your way!

Students can mail their work with Name, SRO Number, Mobile Number, Residential Address, Office Address & Photo to our E-Mail mentioned below.

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We wholeheartedly thank all the students who have provided their valuable Inputs for this newsletter as well as for the upcoming newsletters.