

Calcutta Chamber of Commerce organises Expert-Led GST session



CA Shivani Agarwalla, eminent Chartered Accountant, GST expert, and National Faculty at ICAI, addressed the Special Session on “GST – Key Issues in Return Filing,” hosted by the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce in the presence of Avijit Kumar De, Assistant Commissioner, CGST & CX, Principal CCO, Kolkata Zone, Department of Central Goods and Services Tax & Central Excise, Government of India; Hari Shankar Halwasiya, President of the Chamber; Madhav Prasad Sureka, Chairman, Tax Committee & Past President; and Anant Saharia, Senior Vice President, at the Chamber’s headquarters in Kolkata on Saturday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta Chamber of Commerce convened a high-level Special Session titled “GST – Key Issues in Return Filing” at its city headquarters. The gathering drew prominent tax officials, domain experts, and business leaders to deliberate on evolving GST compliance norms, practical difficulties in return submissions, and interpretative ambiguities follow-

ing recent legislative changes. Gracing the event were Avijit Kumar De, Assistant Commissioner, CGST & CX, Principal CCO, Kolkata Zone, Department of Central Goods and Services Tax & Central Excise, Government of India, and CA Shivani Agarwalla, eminent Chartered Accountant, GST expert, and National Faculty, ICAI.

In his welcome address, Hari Shankar Hal-

wasiya, President of the Chamber, reiterated the institution’s commitment to fostering informed dialogue. “The GST framework is dynamic. We aim to equip industry stakeholders with timely insights to ensure legal and procedural compliance,” he said. Avijit Kumar De, in his keynote, underlined the shared responsibility of taxpayers and the tax department. He emphasized

timely, accurate filings and clarified that scrutiny is a legal mandate, not an adversarial act. He engaged the audience with an overview of procedural errors, audit preparedness, and practical compliance strategies.

CA Shivani Agarwalla offered incisive commentary on the conceptual shift to “supply” as the taxable event under GST, contrasting it with legacy indirect tax regimes. She addressed persistent classification disputes, retrospective amendments, and procedural anomalies. Stressing taxpayers’ legal rights, she advocated for awareness and procedural fairness.

Moderated by Madhav Prasad Sureka, Chairman, Tax Committee & Past President, the session featured robust interaction between panelists and attendees.

Senior office-bearers, including Anant Saharia, Sr. Vice President, and numerous industry representatives, were in attendance—affirming the Chamber’s vital role in shaping an informed and compliance-ready trade ecosystem.