

ALL INDIA FEDERATION OF TAX PRACTITIONERS ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE YEAR 2024

Hon'ble Members,

First of all, I would like to thank all the members of our distinguished Federation who have constantly supported me in discharging my duties as the Secretary General of this largest Federation of Tax Professionals in the Country. I have endeavored to do my best and hope that I have lived up to the faith and trust which was reposed in me as Secretary General. I express my gratitude towards all the members who co-operated throughout the year in the efficient discharge of our duties and for a smooth working of the Federation. I must especially mention here about the leadership & guidance of our *National President, Shri Narayan P. Jain (Advocate)*, who led from the front in all activities in the larger interest of the Federation. I also thank our Immediate Past National President Adv. Pankaj Ghiya and all the Office Bearers as well as members of the NEC for their cooperation and valuable guidance.

Following a glorious tradition of Ethics, Education and Excellence for more than four and half decades, our Federation today is an integral part of success story of our Nation - INDIA. The persistent pursuit of perfection, integrity, skills and knowledge has placed us in an exalted position in the present professional order of our country. This triumph should and must continue unhindered.

Times and circumstances are always dynamic & constantly remains changing. I believe that we all have specific mission in life and we move on further once they are achieved. Life is like a relay race wherein we run for our part to the best of our ability and then pass on the baton to the next runner. This is true for all of us at all stages in life, be it personal or professional.

You all know our Federation today boasts of a very strong intellectual heritage and tradition of faith & trust. It was my honour to be a part of this heritage and tradition as Secretary General. This post brings along with itself many duties and responsibilities as Secretary General of the Federation, the challenge was much bigger this year with the gaining popularity of the Federation. However, by the grace of God, valuable guidance of the Past Presidents, Seniors, sincere support and untiring efforts of the NEC, active co-operation of all the members and with the active help of our staff members, I was able to meet these challenges and tried to meet your expectation. I express my thanks and gratitude to all the members.

HOMAGE/RESPECT TO OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

Before I present a resume of various activities and achievements of the Federation during 2024, I would like to appeal you all to stand up and observe one-minute silence as a mark of respect to the departed souls of our eminent members who left for their heavenly abode during the year. I on my own behalf and behalf of all the members of this Federation pray to the Almighty to give enough courage and strength to their families to bear such irreparable loss.

A. ACTIVITIES

The following programmes / activities were held in the term 2024 under the able leadership of Shri Narayan P. Jain, as our National President.

1. OGM, New NEC and Office Bearers for the year 2024 at Kolkata on 22-12-2023

Total 81 valid nominations were received for the NEC for the terms of 2024 & 2025 at the Ordinary General Meeting held on 22nd December, 2023 at Hotel Fairfield by Marriot, Kolkata (West Bengal). In Central Zone, as there were only Seven Nominations received against allotted seats, there was no election in Central zone. In Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Zone, the Nominations received were more than the seat allotted, hence, accordingly elections were held and then following 49 members were elected for the terms of 2024 & 2025, because there was no nomination received against woman category in Southern Zone: —

Sr. No.	Name	Zone	Place
1.	Mr. Anil Mathur	Central	Jaipur
2.	Mr. Arvind Mittal	Central	Bilaspur
3.	Dr. Hemant S. Modh	Central	Jabalpur

Sr. No.	Name	Zone	Place
4.	Mr. Rajesh Mehta	Central	Indore
5.	Mr. Sandeep Agarwal	Central	Jaipur
6.	Mr. Vinay Kumar Jolly	Central	Jaipur

Sr. No.	Name	Zone	Place
7.	Ms. Meenal Ghiya	Central	Jaipur
8.	Mr. Vivek Agarwal	Eastern	Kolkata
9.	Mr. Devesh Poddar	Eastern	Ranchi
10.	Mr. Narayan P. Jain	Eastern	Kolkata
11.	Mr. Padmanabh Dave	Eastern	Berhampur
12.	Mr. Paras Kumar Kochar	Eastern	Kolkata
13.	Mr. Smit Sourabh	Eastern	Patna
14.	Mr. Ramdeo Kakra	Eastern	Kolkata
15.	Mr. Pradip Kumar Agrawal	Eastern	Kolkata
16.	Mr. Arun Kumar Dash	Eastern	Cuttack
17.	Ms. Medha Lila Gope	Eastern	Guwahati
18.	Ms. Anjana Singh	Northern	Prayagraj
19.	Mr. Arvind Kumar Mishra	Northern	Prayagraj
20.	Mr. Anuj Bansal	Northern	Gurgaon
21.	Mr. Puneet Kumar Singh	Northern	Varanasi
22.	Mr. Sanjay Kumar	Northern	Prayagraj
23.	Mr. Anil Kumar Srivastava	Northern	New Delhi
24.	Mr. Om Prakash Shukla	Northern	Varanasi
25.	Mr. S. Venkataramani	Southern	Bangalore
26.	Mr. C. Sanjeeva Rao	Southern	Visakhapatnam
27.	Mr. M. Ganesan	Southern	Malappuram
28.	Mr. S. B. Kabra	Southern	Hyderabad

Sr. No.	Name	Zone	Place
29.	Mr. S. Nanjunda Prasad	Southern	Bangalore
30.	Mr. Siddeshwar Yelamali	Southern	Bangalore
31.	Mr. B. S. Seethapathi Rao	Southern	Kakinada
32.	Mr. G. Baskar	Southern	Chennai
33.	Mr. Sivadas Chettoor	Southern	Palakkad
34.	Mr. M. V. J. K. Kumar	Southern	Hyderabad
35.	Mr. S. S. Satyanarayana	Southern	Hyderabad
36.	Mr. Girish J. Rathi	Western	Thane
37.	Mr. Bharat M. Sachdev	Western	Thane
38.	Mr. Vinay Narayan Kewalramani	Western	Thane
39.	Mr. Vinayak Patkar	Western	Mumbai
40.	Mr. Nitin K. Gautam	Western	Nagpur
41.	Mr. Chirag S. Parekh	Western	Mumbai
42.	Mr. Manoj Moryani	Western	Nagpur
43.	Mr. Santosh Gupta	Western	Nagpur
44.	Mr. Sunil G. Khushalani	Western	Thane
45.	Mr. Samir S. Jani	Western	Junagadh
46.	Mr. Deepak R. Shah	Western	Mumbai
47.	Dr. Deepak P. Pandey	Western	Nagpur
48.	Mr. Bhaskarbhai B. Patel	Western	Vadodara
49.	Ms. Gouri Chandnani Popat	Western	Ahmedabad

2. National Convention at Kolkata on 23rd & 24th December, 2023.

Kolkata based tax advocate Narayan Prasad Jain has been elected National President of All India Federation of Tax Practitioners (AIFTP) for 2024 in National Convention presided over by Adv. Pankaj Ghiya. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal, Judge of the Supreme Court of India administered oath of Office to Mr. Jain and appreciated the functioning of AIFTP and training of tax practitioners to update their knowledge so that they can represent the matters well. In the changing scenario in Courts as well as Income Tax Department the compliance of notices is to be done online so it is imperative that the practice skill is developed added Hon'ble Justice Bindal. Hon'ble Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya of Calcutta High Court also addressed as Guest of Honour and conveyed her good wishes for the success of the Convention.

In his acceptance speech Mr. Jain reiterated that the new team will focus on programmes for inculcating Ethics, spreading Education and ensuring excellence in profession of members of AIFTP. Outgoing President Mr. Pankaj Ghiya highlighted the activities during his tenure and thanked his committee and all members. The awards were also given for 2023.

Adv. RD Kakra was appointed as National Secretary General; Adv. Samir Jani as National Deputy President and CA Anil Mathur as the Treasurer for 2024. CA Dr. Debasish Mitra, former President of ICAI, emphasised the need to cope up with emerging global scenario of Artificial Intelligence. CA Debayan Patra, Chairman, EIRC of ICAI, highlighted the role of ICAI in implementing new concepts in tax as well as audit in digital age. Other speakers Sr. Adv. Ganesh Purohit, Sr. Adv. Sumit Nema, CA Jinesh Vanzara spoke on Natural Justice and Panch Pran Tax Doctrine. Adv. PC Joshi chaired the session on Fake Invoices and litigation arising therefrom which was addressed by CA S. Venkataramani, Adv. Mukul Gupta and Mr. Sanjeev Anwar. Hon'ble Justice R.V. Easwar former Judge of Delhi High Court highlighted the importance of "Money Laundering Act". It was well explained by Adv. Aditya Ajaonkar and Adv. G Baskar.

The second day also witnessed interesting session on Emerging Opportunities in Capital Market addressed by Mr. BL Mittal, Hitesh Das (Axis MF), Dr. Srikant Bawsay and conducted by Mr. Madan Maroti. Senior Advocate Premlata Bansal chaired the session on Search and Seizure under GST and Income Tax which was addressed by Mr. Abhay Desai and Mr. Mahendra Gargieya. The members had an opportunity to get answers to various questions in Brain Trust Session chaired by Mr. M Srinivasa Rao former President of AIFTP. In the Convention Mr. PC Joshi, Mr. MVK Moorthy, Senior Advocate Premlata Bansal, Senior Advocate Ganesh Purohit as well as other Past Presidents were also honoured.

Adv. Mamta Binani, former President of Institute of Company Secretaries of India anchored the inaugural session very well. Mrs. Kaushalya Jain felicitated Hon'ble Justice Rajesh Bindal and Hon'ble Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya. Adv. K.C. Kaushik was the Chief Election Officer. On this occasion senior tax professionals S/Shri SM Surana, BN Mahapatra, K.L. Mittal, Ashok Tulsyan, Basudeo Panda, SN Sahu were honoured.

S/Shri Rajesh Mehta, Basudeb Chatterjee, Arvind Mishra, AK Srivastava, Bhasker Patel, Sanjay Sharma, Sandip Choraria (Convention Secretary), ND Saha, Sandeep Agarwal, Madhu Sudan Kakra, Deepak Jain, Sajjan Sultania, PR Kothari (Chairman Souvenir Committee), KN Gupta, Aghor Dudhwewala, Rajesh Agarwal, Vikash Parakh, Narendra Goyal, DS Agarwalla, Nitesh More, Ashok Kar, Himadri Mukhopadhyay, Abhisek Agarwal, Gaurav Mathur, Abhisek Jalan, Rajesh Mishra, Tarun Das, Anupam de, Gopal Ram Sharma, Anand Sen, B.L. Dugar, Rakesh Nahar, P.K. Banthia, Pawan Paharia, Sandeep Didwania and others actively helped in making the Convention so successful in which more than 500 delegates from various parts of India participated. An interesting cultural programme was presented by Ms. Ganga Pachisia, Ms. Mita Paul, Mr. Tariq Hussain and Ms. Pinky Saha. The programme was organised in association with Legal Relief Society, Direct Taxes Professionals Association, Calcutta Citizens' Initiative, ACAE, Calcutta Tax Association, Views Exchange along with ICAI (EIRC) as Knowledge partner.

3. **National Tax Conference (Eastern Zone) organized by AIFTP (EZ) on 27th & 28th January, 2024 at Balasore:** East Zone successfully organized 2 Day NTC on 27th & 28th January, 2024 at Balasore (Odisha).
4. **Virtual Talk on Union Budget on 2nd February, 2024:** Virtual Talk on Union Budget was organised by Western Zone on 2nd February, 2024.
5. **One Day Tax Conference at Prayagraj on 10th February, 2024 by NZ:** One Day Tax Conference was successfully organized by North Zone at Prayagraj on 10th February, 2024 jointly with ITBA. Shri D.M. Sinha, Hon'ble Member ITAT was the Chief Guest. Dr. Shikha Darbari, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Prayagraj and our National President Narayan Jain were the Guests of Honour. Shri Shiv Kumar Rai, Addl CIT, Prayagraj and Secretary General Shri RD Kakra was honoured Guest. Shri Arvind Mishra, NVP; Shri Atul Kumar Sahu (President ITBA). Shri Sanjay Kumar and Smt. Anjana Singh, National Joint Secretary deserve our thanks for all the effective co-ordination and help.
6. **Online Hybrid Online Series of Webinars from 22nd to 24th February, 2024 (WZ):** The West Zone organized Hybrid Online Series of Webinars from 22nd to 24th February, 2024. Congratulations West Zone Chairman and the entire team.
7. **One Day Tax Conference at Rewa on 24th February, 2024 (CZ)**
One Day Tax Conference was organized by AIFTP (CZ) jointly with Madhya Pradesh Tax Consultants Association, Jabalpur and Tax Advocates & Consultants Association, Rewa on 24th February, 2024 at Hotel Shree ji, Rewa. The said conference was inaugurated by Shri Dinesh Mohan Sinha, Judicial Member, ITAT as Chief Guest. The Guest of honours were S/Shri Ganesh Purohit, Pankaj Ghiya, M. Srinivasa Rao, Past Presidents, AIFTP and Shri Samir Jani, Dy. President, AIFTP. Shri RD Kakra, Secretary General and other office bearers also graced the Conference. There were total 3 technical sessions on Income Tax, GST and Brains' Trust. It was well attended by delegates all over the country.
8. **One Day Tax Conference at Bhubaneswar on 25th February, 2024:**
One Day Tax Conference [Gyan Vikash] was organized by AIFTP (EZ) in association with Bhubaneswar Tax Bar Association, held at Hotel EMPIRES, Bhubaneswar on 25th February 2024. Theme of the conference was: 'Digital Transformation in Taxation'. The Seminar was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Hon'ble Dr. Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi, Judge, Orissa High Court. Sri Saroj Kumar Mahapatra, IRS, Pr. Commissioner of Income Tax, Bhubaneswar-1, Sri Narayan P. Jain, National President, AIFTP & Sri Manash Ranjan Mohapatra, Sr. Advocate & Former Chairman, Orissa State Bar Council graced as Guests of Honour. Sri Pradosh Pattnaik, the then National Joint Secretary, AIFTP & Conference Secretary, Sri Bibekananda Mohanti, Chairman, AIFTP (E.Z) attended. Sri Ramesh Kumar Dhal, President, Bhubaneswar Tax Bar Association & Conference Chairman delivered welcome address and deserves our appreciation for nice arrangements. Sri Pradosh Pattnaik, Conference Secretary offered vote of thanks at the end of the inaugural session. Eminent speakers CA Dr. Girish Ahuja, CMA Prakash Rijhwani, CA Tarun Gupta, CA Rohit Kapoor, CA Anil Kumar Srivastav were the Speakers in technical sessions, on direct and indirect taxes. More than 200 delegates attended from across the country.

9. Two Day National Tax Conference at Ujjain on 15th & 16th March, 2024 (CZ)

In this NTC, Shri Swatantra Kumar Singh IAS Commissioner Commercial Taxes, Govt. of MP was Chief Guest and Special Guests were AIFTP National President Respected Adv. Narayan P. Jain, Imm. Past National President Adv. Pankaj Ghiya, National Secretary General Adv. R D Kakra, National Treasurer CA. Anil Mathur, MPTLBA President Ashwin Lakhotia, TPA Ujjain President Mr. Saurabh Maheshwari, Past President Adv. M.L. Patodi, Deputy President Adv. Samir Jani, Past President Sr. Adv. Premalata Bansal, Past President Mr. M. Srinivasa Rao, Central Zone Chairman Adv. Vijay Navlakha, National Vice President -CZ CA. Rajesh Mehta, CZ Secretary GSTP Laxman Kashyap, National Joint Secretary, Adv. Sandeep Agrawal, Conference Chairman Adv. P K Dass. The speakers of the conference were Adv. Rakesh Gupta - New Delhi, Adv. Bimal Jain New Delhi, CA Aanchal Kapoor Amritsar, CA Jamuna Shukla Varanasi, CA Dr Girish Ahuja New Delhi, and CA Shafaly Girdharwal Faridabad. The conference was attended by more than 300 delegates from all the parts of the country.

10. Online series on Standards of Audit and precautions during Audit and reporting under Companies Act (Western, Eastern, Northern and Southern Zones) on 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th March, 2024.

11. Full Day Seminar on Taxation at Rajkot on 9th March, 2024

A Full Day Seminar on Taxation was jointly organised by AIFTP, Rajkot Tax Consultant's Society and The Rajkot GST Bar Association on 9th March 2024 at Phoenix Resorts, Rajkot. There were 4 technical sessions on various topics of Direct and Indirect Taxes. The said seminar was well attended. Thanks Adv. Samir Jani National Deputy President and entire team.

12. Half Day Seminar at Palanpur on 9th March, 2024 (WZ)

Half Day Seminar was organized by AIFTP (WZ) jointly with The Banaskantha District Tax Practitioners Association, Palanpur on 9th March, 2024 at Hotel Alive, Palanpur. There were two topics one of Direct Taxes and another of GST. The seminar was well attended by delegates.

13. National Tax Conference at Gurugram on 27th & 28th April, 2024 (NZ)

The Guru Gyan – National Tax Conference held at Hotel Radisson, Gurugram from 27th April to 28th April 2024, was organized by AIFTP (NZ) jointly with Haryana Tax Bar Association (Regd.), proved to be a pivotal event for tax professionals across the nation.

Esteemed guests were Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Judge, Supreme Court of India, (Chief Guest), and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia, Acting Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court, (Guest of Honour), graced the occasion alongside Conference Patron, Shri Kashmiri Lal Goyal, Sr. Advocate and National President Adv. Narayan P Jain, National Deputy President Adv. Samir Jani and Secretary General Adv. RD Kakra. The presence of these dignitaries underscored the significance of the conference in the realm of tax law. Renowned speakers were Senior Advocates Ajay Vohra, Balbir Singh, Radhika Suri, Tarun Gulati, Sujit Ghosh and Past President of ICAI CA Ved Jain shared their expertise on various topics. Discussions ranged from demystifying sections of the CGST Act to in-depth analyses of income tax provisions and the law of precedents under tax laws.

The delegation, comprising over 300 tax professionals, came from all parts of the country, indicating the industry's keen interest in staying abreast of developments in tax law. Highlights included a mock showcase of adjudication proceedings under the GST Act and detailed discussions on search and seizure procedures under the Income Tax Act. Sessions on specific sections of the Income Tax Act provided attendees with clarity on interpretation and implementation. The contributions of distinguished speakers ensured that the event served as a platform for knowledge exchange, networking, and professional growth. Overall, the Guru Gyan – NTC emerged as a cornerstone event, fostering a deeper understanding of contemporary tax issues and equipping professionals with the tools to navigate the evolving landscape of tax law. Our heartfelt congratulations to the diligent conference committee whose meticulous planning and tireless efforts made this event a resounding success. Led by the Conference Chairman, Adv. Ram Narayan Yadav, Conference Co-Chairmen, Adv. Anuj Bansal and Adv. Varinder Kr. Sharma, Conference Secretary, Mr. Rakesh Kataria, Conference Coordinator, Mr. Nitish Bansal, Adv. Ranjit Sharma, Adv. Ravinder Bansal, Adv. Jain Roop Jain and all other members ensured seamless coordination of the NTC.

14. One Day Tax Conference at Angul on 28th April, 2024 (EZ)

On 28th April 2024, tax professionals from across Odisha and beyond gathered at the Black Diamond Auditorium in Angul, Odisha, for one-day Tax Conference organized by AIFTP - Eastern Zone, hosted by Angul District Tax Bar Association. With nearly 320 delegates, this conference marked a milestone. Notably, 28th April is celebrated as Lawyers' Day and in honor of this occasion, a garland was placed on the photo of Madhusudan Das, a prominent

legal figure. The esteemed guests in the Conference included Hon'ble Dr. Justice B. R. Sarangi, Judge of the Orissa High Court, who graced the event as the Chief Guest and Shri George Mathan, Hon'ble Judicial Member of the ITAT, Cuttack Bench. Shri Bibekananda Mohanti, Chairman of EZ, Shri Jadumani Sahu, Conference Chairman, Shri Ambika Prasad Sahu, President of Angul District Tax Bar Association, Shri Amin Nurdin, Secretary of Angul District Tax Bar Association and Conference Secretary deserve our appreciation. Conference Chairman Shri Jadumani Sahu emphasised the need for continuous learning and collaboration among tax professionals. The first session was on GST by Shri Kapil Jain on "Search and Seizure - Repercussions of Section 129 and 130 of the CGST Act." and the second session was on Income Tax by Dr. Paras Kochar on "Notices u/s 131 and 133(6) of the Income Tax Act." The third session was on GST by CA Rajender Arora on "Handling of Show Cause Notices under GST with Case Studies."

15. One Day National Tax Conference at Vadodara on 4th May, 2024 (WZ)

The AIFTP (WZ) in collaboration with the Central Gujarat Chamber of Tax Consultants (CGCTC), Anand VAT Bar Association & Bharuch District Federation of Tax Practitioners (BDFTP) successfully organized ARTHYOG, a one-day NTC at Hotel Grand Mercure, Vadodara. The conference witnessed an impressive turnout, with 352 delegates from across the country in attendance. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Hon'ble Mr. Justice K. A. Puj, Retired Judge, Gujarat High Court, as the Chief Guest. His presence and insightful address set the tone for a day of enriching discussions and knowledge sharing. The ceremony was also graced by Adv. Samir Jani, Deputy President of AIFTP, and several other distinguished dignitaries. In his welcome address, Adv. Bhaskar B. Patel, the Conference Chairman expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all the dignitaries, delegates, sponsors, and organizing committee members.

16. National Tax Conference "Gyan Sanskar" at Jabalpur on 25th May, 2024 (CZ)

It is with a great pleasure and enthusiasm that the One Day NTC was organized by AIFTP (CZ), jointly with MP Tax Consultants Association and Tax Bar Association, Jabalpur. Our Chief Guest was Hon'ble Justice Vivek Agrawal of Madhya Pradesh High Court. When we get the knowledge and Sanskar it called "GYAN SANSKAR". Chief Guest Justice Agarwal stated that rapidly evolving landscape of taxation and finance, the pursuit of knowledge is not merely a choice, it is a necessity. Justice Agrawal quoted Shri Nani Palkhiwala "Tax Evasion is reprehensible; it is social injustice by the evaders to his fellow citizens. Arbitrary or excess taxation is social injustice by the Government to the people." On this occasion, Our Chief Guest felicitated Shri Vinay Bhamore, (appointed as Judicial Member, ITAT, Pune), elderly members Shri Mahesh Purohit and Shri J. P. Rai. Jabalpur organised NTC after a period of 6 years and earlier National convention 2017 was organised under the leadership of Shri Ganesh Narayan Purohit. On this occasion National President Shri Narayan Jain, Dy National President Shri Samir Jani, Secretary General Shri R. D. Kakra, National Vice President (CZ) Shri Rajesh Mehta and Zone Chairman Adv. Vijay Kumar Navlakha and NEC members & Office bearers also graced the NTC. Dr Hemant S. Modh, Conference Chairman stated that the gracious presence of dignities and seasoned speakers from all over the country made the NTC a memorable event with the blessing of MAA Narmada.

17. National Tax Conference at Erode on 29th June, 2024 (SZ)

National Tax Conference was held at Erode on 29th June 2024 with an attendance of nearly 200 delegates. In the NTC, Direct Tax session was presented by Dr. CA Gopal Krishna Raju and Indirect Tax session was presented by Adv. K. Vaitheeswaran.

All the delegates enjoyed the NTC with latest updates in the subjects.

18. Brahmapur Tax Conference on 30th June, 2024 (EZ)

19. International Study Tour to Malaysia from 30th June 2024 to 7th July 2024:

AIFTP International Study Tour to Kuala Lumpur, Malaka and Langkawi was a splendid blend of cultural exploration, historical sightseeing, leisure, and professional activities, offering a memorable experience for all 64 participating members over 7 days from 30th June to 7th July, 2024. The delegates began journey in Kuala Lumpur, arriving at the airport in the morning and enjoying a delightful breakfast followed by guided tour of Putrajaya and Kuala Lumpur City, including photo stops at the iconic Petronas Twin Towers and drive-bys of the King's Palace, National Museum, National Monument, and Independence Square. After Lunch, the delegates checked into the Hotel Ramada Suites by Wyndham. The evening featured a visit to the Batu Caves, known for its impressive limestone formations and cave temples, followed by a trip to KL Tower for panoramic city views. The second day was trip to the historic city of Malacca. This excursion included a scenic boat ride and visit to various historic sites. Upon returning to Kuala Lumpur the delegates explored the bustling Chinatown Markets. Day three took the team to Genting Highlands, cable car ride

and continuing with the thrills of theme park, casino, and shopping opportunities. Fourth day started with an early breakfast followed by a flight to Langkawi. The fifth day in Langkawi began with breakfast at Ramada and continued with an exciting island-hopping tour. Then the delegates experienced the Langkawi Cable Car and Sky Bridge. On the sixth day, after breakfast at our Langkawi hotel, the team flew back to Kuala Lumpur. The delegates participated in a two-hour conference at the Hotel Ramada. The conference featured several technical sessions: an inaugural session addressed by Shri Narayan P. Jain, National President, Shri R.D. Kakra, Secretary General and Shri S.K. Rungta, Chairman International Study Tour Committee; a presentation on India-Malaysia commercial relations by Shri Mukul Gupta; discussion on the International taxation India-Malaysia treaty by CA Mitish S. Modi; an analysis of IBC by Adv. Debjyoti Burman; and analysis of indirect taxation in India and Malaysia by Adv Anjana Singh. The evening concluded with a gala dinner at Spice & Ice Restaurant, complete with delicious food, and lively music. The final day of delegation began with breakfast followed by shopping at the vibrant markets. After lunch the delegates checked out from the hotel and transferred to Kuala Lumpur Airport for flights back to Delhi, Jaipur, Chennai, and Kolkata, thus concluding our memorable trip. A Souvenir compiled by Adv Anjana Singh was released by Adv. Narayan Jain to mark the Study Tour. Overall, the trip was a perfect mix of relaxation and engagement, providing a rich cultural experience and ample opportunities for professional growth, making it an enjoyable experience for all participants.

20. Webinar on Finance (No.2) Bill, 2024 on Zoom on 24th July, 2024 : A talk on Union Budget was organized on 24th July, 2024. Adv. Narayan Jain chaired the session. Adv. Kapil Goel was the Key Note Speaker. Special comments were delivered by Senior Advocate Smt. Premilata Bansal and Sr. Adv. Ganesh Purohit, both Past Presidents. CA Rajesh Mehta and Adv. VP Gupta also addressed the Webinar.

21. National Tax Conference at Mysore on 3rd, 4th & 5th August, 2024 (SZ): A two-day National Tax Conference was organised by AIFTP (SZ) jointly with The Karnataka State Tax Practitioners Association (KSTPA), The Mysore District Tax Practitioners Association and Tax Consultants Association of Mysore on 4th & 5th of August, 2024 at Hotel Lee The Prince, Mysore. National President Adv. Narayan P. Jain was the Guest of Honour. The dignitaries included Shri Ramesh Chandra Lahoti, Shri Sudhakar S. Shetty, Shri KB Lingaraju. The conference focused on various topics related to Direct Taxes and GST, was co-sponsored by Tally Solutions Ltd., Bangalore, and saw participation of 250 delegates hailing from different parts of Karnataka and other parts of India. The NTC was well-attended, thoughtfully deliberated, and provided a significant platform for knowledge exchange on critical tax issues. National Executive Meeting was held on 3rd August 2024. Our appreciation to Shri S Nanjuda Prasad, NVP, TP Ramaraju Srinivasa Rao, Shri Mukund L. Potnia, Conference Chairman and the entire team.

22. AIFTP-EZ International Seminar to Bhutan from 14th August, 2024 onwards: Eastern Zone organized International Seminar to Bhutan from 14th August, 2024.

23. Residential Refresher Course at Leh from 14th to 18th August 2024 (NZ). This was organised from 14th to 18th August, 2024. The inaugural session was held on 15th of August 2024, which included the flag hoisting by Deputy President and Secretary General on the occasion of Independence Day. Chief guest was Deputy President Adv Sameer S Jani, & Guest of honour was Adv. RD Kakra, Secretary General. Sr Adv Ganesh Purohit, Past President and TP MS Rao, Past President also graced the occasion. Welcoming all the delegates, Adv Sandeep Goyal Chairman NZ extended a very warm welcome to all. Adv Klee Frederick Conference Secretary anchored the session and Adv Samstan Dolma was Conference Chairperson. She was wearing the traditional Ladakhi dress and delivered the vote of thanks. The session on income tax was conducted by Sr. Adv. Ganesh Purohit & Adv Samir Jani. Shri MS Rao chaired the session. The session on GST was chaired by Adv Anand Pasari. Adv Sandeep Goyal, and CA Deepak Brodia, were speakers. The queries raised by the delegates were duly answered. Technical sessions were followed by the sightseeing visit of city of Leh, which was praised by the delegates. The Ladakh artists showcased their Ladakh culture, which ended up the delegates dancing with the artist. Next day, delegates visited Alchi monastery, Gurdwara Pathar Sahib and Hall of fame amongst other landmarks of Leh. On the last day of RRC, all the delegates had proceeded to see the iconic Pangong Lake and the trip concluded with this unforgettable visit to the Lake. More than 60 delegates attended the said RRC.

24. 78th Independence Day Celebrations With the help of Office Bearers, NEC Members and other Members, we have celebrated the 78th Independence Day by hoisting flag at various parts of our country.

The same were celebrated at Head Office, Mumbai; Kolkata; Cuttack; Khammam; Surat; Nashik; Alwar; Hyderabad; Agra; Tirupati; Varanasi; New Delhi; Ongole; Bokaro; Bhubaneswar; Prayagraj; Ujjain; Pune, etc. Photographs of the said celebration has been published in our AIFTP Journal for the month of September, 2024.

- 25. Webinar on Recent Developments in GST on Zoom on 18th August, 2024 :** Adv. Narayan Jain chaired the session. Adv. Mukul Gupta, CA Aanchal Kapoor, CA Anjan Sircar were the speakers. Adv. Pankaj Ghiya made expert comments.
- 26. One Day National Tax Conference at Khammam on 24th August, 2024 (SZ).**
AIFTP (SZ) organized National Tax Conference on 24th August, 2024. The said conference was jointly organized by AIFTP (SZ) with Khammam District GST Professionals Association, Khammam & Telangana Tax Practitioners Association, Hyderabad. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Nagesh Bheemapaka, Judge, High Court of Telangana was Chief Guest and Dr. M. V. K. Moorthy, Past President, AIFTP was Guest of Honour. Special Guests were S/Shri P. V. Subba Rao and M. V. J. K. Kumar. There were 3 technical sessions on Direct and Indirect Taxes and the same were well attended by the delegates.
- 27. One Day Tax Conference at Jamshedpur on 1st September, 2024 (EZ).** East Zone organized One Day Tax Conference was organised at Jamshedpur on 1st September, 2024. Compliments to East Zone. Special thanks to Adv. Basudeb Chatterjee and his team for nice efforts in making the programme so successful,
- 28. One Day National Tax Conference at Surat on 14th October, 2024.**
One Day NTC was held on October 14, 2024, at The Amore Banquets, Surat, organized by AIFTP (WZ) in association with various regional tax associations. With the theme "Gyan Vardhanam" (Enhancement of Knowledge), the conference hosted 255 delegates from all the zones of AIFTP and featured four technical sessions, including discussions on Income Tax, GST, and a Brain Trust session. Conference Chairman CA Mitish S. Modi highlighted the importance of professional collaboration and expressed gratitude to participants and organizers. A 91-page e-souvenir containing articles and messages from dignitaries was also released. The conference commenced with inaugural session led by Chief Guest Mr. M.S. Rao, who emphasized the vast opportunities in the taxation field. The AIFTP (WZ) Chairman Adv. Shashank Mithaiwala welcomed the participants. Adv. Samir Jani, Deputy National President graced as Guest of Honour. The speakers were Adv. Manish J. Shah on "Emerging Issues Arising for Underreporting and Misreporting of Income,"; CA. Aanchal Kapoor on "GST on Real Estate – A Labyrinth,"; CA. Vishal Poddar discussing "Classification: The Immortal Litigation Under GST Law," and a Brain Trust session chaired by Adv. Varis Isani from Ahmedabad and Adv. Prakash Vispute from Nashik. The event concluded successfully with a vote of thanks with commendable efforts from the core team and various committees.
- 29. The 14th Padma Vibhushan N.A. Palkhivala Memorial National (Virtual) Moot Court Competition & Research Paper Competition, 2024 from 17th to 20th October, 2024:**
The 14th Padma Vibhushan N. A. Palkhivala Memorial National Moot Court & Research Paper Competition was organised by Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai in collaboration with The All-India Federation of Tax Practitioners and Income Tax Appellate Tribunal Bar Association, Mumbai from 17th to 20th October, 2024. Hon'ble Justice C. V. Bhadang, President ITAT inaugurated moot court. The event was graced by Hon'ble Justice Abhay Ahuja, Additional Judge, Bombay High Court, and Hon'ble Justice Dr. Neela Gokhale, Additional Judge, Bombay High Court, who shared their wisdom and insights with the participants. The Moot Court concluded on a high note, celebrating the achievements of bright legal minds from across the country.

The ceremony was also addressed by Adv. Narayan P Jain, National President of AIFTP; Adv. K Gopal, Vice-President of the ITAT Bar Association, Mumbai; Dr. K. Shivaram, Senior Advocate, and Prof. Amit Kumar, Amana Khare and Dr. Sampada Kangane from MNLU Mumbai. Their addresses underscored the importance of fostering the advocacy and research skills of young law students through platforms like the moot court and research competitions. Winners of the Moot Court Competition: Winner: National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi; Runner-Up: Department of Law, University of Calcutta; Best Memorial: Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad; Best Speaker: Aakash Srivastava, Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Bangalore and Best Researcher: Zeenat Tasnim, University of Calcutta, Department of Law.

Winners of the Research Paper Competition: Winner: Varsha S, Sastra Deemed to be University, Thanjavur; Runner-Up: Ananiyasri R, Sastra Deemed to be University.

In panel discussion Adv. K Gopal, Adv. Samir Jani, Deputy President, AIFTP, and Adv. Nikita Badheka shared their invaluable insights on the evolving landscape of legal practice. Adv. Narayan Jain informed that 76 Law Colleges participated. Vedhika Raheja, Shikha Jain, Omkar Tamhane actively helped. Amana Khare proposed vote of thanks. The event was well covered by media.

30. National Tax Conference at Kolhapur on 26th & 27th October, 2024 (WZ):

The practice in Artificial Intelligence is new avenue for Advocates, Chartered Accountants and Tax Practitioners of India, said Adv. Narayan P. Jain, National President, AIFTP while addressing the Inaugural session of National Tax Conference at Kolhapur. Adv. Jain said that India is already playing a leading role in the field of Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence may be opening doors for all professionals to lead the world from front in this field. He urged the Law Minister of India to work on early prescribing the legal frame work to ensure that Artificial Intelligence is not misused. He also referred to the statement of Jensen Huang founder & Chief Executive of Chip maker NVIDIA during his recent visit to Mumbai. Mr. Lalit Gandhi President of Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture appreciated the role of tax practitioners for compliance of Income Tax as well as GST. He suggested for active role of his Chamber and AIFTP for making representation for tax reforms for simplification of tax system. All appreciated the lead role of Adv. Vinayak Patkar National Vice President, Adv. Arun G. Baheti and Adv. Dhiraj Shah in organizing the conference. The 2-day Conference was organized by AIFTP in collaboration with GSTPAM, MCCIA and various other tax associations, on 26 and 27 October, 2024, at Hotel Sayaji, Kolhapur. Session Chairman and Eminent Speakers were Adv. PC Joshi (Past President), Adv. Nikita Badheka, Adv. Ruchi Rathod, Adv. Vipul Joshi, Adv. G. Baskar, Mr. Ratan Samal, Mr. Santosh Sharma, Mr. Dhananjay Akhade, CA Siddeshwar Yelamali, Adv. Deepak Bapat, Adv. Janak Vaghani, Adv. Ishan Patkar and Ms Sujata Rangnekar, Mr. Rahul Thakar. They spoke on Income Tax, GST, and the future of taxation. Adv. Samir Jani, National Deputy President also spoke in the Seminar and congratulated Mr. Vinayak Patkar, NVP and his team. The organisers were actively guided by TP M Srinivasa Rao (Past President), TP S. N. Prasad (NVP), Adv. RD Kakra (Secretary General), CA Anil Mathur (National Treasurer), Adv. Ashvin Acharya, Adv. Bhaskar Patel, Mr. Mahesh Madkholkar, Mr. Pravin Shinde, TP Narendra Sonawane, Mr. Dhiraj Shah, Adv. Ramakant Surelia & others also graced the Conference. The news of Kolhapur NTC has been published in various Media. Around 200 delegates registered for the said NTC.

31. 48th Foundation Day Celebration at various places from 11th to 30th November, 2024.

48th Foundation Day Celebration was successfully organized at various places i.e. Head Office, Mumbai; Behrampur; Bhubaneswar; Cuttack; Jajpur; Patna; Rourkela; Ujjain; Vadodara, Varanasi, etc. Photographs of the said celebration has been published in our AIFTP Journal for the month of November, 2024.

32. TAXCON on 15th & 16th November, 2024 at Mumbai by AIFTP (WZ): West Zone organized TAXCON on 15th & 16th November, 2024 at Mumbai.

33. Darbhanga Tax Conference on 16th November, 2024 by AIFTP (EZ): The East Zone organised Tax Conference at Darbhanga on 16th November, 2024. Congratulations to Chairman (EZ) and his team.

34. One Day Tax Conference on 16th November, 2024 at Ludhiana by AIFTP (NZ)

One day Tax Conference the "Vridhi Tax Conference 2024 on the Theme Professional Challenges and Growth was held in Sohan Lal Pahwa Auditorium, Ludhiana was organized on 16th November, 2024. The said conference was planned and executed under the leadership of Chairman AIFTP (NZ) Mr. Sandeep Goyal and Conference Chairman Mr. Varinder Sharma and other team members who played a pivotal role in making the Conference a success. The Conference was inaugurated with Floral Welcome of the Chief Guest Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal (Judge, Supreme Court of India) and Special Guest were Mr. Abhijay Chopra (Director, Punjab Kesari Group). In a mark of respect to honor some Members of the Federation who have given their valuable contribution to the Federation they were Felicitated with the Lifetime Achievers Award by the Hon'ble Chief Guest. The Conference had 3 Technical Sessions providing insights into varied Issues pertaining to the Regime of Taxation with a Valedictory Session at the end. The First Technical Session on "Section 148- A Never Ending Conundrum" was moderated by Ms. Ananya Kapoor, Advocate and panel of experts included Dr. Rakesh Gupta, Adv. V.P Gupta, Mr. Sudhir Sehgal and Mr. Rajesh Malhotra. The Second Technical Session was "Mock Appellate Proceedings" under the CGST Act. The Panelists were CA Rajender Arora, CA Mohit Golcha, Advocate Anuj Bansal and Advocate Aakriti Gupta. The Session was moderated by CA Aashna Cajla. Third Technical Session on "How to Handle the Issues Arising out of ITC Claims Regarding Alleged Bonus Transactions" was organized in the presence of the Chief Guest for the Session Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jagmohan Bansal (Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court). The session had CA Aanchal Kapoor as the Keynote speaker who provided valuable information to the delegates on the manner in which they could deal with the issues arising out of ITC claims regarding bogus transactions. It was followed by Valedictory Session. The Conference was very successful.

35. One Day Tax Conference on 23rd November, 2024 at Thrissur by AIFTP (SZ)

On 23rd November 2024, AIFTP SZ in Association with Kerala Tax Bar Association conducted National Tax Conference titled "The Challenges" organized at Casino Convention Centre, Thrissur. Across the country more than 300 delegates actively participated. The conference was commenced with Flag Hoisting marking 49th Foundation Day by our

beloved Past National President Sri Malladi Srinivasa Rao, the flag hoisting ceremony was presided by National Vice President Sri SN Prasad. The traditional chendamelam music program also arranged to celebrate this occasion. The Hon'ble Judge, Kerala High Court, Hon. Justice Mr. Harisankar V. Menon inaugurated the conference. The President, Kerala High Court Advocates Association Adv Yeshwanth Shenoy and AIFTP Past National President M. Srinivasa Rao were the Guest of Honour of the program. Adv M Ganesan, Chairman, Conference committee welcomed the gathering. Srimati. Suchetha Ramachandran, Convenor Conference committee proposed vote of Thanks. The conference followed various Technical Sessions throughout the day on Direct and Indirect Taxes. Next day more than 100 Delegates participated in Temple Visits. The delegates had good and satisfied darshan at Guruvayoor, Thripparayar and other temples they visited.

- 36. One Day Tax Conference on 24th November, 2024 at Paradeep by AIFTP (EZ):** East Zone organized a Tax Conference "Gyan Alok" on 24th November, 2024 at Jayadev Sadan, Paradeep (Odisha). Hon'ble Mr. Justice Murahari Sri Raman Judge of High Court of Orissa was the Chief Guest. Ms Yamini Sarangi, IAS, Commissioner of Commercial Taxes and GST, Odisha and Shri PL Haranadh (IRTS), Chairman, Paradeep Port Authority were the Guests of Honour. Speakers were CA Arun Kumar Agarwal on GST and Adv. Paras Kochar on Income Tax. Thanks to Sr Adv. Bibekananda Mohanti, Chairman EZ and his team.
- 37. National Convention at Junagadh on 14th & 15th December, 2024 :** National Convention is being organized at Junagadh on 14th & 15th December, 2024. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, Judge Supreme Cort of India is our Chief Guest. The Guests of Honour are Hon'ble Mr. Justice BD Karia, Judge Gujarat High Court, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Soumitra Saikia, Judge Guwahati High Court and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pranav Trivedi, Judge Gujarat High Court. We have eminent Speakers in the Convention.
- 38. One Day Tax Conference on 22nd December, 2024 at Tirupathi by AIFTP (SZ):** One Day Tax Conference is going to be organized on 22nd December, 2024 at Tirupathi by AIFTP (SZ). On next day Darshal of Balaji at Tirumala have been arranged.
- 39. Webinars on Direct, Indirect and Allied Laws**
AIFTP has organised more than 30 webinars on Direct, Indirect Tax and Allied Laws having various topics and important speakers for the said topics. We thank Shri V. P. Gupta and Shri Mukul Gupta, Chairman of respective Committee on Direct and Indirect Taxes alongwith their Convenor and other committee members, who helped us to arrange such webinars throughout the year. We had many important Speakers including CA Girish Ahuja, Adv. Kapil Goel, Adv. Ajay Vohra, Sr. Adv. Premlata Bansal, Sr. Adv. Ganesh Purohit and others.
- 40. AIFTP Constitution Committee**
Members and Zone Committee Chairman forwarded their suggestions time to time to the Head Office and in course of physical meeting of NEC, which were discussed in course of meetings of the Constitution Committee held virtually under the Chairmanship of Shri Ganesh N. Purohit. Last meeting of the Constitution committee was convened on 2-12-2024 and next meeting is scheduled to be held on 6-12-2024.

The committee thanked all the Members for their cooperation. Now, henceforth the same amended rules will be on display to All the members in AIFTP website and after physical NEC meeting discussion, and after completing all procedure formalities, applicable from the date as decided by NEC special meeting/ EOGM.
- 41. Membership**
Our membership as on 31-12-23 was 10845 and thereafter around 306 members have joined the Federation. Now our membership strength as on 26-10-2024 is 11,151. The name of a few Members who are no more has been deleted from the data of Life Membership. It has been possible with the active co-operation of the various Zones. We need to make more members.

Zone	Associate	Individual	Association	Corporate	Total
Central	0	1529	25	0	1554
Eastern	6	2321	37	0	2364
Northern	0	1639	21	5	1665
Southern	1	2470	24	6	2501
Western	5	3019	39	4	3067
Total	12	10978	146	15	11151

42. **New I Cards and Certificate of Membership**

All through the year the new members approved were issued a New PVC I-Card and Certificate of membership alongwith welcome letter. These were sent to their address of correspondence as approved till last NEC i.e. 26th October, 2024.

43. **AIFTP Directory of NEC / Zone Managing Committee etc.**

This year, core committee directory was printed and dispatched to all committee members and was uploaded on our website and emailed to all committee members.

44. **FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

Our National Treasurer, CA. Anil Mathur deserves to be appreciated for ensuring the regular maintenance of the accounts of the Federation as well as monitoring the funds of the Federation. It is due to his relentless efforts, punctuality in maintaining accounts and constant supervision, that the accounts of Federation have always remained updated. My Special thanks to M/s Govind Goyal & Co., Chartered Accountants (Prop. Sh. Govind G. Goyal) our Statutory Auditor who made their best efforts in completing Statutory Audit well in time. I appreciate their contribution in sparing their valuable time in taking care of this assignment.

Tax Deduction at Source: With the help of our CA. Deepak R. Shah, we are regularly filing of TDS returns/ Statements.

GST: We are happy to state that we have filed GSTR3B and GSTR1 return up to September, 2024 and 30-09-2024 respectively. I thank CA. Girish Rathi for using his good office for filing the GST returns regularly.

45. **Journal / Times Committee**

The AIFTP Journal is being published regularly. Mr. Ajay R. Singh (Editor), Dr. K. Shivaram, Mr. Vipul B. Joshi, Mr. Deepak R. Shah, Mr. Kishor Vanjara and their colleagues are making admirable contributions for publishing AIFTP Journal.

This year also, Indirect Tax & Corporate Laws Journal was published by the Federation and distributed to the members on subscription basis. I am very much thankful to all the subscribers for their valuable support to the fraternity. I also thank Shri Deepak Khandelwal, Editor of the Indirect Tax & Corporate Laws Journal and Shri Pankaj Ghiya, Imm. Past President for his valuable guidance, contribution and support in publishing the Indirect Tax & Corporate Laws Journal. The AIFTP Times is also being published regularly.

46. **Other Committees are also functioning well**

All other sub-committees functioned very well and submitted their respective reports time to time.

47. **Representation at Different Forums**

A number of representations on Direct Taxes as well as Indirect Taxes have been sent by AIFTP from time to time and useful suggestions have been made to the Government on various issues like extension of time for Tax Audit Report, GST Audit Report, Filing of GSTR-3B etc. All the Representations are uploaded on our website.

The Post Budget Memorandum will also be sent to the Hon'ble Finance Minister of India.

48. **NEC Meetings**

NEC Meetings were held regularly on Physical and/ or Virtual Platforms. Total 8 NEC meeting have been held i.e. 4 Virtually and 4 Physically viz. Kolkata, Ujjain, Mysore & Kolhapur, further, one more physical NEC meeting is scheduled to be held at Junagadh. These were attended by members in large numbers and important decisions were taken for smooth working of the Federation.

49. **Elevation of Members to Judicial forums:**

It is very proud moment for all of us to note that some of our learned members were elevated to various High Courts and Tribunals in the country.

50. **Legal matters:**

- a) Furnishing of Change Reports before Hon'ble Assistant Charity Commissioner: We have furnished the pending Change Reports before Hon'ble Assistant Charity Commissioner for the years 2017 to 2024. Report for earlier period from 1997 to 2016 were also followed up and required details were submitted.
- b) Our Advocate is attending Application filed by Mrs. Anagha Kulkarni, Advocate, Pune before the Hon'ble Assistant Charity Commissioner, Mumbai.

- c) Our Advocate is attending matter filed by Mr. Natabar Panda, Advocate, Cuttack before Hon'ble Civil Court/ District Court, Cuttack.
- d) At Kolhapur NEC Meeting, the Past President Mr. M. Srinivas Rao, Nikita Bhadeka and NEC members passed a resolution to take immediate disciplinary action against the members who filled frivolous legal cases against Federation.

51. Beneficial Activities under Process

A committee to advise the NEC as to what would be the best course to cover Members under any Insurance or Benevolent Scheme is being framed.

52. Release of Publications

We are pleased to inform our members that during the year the following Publications were released by AIFTP: -

- a) "Law of Evidence and Cross-examination in Tax and Allied laws - Frequently Asked Questions." Released in Gurugram NTC on 27th April, 2024 by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Judge of Supreme Court of India.
- b) "New Reassessment Regime: Law, Procedure and Practical Guide" to be released at National Convention at Junagadh in Dec., 2024.
- c) "Special Procedure for Assessment of Search Cases (Block Assessment) and New Reassessment - Law and Procedure – A Hand Book" to be released at National Convention at Junagadh in Dec., 2024.

Our thanks to Mrs Nikita Badheka, Chairperson, Publication Committee and also our humble gratitude to Dr. K Shivaram for all his guidance.

53. About our Staff

"Take time to appreciate Staff and they will reciprocate in a thousand ways."

Undoubtedly, all projects undertaken during the year and taking the Federation to greater heights could not have been possible without the sincere support and cooperation of our Staff. I express my appreciation for all the devoted and dedicated staff of our Federation, who apart from being punctual are courteous towards the members of the Federation. On many occasions, our staff also stayed back after office hours without any hesitation, to complete the work assigned to them.

54. Gratitude

On behalf of the Federation, I thank our past Presidents, all members of NEC, each and every member of the Federation who have contributed towards the cause of the Federation and many of whom have rendered admirable voluntary services. Our thanks to the media for coverage of various programmes of AIFTP in various parts of the country. We appreciate their gesture of co-operation in spreading the news of Federation's activities.

55. Acknowledgements

I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation of the commitment extended by Office bearers, all the members of the National Executive Committee and members at large for extending their valuable help and unstinted support to me throughout the year. I also express my sincere gratitude to all the Past Presidents for their worthy guidance. We also thank the media for coverage of AIFTP programmes.

I am confident that with the affection bestowed by all of you, I have rendered services to the Federation to the best of my abilities. Our regular information on organising functions, Seminars, Symposiums, Tax Conferences, Representation at various forums have helped in creating an atmosphere of great zeal and enthusiasm amongst all members.

To err is human. Any lapse in discharge of my duty as Secretary General was unintentional, for which I seek your kind forgiveness with all humility at my command. I once again thank all of you for your continued support throughout the year and for abundant affection bestowed upon me.

With warm and sincere regards.

Ram Deo Kakra
(Secretary General)

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