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# CULTIVATING A SUPPORTIVE WORKPLACE

## **EDITORIAL**



"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."

#### -Martin Luther

#### Dear Friends,

Hope appears as an elusive but powerful element in the fabric of human existence. It is the lighthouse that shines in the darkest of circumstances, the compass that leads us through the maze of doubt, and the potion that uplifts our spirits in the face of difficulty. Hope weaves its essence into the very center of our being, cultivating resilience and igniting the spark of possibilities, transcending boundaries, cultures, and situations. It is the unwavering belief that amid trials and tribulations, a path exists leading to brighter horizons. When faced with challenges that seem insurmountable, hope becomes a refuge—a sanctuary where despair dissipates, and optimism flourishes. Hope has a transformational force that history attests to. It has provided the impetus for social movements, igniting the hopes of visionaries and changemakers. Hope is frequently portrayed in personal narratives as the foundation that keeps people afloat over life's storms. In times of despair, when doubt casts a long shadow, hope utters encouraging words. It gives bravery to those facing uncertainty, resilience to those coping with loss, and strength to those facing disease. The beauty of hope lies in its universality. It is not confined to the privileged or the fortunate, but rather, it is an inherent facet of the human experience. For in hope, we find the courage to face adversity, the strength to endure, and the belief in a future brimming with possibilities.

Best Wishes! Arun Kumar

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#### **"CULTIVATING A SUPPORTIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT:** Prioritizing Mental Wellness in the Workplace"



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#### Introduction

In the evolving landscape of modern workplaces, the focus on employee well-being has taken center stage. Beyond traditional productivity metrics, there's a growing recognition of the crucial role mental health plays in fostering a thriving work environment. "Cultivating a Supportive Work Environment: Prioritizing Mental Wellness in the Workplace" delves into the pivotal shift toward acknowledging and nurturing mental wellness as an integral component of professional success. From understanding the challenges to implementing effective strategies, this exploration aims to illuminate the significance of creating spaces where mental health is not only valued but actively supported. Join us on this journey through the changing dynamics of workplace culture and the imperative need to prioritize mental wellness.

The significance of mental health in the workplace cannot be overstated in today's fast-paced and demanding professional environments. It's not merely an abstract concern but a critical factor that profoundly influences employee well-being, productivity, and organizational success.

#### **Employee Well-being and Health**

Mental health directly impacts an individual's overall well-being. A workplace that prioritizes mental health fosters an environment where employees feel supported, reducing stress and promoting a healthier lifestyle.

#### **Productivity and Performance**

Employees' mental health significantly influences their performance. High stress,

anxiety, or depression can hinder concentration, creativity, and problem-solving abilities, ultimately affecting productivity levels and quality of work.

#### **Employee Engagement and Retention**

A supportive work culture that values mental health increases employee engagement and commitment. When employees feel their mental well-being is prioritized, they are more likely to stay with the company and contribute positively to its growth.

#### **Reduced Absenteeism and Presenteeism**

Mental health issues often lead to absenteeism, where employees miss work due to illness, and presenteeism, where employees are physically present but not fully engaged due to mental health concerns. Prioritizing mental wellness can reduce both, ensuring a more present and productive workforce.

#### **Positive Organizational Culture**

A workplace that acknowledges mental health creates a culture of empathy, understanding, and support. It fosters an environment where employees feel safe discussing their mental health concerns, breaking down stigmas, and promoting inclusivity.

#### **Cost Savings and ROI**

Investing in mental health initiatives isn't just beneficial for employees; it's also financially prudent for organizations. By reducing turnover rates, absenteeism, and healthcare costs related to mental health issues, companies can experience a positive return on investment.

#### Legal and Ethical Responsibilities

Employers have a legal and ethical responsibility to provide a safe and healthy work environment, which includes addressing mental health concerns. Neglecting mental health can lead to legal repercussions and damage the company's reputation.

#### **Overall Organizational Success**

A mentally healthy workforce is more likely to collaborate effectively, innovate, and adapt to changes. Prioritizing mental health aligns with organizational goals by fostering a more resilient, engaged, and high-performing team. In essence, the importance of mental health in the workplace transcends individual wellbeing; it's a cornerstone for building a sustainable, resilient, and successful organization. Prioritizing mental health not only benefits employees but also contributes to a thriving and competitive business environment.

#### **Understanding Mental Wellness**

Before delving into the strategies and initiatives, it's crucial to understand what mental wellness entails. It's not merely the absence of mental illness but a state of wellbeing where individuals can cope with stress, realize their potential, and contribute meaningfully.

#### Identifying Workplace Stressors

The contemporary workplace can be a breeding ground for stressors, from highpressure deadlines to toxic work environments. Identifying these stressors is the first step in creating a supportive culture.

#### **Creating a Supportive Culture**

Leadership plays a pivotal role in setting the tone for mental wellness. Cultivating an environment where open communication, empathy, and work-life balance are encouraged can significantly impact employees' mental health.

#### **Implementing Mental Health Initiatives**

Initiatives like Employee Assistance Programs (EAPs), mental health awareness training, and fostering resilience not only support struggling employees but also contribute to a more



cohesive and productive workforce.

## Breaking Stigmas and Promoting Inclusivity

Addressing stigmas surrounding mental health discussions is paramount. Promoting inclusivity ensures that every individual feels seen, heard, and supported irrespective of their mental health status.

#### **Case Studies and Success Stories**

Real-life examples of companies that have successfully implemented mental health programs serve as guiding lights for others. Testimonials from employees and HR professionals validate the impact of these initiatives.

#### **Future Trends and Challenges**

The landscape of mental health in the workplace is dynamic. Understanding emerging trends and preparing to tackle challenges such as implementation hurdles ensures that organizations stay at the forefront of fostering mental wellness.

#### Conclusion

Recognizing and prioritizing mental health in the workplace isn't merely a trend—it's an imperative that underpins the very foundation of a thriving organization. It's about acknowledging that employees are more than just cogs in a wheel; their well-being directly impacts the success and sustainability of the entire enterprise.

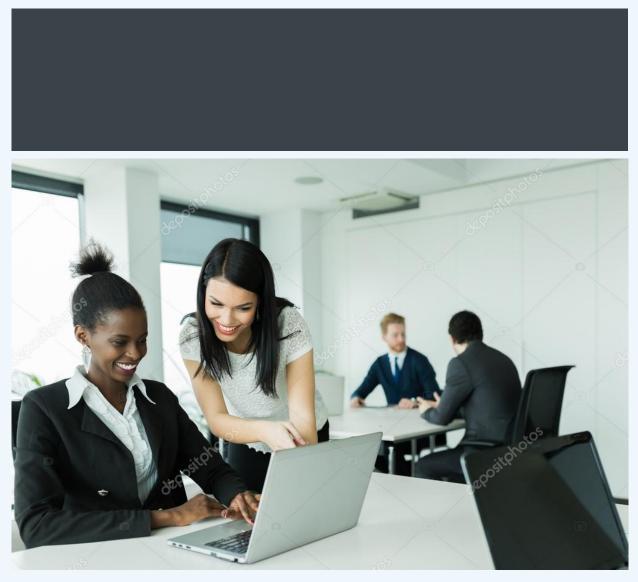
By nurturing a culture that values mental wellness, organizations create environments where individuals feel seen, heard, and supported. This not only fosters healthier lifestyles but also enhances productivity, engagement, and overall satisfaction among employees.

Moreover, the financial benefits of investing in mental health initiatives are undeniable. Reduced absenteeism, higher retention rates, and a more engaged workforce translate into tangible returns on investment, positioning mental health programs as a strategic asset for



any forward-thinking company. The legal and ethical responsibility to provide a safe and healthy workplace extends to mental health. Neglecting these aspects not only risks legal repercussions but also damages the company's reputation and undermines its potential for long-term success. Ultimately, an organization's true strength lies in its people. Prioritizing mental health isn't just a gesture of compassion; it's a strategic move that aligns with business goals, fostering resilience, innovation, and a culture that thrives even in the face of challenges. It's a cornerstone for building a sustainable, resilient, and successful organization that not only benefits employees but also remains competitive in an everevolving business landscape.

The evolution of workplace dynamics demands a holistic approach that prioritizes mental wellness. By acknowledging, supporting, and nurturing mental health, organizations not only cultivate happier and more engaged employees but also set the stage for sustainable success.Creating a supportive work environment that prioritizes mental wellness isn't just a goal—it's a responsibility towards building healthier, more productive, and inclusive workplaces for the future.



## **BODY & BRAIN**



#### **COMMERCE QUIZ**

- 1. Employment of funds on assets to earn a return is known as
  - a) Loan
  - b) Investment
  - c) Liability
  - d) Assets
- 2. What is a Certificate of Deposit
  - a) Short-term U.S. government debt obligation
  - b) A fixed-income investment scheme
  - c) A financial product commonly sold by banks, thrift institutions, and credit unions
  - d) An unsecured money market instrument
- 3. What is an Unsecured Promissory Note
  - a) A fixed-income investment scheme
  - b) A financial product commonly sold by banks, thrift institutions, and credit unions
  - c) An obligation for payment without any property securing the payment

- d) A legal agreement that requires a borrower to provide security for a loan
- 4. Which of the following is a type of Investment
  - a) Economic Investments
  - b) Investment Vehicles
  - c) BothA&B
  - d) None of the above
- 5. What is Investment Banking
  - a) When companies and other entities engage in sound business investment practices
  - b) A specific division of banking is related to the creation of capital for other companies, governments, and other entities
  - c) A fixed-income investment scheme
  - d) A financial product commonly sold by banks, thrift institutions, and credit unions

## SHINGLES (HERPES ZOSTER)

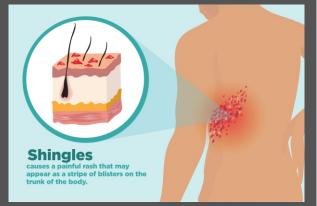
Shingles, also known as herpes zoster, is a viral infection caused by the varicella-zoster virus (VZV). This is the same virus that causes chickenpox. After a person recovers from chickenpox, the virus can remain dormant in nerve cells for many years. Later in life, the virus may reactivate and cause shingles.

**Cause:** Shingles is caused by the reactivation of the varicella-zoster virus, which remains dormant in the nerve cells after a person has had chickenpox.

**Symptoms:** The hallmark symptom of shingles is a painful rash that typically develops on one side of the body or face. The rash consists of fluid-filled blisters that eventually crust over. Other symptoms may include itching, burning, tingling, fever, headache, and sensitivity to touch.

**Risk Factors:** Certain factors increase the risk of developing shingles, including age (risk increases with age), weakened immune system, and a history of chickenpox. Stress and certain medical conditions can also contribute to reactivation of the virus. Shingles itself is not directly contagious, but the varicella-zoster virus can be transmitted to individuals who have not had chickenpox or the chickenpox vaccine. In these cases, the person may develop chickenpox, not shingles.

**Complications:** While shingles itself is usually not life-threatening, it can cause complications. Postherpetic neuralgia (persistent nerve pain after the rash has healed) is a common complication. In some cases, shingles can also lead to more serious complications, such as eye problems if the virus affects the eyes.



**Vaccine:** The shingles vaccine, known as Shingrix, is recommended for adults aged 50 and older, even if they have had shingles before or have received the older vaccine called Zostavax. The vaccine can help prevent shingles and reduce the risk of complications.

**Treatment:** Antiviral medications, such as acyclovir, valacyclovir, and famciclovir, are often prescribed to shorten the duration and severity of shingles. Pain relievers and anti-inflammatory medications may also be recommended to alleviate symptoms.

If you suspect you have shingles, it's important to seek medical attention promptly for a proper diagnosis and appropriate treatment. Early treatment can help reduce the severity of symptoms and lower the risk of complications.

## EMERGING ISSUES OF CYBER CRIME



Imagine a world where everything works with the touch of a button - your phone, your fridge, even your car. It's an incredible, fastpaced digital world that's changed the way we do almost everything. But amidst all this convenience and excitement, there's a darker side lurking in the corners of this digital realm: cybercrime.

Cybercrime is like the sneaky villain of the internet. It uses the same technology that makes our lives easier to cause trouble. And the more we use technology, the smarter these cybercriminals become, making it tougher to stay safe online.

This article dives deep into these new cyber problems. We'll explore things like ransomware, which holds our important stuff hostage; tricky ways people get fooled online, like phishing scams; and even how our super-smart gadgets can sometimes be risky. We'll also peek into the hidden parts of the internet where shady things happen.

But it's not all doom and gloom! We'll figure out ways to protect ourselves in this digital jungle. By understanding these new cyber problems, we'll learn how to outsmart the cyber baddies and keep our digital lives safe and sound. So, get ready to explore this world of cyber challenges and discover how to stay ahead in this ever-evolving technological landscape! The interconnectedness and reliance on digital platforms have birthed new dimensions of criminal activities, presenting challenges that extend far beyond the traditional realm of law enforcement and cybersecurity.

#### 1.Ransomware Rises:

One of the most pressing concerns is the proliferation of ransomware attacks. Malicious software encrypts vital data, holding it hostage until a ransom is paid. From multinational corporations to small businesses and even individuals, the targets are diverse and widespread. The financial repercussions, operational disruptions, and the ethical dilemma of negotiating with cybercriminals have compounded this issue.

#### 2. Social Engineering and Phishing:

Cybercriminals have become adept at exploiting human vulnerabilities through social engineering tactics. Phishing attacks, in particular, deceive individuals into divulging sensitive information by posing as trustworthy entities. The sophistication of these schemes renders traditional security measures less effective, necessitating continual vigilance and user education.

#### 3. Internet of Things (IoT) Vulnerabilities:

The proliferation of interconnected devices in the IoT landscape has introduced new entry points for cyber-attacks. From smart

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home devices to industrial systems, each node presents a potential vulnerability. As convenience drives the adoption of IoT, security considerations often lag behind, creating a fertile ground for cybercriminals to exploit.

#### 4. Dark Web and Cyber Underground:

The anonymity of the dark web facilitates illicit transactions, from the sale of stolen data to the exchange of hacking tools and services. The cyber underground economy thrives, enabling cybercriminals to operate with a level of anonymity that poses significant challenges for law enforcement agencies.

#### 5. Supply Chain Attacks:

Recent incidents have highlighted the vulnerabilities within supply chains. Cybercriminals target suppliers or service providers to gain access to larger networks, impacting multiple organisations downstream. These attacks disrupt operations, compromise sensitive data, and erode trust among interconnected entities.

#### 6. Regulatory and Legal Challenges:

Navigating the legal and regulatory landscape in combating cybercrime remains a formidable challenge. The jurisdictional complexities, coupled with the rapid evolution of cyber threats, create hurdles for law enforcement agencies to effectively pursue and prosecute cybercriminals.

#### 7. Emerging Technologies and Threats:

As technological advancements continue to unfold, emerging technologies like Alpowered attacks, quantum computing threats, and augmented reality vulnerabilities pose potential new avenues for cybercrime. The proactive anticipation of these threats and the development of



corresponding defence mechanisms are paramount.

#### **Combating cyber-crimes:**

Combatting cybercrimes requires a multilayered approach that involves individuals, organizations, governments, and the cybersecurity community. Here are some key strategies:

- Education and Awareness: Educating individuals about cyber threats and safe online practices is crucial. Teaching people to recognise phishing attempts, understand the risks of sharing personal information online, and regularly update their devices and software can go a long way in preventing cyber-attacks.
- Strong Security Measures: Implementing robust cybersecurity measures such as firewalls, antivirus software, encryption, and multi-factor authentication helps fortify digital defenses. Regular security updates and patches are essential to address vulnerabilities.
- Regular Backups: Maintaining frequent backups of essential data ensures that even if attacked by ransomware, for example, you can recover without paying the ransom.
- Collaboration and Information Sharing: Foster collaboration between public and private sectors to share information about cyber threats and attacks. This collective intelligence can help develop better defence mechanisms and preemptive strategies.
- Legislation and Regulation: Governments need to create and enforce robust cyber laws and regulations that outline clear consequences for cybercriminals. International cooperation and treaties

can help address jurisdictional challenges in prosecuting cybercrimes across borders.

- Investment in Cybersecurity: Allocating resources towards cybersecurity research, development, and training is crucial. This includes investing in emerging technologies that can help detect and prevent cyber-attacks.
- Ethical Hacking and Penetration Testing: Conducting ethical hacking exercises and regular penetration testing can identify vulnerabilities before cybercriminals exploit them, allowing organisations to reinforce their security measures.
- Continuous Adaptation and Response: Cyber threats evolve rapidly. Being proactive in adapting to new threats and having incident response plans in place are vital. Timely detection and swift response to cyber incidents can mitigate their impact.

Combating cybercrime is an ongoing battle that requires a collective effort. It involves not only technological solutions but also changes in behaviour, policy, and international cooperation to effectively address the ever-evolving landscape of cyber threats.

#### **Government Regulations in India:**

In India, several regulations and acts have been established to address cybercrime and enhance cybersecurity. Some key legislations and initiatives include:

**Information Technology Act, 2000:** This act provides legal recognition for electronic documents and facilitates electronic filing of documents with the government. It also defines various cyber offences and penalties for crimes such as hacking, data

theft, and spreading computer viruses.

- Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In): Established under the IT Act, CERT-In is the national agency responsible for responding to cybersecurity incidents and providing alerts and advisories to relevant stakeholders. It collaborates with various organisations to strengthen the country's cybersecurity posture.\
- National Cyber Security Policy: India formulated its National Cyber Security Policy in 2013 to address the growing threats in cyberspace. It aims to create a secure cyber ecosystem, generate public awareness, and enhance the protection of critical information infrastructure.
- Data Protection and Privacy Laws: The Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019, seeks to regulate the use and processing of personal data by entities and establishes guidelines for data protection and privacy. This bill, once enacted, will govern the handling of personal data in India.
- Cyber Crime Investigation Cells: Various states in India have set up specialised cybercrime investigation units to handle cyber-related offences. These units collaborate with law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute cybercriminals.
- Financial Regulations: Regulatory bodies such as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have issued guidelines and regulations for financial institutions to ensure cybersecurity measures in banking and financial transactions.
- International Cooperation: India actively participates in international



forums and collaborates with other countries to address transnational cyber threats. Bilateral agreements and engagements with international organisations are essential for information sharing and combating cybercrime across borders.

These regulations and initiatives highlight India's efforts to address cyber threats, protect individuals' digital rights, and establish a robust framework for cybersecurity. However, in the face of evolving cyber threats, continuous updates and enhancements to existing laws and policies remain crucial to effectively combat cybercrime in the country.

As society marches further into the digital age, the battle against cybercrime evolves into an ongoing endeavour. Vigilance, adaptability, and collaboration will be key in mitigating the impact of emerging cyber threats, safeguarding our digital ecosystems, and preserving trust in the digital world.









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#### **SOLVE THE PUZZLE**

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### **INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT INDIAN AIR FORCE**

**Fact 1:** After the US, China, and Russia, the Indian Air Force ranks fourth in the world. It employs over 1,70,000 people and has 1,500 airplanes.

**Fact 2:** The Indian Air Force has the largest airbase in Asia named the Hindon Air Force Station, it is situated in Ghaziabad.

**Fact 3:** The Indian Air Force Museum, located in New Delhi, showcases the history of the Indian Air Force in addition to having a vast collection of memorabilia related to Indian Military Aviation.

Fact 4: The motto of the Indian Air Force is "Touching the Sky with Glory" and it is working on the same motto.

**Fact 5:** The Indian Air Force's first female air marshal was Padmavathy Bandopadhyay. Additionally, she was the first female officer to specialize in aviation medicine.

**Fact 6:** During the 'Raahat' mission, the Indian Air Force set a global record by airlifting nearly 20,000 citizens during the Uttarakhand flash floods.

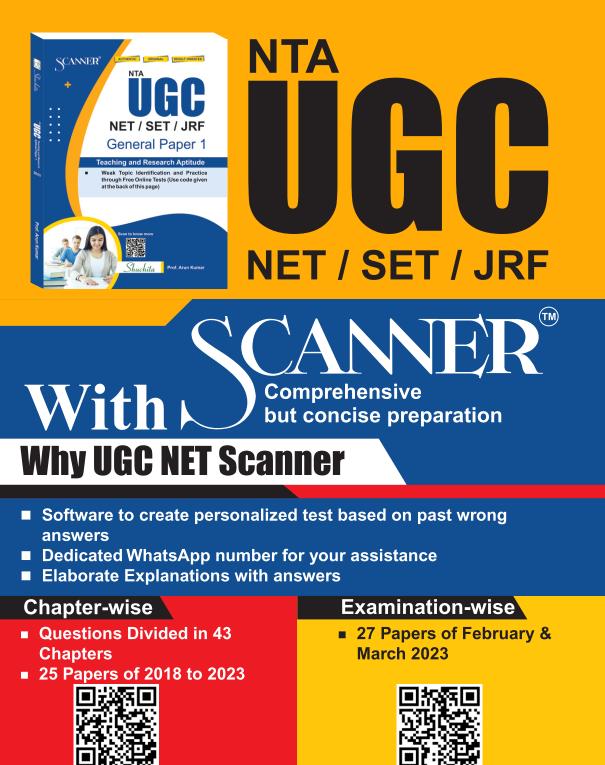
**Fact 7:** After the death of Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, ArjanSingh, the Marshal of the Indian Air Force is the only living Indian military officer with a 5-star rank.

**Fact 8:** The fact that the Indian Air Force maintains a military installation outside of the nation is among its most unexpected characteristics. The first and only military installation outside of India is the Farkhor Airbase, located in Farkhor close to Tajikistan.

**Fact 9:** The highest air Force Station of the Indian Air Force is at 22,000 ft (or 6,706 m), Siachen Glacier AFS.

**Fact 10:** The fact that the Indian Air Force is working with Russia to develop the fifth generation Sukhoi PAK FA is a source of great pride for all Indians.



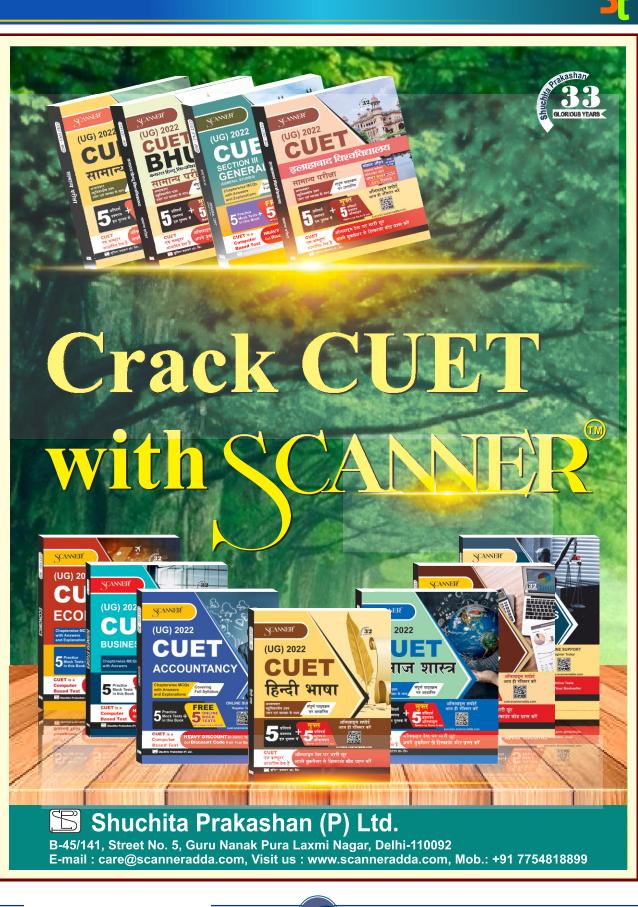


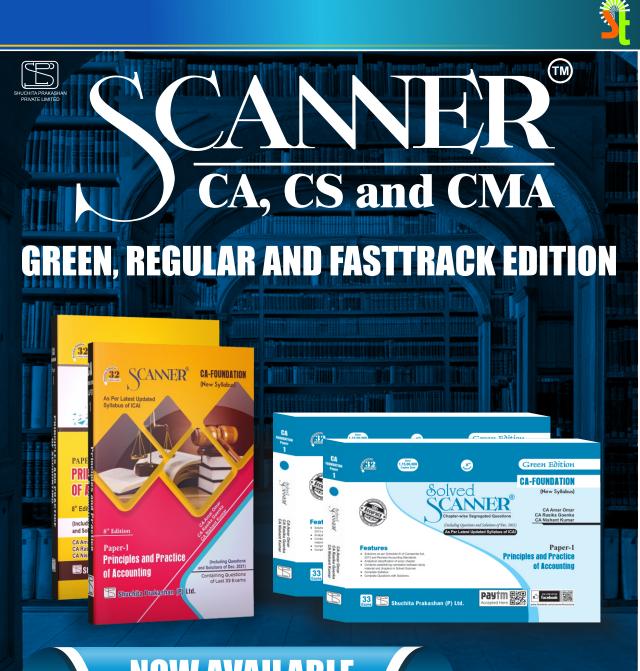
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## PREPARING FOR THE REAL WORLD



Mangesh Shinde, a dynamic young entrepreneur from Pune, shines as a YouTube Influencer, Marketing Consultant, and the Founder and CEO of WillStar Media which provides marketing solutions to several brands. In addition, he founded Blue Eye Entertainment and Resolution Studios, which creates content and offers corporates animation and video services. He began his career on YouTube with the "The WillPower star" channel. He currently has over 2.5 million subscribers on social media and his YouTube channel. He has always been this Curious kid from childhood itself. He used to spend most of the time exploring new things and trying to learn everything that caught his attention. In the second year of engineering, he started his first side hustle business which was supplying flowers to hotel and events management companies. Which eventually failed in the third year, again he started some more ventures which again eventually failed. Though he failed, he never forgot the lessons learned from the experience. Mangesh has always been great at communication. So, he started his first YouTube but failed here again but after one failure he understood the game of YouTube and that is when he started The Willpower Star. Willpower Star was not an overnight success but he was consistent on content creation. His media company focuses on video production, creator management,



and influencer marketing. With a huge following of 2.4 million on his YouTube channel. The Willpower Star. he has become a social media influencer due to his exceptional communication skills and content development abilities. Mangesh is driven by his objective to give ambitious people easily intelligible, high-quality content. He has a strong conviction in the power of consistency. He is the epitome of inspiration and leadership. Mangesh is a strong believer that obstacles are a necessary part of the path, but that success is definitely achievable if one has an unwavering commitment to achieving their objectives. Thus, his tale serves as evidence of the entrepreneurial spirit of India's youth.

#### THE ASS & THE LOAD OF SALT

A Merchant, driving his Ass homeward from the seashore with a heavy load of salt, came to a river crossed by a shallow ford. They had crossed this river many times before without accident, but this time the Ass slipped and fell when halfway over. And when the Merchant at last got him to his feet, much of the salt had melted away. Delighted to find how much lighter his burden had become, the Ass finished the journey very gayly.

Next day the Merchant went for another load of salt. On the way home the Ass, remembering what had happened at the ford, purposely let himself fall into the water, and again got rid of most of his burden.

The angry Merchant immediately turned about and drove the Ass back to the

seashore, where he loaded him with two great b a s k et s of sponges. At the ford the Ass again tumbled over; but when h e h a d scrambled to his



feet, it was a very disconsolate Ass that dragged himself homeward under a load ten times heavier than before.

*Moral: The same measures will not suit all circumstances.* 

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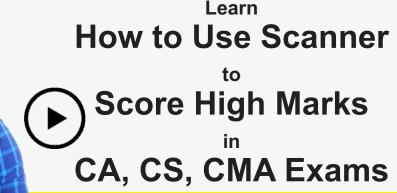
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#### **CYNOSURE OF THE MONTH**

#### Anil Kumar Pinnu

AIR: 21<sup>st</sup> (CMA Intermediate, June 2022) Mahadevapura, Bangalore, Karnataka.

- How do you feel after passing CMA Inter Examination?
- It is a kind of experience which is immense and beyond my imagination and level of happiness will be much more in my case as I pass with an all India rank.
- 2. What all has contributed to this success?

Not only for me for any one key role in their success depending upon the selection of right material as well as preparation strategy. As I perfectly planned both of them and strictly stick to my plan which helped me in reaching this success.

What challenges did you face during your preparation? First problem is deciding scope of syllabus as to which all topics I have to study and which all topics need not study as CMA curriculum is very vast which requires filtration. Also making one time revision also not sufficient and a minimum of 2 to 3 revisions needed along with writing of 4 to 5 past attempt question papers.

- How could you cope up with them? How did your coaching/teacher(s) help you? Scanner helps me in solving above problems as it classifies all topics into important and unimportant topics as well as giving brief pictorial representations, charts and mnemonics for better understanding of concepts. 4.
- Your advice to the aspirant for CMA Inter Examination.
- CMA Intermediate is a kind of toughest course with vast curriculum. I would require every student who aspires to clear CMA intermediate in first attempt as well as those who desires to be an all India rank holder to start their preparation from day 1 onwards instead of waiting until the last moment as this is a kind of stage in CMA which requires consistent and constant efforts to reach success owing to its difficulty. Better you yourself choose one mentor who will guide you through out journey. Also I request every student to write as many mock exams as possible as available from Shuchitra Prakashan website or writing of past attempt question papers under similar exam conditions besides having faith on your hard work and God.

#### Your view about Scanner? 6.

Instead of describing scanner as a kind of material like other publications. I can call it as a complete package as it is only a kind of material which provides or covers all concepts along with past exam questions and mock tests and that too with brief pictorial representation with a lot of charts and graphs which we cannot come across any other material and also which is easy to remember . Hence from my point of view it is a bless for students pursuing professional courses like CA,CS,CMA etc., which is evidenced by me in form of getting all India 21<sup>st</sup> rank at CMA Inter level.

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