The COVID-19 pandemic marks an unprecedented time in modern history that will require the best of humanity to overcome. Little we would have realised the unfolding of epidemic like this, which situation is yet unfolding, and have brought the economic momentum to a much lower trajectory. Situation like this would need support to collaborate with the government initiatives to scale up governmental efforts to help those in distress. At this moment, the affected people in India will need help to tide over the viral disease, and in this scenario, ICAI has decided to stand with our distressed fellow countrymen, and actively participate in the national effort to support them at this difficult time. Due to the ongoing lockdown, much needed on the ground of social distancing and therefore ‘stay home’ advisory from the government; some of our fellow countrymen will need extensive support from the government. Further, we need to contribute to the government initiatives to bolster necessary infrastructure and human ware to fight this epidemic.

To provide much-needed relief for the people affected by the viral disease and those who are in distress; ICAI appeals to all its Members and Students to donate generously for this noble cause through the link ((visit icai.org/covid19/)).

Donations can be made through Demand Draft, Cheque, RTGS and online mode; offline collections in form of cheques/demand draft should be given in the name of “ICAI COVID 19 Relief Fund”. All such offline contributions can be made in the ICAI Bank Account having the following details:

Bank: HDFC Bank  
Account No.: 50100098409265  
IFSC No: HDFC0000590  

The collected amount will be given to PRIME MINISTER’S NATIONAL RELIEF FUND/PM CARES FUND. All contributions towards this Fund are eligible for deduction from Income Tax under section 80G. Further, the date for claiming deduction under section 80G under IT Act has been extended by the government and now the donation made up to 30.06.2020 shall also be eligible for deduction from income of FY 2019-20. The donors are requested to give their name, membership number /Student /Firm registration number, address, amount and date of contribution, PAN details (if any) so that receipts could be obtained from Prime Minister’s National Relief Fund/PM CARES Fund for onward transmission to the donors. The letter/email can be sent to:

The Additional Secretary  
M&C-MSS  
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India  
ICAI Bhawan, A-29, Sector-62  
Noida-201309, Email: msshead@icai.in

Looking forward for your generous contribution in these special circumstances in the interest of mankind.

(CA. Atul Kumar Gupta)  
President ICAI