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Gammon India is the largest civil engineering construction company in India and for nearly a century it has been undertaking and executing the toughest engineering and construction projects. Around the world, Gammon's projects boost growth in economies and improve the quality of life of millions of people. Its expertise helps businesses generate value from the most challenging circumstances. All this has enabled Gammon to become a name that is inextricably woven into the fabric of India.

From the Gateway of India to India's first indigenously designed fast breeder reactor, Gammon has become one of the world's leading construction companies, diversified into areas including infrastructure management, transmission lines and power sector.

Structures built by Gammon stand as living testimonies to the victory of man over nature. It believes that today's solutions will not be adequate tomorrow and the company's talented team knows that projects are critical to the continued growth and success of the nation.

GIRISH BHAT

Mr Girish Bhat, CFO of Gammon India Ltd is a believer of innovation and profitability. He has earlier worked with a range of global companies with spells as the executive director of the Indian Subcontinent for Cadbury and eventually as the director assurance for Global Audit Cadbury Plc UK.

A globe trotter by work, Mr Bhat has a work experience of 15 years as a CFO across the best companies from UK, Ireland to Middle East. With his globally recognised CIMA qualification, Mr Bhat has worked across various areas of business including strategic planning, business development, mergers and acquisitions, capital structuring, business integration, corporate governance and CSR. He has also been an FCA member and a national rank holder of the ICAI.

With an ambition to garner an internationally recognised qualification that would help him advance his career and work with the best organisations in the world, thus seeking a business leadership / board of management role in a growth driven organisation, Mr Bhat chose to have a CIMA qualification.

As a member of CIMA, Mr Bhat had the qualification and exposure to gain several international job opportunities, mostly because of the three key skills - strong commercial

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orientation, improved judgment for improved decision making and analytical skills.

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The benefits of the CIMA qualification are highly recognised at Gammon India.

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professional with an ability to communicate complex financial information to non-financial people and the one to have a detailed knowledge of management which enables them to work throughout the different areas of an organisation.”

CIMA's Continued Professional Development scheme fits perfectly with the ideology of the Indian corporate workplace scenario and allows individuals to attain their personal professional development needs and help the organisation flourish.

Mr Bhat believes that being CIMA qualified, the most rewarding aspect of his job has been the recognition and respect that he has gained throughout the organisation. The values garnered at CIMA have enabled him to successfully carry out his responsibilities as an executive

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board member and helped him deliver business goals and agendas, thus leveraging the corporate governance practices in the organisation.

As Mr Bhat explains, “The world is changing more dramatically than what is apparent. The key is to adapt and be at pace with these changes. When increasingly financial systems are becoming standardised and integrated, it is imperative for the students of finance and accounts to empower themselves with skill sets that are also global in nature.”

It is equally important to realise that relevance of knowledge is a factor in employability. CIMA believes that Management Accountants are best positioned to do this along with other functional experts.

“CIMA qualification helps an individual recognise and reinforce a strong foundation which is essential to building a successful career.” ■