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## **Greetings to all my fellow students,**

As a Chartered Accountant and mentor, it gives me an immense pride to witness your dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment as you all progress towards your academic and professional goals. With the May 2025 examinations approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt best wishes to each one of you.



Examinations are not merely a test of memory, they are the true reflection of your understanding, preparation, and ability to apply knowledge effectively. I trust that you all have already begun your revision and are strategically planning your time.

Stay focused, remain composed, and have confidence in the hard work you have invested over the months. Remember, “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” Believe in yourself and the vision you aspire to achieve. These exams represent a vital step toward the personal and professional milestones you have set for yourself.

Whether you are preparing for your upcoming exams or striving to grow in your academic or career journey, always bear in mind: “There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.”

Examinations are a chapter in your story, not the entire narrative. Approach them with sincerity and determination, and success will inevitably follow. Attend your training sessions diligently and in accordance with the prescribed guidelines.

Wishing you all a clarity of thought, calmness of mind, and the outcomes you so richly deserve. May your efforts be rewarded, and this be a stepping stone towards greater achievements.

Wishing you all a very best for your studies, examinations and future endeavors.

The future depends on what you do today

**Thanks and Regards**

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# PRACTICE MEDITATION

In today's competitive academic world, students often find themselves juggling multiple responsibilities and struggling to stay focused. Long study hours, tight deadlines and constant pressure to perform can take a toll on both the mind and body. Amidst this chaos, meditation offers a simple yet powerful solution. More than just a tool for relaxation, meditation is a scientifically proven practice that nurtures mental clarity and emotional balance.

## **BENEFITS OF MEDITATION:**

- Enhances concentration and attention
- Improves emotional well being
- Reduces anxiety
- Promotes better sleep
- Encourages a healthier lifestyle

## **IMPROVES CONCENTRATION:**

One of the biggest challenges students face is maintaining concentration during long study sessions. Meditation trains the mind to stay anchored in the present moment. Techniques like mindfulness or breath awareness increase your attention span over time, making it easier to focus on reading, understanding complex concepts or solving problems without getting distracted.

*"When the mind is calm, learning becomes effortless"*

## **REDUCES ANXIETY:**

Academic life often comes with anxiety, be it exam pressure, fear of failure or performance stress. Meditation helps in activating the parasympathetic nervous system which lowers cortisol and leads to a calmer mind, which can approach challenges more rationally and effectively. Scientific studies have shown that regular meditation can increase the grey matter in the brain, particularly in areas associated with learning and memory.

Sleep is crucial for memory consolidation and mental performance. Many students suffer poor sleep due to irregular schedules. Meditation can promote better sleep by calming the mind, making it easier to fall asleep, leading to better energy and alertness during the day.

## **BUILDS SELF-DISCIPLINE:**

Practicing meditation regularly requires consistency and patience, which naturally cultivates discipline that translates well into academic routines. With improved self-control, students are

more likely to stick to study schedules and avoid distractions. It is a mental workout that strengthens the brain in ways that directly enhance academic performance.

*"Meditation is the key to unlocking your brain's full potential"*

In conclusion, meditation is a practice with profound psychological, physiological and emotional benefits. As contemporary science increasingly validates the benefits of mindfulness and meditation, it becomes clear that this ancient practice holds significant relevance in modern life.

Meditation doesn't require a perfect setting; it simply requires presence.

JON KABAT-ZINN put it best: **"You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf"**

Through regular practice, we learn to ride the waves of life with graces and awareness. Let meditation be your daily retreat, a few quiet moments that transform how you face the world.

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# Angel Tax and Its Implications on Indian Startups: A Necessary Evil or a Growth Barrier?

India has firmly established itself as a global startup hub, fostering a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem. With over **90,000 registered startups** and more than **100 unicorns**, the country has witnessed unprecedented growth in innovation and investment. However, despite this momentum, early-stage startups often face significant funding challenges, one of which is **Angel Tax**.

Introduced in **2012 under Section 56(2)(viib) of the Income Tax Act**, Angel Tax was initially meant to curb the inflow of black money disguised as startup funding. However, it inadvertently created hurdles for genuine startups by taxing funds received from angel investors at a valuation exceeding the “fair market value” as income.



This has led to investor reluctance, cash flow issues, and in some cases, even the downfall of promising startups.

## Understanding Angel Tax: How Does It Work?

Angel Tax applies when startups receive funding from resident investors at a valuation higher than what tax authorities deem as **Fair Market Value (FMV)**. The difference is considered “**income**” and taxed at the applicable corporate rate (around **30%** for most cases).

**While this provision was introduced to prevent money laundering, it has led to unintended consequences:**

- **Valuation Uncertainty** – Startups raise funds based on future potential, but tax authorities often use traditional financial metrics, leading to discrepancies.
- **Investor Deterrence** – Many angel investors shy away from investing due to the potential tax burden on startups.
- **Cash Flow Crunch** – Startups, often in their pre-revenue stage, struggle with liquidity when taxed on funds meant for growth.
- **Regulatory Hassles** – Startups face excessive scrutiny and legal battles, diverting focus from business growth.

## Impact on Indian Startups: Case Studies & Insights

### 1. The TravelKhana Tax Notice (2018)

The well-known food delivery platform **TravelKhana** received a **₹2 crore tax demand notice** for its angel funding. This forced the company to divert resources from operations to legal battles, hampering its expansion plans.

## 2. Stayzilla's Struggle with Compliance (2017)

The **Stayzilla** case is a classic example of how regulatory pressure can lead to a startup's downfall. Angel Tax, coupled with compliance burdens, forced the company to shut down, despite being a strong player in the budget accommodation sector.

## 3. Indian Startups Moving Overseas

Startups like **InMobi, Flipkart, and Zolve** shifted their headquarters to **Singapore and the U.S.** to avoid regulatory challenges, including Angel Tax. This "**brain drain**" has cost India valuable innovation and economic growth.

## Government Reforms & Policy Interventions

To address industry concerns, the Government of India has made several amendments to ease Angel Tax regulations:

- **Exemption for DPIIT-Recognized Startups** – Startups registered with the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** are now exempt from Angel Tax.
- **Foreign Investment Relief (Budget 2023-24)** – Foreign angel investors are now exempt from Angel Tax, boosting international funding.
- **Simplified Valuation Methods** – Startups can now use multiple valuation techniques, reducing disputes.
- **Startup India Initiative** – Government-backed funding, tax benefits, and incubation support have been introduced to strengthen the ecosystem.



## Conclusion: A Step in the Right Direction?

While Angel Tax was introduced with **good intentions**, its **unintended consequences** have slowed down India's startup momentum. The recent **exemptions and policy changes** are a step in the right direction, but continuous reforms are necessary to retain and attract both **domestic and global investors**.



With the right regulatory environment, India has the potential to become the **world's leading startup hub**, fostering job creation, innovation, and sustainable economic growth.

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## PHOTO GALLERY



HALF DAY SEMINAR ON 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL



NATIONAL TALENT SEARCH 2025 ON 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL



INTERMEDIATE CRASH COURSE ON 23 & 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL



HALF DAY WORKSHOP ON 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL



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