

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA

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CAG's THIRD AUDIT DIWAS AND AG's CONFERENCE BEGINS

THE CATALYST - A COMPENDIUM OF BEST PRACTICES RELEASED

**BROCHURE ON THE CERTIFICATION COURSE FOR ACCOUNTANTS OF
PANCHAYATS AND MUNICIPAL BODIES MADE PUBLIC**

**PRIZE FOR NATIONAL ONLINE ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION 2023
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To commemorate the historical inception of the institution of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) and its contribution towards good governance, transparency and accountability for over 160 years, 16th November is celebrated every year as 'Audit Diwas'. As part of the 3rd Audit Day celebrations the CAG has organised a three-day event from 15th to 17th November 2023.

While addressing the event, President of India, Ms. Droupadi Murmu highlighted the significant contribution of the Audit community under the leadership of CAG towards strengthening the integrity, governance and system building in the public sector. She complimented the contribution by the CAG to the Global Supreme Audit Institutions, highlighting India's presidency of SAI20. The President expressed appreciation for CAG's efforts towards providing assistance to multiple nations for developing competence in the area of Audit. Hon'ble President said that today the expectation from the CAG's Audit team is that they should contribute towards our nation's journey to progress playing the role of both co-passenger as well as guide.

The celebrations included release of the third edition of 'The Catalyst - a Compendium of Best Practices', release of 'Brochure on the Certification Course for Accountants of Panchayats and Municipal Bodies', Prize distribution for National Online Essay Writing Competition 2023 for the youth, Valediction ceremony for the IA&AS officer trainees of the batch of 2021 and recognizing innovative and meritorious work carried out by the Institution.

'The Catalysts....in pursuit of Good Governance' is a compendium of new initiatives and best practices in Field Offices and Functional Wings under the CAG. The initiatives cover a wide range of activities, such as use of technology in audit, business process improvements, capacity building, and impactful audits conducted during the year. The third edition of 'The Catalysts....in pursuit of Good Governance' was released by the CAG Shri Girish Chandra Murmu here today.

The CAG institution had organised the second National Online Essay Writing Competition for the youth as part of *Audit Diwas* celebrations. The competition provided an opportunity for young minds to harness their creativity and express ways in which the institution of the CAG

can contribute to good governance. The topic for the online essay competition for the year 2023 was “**Celebrating the resilience of the Indian Democracy and the role of the CAG of India**”. The competition was open to all enrolled students of all recognized Universities in India who could contribute essays in either English or Hindi. The Prize distribution ceremony was also held here today. The award winners are Ms. Prishnika Mazumdar, Shri Pradeep Kumar Mohapatra, Ms. Riya Singh – first, second and third position winners in English and Shri Nikhil Kumar Maheshwari, Shri Atyant Kumar, Ms. Anwita Parashar – held first, second and third position in Hindi category.



CAG Shri G C Murmu, Deputy CAG Ms Parveen Mehta with the award winners of essay competition (Photo Division)

The Valediction Ceremony of the IA&AS Officer Trainees (OT) from the 2021 batch was also held here today. This included experience sharing by OTs, presentation of course completion certificates to the OTs and presentation of medals to the selected OTs.

The Accountants General Conference, is a forum for the senior functionaries of SAI India to deliberate on key strategic issues relating to governance and public accountability. It provides a platform where the entire top level management of SAI India comes together to discuss and recommend the trajectory in which the department needs to move in order to accomplish its mandated duties in the best possible manner. It also provides an important opportunity to share experiences and discuss the entire gamut of audit practices.



THE CATALYST - A COMPENDIUM OF BEST PRACTICES BEING RELEASED BY CAG SHRI G C MURMU AND DEPUTY CAG MS PARVEEN MEHTA

The 31st Accountants General conference, with the overarching theme of **‘Driving Change 2030: Empowering Actions to Shape Our Future’**, commenced on 16th November 2023 post-lunch and will conclude on 17th November 2023. During the conference deliberations will be held on the following two sub-themes: (i) Familiarisation with the Strategic Plan of SAI India for the period 2023-30, and (ii) Digital Growth in SAI India & the Way forward.

The focus is on a pragmatic leap forward from the arena of strategising to executing the strategic plan and capitalizing on the digital growth of the Institution.

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