

Meeting	The 15 <sup>th</sup> ASOSAI Assembly on 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
Agenda Item-9	Speech on ASOSAI Journal and Journal Award
Presented by	Mr. Girish Chandra Murmu, Comptroller and Auditor General of India
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**Mr Chairman, Mr Secretary General, distinguished members of the Board, Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen.**

**Good Afternoon**

1. I extend my sincere appreciation to the Chairman, the Secretary-General and the Auditor General of Thailand for successfully organizing the 15<sup>th</sup> ASOSAI Assembly at a virtual platform for the first time.

**Dear Colleagues**

2. ASOSAI Journal has been instrumental in inspiring ASOSAI fraternity to share their knowledge and experience in the frontier areas of public audit. The biannual editions of the ASOSAI Journal focus on specific themes relating to issues of interest of the global audit fraternity. It is my pleasure to inform this august gathering that the revamped ASOSAI Journal website with its vibrant design and social media presence has been launched.

3. Amid the chaos and uncertainty created by the pandemic, Digital Technologies have been a silver lining **and** Governments and Organizations throughout the globe are rapidly adapting and investing in emerging and advanced technologies. Against this backdrop, I firmly believe the April 2021

issue of the Journal on "Use of Emerging Technologies in the field of public audit is topical and will benefit the ASOSAI fraternity in the long run.

### **Dear Colleagues**

4. As you are aware, ASOSAI Journal Award, is presented triennially in the ASOSAI Assembly. This prestigious award inspires the ASOSAI fraternity to share their experiences, ideas, data and research material on the topics related to public audit through the Journal.
5. The award is presented based on an evaluation of articles, published in the previous three years, by the members of the editorial board of the journal. I am delighted to announce that out of a total of 72 articles, the following two articles "Audit and Analysis on the Japanese Government's Efforts for Fiscal Consolidation" and "Audit of Disaster Management in Japan- Recent trends and Characteristics" from SAI Japan as joint winners for the ASOSAI Journal award on this occasion of the 15th Assembly. Both these exceptionally written articles have received the same score on evaluation by the Board of Editors of ASOSAI Journal. I sincerely congratulate SAI Japan for this extraordinary achievement. As governments across the globe are striving to recover from the pandemic, their efforts on the fiscal consolidation and disaster management calls for immediate attention and closer scrutiny by the SAIs. I hope the insights from these two best articles from SAI Japan will add to our collective wisdom.
6. I am grateful to all member SAIs which have contributed and shared their experience and views, during the last three years, over a variety of interesting topics such as role of SAIs in detection of fraud and corruption, and Big Data in Public Auditing.
7. I also personally thank the SAIs of Sri Lanka and Philippines, my valued colleagues in the editorial board of the Journal, for the immense cooperation extended towards the evaluation of the articles.

8. Before I conclude, I would like to assure you that SAI India will continue to strive towards the betterment of this Journal and I wish everyone the best of happiness and health.

Thank you.