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CAG and ICSSR to Organise Colloquium on State Finances and Public Health Governance in Uttar Pradesh

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The Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), will organise a Colloquium on **25 May 2026** from **2:00 PM to 5:00 PM** at **Malviya Sabhagar, Gate No. 2, University of Lucknow, Lucknow**. The event is being hosted by the Office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit-II), Uttar Pradesh, as the State Nodal Office, in furtherance of the national CAG–ICSSR Colloquium Series.

The Colloquium will deliberate on two themes of significant public relevance: “**State of Finances of Uttar Pradesh**” and “**Public Health Infrastructure and Management of Health Services**”. Discussions on the first theme will explore the State’s fiscal position, including revenue trends, expenditure patterns, deficit management, and the quality of public spending reflected in CAG’s audit reports. The second theme will draw on audit findings relating to the adequacy of public health infrastructure and the effectiveness of health service delivery in Uttar Pradesh, with a focus on systemic gaps, governance challenges, and the policy imperatives they present. Together, the two themes offer an opportunity for structured academic and policy dialogue on issues that have significant implications for public welfare and governance in the State.

The Colloquium will be graced by **Shri Rajiv Kumar Pandey, IA&AS, Principal Accountant General (Audit-II), Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow**; **Dr. Surendra Kumar, IA&AS, Accountant General (Accounts & Entitlements), Uttar Pradesh, Prayagraj**; **Shri Lokesh Choudhary, IA&AS, Deputy Accountant General, Office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit-I), Uttar Pradesh, Prayagraj**; **Prof. Dhananjay Singh, Member Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi**; **Dr. Nagendra Kumar Maurya, University of Lucknow, Lucknow**; and **Dr. Nomita P. Kumar, Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow**.

The Colloquium is expected to bring together faculty members, research scholars, and students from the University of Lucknow, the Giri Institute of Development Studies, and other academic and research institutions, alongside officers of the Indian Audit and Accounts Department (IA&AD).

The CAG–ICSSR collaboration seeks to build a sustained interface between the country’s Supreme Audit Institution and the academic community. By situating audit findings within academic discourse, the initiative aims to strengthen public

understanding of fiscal governance and accountability, promote evidence-based policy research, and create a knowledge platform that bridges audit insights with social science research.

The Lucknow Colloquium forms part of the ongoing **CAG–ICSSR Colloquium Series**, a year-long national initiative covering 28 States and 3 Union Territories between November 2025 and November 2026. Each Colloquium is organised by the respective State PAG/AG Office in coordination with ICSSR, focusing on State-specific audit findings and themes of local policy relevance.

As part of this collaboration, the **CAG–ICSSR Research Article Competition** has been instituted to encourage students, researchers, and young scholars to engage analytically with CAG’s audit reports. The Competition aims to promote research-oriented learning in alignment with the National Education Policy, and the most distinguished contributions from across the country will be recognised and compiled into a national knowledge publication.

The CAG–ICSSR Colloquium Series represents a significant step towards greater transparency, accountability, and informed public discourse on matters of fiscal governance and public service delivery. By bringing together auditors, academics, and policy practitioners, the initiative seeks to ensure that insights from public audit contribute to evidence-based research, constructive policy dialogue, and a more engaged and aware citizenry.

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