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Subject: [Cag-all-offices] Extension of last date for submission of CAG-ICSSR Research Articles from 31.08.2026 to 15.09.2026 for State/UT Level

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Respected Sir/Madam,

Kind attention is invited to the CAG-ICSSR Research Article Competition being conducted at the State/UT and National Levels for participants under the UG/PG and Doctoral categories.

In this regard, it is informed that the last date for submission of Research Articles at the State/UT level has been extended from **31.08.2026 to 15.09.2026**.

All field offices are requested to kindly undertake coordinated outreach activities to ensure wide publicity for the Competition and the revised submission deadline.

Regards,

Professional Practices Group

O/o the C&AG of India

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आदरणीय महोदय/महोदय

यह सूचित किया जाता है कि कैग और भारतीय सामाजिक विज्ञान अनुसंधान परिषद (आईसीएसएसआर) ने सीएजी-आईसीएसएसआर अनुसंधान लेख प्रतियोगिता आयोजित करने के लिए एक सहयोग किया है। इस सहयोग का मुख्य उद्देश्य देश के कॉलेजों और विश्वविद्यालयों में सार्वजनिक वित्त और राजकोषीय शासन के क्षेत्र में छात्रों के अनुसंधान कौशल को बढ़ावा देना और सुधारना है। इस सहयोग का उद्देश्य डेटा की व्याख्या के बारे में स्नातक (यूजी)/स्नातकोत्तर (पीजी) और डॉक्टरेट छात्रों के बीच सूचित जागरूकता पैदा करना है, और शोधकर्ताओं के बीच सामाजिक विज्ञान अनुसंधान कौशल को बढ़ावा देने के लिए क्षमता निर्माण करना है। इस कार्यक्रम का उद्देश्य ऑडिट उत्पादों, राजकोषीय शासन और जवाबदेही के बारे में सार्वजनिक समझ को बढ़ाना है।

इस ऑफिस को महाराष्ट्र राज्य के लिए प्रचार-प्रसार और एंटीज की स्क्रीनिंग के लिए नोडल ऑफिस बनाया गया है। योग्य उम्मीदवारों की ज़्यादा से ज़्यादा भागीदारी सुनिश्चित करने के लिए इस ऑफिस ने व्यापक प्रचार और प्रतिभागियों तक पहुँचने के प्रयास किए हैं, जो इस प्रकार हैं:

1. इस ऑफिस की वेबसाइट पर ऊपर बताई गई प्रतियोगिता के लिए एक समर्पित वेबपेज बनाया गया है, जिसका लिंक इस प्रकार है:

<https://cag.gov.in/ae/mumbai/en/page-ae-mumbai-cag-icssr-audit-reports>

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2. बनाए गए वेबपेज पर रेफरेंस मटीरियल (मुख्यालय के PPG विंग द्वारा शॉर्टलिस्ट की गई राज्य ऑडिट रिपोर्ट) अपलोड किए गए हैं।
 3. महाराष्ट्र राज्य के सभी विश्वविद्यालयों और कॉलेजों को ईमेल के ज़रिए प्रतियोगिता की जानकारी, साथ ही सभी ज़रूरी लिंक और गाइडलाइंस भेजी गयी हैं।
 4. महाराष्ट्र के उच्च शिक्षा विभाग के 10 क्षेत्रीय संयुक्त निदेशकों (Regional Joint Directors) को ईमेल भेजे गए हैं ताकि वे अपने अधिकार क्षेत्र में आने वाले विश्वविद्यालयों के साथ जानकारी साझा कर सकें।
- प्रतियोगिता के लिए टेम्प्लेट और गाइडलाइन इस ईमेल के साथ संलग्न हैं। आपसे अनुरोध है कि बिना किसी खर्च के अपने संगठन के उपलब्ध संचार माध्यमों के ज़रिए इस पहल का व्यापक प्रचार-प्रसार करें।
- एक पोस्टर और तीन लघु वीडियो वाली प्रचार सामग्री को निम्नलिखित लिंक के माध्यम से देखा जा सकता है:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kGfpgG5MRVvSrH-DMGrbBA62h9fuQZGo>

आवेदन, दिशानिर्देशों और अन्य विवरणों के लिए आईसीएसएसआर वेबपेज का लिंक इस प्रकार है:

<https://icssr.org/applications-cag-icssr-research-article-competition>

यह महालेखाकार के अनुमोदन से जारी किया जा रहा है।

Respected Madam/Sir

This is to inform that the CAG and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) have entered into a collaboration to conduct the CAG-ICSSR Research Article Competition. The key objective of this collaboration is to foster and improve research skills of students in colleges and universities in the country in the field of public finance and fiscal governance. The collaboration aims to generate informed awareness among Undergraduate (UG)/ Postgraduate (PG) and Doctoral students about the interpretation of data, and capacity building to foster social science research skills among the researchers. The programme aims at enhancing public understanding of Audit products, fiscal governance, and accountability.

This office has been designated as Nodal Office for publicity, outreach and screening of entries in respect of Maharashtra State. Attempts have been made by this office for wide publicity and outreach to ensure maximum participation from eligible candidates, which include:

1. Creation of dedicated webpage for the aforementioned competition on website of this office, link of which is as follows:

<https://cag.gov.in/ae/mumbai/en/page-ae-mumbai-cag-icssr-audit-reports>

2. Uploading the reference material (State Audit Reports as shortlisted by the PPG wing of the Headquarters) on the webpage so developed.

3. Sending the information of the competition along with all required links and guidelines to all the Universities and colleges of Maharashtra State through email.

4. Emails sent to 10 Regional Joint Directors of Department of Higher Education of Maharashtra for sharing the information to the Universities under their jurisdiction.

Template and guideline for the competition are attached herewith. It is requested that wide publicity may be given to the above initiative through your organization's available communication channels without incurring any expenditure.

The publicity material comprising a poster and three short videos as shared by the PPG Wing of the Headquarters may be accessed through the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kGfpnG5MRVvSrH-DMGrbBA62h9fuQZGo>

The link for ICSSR webpage for application, guidelines and other details is as follows:

<https://icssr.org/applications-cag-icssr-research-article-competition>

This is issued with the approval of the Accountant General.

Regards

Deputy Accountant General/Admin

Office of the Accountant General (A&E)-I,
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2 Attachment(s)

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Template on Website.pdf
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CAG-ICSSR RESEARCH ARTICLE COMPETITION

(Guidelines for Applicants)

INTRODUCTION

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, the Supreme Audit Institution of India, has been providing evidence-based audit reports that ensure transparency, accountability, and good governance. The Office of the CAG of India, in a first-of-its-kind initiative, prepared a decadal publication of State Finances from the financial years 2013-14 to 2022-23. The publication provides fiscal data for all 28 states and 3 UTs across numerous fiscal parameters, including revenues, expenditure, public debt and liabilities, deficit indicators, and guarantees. This initiative significantly strengthens the democratisation of public finance data, enabling policymakers, researchers, analysts, and citizens to engage with reliable fiscal information with greater ease and transparency. The CAG and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) have entered into a collaboration to conduct the CAG-ICSSR Research Article Competition.

OBJECTIVE

The key objective of this collaboration is to foster and improve research skills of students in colleges and universities in the country in the field of public finance and fiscal governance. The collaboration aims to generate informed awareness among Undergraduate (UG)/ Postgraduate (PG) and Doctoral students about the interpretation of data, and capacity building to foster social science research skills among the researchers. The programme aims at enhancing public understanding of Audit products, fiscal governance, and accountability.

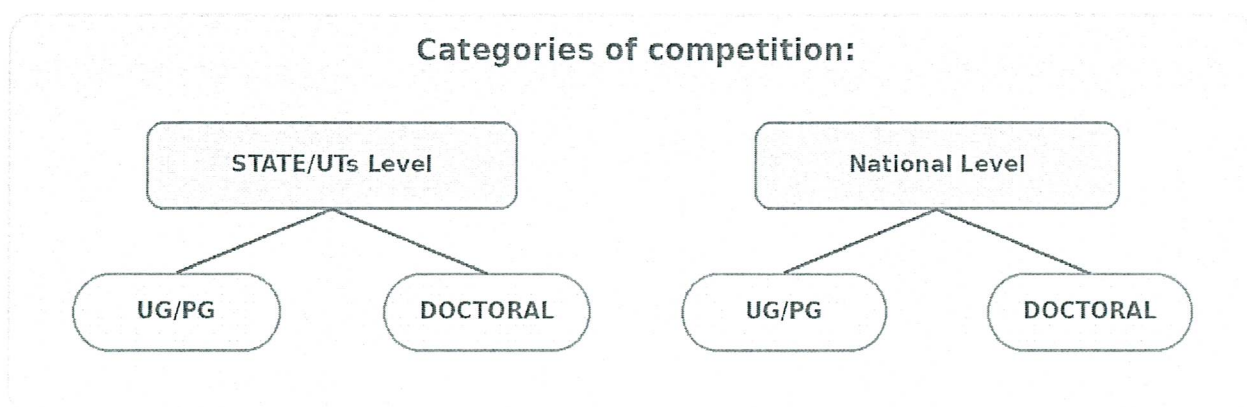
THEMES

The themes for the competition will be:

1. Fiscal Federalism and Governance
2. Social Sector Spending
3. Skilling, Employment and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)
4. Empowering Urban and Rural Local Bodies

ELIGIBILITY

1. The applicant must be a bona fide student of an Undergraduate/Postgraduate or Doctoral Programme.
2. Categories of competition:



3. The affiliated institution must be any of the following:

- Institution of national importance, or
- Recognised under Section 2(f)¹ and/or declared eligible for Central Assistance under Section 12(B)² of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956,
- Institutions/colleges/universities ranked under the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

4. The participant must be a full-time bonafide student at the time of submission of the Research Article.

MODE OF PARTICIPATION AND ENTRY LIMIT

5. Only individual entries are allowed.
6. Only one entry per participant is permitted. However, a participant may take part in both the State/UT and National level competitions by registering separately for the State/UT and National level competitions.
7. Co-authored entries are not allowed.
8. Entries shall be submitted from the state of the affiliating institution.

HOW TO APPLY

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

9. Registration shall be from the ICSSR online platform.
10. Participants shall be provided with the state-wise report link through their registered email addresses for reference and academic study, or participants can access the state-wise audit reports of the concerned states using the link provided on the website of the CAG and the ICSSR.
11. Participant must submit a bona fide certificate as proof of enrollment in the prescribed format attached herewith.



¹ Recognition under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 signifies that the institution is included in the list of universities maintained by the University Grants Commission. Such recognition establishes that the institution is duly constituted and meets the basic criteria prescribed for being treated as a university or higher educational institution under the Act.

² Inclusion under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 signifies that the institution has been declared eligible by the University Grants Commission to receive financial assistance and grants. This indicates that the institution fulfils the additional standards and requirements prescribed by UGC for funding support towards academic, research, and infrastructural development.

SUBMISSION

12. Entries should be submitted in PDF format (Must be typed, not handwritten or scanned), and the word limit for the Research Article will be:

- UG/PG: 4,000 to 5,000 Words
- Doctoral Programme: 5,000 to 6,000 Words

13. The article should contain:

- Introduction
- Conceptual and theoretical background
- Statement of the problem
- Objectives
- Methodology (covering methodological approach, variables, tools employed)
- Data analysis and findings
- Discussion
- Conclusions
- Policy Suggestions and the Way Forward

14. Submission shall adhere to:

- Modern Language Association (9th edition)
- Times New Roman, 12-Point
- Standard margins
- Double spacing

15. Participants must ensure that the Research Article does not contain any information revealing the identity of the author(s). Inclusion of such identifying details shall result in disqualification from the review process.

PROCEDURE FOR AWARDS

16. The procedure for the award of the research article will be in multiple phases before the declaration of final results. All applications submitted to the ICSSR will be scrutinised and evaluated by Experts/Committees following a blind review process.

17. The expert committee will evaluate the article, and based on that, the top three research articles will be awarded.

18. Awards will be:

	STATE LEVEL	NATIONAL LEVEL
1ST PRIZE	75,000/-	1,25,000/-
2ND PRIZE	50,000/-	1,00,000/-
3RD PRIZE	25,000/-	75,000/-

19. The final authority for the interpretation of the guidelines or any such issue is vested with the Office of CAG of India & ICSSR.

OTHER CONDITIONS:

20. The Office of CAG of India and the ICSSR reserve the right to publish the Research Articles submitted under the CAG–ICSSR Research Article Competition.

21. The Office of CAG of India and the ICSSR reserve the right to reject any application without assigning any reason.

22. Incomplete applications in any respect will not be considered.

23. The final authority related to the interpretation of these guidelines or any other issue is vested with the Office of CAG of India and the ICSSR.

Important Dates:

	State level	National level
Registration Opens	01 June 2026 Onwards	1 June 2026 Onwards
Submission of Research Articles	01 July to 31 August 2026	01 August to 30 September 2026
Last Date of Submission	31 August 2026	30 September 2026

LINK FOR THE REGISTRATION: <https://app.icssr.org/>

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(A Nationwide Research Initiative for Young Scholars)

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Fiscal Federalism and Governance



Social Sector Spending



Skilling, Employment and MSMEs



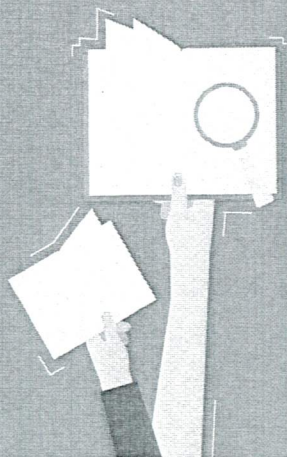
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COMPETITION CATEGORIES

1. UG / PG Students
2. Doctoral Scholars

TWO-LEVEL COMPETITION

1. State / UT Level
2. National Level



AWARDS FOR BOTH CATEGORIES

(State/UT level) (National level)

1st Prize ₹ 75,000 ₹ 1,25,000

2nd Prize ₹ 50,000 ₹ 1,00,000

3rd Prize ₹ 25,000 ₹ 75,000

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