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CIRCULAR

Subject: Invitation to Participate in the CAG–ICSSR Research Article Competition, 2026

All students of MAKAUT, W.B. are hereby informed that the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Ministry of Education, Government of India, is organizing the CAG–ICSSR Research Article Competition, 2026 at both State and National Levels. The Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal, has requested wide circulation of the competition among students.

Annexed please find the detailed information for your further necessary action.

Important Dates

(a) Last Date for State-Level Submission: 15 September 2026
(b) Last Date for National-Level Submission: 30 September 2026

05/09/2026
Anup Kumar Mukherjee
Assistant Registrar
MAKAUT, W.B.

Encl.: Copy of the communication received from the Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal.

Government of West Bengal
Department of Higher Education
University Branch
Bikash Bhavan, 6th Floor, Bidhannagar, Kolkata – 700 091

No.1440 (33)–Edn(U)/HED-12016(99)/59/2026-UNV SEC- Deptt. of HE **Date:02.09.2026**

From: Sumanta Banerjee, WBSS,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

To: 1. The Registrar, ...University (All State- aided)
2. Director of Public Instruction, West Bengal
3. Director of Technical Education, West Bengal

Subject: CAG-ICSSR Research Article Competition at National & State Levels- regarding

Madam/Sir,

Enclosed please find herewith copy of F. No./CAGARC/MS/038 dated 25.08.2026 received from the Member- Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research, Ministry of Education, Government of India on the subject noted above, which speaks for itself.

It appears that the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India is organizing the CAG-ICSSR Research Article Competition across 28 States and 3 Union Territories (UTs) in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) with the objective of fostering critical research skills of students in colleges and universities in the country in the field of public finance and fiscal governance.

Detailed information about the competition is available on the website of ICSSR through the link https://icssr.org/applications-cag-icssr-research-article-competition

I am directed to request you for circulation of the poster and other details about the Research Article Competition within the institution (college/university) so that the UG/PG/doctoral students feel encouraged to participate in the Competition.

Yours faithfully,

Enclo: As stated

Assistant Secretary

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Copy forwarded for information to:

1. Member- Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research, Ministry of Education, Government of India
2. Additional Secretary, Higher Education Department
3. Dr. Maitri Ghosh, OSD & JDPI, Higher Education Department
4. Sr. P.S. to the Addl. Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department

Assistant Secretary

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PROF. DHANANJAY SINGH
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Additional Chief Secretary
Department of Higher Education

F.No./CAGARC/MS/038

Shri Binod Kumar, IAS
Bikash Bhavan
Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700091, West Bengal

Date: 25.08.2026

Subject: Call for CAG-ICSSR Research Article Competition

Respected Sir,

Greetings from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)!
I am pleased to inform you that the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) have entered into a collaboration to organize the CAG-ICSSR Research Article Competition across 28 States and 3 Union Territories (UTs).
The key objective of this collaboration is to foster the critical and 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 UG/PG and doctoral students about the interpretation of data, research training, and capacity building to foster social science research skills among the young researchers. This is a year-long collaborative programme aimed at enhancing public understanding of audit findings, fiscal governance, and accountability.

The competition invites original research articles from students under the following two categories:

1. **Undergraduate and Postgraduate**
2. **Ph.D**

This competition is being organised at National & State Level.
The broad thematic areas for the competition are:
Fiscal Federalism and Governance
Social Sector Spending
Skilling, Employment and MSMEs
Empowering Urban and Rural Local Bodies

Winners of the competition will be awarded on the Audit Diwas at the CAG Headquarters with cash prizes. The prize money for the winners is as follows:

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Prize	State Level	National Level
1st Prize	Rs. 75,000/-	Rs. 1,25,000/-
2nd Prize	Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-
3rd Prize	Rs. 25,000/-	Rs. 75,000/-

The competition provides a distinguished opportunity for undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral scholars to showcase research competence, critical analysis, and policy-oriented thinking. It promotes the creation of authentic, evidence-driven, and methodologically robust research capable of informing public policy and addressing national development priorities. Through the advancement of rigorous scholarship and fact-based policy recommendations, the competition aims to nurture a new generation of researchers committed to contributing substantively to the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047 and the broader agenda of sustainable and inclusive nation-building.

In this regard, I request that the poster and other details about the Research Article Competition may please be circulated among the colleges and universities in the State so that the UG/PG and doctoral students feel encouraged to participate in the Competition.

The detailed guidelines, eligibility criteria and submission link are enclosed for your reference. The important dates for the submission of the Research Article are as follows:

Sl.No.	Particulars	Last Date of Submission
1	State Level	15th September 2026
2	National Level	30th September 2026

We look forward to your valuable support in making this initiative a success.

Detailed information about the competition is available on the website of ICSSR through the link https://icssr.org/applications-cag-icssr-research-article-competition

With warm regards,

Prof. Dhananjay Singh

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