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Results of the CAG–ICSSR Research Article Competition 2026

National Level

The Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), organised the CAG–ICSSR Research Article Competition 2026 to encourage academic research based on CAG Audit Reports. The National-level winners are as follows.

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Category

Prize		Winner and Institution	Research Article Title
First Prize Rs. 1,25,000		**Shri Navdeep Singh** is pursuing an MBA at Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).	From Cess to Capability: Three Decades of Construction Worker Welfare Financing in India and the Road to Viksit Bharat @2047
Second Prize Rs. 1,00,000		**Ms. Aditi Chauhan** is pursuing an MA in English at Mahanand Mission Harijan (M.M.H) College, Ghaziabad.	Fiscal Transparency and Off-Budget Liabilities in India: Evidence from FRBM Compliance and CAG Audits
Joint Third Prize Rs. 37,500		**Shri Vishal S** is pursuing an MBA in Cyber Security Management at National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar.	Whose Money, Whose Development: Fiscal Federalism, Accountability and the Utilisation Gap in India's District Mineral Foundations
Joint Third Prize Rs. 37,500		**Ms. Namrata L Ghanghatkar** is pursuing an MA in Public Policy at Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences.	Social Sector Spending and the Effectiveness of Public Expenditure: A Case of the Yettinahole Integrated Drinking Water Project

The Third Prize of Rs. 75,000 in the UG/PG category is shared equally between the two joint winners, at Rs. 37,500 each.

Doctoral Category

Prize		Winner and Institution	Research Article Title
First Prize Rs. 1,25,000		**Ms. Tanya Ahuja** is pursuing the Doctoral Programme in Management at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad.	Does Public Spending Build Resilient Electricity? Auditing Rural Electrification and Post-Cyclone Recovery in India
Second Prize Rs. 1,00,000		**Shri Sanjay Kumar Mallik** is pursuing a PhD in Economics at Fakir Mohan University, Odisha.	Beyond Compliance: Auditing India's Coastal Governance Deficit through CAG Evidence
Third Prize Rs. 75,000		**Shri Biswajit Manna** is pursuing a PhD at Jadavpur University, Kolkata.	Capacity Without Calibration: An Audit-Based Analysis of Workforce Deployment and Skilling Outcomes in Indian Public Institutions

All seven winners will receive a medal and a certificate in addition to the cash prize indicated against their names.

Congratulations to all the winners!

The prizes will be presented on the occasion of *Audit Diwas 2026* on 16 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

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