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Results of the CAG–ICSSR Research Article Competition 2026

State/UT Level (Maharashtra)

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 State/UT level winners are as follows:

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Category

Prize	Photo	Winner and Institution	Research Article Title
First Prize Rs. 75,000		**Shri Raj Luthra** is pursuing an MBA at Atlas Skilltech University, Mumbai	From Land Allotment To Industrial Outcomes Evaluating MIDC's Post-Allotment Monitoring Of Investment And Employment In Maharashtra
Joint Second Prize Rs. 25,000		**Ms. Fatema Khamusi** is pursuing B.A. LL.B. from Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar School of Law, Nagpur	Counting Waste, Missing Value: A Fiscal Governance Study Of Solid Waste Management In Maharashtra's Urban Local Bodies
Joint Second Prize Rs. 25,000		**Shri Prabhat Sunil Mhaske** is pursuing an M.A. Economics from IGNOU Regional Centre, Pune	What Gets Counted Gets Corrected: Towards A Meta-Policy For Strategic Social Sector Spending

Prize	Photo	Winner and Institution	Research Article Title
Third Prize Rs. 25,000		**Ms. Rukhsana Mujaffar Husain is** pursuing B.Com from Maniben Nanavati Women's College, Mumbai	The Compliance Paradox In Construction Welfare: When Formal Compliance Does Not Guarantee Worker Protection In Maharashtra

The Second Prize of Rs. 50,000 in the UG/PG category is shared equally between the two joint winners, at Rs. 25,000 each.

Doctoral Category

Prize	Photo	Winner and Institution	Research Article Title
First Prize Rs. 75,000		**Shri Apoorva Joshi** is pursuing Phd from Symbiosis International Deemed University, Pune	Interest Burden, Training Expenditure, And Skilling Accountability In Maharashtra: Evidence From State Finances And The PMKVY Audit
Second Prize Rs. 50,000		**Ms. Laxmi Suhas Govekar** is pursuing PhD in Public Health at Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai	Between Allocation And Absorption: Fiscal Federalism In Public Health Infrastructure Through Analysis Of Centrally Sponsored Schemes In Maharashtra

All six winners will receive 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 November 2026 at RCB&KI, BKC, Mumbai.
