

REPORT ON PARTICIPATION OF ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, RANCHI IN THE CAG–ICSSR COLLOQUIUM

Revised Date: 06 October 2026

Venue: Aryabhatt Auditorium, Science Block, Morabadi, Ranchi

Organised by: Office of the Principal Accountant General, Jharkhand & ICSSR

St. Xavier's College, Ranchi participated in the CAG–ICSSR Colloquium on Public Accountability, Good Governance, Public Financial Management and the Role of Public Audit in Strengthening Democratic Institutions, following Ranchi University's communication (Letter No. A/c/B/966/26 dated 01/09/2026). The programme, originally scheduled for 16 September 2026, was postponed and conducted on 06 October 2026. The Principal, Dr. Fr. R. Pradeep Kujur, S.J., submitted the official nomination list on 12 September 2026.

The colloquium brought together senior officers of the Indian Audit & Accounts Service (IA&AS), ICSSR representatives, and university administrators to deliberate on the evolving landscape of public audit, financial oversight, and democratic accountability. Key sessions included thematic presentations on the State of Finances of Jharkhand, Efficacy of the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act in Urban Local Bodies, and the announcement of the CAG Research Article Competition.

A total of 141 students from the Departments of Political Science, Commerce, Economics, and BBA (Finance) participated in the CAG–ICSSR Colloquium, accompanied by a coordinating team of seven faculty members. The College delegation was led by Dr. Ashutosh Kumar Pandey, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, who served as the Chief Coordinator. The coordinating faculty team comprised Dr. Sumita Roy, Assistant Professor, Commerce; Dr. Anirban Biswas, Assistant Professor, BBA; Prof. Mario Martin, Assistant Professor, BBA; Prof. Utkarsh Unnayan, Assistant Professor, Political Science; Prof. Ashish Ranjan, Assistant Professor, Economics; and Prof. Anshu Neeva Kujur, Assistant Professor, Economics. Their collective efforts ensured smooth organisation, effective student participation, and comprehensive academic engagement throughout the programme.

Programme Highlights:

- The colloquium brought together senior officers of the Indian Audit & Accounts Service (IA&AS), ICSSR representatives, and university administrators to deliberate on key themes of public accountability, good governance, and public financial management.
- The inaugural session included ceremonial lamp lighting, followed by welcome and keynote addresses by the Principal Accountant General (Audit), Jharkhand, Principal Accountant General (A&E), Jharkhand, the Director, IISSR, and the Vice Chancellor, Ranchi University, setting the academic tone for the event.

Theme I: State of Finances of Jharkhand

Delivered by Shri S. Subramaniam, Accountant General (IA&AS), the session provided an analytical overview of Jharkhand's fiscal position, expenditure patterns, revenue challenges, and audit observations.

Theme II: Efficacy of the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act in Urban Local Bodies

Presented by Shri M. Saha, Accountant General (IA&AS), the session examined decentralisation, municipal governance, financial devolution, and audit-based evaluation of urban local bodies.

- Special Remarks were delivered by N. Naladia, offering insights into public sector reforms, institutional accountability, and governance challenges in emerging states.

Theme III: Announcement of the CAG Research Article Competition

Introduced by the CEO of Dobrin State, encouraging student engagement in research on audit, governance, and public finance.

- Interactive Q&A sessions after each thematic presentation enabled students to engage directly with IA&AS officers, fostering deeper understanding of audit processes and governance frameworks.
- The concluding address by Shri Haragopal Ram Khiyani, Deputy Accountant General (IA&AS) emphasised the role of youth and academic institutions in strengthening democratic accountability.

- The programme concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks, followed by the National Anthem, and lunch, marking the end of a highly enriching academic event.

Participation in the colloquium significantly enriched students' understanding of democratic oversight mechanisms, strengthened interdisciplinary learning, and enhanced institutional collaboration with constitutional bodies. Faculty members gained valuable insights for curriculum enhancement and potential research engagement with ICSSR and CAG. The event also contributed meaningfully to the College's NAAC/AQAR documentation under Extension Activities, Academic Collaborations, and Student Enrichment Programmes.





