# **Objective of the Research Colloquium**

The Research Colloquium aims to showcase emerging research in accounting and allied areas, while fostering academic dialogue, collaboration, and innovation. It provides a platform for researchers to receive constructive feedback, enhance the quality of their work, and engage with peers and experts. By facilitating interaction with journal editors, the colloquium also offers potential publication opportunities, thereby supporting the advancement of impactful and rigorous accounting research.

# **Call for Papers**

We invite original and high-quality research papers for presentation at the START Forum Research Colloquium. Submissions are welcome in the form of conceptual, empirical, theoretical, or case-based studies that contribute meaningfully to the field of accounting and its allied areas. Authors are required to submit an abstract of 300– 350 words (with relevant keywords), and the full paper should not exceed 5,000 words. All submissions must follow APA 7th edition style, formatted in Times New Roman, 12-point font, with 1.5 line spacing. Submissions should be emailed to: iaa.startforum@gmail.com

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Shaping the Future of Accounting Research

July 18th & 19th, 2025 (Online Mode)

An Initiative **Indian Accounting Association** 

For Registration: Click here or Scan the QR



Last date for paper submission: **June 30th, 2025** 



## **About the Research Colloquium 2025**

IAA START is organizing the Research Colloquium on Accounting Research to foster academic dialogue and collaborative learning among researchers, academicians, and practitioners. The colloquium will bring together scholars to discuss emerging trends, challenges, and innovations in the field of accounting. The event will feature paper presentations from scholars and researchers across various accounting domains, including financial reporting, auditing, sustainability, and digital transformation. Interactive sessions will provide valuable feedback, improve research quality, and encourage collaboration. A distinctive feature of the colloquium is the participation of esteemed journal editors, who will engage with presenters and may offer publication opportunities for high-quality papers aligned with their journal's scope. This initiative bridges the gap between research presentation and publication, offering a direct pathway for emerging researchers to advance their work.

## **About IAA START**

START (Strengthening the Accounting Research Talent) Forum is an innovative research platform established under the auspices of the Indian Accounting Association (IAA) with a dedicated focus on promoting and facilitating high-quality research in accounting. Our mission is to create a collaborative environment where researchers, academicians, and publishers can come together to engage in meaningful dialogue, exchange groundbreaking ideas, and contribute to the development of accounting research and practice. At START Forum, we are committed to bridging the gap between researchers & highly rated publishers and supporting impactful research in the field of accounting. Through colloquiums, workshops, conferences, and interactive sessions, we aim to provide resources and networking opportunities that empower researchers to address emerging challenges in accounting and influence future standards and policies. By championing these efforts, START Forum aspires to become a trusted hub for accounting professionals and scholars globally, advancing both academic inquiry and practical innovation in the field of accounting research.

# **About Indian Accounting Association**

The Indian accounting association is an interface between academicians, professional and practitioners from various universities, business, industry, and government. The main function of IAA is to promote and disseminate the knowledge of accounting and the related subjects in India and abroad. Further, it aims to undertake and encourage research in the field of accounting. Ever since its inception, the IAA has served as an important forum for raising the status of accounting both as a discipline and as an important tool for managerial decision making. The association was founded by academicians and professionals in accounting on March 15, 1969, and was inaugurated on February 14, 1970 by the then Accountant General of Uttar Pradesh at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. American accounting Association now has a close relationship with IAA, and offers its membership at substantial concession to life members of Indian Accounting Association. At present, IAA has a network of 61 branches in India with more than 9200 life members, and a Research Foundation as an affiliate at Kolkata. It also brings out a biannual research journal 'Indian Journal of Accounting' in the months of June & December to give wider publicity to research findings. The Indian Accounting Association is the largest among similar associations in the world. The National Accounting Talent Search, an annual nationwide competition in accounting for youths organized by the IAA for over fifteen years, is unique among its kind on a global scale. The Association offers Life Membership and Annual Membership for Individuals and Institutions through its chapters across India.

## **IAA START Guidelines**

#### **Step 1: Registration**

**Eligibility:** Participants with high-quality research papers are invited to register with IAA START. **Registration Fee:** 

Life Members of IAA: ₹200 Non-Life Members: ₹300

**Process:** Registration should be completed through the designated platform or form provided by IAA START.

## **Step 2: Publisher Outreach**

IAA START will reach out to reputed publishers, journals, and indexed book publishers to invite them to participate in the upcoming colloquium.

A list of these publishers and journals will be shared with registered participants to provide transparency on publishing opportunities.

#### **Step 3: Preliminary-Blind Peer Review**

All submitted papers will undergo a preliminary-blind peer review process to ensure academic integrity and quality. IAA START will coordinate the review process and ensure timely communication with authors.

#### **Step 4: Communication of Review Results**

Upon completion of the peer review, authors will receive feedback reports detailing strengths and areas for improvement in their papers.

The review results, along with a list of papers including titles, research areas, and other relevant details, will also be shared with the potential publishers.

#### **Step 5: Colloquium Presentation**

Selected papers will have the opportunity to be presented at the colloquium. Each participant shall be given 15 minutes for presentation, with an additional 5 minutes for a Q&A session with the audience, including potential publishers.

**Publishing Decisions:** After presentation the papers may be selected for further process of publication by the editors participating in the colloquium. Decisions on publishing will be made exclusively by the publishers based on their criteria and standards, with no obligation on the part of IAA START.

#### **Step 6: Final Publishing Decision**

Authors whose papers are selected by publishers will be contacted directly by the respective journal editors or publishers. The selected publishers and authors will handle contract and publication arrangements independently.

#### Note:

The Indian Accounting Association (IAA) will facilitate the colloquium via Google Meet; while the registration fee paid for participation in the IAA START process is non-refundable, authors whose papers are not selected are free to submit their work elsewhere, and although START Forum supports and facilitates high-quality research, it does not guarantee publication, as final decisions rest solely with the respective publishers and authors.