

Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)

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Why in news?

The Vice-President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, presided over the 5th Audit Diwas celebrations in New Delhi on November 16, 2025.

- CAG is a **constitutional authority** that audits the financial accounts of the Government of India and its state governments.
- CAG is the *head of Indian Audit and Accounts Department*.
- He/She is the **guardian of the public purse** and controls the entire financial system of the country at the Centre and the State level.
- **Constitutional provision - Article 148** provides for an independent office of the CAG.
- **Appointment by** - The President of India by a warrant under his hand and seal.
- **Governed by** - The Comptroller and Auditor-General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971, with significant amendments in 1976, 1984, and 1987.
- **Tenure** - 6 years or up to the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier
- **Resignation** - CAG can resign at any time from his office by addressing the resignation letter to the President of India.
- **Removal** - Same manner as a judge of the Supreme Court of India.
 - Can be removed by the President based on a resolution passed to that effect by both the Houses of Parliament with **special majority**.
- **Reason for removal** - Proved misbehavior or incapacity.
- **Reappointment** - **Not eligible for further office**, either under the Government of India or of any State.
- **Salary & service conditions** - Determined by Parliament - Salary is equal to judge of the Supreme Court.
- **Administrative expenses** - Charged upon the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI).

The current CAG (as of Nov, 2025) is **K. Sanjay Murthy**

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Quick Fact

Audit Diwas

- It is observed on **November 16** every year, to commemorate the establishment of the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) of India, now known as CAG.
- It marks the historic day when the India's 1st auditor-general **Sir Edward Drummond**, assumed the office on this day in 1860.
- **Audit Diwas, 2025** - Held in Bengaluru.
- **Theme** - "Leading Change & Reaffirming Values: Trust, Innovation, Sustainability & Accountability".

References

1. [Indian Express | CAG to assess progress across 101 major cities.](#)
2. [PIB | Fifth Audit Diwas celebration](#)

