

Report on 17th International Accounting Conference in collaboration with International Association for Accounting Education and Research (IAAER) and Eastern Institute for Integrated Learning in Management, Kolkata (EILM-K)

The 17th International Accounting Conference of the Indian Accounting Association Research Foundation (IAARF) in collaboration with IAAER and (EILM-K) was held on 10 and 11 January, 2026, in Kolkata, India. The **theme** of the Conference was “Changing Paradigm in Accounting and Finance: The Role of Accounting Academics and Professionals in the 21st Century”.

The Conference started with lighting of lamps by the dignitaries. This was followed by Saraswati Bandonia. Professor Sharmistha Banerjee, Head of the Department of Business Management, University of Calcutta, was the anchor person of the Conference.

Apart from the **Inaugural Session**, there were **three Plenary Sessions**. **Session I** was on Standard Setting and Sustainability Reporting (by Professor Katherine Schipper, President, IAAER; Professor R.P.Banerjee, President of IAARF was in chair), **Session II** on Climate Change in India (by Professor Mukesh Garg, VP, IAAER), and AI and Business Education (by Professor Rajendra P. Srivastava, The University of Kansas, USA). Both the Speakers made their presentations impactful. CA Mr. P.R.Ramesh, former Chairman, Deloitte India and former VP-IAAER, was in Chair. **The Third Session** was on Audit Function and Corporate Governance in the 21st Century (by CA Mr. Dipankar Chatterji) and Corporate Narrative Reporting: Its Authentication and Challenges (by CA Mr. Abhijit Bandyopadhyay formerly of Deloitte India). Dr. Suman Kumar Dawn of EILM-K was in Chair and Dr. Samirendra Nath Dhar, Professor of Commerce, University of North Bengal, acted as Co-Chairperson. The presentations were well-received.

The other important activity of the Conference was **presentation of research papers** by young researchers in 16 Concurrent Sessions (three to four papers In each). In one of these concurrent sessions, Professor Ajay Adhikari, Co-Chair of the IAAER Council, as a Chairperson, provided some constructive and thoughtful comments to the researchers.

The **Valedictory Session** was chaired by Professor Bhabatosh Banerjee, Conference Secretary. Professor D.V. Ramana was the Guest Speaker who nicely spoke on Corporate Accounting and the Indian Constitution Foundations, Frameworks, and Future Directions. Professor J. K. Das former Dean of Commerce and Management, University of Calcutta, distributed the prizes to the research scholars winning the awards for best papers at the Conference. The two other recipients of Outstanding Services Awards were Mr. Sanjoy Debnath (for designing the Conference website) and Dr. Goutam Bhowmik (for designing everything for the successful Conference). Also Dr. Goutam Bhowmik, Professor of Commerce, Gour Banga University, offered a hearty vote of thanks to all.

Thanks to IAAER and EILM-K for a successful and impactful collaboration with IAARF and for organising an excellent event.

[For further details see Archives of 17th International Conference (2026)]

