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Call for Papers

About National Communications Academy-Finance

National Communications Academy-Finance (NCA-F), formerly known as NICF, is a premier Central Training Institute (CTI) under the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications (MoC). Recently, NCA-F was awarded the prestigious *Sarvotkrisht* (5-Star) accreditation by the Capacity Building Commission under the NSCSTI 2.0 framework, recognising it as a centre of excellence in training, governance, infrastructure, and digital pedagogy, and highlighting its excellence in delivering exemplary capacity building for civil servants.

Located on a 53-acre campus in Delhi NCR, NCA-F offers modern infrastructure, including a 220-room hostel, sports facilities, computer labs, and a well-stocked library. NCA-F trained 8474 officers in the last year, generating 45,003 training man-days. Under the *Mission Karmayogi*, it has published 103 courses on the iGOT platform, with 11,82,337 learner enrolments and 9,89,867 course completions.

As the designated cadre training institute for the Indian Posts and Telecommunications Accounts and Finance Service (IP&TAFS), NCA-F provides training to civil servants of the MoC. NCA-F has MoUs with premier Central Training Institutes (CTIs) like RAKNPA and NADT. It actively collaborates with global and national institutions, including ITU, NLSIU, IIMs, IITs, IISc, NSIC, and the Capacity Building Commission (CBC), for joint research and training in Telecom Manufacturing, IPR Policy, Spectrum Economics, and 6G Standards.

About Centre for Policy Studies & Research (CPSR)

The Centre for Policy Studies & Research (CPSR), established by NCA-F, aims to enhance expertise in communications policy through joint research and capacity-building initiatives. CPSR

envisions evolving into a leading think tank addressing key challenges in the telecommunications and postal sectors, including communications finance, spectrum management, telecom regulation, and digital inclusion. It also explores policy dimensions of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and satellite broadband.

CPSR generates high-quality, evidence-based research to inform policymaking, grounded in ethical values of equity and inclusivity. The Centre works with government bodies, think tanks, and academic institutions to deliver actionable insights for both public and private stakeholders. Recent CPSR studies have examined the impact of data consumption on India's economy, explored innovative infrastructure investment tools such as Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs), and analysed the implications of tariff hikes on the Indian telecom industry.

About Journal of Communications Finance

The Journal of Communications Finance is a biannual, peer-reviewed publication of the Centre for Policy Studies & Research (CPSR) under NCA-F. The journal publishes high-quality, original research papers, articles, case studies, and commentaries that contribute to the evolving landscape of postal, telecommunications, and related public policy areas.

The journal serves as a platform for academics, policymakers, and industry practitioners to analyse contemporary issues and emerging opportunities in areas such as communication policy, spectrum economics, telecom licensing, postal finance, public and corporate finance, and the broader regulatory and legal frameworks governing these fields. Besides its core focus areas, the journal also features research on broader themes like financial inclusion, fintech innovations, Indian knowledge systems, climate resilience, sustainable development, digital governance, artificial intelligence, welfare architectures, and digital public infrastructure.

Sub-Themes for Volume III, Issue 1

For the forthcoming issue, the Journal invites original submissions on themes including, but not limited to, the following:

- Digital Transformation in Postal and Telecommunications Sector
- Role of Communications Sector in Viksit Bharat
- Communications Finance, Policy, and Regulation
- Cybersecurity
- Telecommunication Policies and Regulations

- Emerging Technologies
- Finance, Public Administration, Governance, Ethics Through the Lens of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)
- Emerging Threats in the Digital Space
- Ethical Dimensions of and Responsible AI
- AI in Public Procurement, Contract Management, etc.
- Public Finance and Budgeting
- Financial Inclusion, FinTech, & Digital Payments
- Audit, Risk, and Fraud Analytics
- Spectrum Valuation, Pricing, & Management
- Telecommunications and International Trade
- Advancements in Financial Technology (FinTech)
- Telecommunications Licensing and Regulatory Framework
- Block chain and its applications in governance with focus on digital communications space
- Promotion of Data Economy Through Establishment of Data Centres, Cloud Services, Content Delivery Networks etc
- Satellite Communications and Related Aspects such as Financing, Viability, Use Case, Investments, etc
- Data-Based and Evidence-Based Policy Making
- Climate Resilience, Sustainable Development, & Green Finance
- Behavioural Economics and Nudge in Policy Implementation
- Implementation of ICT in Governance-Challenges, Learnings, Outcomes
- Legal & Regulatory Frameworks for Digital Economy
- Public Administration, Ethics, Governance, & Policy Design
- Capacity Building & Skill Development for Viksit Bharat

Manuscript Categories

Research Papers & Articles	Up to 4000 words (excluding references)	Original empirical or theoretical contributions
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Book Reviews	Up to 1,000 words (excluding references)	Critical reviews of recent academic publications and/or books within the thematic focus of the Journal
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1. **Originality:** All submissions must be original, unpublished work not currently under review elsewhere. Authors are required to include a signed Author Declaration Certificate (Annexure I).
2. **Formatting:** Font: Times New Roman, Size 12. Line spacing: Double. Alignment: Justified.
3. **Referencing:** APA 7 referencing style must be used throughout the manuscript, including in-text citations and the reference list.
4. **Abstract:** All submissions must include an abstract of 150–250 words, followed by 4–6 keywords.
5. **Covering Letter:** A covering letter must identify the corresponding author along with full postal address, telephone number, and institutional email address (Annexure II).
6. **Figures & Tables:** All tables, figures, and charts must follow APA 7 guidelines. Images should be submitted at a minimum resolution of 300 dpi.
7. **Language:** Manuscripts must be submitted in English. Authors whose first language is not English are strongly encouraged to have their manuscript professionally edited prior to submission.

Review Process

All submitted manuscripts are subject to a double-blind peer review process, wherein the identities of both the author(s) and reviewers are kept confidential throughout the evaluation. Manuscripts are assessed on the basis of originality, scholarly rigour, relevance to the Journal's scope, clarity of argument, and quality of writing. The Editorial Board reserves the right to desk-reject manuscripts that do not conform to the submission guidelines or fall outside the thematic scope of the Journal.

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- **The Signed Author Declaration Certificate (Annexure I):** The completed and physically signed declaration form provided at the end of this document. Authors should print the form, sign it, scan it, and attach the scanned copy to their submission email. Submissions received without a signed declaration will not be processed.

All three documents should be submitted together in a single email to:

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Submission Deadline

All the manuscripts must be submitted latest by **15th May, 2026**

For inquiries regarding submission guidelines, thematic scope, or the review process, authors may send an email to cpsr-nicf@gov.in

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