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**AUDIT SHOULD BE TO IMPROVE PROCESSES AND POLICIES OF
THE GOVERNMENT SAYS PRESIDENT**

**TECHNOLOGY SHOULD NOT REPLACE THE NEED FOR HUMAN
INTERVENTION: DROUPADI MURMU**

Addressing the officer's trainees of Indian Audit & Accounts Service at Shimla today, President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu said, "You should ensure the highest levels of integrity and knowledge both in professional and personal spheres. The primary objective of audit should be to improve the processes and policies rather than to be a fault-finding exercise. Therefore, it is essential to communicate the audit recommendations with clarity and conviction. This will help reform and refine the public services and their delivery for the maximum benefit of the citizens. You should always keep in mind the well-being of the citizens of the country and ensure fairness in your approach. You will be contributing in a big way in India's further ascent and development in Amrit Kaal. I would also urge you to maintain your physical, mental and professional well-being at all times to be able to perform your personal and professional duties with greater efficiency."

Expressing her happiness about the work being done for digitisation of the audit process, the President said that, "The recent launch of the One Indian Audit & Accounts Department One System (OIOS), a web-enabled IT application with support for multiple languages and a mobile app is a praiseworthy initiative in line with the vision of Digital India. Technologies such as blockchains, data analytics, virtual audit rooms etc. can be used widely for ensuring transparency and compliance. But technology cannot and should not replace the need for human intervention. You, the young officers should understand the value of human touch and sensitivity towards issues concerning the nation and its citizens, while taking decisions and implementing policies."

Smt. Murmu said "the National Academy of Audit and Accounts has been training officers from India, Bhutan and Maldives, thus imparting the virtues of accountability and professionalism not only within the country but also in our friendly neighbourhood. I am confident that the elaborate training that you have

undergone has primed your young minds to take up the responsibilities and challenges awaiting you in your professional domain.”

She said, “The Indian Audit and Accounts Service has an widespread presence across the country, in order to achieve uniformity in financial reporting, accountability, and providing assurance to the organs of governance about the use of our public resources. Your service aids both central and state governments with their accounting and audit inputs which act as deterrent to deviations and as pointers for public policy formulation from time to time.”

Smt. Murmu added that she was delighted to see that women officers constitute about 45 percent of the group of officers present here and the officer trainees represent different regions of the country and also have diverse educational backgrounds. She expressed the confidence that the skill sets gained by them during the training at this prestigious institution when paired with their diverse educational backgrounds would help them to perform their roles as accountants, auditors and advisors with greater understanding and effectiveness. She urged the officers to contribute positively through constructive criticism and critical thinking towards ensuring improvement and efficiency in the governance system.

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Honorable President Smt. Droupadi Murmu receiving memento of National Academy of Audit & Accounts from Smt. Parveen Mehta, Deputy CAG at Shimla today. Honorable HP Governor, Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla is also seen.

