

**OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA**

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**CAG and CBDT sign MoU to Enhance Operational Effectiveness**

The Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) here yesterday. The MoU was signed by Sh. Ravi Agrawal, Chairman, CBDT, and Sh. AM Bajaj, Dy CAG, (Commercial & CRA) in the presence of CAG Shri K Sanjay Murthy. Both organisations will collaborate to promote academic, training, and research interaction/cooperation in capacity development and research activities in areas of mutual interest.

The CAG emphasised that the signing of the MoU will significantly enhance professional cooperation and capacity-building efforts, particularly in data-driven technology, between the two Departments. This MoU will serve as a strategic framework to bridge the skills gap between the two institutions and foster mutual growth. This partnership will focus on a range of initiatives, including training workshops, joint seminars, sharing audit insights based on advanced data analytics, and the use of innovative methods, such as remote audits, in GST audits and other areas/sectors, Shri Murthy stated.

The CAG stated that since the goals of both institutions are aligned, the office of the C&AG can support the CBDT in strengthening the systems identified by the latter, as C&AG officials are being effectively trained in emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning.

The CAG expressed confidence that this formalised partnership will promote transparency, enhance operational effectiveness, and drive regulatory changes based on audit insights, thereby contributing positively to the overall financial and governance ecosystem.

Additionally, the CAG noted that the collaboration would support mutual development in skills and knowledge, particularly in adapting to changes such as the new simplified IT Act. Shri Murthy emphasised the importance of equipping revenue audit officials with up-to-date training from the CBDT on the rules and regulations in view of the new IT regime 2025. He also offered to share audit expertise for strengthening procurement procedures and internal control.

Shri Ravi Agrawal, Chairman, CBDT, stated that the constant dialogue and training infrastructure available in the Audit Department will further enhance tax administration and help improve the learning curve of tax officials in the Income Tax Department. He also shared details of the transition from the IT Act 1961 to the new IT regime 2025. He stated that there is a shift in approach from the earlier intrusive to a prudent and non-intrusive approach.



*Sh. K. Sanjay Murthy, CAG, Sh. Ravi Agrawal Chairman, CBDT, Sh. KS Subramanian, Dy CAG, (HR, IR, Legal & Coordination), Sh. AM Bajaj, Dy CAG, (Commercial & CRA) and others in New Delhi on 23.09.2025 at signing of MoU.*



*Sh. K. Sanjay Murthy, CAG, presenting a memento to Sh. Ravi Agrawal Chairman, CBDT. Sh. AM Bajaj, Dy CAG, Sh. Prasenjit Singh, PDG, CBDT in New Delhi on 23.09.2025*