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The 6th SCO Heads of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) meeting concludes its deliberations at Lucknow

Under the Indian Chairmanship of the Shanghai Coorporation Organisation (SCO), Mr. Girish Chandra Murmu, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India hosted the 6th SCO Heads of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) meeting at Lucknow, from 6-7 February 2023.

Mr. Girish Chandra Murmu, CAG of India led the discussion on Integrating emerging technologies in audit with focus on Artificial Intelligence and Cyber-security in the meeting with about 30 delegates from the SCO SAIs of SAIs of India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan and SCO Secretariat.

Mr. Girish Chandra Murmu, the CAG of India, in his closing remarks appreciated the initiative of SCO Member SAIs in integrating new and emerging technologies in audit practices to enhance audit efficiency, effectiveness, and promoting transparency and accountability in public administration.

CAG highlighted that SAI India was at the forefront in using innovative technology and AI to enhance audit processes for agile and risk- based examination of structured as well as unstructured data. SAI India's audits were increasingly focusing on cybersecurity with audit personnel inspecting information system controls, third-party management, governance, documentation, user access controls, and legal compliance to ensure effective oversight and compliance.

CAG of India while thanking the SCO SAIs for their cooperation in making the meeting happen reaffirmed the importance of the exchange of best practices between the SCO SAIs. He emphasised that the conference reiterated SAIs commitment to work for achieving better audit results and create significant scope to improve the depth, accuracy, and timeliness of the audit products.

The SCO Member SAIs unanimously decided to hold the next meeting of SCO Member SAIs in Tajikistan in 2025.

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