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CAG OF INDIA SIGNED MoUs WITH SAI TAJIKISTAN AND SAI KAZAKHSTAN

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with SAI Tajikistan and SAI Kazakhstan on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Supreme Audit Institutions (SCO SAI) Leaders' meeting in Lucknow. The agreements were made with the aim of strengthening cooperation and exchange of expertise between the two nations in the field of auditing.

The MoUs will also provide a platform for the exchange of auditing professionals and technical teams, collaboration in training programs, and mutual assistance in conducting audits. The agreements are a step forward in promoting closer ties and collaboration among the Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of the three nations.

The MoU with SAI Tajikistan was signed with **Mr Karakhon Chillazoda, Chairman, Accounts Chamber of the Republic of Tajikistan**. The MoU will develop and strengthen respective institution's professional capacity and improve methodologies in the field of audit. Both SAIs also agreed to explore means of capacity development support and cooperate on areas that are mutually beneficial.

CAG of India, Mr. Girish Chandra Murmu viewed that this memorandum of understanding was a reaffirmation of the values and goals that the two institutions share over a long period and a cementing of the ties that already exist between the two nations.

The MoU with Kazakhstan was signed with the Chairperson of the Supreme Audit Chamber of the Republic of Kazakhstan, **Ms. Natalya Godunova**.

Shri Girish Chandra Murmu stated that the SAIs commit to cooperate within their areas of competence to enhance and improve their respective external audit practices. This cooperation will encompass the exchange of experience in methodologies and procedures, joint efforts in professional training and personnel development, sharing of information and best practices through workshops, conferences, and technical meetings.

The SCO SAI Leaders Summit is being held in India from February 6 to February 8, 2023, and is being attended by the heads of Supreme Audit Institutions from the Shanghai Cooperation Organization member states.

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