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**Hon'ble Governor inaugurates the 6th SCO Heads of Supreme
Audit Institutions (SAIs) meeting at Lucknow**

Under the Indian Chairmanship of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), Mr. Girish Chandra Murmu, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India is hosting the 6th SCO Heads of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) meeting at Lucknow, from 6-7 February 2023. 30 delegates from the SCO SAIs consisting of SAIs of India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan and SCO Secretariat participated in the meeting.

- ❖ **Mrs. Anandiben Patel, Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh**, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and inaugurated the meeting.

- ❖ The CAG of India, Mr. Girish Chandra Murmu, in his welcome address briefly introduced the Chief Guest Mrs. Anandiben Patel, highlighting the achievements and experiences of the Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh to the guests.

- ❖ CAG of India was emphatic about the critical role that Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) play in promoting good governance and accountability in government as independent bodies responsible for auditing government finances and operations to ensure that public funds are being used efficiently, effectively and in compliance with laws and regulations.
- ❖ Mr. Girish Chandra Murmu, CAG of India apprised the delegates how SAI India is refining its audit processes with the implementation of Artificial Intelligence techniques. By analyzing data collected from audited entities, AI is being used identify risk areas and developing a targeted approach to the audit process. The use of AI also allows for the selection of a specific set of sample units and continuous improvement through the incorporation of new data and feedback. This approach to AI is not limited to a single audit, but is being developed as an evolving model for quicker and more detailed analysis during both planning and execution stages.
- ❖ CAG of India informed that to take forward the common responsibilities of SCO member SAI, and after five successful meetings, the SCO SAI Heads have gathered in Lucknow to deliberate and take forward the agenda of 'Integrating Emerging technologies in Audit' with the themes 'Artificial Intelligence' and 'Cyber Security'.
- ❖ Hon'ble Governor of Uttar-Pradesh, Mrs. Anandiben Patel, in her inaugural address, emphasised that SAI's role is more important than

ever as they work to address the complex and challenging economic and social development challenges facing our countries. The Hon'ble Governor emphasised that the theme Integrating emerging technologies in audit is now more imperative in the present dynamic and technical ecosystem. Information technology is also playing an important role in auditing by improving the accuracy and completeness of audit data as well as expediting the audit process.

❖ Ms. Parveen Mehta, Deputy CAG of India while presenting her vote of thanks to the Hon'ble Governor underlined that the encouraging words of the Hon'ble Governor had spurred the commitment and efforts of the participating Supreme Audit Institutions in upholding integrity and transparency of governments and public institutions.

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