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THE 6TH SCO - SAI LEADERS' ARE MEETING IN LUCKNOW ON 6TH -8th FEBRUARY 2023

HEADS OF SUPREME AUDIT INSTITUTIONS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES WILL PARTICIPATE

GOVERNOR OF UTTAR PRADESH WILL BE THE CHIEF GUEST

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation **(**SCO) was set up in Shanghai on 15 June 2001 with the aim of promoting mutual regional cooperation. It was established by the leaders of China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan with the Declaration of Shanghai Cooperation Organization. While India was granted 'Observer' status at the SCO in 2005, it became a full member in 2017 at the historic Astana summit.

India currently holds the SCO presidency, which annually rotates among member countries. India's 2023 theme is 'Towards a SECURE SCO''. The concept of SECURE stand for: 'S' for security for citizens, 'E' for economic development, 'C' for connectivity in the region, 'U' for unity, 'R' for respect of sovereignty and integrity, and 'E for environment protection.

The 6th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation SAI Leader's Meeting

Sh. Girish Chandra Murmu, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India is hosting the 6th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation SAI Leader's Meeting, which will begin on February 6 in Lucknow. Out of the eight SCO SAI member country delegations participating in the event, heads of SAIs from four countries alongside the CAG of India, are expected to take part in the in the three day multilateral event. Mr. Girish Chandra Murmu CAG of India will lead the discussions amongst Supreme Audit Institutions (SAI) from eight

member countries on the theme "Integrating Emerging Technologies in Audit".

Honourable Governor of Uttar Pradesh, will inaugurate the meeting.

Within the theme, the participating delegates are expected to hold dialogues and share experiences on two of the biggest global developments as well as concerns of digital technology today - Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security.

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