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CAG OF INDIA AND POLAND TO BOOST AUDIT TIES

Mr Marian Banaś, President of the Supreme Audit Office of Poland (NIK) and the accompanying delegation met the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Mr. Girish Chandra Murmu here today during their visit to India for participating in the 90th INTERPOL General Assembly.

During the bilateral meeting both the Heads of SAIs discussed the way forward for enhancing the bilateral cooperation through exchange of knowledge and best practices between the two SAIs.

- ❖ Shri Murmu, highlighted the robust India - Poland exchanges in various socio-economic fields since the establishment of diplomatic relations between both the countries back in 1954, leading to the opening of the Indian Embassy in Warsaw in 1957. Shri Murmu also underscored the fact of Poland being India's key partner in Central Europe. He also referred to the deep ties between the two countries since the World War II due to hospitality extended by the Maharaja Jam Sahib of Nawa Nagar to Polish people. Mr. Banas informed that a monument was erected in the Central Warsaw at the 'Good Maharaja Square'.
- ❖ Shri Murmu congratulated Mr Banaś and the delegation for the appointment of SAI Poland as the External Auditors of INTERPOL for the period 2022-24. CAG wished them a fruitful tenure as the External Auditor of INTERPOL studded with meritorious achievements and great success. CAG expressed that Supreme Audit Institutions are the conscious keepers of the governments and promote accountability among the agencies and the stakeholders.

- ❖ Shri Murmu highlighted strong bilateral relations between SAI India and Poland which were cemented by the Memorandum of Understanding signed way back in 2000. Under the aegis of this MoU, both SAIs have steadily been deepening bilateral relations by undertaking several knowledge sharing and capacity building measures like hosting of bilateral seminars each year, alternately in India and Poland. These seminars have been instrumental in facilitating exchange of best practices and experiences between both the SAIs. Both sides agreed to restart the bilateral exchanges which could not take place in the last two years due to Covid Pandemic.
- ❖ CAG suggested that since we are approaching closer to the target year 2030 for the UN Agenda 2030, it would be quite appropriate to deliberate and exchange our ideas on SDGs including Climate Change during the next bilateral seminar.
- ❖ President, NIK echoed the thoughts of the CAG of India and expressed his optimism for both SAIs to continue to strive for further strengthening of bilateral relations while endeavoring to discover newer avenues for enhancing mutual capacity building between the SAIs. Mr. Banas, while highlighting the arrival of new and emerging technologies and their use in audit, suggested to exchange knowledge and expertise on Digitalization between the two SAIs.
- ❖ Mr Banaś thanked the CAG of India for the warm welcome and hospitality provided by SAI India to him and the accompanying delegation.
- ❖ The meeting ended with exchange of pleasantries.

