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CAG Inaugurates International Training Programme on “Audit of Digital Public Infrastructure” to Strengthen Global Capacity Building and Cooperation

The Comptroller & Auditor General of India inaugurated the 166th International Training Programme on “Audit of Digital Public Infrastructure” here today. This is being conducted by iCISA under the aegis of the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs.

Shri K Sanjay Murthy emphasised the increasing significance of Digital Public Infrastructure as the foundation of modern governance and service delivery in his inaugural speech. He highlighted how technologies like digital identity platforms, payment systems, and data exchanges are changing how businesses and citizens engage with governments.

Eminent dignitaries and representatives from Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) all over Asia, Africa, Europe, and South America honoured the inauguration. Following the discussions of the 16th ASOSAI Assembly, which was held earlier in New Delhi, the initiative represents a major advancement in international cooperation and capacity building in the audit of digital public infrastructure. 28 Audit professionals from 26 countries are participating in this training programme.

The CAG pointed out that India's successful digital efforts, like Aadhaar, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), and DigiLocker, have made it possible to provide paperless, cashless, and presence-less services, establishing a standard for inclusive and scalable digital innovation. "These initiatives show how open and interoperable ecosystems can improve transparency, accessibility, and public trust while delivering tangible benefits for citizens," he stated.

Shri Murthy also emphasised the critical part that public audit plays in guaranteeing that digital transformation is accompanied by cybersecurity, accountability, privacy of data, and equitable access. "Auditing DPI is about making sure that technology maintains the core values of good governance: transparency, inclusion, and trust—it is not just about evaluating systems and controls," he said.

In keeping with the worldwide trend towards inclusive DPI, the CAG also recognised the work of a number of nations, including Ethiopia, Morocco, and the Philippines putting in place MOSIP-based digital ID systems and Kenya, Nigeria, and Brazil creating interoperable service and payment platforms. Additionally, he emphasised India's contribution to global collaboration through the Digital Public Infrastructure Alliance and India Stack Global.

Global frameworks and case studies, such as the UN's Universal DPI Safeguards Framework and India's digital governance models, will be covered in the training program. Key issues of DPI governance, accountability, and inclusiveness will be discussed in a panel discussion with experts from the public and commercial sectors as well as international development partners.



Group photo of Global Participants at International Training Programme at iCISA today

Additionally, participants will go on a field trip to Bengaluru, where they will engage with MOSIP and the Centre for Digital Public Infrastructure (CDPI) and learn first-hand about India's leadership in creating inclusive, safe, and open digital systems.

The CAG of India reaffirmed that such international cooperation would improve the global community of public auditors and encourage participants to contribute their country's experiences and ideas. India reaffirmed its dedication to promoting knowledge exchange, research, and capacity building in digital audit in its capacity as Chair of the INTOSAI Working Group on IT Audit (WGITA).

The event concluded with a call from the CAG of India for a collective action: 'Let us work together to ensure that the digital future we are building is not only innovative and efficient, but also trusted, inclusive, and accountable for every citizen.'