

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**CAG ON A WINNING SPREE OF AUDIT OF GLOBAL BODIES**

After getting elected as External Auditor of Inter Parliamentary Union in November 2020 and as Chairman of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations in March 2021, Shri Girish Chandra Murmu, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, has now been appointed as External Auditor of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Hague. Conference of the State Parties of OPCW, Hague selected CAG as the External Auditor for a three-year term starting this year. Apart from India, other candidates for the position were the Auditors General of Russia and Turkey. Mr. Girish Chandra Murmu will take over from the incumbent External Auditor of OPCW, National Audit Office, UK. CAG's appointment is a recognition of its standing among the international community as well as its professionalism, high standards, global audit experience and strong national credentials.

In the past also, CAG has held the position of External Auditor of OPCW during the period from 1997 to 2003.

Like any other organization, the accounts and management operations of the OPCW are audited and reported upon periodically. As the Organization's external auditor, CAG will conduct Financial, Compliance and Value for Money audits of OPCW. The audit of OPCW will be conducted within the standards framework of (a) International Standards on Auditing, (b) Auditing guidelines issued by the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations and (c) Framework of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India is currently the External Auditor of World Health Organization (2020-2023), Food and Agriculture Organization (2020-2025) and Inter Parliamentary Union (2020-2022). Moreover, CAG is the Chair of the United Nations (UN) Panel of External Auditors. He is also a member of the Governing Boards of International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) and ASOSAI. CAG chairs the INTOSAI Knowledge Sharing Committee, its Working Group on IT Audit and the Compliance Audit Sub-Committee.

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