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**NTP on “Audit of Waste Management and Water Issues”**

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**Mr. Gujar, Deputy Director, My guests from Royal Audit Authority, Bhutan and my sisters and brothers from Indian Audit and Account Department.**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome our guests from Bhutan today and I am particularly happy that it's within less than a few weeks of the Joint Auditor General of Bhutan visiting our campus that all of you are here. I know it has been really-2 tough and hard for you. I know you have done very tough journey reaching this place and I can understand that most of our guests from Bhutan, would, perhaps be thinking when they can have good sleep. Am I right? Yes, we do appreciate your concerns. We do appreciate that you are tired but all that we have an offer is some kind of refreshing experience which will make you feel nice, when you go back. We would make some adjustments to the schedule as we were not aware of the tiring journey which you have undertaken. We were under the impression you would be coming fresh from Delhi and we were in fact expecting that you would have had some rest before the class start today. Unfortunately that has not happened. We take note of that and we would try to make some adjustment in the schedule so that at least by tomorrow morning you would have had your sound sleep good but while I say that let me remind my Indian friends here that they have no business being late. I noticed some of our Indian friends not reaching in time. Let me tell them that this is an institute which values punctuality. If somebody reaches the class late, he may find the doors closed and entry denied. The other thing we will discourage in this campus, is paper and non-recyclable plastic. Now these are things which as we are all aware are one of the key pollutants, which are best use to minimum possible. Particularly even the technology is advancing.

When I think of topic for this training programme, this week. I am reminded of a saying which we have been hearing in India from generation. The saying is something like this '**AMANTRAMAKSHARAM NASTI, NASTI MOOLAMANAUSHDHAM AYOGYAH PURUSHO NASTI, YOJAKASTATRA DURLABHAH**' what it means is “There is there is no alphabet, there is no letter which is not a part of scriptures. There is no root of any plant, I repeat there is no root of any plant which is not the medicine. There is no person who cannot

become an excellent human being”. Everyone has those qualities but then what is it that is missing and that worse the last part says, “There is only one thing which is rare. There is one thing which is missing and that is, the entrepreneurial skill, the innovative ability, which can put these things to use”. What is waste at end of the day? Waste is something which cannot be used and dumping which pollutes environment. Why are we bothered pollutes about environment. We are bothered because earth is a planet which we do not owe. The earth is a planet, with all its environment and life, which we have got from ancestors and which we owe to future generations. Well it is our duty to ensure that we pass on our future generations a quality of life and an environment, which is at least as good as the one we got from our ancestors and anything which affects the quality of this environment and life, is something which is hazardous and a good caution of waste, as it is classified, falls into this category and so waste is something which needs to be managed. How do we manage waste? We manage waste by:

- (a) Minimising it.
- (b) Be try to find uses for it.
- (c) Recycling it.

And where none of these things are possible,

- (d) Responsibly disposing it and doing this is the big big challenge.

It is dumping of wastes which has led to water streams getting blocked, diseases like Cancer spreading and food we eat getting poisoned. Is this something, you want to give your future generations? I am sure all of you feel no and if answer is no that has to be positive response to manage waste properly and why managing waste properly is the responsibility of every citizen and more primarily, the government. As public auditors, we need to be vigilant to ensure that the governments take their job seriously. It is for this purpose that in the course of this training programme, we would try to bring face to face with people, who have worked in the area of waste management and water issues. These are the persons who form the core of our valued faculty. They come from the field of waste management and water issues. They would share with you their experiences in handling these challenges. How do we use this knowledge for audit? As you are all aware that audit of environment is assuming priority in all countries. In Royal Audit Authority of Bhutan, the audit act lays down very strict penalties for government officials, who are not responsible enough and it is this strength of audit, which perhaps helps us to ensure that the laws, rules

and regulation which are intended to manage and control wastes and water pollution, are implemented properly, appropriately and are supervised as such.

The faculty, which we have got for you, will share with you the challenges which arise while managing wastes. When we go back and think as to how we can lay criteria for audit of waste management, it is this knowledge for which would be of great use to us. It is not the intention of this programme to give you specific audit packages, no. The intention is to expose all of you to various issues in waste management and in relation to water towards which the perhaps need to alive our audit approach.

Well, as it has been said that we are a green campus and we try to be as green and as warm, as possible. At the same time I would like to mention that we are very very young institute. We completed just about 5 year of age recently. In this campus, we have just completed 2 year. Well, this is to say that we are growing. I am happy to announce that this is the first programme where we would be having so many persons staying in our hostel. The result is, that some of you in your rooms, may find inconveniences. If you do find those inconveniences, please accept our sincere apologies for that. Let me promise you that your feedback will helps us improve our premises and will make it better. And while your comfortable stay is our concern, what is on offer is, a very good sports complex, a green environment, which is pollution free and nice facilities for learning. I invite you to use all these facilities and make best use of this programme and take back with you memories of good stay here and a bond which you all would like to share with you, even after when you go back.

With these words, I inaugurate this training programme and wish you a happy learning experience.

Thank you.