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VALEDICTION CEREMONY OF THE 64TH BATCH OF IRS

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On **16th April 2012**, the Officer-Trainees belonging to the **64th Batch of Indian Revenue Service** passed out of the portals of National Academy of Direct Taxes after completing the sixteen-month Induction Training Programme which commenced in December 2010. The valediction ceremony was held at the NADT Auditorium. **Shri. Laxman Das, IRS, Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes, New Delhi** graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The ceremony began at 11 AM with the rendering of the Academy Song by the NADT Choir. Thereafter, Shri DS Saksena, Director General (Training), NADT, delivered the welcome address by introducing the Chief Guest and thanking the dignitaries and guests present, including the family members of the graduating Officer Trainees. Conveying his best wishes to the graduating officer trainees for a promising future, Sh Saksena impressed upon them to do their best while discharging their professional responsibilities.

Sh N Jayasankar, the Course Director of the 64th Batch presented the Course Report summing up the activities of the event- packed 16 month long Induction Training Programme. This was followed by feedback by two Officer Trainees of the 64th Batch of IRS officers, Shri Pravin Salunkhe and Ms. Adita Singh. Sh. R.Ravichandran, Additional Director General-II, NADT, spoke on “Achievements & Expectations” outlining the training methodology followed in the Induction programme. He also highlighted the importance laid on improving ethics, values and morality during the training. Thereafter he administered “Tax Administrator’s Prayer” to the Officer Trainees of outgoing batch.

Academy Kirti, *ecsTAXy*” in-house journals showcasing the literary skills of the officer trainees and bilingual version of the Newsletter “NADTree”, ‘were released by the Chairman in the presence of DGIT (Trg). The Training Calendar of NADT and DTRTIs for FY 2012-13 was also released on this occasion.

The Valedictory address was given by the Chief Guest Sh Laxman Das, Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes. In his simple but powerful address, the Chairman reminded the young officers of the challenges and opportunities that are arising due to Globalisation of the economy and the consequent public expectations on them. While emphasizing on the need to constantly improve upon the knowledge and skills, he specifically urged each officer to take care of the legitimate needs of the Tax payers. He exhorted each one of them to inculcate a

sense of duty, pride and commitment while discharging their professional duties and be conscious of their own image and that of the Department.

The Chairman then gave away the course completions certificates and medals to the Officer Trainees. Sh Vikram Pagaria won the **Finance Minister's Gold Medal** for the best all-round performance.

Dr GM Doss, Additional Director General-I proposed the vote of thanks. The ceremony concluded with the rendering of the National Anthem followed by the ceremonial passing out by the outgoing officers.

The 64th Batch of IRS consists of 139 officer trainees from different parts of India, hailing from 19 different states and Union Territories and speaking 19 different mother tongues. Uttar Pradesh tops the list with 30 trainees belonging to it, followed by Rajasthan (17), Maharashtra (15) and Tamil Nadu (14). 56% have Hindi as their mother tongue. Other major languages spoken are Marathi, Tamil and Telugu. 74% of the trainees are men while 26% are women. 67.50% of the trainees have urban background and 32.50 % are from rural areas. Trainees have varied educational qualifications with 39.50% holding their basic degree in Humanities, 26.60% in Engineering & Technology, 10.80 % in Medicine, 15.80% in Science and the rest in various other disciplines. 36% of the trainees possess Masters or higher degrees and 2 have PhDs.

The 16 month Induction Course included a rigorous training regimen on Tax law and procedures, other Statutes, Economics, Accountancy and Management. The classroom training was interspersed with two spells of the On-the Job Training ,Industrial attachment, Parliamentary attachment and attachments with other apex training institutions like LBSNA, and apex Financial Institutions in Mumbai along with training modules at the National Law School of India University, Bangalore and the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad. The training module also included International attachments with revenue departments of countries such as USA, Netherlands, France, South Africa, Australia and Malaysia.

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