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FROM THE CD's DESK

Dear Officer Trainees,

As I pen down my thoughts to welcome you all, I cannot refrain from sharing my fervour and exuberance, something which words might not be able to do justice, at this significant juncture. It's a double joy what with this year being not just the 75th year of our country's independence with the whole nation celebrating *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*, but also an important milestone in IRS history as we open our hearts and doors to the newest and the youngest 75th Batch of IRS. It is therefore a remarkable landmark for all of us, both as citizens of this great country and also as IRS officers committed to do our bit in nation building. I, as your Course Director, therefore, take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to all the Officer trainees into the Indian Revenue Service and also to the pristine environs of - what will be your second home now for some time ahead – the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur.

Coming at such a momentous time, your selection in IRS and joining at NADT is undoubtedly a reason for elation and excitement, something which is perhaps palpable but surely expected. And this is rightly so. After all, you have assiduously worked and stoically persevered to achieve this place and position that you find yourself today in. The time, effort and energy invested by you and your family have finally borne dividends bringing you to this enviable and memorable phase of your life. This surely calls for celebration. But a word of caution would be in order here. Our celebrations need to keep in mind the extraordinary times we find ourselves today in. These are unprecedented times in the history of mankind perhaps, when the whole of humanity is besieged with a common threat of the pandemic. While our heart goes out to those who couldn't see the dawn of the new

year, we, at the same time, should also be grateful for everything that we have in our lives today. As you plan to join at NADT, we are not sure of how the time will unfold in the days and weeks to come. But there is one thing we need to be certainly sure of, and that is our commitment and resolve to behave responsibly in adhering to the COVID protocols making not just our lives safe but also of those around us. This would ensure that our learnings and experiences at NADT would be safe, enduring and memorable.

It wasn't without a reason that Albert Einstein once quipped that Income tax is the hardest thing to understand. Acknowledging the fact that the officer trainees at NADT come from diverse educational backgrounds and they have to learn this 'hardest' thing, we try to pull out all stops to make the new learnings easier and comprehensible to all. This calls for an intensive and rigorous schedule of training where technical inputs are imparted on a range of topics like accountancy, income tax & business laws and finance, among others, both from a theoretical and practical perspective. The training sessions are interspersed with different attachments across the country which not just enable the cementing of class room learnings but also broadens the canvass of acquiring new knowledge, skills and attitudes. Further, a plethora of extra-curricular activities which are organized at the Academy from time to time will help you in honing your organizational, managerial and leadership skills apart from nourishing the invaluable esprit de corps. Besides, a number of other informal interactions with the experts from diverse backgrounds and other eminent personalities would enable you to appreciate lives beyond the academic curriculum framework and shape you into a well-rounded personality.

The beautiful campus of NADT with sprawling lawns, gardens and open spaces and a variety of flora and fauna provides an idyllic setting for a splendid retreat after a long day of work/studies. Having largely ignored the health aspects owing to the strenuous exam preparation schedule, the Academy provides a unique opportunity to the officer trainees to get back in shape and at the same time pick up some new skills like yoga, swimming, squash, badminton, tennis or billiards or even pumping iron in the Gym for that matter. These skills would not just make you healthier and happier but would also enable you to become a better version of yourselves with each passing day. Further, these skills would

help in achieving the work-life balance and equanimity of mind, a rarity in the contemporary times.

I, therefore, exhort you all to come to NADT with open minds to learn, explore and recreate yourselves and collectively work towards internalizing the motto of 75th Batch of IRS - *विद्वत्त्वम् दक्षता शीलम्* (Scholarship, Dexterity and Humility). With those words, I sign off for now and on behalf of the entire course team, I welcome you all once again to your new alma mater - NADT.

Hoping to see you all soon,

Best wishes

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