

Address by Director CBI on the occasion of Inaugural screening of **In Pursuit of Truth** A Documentary Film on CBI

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It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to the inaugural screening of the film on CBI, titled “**In Pursuit of Truth**”.

Many of you may not be aware but this is not the first time a film has been made on the CBI. Two attempts were made earlier, first time in early seventies during the time of legendary former Director, Shri FV Arul and the second time in the early eighties, under the stewardship of beloved former Director, Shri JS Bawa. Both the films were produced by Films Division of India. However, the CBI has come a long way since then and this fresh effort was considered necessary to document the legacy of the CBI. The Golden jubilee year provided the opportune moment to take the initiative.

A documentary film on CBI, to chronicle the five decade long history and work of the organization is a stupendous task. This could be achieved only due to tireless work put in by all the persons associated with the making of this film. The contribution of a few of the key persons has been acknowledged by the previous speakers also. However, even at the cost of repetition I wish to express my sincere appreciation of their work.

The positive and gracious MD of NFDC Ms. Nina Lath Gupta took up this task with alacrity and but for her constant support and deft management, this film would not have seen the light of the day. We are grateful to her and all the members of Team NFDC.

The Film Director, Mr. Zafar Hai's commitment to excellence and eye for detail are commendable. On behalf of CBI, I would like to thank Mr. Hai and his team for their professionalism and commitment.

It's my duty to gratefully acknowledge the guidance we received from Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arijit Pasayat, former Judge of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and presently, the Chairman, Authority for Advanced Rulings. Due to an urgent commitment in Mumbai, he is unable to attend today's function and we miss his esteemed presence.

Over a period of time, through its professional and impartial functioning, the CBI has earned trust and respect across the country and internationally. Our commitment to excellence has resulted in some outstanding investigative works and notable successes. The film has tried to capture the essence as also the mystery of the CBI, its values and its work ethos. Through the film, we rededicate ourselves to service of the nation and reiterate our commitment to the lofty ideals of "Integrity, Impartiality and Integrity".

I thank the Chief Guest for accepting our invitation and gracing the occasion. I thank all our respected former Directors for their esteemed presence. I thank our friends from media for their continued support. I thank you all for being here and becoming a part of this celebratory evening.

Jai hind.
