

Address by Director CBI on the occasion of Signing of MoU with Gujarat Forensic Science University (GFSU), Gandhinagar

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On behalf of the Central Bureau of Investigation, I extend a very warm welcome to all of you present here today on the occasion of signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the Academy of Central Bureau of Investigation and Gujarat Forensic Science University, Gandhinagar.

We are trying to lay foundations for long and enduring partnerships with institutes of international eminence to establish collaboration in upgrading the quality of Criminal Justice System in India and we feel privileged to partner with Gujarat Forensic Science University, Gandhinagar for jointly coordinating and conducting various training programmes. Of late CBI has been forging alliance with other Indian educational institutions of repute to come together at single platform to achieve our common goals. Today is another such important day in this direction. This Memorandum of Understanding is an expression of convergence of will of two leading institutions of India to collaborate substantively in the intended common areas of action to enhance academic knowledge.

The CBI Academy, Ghaziabad caters to the training needs of its own Officers, officers of various other law-enforcement agencies as well as the officers of law-enforcement agencies of foreign countries, especially SAARC countries and African Nations.

On the other hand, the Gujarat Forensic Science University, Gandhinagar has one of the best forensic laboratories in India i.e. Gujarat State Forensic Science Laboratory. This University was established in 2009 and provides education in specialized areas like: forensic science, digital forensics, forensic investigative psychology, forensic nanotechnology, forensic pharmacy including environmental forensics. Thus, it is a centre for academic excellence with ultramodern practical training in the areas of forensics & its subsidiary sciences thereby creating well trained experts. It would not be wrong to say that the ultimate objective of both these institutes is common and that is to provide the best criminal justice system to the society by connecting the accused with the offence with the help of scientific acumen and expertise.

Like any other stream of science, the modern scientific academia have added many dimensions to science of forensics. I strongly believe that this MoU commits us to work together more closely towards our common goals by forging alliances in identifying new areas for application of Forensic Science – specially the new faculties of Forensic Science – that is – Behavioural science; Forensic Nanotechnology, Computer Forensics, Forensic Pharmacy and Environmental Forensics etc. One of the expected results of this MoU is to provide platforms to impart appropriate trainings towards the art of interview and interrogation through tools available for analysis of human behaviour and various other aspects of use of forensic science in scientific investigation of cases. I am happy that the text of the MoU allows collaboration on a wider canvas. At this moment I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone whose dedication and efforts have contributed to the finalization of this MOU. I would like to thank Dr. J.M.Vyas, Director General and Shri C.D. Jadeja, Registrar of Gujarat Forensic Science University for visualising and shaping this MoU.

On this occasion, I must mention the role of our Joint Director Shri Keshav Kumar, whose vision and guidance has brought us together. He is presently Joint Director, Mumbai Zone and is always very keen to enthuse modern technologies into our investigative skills.

To conclude, I would like to say that I am confident that through our joint efforts and commitment, we will be able to forge strong partnership between two institutions and the three stakeholders – that is – officers from CBI, Scientists from Central Forensic Science Laboratory, New Delhi and the Gujarat Forensic Science University would benefit to the greatest extent by holding joint trainings in the field of application of Forensic Science in Criminal investigation. I would like to take this opportunity to assure the Gujarat Forensic Science University that the CBI will do whatever it can in order to ensure successful implementation of this MOU.

Thank you.
