

**SPEECH OF DIRECTOR, CBI DURING THE VALEDICTORY FUNCTION OF
EXCLUSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME ON “FINANCIAL FRAUDS, CORRUPTION &
ILLICIT ENRICHMENT” FOR OFFICERS FROM NEPAL**

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My dear friends from Nepal,

Let me start by congratulating you for successful culmination of the 2 weeks training program on “Financial Frauds, Corruption & Illicit Enrichment” which was especially designed cater to your training needs. Efforts put in by the Training Division of the Central Bureau of Investigation, our External Affairs Ministry and the Nepalese police administration are appreciable.

I am confident that this programme has provided a very useful platform to the participants to share their problems and difficulties in the investigation of complicated cases arising out of various types of corruption and frauds. I have gone through the syllabus of this programme and found it quite exhaustive, but aptly designed. I hope that your stay in our CBI Academy at Ghaziabad was not only comfortable but enjoyable too.

Today, corruption is the biggest global challenge confronting the Governments and the citizens. Its ill effects are so powerful and the law enforcement agencies particularly anti-corruption agencies of countries have onerous task of not only bringing to book the corrupt but also expedite recovery of proceeds of crime. Without an efficient and dynamic capacity building program, no police organization in the world can survive. The modern day criminals are successful in camouflaging their activities and evading the law by their smartness and thus pose a challenge to law enforcement agencies across the world. This brings forth the requirement of upgrading the standards of investigation by law enforcement agencies of any country.

After having a close look at the curriculum of your training program, I am pleased to note that it tackled very important issues of the fight

against corruption and its multiple facets. Corruption, as a man on the street understands, is not just bribery. It has far greater connotations and its consequential ramifications like abusing one's official position for illicit enrichment is one aspect of corruption which needs an in-depth understanding by Investigators. The investigation into allegations of abuse of official position requires a professional approach with far greater understanding of the law. Further, the easy access to cyber world has enabled the fraudsters to misuse various financial services for their personal and illegal gains. I am sure that course has given the participants an opportunity to hone their skills and knowledge in this field. India being a fast developing country has always come forward in extending hands to strengthen and enrich the law enforcement agencies of its neighbouring countries. And, in this regard, Nepal needs a special mention.

As close neighbours, India and Nepal share a unique relationship of friendship and cooperation characterized by open borders and deep-rooted people-to-people contacts of kinship and commonly shared value system. There has been a long tradition of free movement of people across the borders. The India-Nepal Treaty of Peace and Friendship of 1950 forms the bedrock of the special relation that exists between India and Nepal. Under the provisions of this Treaty, the Nepalese citizens have been able to enjoy facilities in India. India facilitates the developmental efforts of Nepal by undertaking various development projects in the areas of infrastructure, health, rural and community development and education. As part of India's efforts to join hands in the area of capacity building and development of Human Resources, various scholarships are offered to Nepalese students to pursue various courses in India. India continues to be Nepal's largest trade partner, source of foreign investment and tourist arrivals.

It gave me immense satisfaction and pleasure when I was informed of the details of various training programs conducted by CBI Academy for Nepalese Police Officers in the recent past. From the year 2007 to 2013, a record number of 243 officers of Nepal Police Force have visited India to participate in training programs like Investigation of Bank Frauds Cases, Cyber Crimes Cases, Economic Offences, Investigation under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, Investigation of Procurement and Contract Frauds, Intelligence Collection & Discreet Enquiries, Crimes against

Children and INTERPOL Global Programme on Anti Corruption and Asset Recovery.

I would also like to laud the initiatives taken by our Ministry of External Affairs and CBI Academy, Ghaziabad in conceptualising and executing this training programme. I am sure that this training has contributed in updating your knowledge and investigative skills and would also like to advise to put to practice whatever was delivered in this programme which was specially conceived for your training needs.

14 days is a long period but I am sure that the CBI Academy has taken adequate care to fruitfully and happily engage you during this period. I hope you have thoroughly enjoyed visits to Agra and Mathura.

I would also like to compliment the faculty and staff of CBI Academy in successfully organizing this training programme.

I wish all the participants excellence in their respective fields and hope that all of you would write grand success stories.

Thank you.
