

Speech of Director, CBI on the occasion of Passing Out Parade of Sub-Inspectors Probationers(XX Batch) of CBI

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I am extremely delighted to be with you today at this Investiture Ceremony of the 20th batch of Sub-Inspectors of CBI. It is a momentous occasion in the life of a cadet - the day he finally becomes an officer, the day he takes the oath of allegiance to the Constitution of India.

Today's Investiture Ceremony signifies that, having passed the most demanding test of your intellectual and physical abilities, you are now qualified to be a member of the Central Bureau of Investigation – the Country's premier Investigating and prosecuting Agency. Let me begin by complimenting these 82 young and talented Officers on becoming an integral part of CBI. You are the 20th Batch who have passed out from the CBI Academy. We are fortunate that for the last few years, we are getting highly qualified people in CBI. I see your bio-data and find it to be very impressive, many of you have left a promising career in Banks, Public Sector Undertakings etc. Some of you are Engineers, Management Professionals and are highly accomplished academically. The organisation would be benefited immensely by your talents as increasingly there is need for multi-disciplinary approach in investigation and prosecution of cases.

My special congratulation also goes to all those Cadets who have excelled in various fields and have been adjudged the best in eight categories for having exhibited performance of very high order. As you march out of this auditorium, in a few minutes from now, and celebrate the successful culmination of this phase of your lives, remember that the **Law** is your only friend, **Justice** to the cause your only goal and **Truth** the only road to achieve it.

All of us present here today, including your instructors, fellow officers, and members of your family share great pride in your achievement. I am confident that each one of you will prove to be a valuable asset to this organisation and will carry forward the image and reputation of CBI in the years to come.

To quote the words of our founder Director **Late Shri D.P. Kohli** “**CBI Officers must never be swayed or deflected from the correct and proper course of action**”. This work culture over the years has given us worldwide recognition and you should all feel proud to be part of this elite organization. As you all know, our motto is 3 ‘I’ s- “Industry, Impartiality and Integrity”. I would like to add two more words- “Innovation and Investigation Excellence”. A point I would like to stress upon is that never-ever conduct investigations to win laurels or medals, but continue doing your righteous ‘karma’.

I have said this on many occasions before that we have no competitor in the arena of investigation & prosecution. But having achieved that status does not entitle us to sit back and relax. Now, the real competition is competing with one's

own standards of professionalism. Our goal should not be just to remain the best in the country, but to become best in the world. I have underlined this many a times *“that the problems of today cannot be solved by using the skills and knowledge of yesterday”* and urge all my investigating officers to explore and experiment with new formats by reaching out to their international counterparts and domain experts in relevant areas in order to break the existing boundaries of thoughts and bring new understanding into practice. Always remember that only a scientific recourse to investigation will take it to its logical conclusion.

After you step out from CBI Academy and join your respective places of postings, you all will be looked upon by everyone for your professionalism in a very different manner. The new assignments and responsibilities shall have incredible rewards and responsibilities, and every day you will have to uphold the oath that you have just taken: to serve and protect, to uphold the Constitution and I expect you to exhibit highest standards of integrity and professionalism.

DIG Training just mentioned that during these past 32 weeks, you were trained to handle investigation of various types of anti corruption, economic and traditional crime cases. This batch was given specialized modules on important subjects of investigation. It is heartening to know that all of you are very well versed with computers, cyber forensics and mobile forensics. I am also confident that the well designed physical training and outdoor curriculum, which was imparted by a team of highly qualified trainers, will be made a part of your daily regimen in future as well. It is my experience that only strong and sound foundations can support one's professional ambitions. The fundamentals that you have learnt here in the Academy will be with you throughout the long career that lies ahead of you.

I congratulate JD (Admn & Training), DIG (Trg.), SP(Trg.) and all other officers and staff of CBI Academy who have put in hard work to train this batch. I am sure that CBI Academy has provided you the best possible exposure to the knowledge and skills required to make a good investigating officer.

I would also take this opportunity to congratulate the family members of the passing out Cadets, who have come all the way to witness this memorable event in the life of their dear ones. I can see the pride and happiness writ large on your faces and I along with all the senior officers present here join in congratulating all of you present here.

I once again wish you all a most distinguished career and all the best in the years to come. Keep fit, remain vigilant and keep the flag of the organisation high.

God bless you all.

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