

**Address by HMJ Rajan Gupta, President, BoG, CJA  
(Training Course for JAG Officers at CJA on 03.04.2019)**

**Hon'ble Justice Varinder Singh Ji, Former Chief Justice, Jharkhand High Court and presently Chairperson, Armed Forces Tribunal, Maj. General Praveen Kumar, Director (Academics), Director (Administration), Faculty Members, Officers of the JAG and other officers.**

**Good Evening everyone. It gives me immense pleasure to address this valediction ceremony of the young brave soldiers, who have successfully completed their three weeks training program in the campus of Chandigarh Judicial Academy. I congratulate all on the successful completion of the training program.**

**Justice is the first attribute of humanity. Endeavor of both the military justice system and regular justice system is to impart justice to people before them. It is, thus, necessary that persons manning the court or court martial are well trained in the system of laws and its applicability.**

**The present course, first of its own kind in our country, owes its foundation to the case of 'Commander Harneet Singh vs. Union of India'<sup>1</sup>, (AFT, Kolkatta Bench) where in directions were given to the**

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<sup>1</sup> O.A. NO. 30/2013 (DOD 21.08.2015)

**JAG Branch of all the three wings of the Armed Forces to be equipped with broader knowledge of constitution and law; interpretative jurisprudence as well as administrative law to cope with the litigation within their system.<sup>2</sup>**

**The military personnel have different laws, rules and regulation for which they have different trials and procedure to impose punishment on the wrongdoer. They have different hierarchy of courts, different procedure and different members to execute the court martial other than the conventional justice system. However, there is a common thread that bounds both the systems. This thread is the body of fundamental principles of fairness in trial procedures and administrative proceedings.**

**The training programme covered variety of subjects and areas of laws conditions to the needs of the JAG trainees. Not only class room sessions were conducted but the officers were made to visit District Court and High Court and even CFSL to get acquainted with their functioning. A special on-line session was also conducted on 'International Military Law' with the resource person from Yale University, USA.**

**I believe that such kind of academic and training programs must be continued in future. The idea is to equip the trainees in order to**

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**enhance the efficiency of the justice delivery system. I hope that this interactive training would be of immense help to you all in conducting your legal work.**

**I wish that this is not the end of the journey as well as our association and this institution would be eager to conduct such kind of training program in future also. I hope that it was a welcoming experience for all of you; both in learning as well as in your stay. Finally, I wish all of you good health and a safe journey to your respective place of postings / commands. Jai Hind / Thank You.**