

**Inaugural Address – HMJ Krishna Murari, Chief Justice,
Punjab & Haryana High Court & Patron-In-Chief, CJA
(Training Course for JAG Officers at CJA on 14.03.2019)**

1. Justice Daya Chaudhary, President Chandigarh Judicial Academy and its Members, My other esteemed colleagues, Maj. Gen. Parveen Kumar, Judge Advocate General, Prof. (Dr.) Balram K. Gupta, Director (Academics), Smt. Shalini Singh Nagpal, Director (Administration), Officers from the Army, Ladies & Gentlemen, Good Morning to all of you.

2. I would like to begin by paying my homage to those forty (40) brave hearts who recently lost their lives for our Motherland. As it is because of the sacrifices made by the armed forces that our country is protected and united.

3. It gives me immense pleasure to inaugurate this training programme which I believe is the first of its kind in the country and it is a matter of pride for us that the officers of the Armed forces have chosen Chandigarh Judicial Academy as the place of their training.

4. Rooted in values, with a foundation that is based on trust as its unassailable bedrock, the Army as a profession is solidly grounded in its values and bound by its oath to the nation and service to the Constitution. The term Judge Advocate General (JAG) represent greatness not only in the military world but in the civilian realm too.

As a military justice professional, values and the adherence to a simple oath of allegiance have been the hallmark of this profession since its inception.

5. To have a strong as well as fluidic mechanism all the components of the machinery has to work at the same pace with the same force and also in harmony with each other. Training is an essential part to achieve such synchronization. It plays an important role in the growth of a person, both professionally and personally. This training programme will arm you with the broader knowledge of constitution and law and will equip you with interpretative jurisprudence as well as administrative law which will be on a par with Judicial Standards. During these 3 weeks you will get the opportunity to understand the nuances of a trial court as well as of the High Court. The exposure to judicial practices would definitely lead to better all-round developments of the JAG cadre.

6. The Judge Advocate performs no functions, either as an advocate or as a judge. The department of JAG is placed under the administrative and functional control of the same executive who orders a trial by court martial and reviews proceedings. The quality of advice given by the Judge Advocate plays a very crucial role in swaying the minds of the members of the court martial. Thereby the responsibility on the shoulders of a JAG officer is heavier in terms

as the advice rendered by any officer play an important role in charting the path and aspiration of many. They need to be well versed with multiple fields of law covering military law, domestic law, and international law. The change in the paradigm at the international front and the rise of technology and developments, requires an officer to be aware about the recent developments both in the field of law and polity.

7. I hope that your stay at the Chandigarh Judicial Academy would be both conducive and comfortable. I wish you all the best in your career.