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Rightly said that the purpose of life is not to be happy but to be useful, honourable and also compassionate to make it that you have lived and lived well.

First of all, let me congratulate all the new recruits to the judicial service, who are undergoing this training programme. Judicial service might be the dream of thousands of young advocates of this country. In a recent survey conducted in Delhi and Bangalore, 49% in Delhi and 45% in Bangalore, first preference was the judiciary. There is no other service where there is so much independence in working. I can well imagine the amount of industry, patience and stern discipline and how many hours of

self denying toil has been put in by the young boys and girls, who have been able to make it to this service.

Many of you might have wondered as to why you have been asked to undergo this training even after passing judicial examination. No doubt you had your basic routine education in school and professional education in Law college and some of you might have spent some years at the Bar also before taking judicial service examination. Then why this training?

Judicial education and training are synonymous, though they aim at the objective of judicial competence and efficiency. "Education" is more concerned with the knowledge and sensitivity, whereas, "training" revolves around skills, attitude and professionalism. The two reinforce each other in judicial performance.

The principal aim of the induction training for the newly appointed Civil Judges is to build a strong foundation for grooming them as good Judges. The object of the training is not to teach out to inculcate an attitude as to how to apply the law as an engine of social justice.

It is required and expected from every Judicial Officer / Judge that his or her conduct should be above board. He / she should be courteous, patient, punctual, just impartial, fearless, indifferent to private / outer influences. You are to administer justice according to law and deal with

the appointment as public trust. Judges are expected to be impeccable in their dealings.

In nutshell, it aims to build an environment through various training programmes and platforms for the sharing of knowledge and experience where Judges are encouraged to teach, share and learn from each other by being part of community. By building a strong sense of community amongst the Judges, we hope to develop a leaning culture to facilitate the sharing of judicial knowledge and expertise for better administration of justice.

You are to imbibe yourself with good qualities in conducting yourself in a dignified and decent manner when you are in the Court as well as outside the Court. The image so formed by seeing your conduct should enhance the reputation of the judiciary.

After this training as well as interaction with your colleagues, you would be in a better position to understand as to what are your duties and responsibilities as a Judicial Officer. Let me also make a small effort to share with you what I perceive as duties and responsibilities of a Judicial Officer. As a Judicial Officer, you have to play multifaceted roles on judicial as well as administrative side. You must not see judicial service as service in the sense of employment. The Judges are not employees. They exercise sovereign judicial power of the State as prime dispensers

of justice. Working in the Court of law is not purely mechanical but demands ability, alertness, resourcefulness and imagination.

You should be a person with high moral fiber character, commitment and capacity, which should be your hallmark. Simplicity and clarity should be your virtues. You have to achieve excellence in the administration of your duties. You have to restore the faith of people in the system.

I conclude with strong belief and immense faith that all the Judicial Officers on completion of their training will conform to establish time tested Court etiquettes and uphold the dignity and enhance the decorum of temple of justice. I am sure this training programme will keep you in good stead. I wish each and everyone of you a successful and fruitful career as Judicial Officer by the grace of great Architect of this Universe.

As you step out of the portals of this Academy, our wishes, prayers, blessings and advices are with you. You are the base of Judicial Pyramid. Be strong and brave to uphold Judiciary. God bless you. Jai Hind.