

INAUGURAL ADDRESS – HMJ KRISHNA MURARI
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1. Justice Daya Chaudhary, President and other Members of Board of Governors, Chandigarh Judicial Academy, My other esteemed colleagues, Prof. (Dr.) Balram K. Gupta, Director (Academics), Smt. Shalini Singh Nagpal, Director (Administration), Judicial Officers, Parents of the newly appointed Judicial Officers, Ladies & Gentlemen.

2. It is moment of pride and pleasure for me to commence the today's Induction Programme. I have been told that as many as 60 Officers from Punjab Civil Services (Judicial Branch) would be inducted today for undergoing this prestigious one year training.

3. To begin with I would like to congratulate your parents as without their active co-operation your journey wouldn't have been the same. Whatever you all have been able to achieve till now wouldn't have been possible in absence of their co-operation. It is not only your success but of your parents as well.

4. As we all know India is on its path to be a leader in the world, with the rise in technological access and developments the problems which you will face will be unique in its own form. We are in need of sharp and honest judicial officers who are vigilant enough to notice the change, and firm, yet enterprising while implementing the law. This training at this magnificent Judicial Academy is a step toward making you well equipped

with the tools which will help you in conducting your duty effectively and efficiently.

5. Judicial education through training will enhance your skills as Judicial Officers and your training will help you in conducting your courts as well. It will also be beneficial for you in removing the in-consistencies and conflicts you will face while delivering the decisions. However, whenever you are faced with a difficulty in any case I would like you to think of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of Nation, as he used to say in his morning prayer, *“O God – Enable me in taking first step in right direction, the rest will follow.”*

6. Your training at this Chandigarh Judicial Academy will provide you an opportunity to enhance your rationality in interpretation and application of laws.

7. Since you all are now set to embark upon a new journey in your judicial service, I would like to emphasize upon few important things

I. Every judicial Officer has to lead a disciplined life. I expect you all to be punctual and regular in the court. Sitting in court late, without reasonable cause, causes frustration to the litigants. Therefore, Non-adherence to court timings must be avoided at all cost.

II. Integrity is an essential quality of a Judicial Officer. You must resolve to work very hard. Always be courteous to the litigants, witnesses and the members of the Bar. You have to gain the respect of the people and of the Bar by your behavior and knowledge.

- III. You will be working at the grass root level of our judicial system. The aspiration and hope of our society is bestowed upon the shoulders of judicial officers. Thereby, leaving a duty to instill trust and confidence in the masses.
 - IV. It is said Justice is not only to be done but must be seen to be done and this should be your motto. You should make every endeavor to achieve a standard of perfection and maintain judicial discipline
 - V. To be updated with all the latest developments and changes in different fields of law is a duty of every judge. You should inculcate the habit of reading updated reference books and journals.
 - VI. Delay in disposal of cases may sometime by itself result into injustice, undue harassment, mental agony and may in turn disturb the peace and harmony in our society. With the induction of more and more bright judicial officers like you we hope to eliminate the delays in disposal of cases.
8. Dear Judicial Officers, I hope your training at the Chandigarh Judicial Academy would be of immense help to all of you. You would get a chance to interact with each other and share your experiences. I wish you all success and pray that your future be meritoriously crowned.

God Bless you all.

Jai Hind!!!