

**Speech by**

**DCBI**

**ON THE OCCASION OF INAUGURATION OF  
GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

**AND**

**THE 14<sup>TH</sup> D.P. KOHLI MEMORIAL LECTURE**

**ON**

**“GOOD GOVERNANCE: EMPOWERING  
INSTITUTIONS, SOCIETY AND PUBLIC”**

**BY**

**SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE,**

**PRESIDENT OF INDIA**

**AT 1100 HRS ON 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013**

**AT**

**PLENARY HALL, VIGYAN BHAWAN,**

**NEW DELHI**

**Respected Rashtrapati mahoday,  
Respected Minister for Health and Family Welfare,  
Respected Minister of State (Personnel, P.G. & Pensions)  
Cabinet Secretary  
Secretary (Personnel)  
Former Directors of CBI  
Senior officers of Govt. of India & State Governments  
Past & Present members of CBI family  
Members of the family of Late Shri D.P. Kohli  
Members of families of former Directors of DSPE and CBI  
Friends from Print and Electronic Media,  
Ladies & Gentlemen**

Distinguished Guests,

I consider it a rare privilege and honour to welcome Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Respected *Rashtrapati mahoday* who is amidst us to inaugurate the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the CBI and to deliver the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual D.P. Kohli Memorial Lecture, organized to pay homage to our founder Director, Late Shri Dharamnath Prasad Kohli. I, on behalf of entire CBI family, extend a very warm welcome to you, sir.

2. We are indeed fortunate to have Shri Pranab Mukherjee, President of India to deliver the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual D.P. Kohli Memorial Lecture on “Good Governance: Empowering Institutions, Society and Public”.

3. *Rashtrapati mahoday* is an inspiring leader and needs no introduction. But it is only in the fitness of things that I present before you a brief profile of Shri Pranab Mukherjee, which indeed, is source of inspiration for all of us.

4. A man of humble origins, Shri Mukherjee was born in the small village of Mirati in Birbhum District of West Bengal as son of freedom fighters, Shri Kamada Kinkar Mukherjee and Smt Rajlakshmi on December 11, 1935. Shri Mukherjee acquired a Master’s degree in History and Political Science as well as a degree in Law from the University of Kolkata. He was elected to the Upper House of the Parliament (Rajya Sabha) five times from 1969 and twice to the Lower House of the Parliament (Lok Sabha) from 2004. Shri Mukherjee is a man of unparalleled experience in governance with the rare distinction of having served as Foreign, Defence, Commerce and Finance Minister of the country. A prolific reader, Shri Mukherjee has authored several books on the Indian Economy and Nation Building. The many awards and honours conferred on him include India’s second highest civilian award, Padma Vibhushan in 2008, the Best Parliamentarian Award in 1997 and Best Administrator in India Award in 2011. Shri Pranab Mukherjee assumed office as the 13<sup>th</sup> President of India on July 25, 2012.

5. As an eminent statesman, an erudite scholar, an outstanding administrator and a consummate diplomat, his deep insight on issues of governance at the highest levels make him the ideal speaker on the topic of lecture today. We look forward to his words of wisdom.

6. We are honoured with the presence of Respected Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad on this historic occasion and we extend a very warm welcome to him.

7. It gives me indeed great pleasure to welcome the Respected Minister of State for PMO and Personnel, Shri V. Narayanasamy whose continuous support has always been a source of strength to us.

8. This is a momentous occasion in the history of the CBI. Distinguished dignitaries from far and near have joined us today in celebrating the completion of 50 years of the existence of this premier investigating agency. On this memorable day, it is my unique privilege as the 25<sup>th</sup> head of the CBI to extend a very cordial welcome to all of you on behalf of my colleagues and my personal behalf.

9. I also extend a cordial and affectionate welcome to all our former Directors. All of them, in fact, belong to us; and, in accepting our invitation, they have really come home. I also extend a warm welcome to family members of Former Directors of CBI and Heads of DSPE, whose presence amongst us is a source of great pleasure and privilege to us. We are lucky that some of them are present amongst us and are a part of this august gathering. I salute and bow my head in the memory of all those who are no more and also those who are present here to give blessings to us.

10. Shri D.P. Kohli, IPS, an officer of irreproachable integrity and brilliant acumen headed Delhi Special Police Establishment from 1955 to 1963 and later the CBI during 1963 to 1968. Shri V.R. Lakshminarayanan, IPS, former Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu, who had served as SP and DIG with late Shri D.P. Kohli in the CBI, was invited for this function but could not attend due to ill-health. However, he was kind enough to write to me and describe Late Shri D.P. Kohli in the following words which I am honoured to quote:

**“Kohli was such a great person, almost like Hoover of FBI without and India’s most outstanding Police Officer. The Supreme Court’s advice on Police Administration and independence of investigation was practiced by Kohli and enforced very strictly in his time that we never thought of looking back over our shoulders as to Ministerial reaction or Government’s directives. Our Bible was Criminal Procedure Code. To describe Kohli, I would borrow Macaulay’s words – “He was assuredly a very great man. Homer is not more decidedly the first of heroic poets, Shakespeare is not more decidedly the first of dramatists, Demosthenes is not more decidedly the first of orators, than Boswell is the first of biographers. He has no second. He has distanced all his competitors so decidedly that it is not worthwhile to place them. Eclipse is first, and the rest nowhere”.**

Such was the ability and force of character of Shri D.P. Kohli which enabled him to lay a sound foundation for the organization, which today is able to earn the trust of Parliament, the approval of judiciary and above all the confidence of the ‘common man’ of the country. For this enviable reputation, we are in debt of Shri D.P. Kohli and the successive

Directors as also countless officers and men who served CBI for the past five decades tirelessly and selflessly. It is both our challenge and our obligation to build on this reputation and rededicate ourselves to the task of fight against crime and corruption.

11. The Golden jubilee is also an occasion for introspection. While CBI of today has the foundation of a world class enforcement agency we need to take note of the dynamic changes in the environment. There are growing grass roots voices in the country against corruption. The public expects us to act with greater effectiveness and speed. The advances in Information technology are increasingly encompassing most areas of work. New age cyber & economic crimes need new skills and constant upgradation of existing knowledge. Anti-corruption is moving to the mainstream of international economic relations. The increasing engagement of the Indian economy with ASEAN, EU and SAARC member countries is expected to have major implications on the nature of our work. Mutual Legal Assistance (MLAs) requests, Letters Rogatory (LRs), corruption by MNCs, Extradition and other areas of multi-jurisdictional investigation are set to expand in volume and complexity. In short, CBI has to prepare to work across the globe. This can only be done by putting in place the requisite human and systems capacity backed a clear vision for the future. We will use the Golden jubilee year to thoroughly assess our existing affairs and frame a plan on building the CBI of the future that is at par with the finest law enforcement institutions of the world. For this we will need the support of the Government which I am sure will be forth coming.

12. I wish to briefly share with you our proposed road map for the Golden jubilee celebrations spread over the year 2013-14. The Golden jubilee celebrations will be undertaken under the patronage of our esteemed Minister of State for Personnel, P.G. & Pensions through a series of programmes. It is planned to reach out to the citizens at large by showcasing the history and work of CBI. For the first time, CBI would hold an International anti-corruption conference inviting experts from leading international law enforcement bodies as also representatives from National institutions like Planning Commission, Enforcement Directorate, FIU, SEBI etc. In order to constantly upgrade our standards and processes of investigation, technology and forensics, we wish to start a mechanism to promote research in various areas of our work by collaborating with the eminent institutions like National Law Universities, IITs and IIMs. The CBI Academy would also undertake MOUs with leading world class training bodies to upgrade the knowledge and skill of our personnel. We will share with you more details in the weeks & months ahead.

13. We are all eager to listen to Respected Rashtrapatiji for his guidance and direction.

14. Once again, I warmly welcome the distinguished Guests to the inauguration of the Golden jubilee celebrations & to the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual D.P. Kohli Memorial Lecture.

Thank You,

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