

# **SPEECH OF THE DIRECTOR CBI ON THE OCCASION OF ONE WEEK EXCLUSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME ON “INVESTIGATION OF ECONOMIC OFFENCES & CYBER CRIMES”**

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It gives me great pleasure to be here for the inauguration of an specially designed, exclusive capacity building Program of one week for the Officers from various Law Enforcement Agencies of African Nations by CBI Academy, Ghaziabad in conjunction with Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The focus of this training program is: “Investigation of Economic Offences and Cyber Crimes”.

Crimes, that too Economic and Cyber Crimes are multi-jurisdictional by nature. Globalization of economies and e-Commerce only increased their complexity and accentuated their transnational dimension. No wonder, today, these offences are the biggest global challenges confronting all the nations. The law enforcement apparatus particularly anti-corruption agencies globally have their task cut out. It's one thing to detect and prosecute economic offences and but recovery of the proceeds of crime, stashed abroad is altogether a difficult challenge. Without an efficient and dynamic capacity building program, no police organization in the world can address the expectations of public and fulfill its mandate. Upgrading the standards of investigation and capacities of its officers assumes crucial importance.

Whenever I contemplate over exchange of best practices and various training programs being organized by our CBI Academy, I have this overpowering idea in my mind *“that the problems of today cannot be solved by using the skills and knowledge of yesterday”*. So, I always emphasise to the organizers and trainers to explore and experiment with new formats by reaching out to our international counterparts and domain experts in relevant areas in order to break the existing boundaries of our thoughts and bring new understanding into practice.

Ladies & Gentlemen, coming back to the theme of this Training Program, the investigation into economic offences now requires a more professional approach with far greater understanding of the law aided by new-age technologies. It's a known fact that criminals adapt fast and adopt new technologies swiftly. Further, the anonymity and connectivity of cyber world have enabled them to criminally exploit the financial systems from far away jurisdictions. India has been consistent in extending hands to strengthen and enrich the law enforcement agencies of its neighbouring countries as well as our friends from African Nations.

A close look at the Course designed has convinced me that the experience awaiting each participant is going to be very enriching. This special training program would expose to you not only to the facets of collection of intelligence regarding Financial Frauds, but also how to investigate and successfully prosecute E-Banking Frauds and Online Financial Crimes. Further, the Digital Forensics and analytics including Mobile Forensics would be very productive in your respective careers. I would like to urge you to make the best use of state of the art Cyber and Hi-Tech Crime Investigation Training Laboratory located in the Academy.

Friends, the world is moving towards Specialized Investigative Techniques including joint investigation teams. National nodal officers are collaborating in real-time across national boundaries to take on the organized crime network of human trafficking. I am happy that the Course covers these topics. I firmly hope that the training marks a firm foot forward towards imparting sharp and effective skills and capacities.

Further, I am also fully convinced that laws and systems in most countries have not kept pace with the changing realities and it is time to look at fresh legislations and protocols, particularly in the field of international cooperation which will enable us to better cope with the emerging challenges in 21st century. Although, it remains a daunting task to bring in the necessary changes in the systems, processes and procedures of international law enforcement cooperation. Importantly, all would agree that many of our problems of law enforcement are common across borders. This is a vital take away that gives us the foundation to move forward in building stronger bonds for the future. We recognize the need to upgrade the knowledge base and skills of the investigators by bringing in new domain of knowledge.

Another formidable challenge in contemporary times, is to track proceeds of crime and forfeiture of assets. The existing laws and protocols have by and large been unable to cope with the complexities and challenges that are spread across multiple jurisdictions. The tough timelines and diversity of legal systems make Criminal Confiscation almost next to impossible. This is a major area which requires greater international collaboration. We in CBI, are committed to contribute to the process of mutual cooperation in all these areas to our fellow developing countries.

To conclude, I would also like to laud the initiatives taken by our Ministry of External Affairs and CBI Academy, Ghaziabad in conceptualising and executing this training programme. I would also like to advise the participants to make the best out of this programme which has been specially conceived for your training needs and freely interact with the experienced faculty, which would be of immense help to them in updating their knowledge and skills. A platform like this will give the participants an opportunity to hone their skills and build capacities. And lastly, please enjoy your stay in our CBI Academy at Ghaziabad, amidst green environment and best of the facilities. A visit to world famous Taj Mahal at Agra, I am certain makes the visit to India all the more memorable. At the same time, I expect an honest feedback from the participants to further improve upon this training program and add value.

I wish this training programme a grand success.

Thank you.

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