

**SPEECH OF THE DIRECTOR, CBI ON THE VALEDICTORY SESSION OF 7<sup>TH</sup> INTERPOL GLOBAL PROGRAMME ON ANTI CORRUPTION, FINANCIAL CRIME AND ASSET RECOVERY**

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Ladies and gentlemen,

1. On behalf of the Central Bureau of Investigation, I extend a very warm welcome to you all for the Closing Ceremony of the 7<sup>th</sup> Interpol Global Programme on Anti Corruption, Financial Crime and Asset Recovery. This is the fourth such partnership between CBI and INTERPOL for conducting Global Training Programme on Capacity Building and the third on the theme of Anti Corruption and this time the emphasis is on the supply side of the corruption.
2. I am happy to extend a very warm welcome to the Hon'ble Minister for Personnel Mr V. Narayanasamy and we are grateful for your keen association in the last two global programmes on Anti-Corruption as well. In a way, it's a hat trick for you.
3. Sir, your presence signifies your sincere commitment to the cause and needless to say it is a major source of inspiration to all of us. You and the Department of Personnel have always stood with us in all our endeavors and supported us on each count. Without your active support and guidance, this training programme would not have taken place.
4. I extend a very warm welcome to Secretary (Personnel), Dr SK Sarkar for accepting our invitation and gracing the occasion.
5. INTERPOL and CBI have partnered frequently to host the Capacity Building Programmes for South Asian Nations particularly not only in the area of anti-corruption investigations but also in Counter Terrorism, Wildlife Crime and Organized Crime.
6. I also want to thank all our participants from abroad as well as participants from of several State Police and Vigilance Organizations as well as their controlling authorities without whose cooperation participation of this magnitude could not have been possible. The countries represented here besides India are the Law Enforcement Officers from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. All of us share, not just geography but problems due to Crime and Corruption as well. Our laws are undergoing revisions and amendments to be capable of tackling rapidly changing white collar and organized crime scenario. India actively fine tuning our laws to the requirements of the International Conventions like the United Nations Conventions Against Corruption (UNCAC).
7. Sir, I would like to inform you regarding the commendable efforts of Director, Anti-Corruption Sub Directorate of INTERPOL and Mr. Jaganathan, Assistant Director, in organizing this training programme in conjunction with FBI, US Department of Justice and US Securities and Exchange Commission.

8. This Training Programme, not only covered the important International Conventions and laws regarding Corruption and Foreign Bribery but also focused on the detection of bribery by companies and private entities, patterns and scheme of bribery, methods of freezing corruption money, forensic accounting, use of modern gadgets and skills such as art of interviewing. The programme provided an excellent opportunity to share the Best Practices with one another. The training programme has also provided a platform for discussions between participants and provided a unique opportunity for investigators forge alliances for multi-jurisdictional operations.

9. I once again welcome you, and thank you very much for sparing your valuable time and for active support in the cause of Training and Capacity Building.

10. It is my fervent hope that the wide ranging deliberations of this training programme will be exchanged into actionable results to achieve the goal to combat corruption. I hope that our valued faculty from abroad as well as all the participants had a comfortable and fruitful stay in Delhi.

Thank you.

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