

**SPEECH OF DIRECTOR, CBI ON THE OCCASION OF 17<sup>th</sup> D.P. KOHLI MEMORIAL LECTURE**

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The D.P. Kohli Memorial Lecture is a seminal event in the annual calendar of CBI. It gives me immense pleasure in welcoming all the guests, especially the stakeholders in law enforcement, to this 17th Lecture in the series. This is also an occasion for all ranks of CBI to pay homage to our founder Director, Late Shri Dharamnath Prasad Kohli, whose vision and ideals continue to inspire us in the CBI. Shri Kohli not only laid the foundation of the organization but also nurtured its core values and culture during its formative years from 1955 to 1968. It is a glowing testimony to his stellar contribution that today, the CBI is a premier institution in the field of investigation, prosecution and international law enforcement co-operation.

To honour his legacy, we have had over the years, eminent persons speak at D.P. Kohli Lecture Series on diverse topics of crucial significance for good governance. This year, we have Mr Bob Paulson speak up on a subject of growing contemporary relevance – ‘Law Enforcement in 21<sup>st</sup> Century’. I extend a very warm welcome to Mr. Bob Paulson. His presence here is a testimony not only to the close ties between CBI and RCMP but also to the need for Indian Law enforcement to engage with partners across the globe. CBI is firmly committed to strengthening its partnership with RCMP to tackle corruption and crime.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Globalization and Information & Communications Technology are the drivers of change in 21<sup>st</sup> Century. India, which began its liberalization process 25 years ago, is now proactively engaging with the world in all spheres – economic, social, technological and political. The resurgence of India on the global stage is gaining momentum and strength. The growing global

connectedness of India is beginning to unfold newer and more complex challenges for law enforcement in India. Be it the white collar crimes of corruption and financial frauds, cybercrimes, terror related crimes or organized crimes, all are breaking out of national boundaries and carry a cyber component. Presently, we have nearly 392 investigation matters underway in over 66 countries and the International Component of investigations is expected to grow manifold in coming years. As the nodal agency for Transnational Organized Crime, Interpol, Anti-corruption and Bank Frauds, CBI has been alive to these unfolding challenges. We have recognized the need to enhance investigation capacity in all emerging areas of investigation and forging partnership with law enforcement agencies of major countries.

We are in final stages of initiating the establishment of three world class institutions namely the International Centre for Excellence in Investigation (ICEI), a Centralized Technology Vertical (CTV) with advanced capacities in big data analytics, Forensic Accounting and Digital Forensics and a State of Art Forensic Science Laboratory covering all 17 forensic disciplines under one roof. Over the coming years, these institutions will furnish cutting edge knowledge support leading to a quantum leap in the human resource, technological and forensic capacity of CBI and will also be available to other Law Enforcement Agencies of the country, South Asia and ASEAN Region. These efforts will substantially contribute to improving the delivery of justice for the citizens. Time has also come in India to enhance use of technology in trial processes and undertake comprehensive simplification of procedural laws to expedite the delivery of justice.

We recognize and respect the immense trust reposed by the public and courts in seeking investigations by the CBI. However, we are fully aware that the CBI cannot substitute the role of state law enforcement agencies and are, therefore, equally committed to forging stronger partnerships with state law enforcement agencies by developing new technology based joint investigation platforms.

Even as we continue our quest for modernization and strengthening law enforcement, the key element in shaping institutions is leadership, at every level and most so at the apex level. We have the honour and privilege of having with us an International Law Enforcement Leader Mr. Bob Paulson, the Chief of Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He has rich experience in investigation of serious and organized crime, Canadian National Security Criminal Operations and policing at various levels. As we all know, Canada like India is a Common Law Country with a multi ethnic, multi lingual population and vibrant community of Indian origin. His exposition today is going to be immensely relevant, will widen our vistas and provide an international perspective in making our agencies and institutions 'future-ready'.

I once again welcome everyone to 17th D.P. Kohli Memorial Lecture.

Thank you.