



**SPEECH
OF
HIS EXCELLENCY
LT GENERAL NIRBHAY SHARMA,
PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM (RETD),
GOVERNOR,
ARUNACHAL PRADESH
ON THE OCCASION OF
THE PASSING OUT PARADE
OF
42ND BATCH RECRUIT CONSTABLES
OF IRBN
AT
PTC, BANDERDEWA
ON
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I am pleased to review the passing out parade of the 4th and 5th India Reserve Battalions. Your parade has been of an exceptionally high order. It reflects the high level of training and professionalism achieved at Police Training Centre, Banderdewa, which I am sure is a precursor to a rewarding career ahead for all of you. I compliment Principal and Training Staffs of PTC, Banderdewa and each one of you for the fine display of the parade, which was conducted with precision.

The Dikshant Parades is moment of pride and accomplishment. It also signifies that you are indeed fully trained and prepared to go out into the communities to serve and to do so with the utmost professionalism. The intensive training that you have received over the past nine months must shine through in your every word and action. Every law-abiding citizen with whom you interact must see you as someone who embodies service delivery, someone who will go out of his or her way to help, and someone who will never be feared within the community they have sworn to serve.

As member of law enforcement force, our Police Force must always remember four very important qualities synonym with the profession. These four qualities are humanity, integrity, professionalism, and courage.

Showing humanity, you must respect life and liberty. You have to be sensitive and inclusive, treating everyone with dignity and compassion. Always be guided by the principles of justice. Display the highest ethical standards, showing accountability, consistency, fairness, and honesty in the performance of your duties. Take pride in your profession and be committed to excellence in it. Maintain a mental and moral strength to resist opposition and fairness of mind. Always stand by your fellow officers and colleagues in the face of danger or extreme difficulty.

Here is a mantra to achieve these qualities.

First of all you have to maintain and uphold the discipline which has been instilled in your lifestyle over the nine months. You can only succeed in your career if you are highly disciplined and with an upright character. Your code of conduct, which you have just recited, states clearly

that you undertake to act with integrity and uphold the Constitution at all times. You will never be able to do that unless you are disciplined.

Remember, we can never tolerate ill-discipline in our police service. Just as a great deal of authority has been bestowed on you by virtue of your profession, so too has a huge amount of responsibility been placed on your shoulders. **You have the power to arrest and detain, in other words to take a person's freedom away from him or her. It is a power never to be taken lightly or abused.**

You could very well be placed, more than once, in a life or death situation. The decisions that you take within the space of seconds, could have very far-reaching consequences for yourself, other persons and the organization. I am confident that you have been more than adequately prepared to shoulder these responsibilities and to make the right decisions.

Secondly, being a good professional police official involves commitment. You will have to work hard in maintaining a high level of commitment, because policing requires sacrifices and continuously giving of yourself. In that

the rewards of knowing that you are a caring protector and that you are the embodiment of a professional law enforcement agent will outweigh all the sacrifices.

Thirdly, a good police official must act with dignity at all times. Treat others with respect and you will be respected in return. As a police official, you are also required to respect authority, to respect rules and regulations and respect the persons in need or those who visit a police station for assistance or to report a crime.

You have been thoroughly prepared to begin your careers and from today you will leave the comfort-zone of this training centre. I urge you to remember every aspect of your curriculum including those subjects which have equipped you with life skills. **It is also important for you to ensure that part of your discipline and commitment includes ensuring that you keep up your levels of fitness and look after your health.** Law enforcement duties can be physically and emotionally draining and you must ensure that you take the necessary measures to counteract these challenges.

The prime duty of the police force is to prevent crime and disorder and the police must recognize that the test of their efficiency is the absence of both and not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with them.

In his address in the Dikshant Parade of IPS probationers at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh on 5th November 2013, Hon'ble President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee said, I quote, **'Police Constables are the visible face of Government and therefore enough attention should be paid for their training and development and improvement in their service conditions. Inculcating in them the highest degree of discipline, integrity and commitment is absolutely necessary.**

They are the cutting-edge of your work force and the image of the Police overall depends on their conduct, behaviour and professionalism. The public forms an opinion about the quality of governance based on the response and efficiency of policemen at the grass roots level.' Unquote.

I call upon our senior officers of State Police Department to take this advice of the President of India very seriously and follow it in letter and spirit.

As expected and desired, our police officers and officials must always place duty before self, remain calm in the face of danger, and be ready to sacrifice their lives in protecting those of others.

In our society, Police are always looked upon as protector and at the same time as a guide and philosopher. Today, our youth who are the future of this State and Country need proper guidance. Therefore, **Police department should shoulder the responsibility of positively engaging the youth in socially useful and sports activities.** Every policeman and Policewoman must act as guide of the youth and motivate them so that they grow up to be responsible citizens. With proactive role by the department, present and coming generations of Arunachali youth will also not face challenges due to alcohol and drug menace. **This to my mind, should be one of Key Result Area of the State Police.**

I call upon all the 599 (Five Hundred and Ninety-nine) personnel, who took the oath today to be proactive and become force multipliers. Each one of you should motivate at least five youth from your village to join the force and / or acquire skills to become employable.

I also congratulate the personnel who received awards for their exceptional accomplishments during the training session.

I hope that the award which has been conferred on you will further encourage you to work harder towards personal perfection. The remarkable zeal you have displayed and outstanding achievement you accomplished is exemplary for all. I am sure it will inspire others to work harder.

As a man, who has been associated with the Indian Army for more than four decades, I am looking forward to the unarmed combat demonstration, Band and Mass and PT Displays. I also hope that cultural show by the new members of the India Reserve Battalion personnel will be entertaining one for all us, who are here today.

As I conclude, I wish each one of you to rise to every challenge and have a satisfying and a fulfilling way of life in uniform. I wish you Success, Glory, and God Speed in all your endeavours.

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