

# **LNJN National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science**

*Institute Day 2013*

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## **Introductory remarks of Sh Kamendra Prasad, Director**

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Additional Secretary Ministry of Home Affairs

Distinguished Invitees

Students, Faculty and my colleagues in the NICFS

Members of the Fourth Estate

Ladies, and Gentlemen.

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I am humbled as I stand with this august gathering. Your presence this afternoon on a weekend is a great encouragement to the Institute. It is indeed a privilege to extend, on behalf of the faculty, staff and students of the Institute, very warm welcome to all of you, especially to the dignitaries on the dais to the **Institute Day** celebrations of *Lok Nayak Jay Prakash Narayan National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science*.

Though this Institute came into existence in 1972, it became an independent entity on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 1976. We celebrate our Institute Day on a Saturday around this date. During the last **Institute Day** in 2012, we launched a Scheme of medals for excellence in Criminology and Forensic Science for Police Officers during their initial training and also organized a Symposium on *Perspectives in Autonomy and Oversight of Police Investigation*. The Symposium was addressed by (now late) Justice JS Verma former Chief Justice of India, Shri Fali Nariman, Shri ML Sharma, Information Commissioner, Justice SN Dhingra, and Dr Ranbir Singh, Vice Chancellor, Delhi Law University.

We dedicate Institute Day 2013 to our students by organizing our **first ever** Graduation Ceremony.

While our topper students are invited every year to the Convocations of Indra Prastha University other students had to contend with collecting their testamur from office in a routine way. This Graduation Ceremony is a tribute to all the Students who spend 2 years of their youth with us in the Institute. I congratulate the student of the Class of 2011 and 2012 and welcome them to this ceremony. We are delighted to have here parents of many students some of whom have travelled long distances.

I take this opportunity to reiterate the international perspective behind establishment of the Institute and the role the CBI and the UGC have played therein.

In the year 1955, the UNESCO held a Symposium at London for strengthening the Criminal Justice System of member States. The Symposium resolved that systematic understanding of Criminology and Forensic Science was necessary for Law Enforcement Officers and the Universities should be encouraged to include

these disciplines in their curriculum. Follow up action started in India and Ministry of Home Affairs drew attention of the Universities in India to the need to introduce these courses. This need was also emphasized in a note sent by Central Bureau of Investigation to the University Grants Commission. The UGC set up an Expert Committee which gave its report in August 1968. Thereafter, the UGC recommended setting up of the Central Institute for teaching Criminology and Forensic Science.

The **Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science** was established by in 1972 within the *Bureau of Police Research and Development*. The Institute was upgraded as National Institute in 1991 and in 2003 the Institute was renamed after *Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan*.

Prior to 2004 the Institute remained primarily a training Institute when started MA Course in Criminology and M.Sc. Course in Forensic Science under affiliation from GGS Indraprastha University. The first batch of 36 (20 students in Forensic Science Course & 16 students in Criminology Course) students graduated in 2006. Up till now 122 students have completed MA Course in Criminology and 187 students have completed MSc Course in Forensic Science.

Initially, the curriculum of our MA/MSc was common for all students. We have launched new curriculum with effect from academic session 2012-14, which allows 3 parallel streams in Criminology and 4 streams in Forensic Science. We are grateful to the GGS IPU for their support in this exercise.

The year gone-by was a landmark year for the Institute, extremely challenging but ultimately rewarding. Some key achievements for the year 2012-13 are as follows:

The MA/MSc teaching by the Institute is inspected every year by a joint team of Govt. of NCT Delhi and *GGS Indraprastha University*. After inspection for academic session 2012-13 the Institute was upgraded to 'Category A' institution from the earlier grading of 'Category B'.

The teaching and examination standards across Universities and colleges vary widely. The National eligibility Test conducted by the UGC has emerged a common benchmark to evaluate academic rigour of students. We are proud that our MA/MSc students showed exemplary performance at the Tests conducted by the UGC in June 2012 and Dec. 2012. In all 32 students cleared these rigorous examinations.

During 2012-13 our training courses attracted 1564 officers, an increase of 36% over last year's attendance (1152). Segment-wise increase in trainees: Police (71%↑); Judiciary (58 %↑); Correctional Admn. (30% ↑); Prosecution (16% ↑) and Forensic Science (45% ↑).

The involvement of alumni is a touchstone to judge quality of an Institution. In 2011 we launched alumni cell with a Scheme of Alumni Card on one-time payment of Rs 200. The Alumni scheme became a huge success during 2012-13. In all 1044 persons joined the scheme.

During 2012-13 alone 3 NICFS (non-IPS) officials were awarded Police *Medal for Meritorious Service* as against total of 3 medals prior to the year since 1972.

I complement Faculty and staff and Students of the Institute for these achievements and place on record our gratitude to the Ministry of Home Affairs, particularly Shri Khurshid A. Ganai, present here, for full hearted support all the time.

As we celebrate this Institute Day we rededicate ourselves to making the society safe through scientific study of Crime.

I thank you for your time and attention.

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May I now request the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor GGS IPU to distribute the testamurs.