

**Speech by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Brijesh Kumar
Senior Judge, Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court**



इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय, लखनऊ पीठ, के वरिष्ठ न्यायाधीश माननीय श्री न्यायमूर्ति ब्रजेश कुमार
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My Lord, the Chief Justice of India, Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.C. Agarwal, Judge of the Supreme Court, Hon'ble the Acting Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court, brother judges and colleagues, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh, Director of the Institute, Law Secretary, friends and ladies and gentlemen,

This would be a historical moment in the history of the Institute of Judicial Training and Research, Uttar Pradesh, as Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India has laid down the foundation-stone for the new building of the Institute. The Institute was started only about

six–seven years ago and it can be said to be, yet, in the state of infancy. But the progress made by it, during this short period, can, well, be compared with any matured Institute imparting in–service training and foundation courses. Special studies are, also, undertaken by the officers of the Institute on some subjects of importance. The training programmes of the Institute are not confined to the officers of the judiciary alone, but it is, also, providing in service short–period training to the officers of other departments as well to make them aware of the legal position relating to the official duties discharged by them. It, also, helps in developing the judicious temperament in the officers. It has been holding ‘Seminars’ on different important subjects involving several persons, who are, one way or the other, connected with the subjects and the problems. It provides a common platform to think over, and discuss, different problems and to find out solutions for the same by interacting with people from cross–section of the society. It is a pioneer venture of its kind in the country, which is rendering valuable service to the society, more particularly the ‘Judicial system’. The value of training is in preparing the personnel to give their best in the cause of public service. As it usually happens, a project or venture is undertaken after arranging all infrastructure necessary for the project. But this Institute did not wait to have a building suitable for the Institute first. Rather it started with a small accommodation whatever was available to it, which, hardly, satisfies the need of the Institute. Proper accommodation for the stay of the trainees, for housing the library, for proper lecture theatres, as well as for proper study and research work etc. and for other connected and related matters are as necessary as anything else. But, despite this drawback, the Institute made a mark within a short period of time, which compels one to say that the ‘Building–Complex’, which this Institute is going to have, is one thing, which the Institute is getting after it, first, deserved it. To deserve and then to have something gives entirely different feeling.

Today, ‘foundation–stone’ of the building of the Institute has been laid down by Hon’ble the Chief Justice of India. Perhaps, there could not be any better choice. The purpose of ‘foundation–stone’ laying ceremony, apart from to have a stable and strong building, is that one on this occasion remembers Gods and Goddesses and seeks their blessings and protection against the evil and prays for flourish while housed in that building. Hon’ble the Chief Justice of India, being the patriarch of the legal fraternity, is

the best suited person to perform this ceremony. He is, aptly, suited for the ceremony also being one, who is known for his wide learning and deep knowledge. This is a great day for the Institute and the fact that the 'foundation-stone' has been laid by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Venkatchaliah, the Chief Justice of India, shall, always, be source of inspiration to all those, who would be connected with the training and management of the Institute as well as to the trainees. Undoubtedly, looking to the previous record of the Institute and the spirit with which it is functioning, coupled with the blessings of non-else but Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India, the Institute is bound to flourish and give a lead in the field of training and research in the matters related to law.

We, all, in Lucknow, must express our sense of gratitude to Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India for having spared valuable time for this auspicious ceremony and visit to Lucknow.

Thank you.
