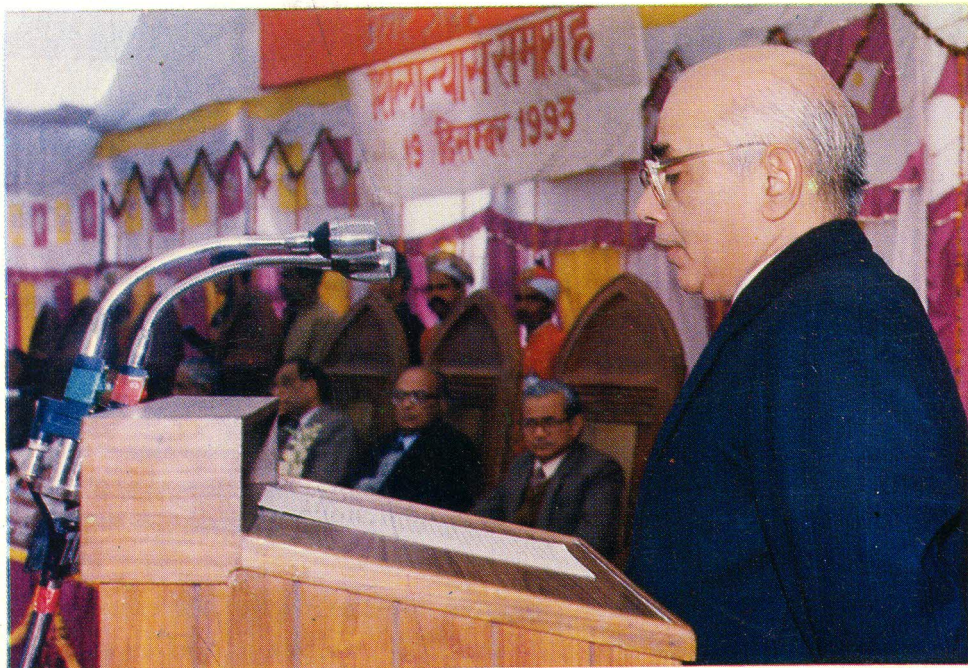


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**Speech by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vinay Krishna Khanna
Acting Chief Justice, Allahabad High Court**



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My Lord, Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.N. Venkatachaliah, Chief Justice of India, Sri Mulayam Singh Ji, Chief Minister of my State, My Lord, Hon'ble Mr Justice S.C. Agarwal, Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.N. Goyal, Lokayukta, my esteemed brother Judges, Judicial Secretary, Mr. A.K. Srivastava, Director of the Institute of Judicial Training and Research, Mr. A.B. Hajela and ladies and gentlemen,

This is most historic and memorable day in the history of the judicial system in India that the foundation-stone of the building of the Institute of Judicial Training and Research has been laid by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India. On my behalf and on behalf of the entire 'judiciary' of my State, I thank you, my Lord, the Chief Justice of India, for having taken the trouble of coming to this place despite your over-busy schedule.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.N.Venkatachaliah is known for his humility, scholarship and dynamism. In a short span of time that his Lordship has been the Chief Justice of India, his Lordship has, already, shown ample proof of it by taking many steps for stream-lining the judicial system of the country. The numerous steps taken by his Lordship for revamping the judicial system really give great hope and promise of the system really performing the solemn and sacred duty assigned to it.

On this occasion, I, also, extend my hearty welcome to my Lord, Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.C. Agarwal, whose presence manifests his deep concern for strengthening the judiciary in India.

I, also, extend my hearty welcome to our Chief Minister, Sri Mulayam Singh Ji, who has, also, graced this occasion by his presence.

The Institute of Judicial Training & Research, Lucknow, became functional on 5th April, 1987 with Mr. Justice K.N. Goyal, presently the Lokayukta, as its first Hony. Director. This Institute is, in fact, the realisation of the dream of my brother, Justice S.N. Sahay, who, while Law Secretary to the Government of U.P., conceived the idea and got the Institute established. Under the able stewardship of its founding Director, Justice Goyal, the Institute rose to great heights in a very short time. The Institute made further progress during the tenure of my brothers, Justice J.K. Mathur and Justice I.S. Mathur, as its Directors. The present Director of the Institute, Mr. A.B. Hajela, has, also, added much to its activities and scope.

To make the judicial system more effective and useful, there is need for training to the judicial officers immediately after they are recruited, because the judicial work cannot be performed by mere intelligence or knowledge. In addition, it requires wisdom, intellect and comprehension of the full impact of orders and, above all, a deeply ingrained sense of justice. Training is required for acquiring all these traits and for shaping the

personality of the judge. The aptitude for a judicial career does not come from nature alone. Like any other art, it has to be cultivated and acquired and for this, training, experience and introspection are necessary. Training, also, helps in updating your knowledge by absorbing and assimilating new techniques and by affording opportunities for interaction amongst officers. The object of training, thus, is to evolve plans and develop strategies for improving the judicial administration. The Law Commission of India in its 54th Report has observed :

Thus, the necessities of modern training- methods for development of skill of analysis, interpretation and application of law and case studies do require a full-fledged institute, so that organizational effectiveness may be ensured. The need of training and refresher-courses is an essential requisite for the judicial officers to make them more efficient and accomplished. As a matter of fact, refresher courses clear the blurred vision and instil the capacity to interpret law in a methodical humanitarian way. Discussions, during training, help to remove the defects and misconceptions about law. In short, training is foundation-stone of proper and methodical judicial working.

The Institute has, also, a research wing. The research wing can do yeoman's service by finding weaknesses and defects as may have been deciphered in the working of the judicial system and then suggesting means to remove the defects. The Institute, with its ever-expanding training and research activities, will be able to inculcate, in our judicial officers, the requisite judicial temperament, professional expertise and competence, absolute personal as well as professional integrity and an able, agile and lucid mind.

The judicial service of my state is one of the biggest judicial services in the country. It has, on its rolls, more than 1800 judicial officers and judges. The judicial service of my State has great and glorious history and has produced eminent judges, whose contribution, in the legal and judicial sphere, is well-known. The first Indian Judge appointed to the High Court of Allahabad, late Justice Mahmood, was from the Provincial Service of this State. Great Judge of the south, late Justice Muttuswamy Iyer, came all the way from Madras to Allahabad to meet late Justice Mahmood. Late Justice P.C. Banerji and late Justice Lal Gopal Mukherji are only some of the illustrious names, who rose from the subordinate judiciary of the State. The promotion of the activities of the

Institute is bound to equip the judicial officers, so that they may, not only, uphold and maintain the glorious traditions of their past history but, also, face, with utmost success, the challenges thrown to the judicial system by the complexities of the present day society.

I am sure that in days to come this Institute of Judicial Training and Research will grow up and shine as beacon-light in the legal horizon not only of our country but the entire world. I am confident that this Institute will go a long way in adding to the legal calibre of my judicial service. I hope the Institute will not produce only sound and brilliant judges but also good persons of highest integrity. I pray to Almighty God for the future growth and progress of this Institute, so that it may achieve higher and higher goals in the service of the noble cause of justice.

In the end, I, once again, thank His Lordship Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.N. Venkatchaliah, the Chief Justice of India, who has, graciously, laid the foundation-stone of the new building of the Institute of Judicial Training and Research with his pious hands.

I thank you all.
