

Speech of the Hon'ble Governor on the occasion of Assam Police Day on 1st October, 2021

Namaskar...

And a very warm good morning to all present here. Respected, Director General of Police Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta Ji, Special DGP G.P. Singh ji, Special DGP, TAP, Dr.L.R.Bishnoi ji, Commandant Assam Police Batallion Indrani Baruah ji, all other senior officers of Assam Police Force, their family members and other dignitaries present here.

I am really glad to be present here in this beautiful ambience. The beauty of this place really manifests the beauty of Assam Police. Please allow me to congratulate the entire rank and file of Assam Police and their family members on the occasion of Assam Police Day. It is indeed a happy occasion for all of us to be present here and celebrate this day. My heartfelt greetings to all of you on this occasion!

I at the same time, offer my sincerest tributes to hundreds of men in uniform who left us forever for their eternal sojourn. However, their indomitable courage, devotion and supreme sacrifice always remain a source of inspiration for us to serve the society dedicatedly more than ever before.

Ladies and gentlemen, I always believe that being in police service places enormous responsibilities on your shoulders. It is a service that defines the trust of common citizens in our men in uniform. Our citizens always see you as a force who will uphold the rule of law and enable justice to be delivered to the last person at the bottom of the pyramid. Your primary duty is to serve common citizens and ensure justice to the poorest of the poor. Being in the police force has always bestowed with the opportunity to make a difference to the lives of not just a few people but thousands and lakhs. This is a big responsibility and I am happy that you are always up to it.

In many ways, police represents and symbolizes the quality of a state. So, no matter how much pain is inflicted on you, please be good to the people in distress. Remember, we must do everything required to make basic policing better and that is the hallmark of a sensitive and professional police force. Always contribute to build a society where citizens fear and respect the law rather than fear the law enforcer.

I am happy that Assam Police, a very dedicated and professional police force time and again has proved that it is worthy to secure the lives and properties of our people and at the same time deal with the changing dynamics of crimes. For

example while on duty, our police force is confronted with challenges. Some of these challenges are peculiar to the times we live in. For instance, there is a challenge of terrorism and extremism which have both domestic and international ramifications. Moreover, we have crime emanating from cyber and financial world besides the conventional ones like smuggling of contraband substances, illegal trading involving children, cattle smuggling, wild lives so on and so forth. But I am happy to say that in all these challenges Assam Police have come out successfully.

You all will agree with me that while technological advancements are boon to our society. But they are also creating avenues for sophisticated digital crimes. Also, the miscreants use high technology to carry out other subversive activities. Therefore, before us the time is now dominated by technological upgradation and innovations. So in view of the technological innovation we need to keep track of new technological developments and have to equip ourselves accordingly. We are happy that our govt. has inaugurated a Cyber Forensic Lab-cum Training Centre at Criminal Investigation Department (CID) Hqr., Guwahati and has also decided to establish forensic lab across the state. The Cyber Forensic lab-cum-Training Centre is equipped

with cyber forensic tools and other modern tools which will help in cybercrime investigation. Therefore, the fact that you have made tremendous progress in dealing with crimes of various nature, for you there is no room for complacency. Keep honing your skills with utmost importance on basic policing and securing the lives and properties of all with special attention to less privileged.

Once again, my heartiest greetings and best wishes to all on the occasion of Assam Police Day!

Thank you.

Jai Hind.