

**Speech of H.E. Sri Ram Nath Kovind, the Governor of Bihar,
in a Courtesy meeting with Probationer Civil Judges.**

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Hon'ble Chief Justice of Patna High Court, Mr. Justice Iqbal Ahmed Ansari, Hon'ble Judges of Patna High Court, Judicial Officers and Probationer Civil Judges of 28th Batch of Bihar Judicial Service, it is indeed a privilege for me to welcome you to this occasion.

It gives me pleasure to interact with the newly recruited civil judges. This occasion also becomes momentous for the reason that I myself being closely connected with the field of law and justice in the past.

As a matter of fact, a pro-active and vibrant Judiciary that has Judicial officers with proven integrity and impeccable character is indispensable for establishing rule of law. It is the impartiality, fearlessness and independence of judiciary that makes it the most powerful and the strongest pillar of democratic system. It is the institution of judiciary which ensures peace in the society thereby paving ways for other developmental processes to take effect.

In next few days you would be completing your one year of rigorous training and would be inducted into the judicial service. Society and the institution of judiciary

have great aspirations from you. Judicial process and courts have always been the last resort even for the person who is standing in the last row. Being the first court for the aggrieved persons, you are expected to do justice expeditiously, in accordance with constitution and law, without fear or favour, affection or ill-will. There is no denial that you would be facing occasions of stress, strain and divergence of views while discharging your judicial functions but I'm sure that your prudence, knowledge and experience would let you overcome all these situations.

I also expect you to keep yourself abreast to the evolving technologies and recent legal developments for quick and flawless disposal of cases, as far as practicable. Apart from this, you are expected to behave punctually, soberly and honestly so that your character and conduct may become worth emulating for other institutions and persons of the society. Henceforth you would be rendering a great divine service, much different from any other job, duty or profession. I extend my best wishes for your successful and bright carrier.

Thank you all very much. Jai hind.

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