

**Speech by Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand
Dr.K.K.Paul for the inauguration of the SANGAM
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Faculty and staff of LBSNAA and other Academies

Officer trainees from Various Central Training Institutions

Ladies and Gentlemen !

It gives me immense pleasure to be with you on this occasion of the Fourth Inter service Sports and Cultural Meet – Sangam 2017. Having been a trainee myself, 47 years ago, it has always been a pleasure and an honour to visit the Academy.

At the outset, I would like to begin by congratulating each and every one of the young officer trainees present

here, for your success in what is probably the most competitive recruitment process in the world. All of you have succeeded through your own talent and hard work, and due to the contributions of your families and teachers who probably worked just as hard as you to give full expression to your intrinsic capabilities.

This Academy stands for values envisioned by Sardar Vallabhai Patel and further amplified by Lal Bahadur Shastri. Long before our independence, and at the height of the colonial administration, the British P.M. David Lloyd George, had compared the civil services to the steel frame.

After independence, with the ushering in of democracy, new challenges came up, and the services moulded themselves, to serve the best interests of the people and the country. The civil services, largely, have been able to live up to the high standards, except that over a period of time, the steel appears to be jaded at places.

This Academy is the first stop for all Civil Servants entering the portals of Government after their selection by the UPSC. The academy takes up the responsibility of laying the foundation of their career and shaping up

attitudes. Numerous innovations designed by the alumni of this Academy, have earned the admiration of the common man. Their contributions have been recognised on the Civil Service Day. One can safely say that almost all of the improvements in various state governments, departments and central government are authored by officers who pass out of these environs irrespective of the service they belong to.

Over the last several years, India has emerged as a nation on the rise and rise, and now we have already reached the take off stage. The fact that despite constraints and challenges, we could accelerate our technological, social and economic progress, with attention to growth and equity, is a compliment to the officers, managing the many contradictions of democracy. Our officers have made substantial contribution in delivering both quality and quantity of basic services besides governance. Image of a rule bound and insensitive bureaucracy has given way to new elements of a dynamic and result oriented leadership.

Recently, the Prime Minister has given a call for the creation of a new India, where the aspirations of youth, the women and the poor can be met. This would call for a

single point determination, and focused attention by the services towards accelerating the developmental process. At the same time the system would need to be further strengthened so that the people gain confidence and full benefits can reach the poorest of the poor, even in the remotest corner of the country. By strengthening of the systems it is meant that they should be accessible, transparent and free from any kind of leakages and mal-practices. Today, we are lucky that we are moving towards digitisation, which can, with the use of data and technology, eliminate all the distortions at various levels in the government machinery.

With increasing complexity in government and governance, strong affinity and creative partnership between various civil services has become an operational necessity. The acquaintances made here fructify into professional and personal commitment towards better service delivery to the common man. Such a synergy can be achieved when a platform for interpersonal interaction is created. SANGAM is that magnificent opportunity for commingling of young officers from various services

SANGAM allows a kaleidoscope of professionals to inter-mingle and sportingly contest their mettle on a

uniform platform. Apart from various games which test the mettle of the muscle, the quiz and management game will test the mental prowess of each one of the participants. Debate, I am sure will foster a spirit of acceptance to contrarian views, which is vital for sustaining a vital democracy.

This fourth edition of SANGAM is taking forward the efforts that began in 2014. I am sure that SANGAM will truly be a confluence of minds and hearts and will result in a unified and outcome oriented civil service.

I wish each one of you all the very best. While competition spurs performance, I would like to remind you that what really matters is the quality and tenacity of effort in participation.

I compliment the organizers for this initiative. I wish that SANGAM 2017 will be a grand success and that the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration will continue to take this confluence of services forward with great verve.

Thank you.

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