

**ADDRESS BY THE HON'BLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA  
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ON THE OCCASION OF CALL ON BY OFFICERS OF CENTRAL  
POWER ENGINEERING SERVICE (CPES) AND INDIAN  
ECONOMIC SERVICE (IES)**

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Dear Officers of Central Power Engineering Service and Indian Economic Service,

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you on your selection in prestigious services. This marks the beginning of an impactful career in public service. You stand at the forefront of India's growth, and your decisions will help build a stronger and self-reliant India. You will play a crucial role in shaping policies and implementing reforms that promote inclusive and sustainable development.

Dear Officers of Central Power Engineering Service,

Power is one of the most critical pillars of a nation's infrastructure. The vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat is closely linked with the strength and reliability of the power sector. Electricity is not merely a source of energy; it is the driving force behind industrial development, innovation, improved living standards, and overall socio-economic progress of the country.

The Central Power Engineering Service has been contributing immensely to planning and development in the areas of generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity, while ensuring the quality, reliability, and safety of power systems. Your role in strengthening the nation's power infrastructure through sound engineering practices and innovative solutions will be very important in ensuring reliable, affordable, and uninterrupted supply of electricity for all citizens.

Through your technical expertise, professional integrity, and commitment to excellence, you can support the efficient functioning of industries, institutions, and essential services, and directly improve the quality of life of millions of citizens. Your work will contribute significantly to economic growth, technological advancement, and the development of our nation.

The officers of the Central Power Engineering Service have made major contribution in the remarkable progress achieved in power sector.

Dear Officers,

Bharat has undertaken important international commitments to address climate change and promote sustainable development. Increasing the share of renewable energy sources in the electricity grid is an important step towards achieving these commitments. Greater integration of renewable energy will reduce dependence on fossil fuels and help create a cleaner and more environmentally responsible power sector. The transition towards a renewable energy ecosystem presents technical and operational challenges which can be addressed through innovative thinking, technological advancement, and effective planning.

Dear officers of Indian Economic Service,

As Indian Economic Service Officers, you will play an important role in shaping the economic trajectory of our country. You will contribute to shaping public policies, optimising resource allocation, and influencing decisions that impact millions of lives., Your analysis and insights will serve as the foundation for sound and evidence-based governance.

In a rapidly changing global and domestic environment, the role of economic planning and implementation in public service has become more critical than ever. Your role will be significant in ensuring sustainable growth, managing inflation, enhancing employment opportunities, reducing inequalities, and steering the economy through complex environment.

At the same time, you should always remember that behind every statistic lies a human story. The true measure of economic policy is not merely in numbers, but in its outcome. It should improve the lives of people, especially the most vulnerable. Your thought and actions should be guided by a deep sense of empathy and a commitment to inclusive and equitable development.

Dear young officers,

As you take on your responsibilities, I urge you to uphold the highest standards of integrity and professionalism. In public service, trust is your most valuable asset, and it must be earned and preserved through your decisions and actions.

You should approach your work with a spirit of dedication and passion. You may face many challenges in your journey, but they also offer immense opportunities to contribute meaningfully to nation-building. You should always discharge your responsibilities with a spirit of curiosity, a commitment to innovation, and a constant willingness to learn. You should be open to new ideas, embrace technology, and continuously strive to enhance your knowledge and skills.

At the same time, I urge you to give attention to your personal well-being. A balanced and healthy life will enable you to serve with greater resilience and effectiveness.

I extend my best wishes to each of you for a future filled with purpose, achievement, and meaningful contribution. I am confident that you will rise to the expectations of the nation.

Thank you,  
Jai Hind!  
Jai Bharat!