

Press Release

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit Participated in Chengalputtu Medical College

Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Participates at the Graduation Day function today (06.04.2018) of the Chengalputtu Medical College. Governor said that it is a matter of satisfaction that the College today functions with 13 Post Graduate super specialty departments and admits 100 MBBS students every year.

The medical profession is a noble profession.

The famous French philosopher Voltaire once said

“Those who are occupied in the restoration of health to others, by the joint exertion of skill and humanity, are above all the great of the earth. They even partake of divinity, since to preserve and renew is almost as noble as to create.”

Governor is happy to see the tremendous growth in medical education that the State has achieved. The State accounts for more than 10% of the total number of Medical colleges in the country. Our goal is to have at least one Medical college in every district of the state. An All India Institute of Medical Science has been sanctioned for Tamil Nadu and the state is well known all over the world as the hub of medical tourism, providing affordable health care without compromising on quality.

The delivery of modern health care depends on groups of trained professionals and para professionals coming together to form inter-disciplinary teams. This includes professionals in medicine, psychology, nursing, physiotherapy working along with many others such as community health workers, so as to be able to provide the best health beyond all this care services to the people. But it is also necessary to psychologically relate to the patient.

As Dr. Donald M. Berwick rightly said,

“Those who suffer need you to be something more than a doctor: they need you to be a healer. And, to become a healer, you must do something even more difficult than putting on your white

coat. You must recover, embrace and treasure the shared, frail humanity and the dignity in each and every soul.”

Allopathic medicine is based on constant enquiry and knowledge based treatment determined by careful experimentation and observation. It is established that allopathy combats disease and infection through drugs or surgery to bring quick relief to the patient. One of the greatest achievements of Allopathy recently recorded in our country has been the eradication of polio. India completed a full 5 years as a polio-free nation on 13th January, 2016. It was remarkable feat considering the odds against achieving this status. When the campaign against polio began India was a vastly diverse country, with a 27 million births per year. Ours was the largest vaccination drive against polio in the world.

It was the untiring efforts of the medical workforce and their commitment towards this mass health initiative that paved the way for this success.

At the same time it is important not to rest on the laurels of one’s success and be oblivious to the benefits of other ways of looking at a problem. With all these achievements the allopathic system of medicine will stand to gain it here exists open mind towards other systems of medicine as well.

Governor also added that the World Health Organisation has also recently emphasized the integration of medicinal systems for better universal healthcare. Traditional medicine systems like Ayurveda, Siddha, Homeopathy and Unani also have a well-documented history showing the efficacy of their medicines and treatment. In combating disease which is our common enemy we will be able to do justice to the patient only if we can create a new model for health care based on the best practices and remedies from the wealth of information available in all systems of medicine.

At this juncture, I would like to specially stress the importance of character building in educational institutions. Education in colleges should lay stress on inculcating moral values and a nationalistic spirit in the students.

In all our activities, we must remember that the interest of our Nation should be paramount.

We should remember that our knowledge and learning should be used for the benefit of mankind and to lead the people from darkness to light. “ThamasomaJyothirgamaya” is the saying in our spiritual texts. I am only echoing those words of wisdom.

The path to progress is always illuminated by the lamp of education. Prosperity knocks at your door when people in society acquire the asset of education. All those assembled here, the doctors, teachers and students have benefited by this acquisition of knowledge. Let its benefits be now shared with the community so that India becomes a stronger healthier and more prosperous nation.

On this Occasion Dr. C. Vijaya Baskar Hon’ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. J. Radhakrishnan I.A.S., Principle Secretary to Government, Dr. A. Edwin Joe I.A.S., Director of Medical Education, Thiru. P. Ponnaiah I.A.S., District Collector, Kanchipuram, Dr. Usha Sadasivan, Dean Chengalpattu Medical College and Hospital and Dr. Anitha Vie Principal Chengalpattu Medical College and Hospital were present.

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