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**ADDRESS BY THIRU BANWARILAL PUROHIT, HON'BLE GOVERNOR  
OF TAMIL NADU AT FINAL MATCH OF THE CHANCELLOR'S TROPHY  
INTER-UNIVERSITY CRICKET TOURNAMENT ON 10.01.2019**

Hon'ble Governor said, I am delighted to be here amidst you at this climactic moment of the Inter-University Cricket tournament. As you are all aware this is the first time that an Inter-University Cricket tournament is being held in Tamil Nadu. This has been organised by the Raj Bhavan this year to identify the talent at the University level and motivate more youngsters to take to competitive cricket.

Cricket is a popular game all over India. Our national team has been gaining the top honours in the international arena for more than 3 decades, time and again. You are the budding cricketers who can don the national honours if you are diligent and devoted to the game.

I have taken the initiative to institute a special trophy for the Inter - University Cricket tournament since I wish to see Tamil Nadu as the top cricketing state of India. In the past this state has produced outstanding batsmen and bowlers who have brought pride to India.

You all have a bright future ahead of you. Based on the performance displayed at the Inter -University Championship we shall pursue further action through the Vice-Chancellors to identify promising young cricketers amongst you and groom them for performing at the national level. May success smile on all of you in all your cricketing efforts.

All the teams that have participated in the cricket tournament deserve our fullest appreciation for the sporting

manner in which they have conducted themselves. They should not feel disheartened if they have not tasted victory this time. I am sure that with sustained efforts and dedication the other cricketing teams will also better their performances next year.

I take great pleasure in extending my best wishes and greetings to all of you for the New Year and wish to particularly congratulate the members of the – University cricket team that has won the first Inter – University Championship.

Thiru K.A. Sengottaiyan, Minister for School Education, Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Thiru K.P. Anbalagan, Minister for Higher Education, Additional Chief Secretary, Raj Bhavan, Thiru. R. Rajagopal, I.A.S., Thiru. Mangat Ram Sharma, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Thiru. Dheeraj Kumar, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Government, Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department, Dr. P.Duraiswamy, Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras, Dr. K. Baskar, Vice-Chancellor, Manonmaniam University, Thiru. Selvaraj, Principal, Guru Nanak College and other dignitaries participated.

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**Brief note on Chancellor's Trophy Inter-University Cricket  
Tournament**

Chancellor's Trophy has been instituted to identify the talent at the University level and motivate more youngsters to take to competitive cricket. It is for the first time in Tamil Nadu that an Inter-University Cricket Championship is being organized by the Raj Bhavan, Tamil Nadu.

The State Universities in Tamil Nadu were divided into three zones, namely South, West and North. Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the Chancellor's Trophy for the Inter-University Cricket Tournament for Men for the first time in Tamil Nadu for the year 2018 – 2019 at Anna University, Chennai on 26.12.2018.

In all 12 Universities participated in the Tournament. The team from Manonmaniam Sundaranar University emerged victories from South Zone. Bharathidasan University came out with flying colours as winners from West Zone. The University of Madras was declared winner in the North Zone.

The Last set of league matches was held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at Guru Nanak College, Chennai among these three teams. The Grand Finale was held between the teams between Bharathidasan University and University of Madras on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Guru Nanak College. University of Madras came out with flying colors as winners of "Chancellor's Trophy" for the Inter-University Cricket Tournament for Men in Tamil Nadu.

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit distributed today (10.01.2018) the Chancellor's Cup to University of Madras, the winner of the Inter-University Cricket Tournament for Men in Tamil Nadu.

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