

**ADDRESS BY THIRU. BANWARILAL PUROHIT, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMILNADU AT 61st ALL INDIA
POLICE DUTY MEET ON 24TH FEBRUARY 2018**

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Ladies and Gentlemen

It gives me pleasure to be present amongst all of you on this occasion and declare open the 61st All India Police Duty Meet. Tamil Nadu is hosting this meet for the sixth time and I am happy to see that teams from all the States and the Central Police Forces have assembled here for the various competitions. There are in all more than 1400 participants competing for the 63 medals of honour.

The Police Department has a special duty to perform in that people look up to the police officer for dispensing justice in time of distress. In this context, I am reminded of what Aurthur Woods once said and I quote,

“The Policeman on post is, in all truth, the court of first instance and a wise policeman can be a guide, philosopher and friend as he carries on his daily hourly court.”

Here, I would also like to quote the Hon'ble Prime Minister's definition of a 'SMART' Police force — Strict and Sensitive, Modern and Mobile, Alert and Accountable, Reliable and Responsive, Techno savvy and Trained.

Exemplary governance is characterized by several features. Some of the important ones among them are the following:-

A responsible and responsive administrative which is desirous of promoting material growth and distributive justice

A quick and efficient administrative mechanism capable of delivering services to the public, efficiently

An administration governed by rules and the principles of justice and fairness and

An atmosphere in which the Legislature, Executive and Judiciary play out their roles in harmony and in mutual resonance.

The Police Department has an important role in the establishment of such a model of government. They need to be get motivated and led with a passion, aimed at making it the best in the country.

Tamil Nadu has a number of bold and pioneering initiatives to be proud about in the field of police administration. The concept of All Women Police Stations was started in Tamil Nadu. The system of Mobile Police Patrolling on the Highways was another great initiative. Similar was the beginning made for establishing Police Canteens. Another record-breaking initiative was the setting up of the Tamil Nadu Special Police Youth Brigade and the Coastal Security Group. The importance given to filling up of vacancies and improving the infrastructure of the Police Department also need special mention. Particularly Tamil Nadu has been in the forefront in providing representation to women in the police forces. The Special Commando Force of Women has made the women of the State feel empowered and secure. I am sure that in the

coming years Tamil Nadu will continue to blaze the trail in formulating novel measures for enabling better policing and crime control.

Gone were the days when criminals were restricted to an area and a particular modus of operating. Now we see criminals travelling across boundaries of states and nations to commit crimes. We have been witness to the crimes in which sophisticated technology and novel methods are adopted. There are increased threats to our national security emanating from various elements. Continuous training and upgradation of professional skills of our police force is imperative in current times of rapid change. Police forces across the length and breadth of India need to collaborate continuously to foil the evil designs of criminals and anti-national elements.

Realising this need to modernise and upgrade Police forces, the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has launched an umbrella scheme of "Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF)" with a financial outlay of Rs.25,060 crore for the three year period from 2017-18 to 2019-20. New initiatives are being introduced to provide assistance to States for upgradation of police infrastructure, forensic science laboratories, institutions and the equipment to plug critical gaps in the criminal justice system. Police Stations will be integrated to set up a national data base of crime and criminals' records. It will be linked with other pillars of criminal justice system such as 'prisons, forensic science laboratories and prosecution offices.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has been supporting the police force with a lot of initiatives and welfare measures. Recruitment to augment the police force and construction of Buildings for police establishments are worth mentioning. Several welfare measures has been initiated by the Government of Tamil Nadu for the police personnel that have helped to keep the morale of the Tamil Nadu Police force high. I commend the Government of Tamilnadu for the sustained measures taken to keep the police force upgraded and motivated.

Tamil Nadu Police has carved a niche for itself in the maintenance of law and order, control of crime and handling of mass congregations. Tamil Nadu has to it's credit a brilliant record of service. This wouldn't have been possible without the tireless efforts of ever vigilant police personnel. My appreciation is due to every police man and police woman who works tirelessly to keep the state safe and secure.

The All India Police duty meet will help enhance the professional standards of police personnel and motivate them to excel and specialize in various fields of policing. It also facilitates sharing of knowledge, expertise and experience among police personnel across the states and central forces. It also serves as a platform to build rapport between police personnel from various parts of India and thus facilitates better cooperation and real time sharing of crucial information.

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I commend the initiative taken by the DGP, Tamil Nadu and the Organising Committee to host this meet in a spectacular manner. I call upon all the team participants to give their best to bring laurels to their respective units. I convey my warm felicitations to the Police personnel from across the nation and wish the 61st All India Police Duty Meet all success.

I wish the members of the Police forces assembled at the All India Police Duty meet the best of luck in the competitions. I am sure that they will cherish the memories of this Meet for the whole of their lives. This Meet is all about fostering a sense of camaraderie and team spirit

and not so much about winning medals. At the same time, it must also be remembered that the joy of success makes the sense of participation even sweeter. The police forces have always stood by the people and ensured their safety and security. The rich traditions of the Police forces should be kept up and a spirit of sacrifice always held high so that people and society go about their avocations without any fear or threat.

Let me close by the famous proverb "Fortune favours the brave and the bravery displayed by a police officer not only helps to secure his society and people but also enables him to win a permanent place in their minds and hearts.

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Jai Hind Jai Tamil Nadu