

**ADDRESS BY THIRU BANWARILAL PUROHIT, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF
TAMIL NADU AT THE NSS VOLUNTEERS MEET AT RAJ BHAVAN, CHENNAI
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State Coordinator, National Service Scheme,

Dear Student-Members of the NSS

I am extremely happy to be in the midst of volunteers of the National Service Scheme here at Raj Bhavan today.

The NSS an organization dedicated to community services was launched in the birth centenary of Mahatma Gandhi with 40,000 volunteers. Today the NSS has about 37 lakh volunteers enrolled in 391 Universities, 16,278 Colleges and 12,483 Senior Secondary Schools. The Tamil Nadu alone has a strength of 4.7 lakh students in 38 Universities with a coverage of

1334 colleges and 1953 Higher Secondary Schools.

India has a population of more than 120 crores and the 37 lakh volunteers of the NSS is still a small number in comparison. It is a matter of satisfaction that Tamil Nadu which accounts for less than 7% of the population of India has nearly 12% representation in the NSS. This is reflective of the commitment to public service found in the State and among its people.

The young members of the contingent of the NSS who participated in the Republic Day Parade at Delhi have brought glory to our State. Your selection for the Republic Day Parade is a

recognition of your talent and devotion to the organization.

You have all come forward to devote your time for the benefit of the community, the State and the Nation. I appreciate your sense of service and applaud the excellent work that the organization has been performing in the country.

You are all engaged in various community service activities, such as Sramdhan, Disaster Management, Blood Donation Camps, Planting of Tree Saplings, Health Immunization Programmes and camps designed to promote National Integration.

I can tell you from personal experience that there is no better substitute for honesty, hard work

and harmony for a Nation to be great. In this context I wish to mention to you the words of Mahatma Gandhi from the article published in Young India on 22nd October 1925. He cautioned against seven deadly sins that can destroy a Nation. They are:-

1. Wealth without work,
2. Pleasure without conscience,
3. Knowledge without character,
4. Commerce without morality,
5. Science without humanity,
6. Religion without sacrifice and
7. Politics without principle.

Let us identify the people who practice these sins in our midst and reform them without any further delay.

I am sure that your love for the Nation, which has brought you into the NSS will lead you to greater heights of success in your academic and professional careers.

My best wishes to all of you assembled here.
A bright future awaits you in the coming years.

Nandri Vanakkam.....

Jai Hind.....