

**ADDRESS BY THIRU BANWARILAL PUROHIT, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF
TAMIL NADU AT GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF DWARAKA DOSS
GOVERDHAN DOSS VAISHNAV COLLEGE AT DWARAKA AUDITORIUM,
CHENNAI ON 25.02.2019 AT 10.30 A.M**

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Ladies and Gentlemen

I am happy to be here this morning in your college to felicitate the Department of Commerce on its Golden Jubilee Celebrations. I am happy to note that the Dwaraka Doss Govardhan Doss Vaishnav College has indeed emerged as one of the premier institutions of higher learning in Chennai for imparting value based quality education. The College has therefore been granted autonomous status and today stands tall among the institutions of higher learning in the Chennai metropolis.

The faculty of commerce which was started in 1968 specializes in areas like Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Taxation and Corporate / Business Laws and International Business and

particularly places emphasis on hands on learning through projects, internships, seminars and workshops of field level experts drawn from both academia and industry.

The need for skilled human resources is growing day by day. The need of the hour is to make sure that students in adequate number are trained in the fields in which there is a requirement. The match between supply and demand has to be carefully monitored not merely in terms of mass quantity but also in ensuring qualitative availability in sectors of education and training for which there is a demand. And this demand in certain sectors has to be assessed at a

global level. This makes the task challenging and intellectually stimulating.

Education in colleges should lay stress on inculcating moral values and a national spirit in the students. The teachers here have extensive knowledge about their subjects and enormous experience in various facets of life. Their skill, learning and experience provide them with the necessary capability to mould the student in a manner that is helpful to him, his family and to the society. A society properly educated is always progressive, peaceful and prosperous. With this as our strength, we should be the torchbearers who lead other peoples of the world from darkness to light. The greatness of a civilization lies not in what

people enjoy but it lies in what people can provide for the betterment of mankind and continued civilization in a sustained manner.

“Thamasoma Jyothirgamaya” is the saying in our spiritual texts. I am only echoing those words of wisdom.

The achievements of the State of Tamil Nadu in the field of education have been exemplary. The dropout rate in schools is extremely low. Nearly 48% of the children who finish school education take up higher education. The large number of arts, commerce and science colleges and professional colleges available in the State speak for the enthusiasm among the youth to take up skilled jobs in the manufacturing and services

sectors. Acquisition of knowledge and learning has thus become a matter of habit for the people of Tamil Nadu.

Undoubtedly the strong foundations of the educational system in Tamil Nadu has been built up over decades with care and attention.

Institutions such as the Dwaraka Doss Govardhan Doss Vaishnav College have been a part of the growth process. They have contributed to it in a substantial manner.

“Education is not the amount of information that is put into your brain and runs riot there, undigested all your life. We must have life-building, man-making and character-making assimilation of ideas.

If you have assimilated five ideas and made them your life and character, you have more education than any man who has got by heart a whole library.”

It is important to remember these words of wisdom and understand and assimilate what is taught in the classroom.

At this juncture, I would like to specially stress the importance of character building in educational institutions. Albert Einstein once said, ‘Most people say that it is intellect which makes a great scientist. They are wrong. It is character.’

I have a special message for the teachers and students assembled here. To the youth let me say “Youth is the best time in a person’s life. The way

in which you utilize this period will decide the future of the coming years that lie ahead of you.”

To the teachers, I only wish to say

A teacher plays a crucial role in developing the abilities of students. The job of the teacher is to actually uncover knowledge by guidance. The teacher’s guidance must make the mind active so that the student understands the subject. A good teacher is one who loves his students, influences them through example and teaches them according to their needs, abilities and interest. You are all experienced people who are fully aware about what your role is. I am sure that the management will guide you on the right path to enable you to achieve your fullest potential.

The path to progress is illuminated by the lamp of education. Prosperity knocks at your door when people in society acquire the asset of education.

All those assembled here, teachers and students have benefited by this acquisition of knowledge. Let its benefits be shared with the community so that India becomes a stronger healthier and more prosperous nation.

I was in Rameswaram some months back where I visited the house of Dr. Abdul Kalam. I am sure that all of you know about Dr. Kalam, who though born in an ordinary family in Rameswaram went on to become the President of India. His life was one of achieving excellence through diligence. He excelled as a scientist, as a patriot and as a

leader among men. His love for children and students was unmatched. Every time he found an opportunity he would go and lecture the students in schools and colleges. Once when he was asked about the secret of his perennial enthusiasm and energy, he said every moment I keep thinking about what I can give to others. It is Bharat Ratnas like Dr. Kalam who through their work for the nation, stand as examples and role-models for all of us to follow. This college was fortunate in that it had Dr. Abdul Kalam's teacher Thiru. Totadri Iyengar as its founder principal.

I extend my best wishes and greetings to the management of the Dwaraka Doss Govardhan Doss Vaishnav College and applaud their selfless

contributions. May they be greeted with success
in all their endeavours.

Nandri Vanakkam....

Jai Hind.....