

**Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit flagged off the
AYUDH Solidarity March for the Martyrs of Pulwama at Besant Nagar Beach,
Chennai**

Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu flagged off the AYUDH Solidarity March for the Martyrs of Pulwama at Besant Nagar Beach, Chennai today (10.03.2019) and addressed the gathering.

Hon'ble Governor said, "We are all here to participate in the Solidarity March organised by the Chennai chapter of AYUDH. This March has been organised to show our support and solidarity with the Central Armed Police Forces and the Military units who are defending our borders against external oppressors. Knowing fully well that nobody can match the courage and strength of our brave security personnel, terror outfits are trying to disturb the peace by indulging in dastardly attacks.

We strongly condemn the recent such attack by a suicide bomber representing a terrorist outfit, at Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir which resulted in the martyrdom of several security personnel of whom two are from Tamil Nadu. Constable G. Subramanian and Jawan C. Siva Chandran who have laid down their lives for the nation are barely 30 years old. There are similarly placed CRPF personnel from other states who have all sacrificed their future on that fateful day of 14th February. Our hearts go out to them and we bow our heads as a mark of reverence and tribute to their memories. Our gallant security forces have given a fitting reply to the terrorist act of cowardice by destroying several terrorist camps and killing hundreds of them in retaliation.

It is heartening to see organizations like AYUDH coming forward to honour the brave martyrs by reflecting the mood of the nation through this act of solidarity.

AYUDH (Awaken Youth; Unite for Dharma) is an international youth movement of Mata Amritanandamayi Mutt whose efforts are aimed at inculcating a sense of pride among the youth of the nation about being Indians.

The Mata Amritanandamayi Mutt is engaged in philanthropic activities such as providing scholarships to more than 50,000 impoverished children throughout India enabling them to complete their schooling successfully. The Mutt is also running a top ranking University by the name Amirta Vishwa Vidyapeetham. There is also the Amrita

Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre run by the Mata Amritanandamayi Mutt. Providing pension for one lakh destitute widows, homes for homeless in many locations through-out India are some other social welfare activities of the Mata Amritanandamayi Mutt. Environmental protection is another key area that the Mata Amritanandamayi Mutt is devoting itself and it has played a useful contributory role in the Namami Gange and Swacch Bharat Abhiyan programmes.

Every year thousands of brave Indians join the armed forces and the central armed police forces in the service of the nation. We salute them and value their contributions. They keep vigil on the border so that we may go about our daily lives in a normal and peaceful manner.

I am sure that all of us assembled here fully understand and acknowledge the valiant services of our security personnel with thankfulness and gratitude. Let us all therefore carry forward this message with a spirit of togetherness and nation integration, to many more hundreds and thousands of people. May the glory of our armed personnel be ever remembered with honour and praise and may our nation rise together to vanquish the enemy with all our might and prowess”.

On this occasion, Thiru. K. Pandiarajan, Hon'ble Minister of Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture, Thiru.J.Jayavardhan, Member of Parliament, Brahmachari Vinyamrita Chaithanya, Secretary, Mata Amritanandamayi Math, Col. Krishnaswamy, VrC, VSM, Thiru. S.Elango, DIG CRPF, Chennai Range and other dignitaries participated.

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