

**ADDRESS BY THIRU BANWARILAL PUROHIT, HON'BLE GOVERNOR
OF TAMIL NADU AT THE ANNUAL GRADUATION DAY (POST GRADUATE
COURSES- MEN) OF JAMAL MOHAMED COLLEGE AT N.B. ABDUL GAFOOR
A/C AUDITORIUM, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI ON 12.12.2018 AT 10.00 A.M**

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Ladies & Gentlemen

I am happy to be here in Tiruchirappalli for the annual graduation day function of the Jamal Mohamed College. It is always a pleasure to be amongst young, creative minds who are idealistic and intelligent. It is you, my dear young men and women who will be the architects of the New India that is now fast emerging.

Seeking knowledge is a sacred duty – so say the Islamic texts. The first word revealed to Prophet Muhammad was “Iqra” which means “to Read”. The importance of education has been emphasized repeatedly in the Qur’an, which recognises knowledge as a means to get closer to God.

The same emphasis on knowledge and education was laid by Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa, the guru of Swami Vivekananda, who used to say “as long as I live so long do I learn.” Swami Vivekananda defined education to be the manifestation of the perfection already in Man. He elaborated on how all the wealth of the world cannot help one little Indian village if the people are not taught to help themselves. He therefore exhorted people to devote themselves to educational pursuits both morally and

intellectually. One can, in these statements, see the common thread of thought that permeates all religions.

Similarly, all religions preach the goodness of truth and moral living, love and compassion. Their rituals may be different but the goal is one. We should respect all religions, in the same manner, as we respect our own religion, since the underlying message of all religions is the same.

Islam means submission to the will of God and obedience to His Law. It underlines peace, purity, submission and obedience. It stresses on values such as compassion, benevolence, wisdom and justice.

The verses of the Quran lay emphasis on the importance of being kind and developing the quality of forgiveness. It is necessary for us to uphold these lofty values so that peace prevails in society, leading to greater growth and progress.

I am informed that Jamal Mohamed College started functioning in the year 1951. The college was founded by, the reputed freedom fighters Hajee M. Jamal Mohamed sahib and Janab N.M. Khajamian Rowther. Founder Haji. M.Jamal Mohamed after whom the College is named, was a strong supporter of Gandhiji in our Nation's Freedom Movement. As President of the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, he attended the Round Table Conference held at London in 1931. Janab. N. M. Khajamian Rowther the other Founder participated in the freedom movement by producing Khadi cloth and distributing it free of cost to the public of Tiruchirappalli.

We are living in challenging times. On one side India is faced with the task of providing the comprehensive benefits of education and health care to its entire population. At the same time the nation is reaching out to match the most developed countries in their achievements. Colleges are expected to provide the basic platform for creating the human resources that can enable this accomplishment of the entire range of achievements.

For this to happen, Colleges should lay stress on the inculcation of skills that will enable the students to find a useful role in the employment arena. Communication skills, vocational skills and creative skills are to be honed along with the learning of subjects normally provided in the college curriculum such as History, Physics, Mathematics, etc.

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.

This day is a special day for all the graduating students. I convey my warm greetings and best wishes to all of you and your family members on this happy occasion. You are all stepping into the wide world from the sheltered cocoon of the portals of your college. Having been equipped with academic qualifications and armed with the training that University education has given you, you are fully prepared to overcome the challenges that you may encounter. Step out with strength; lead from the front; conduct yourself with dignity, grace and discipline. The world is yours.

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 enable acquisition of knowledge by providing the right guidance. A good teacher is one who loves his students, influences them by setting standards that he himself follows and teaches them according to the needs, abilities and interest of the students. The teachers here are all experienced people who are fully aware about what their role is. I am sure that the management will guide them on the right path so as to achieve the fullest potential.

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 always seen as a versatile institution which encouraged sports academics and elocution, along with the practice of moral values and knowledge creation. I am sure that with the untiring efforts of the well wishers of the college and the dedicated and contributions of the faculty members and the office bearers, the status and esteem of the college will rise further to attain the highest levels of eminence.

I extend my best wishes and greetings to the management of the Jamal Mohamed College and applaud their selfless contributions. May they be greeted with success in all their endeavours.

Nandri Vanakkam....

Jai Hind....