

**ADDRESS BY THIRU BANWARILAL PUROHIT, HON'BLE GOVERNOR
OF TAMIL NADU AT THE VALEDICTORY SESSION OF IOA 110TH
ANNUAL CONVENTIONCONCLAVE“LEADERSHIP AT THE FRONTIER
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Officers of the All India Services

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Ladies and Gentlemen

It gives me great pleasure to be here today to take part in the Valedictory Session of the 110th Annual Convention Conclave on Leadership at the Frontier of Tomorrow. We are privileged to have the Hon'ble Vice-President in our midst as the Chief Guest on this occasion. As a person endowed with vast years in Parliament, politics and administration, his words of wisdom will immensely benefit all the officers of All India Services and the members of the Indian Officers Association assembled here.

India has unparalleled sources which are only waiting to be channelized. It has the largest extent of arable land in the world. It has the largest population of youth in the world. It has the largest scientific manpower in the

world. It has one of the largest diaspora spread all over the world occupying important positions. It has the largest milk production and is the largest exporter of rice in the world. This way one can go on elaborating the enormous resources available in India.

The key to growth lies in channelizing these resources effectively for the welfare of the people. For this, honesty, transparency and accountability in the delivery of public services are most essential. It is important that organisations such as the IOA and MMA focus on means and measures that can improve the levels of efficiency in the delivery of public services all over India.

Just as every adult man is the trustee of his family, every officer in the country is the trustee of the resources of the nation. He should resolve to ensure that the resources in the sector which comes under his supervision, control or management are utilised in the most optimal manner for the welfare of the public to deliver the resources as early as possible. For this purpose of ensuring optimum use, the use of technology is crucial. For ensuring the welfare of the public the right intention and right approach are essential end for achieving timely delivery, focus on time management is important.

At this juncture I wish to narrate an experience in my own life which relates to the concept of time management. I was heading

the unit of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan at Nagpur. The famous jurist, Dr.Palkhiwala was to visit the Bhavan's office at Nagpur in his capacity as an office bearer at the national level. He had already informed that he would reach our premises at 9.00 a.m. Owing to serious traffic congestion, I could not reach office at 9.00 a.m., but instead I reached at 9.10 a.m. By this time Dr.Palkhiwala had started his visit around the premises. I hastened to meet him at one of the buildings inside the compound. He greeted me warmly and then we continued to discuss various matter relating to the functioning of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan at Nagpur. I then bid him farewell for his journey to Mumbai. Within a week I received a book neatly packed and addressed to me. When I opened the cover to

see inside there was a book titled 'Time Management'. That lesson on punctuality which Dr.Palkhiwala taught me has become an unforgettable part of my life and comes to my mind again and again whenever I have to attend a function.

As officers who belong to the All India Services, it is important for you to uphold the qualities of honesty and uprightiness for ensuring national integration and achieve a national outlook when designing policies. The people of this country look up to you officers for the design of proper policies and programmes that will benefit them and bring them out of

poverty. A number of major initiatives have been taken by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji such as Make India, Stand Up India, Digital India, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat and Skill India Initiative to make this country great. It is in the hands of officers to ensure that these policies are implemented effectively and successfully in time. I am sure that Conclaves such as this would greatly help in bringing out ideas and information that will enable officers to attain the right understanding so as to effectively serve

the purpose of ensuring the progress of this great nation of ours.

While concluding, let me remind you of the famous words of Dr. Martin Luther King – The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at the times of challenge and controversy.

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Jai Hind

Jai Tamil Nadu
