

**ADDRESS BY THIRU. BANWARILAL PUROHIT, HON'BLE GOVERNOR
OF TAMIL NADU AT FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF KMCH
INSTITUTE OF HEALTH SCIENCES & RESEARCH, COIMBATORE
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Ladies and Gentlemen

It gives me pleasure to be here today for laying the foundation stone for the KMCH Institute of Health Sciences & Research.

Health care is conventionally regarded as an important determinant in promoting the physical and mental health and general wellbeing of people. It revolves around the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease, illness, injury and other physical and mental impairments in human beings.

The delivery of modern healthcare depends on groups of trained professionals and para professionals coming together to form inter-disciplinary teams. This includes professionals in medicine, psychology, nursing, physiotherapy working along with many others such as community health workers, so as to be able to provide the best preventive, curative and rehabilitative care services to the people.

The 71st National Sample Survey (NSS) of 2014 has revealed that out of the total hospitalisation cases in rural areas, 42% were in public hospitals and 58% in private facilities. The corresponding shares in urban areas were

32% in public and 68% in private. For some decades now, the trend has been to move towards private care facilities. With the expected growth of health insurance as provided for under the National Health Protection Scheme, private institutions providing quality healthcare at affordable rates will definitely be sought after. Again there are only about a million modern medicine (allopathic) doctors in the country. For a population of more than 120 crores the availability of doctors is thus not even 1 : 1000.

There is therefore a need to increase the number of trained doctors to ensure better healthcare and treatment. The foundation stone for the KMCH Institute of Health Sciences & Research is being laid today. The Institute will be attached to the Kovai Medical Center and Hospital, which is a 900-bedded super speciality hospital established in 1990. The Hospital has 32 operation theatres and practices super speciality procedures and is one of the most successful multi organ transplant centres in Tamil Nadu. Considering the medical infrastructure already available, I hope that the Institute of Health Sciences & Research will rise to a position of eminence and provide undergraduate and postgraduate medical courses of a kind most urgently required for treating the ailments affecting the common people of India.

I wish the Chairman and the Board of Directors of the Kovai Medical Center and Hospital all success in their endeavours.

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Jai Hind

Jai Tamil Nadu