

**Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu & Punjab and Administrator U.T.,  
Chandigarh, Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit's message to the Benign  
People of Tamilnadu**

Expression of sincere gratitude

As I bid farewell to Tamil Nadu as its Governor approximately for the last four years, and move to Punjab in the new assignment, my mind is filled with a sense of gratitude to the State of Tamil Nadu where I found unmitigated love and appreciation from the people in general, the bureaucracy, the academia, and most importantly the political community across a wide spectrum.

Basking in that experience, I express my most sincere gratitude towards all the people in all walks of life to have accepted me as an integral part of the larger society in Tamil Nadu.

Yes, there were many issues that tested everybody's patience and perseverance as well as sense of commitment and goodwill, but the end result was always positive for all sections. Yes, there were points at which different sections stood on the opposite sides of the divide. The State also saw major electoral battles for the Lok Sabha elections and then for the Legislative Assembly elections. Despite all that political acrimony, I found the State of Tamil Nadu and its people very warm and welcoming.

I express my most sincere thanks for all that.

As custodian of the Constitution in the State's context, I took certain positions as per the word of the statute. But I am very happy to place on record that the people of all walks of life -- from the streets of Tamil Nadu to

the haloed chambers of politics -- understood the correct position and lent their support to my decisions in whatever manner.

All this goes as a permanent reference in my memory-file, bathed in gratitude.

As Chancellor of the State's Government Universities, I took certain decisions in the larger interest of consolidating the system of higher learning, and received full cooperation from all quarters without exception. For that as well, I will remain indebted to all.

My stint as Governor of Tamil Nadu gave me an opportunity to get introduced in fuller measure to the rich cultural, religious and historical traditions of Tamil Nadu. That exposure and experience enriched my thought-process and strengthened my belief in India and my pride as an Indian.

There are no words to express this part of my sense of gratitude for all that.

As I depart, I am aware that I am leaving behind my large family at Raj Bhavan -- to all of whom I will remain grateful for the support and care.

Nandri Vanakkam...

Jai Hind....

Jai Tamil Nadu....

**BANWARILAL PUROHIT**  
**GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU**

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