

**ADDRESS BY THIRU BANWARILAL PUROHIT, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF
TAMIL NADU AT NAVY BAND PERFORMANCE ON THE OCCASION OF
FORTHCOMING NAVY DAY ORGANISED BY THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING
TAMIL NADU AND PUDUCHERRY NAVAL AREA AT INS ADYAR, CHENNAI
ON 21.11.2020 AT 5.00 P.M**

Anaivarukkum Maalai Vanakkam

Rear Admiral Puneet Chadha,
Flag Officer Commanding Tamil Nadu and
Puducherry Naval Area

Lt Gen Mr. P. Nagesh Rao,
General Officer Commanding

Nawab Mohammed Abdul Ali
Prince of Arcot

Mrs. Vandana Chadha

Begum Saheba Sayeeda Abdul Ali

Distinguished Invitees

Ladies & Gentlemen

It gives me great pleasure to be here today at the Naval Day Band performance being organised by the Flag Officer Commanding Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Naval Area.

“A Marching Band is not proud because it performs well; it performs well because it is proud” said George N Parks.

Ladies and gentleman as they say ‘Music and rhythm finds its way into the secret places of the soul’, the scintillating

performance by the Eastern Naval Command Band is a testimony to this fact. I request you all to join me in applauding the ENC Band for mesmerising us with their musical extravaganza.

Versatility is the hallmark of the Indian Naval Band whether arranged as a military marching band or as a symphonic wind ensemble. I congratulate Commander Satish Champion and his band members for making every effort to incorporate different forms and texture of music, thus producing a rich tapestry and embodying India's abiding characteristic of "Unity in Diversity".

On the occasion of the forthcoming Navy Day, on behalf of the State of Tamil Nadu, I express our heartfelt gratitude for all the missions the Indian Navy has undertaken in the past year, in defence of our vast seas and coastal areas and I wish the Indian Navy success in every future endeavour.

I am given to understand, that the Navy has re-oriented its deployment philosophy aimed at greater mission success and presence in the entire Indian Ocean Region and beyond. Accordingly, the Navy has maintained continuous presence off the Horn of Africa for anti-piracy operations since 2008. In addition, regular deployment of naval ships and aircraft is being undertaken in the North Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman, Persian Gulf, the Andaman Sea and the approaches to the strategically important straits of Malacca, Lombok and Sunda. Judicious

utilisation of the assets have also ensured a high degree of maritime domain awareness in our area of responsibility.

Hon'ble Prime Minister is having vision of Security and Growth for all in the Indian Ocean region. As part of the 'Mission SAGAR', Indian Naval Ship Kesari was deployed to Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Madagascar and Comoros, to provide food items, COVID related medicines and special Ayurvedic Medicines with medical assistance teams embarked.

All of you are aware that India, Australia, Japan and the United States began the second phase of the 'Malabar' naval exercise in the northern Arabian Sea. I am also told that on 19th November ninth P-8I anti submarine aircraft has joined our Goa Naval Air base. This is major boost for Indian Navy.

Ladies and gentlemen, due to the high levels of professionalism and commitment displayed by our men and women, the Navy is resolutely marching ahead on the path of progress and Victory in war if the need arises. In addition to safeguarding our national maritime interests and shaping a positive maritime environment in the Indian Ocean Region, naval personnel are also excelling in various other fields to keep the national flag flying high.

On this auspicious occasion, I wish the Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Naval Area, all the very best; and as all mariners of

the world say, I wish the Indian Navy “Fair Winds, Following Seas and many a fathom below the keel”.

Let me conclude with a quote from Plato, “Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything”.

Nandri Vanakkam....

Jai Hind.....

Jai Tamil Nadu.....