

**ADDRESS BY THIRU BANWARILAL PUROHIT, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF  
TAMIL NADU AT THE THIPPIRAJAPURAM VILLAGE DEVELOPMENTAL  
WELFARE PROJECTS LAUNCHING FUNCTION AT KRS KOUSALYA MAHAL,  
THIPPIRAJAPURAM ON 03.10.2018 AT 10.30 A.M**

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**Distinguished Invitees**

**Ladies & Gentlemen**

I am happy to be here at Thippirajapuram to take part in the function being organized by the Bama Subramanian Educational and Charitable Trust.

Thanjavur district, in which this village is located, has an important place in of South Indian history. It is the 'rice bowl' of Tamil Nadu. It is also the seat of art and culture. The Brahadeeshwara Temple, which was built by Raja Raja Chola is an important landmark of Thanjavur District. The Big Temple, as it is called, is not merely a sculptural treasure-house; it is a pinnacle of architectural achievement. No wonder it is called as the 'Dakshina Meru'. It shows the mastery achieved over building science by planners, architects and builders in Tamil Nadu, more than 1000 years back.

In a later era, Thanjavur was an unparalleled centre of music, with its creativity reaching a peak with Sri Thyagaraja. The nearby village of Tiruvaiyyaru was his karma bhoomi and he stood for all that is most sublime, sweet and exhilarating in classical music.

Kumbakonam, located 8 Kilometers from here is the main commercial centre of the district. Located on the banks of the Cauvery this town has earned for itself the title of 'Cambridge of South India' based on the large number of intellectuals who have been associated with. It is therefore and must appropriate that the villages located around Kumbakonam should aspire to achieve the glory of Kumbakonam.

In an effort to promote education in Thippirajapuram the Bama Subramanian Educational and Charitable Trust has come forward to donate towards the construction of an additional building for the Municipal Higher Secondary School.

The bronze statue of Dr. Chembakaraman Pillai is being unveiled today.

Champakaraman Pillai (Shenbagaraman Pillai) was born of Tamildescent at Cochin in Kerala. His father, Chinnaswami Pillai, who was a police official, and mother Nagammal went to Trivandrum from Kanniyakumari in Tamil Nadu and settled in Kerala. Pillai had his early education and spent his boyhood at Trivandrum. Even during his student days, he was attracted towards the Indian freedom movement.

Bal Gangadhar Tilak and his writings in his journal, "Kesari", had a great influence on him. When Tilak was arrested and sentenced to transportation, Pillai pledged lifelong dedication to the cause of India's liberation. He came to the firm conviction that the only and best way to drive the British out, was to join hands with their enemies, and with their help, organise an armed attack from outside. It was at this time that Pillai came into contact with an Englishman who was working as a spy for the Germans, and with the latter's help he left India when he was seventeen years old.

He then moved to Berlin in October 1914 and started the Indian Independence Committee. Soon the Committee's branches sprang up

in Amsterdam, Stockholm, Washington, and in many other parts of Europe and America.

He won the confidence of the Germans to such an extent that he was allowed to lead the operations of the German Navy in the Indian Ocean, and it was on this occasion that he demonstrated his capacity as a warrior, directing the German warship, SMS|Emden|1906|6, striking deep into the British naval installations and destroying British war-vessels. The British Government announced a reward to anyone who could capture Pillai and hand him over to them, but without success.

He founded the Indian National Volunteer Corps or International Cadet Corps ICC during World War I, and prescribed military uniform and discipline to the volunteers, who were under the direct control of army leaders engaged in the war. In July 1914, Pillai gave a message from Berlin to the Indian soldiers that it was time for them to rise in revolt and fight the British in order to liberate India. Later in 1919, when Pillai met Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at Vienna, he explained his plan of action to him.

It is therefore widely believed that Shri Shenbagaraman served as the precursor to Bose in the launch of an armed force to counter the British.

This day is also seeing the commencement of the SMART VILLAGE concept in Thippirajapuram. The soul of India lives in its villages. So said Mahatma Gandhi.

The bulk of the population still lives in the village and agriculture is the mainstay of the rural economy. Though India is self sufficient in food production we need to focus on increased availability of civic amenities in the rural areas. Tamil Nadu is one of the better endowed states with a wide spread network of schools, electrification having been completed in almost all villages and with an excellent road and rail network. An improvement of the existing conditions to bring it on par with urban areas is still desirable. Towards that end institutions such as Bama Subramanian Educational and Charitable Trust are contributing in their own way. This is to be also viewed as a mark of gratitude to the village which has given us all that we have today.

If one goes back one or two generations with one would find that the Indians residing in cities and abroad owe their origin to one village on the other. It was the village, its waters and the open countryside that has given them the physical constitution and mental capabilities to make it big in life. It is time for them to repay their debt by contributing in their own small way to the extent possible. If this were to be done by every such individual and family the Indian countryside will see prosperity of an order that it has not witnessed before. I am sure that this trend is catching on. As India grows in economic prosperity there is going to be increased contribution towards the rural sector, paving the way for inclusive growth.

I congratulate the Bama Subramanian Educational and Charitable Trust who have made a beginning in this direction. The village developmental projects that are being launched today will surely be a trend setter. I wish them well and wish that they should be greeted with success in all their endeavours. I extend my best wishes and greetings to the people of Thippirajapuram village. May God Almighty shower his blessings on them in plenty.

Nandri Vanakkam

Jai Hind