

**ADDRESS BY THIRU BANWARILAL PUROHIT, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF  
TAMIL NADU AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE MEGA MULTI-SPECIALTY  
MEDICAL CAMP ORGANISED BY INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY, VELLORE  
DISTRICT BRANCH AT ETHIRAJ MATRICULATION SCHOOL,  
SATHUVACHERI, VELLORE ON 03.10.2019 AT 11.30 A.M**

**Anaivarukkum Kaalai Vanakkam**

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Chairman,  
Indian Red Cross Society, Vellore

**Distinguished Invitees**

**Ladies & Gentlemen**

I am happy to be here at the inauguration of the Mega Multi-Specialty Medical camp and the Mass Blood donation camp being organised by Vellore District Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society. It is a double delight to be in vellore for this purpose.

The people of Vellore District are known for their valour and courage in volunteering for the defence of their land and the nation. The district was in the fore – front in the struggle for freedom. In fact the Sepoy Mutiny of 1806 A.D. that broke out inside the Vellore fort against the British Government is considered to be a prelude for the First war of Indian Independence. In the current times, the outstanding performance of the district

in contributing men for the Military is indeed praiseworthy.

You are aware that the activities of the Indian Red Cross Society are carried out under the banner of its seven Fundamental Principles, viz., Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality.

The Hon'ble President of India is the President of the Society at National Level. The Governor is the President at the State level and at the District level the District Collector is the President.

The Indian Red Cross Society has branches all over India and there are more than 700 District and sub-branches in the country.

The Tamil Nadu Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society has been undertaking various activities, for the benefit of the economically weaker sections of the population such as,

- Running a Day Care Hospital and Urban Family Welfare Units.
- Operating a “State of the Art” Blood Bank with all modern facilities
- Offering Training Courses in Nursing to the women from economically and socially backward families, free of cost
- Running an Artificial Limb Centre and Physiotherapy and Fitness Centre for Differently abled persons.

- Running 15 Crèches in various parts of Tamil Nadu to take care of children in the age group of 1 – 5

and

- Training of Volunteers to provide relief in times of natural calamities.

Care, concern and consideration for the diseased and the suffering is the fundamental plank on which these activities are executed.

I am happy to see that Indian Red Cross Society, Vellore District Branch is organizing Blood Donation Camps frequently and distributing Blood to Government Hospitals free of cost.

I am sure that the visitors to today's camp will avail the medical facilities made available here to

the fullest extent. My special words of praise are reserved for the donors of blood who have come forward to donate blood in a selfless manner. May God shower his blessings on them in abundant measure.

The mission before us is to make health care comprehensive, universal, affordable and qualitatively professional. For achieving this objective, the combined synergised efforts of all stake holders is absolutely necessary. Let us all therefore resolve to work together for the success of this noble effort.

I conclude by expressing my appreciation for the services of the doctors who have come forward to serve voluntarily at the medical camp. I

extend my best wishes and greetings to the District Collector and the Chairman and other office bearers of the Vellore branch of the Red Cross who have taken painstaking efforts to organise the function. May their activities grow manifold and may they be greeted with success in all their endeavours.

Nandri Vanakkam....

Jai Tamil Nadu....

Jai Hind.....