

ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR.K.ROSAIAH, GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU AT
THE 175TH YEAR GRADUATION DAY AND COLLEGE DAY AT THE
MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, CHENNAI ON 11.04.2012 AT 5.30 P.M.

It is a great pleasure to participate in the 175th Year Graduation Day and College Day Celebrations of the Madras Christian College, present the special prizes and address the young graduants, students and distinguished invitees here this evening.

Crossing a milestone of one hundred and seventy five years for any institution is a great and creditable achievement that too for an educational institution with a remarkable track record deserves commendation.

Education is the vehicle of progress. Our nation's higher education system is said to be the second largest in the world. "Economics of Knowledge" is the greatest strength of our nation. The educational institutions and universities should explore it properly. This will lead India into one of the world's biggest economics. The development of world economy reveals that 19th century belonged to Europe, the 20th Century was that of America and we should make the 21st century ours, that of India. This rests in the hands of educational institutions, the moulders of tomorrow's youth. It is only through good quality education and nurturing of creative thinking we can transform our nation's youth into human capital. The Universities and educational institutions should take it as their onerous responsibility to stimulate the youth, the students into an energetic and resourceful force of tomorrow. I congratulate the Madras Christian College for nurturing, moulding and facilitating many a student to reach greater heights in various fields.

A house is made of bricks; a home is made of hearts; an educational institution is built on Quality education and good teachers. This temple of learning has won a special place because of its sincere and dedicated efforts. It has built faith and imparted sound knowledge and is known for its remarkable and distinguished contribution in the field of education. Its initiatives to explore and introduce changes in providing value based education to integrate technology and human resource so as to develop employable skills and entrepreneurship qualities in its students are laudable.

A nation's future growth rests in its youth. The youth are the pillars of tomorrow. An educational institution is adjudged by its student's performance. Moulding the youth and producing them as useful citizens rests with the educational institutions.

It is a matter of great pride to participate in the Quartoseptcentennial celebrations of this historic institution. When we enter the portals of this great institution, we feel the vibrations, the memories of those great leaders and eminent personalities produced by this temple of learning. The charisma of the college is communicated through the illustrious

Alumni like Dr.S.Radhakrishnan, the statesman-philosopher and Former President of India, Mr.R.K.Shanmukham Chetty, Mr.John Mathai and Mr.T.T.Krishnamachari, the then Union Finance Ministers, Bhogaraju Pattabhi Sitaramayya and Mr.S.Satyamurthi, the freedom fighters, Sir AlladiKrishnaswami Iyer, the legal luminary, the scientists, educationists, corporate leaders and other eminent personalities.

The Alumni of this great institution have excelled in every sphere and have left their foot prints. They are leading and excelling in each and every field they represent. Opening avenues of higher education to men and women, reaching out to community and in particular to the socially economically weaker sections, encouraging emancipation of women, innovation in teaching and evaluation through the choice based credit system, fostering ties with industry, corporate and NGO's in providing a need based socially relevant curriculum and promoting staff and student exchanges through partnership with foreign universities and college of excellence have been the hallmarks of the Madras Christian College.

I am pleased to learn that the Madras Christian College has signed MoUs with more than 30 foreign institutions. I congratulate the Madras Christian College for achieving the distinction of being consistently rated as one among the top ten colleges in India in Science, humanities and commerce disciplines.

I convey my warm felicitations to ThiruR.W.AlexanderJesudasan, Principal and Secretary, The Management, Faculty, Staff and Students – past and present.

I recall the words of Dr.Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan at the 125th year celebrations on 10th march, 1962,

“It is natural for students to imagine that the time they spent in the college was not only the best period of their life, but the most glorious period of the college itself. That is how we thought in our times. I have no doubt that you think that the period which you spend here is the most glorious for the college and the most useful for you..... The golden age is not only in the past, it is ahead of us in the future”.

The nation awaits for you to shoulder the responsibility of taking it to greater heights. I wish the Quartoseptcentennial celebrations all success.

My greetings to all of you.

Jai Hind.
