

SPEECH OF HON'BLE LT. GOVERNOR AFTER SWEARING-IN

I wish to thank the Honorable President of India for reposing faith in me. I thank the Honorable Justice, Madras High Court for swearing me in as Lieutenant Governor

I thank all the elected representatives, public officials, members of civil society, the media, my family, and friends present today.

First, let me share with you my personal reason for this ceremony being held today, on a Sunday.

It is my Mother's Day. On this day in 1999, she left us in physical body but has never left us in spirit. Every year, on this day we celebrate her for what she embodied. She always said that work is worship.

And for me today, this new responsibility is a form of worship---to serve the most beautiful part of India. I am here to give it all I have.

We all visualize a #ProsperousPuducherry and we shall deliver this responsibility through three principle mantras, the first one being Trust.

This would mean working with integrity in all forms--financial, administrative and intention.

The second mantra is Empowerment. This means enabling and enhancing optimum utilisation of resources while addressing concerns. It also means promoting self reliance through training, mentoring and more.

The third and final Mantra is Accountability. Not just to the people but also to yourself. It means implementing and promoting respect for the law.

Together these Mantras form the acronym TEA.

We have already made a head start on this...by sharing this vision with all the officers in the Secretariat led by our Chief Secretary, Mr Manoj Parida.

We all have done our first SWOT Analysis today....

And each department of the government will deliver through it strengths, build on opportunities, work on its weaknesses and address the threats.

Friends, you will see more of us in the field, and fully accessible, implementing, connecting and serving, to make our country proud, and make Puducherry a favourite destination.

Once again I thank you all for coming.

Jai Hind.....