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Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor, Thiru R.N.Ravi chaired "Conclave of Excellence in Higher Education in Tamil Nadu", based on the NIRF (National Institute of Ranking Framework) ranking 2022 as a part of the ongoing "Freedom Fortnight Celebrations" on the eve of 75 Years of India's Independence held at Raj Bhavan, Chennai today (04.08.2022). The conclave was held to felicitate those higher education institutions Central, State and private universities located in Tamil Nadu which secured position in the top 10 in various categories of NIRF ranking. There are 11 such institutions located in Tamil Nadu.

The core purpose of the conclave was to have all those high achievers share their experiences both systems and practices which helped them secure the top ranks with all the other State and private Universities and institutions in the State so that others could benefit. This will help raise the qualitative standards of higher education institutions in the State.

In his inaugural address of the Conclave, Hon'ble Governor said it is a matter of joy and pride that our several institutions have secured top ranks in NIRF-2022. He congratulated the Vice-Chancellors, managements, professors, faculty members and their teams for the commendable achievement of falling within the Top-10 ranks in the country by the NIRF - 2022. He greeted them for their initiatives, dedication and with managerial skills and collective team efforts in their pursuit of excellence.

Hon'ble Governor stated that the achievers have shown distinguished leadership intellectually and administratively to get this proud position by competing with the best at the National level.

Hon'ble Governor said excellence is dynamic and desired that the Universities / Institutions should avail this conclave of high achievers as an opportunity to share valuable and insightful experiences among them and co-create knowledge through collaborating on studies, researches, innovative ideologies in this process of excel. They may extend their facilities, learning and promote cohesive collaborative environment among themselves.

Presentations on excellence were given by the top-10 NIRF 2022 ranking institutions such as IIT Madras which ranked No. 1 in the country, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham - Coimbatore, VIT-Vellore, NIT - Trichy, CMC Vellore, Presidency College, Chennai, Loyala College, Chennai , PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore, Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences, Chennai, SRM Dental College, Chennai and JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty. Valuable inputs were provided by the representatives.

Prof.V.Kamakoti, Director IIT Madras shared the secrets of success of this premier institution which has been ranked No. 1 in the country and gave practical tips and suggestions to all those present to improve their performance and ranking. Presentations were followed by constructive interactions.

On this occasion Vice-Chancellors of Anna University, Annamalai University, Mother Teresa Womens' University, Bharathidasan University and Periyar University who had attended the Vice-Chancellors Conference of 'Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam' at Varanasi from 7th July to 9th July 2022, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India shared their experience and observations with the participants.

On this conclave, Dr.K.Ponmudy, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Thiru.Ma.Subramanian, Hon'ble Minister for Medical and Education. Kumar, IAS., Principal Family Welfare. Dr.P.Senthil Secretary to Health Family Welfare Government, and Department, Thiru.D.Karthikeyan, IAS., Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Department, Prof.V.Kamkoti, Director, IIT Education Madras. Principal Secretary to Governor, Vice-Thiru. Anandrao V. Patil, Chancellors, Professors and faculty members, distinguished invitees, dignitaries, officials and staff of Raj Bhavan also participated.

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