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**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU, THIRU.R.N.RAVI ADDRESSED
THE 58TH FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION OF COUNCIL OF
SCIENTIFIC & INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (CSIR) – STRUCTURAL
ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTRE (SERC), AT
TARAMANI , CHENNAI, TODAY (10.06.2022)**

Thiru.R.N.Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, addressed the 58th Foundation Day Celebration of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) – Structural Engineering Research Centre (SERC), at Taramani, Chennai, today (10.06.2022).

Hon'ble Governor appreciated the Structural Engineering Research Centre for assisting the Government and playing a greater role to provide sustainable infrastructural resources to the Nation. Since infrastructure are capital intensive, it is crucial that these are durable and sustainable. He urged the Director, faculty and scientists of the institution to keep Nation at the core of their researches and projects.

There has been a fundamental shift the way we look at Nation and problems of the Nation. Earlier, Nation was seen as a geographical entity, the diversity was considered as differences and the Nation's problems were dealt in piecemeal that amplified the problem making them chronic and created more fragmented society, regional development imbalances. It created more problems than it solved.

Hon'ble Governor described how the Nation is going through the unfathomable phase of change and marching ahead with resolve and confidence. India's ancient philosophy of world as one family is steadily driving the all inclusive development, "Ellorudanum, Ellorukkagavum - Valarchi", Sabka Saath – Sabka Vikas. We believe in, "Ore Bharatham, Unnatha Bharatham", *i.e.* One India, Great India.

Hon'ble Governor said a Nation is built by the people, role of Governments are to create conducive environment to unleash the creative potential of the people. He gave people particularly youths and women, credit of this transformation, quoting them as the driving force for this development.

While highlighting many people centric comprehensive policies and programmes of the Central Government, he mentioned the significant reduction in gender disparity at National level in the last eight years through initiatives such as Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, rising women's participation across the sectors, encouraging Nari Shakti (women empowerment), now females are flying bomber aircrafts, free LPG facilities to every house reducing health hazards of women. It was an incredible achievement that in less than 5-6 years India from 60 % open defecation became open defecation free country.

Hon'ble Governor urged the scientists, faculties and students to recalibrate the institution's vision and mission in tune with Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal to make India a world leader by 2047. He urged them to think beyond Government centric projects and also address problems of people living in disaster prone areas. Periodic disasters break the economic bone of the people as they lose their houses. He explained it by mentioning the poor

people who lives in seismic zones are prone to earthquake, with innovative ideas and technologies, the structural scientific fraternity should provide a feasible solution of constructing durable and sustainable houses to withstand earthquake, land slide, and other natural disasters such as cloud burst like in the regions of North East, Himalayan region and coastal regions. It will be a great service to the Nation.

He also urged the Institution to have determined foresight and create productive future plans for the next 25 years of “Amrit Kaal” to enable our Nation to reach its destiny of becoming world leader by 2047 when India will be celebrating its 100th year of Independence.

In the function, Prof.C.V.R.Murthy, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT, Madras, Dr.N.Anandavalli, Director, CSIR-SERC, Chennai, Dr.K.SathishKumar, Dr.G.S.Palani, Chief Scientists, CSIR-SERC, faculties, distinguished invitees and officials were in presence.

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