

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU, THIRU R.N.RAVI
INAUGURATED TWO-DAY PROGRAMME OF "EK BHARAT
SHRESHTHA BHARAT - CONNECTING INDIA SERIES" AT
RAJ BHAVAN, CHENNAI, TODAY (10.10.2022)**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru R.N.Ravi inaugurated the "Connecting India Series – Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" a two-day programme at Raj Bhavan, Chennai, today (10.10.2022). Students, researchers and faculties from various State Universities attended the session.

Hon'ble Governor in his Inaugural Address highlighted the socio-cultural and civilizational identity of Bharat. He illustrated how Bharat was governed by Dharma even the kings and rulers had to abide by it, unlike the west where the king was sovereign. People of this enlightened land were moving and settling in different parts of Bharat, in pursuit of wisdom, irrespective of Kings and kingdom. He mentioned Pallava King whose name was later rechristened Bodhi Dharmar went to Nalanda University to study and later went to China where he spread Buddhism and established Shaolin monastery. Shrimanta Sankar Dev, a saint-scholar and versatility social-religious reformer of Assam who came to Rameshwaram, inspired by the Bhakti Movement spread it in the North.

Hon'ble Governor also highlighted the immense contributions and sacrifices of great personalities such as Mahakavi Bharathiyar in the Indian Freedom Struggle. He mentioned how the Partition of Bengal in 1905 prompted V.O.Chidambaram Pillai to enter the political arena and Karma Veerar Kamraj at young age joined the freedom movement because of the 'Jallianwala Bagh massacre'.

Governor Ravi highlighted the cultural spiritual continuum is the core of Bharat. Earlier colonial powers made attempts to erase our identity with false narratives and after independence by default our understanding of Bharat was limited to the constitutional prospective, denying the thousands of years of civilizational evolution. In this backdrop he highlighted the significance of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat - Connecting India Series". Our nation is going through a phase of comprehensive resurgence to attain its destiny of becoming Vishwa Guru by 2047. The youth have greater responsibilities. To make our present and future generations aware of our glorious past, and build their self-confidence in the making of new India.

Hon'ble Governor wished the students, researchers and faculty members to actively participate, interact and make the best use of the sessions and co-create and imbibe knowledge by exchanging ideas, knowledge and experiences.

In the special sessions, Dr. D.K.Hari, Dr. Hema Hari, the Founders of Bharat Gyan, Dr.Sudha Sheshshayan, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Thiru.Anandrao V Patil, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Governor and officials participated.

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