

“ONE BHARAT SHRESHTHA BHARAT - CONNECTING INDIA SERIES” A TWO-DAY SEMINAR ORGANIZED BY RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU,

For the first time in the history of Raj Bhavan, Tamil Nadu, a two-day seminar on “Ore Bharatham, Unnatha Bharatham - Connecting India Series” was conducted on 10th and 11th October 2022, under the patronage of founders of Bharath Gyan, Dr. D.K.Hari and, Dr. Hema Hari. The interactive sessions were attended by students from nine State Universities of Tamil Nadu including Alagappa University, Annamalai University, Periyar University, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Mother Theresa Womens’ University, Madurai Kamaraj University, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Bharathidasan University and Tiruvalluvar University. The first day of the seminar consisted of three sessions on themes - Introduction to Bharatham (Features of Bharat right from its name), Unnatha Bharatham (A Prosperous Bharat due to Industry) and Ore Bharatham (A Prosperous Bharat due to Trade and Navigation).

On the second day, the themes were Ore Bharatham (Common History of the Civilization across regions - from Itihasa, to Sciences, to Spirituality, to Religions, to Languages, to Industry, to Invasions, to Freedom Struggle and to Dharma), Ore Bharatham (Common Festivals

across the land) and Inaikkum Bharatham (Integration of diversity through various regional Desachar by the oneness of Bharatiya Kalachar).

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.R.N.Ravi inaugurated the two-day seminar on 10th October 2022. In his inspiring inaugural address he elaborated the historical accounts of oneness of spiritual-cultural and civilizational evolution of Bharat. He mentioned Pallava King Bodhidharma who went to Nalanda University to study and later went to China where he spread Buddhism and established Shaolin monastery. Shrimanta Sankardev, 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, who fought for the nation beyond regional perspective during the Indian Freedom Struggle. He mentioned how the Partition of Bengal in 1905 prompted V.O.Chidambaram Pillai to enter the political arena and how 'Jallianwala Bagh massacre' transformed young Kamraj to joined the freedom movement. The day one of the seminar ended with mesmerising performances by students, depicting the long and diverse cultural history of Bharat. He wished students an insightful and enlightening learning through these interactive sessions and a comfortable stay.

Hon'ble Governor on the second and last day, in Valedictory Address motivated the students to achieve more by uniting together to lead India to take leadership of the World by 2047.

Ore Bharatham Unnatha Bharatham – Innaikkum Bharatham Thodar has been conceptualised as a series by Dr. D.K.Hari and Dr. Hema Hari, the Founders of Bharat Gyan, the distinguished experts who have traversed all over the world and carried out intensive researches on various aspects of Bharat. These series are to awaken the youth of this land about the ideas and practices that have united the people of this land to be a civilisation that has lived continuously for so many millennia. The programme was conducted to bring the youth to look at the commonality ideas that lie at the base of the diverse cultural practices of this civilisation. The message derived from the interactive programme is to see the larger picture of the civilisation called Bharat *i.e* India and the ethos that has been governing the people of this civilisation.

During the interactive sessions with the mentors of Bharat Gyan, the students, researchers and teachers had healthy interesting and insightful interaction. Cultural programmes performed by students of various universities enthralled the gathering. The students witnessed the flag lowering Retreat Ceremony at Raj Bhavan.

Ahead of the two day sessions, students across Tamil Nadu and outside the State visited Marina Beach, Anna Square, MGR Square ,

University of Madras campus, Nehru Stadium, Napier Bridge, Government Museum, Egmore and Birla Planetarium, Chennai. The students thanked the Hon'ble Governor for offering the value based opportunity of interactions and sessions that motivated and guided to achieve more in their personal and professional career.

On the concluding day of the two day seminar, Hon'ble Governor interacted with students and shared valuable instances from history. Hon'ble Governor in his Valedictory Address urged the students to rediscover, understand, appreciate Bharat and move forward with self-confidence and negate the colonial mindset which is one of the Panch Pran of Amrit Kaal given by Hon'ble Prime Minister. He urged students not allow failures to defeat them and their dreams. He underscored that the growth of the Nation rests in the growth of the people which will take India to the global summit of leadership by 2047. He wished success to students in their endeavours and to lead the Nation for a comprehensive resurgence.

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