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**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMILNADU THIRU.R.N.RAVI PRESIDED
OVER 141ST BIRTH DAY CELEBRATIONS OF MAHAKAVI SUBRAMANIA
BHARATHIAR WHICH WAS OBSERVED AS BHARATHIYA BHASHA
DIWAS (INDIAN LANGUAGES DAY) AT RAJ BHAVAN CHENNAI,
TODAY (11.12.2022)**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. R.N.Ravi presided over the 141st Birthday celebrations of Mahakavi Subramania Bharathiar which was observed as BharatiyaBhashaDiwas (Indian Languages Day), at Raj Bhavan, today (11.12.2022).

Hon'ble Governor in his presidential address, recalled the great Nationalist poet and social reformer Subramania Bharathiar and his immense contributions in the Nation building. He not only dreamt for India's freedom but also for a strong capable and self-reliant India. He said that the richness of a language is a reflection of higher evolution of that civilizational. A language emerges and evolves as needed by the people for expression. He underscored oneness of Indian language and how it played vital role in integrating people with diversity.

Hon'ble Governor appreciated that Indian literature including poetries, scripts, epics are the hearts and minds of people and more powerful than any other in the world as well. Indian languages promote and disseminate spiritual and intellectual wealth than any other languages. The ancient languages of Tamil and Sanskrit, rich in heritage, have shared greatly each other and enriched all other Indian languages. It is a beauty of Indian languages that each languages are connected with each other.

The Governor hailed contributions of the Poets strengthened the unity of Bharat with their great work. He cited Bharatiyar's lines, '**seppu mozhi pathinettu udaiyal chinthanai ondru udaiyal**' where he said, Mother India speaks 18 languages but she has one thinking. Though the languages are different but very core reflects the soul of Bharat.

He elaborated how the colonizers made attempts to divide this great Nation and how the language was misused by the divisive politics to weaken the unity of the Nation. He emphasised on the need people's participation particularly the youth to fulfil dreams of the great leaders to make India self-reliant and capable. He emphasised that youth should learn new languages. The celebrations of Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas across the country is providing a

great opportunity to youth and encouraging them to learn each other languages and to take pride on our Indian languages.

The Governor highlighted, the celebrations Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas is befitting moment in commemorating and honouring the birthday of Mahakavi Subramania Bharathiar with the initiative of Hon'ble Prime Minister. He reminded that Nation is marching on the path of Amrit Kaal of the next 25 years with clear mission and self-confidence to reach its destination of Vishwa Guru. By the incredible achievements with immense involvement and contributions of people and youth who are the drivers of progressive Nation, India has been emerging with lot of expectations and trust imposed upon to provide sustainable solutions to various global challenges. India's recent taking over of G20 Presidency and willingness to take leadership and its selfless services for ensuring peace, harmony and progressive world as India's traditions have always emphasised on one family, one world and one future.

The Governor urged the students and youth to commit themselves to grow self to ensure growth of society thereby growth of Nation. They should keep in mind always thoughts about Nation's development and not to be intimidated by setbacks, in doing their best possible in Nation's resurgence.

On this occasion, students from colleges and universities shared their thoughts on Bharathi's contribution to freedom and modern India as well as experience of visit to Kashi Tamil Sangamam with the audience.

Hon'ble Governor earlier paid floral tributes to the portrait of Subramania Bharthiar and honoured the poet and great Carnatic vocalist Thiru.Rajkumar Bharathi, grandson of Mahakavi Subramania Bharathi and the descendants of Mahakavi Bharathiar. He also felicitated the student speakers who delivered talks. Songs of Bharathiar were sung by the students and cultural programmes were conducted by the artists.

In this function, Thiru.Anandrao V Patil, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Governor, Vice-Chancellors of Universities,distinguished invitees, dignitaries, faculty members, teachers and students participated.

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