

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU PRESIDED OVER THE
CELEBRATIONS OF JANJATIYA GAURAV DIVAS
(TRIBAL PRIDE DAY) AT RAJ BHAVAN, CHENNAI,
TODAY (16.11.2022)**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.R.N.Ravi presided over the celebrations of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas (Tribal Pride Day) in commemoration of birth anniversary of tribal leader Bhagwan Birsa Munda, at Raj Bhavan, Chennai today (16.11.2022). He paid floral tributes to the portrait of Freedom Fighter and National Hero, Bhagwan Birsa Munda remembering his immense sacrifices for the Nation.

Hon'ble Governor praised visionary leader Bhagwan Mirsa Munda who fought against labour slavery and harassment by the British who ruined their economy. He was brave in action and a great leader who inspired the tribes towards India's freedom struggle. He recollected the contributions of some of the legendary freedom fighters from the tribal community such as Rani Gaidinliu, Naga spiritual leader and Tilka Manjhi from Bihar who fought for freedom and participated in Nation building.

Hon'ble Governor emphasized on creating awareness and consciousness among the young generation to remain grateful to these heroes for their sacrifices. He mentioned that these heroes who fought for the freedom were forgotten in the past, are remembered now and the country is paying gratitude for their sacrifices. While Hon'ble Governor expressing gratitude to the Janjatis of India and those in Tamil Nadu, he said that our tribal brothers

and sisters are part of one family and not isolated one as marked and differentiated by the British who projected as racial differences for their vested interest.

Hon'ble Governor in his extensive and fruitful interaction with the school and college students and teachers, shared his thoughts and views in reply to numerous questions raised by the students. He underscored that under the dynamic and foresighted leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, the way of looking at our own people has changed well and the issues are dealt comprehensively and not in segments for resolution. He urged the people to promote unity and contribute their best for all inclusive development of the Janjatis to enable them to take part in the historic resurgence of New Bharat.

Hon'ble Governor highlighted that Bharat's unique tradition that our people are interconnected with one another as one family despite diversity in culture, region, language, cuisine etc. He further brought out that the significance of the historical event of Kashi Tamil Sangamam which is commencing for period of one month at Varanasi, a platform to remember and share the connectivity of culture of Tamil Nadu and Kashi to restore the past and untold glories.

He appreciated the NGOs for their big efforts and contributions in bringing the tribal people to the frontline as achievers with the help of Government's assistance and their welfare schemes. He wished more such NGOs should come forward and take these social responsibility in building New India.

Hon'ble Governor advised the students and youth to manage their precious time for optimal utilization in achieving their goals. He urged them to prepare mentally and physically and remain focused on their targets.

They should always dream big, work hard and update their knowledge and skills for success. They should prepare themselves to meet the challenges in the crucial period of Amrit Kal of the next 25 years. The students and youth who are the 'Future India' should take the responsibility of accomplishing the sacred mission of India becoming Vishwa Guru by 2047 when the Nation will be celebrating 100 years of Independence.

In the function, four students from tribal community who have cleared NEET and joined MBBS recently, namely Ms.S.Swetha, Coimbatore Medical College, Ms. B.Srimathi, Tirunelveli Medical College, Ms. P.Swathy, Tiruvallur Medical College and Thiru.V.Ajaykumar, Melmaruvathur Adiparasakthi Medical College were felicitated. He presented books to the Schools for their libraries and asked students to read it to improve their knowledge.

In this occasion, the Thiru.Anandrao V Patil, I.A.S, Principal Secretary to Governor, Thiru.S.Annadurai, CLS, Director, Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Vice-Chancellors, the students of Eklavya Model Residential Schools across the State, students from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Chennai, college students, teachers, representatives of four NGOs namely Srinivasan Service Trust, Chennai, Nilgris Adivasi Welfare Association, Ooty, Community Seva Centre, Kallakurichi and IJM International Justice Mission, Chennai, distinguished invitees, dignitaries, officials and staff of Raj Bhavan participated.

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