

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru R.N. Ravi Reviewed the activities of Annamalai University

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru R.N. Ravi reviewed the activities of Annamalai University today at Syndicate Hall. The Vice-Chancellor, Annamalai University has given a presentation about the University to The Hon'ble Chancellor, The Governor of Tamil Nadu.

In this presentation he covered the important aspects of the University including, the genesis, transformations, facilities available for teaching, learning, evaluation, research, sports, students support, etc. He opined that the university is reaching the unreached learners by providing multidisciplinary education at affordable cost. The important features of the university explained by the Vice-Chancellor include,

- Annamalai University was established as 2nd University in Tamil Nadu and 15th University in Tamil Nadu by its philanthropic founders
- The Engineering and Agricultural colleges established are 2nd colleges in Tamil Nadu
- The prestigious alumni of the university occupying pivotal role in Indian Politics, Administration, Scholars, Vice-Chancellors, etc.
- The International recognitions bagged by the teaches of University include Commonwealth fellow, NAGA awardee, British Crop Protection Council Awardee, Ford fellow, Endeavour Fellow, DAAD fellow, etc.
- The University has student diversity with students from 28 states of the country and 30 countries in globe.
- This is the first university in India which offered FAO's Farmer Field School concept-based Season long Training Programme on IPM in 1994 and FAO Training for Country Representatives of Asia on Weed Risk Assessment in 2007.
- The University has offered scholarships for more than 55,000 students to the tune of Rs. 150 Cr. During past five years.
- The University has bagged 58 Special Statutes including
 - CAS in Marine biology and CAS in Linguistics
 - MYAS - Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
 - PURSE - Promotion of University Research and Scientific Excellence
 - SAP – Special Assistance Programme
 - FIST- Fund for Improvement of S&T Infrastructure
 - FAST - Frontier Area in Science and Technology
 - CPEPA - Centre with Potential for Excellence in Particular area
- The Ambedkar Chair and Thirukural Chair are functioning in the university. Hon'ble Governor has insisted to include more research activities of these Research Chairs.

- Hon'ble Governor appreciated that 9 Faculty members are included in the Stanford University survey on world's top 2% scientists.
- The Centre for Material joining, Centre for Environment health and safety, Annamalai innovation and Incubation Research Foundation, and Centre for Natural Farming and Sustainable Agriculture are catering to the developmental research and application research.
- The University is implementing RUSA 2.0 project
- Based on Publication metrics the university is ranked 2nd in the state and as per average Citation per paper the university stands first in the state.
- The innovative Rice+Fish+Poultry farming system and the rice variety "Sigappi" developed by the university has reached other parts of the country across language barriers and also implemented in other nations like Nepal.
- The Yoga Centre has served by training more than 50,000 participants with All forms of YOGA taught - Hatha Yoga, Raja Yoga, Meditation, Yogiraj Shri Vethathri Maharishi Meditation, St. Poet Ramalinga Swami Meditation, Sri Aurobindo and Mother Meditation, etc.
- The University has 63 MoUs for International Research and Academic collaborations which include Bill & Milinda Gates Foundation, US AID, IRRI Philippines, NUS-Singapore, etc.

After this meeting, the Hon'ble Governor has witnessed the cultural programme on National Integration organised by the Annamalai University Cultural Club. In which, students from all the state have performed their regional form of art and culture along with students from other countries.

In this presentation on Annamalai University, Thiru Anandrao V. Patil, IAS, Principal Secretary to Governor was present.

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