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HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU THIRU. R.N.RAVI RELEASED COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP ON 251st ANNIVERSARY OF FREEDOM FIGHTER ONDIVEERAN @TIRUNELVELI TODAY, (20.08.2022)

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru. R.N. Ravi, paid floral tributes to the portrait of freedom fighter and the great warrior Ondiveeran on his 251st Anniversary, in a function held at Tirunelveli, today (20.08.2022). He released the commemorative postage stamp of the freedom fighter and Dr. Tmt.Tamilisai Soundararajan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana & Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, the 'Guest of Honour' received the stamp.

Earlier, Hon'ble Governor visited the Memorial Hall of the freedom fighter Ondiveeran at Tirunelveli and paid floral tributes to his statue commemorating his sacrifices for the Nation.

Hon'ble Governor in his presidential address hailed the great son of the soil, Maaveeran Ondiveeran for his bravery and outstanding leadership exhibited for the freedom against the British. towards freedom movement. He praised the great land of Tirunelveli district which produced many freedom fighters such as Ondiveeran, Veerapandiya Kattabomman, Mahakavi Bharathiar, Velu Natchinar, V.O.Chidambaranar Pillai, Pulithevan, Vanchinathan, and many others who fought for India's independence. British attempted to erase these glorious personalities but they still live in the hearts and minds of the people.

India proudly remembering and paying tributes to the unsung and unforgettable heroes who suffered and gave up their precious lives for India's freedom movement under the charismatic leadership of our Prime Minister. There is a need to document their tales and sacrifices for the present and future generations to remain grateful to them.

India had been then length and breadth developed and evolved in all fields was systematically destroyed by the British. India though diverse in culture, language, religion, cuisine, attire and so on but was always united as family. British also attempted to marginalize the people of the country for their benefit of suppressing the people and falsified the glorious past. The untouchability created and highlighted by them still we found somewhere in the country must go once for all.

Though Tamil Nadu performs good in education and its Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) is almost double of National average. Yet it comes down to half of National average in case of some of the communities. With participation of people and youth the existing regional and sub-regional imbalances should be eliminated.

India is in need to raise for all and restore its lost glory and pride to become 'Vishwa Guru' to lead the world not only for India but for the humanity with our ideology of Vasuthaiva Kutumbakam, one Family, one Kudumbam.

Hon'ble Governor highlighted that Nation has entered into the crucial period of Amrit Kal of next 25 years. We should commit ourselves to contribute individually and collectively towards Nation's development. India has made up its mind and set up its own goal to ensure all inclusive development with initiative of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Prayas (Ellorudanum, Ellorukkagavum, Ellorallum) to become world leader by the year 2047 when the Nation will be celebrating 100th India's Independence.

In this function Dr.L.Murugan, Minister of State for Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, Thiru. M.Mathiventhan, Minister of Tourism, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. S.Gnanathiraviam, Member of Parliament (Tirunelveli), Thiru. Anthiyur Selvaraj, Member Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Thiru. R.Chandrasekar, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Thiru. Nainar Nagendhran, Member of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (Tirunelveli) and Former Minister, Thiru.M.Abdul Wahab, Member of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (Palayankottai), Thiru.S.Rajendra Kumar, IPoS., Chief Post Master General. Tamil Nadu Circle. descendants of Ondiveeran, distinguished invitees, dignitaries and officials participated.

Raj Bhavan, Chennai – 22.

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