

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMILNADU UNVEILED THE STATUE OF
BHARAT RATNA LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI, THE 2ND PRIME MINISTER
OF INDIA AT SHASTRI BHAVAN, CHENNAI ORGANISED BY MINISTRY
OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS AND CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT, TODAY (23.11.2022)**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.R.N.Ravi unveiled the statue of Bharat Ratna Lal Bahadur Shastri, the 2nd Prime Minister of India at Shastri Bhavan, Chennai organised by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and Central Public Works Department, today (23.11.2022).

Hon'ble Governor in his inaugural address, hailed the Bharat Ratna Lal Bahadur Shastri for his immense contributions and great services to the people and the Nation. His honesty, dedication, unblemished service and excellent architectural works he rendered for the Nation's integrity is commendable. He specifically mentioned that Shastri Ji brought paradigm change in Nation's outlook. His great and selfless sacrifices for the country are yet to get appropriate appreciation and acknowledgement. Lal Bahadur Shastri known for his simplicity laid down the foundation for great India, Ore Bharatham, Unnadha Bharatham with his foresighted and visionary ideas of prioritizing the defence needs of the country. He gave the due respect to Armed Forces.

Hon'ble Governor elaborated how India after independence was idealistic and not realistic Nation. Shastri Ji addressed the defence requirements for ensuring territorial integration by safeguarding the Nation.

Hon'ble Governor recollected Shastri Ji's bold and decisive action during the war of 1965, after the country was made to suffer enormous humiliation in the war 1962. Shastri Ji's visionary approach in defending the Nation brought first war victory in 1965 after 17 years from independence inspired the people and restored the dignity of India. With soft but tough leadership of Shastri Ji, the victory in the war 1965 restored our self-respect and prestige. Restoring National pride is the biggest achievement which is not much appreciated yet. Hon'ble Governor told that no Nation can survive without National Pride. Shastri Ji was the first Prime Minister who gave National Pride to India.

Hon'ble Governor underscored the extra-ordinary ideologies of the dedicated leader in waking up the strength of Nation and the people is commendable. With distinguished initiatives and inspirational efforts, Lal Bahadur Shastri paved a strong platform for great India to become self reliant in food and security. His famous slogan for India, Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan and Jai Hind is still inspiring and motivating the people to work for Nation building.

Hon'ble Governor applauded the great contributions of our freedom fighters, National leaders and Scientists by which India which was suffering from huge food scarcity after independence has now been made up as food surplus country and also the country is feeding other starving Nations.

Hon'ble Governor highlighted the contributions of unsung heroes and freedom fighters in Tamil Nadu for Nation's freedom. He stressed that it is the responsibility of Nation and the people to be grateful to these Heroes for their great services and sacrifices.

Hon'ble Governor while recalling the services of freedom fighter V.O.Chidambaranar, highlighted that the Toothukudi Port in Tamil Nadu which is one of the major ports in the country was brought to reality by Lal Bahadur Shastri.

Hon'ble Governor reiterated that with remarkable contributions of Shastri Ji, today our Nation is marching ahead with renewed confidence in the crucial period of Amrit Kal in becoming self reliant Nation and to reach destiny of becoming world leader by the year 2047 when India will be celebrating 100th year of independence. Hon'ble Governor honoured the sculptures in the function.

In this function, Thiru. Anil Kumar Shastri, Chairman, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Memorial Trust, New Delhi, Thiru.Sunil Kumar Shastri, Thiru. Rajesh Kumar Kaushal, Special Director General, Chennai Region, Central Public Works Department (CPWD) Chennai, Thiru. Rajesh Khare, Chief Engineer, CPWD Chennai, family members of Lal Bahadur Shastri Ji, distinguished invitees, Central and State Government Officials were in presence.

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