

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU THIRU. R.N.RAVI  
PRESIDED OVER THE COMMEMORATION OF 109<sup>TH</sup> BIRTH  
ANNIVERSARY OF ACHARYA SRI TULSI AT RAJ BHAVAN,  
CHENNAI, TODAY (29.10.2022)**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru. R.N.Ravi presided over the commemoration of 109<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Acharya Sri Tulsi organised by Sri Jain Swethamber Terapanth, Madavaram at Raj Bhavan, Chennai, today (29.10.2022).

Hon'ble Governor, on behalf of the Raj Bhavan family, welcomed the august gathering on the auspicious occasion. In his address, Hon'ble Governor hailed Acharya Sri Tulsi Ji for his outstanding contribution to the community without any barrier of caste, religion, region, language etc. His distinguished ideologies and principles are the real gift to youth and the generation which will guide and motivate them to lead happy life by adopting self discipline, non-violence and kindness towards humanity. He praised Munisri Sudhakar Ji who is doing yeomen service in the foot steps of Acharya Sri Tulsi Ji and carrying his vision and mission of spreading peace, harmony and tolerance across the country for betterment of the society.

Hon'ble Governor highlighted the uniqueness of India which was beyond the cognitive understanding of the colonizers. They looked upon

India as a geographical entity and considered our diversity as a difference. They not only significantly destroyed the Indian economic and political system but made deliberate attempts to destroy its spiritual, cultural and social spirit. He mentioned India was never born out of conquerors or kings through military operations. India has been created by the eternal spirituality of great Rishis and Munis and the culture and values born out of it. Using the word religion as a synonym for cult has done a great deal of damage to India's rich spiritual heritage.

The Governor recollected that the journey of India's rise certainly would not have been easy. There must have been various kinds of distortion and malpractices in society. While quoting the verses of the Gita, he hailed those Mahapurush who had incarnated and freed the society from these evils. He mentioned Lord Neminath, the guru of Lord Shri Krishna, who stopped the sacrificial system in the Yagya and gave priority to one's dedication to the service of humanity as a true sacrifice.

He said Jainism has always advocated Anektawad (pluralism) which respects people from different beliefs. Often our different belief systems are considered separate entities. They are not different but diverse manifestations of the same core, like different branches of the same tree. He also quoted a verse from Rig Ved which says Truth is one and can be manifested into multiple forms. This ideology of Anektawad (pluralism) is much needed in the contemporary world. Today world is in

chaos, with distortion in the social order, mistrust among the Nations, rising stockpile of weapons of mass destruction.

Hon'ble Governor reminded that the people must understand themselves to save humanity. He mentioned Swami Vivekananda's quote which says for building a Nation we must build mankind. We must focus on the individual's Charitra Nirman (character building). He further recalled Sri Aurbindo who advocated integral yoga to attain a higher degree of human consciousness. As mentioned in Bhagwat Geeta, such Mahapurush has incarnated and freed the society from orthodox evils and gave a new direction to society.

Hon'ble Governor emphasized role of India in the changing world order. He emphasized that "Vasudhav Kutumbakam" the eternal Darsha of India, which considers the world as one family. For the sake of humanity, India must resurge as Vishwa Guru. For this comprehensive resurgence, the spiritual uprising is a must. Materialistic development without spiritual values will be a poor imitation of the west.

The Governor highlighted that India under dynamic leadership is marching ahead with a resolve. We have entered into Amrit Kaal, the next 25 years are very crucial. Our Prime Minister has outlined 'Panch Pran' targets to make India a developed country by the time it celebrates its 100th Independence Day in 25 years. One of those Pran is our heritage

and pride breaking the colonial mindset. For which we must introspect and draw inspiration from the lives and teachings of our great Rishis and Munis. This is not only for India but also for humanity. Only a strong, capable India can show the way to humanity.

Hon'ble Governor reiterated his commitment to transforming Raj Bhavan as Lok Bhavan and hosting such enlightening events on the campus.

Munishri Sudhakar Ji in his address recalled Acharya Sri Tulsi Ji's immense service to the Nation for guiding in a tough situation and played a pivotal role in strengthening the unity and integrity of India. While mentioning Nannul, one of the most significant works of Tamil grammar, written by Jain Munivar Sri Pavananthi, he underscored Jain Munis' immense contributions in shaping Tamil culture.

Munishri Nareshkumar Ji, Thiru.Ghisulalji Bohara, President, Sri Jain Swethamber Terapanth, Madavaram, Thiru.Anandrao V.Patil, Principal Secretary to Governor, distinguished invitees, Jain families, officials and staff of Raj Bhavan participated in the function.

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