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**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU AND CHAIRMAN, SOUTH
ZONE CULTURAL CENTRE, THANJAVUR, THIRU.R.N.RAVI
INAUGURATED 'OCTAVE 2023 – A FESTIVAL OF NORTH EAST' AT
CHENNAI, TODAY (03.01.2023)**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chairman, South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur, Thiru. R.N.Ravi, today (03.01.2023) inaugurated 'Octave 2023 – A Festival of North East' being organised under the aegis of Ministry of Culture, Government of India, at Kilpauk, Chennai.

Hon'ble Governor in his inaugural address, underscored that the people of North East bounded with culture, art and spirituality have been resourceful in contribution to Nation's development. This Festival is a window to North East to exhibit their indigenous art and culture amidst diversity towards National Integration. They have deeper connectivity with the people of country through their folk tales, songs, dances and mythology. The participation of eminent artists and performers from North East at Chennai is a special moment to mark the Tamil month 'Margazhi' meant for music and fine arts, more colourful with deepest feelings for the Tamil Nadu people.

The Governor urged the participants of the festival to make use of this opportunity to visit Tamil Nadu and Chennai which is spiritual and artistic capital. Tamil Nadu is highly rich in culture and have been manifested with music, dance and fine arts. He called the people of Tamil Nadu to witness the Festival to have a glimpse of North East on music, their culture, cuisines and to enjoy the performances of North East artists. Tamil Nadu people also should visit North Eastern States, the beautiful land and to enjoy the flora and fauna with diversity. The North East people are most talented, innocent, emotional with full of energy and enthusiasm.

Hon'ble Governor highlighted that North East States are the stories of rising India as they are bubbling with capabilities and aspirations towards developments and advancements at par with other regions of the country. Now, their regions are no more trouble area as narrated in the past due to misunderstanding about the finest of our people. The way the Nation looks at them have changed more than ever before where their diversity was treated as difference and they were fragmented with their language and culture.

On this occasion, Dr. B.Chandra Mohan, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Tourism and Culture, Government of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.Anandrao V Patil, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Governor, Thiru. K.K.Gopalakrishnan, Director, South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur, Thiru. N.Ravi, Chairman, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Chennai (BVB), Thiru. K.N.Ramaswamy, Director, BVB, eminent artists from Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh, special invitees, dignitaries, principals, teachers and students participated.

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