

RAJ BHAVAN – TAMIL NADU

HIGHLIGHTS HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU **THIRU.R.N.RAVI'S ADDRESS AT BHAGAVAN SRI RAMANA** **MAHARISHI'S 143rd YEAR JAYANTHI CELEBRATIONS AND** **RELEASE OF BOOK “ COMMENTARY ON SRI** **RAMANAANUBHUDHI” ORGANISED BY SRI RAMANA BHAKTHA** **SAMAJAM AT MEENAKSHI SUNDARARAJAN ENGINEERING** **COLLEGE, CHENNAI ON 04.03.2023 .**

1. Hon'ble Governor underlined the inseparability of Desh Bhakti and Dev Bhakti. He explained how India is different from other countries. Bharat was made by our sages and seers and is a cultural and civilizational evolution which is rooted in our unique universal spirituality, which is Sanatan Adhyatm. Unlike other countries, which were built by conquering and acquiring territories by emperors.
2. Governor said we may look different, but we are all manifestations of the same divine, even inanimate objects are permeated by divine. The apparent diversity can easily be harmonised by the underlying oneness of creation. It can only be experienced through Anubhuti, that is, through experience, not through intellectual realisation. Such experiences are subjective to how the experiencer feels. Defined beautifully in the as "Ekam Sad Vipra Bahudha Vadanti". That is why the various expressions are multiple manifestations of the same divinity. This light spread over the land and created a culture, which is reflected in our conduct, in our art, dance, and folk songs. In-tuned with unity and the continuum of the same Sanatan Satya of oneness, this land is called Bharat, and its children are Bharati.

3. Governor Ravi highlighted moments when Dharma based on this Darshan came under stress, be it internal because of human weaknesses or external because of multiple invasions, and then the divine manifests to correct it and strike balance. During the colonial period, our society was facing an existential crisis caused by the colonial instruments who ruined the self-hood of Bharat to make their empire enduring by evangelising India, destroying it politically, economically, culturally, and spiritually. The soul of Bharat was under great stress, and in that background, many great souls like Ramakrishna Paramhans and Bhagvan Ramana Maharshi appeared. Their appearance was a divine design to save the soul of Bharat. For a long time after independence, we focused only on political and economic development and neglected cultural and spiritual resurgence.

4. He expressed his dismay at using religion and religion as synonyms. He highlighting the difference between Dharma and Panth me mention Tamil version of the Constitution which depicts Indian secularism as “ **Aram Sarbatra** ” not “ **Samaya Sarbatra** ”. He quoted Swaran Singh who mentioned the difference between the secularism of India and secularism of the west on adding “**Secularism**” in the Constitution through the 42nd Constitutional Amendment. Governor said that secularism of India is all exclusive while western secularism evolved to bring truce between Church and King. Indian secularism believes in equal respect for all.

Governor highlighted how the soul of Bharat was introduced in the original constitution by the constituent assembly through the pictorial depictions imbibed by Nandalal Bose, which tell about the civilizational evolution of Bharat such as Vedic Gurukul in Part I and Shri Ram’s

Pattabhishekam before Part III, which talks about Fundamental Rights. It makes our constitution different from other constitutions around the world. It is unfortunate that we hardly talk about it.

He also underlined the difference between Bharatiya epistemology of Darshan and western epistemology of philosophy. Philosophy is based on intellect and logic, which is important but not sovereign; it has to be merged with Anubhuti (experience), which cannot be explained through logic.

5. Governor said that nationalism of Bharat is different from nationalism of the other countries. Indian nationalism is for the good of the world, bestowed with the eternal value of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", considering the world as a family. He quoted Rishi Aurobindo's dream for Bharat, which says it is Bharat's duty and divine obligation to rise for the good of the world. Bharat is the only land where this realisation of the oneness of creation appeared, which has to spread to rest of the world. For which Bharat must be the leader of the world. It is unfortunate that we didn't understand Bharat and looked at it as India.

6. Now, Nation has been witnessing the fundamental transformation. The country is marching ahead in the crucial period of Amrit Kaal and is rising with renewed confidence and commitments to reach destiny of becoming fully developed Nation by the year 2047. In this march role of institutions such as Sri Ramana Bhaktha Samajam is crucial.

In this occasion, Justice S.Vaidyanathan, Hon'ble Judge of Madras High Court, Padma Bhushan Tmt. Sudha Ragunathan, Thiru.K.Sriram, Author of the book "Commentary on Sri Ramanaanubhudhi", Thiru. N.Ravishankar, Treasurer, Sri Ramana Bhaktha Samajam, Dr.K.S.Babai, Secretary, Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College,

special invitees, sages, devotees, teachers and students were in presence.

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