

RAJ BHAVAN – TAMIL NADU

HIGHLIGHTS OF HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU THIRU.R.N.RAVI'S INTERACTION WITH THE STUDENTS DELEGATES OF NIT AGARTALA FROM TRIPURA ON 'TOUR OF BHARAT DARSHAN' AS A PART OF " YUVA SANGAMAM – EK BHARAT SHRESHTA BHARAT " TO CHENNAI AT RAJ BHAVAN, CHENNAI ON 06.03. 2023 (MONDAY)

1. Hon'ble Governor Thiru.R.N.Ravi emphasised on the necessity of restoring "Ore Bharatham, Unnadha Bharatham" for resurgence of Bharat in the golden period of Amrit Kaal to reach its determined destiny of becoming World Leader by the year 2047.
2. Hon'ble Governor elaborated on Bharat. He mentioned Bharat as the cultural and civilizational evolution formed by our Rishis, Sages and Seers. While giving accounts of the oneness of Bharat, he mentioned the Pallava king of Mahabalipuram, who went to Nalanda in pursuit of knowledge, transformed into Bodhidharma, and took Buddhism to China. He established Shaolin monasteries and introduced Kung Fu to China. The Hon'ble Governor also mentioned Chittagong, which was then the Buddhist Center of Studies. He also mentioned Maharishi Shankar Dev of Assam, who came to Rameswaram and then Kanchipuram and then went to Kashi. He established many Shatrams. They moved across this great land unmindful of the kings and rulers, as **the society was one**. He said history is full of such great sages who contributed immensely in the evolution of Bharat. Bharat was the leading producer of iron, cotton, and leather before it was colonised. These things made **Bharat Shreshta**. All the endowment of our institutions was taken care of by the land with community support, which reflects the spirit and soul of **Ek**

Bharat. Our festivals (such as Sankranti, Pongal, Bihu, and Lohri), dances, folk songs, and tales all reflect this unity. He mentioned how people pay respect to Mother Earth, be it Kanyakumari or Kamrup. Our villages have sacred groves. Two leaves on a tree are not the same. If we look at a tree through its leaves, only the differences will appear but if we look at the tree as one organic entity, the apparent differences will subside.

3. Our Sanatan Adhyatm of universal oneness includes not only humans but also animals and inanimate objects. With our apparent diversities, we are connected with oneness, but such an outlook does not exist in the west. In the west, kingdoms were formed by strong kings who consolidated empires by conquering and annexing territories. Hon'ble Governor explained how the British colonizers, after capturing Bengal in 1757, started fragmenting this great land. They disconnected the North East from the rest of Bharat through rules such as the **Inner Line Permit**. With their false narrative, they kept people in isolation, which made our people strangers. Missionaries like Rev. Clark in order to promote the gospel and make colonial rule endure, created a complete cultural and civilizational disconnect. They further fragment the North East. He mentioned how the Anthropology was used as an instrument in projecting variations as differences. Since ages, our society has thrived and lived in continuum.

4. Even Article 1 of our constitution introduces India that is Bharat. Even after the British left, we didn't do the path correction. We continued to look at this great land in terms of geography and our diversities as differences. Unfortunately, political demarcations adversely affected the cultural continuum. Today, the culture of a region has become the culture of the state, which has caused immense damage to the oneness of Bharat. Culture is the character of a society, and political boundaries

are only for administrative purposes. Bharat came much earlier than the states. As a result, many conflicts emerged among and even within the states. We looked at our diversities as differences. Our Nation is an organic union, unlike the federal system of the United States, which is contractual. Our states are created as needed, but beneath them, Bharat and its soul exist.

5. Hon'ble Prime Minister looks the people and the land in the eyes of Bharat. Today, our outlook towards our country has changed. We are looking at this land as one Kutumbam, one family. Where everyone is part of it and the problem of one member is considered a problem of the whole family. Today, the problems are addressed comprehensively. Basic facilities such as education, health facilities, infrastructure, potable water, cooking gas, and toilet facilities are reaching every household. It has brought revolutionary changes.

6. Hon'ble Governor said our Nation will grow only when everyone grows. Our Nation is in the phase of Amrit Kaal, and citizens have an obligation to take this Nation to the place it deserves. Shreshta Bharat can only be attained when each of our people excels in their personal and professional lives. He urged youth to take risks and not get intimidated by failure; failure is a part of our learning. Failure is not destiny unless we get defeated by our failures.

7. In this occasion, Prof. Nilesj J Vasa, Dean of Students, Prof. Arshinder Kaur, Prof. Ratna Kumar Annabattula, officials and students from NIT, Agartala and IIT Madras and officials and staff from Raj Bhavan participated.

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