

RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU - PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU PRESIDES OVER
GOVERNOR'S 'THINK TO DARE' SERIES-IX : INTERACTION WITH
TEACHERS AND EDUCATIONALISTS AT BHARATHIAR
MANDAPAM, RAJ BHAVAN, CHENNAI, TODAY (09.09.2023)**

Raj Bhavan organised Series-IX of "Think to Dare" where the Hon'ble Governor felicitated the teachers and educationalists who, for their extraordinary services, received national and state-level awards for teaching. He hailed their immense contributions to shaping the young and bright minds of the country and making unparalleled contributions to Nation-building.

The Hon'ble Governor mentioned the pivotal role of teachers in shaping the personality of a young mind, who can inspire and ignite their dreams and mould them into strong, capable, and responsible person. He mentioned the special bonding between a teacher and a student and elaborated further on the tradition and legacy of the Guru in our country, where a teacher used to shape the student beyond textbooks and curriculum into an ambitious dreamer, a potential powerful human being. He mentioned how this culture is deeply rooted in our identity and exemplified it with the picture of Gurukul (made by Nandalal Bose) in our constitution.

He further elaborated on the significant role teachers used to play in society, how they used to have moral authority, and how the village used to look to the teacher for guidance and advice. While expressing his concerns over the changes in the relationship between a teacher

and a student, he said that the relationship has now become more transactional. Today, teaching is considered a job. While answering a question, he mentioned how his school teacher inspired him by sharing with him about the launch of Sputnik. He called every child a National asset and reminded the teachers of their responsibilities to make the students realise their potential strengths and give them confidence. The success of the Nation lies in their success.

The Hon'ble Governor mentioned it as even more crucial as our Nation is on the cusp of revolutionary transformation and moving ahead with resolve and commitment to make this great country Vishwa Guru by 2047. He exhorted the teachers to contribute to Nation-building by shaping the personalities of our young children, particularly the girl students, by making them realise their potential and the opportunities around them. He quoted lines of Mahakavi Bharathiar, "Pattangal Aalvathum , Sattangal Seivathum Paarinil pengal nadatha vandhoam" about the importance of women's participation in the society. Our Prime Minister often mentions the role of women in development and encourages women's participation in every field, calling it women-driven development and women-led India. He mentioned how the majority of the medallists at the college level are women. To usher in their talent, teachers should update them with available opportunities and mentor them in their pursuits.

He highlighted Saint Vallalar's "Vadiya payirai kanda pothellam wadinen". The Honble Governor mentioned the G-20 meeting going on in New Delhi and highlighted how the eternal ethos of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, Bharat, is showing the way for an inclusive and collective

world. He mentioned how India made the African Union part of the G-20 by persuading other countries.

On this occasion, Tmt. Bharthi Baskar, Tamil Orator and writer, Tmt. Janaki Sabesh, Indian media professional and actor, Dr. Rajammal, National Awardee of Teaching from Badugar community and the teachers who won the National Award of Teaching, Tmt. Manju Priya, Veerammal Educational Charitable Trust, dignitaries, special invitees, the functionaries, teachers and students were present.

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