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HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU PRESIDED OVER
GOVERNOR'S 'THINK TO DARE' SERIES - 10 : INTERACTION WITH
EMINENT TAMIL PERSONALITIES ON 23.09.2023 AT
BHARATHIAR MANDAPAM,RAJ BHAVAN, CHENNAI

The Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, today (23.09.2023) presided over Raj Bhavan's initiative of the Governor's 'Think to Dare' Series - 10 : Interaction with Eminent Tamil Personalities at Bharathiar Mandapam, Raj Bhavan, Chennai. In this function, Governor felicitated the eminent Tamil scholars who have done immense service to the Nation and humanity by making the great eternal wisdom of Tamil literature available to non-Tamil people through their translatory work.

Hon'ble Governor, expressed his intense love for Thirukkural. He shared his childhood memories when his father gave him Shri Bhagwad Gita, which had been his companion since then, and when he read Thirukkural, it became his another companion.

Governor further mentioned language as the soul of people that reflects the status of their civilization's evolution. European languages and civilizations have not yet evolved to the same level as Indian civilization. He said that the Tamil language is so profoundly rich that the European

language and vocabulary cannot fully appreciate and do justice to the ancient Tamil literature. He illustrated it with the Tamil word 'Aram' which is connoted as "Religion" in English, but Aram is more than the literal meaning of Religion. Even in Indian languages, one that comes close to antiquity is Sanskrit.

He further illustrated the richness of Tamil language and literature by quoting the beautiful lines of the great saint Vallalar, "Vaadiya Payirai Kanda Pothellam Vaadinen" which illustrates how integrally and spiritually the different forms of life have been mentioned. This is the beauty of our language and literature.

Hon'ble Governor stressed spreading this great wisdom to other parts of the country. He said that while people whose mother tongue is Tamil are doing great work by translating the ancient epic works into other Indian languages, people speaking other languages should also learn Tamil more proficiently. It will make them understand and appreciate the true essence of this wisdom. He mentioned the Tamil language courses offered by Banaras Hindu University (the Hon'ble Governor met the non-Tamil students who are enrolled in these courses and learning Tamil during Kashi Tamil Sangamam). Raj Bhavan invited them to Tamil Nadu Darshan so that they could get deeper experiences and understanding of Tamil language, culture, heritage, and cuisines. He also mentioned similar academic courses introduced by Guwahati University. He also mentioned

how the non-Tamil students of Delhi Tamil Education Association Schools are learning Tamil and speaking proficient Tamil. He urged restoring the glory of Tamil language, literature, and Darshan.

He congratulated the Mylai Thiruvalluvar Tamil Sangam and Thevaram organisation for their service and enthusiasm in translating the Tamil literature.

Governor felicitated the cultural artistes who performed Thirukkural dance programmes during the event. Thiru. Maravanpulavu K. Sacchithananthan, Co-ordinator, Thevaram Organisation , Kalaimamani Dr.Cheyon, Secretary, Mylai Thiruvalluvar Sangam, Chennai, Tamil aspirants across Nation and abroad, dignitaries, faculties, students, and officials were present in the award event.

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