

RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU - PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU PARTICIPATED AS
CHIEF GUEST IN THE BOOK RELEASE OF COMPLETE WORKS OF
PT. DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA ORGANISED BY RESEARCH &
DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FOR INTEGRAL HUMANISM,
TAMIL NADU CHAPTER AT MYLAPORE, CHENNAI,
TODAY (29.07.2023)**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, today (29.07.2023) participated as Chief Guest in the Book release of 'Complete works of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya, organised by the Research & Development Foundation for Integral Humanism, Tamil Nadu Chapter, at Mylapore, Chennai.

Hon'ble Governor in his chief guest address, appreciated the Research & Development Foundation for Integral Humanism, Tamil Nadu Chapter, for compiling the works of one of the greatest and tallest thinkers of the world of the 21st century, Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya, who, under adverse circumstances and with his original thoughts, did so much that holds very bright promise for us for our future. He said that Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya's integral humanism is a reflection of the deeper thoughts revealed by our Saints and Rishies during the time of the Vedas in the day-to-day life of every Bharatiya. He further elaborated on

it as the oneness of creation that permeates through every entity in such an inclusive way that every being is a reflection of myself. Unfortunately, thousands of years of slavery debilitated our self-confidence to understand it to such an extent that it became a tragic irony that a civilization of several thousand years began borrowing the ideas of one that hardly had a history of three to four hundred years. Their dazzling material and military power made us believe them superior, and we started following them obediently and unquestioningly. The root cause of all the existential crises the world is facing today originated out of their ideas. The British conspiracy and their Indian compatriots created Dravid and Aryan as points of division. In our own state, there are 25 million people called as linguistic minorities. They are fighting in court for the recognition of their language because they are not allowed to teach their mother tongue in their own schools.

The Governor elaborated on the situation before the reorganisation of the Madras states (before 1956), when everyone lived together, but then division of the age-old united society started to such an extent that in our own place, where we have been for centuries, including Telugu, Kannada, and Malayali, people were called migrants. The people of this great Nation didn't know of any such barriers. It was one Rashtra, and our people moved and settled in different parts of the country. Even in

our state, we have several thousand Saurashtriyans and thousands and thousands of Marathis. But with the advent of the Modern State, western ideas based on rights, rights based on numbers, numbers based on identity, and identity based on who you are, start finding the differences. Our diversities were projected as differences, which have done a colossal amount of destruction to us. Because of such ideas, the world is in an unstable equilibrium, facing challenges like the climate crisis, poverty, and the accumulation of weapons of mass destruction. The Honble Governor gave accounts of four ideas, viz., Western Theology, Social Contract Theory, Marxism, and Darwinian Theory, which have done most of the damage. He elaborated on how the anthropocentric view of life in western theology resulted in the conflict between humans and nature. Calling social, economic, and political thoughts the outshoots of our belief and understanding of ourselves and society, as individuals and collectives, the Hon'ble Governor mentioned how the idea of society as a social contract considers individuals as sovereigns and the evolution of society out of a contract among them. It led to individualism. He said that the way atoms come together and constitute a molecule is similar to the way individuals form society. Though every atom has its own autonomy, it also has its own limits. Another proponent of an individualistic view in a different format was Karl Marx, who

believed that those institutions that curb the growth of individuals must be demolished. He divided the society into two groups of haves and have nots. This binary approach resulted in the society's perpetual conflict. He also detailed how Karl Marx, through his 20 essays in the New York Daily Tribune (1852), justified British imperialism in India, calling it a historic necessity. According to Marx, a society that worships cows and monkeys has no right to exist, and he stated two tasks for British rulers in India: one is to annihilate the entire Indian social order and lay the foundation of western material civilization. And the fourth western idea is the Darwinian model, which talks about the survival of the fittest, giving moral justification to mercantile capitalism. Where only the strong are worthy of rising and the weak are destined to perish. There was no element of compassion in his theory, which brought humans to the level of animals. Unfortunately, such thoughts exist in society and are widely taught in academia. Bharat's Sanathan Dharma signifies that all the different views and ways in society are towards Oneness. He elaborated on the dream of Rishi Aurobindo, which says that Bharat is the only country on this evolutionary planet where the consciousness of oneness with billions of manifestations evolved several thousands of years ago. We are all in the process of evolution towards a higher level of consciousness, where all the variations and differences

will dissolve and we will all become one Lutumbam, like part of a family. We call it **Yaadhum Oore Yaavarum Kelir, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**, which is also the motto of the G-20 Presidency. Which believes that we all have One Future and not a shared future. Rishi Aurobindo further elaborated that it is a divinely mandated obligation on Bharat to spread this light of oneness. For this duty to be performed, Bharat must be strong as a family, and here comes the Integral Humanism given to us by Pd. Deendayal Upadhyay ji.

Hon'ble Governor mentioned that Bharat as a "Rashtra (Nation)" has been overshadowed and weakened by the concept of Bharat as a political state. But we have to reclaim and regain it for the good of our Country and for the good of the world. For which he urged the academia to mainstream Integral Humanism as social, economic, and political thought of India relevant for the distressed world. He further emphasised the need to develop more literature and research to make the great work of Pd. Deendayal Upadhyay more contemporary and contextual.

Governor released the volume of 15 books, 'Complete Works of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya, organised by the Research & Development Foundation for Integral Humanism, Tamil Nadu Chapter, and the copies were received by the dignitaries and special guests.

Governor earlier expressed his deepest condolences to the bereaved families of persons killed in the fire accident at Krishnagiri and wished the speedy recovery of injured persons.

In this book release function, Dr. Mahesh Chandra Sharma, Chairman, Research & Development Foundation for Integral Humanism (RDFIH) and Editor of Complete Works of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya, Thiru.S.Gurumurthy, Noted Thinker & Editor, 'Thuglak', Dr. Nirmala Arulprakash, Great Grand Daughter of Ayya Rettamalai Srinivasan and Ayya Iyothi Doss Pandithar, Thiru. Vasudevan Baskaran, Arjuna and Padma Shri Awardee, Captain, Olympic Gold Winning Indian Hockey Team, National Coach, Committee Members, dignitaries, journalists, educationalists, research scholars, social workers, students and officials participated.

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