

**RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU - PRESS HIGHLIGHTS**

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU PRESIDED OVER**  
**GOVERNOR'S 'THINK TO DARE' SERIES VII :**  
**INTERACTION WITH THE STARTUP ENTREPRENEURS**  
**AND CORPORATE CXOs TODAY (22.07.2023) AT RAJ**  
**BHAVAN, CHENNAI.**

1. Governor Ravi, in the "Think to Dare" series of event at Raj Bhavan interacted with some 250 Startup - Entrepreneurs and felicitated 11 of them for their outstanding achievements. He called entrepreneurs National Assets and builder of Nation and encouraged them to achieve greater heights in their respective enterprises because the country is at the cusp of a historic transformation. From less than 400 start-ups today country has over 1 lakh start-ups. He explained how under a visionary national leadership conditions are being created for the genius of our youth to blossom. He mentioned every entrepreneur as an asset to the Nation. The transformational journey that the Nation is going through is participation. He underlined and praised the role of kids in the success of movements such as the Swachh Bharat Mission.

2. While giving accounts of how the western model of economic prosperity and technological growth has created the global existential crisis. Governor Ravi urged the entrepreneurs, particularly the youth, to internalise Indian values and Indianness in their day-to-day lives, which will be inspirational for our youth as well. He urged them to nurture family values as Indian society has evolved around families. He lamented at the mushrooming of old-age houses. Where parents are forced to live.

He further elaborated on how our eternal Indian ethos, such as "**Yaadhum Oore Yaavarum Kelir, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**" is bringing the world together as a family. The motto of this year's G-20, "One Earth, One Family, One Future" does not talk about a shared future but reflects the true spirit of one future. He urged the people to get connected as Kutumbam and work together as one family. The strength of collectives will work as a force multiplier in the comprehensive resurgence of Bharat. He quoted the great saint Vallalar's "**Vaadiya Payirai Kanda Pothu Ellam Vaadinaaen**" which

says “Where I see a grass wilting, my heart wilts”. This is the essence of Indian value system.

3. In his reply to a question, he mentioned how the Nation is having a multisectoral transformation by addressing the issues and challenges comprehensively. In a very short span of time, we have become the most digitised nation in the world, with 40% of global digital transactions. He mentioned how the number of medical colleges has increased by 70%. This year, our State had 11 new medical colleges, and we will soon achieve our goal of having one medical college in every district. We have more than 10,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendra (generic drug stores). Today, AYUSH (alternative medicine) is not widely accepted in India but is recognised globally. The value of exports of AYUSH-based products is more than \$18 billion. He mentioned how the JAM trinity, *i.e.* Jan Dhan-Aadhar-Mobile has brought transformation and also highlighted how the COWIN App revolutionised the largest vaccination drive in the history of mankind and its certification. All these national achievements make us proud.

Governor urged the entrepreneurs to remain conscious of their national role and the fact that what they do and achieve are not mere gains for them but for the Nation.

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