

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

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU INAUGURATED THE  
15<sup>TH</sup> TRIBAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME JOINTLY  
ORGANISED BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS,  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS, GOVT. OF INDIA AND  
NEHRU YUVA KENDRA, CHENNAI (TAMILNADU) AT ADYAR,  
CHENNAI ON 22.11.2023 (TODAY)**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.R.N.Ravi, today (22.11.2023), participated as Chief Guest and inaugurated the 15<sup>th</sup> Tribal Youth Exchange Programme from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023, jointly organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India and Nehru Yuva Kendra, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

A week-long programme is being organised to help and assist the tribal youth to take part in exchanging their experience to avail the opportunities and exposure their capabilities for overall development and empowerment of tribal youth. Tribal youth from Jharkhand, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra are participating in the youth development programme.

Hon'ble Governor in his Chief Guest address, hailed the immense contribution of tribal community to the Nation's development. The sacrifice of tribals in the country's freedom movement is unforgettable. Today, our tribal youth are bringing glory to the country in sports. The country and the world look to you to learn how to live an eco-friendly, sustainable way of life. You have a lot to offer humanity.

The Hon'ble Governor described Tamil as the oldest living language and elaborated on the richness of its ancient literature. He asked the youth to learn practical knowledge of the Tamil language. Describing the loving, hospitable, and service-oriented nature of the people of the state, he asked the participants to make local friends and learn more deeply about the place and its people and culture.

Hon'ble Governor mentioned diverse, colorful tribal culture and customs as the pride of our nation. Culture is the identity of a community, but that does not mean that that community should not develop. The culture should be preserved, and simultaneously, the tribal people should get all modern facilities on par with other societies. Mentioning the importance of the development of the tribal community, he shared his experiences with the tribal brothers and sisters of the North Eastern States. He said that its people are development-oriented and are becoming successful in every sphere of life while maintaining their culture, ethos, and practices. He explained about the epochal transformation our nation has been going through in the last nine years. Bharat is moving ahead and offering leadership to the world. For the comprehensive development of our nation, it is necessary to ensure that no region of Bharat is left behind. Our Hon'ble Prime Minister insists in his speeches that the whole nation is one family, and every member of this large family should develop to its maximum potential. He also highlighted the pivotal role of youth and society in the nation's development.

Hon'ble Governor advised the tribal youth to dream big, work hard, and explore the unprecedented opportunities available today. He said, Life is not a continuous journey of success; failure is a part of our evolution.

Never let failures defeat you. Never let the setbacks daunt you. He asked them to instil self-confidence and face the challenges. He said their success will inspire many.

Thiru.J.M.H.Aassan Maulaana, M.L.A, Velachery Constituency, Chennai, Thiru.K.Kunhammed, State Director, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Tamil Nadu & Puducherry States, Thiru.M.Dhinakaran, DIG, Group Centre, CRPF, Avadi, Thiru. J.Sampath Kumar, Deputy Director, NYKS Chennai, dignitaries, special guests, delegates, representatives from tribal communities and the members of NYKS, were present on this occasion.

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