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**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU & CHANCELLOR,
PARTICIPATED AS CHIEF GUEST AT THE ONE DAY CONSORTIUM
ON 'CONSTITUTIONAL DAY' AT THE TAMIL NADU DR. AMBEDKAR
LAW UNIVERSITY, PERUNGUDI CAMPUS, CHENNAI, TODAY
(25.11.2023)**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.R.N.Ravi, today (25.11.2023) participated as Chief Guest in the one day consortium on 'Constitutional Day' at The Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University, Perungudi Campus, Chennai. Governor unveiled the sculpture of Indian Constitution Book and paid floral tributes to the statue of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar remembering his distinguished initiatives, hardgiven efforts and immense sacrifices in making the great Nation. Also, Governor administered pledge on 'Constitution Day' followed by the participants and the students.

Hon'ble Governor in his address,extended the heartiest greetings and wishes to the participants and the law students on the Constitution Day. He hailed the Founder Fathers of our Indian Constitution, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar and other people who gave us this great document. He said to be truly grateful to them, we must be aware of difficulties in which they worked. Hon'ble Governor gave detailed accounts of the background of the conditions prevailing under which the founding fathers of our Constitution had to work hard for this constitution. He gave accounts of how our society was one, as a family, and fought together against British. To make their empire enduring they created differences in the society on different lines such as religion, caste, region and languages. He mentioned

how British, who were exhausted after the Second World War were not in a position of sustaining their overseas establishments. The Royal Indian Navy uprising of February, 1946 created a sense of urgency for the British to leave India. On the lapse of British paramountcy, we had almost 560 independent princely states, all looking for the best opportunities, negotiating hard for personal need. In this backdrop they came up with this beautiful futuristic document called the Constitution of India.

Hon'ble Governor highlighted how the society, after independence started fragmenting on the various lines, such as caste and what not. After independence, we ascertained certain rights of exclusivity among ourselves. It created a sense of insecurity. As a result, demand for separate state and homeland started. North-East exemplifies it. Where did that "Fraternity" go (which is mentioned in the Preamble of our Constitution)? Linguistic chauvinism is one of them. When the States were constituted on the linguistic lines, it resulted in the formation of linguistic minorities as well. Even in our state around 30% are linguistic minorities who have to fight to teach their mother tongue in schools run by them. Because of this social fission, new and new identities, and castes started emerging. We are a unique society, having homogeneity in heterogeneity (unity in diversity) but the diversity became assertive and we started endless social fission.

Courts are not the only place where should Jurisprudence evolve, there has to be a contribution from the people. He also said that the Constitution should not be reduced mere as a legal document, or the prerogative only of the legal people. It is time to have a social audit to check, to what extent it has fulfilled the promises of the people and why not.

Hon'ble Governor said the promise made to the citizen will remain distinct dream as still have social discriminations and untouchability prevailing in our society. We have to think and work on it. We can't afford to have a country which is getting dissected; justice, liberty and equality remains a distant dream and fraternity a receding past.

During the oneday consortium, discussions and debates on the subjects of "Impact Assessment of Indian Constitution @ 2023, " Land mark Judgements of Supreme Court and Amendments – How it is shaped the Indian Constitution over time" and "Indian Constitution and Constitution of other Countries" chaired and participated by the senior judges and the eminent judiciary personalities have been held.

In this function, Dr.N.S.SanthoshKumar,Vice-Chancellor,The Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University(TNDALU),Dr.Gowri Ramesh, Registrar,TNDALU, Dr.R.Srinivasan, Head, Dept. of Constitutional Law &Human Rights, TNDALU, Dr.A.Vijayalakshmi, Chairman,Constitution Day Celebrations, Hon'ble Serving and Retired Judges of Madras High Court,Executive Members, dignitaries,special invitees,resource personalities, faculty members, functionaries and students were present.

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