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**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU PRESIDED OVER  
FELICITATION OF VOLUNTEERS & ORGANIZERS,  
CO-ORDINATORS & OF KASI TAMIL SANGAMAM 2.0 AT  
RAJ BHAVAN, CHENNAI TODAY (09.01.2024)**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.R.N.Ravi, today (09.01.2024), presided over and felicitated the volunteers, organisers and co-ordinators from IIT Madras, IIT Banaras Hindu University Team, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, IRCTC and Southern Railways conducted at Raj Bhavan, Chennai for their monumental contributions and efforts in making the second edition of Kasi Tamil Sangamam (KTS) a grand success.

Hon'ble Governor, in his presidential address, hailed the outstanding contributions of every volunteer and organizer who made the second edition of Kashi Tamil Sangamam a grand success. He elaborated on how our society was before the colonization of Bharat and detailed how people used to move across the country, unmindful of kings and kingdoms. But this spirit of oneness deteriorated during the colonial era. Even after the independence, we continued looking at our Nation from the western perspective. New identities started emerging and dominated our socio-cultural oneness. With the creation of states, the state-centric identities became so overwhelming that we started losing the sense of Bharat as a Rashtra. We became so insular that our diversity, which is our eternal strength, became different. We even failed to introduce Bharat to our younger generations.

Hon'ble Governor elaborated how Hon'ble Prime Minister Thiru. Narendra Modi's initiatives are bringing every Bharatiya close, rejuvenating the true spirit of oneness of Bharat as a Kutumbam. He urged the participants to take the spirit of Kashi Tamil Sangamam ahead, disseminate their experiences and messages to the people and make them a part of this great National awakening.

Delegates and participants of KTS 2.0, Dr. Lakshmi Karmegam (Writers batch), Thiru. Aadhavan (Spiritual batch), Thiru. Kalaiselvan, (Students batch), Dr. Gurugnambigai (Teachers batch) and Thiru. Sujan Harish (IIT Madras Volunteer and Onboard Coordinator) shared their KTS 2.0 experiences. Cultural programmes of Bharathanatyam and Oyilattam were performed by the students of Jai Academy.

On this occasion, Thiru. R.Kirlosh Kumar, I.A.S., Secretary to Governor, Prof.V.Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras, Prof. R.Chandrasekaran, Director, Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai, Thiru. Kaushal Kishore, Additional General Manager, Southern Railway, dignitaries, special guests, delegates, functionaries, participants of KTS 2.0, Tamil aspirants, research scholars, faculties, students, officials and staff of Raj Bhavan were present.

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