

**RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU - PRESS RELEASE ON GOVERNOR'S
ADDRESS AT TAMIL NADU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD
TODAY (12.02.2024)**

Following is the sequence of events at the Governor's Address in the Legislative Assembly, Tamil Nadu today on February 12, 2024:

1. The Draft Governor's address was received at the Raj Bhavan, from the Government, on 9.2.2024. The address had numerous passages with misleading claims far from truth.
2. Hon'ble Governor returned the file with following advice:
 - (a) To show due respect to the National Anthem and play it at the beginning and end of the Governor's address. In this regard, Governor had written letters to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Speaker in the past also.
 - (b) Governor's address should reflect Government's achievements, policies and programmes and to inform the house of the "causes of its summons" and should not be a forum for peddling misleading statements and venting blatantly partisan political views.
3. The Government chose to ignore the advice of Hon'ble Governor.
4. Hon'ble Governor in his address to the House at 10:00 am today (February 12th, 2024) greeted the Hon'ble Speaker, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Members of the House and the people of Tamil Nadu, and read out the first paragraph which contained a Kural (738) of the renowned Saint Thiruvalluvar. Thereafter, Hon'ble Governor with due regard to the constitutional proprieties expressed his inability to read the address as it contained numerous passages with misleading claims and facts and reading them would have amounted to Governor's address becoming a constitutional travesty. He expressed his respect to the house, wished the session to be productive for the good of our people of Tamil Nadu and concluded.

5. Thereafter the Hon'ble Speaker read the Tamil version of the address. Hon'ble Governor sat through it till the conclusion of address.

6. When the Speaker concluded the address, the Hon'ble Governor rose for the National Anthem, as scheduled. However, the Hon'ble Speaker instead of following the schedule launched a tirade against the Governor and called him a follower of Nathuram Godse and more. The Hon'ble Speaker with his unbecoming conduct lowered the dignity of his chair and grace of the House.

While the Hon'ble Speaker went on his tirade against the Hon'ble Governor, The Hon'ble Governor with due regard to the dignity of his office and the House left the House.

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