

RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU - PRESS RELEASE

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU THIRU. R.N. RAVI TODAY  
(01.05.2024) PARTICIPATED AS CHIEF GUEST IN THE  
CHHATRAPATHI SHIVAJI JAYANTHI & MAHARASHTRA STATE  
FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS AT CHENNAI**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.R.N.Ravi accompanied with the first lady of Tamil Nadu Tmt. Laxmi Ravi, today (01.05.2024) participated as Chief Guest in the Chhatrapathi Shivaji Jayanthi & Maharashtra state formation day celebrations organised by the Maharashtra Association, Chennai at the Madras Sanskrit College, Mylapore, Chennai. Governor paid floral tributes to the Chhatrapathi Shivaji bust statue at the function. He also honoured the senior Maharashtrian Dr. R. Vasudevan with Great Maratha Award for his services to the society and conferred the Young Maratha Awards to the young children Master R. Krishna, Master R. Sriram, Master Pranav and Miss Varshini who have achieved in studies, sports and arts.

Hon'ble Governor in his chief guest address, extended greetings and best wishes to all brothers and sisters of Maharashtra living in Tamil Nadu and across the country on their state formation day and Chhatrapathi Shivaji Maharaj Jayanthi celebrations. Governor hailed the immense contribution of Chhatrapathi Shivaji, the great warrior and great son of Maa Bharathi. He stressed that Chhatrapathi Shivaji's services to Maa Bharati is yet to be fully grasped and appreciated.

Governor said that Shivaji Maharaj and his great personality have often been underestimated as conquerors; he was a liberator. But he was not the conqueror, but the liberator. If he were not there, we would have lost our rich

culture, heritage, and pride & our identity. Maharashtra has given great leaders, reformers who emerged whenever the country was in existential crisis and was under severe threat from the alien rulers.

Chhatrapathi Shivaji was an inspiration for many of our great freedom fighters. Lokmanya Thilak was one of them who energized the Nation and jolted the people to come out of pessimism, wake up, and fight for freedom. Here, celebrating Chhatrapathi Shivaji Jayanthi and Maharashtra Day at this institute (Madras Sanskrit College, Mylapore, Chennai), which was established over 100 years ago to preserve culture and tradition, is a true tribute being paid to the great warrior who sacrificed his life in protecting Dharma.

Hon'ble Governor highlighted that the celebration of Maharashtra Day is not limited to Maharashtra; it is a celebration of the rich, vibrant, and diverse culture of **Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat**.

Governor of Tamil Nadu witnessed the cultural programs of vocal Carnatic & devotional music performed by the eminent artistes during the celebration.

During the celebration, Thiru. Sivaji Rajah Bhonsle, Prince of Thanjavur Thiru. Abhaji Rajah Bhonsle, Prince of Thanjavur, Thiru. T.K. Chandrasekaran, President, The Maharashtra Association and the various members of The Maharashtra Association, special guests and spiritual scholars were present.

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