

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU THIRU.R.N.RAVI PRESIDED
OVER THE THIRUVALLUVAR THIRUNAAL VIZHA (VAIKASI
ANUSHAM VALLUVAR THIRUNAAL) AT RAJ BHAVAN, CHENNAI,
TODAY (24.05.2024)**

Thiruvalluvar Thirunal was celebrated today, 24thMay, 2024 (on the Vaikasi Anusham) in a traditional manner at the Raj Bhavan, Chennai carrying forward the legacy of Great - Tamil Scholars Maraimalai Adigalar, T.P.Meenakshisundaram and Thiru.Vi.Kalyanasundaram. Devotees and admirers of Thiruvalluvar from several walks of life and various parts of Tamil Nadu, from other states and abroad participated in the event. Several renowned scholars and devotees shared their thoughts on Thiruvalluvar and Thirukkural. A cultural programme with themes from Thirukkural was performed.

Hon'ble Governor in his address described his long connect with Thiruvalluvar and Thirukkural since his school days and how some Kurals have shaped and transformed his life. His current assignment to Tamil Nadu gave him an opportunity to study Thirukkural in depth. He is amazed at the wide range and enormous depth of issues covered in it. Thiruvalluvar teaches us the lessons of life. Thirukkural is the most comprehensive compendium and perhaps the most exhaustive treatise on an integral life - a life in all its facets and fullness.

Governor said that he had read several translations and commentaries on Thirukkural– written mostly from intellectual, ideological on spiritual perspectives.

He asserted that Thiruvalluvar was too big for an ordinary human mind to have full grasp of him and his teachings. Thiruvalluvar's detailed

exhortations for righteous conduct, full devotion to the Adhi Bhagawan, his emphasis on a harmonious family and society, his elaborate prescriptions to a ruler and his officers, his rigorous advice to ascetics, his praise for the farmers, his love for all creatures, small and big, his nudge to search for the truth and transcend beyond the knowledge of the physical world gained through the five senses and numerous other teachings make one wonder how could it be possible for a human being to contemplate, conceive and concisely yet lucidly put all these in beautifully composed flawless verses. It demonstrates without doubt the supra human character and existence of Thiruvalluvar and the extraordinary power of the Tamil language.

It is a matter of pride for us that Thiruvalluvar was born on this Punniya Bhoomi and spoke and wrote in the most ancient and rich Tamil language. Thiruvalluvar is the most precious divine gift to humanity.

Let us all celebrate him and his legacy and strive to live by his teachings which would be the most befitting tribute to Thiruvalluvar. He mentioned how our Prime Minister admires Thiruvalluvar and Thirukkural. He often quoting Kurals in his addresses. He would be taking steps to make it a world book. Let us continue to celebrate it as our proud heritage and celebrate it in a traditional manner. As per our thousands years old tradition, the auspicious Vaikasi Anusham is the day to Thiruvalluvar Day.

His Holiness Swami Mahendra, Sri Adhi Sankarar Thirumadam, (Kualalumpur, Malaysia) in his bestowed address applauded Thirukkural for showing flood lights on importance of self discipline, superior than one's live. It helps me a lot in carrying out the Adhi Sankarar's ideologies across Malaysia. Thirukkural highlights hospitality as revealed in our Vedas and Upanishads. Thiruvalluvar advised to feel sense of divine within their own for goodness.

Prof. Sami. Thiyagarajan, President, Thiruvalluvar Thirunaal Kazhagam, emphasized the significance of Vaikasi Anusham Thirunaal Day and presented details of the celebration. Dr. D.K. Hari and Dr. Hema Hari highlighted the significance of “VAIKASI ANUSHAM”, uniqueness of its occurrence as per our planetary position and the profound connect it has with Thiruvalluvar. They elaborated Thiruvalluvar as a ‘Deiva Pulavar’ from Tamil Nadu for the world; they elaborated the connection of Thirukkural in the larger context of how, in its Universality, it reflects the core aspects of Culture of Bharat and its ethos of Dharma.

Kalaimamani Dr. Cheyon, Founder, Mylai Thiruvalluvar Tamizh Sangam, brought out that Thiruvalluvar, the Divine Poet who immensely dealt with every aspect of human life, and his Magnum Opus ‘Thirukkural’ become a universal as well as everlasting recipe for the successful and meaningful existence of every human being on this earth.

On this auspicious occasion, Governor felicitated Hon’ble Justice Thiru.G.R. Swaminathan, Judge, Madras High Court, His Holiness Swami Mahendra, Sri Aathi Sankarar Thirumadam, (Kualalumpur, Malaysia), Prof.Sami.Thiyagarajan, President, Thiruvalluvar Thirunaal Kazhagam, Kalaimamani Dr. Cheyon, Founder, Mylai Thiruvalluvar Tamizh Sangam, Prof. R. Chandrasekaran, Director, Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Dr. D.K. Hari, Dr. Hema Hari, Thiru. C.A. Kalyanasundararajan, Thiruvalluvar Pasarai (Muscat), Prof. N. Lakshmi Aiyar, Professor and Head, Department of Hindi, Central University of Rajasthan, Prof. P. Manisankar, Former Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Thiru. C.O. Mani, General Secretary, Kerala Adhi Thiruvalluvar Gnana Mutt, Prof. P. Arivudainambi, Prof. P. Marudhanayagam, Former Registrar, Pondicherry University, Thiru Sivalayam J. Mohan, Founder, Sivalayam Publishers and representatives from Valluvar community for their service in promotion of Thirukkural and legacy of the Great Saint Thiruvalluvar.

He also felicitated the cultural troupe led by Kalaimamani Tmt. Bharathi Thirumagan & her troupe who performed 'Villuppattu' on the title "Valluvar Vanthaar" during the celebration that captivated the participants.

Earlier, Hon'ble Governor along with other dignitaries, paid floral tributes to the portrait of the Great Saint Thiruvalluvar.

Hon'ble Governor launched e-flipbook –“Thiruvalluvar - Patron Sant of Tamil Nadu” by Dr.D.K.Hari and Dr.D.K.Hema Hari, founders of Bharath Gyan, the book emphasizes Thiruvalluvar, Deiva Pulavar, delving into the universal themes of Thirukkural, linking it to Bharatiya Kalacharam and Dharma ethos.

On this occasion, Thiru. R. Kirlosh Kumar, I.A.S., Secretary to Governor, dignitaries, special invitees, Representatives of Spiritual and Cultural associations, researchers, scholars, people from Academia, members of various Thiruvalluvar Associations, members of Tamil Sangams from India and across the globe (virtually) participated.

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