

THIRU. R.N. RAVI, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU
PRESIDED OVER "GOVERNOR'S THINK TO DARE SERIES - 15:
INTERACTION WITH GURU'S OF TRADITIONAL MARTIAL
ARTS" AT RAJ BHAVAN, CHENNAI

Thiru.R.N.Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, presided over the "Governor's Think to Dare Series -15: Interaction with Gurus of Traditional Martial Arts" and felicitated the Gurus of various Martial art forms for their remarkable service and carrying out the rich legacy of martial arts forms to our younger and future generation of Bharath, at, Raj Bhavan, Chennai today (06.07.2024).

Around 50 traditional martial arts Gurus and practitioners were felicitated by the Hon'ble Governor for their outstanding services to society. The youth and professionals mesmerized the audience with their splendid performances of Sword Fight, Man Kombu, Kuthuvarisai, and Silambam.

In his presidential address, the Hon'ble Governor highlighted the traditional martial arts of Tamil Nadu as a proud civilizational heritage of Bharat and the Mother to various martial arts in Asia. He recounted how the young Pallava Prince, who later known as Bodhidharman, studied in Nalanda, carried this wisdom to China, establishing Shaolin Monasteries. Martial art forms like Kung Fu, Taekwondo, and Karate are derived from our traditional martial arts.

He hailed the Gurus and practitioners, who have preserved this timeless heritage despite facing adversity.

The Governor mentioned Agastya Muniswara, Parashuram, and Thirumoolar, who blessed humanity with their wisdom. He emphasized that just as we take pride in our literature and classical dances, we must also take pride in our traditional martial arts.

Highlighting the holistic benefits, the Governor explained how these martial arts unify body, mind, and emotions, and are crucial for holistic personality development and discipline. Given the challenges humanity faces in the contemporary world, their significance is greater today than ever. He stressed the need for deeper research in this field.

The Governor urged for greater acceptance of traditional martial arts and their introduction into the school curriculum to ensure the wholesome development of our youth and a dignified life for the Gurus. He reaffirmed his unwavering commitment to promoting our traditional martial arts.

On this occasion, renowned traditional arts Gurus and practitioners from Tamil Nadu, and other states such as Kerala and Karnataka, and international locations including Malaysia, Sri Lanka, and Dubai participated in the event. Dr. S. Sudhakaran, Founder and President, World Silambam Sports Association, Chennai, Thiru. Kalugumanai Chandrasekar, Founder Secretary, Tamil Nadu

Kuthuvarisai Sports Association, Tmt. Geetha Madhumohan, General Secretary, World Silambam Sports Association, Thiru. Siddhar Duraisamy, Chief Technical Director, World Silambam Sports Association, Members of World Silambam Sports Association, Members of Tamil Nadu Kuthuvarisai Sports Association, Gurus of Traditional Martial Arts across Tamil Nadu, Trainees and Students of various traditional martial arts, were present.

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