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**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU PRESIDED OVER THE
CONCLAVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND
FELICITATED NIRF- 2024 TOP RANKING EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTIONS FROM TAMIL NADU AT RAJ BHAVAN, CHENNAI,
TODAY (13.09.2024)**

As part of the initiative and effort towards improving the quality of Higher Education in Tamil Nadu, Raj Bhavan, for the third consecutive year, conducted the Conclave for Excellence in Higher Education and felicitated the NIRF-2024 top ranking institutions in the State, today (13.09.2024) at Bharathiar Mandapam, Raj Bhavan, Chennai. This conclave was conceived in 2022 to encourage Higher Education institutions for mutual collaborations and augment scholarship including quality of education and research.

In the conclave, high achiever institutions share their experience in terms of initiatives and methodologies, which helped them in achieving excellence. Other institutions – State Universities and Private Institutions benefit from such experience sharing and strive for excellence. The IIT Madras has been playing significant role in providing necessary handholding. All this has resulted in steady improvement in ranks of Higher Education institutions in our State.

Thiru. R. N. Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu presided over today's Conclave and felicitated the Heads of all the educational Institutions who got ranking within the top 20 in NIRF-2024 in various categories, for their exemplary performance. The top ranking institutions in NIRF-2024 made presentations focussing on their innovative approaches in teaching and learning, faculty development, infrastructure

enhancement, research promotion etc., Their experiences provided valuable insights to other institutions aspiring to improve their performance in future rankings.

The Hon'ble Governor in his presidential address appreciated the dedication and commitment of the high achievers towards academic excellence, innovations and research development. He stated that this conclave has been organised not only to honour and felicitate the high achievers, but also, to give a congenial platform for experience sharing, where high achiever institutions shared insights, strategies and best practices.

The Hon'ble Governor-Chancellor who has been steadfast in his commitment to improve the quality and standards of Higher Education in our State, has been encouraging the Vice-Chancellors of State Universities and Private Universities to provide needed guidance, motivation and mentorship to research scholars and postgraduate students to compete in the NET /JRF Examination and to enhance standard and quality of research work being done by the universities. As a result of regular review and monitoring by the Hon'ble Governor-Chancellor, on various parameters of University performance, the number of patents obtained by State Universities has consistently increased over the last three years.

The Annual two days Vice-Chancellors Conference of State and Private Universities has lead to a collaborative eco-system of higher education in our State. The number of institutions in the top 20 of NIRF rankings has improved to 28 in 2024 from 20 in 2022, which is a direct result of the collective efforts listed above. There has been improvement in the ranks of several other institutions also.

Governor expressed happiness that the conclave has been successful in meeting its objective of promoting a quality-based higher education ecosystem through mutual learning, knowledge sharing and encouraging healthy competition among institutions, which is essential for making our Nation a leading global knowledge hub.

Thiru. R. Kirlosh Kumar, I.A.S., Secretary to Governor, Prof. Dr. V. Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras, Vice-Chancellors of various State and Private Universities, Registrars, Heads and representatives from educational institutions across the State, faculty members, educationalists, academicians and officials participated in this conclave and felicitation.

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