

RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU
PRESS RELEASE ON GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS AT
TAMIL NADU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD TODAY
(06.01.2025)

The Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu reiterates his unwavering love, respect and admiration for the rich cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu, including its language, culture and traditions.

The Hon'ble Governor has always upheld the sanctity of the Tamil State Song, "Tamil Thaa Vazhthu," and sings it with reverence at every event. Tamil, the world's oldest and most celebrated language, holds a unique place in the hearts of countless Indians, and the Hon'ble Governor shares this sentiment wholeheartedly. In every capacity, the Governor has supported the promotion of Tamil culture and language, both within the state and on national platforms.

It is the duty of the Governor to respect the Constitution and follow the Constitutional Duties. Respect to the National Anthem is a Fundamental Duty enshrined in the Constitution, it is also a matter of national pride.

The National Anthem is sung or played at the beginning and at the conclusion of Governor's address in every State assembly in the country. It is also mandatory as per the National Anthem Code. Even after repeated reminders conveyed well in advance, it is unfortunate that these requests were deliberately ignored.

Today (06.01.2025), when the National Anthem was not sung or played at the commencement of the Governor's address, Hon'ble Governor respectfully reminded the House of its Constitutional Duty and fervently appealed to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Speaker for singing or playing the National Anthem. However, it was cussedly refused. Not singing or playing the National Anthem at the beginning of the Governor's address was a blatant disrespect to the Constitution and the National Anthem. In deep anguish, Governor left the House. The Hon'ble Governor reaffirms his commitment to upholding the constitutional values and to restore respect for the National Anthem in all state functions while upholding the Tamil pride.

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