

RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU- PRESS RELEASE

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU THIRU.R.N.RAVI
PRESIDED OVER THE ALL FAITH MEETING EXPRESSING
SOLIDARITY TO OUR ARMED FORCES AT RAJ BHAVAN,
CHENNAI, TODAY (10.05.2025)**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. R. N. Ravi called for All Faith Meeting expressing solidarity to our Armed Forces at Bharathiar Mandapam, Raj Bhavan, Chennai, today (10.05.2025) where representatives from various faiths participated. Thiru. Thangam Thennarasu, Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Environment Climate Change, Tamil Nadu, dignitaries from various walks of life and Armed Forces Veterans participated in the meeting.

Hon'ble Governor Thiru. R. N. Ravi today condemned the recent cowardly terror attack in Pahalgam, which claimed 26 innocent lives, and reiterated Pakistan's continuing role in sponsoring terrorism. Despite the identification of the perpetrators as members of Pakistan-backed terror groups, Pakistan failed to take any action for over two weeks. As a result, India was compelled to retaliate, destroying nine terror camps and sending a clear message: terrorism will not go unpunished. The Governor emphasized that this attack is not an isolated incident. Pakistan has repeatedly targeted India, from the 26/11 attacks to the Parliament attack and many others. India's swift and strong response reflects the nation's resilience and determination in the face of terror. In the aftermath, Pakistan has resorted to spreading disinformation, falsely accusing India of targeting minorities in a deliberate effort to divide the country. Governor Ravi asserted that India's strength lies in its unity in diversity - a strength that no propaganda can break. The Governor also commended Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru M.K. Stalin for his initiative in

organizing a unity rally, showcasing Tamil Nadu's unwavering solidarity with the Indian Armed Forces and the nation. While a ceasefire has been agreed upon, the underlying threat persists. Pakistan continues to destabilize not only India but the entire region. Governor Ravi called on the nation to remain vigilant and united in safeguarding its sovereignty. Concluding his statement, the Governor affirmed that India's diversity is the country's greatest strength. In times of peace or crisis, India stands united, resolute, and unwavering. Together, the nation will protect its integrity and continue to thrive.

Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Environment, Thiru Thangam Thennarassu, lauded the unwavering unity shown by the people of India in supporting the armed forces. He emphasized that despite linguistic and cultural diversity, the nation stands resolutely united in safeguarding its sovereignty. The Minister also praised the Governor's initiative in organizing the All-Faith Meeting, which brought together leaders from various religious backgrounds to express solidarity with India's military.

Father Franco, Bishop, Arch, commended the Governor for promptly organizing this meeting, underscoring the importance of interfaith dialogue, peace, and human rights. The Church reaffirmed its commitment to peace and unity, emphasizing that India's strength lies in its collective harmony.

The Nawab of Arcot expressed admiration for the Prime Minister's composed leadership, highlighting his handling of the situation with wisdom and bravery. He also commended the Governor's efforts to foster interfaith unity, quoting the Quran: "To harm one innocent is to harm all of humanity." The Nawab called for unity, reinforcing that despite differences, India stands together with its military and leadership.

Swami Raghunayaka Nanda of Ramakrishna Math reinforced the message of unity, emphasizing that the core principle of 'Vayam Raksha

Mah' (We Protect Ourselves) and 'Ahimsa' (non-violence) is central to all religions.

Thiru. Manjeet Singh, Asst. Commandant General, Home Guards and General Secretary & Correspondent of Guru Nanak College, emphasized the importance of unity among Indians in times of adversity, highlighting the essence of brotherhood. In his speech, Colonel Thiru Thiagarajan made a poignant reference to a story from *Puranaanoru*, where a woman, having lost her husband in battle, remarked that her son had bravely left her womb to join the war. This story, symbolizing the inherent courage of Indians, emphasized the fearless spirit that drives Indians to make sacrifices for the nation's defense against all challenges.

Defence services veterans, members of various faiths and representatives from diverse associations participated in the event.

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