

RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU - PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU INTERACTED WITH THE STUDENTS OF BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY AT VALEDICTORY PROGRAM OF THEIR TOUR TO TAMIL NADU AS PART OF CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE, AN INITIATIVE OF RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU, TODAY (20.06.2025)

Thiru R.N. Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, presided over the valedictory session of a ten day educational and cultural tour organized by Raj Bhavan, Tamil Nadu, and interacted with a group of 22 students from Banaras Hindu University (BHU), who are learning Tamil language as a subject. The program was held today (20.06.2025) to mark the successful conclusion of their immersive visit to the State.

This educational and cultural tour is part of the Governor's ongoing efforts over the past more than three years to promote the Tamil language and culture beyond Tamil Nadu, across the nation. Under this initiative, Raj Bhavan has facilitated several such exchanges with various universities by extending support to enable them to gain rich, immersive exposure to Tamil culture, heritage, arts, architecture, language, traditions, cuisine, and hospitality.

During their visit, students had the opportunity to experience the architectural grandeur of ancient temples like the Srirangam temple, Shri Ramanathaswamy temple, Meenakshi Amman temple, Shri Nataraja temple, Shore temple, etc., delve into the historical significance of various sites like Tamil poet Tiruvalluvar statue and Vivekananda rock memorial Kanyakumari, Aathichanallur archaeological site, Kattabomman Memorial Fort, Panchalankurichi, Bharathiar Memorial House and Manimandapam, Ettaiyapuram, Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam Memorial, Rameswaram, Keeladi Museum, Thirumalai Nayakar Mahal, Madurai, Auroville, etc. The students enjoyed the serene beauty of the state's coastline including Dhanushkodi, Pitchavaram Mangrove forest and Mahabalipuram. The student delegates also engaged with Tamil faculties and students of our renowned Universities and the Central Institute of Classical Tamil.

It was a remarkable sight to witness these students, all native Hindi speakers, converse fluently in Tamil during their interaction with the Governor. The Hon'ble Governor appreciated their linguistic proficiency and cultural sensitivity and commended their sincere efforts in embracing Tamil language. He encouraged them to consider pursuing higher studies in Tamil literature in Tamil Nadu and assured that all required assistance would be extended to those interested.

The Hon'ble Governor also highlighted the pivotal role of Hon'ble Prime Minister Thiru. Narendra Modi whose deep affection for Tamil and commitment to promoting the Tamil language worldwide have led to impactful initiatives, including the establishment of the Mahakavi Subramania Bharatiar Chair at BHU, which has further strengthened academic engagement with Tamil.

During his interaction, the Hon'ble Governor emphasized the vital role of educational and cultural exchanges in fostering national integration and celebrating India's rich linguistic and cultural diversity.

At this valedictory program, Thiru.R.Kirlosh Kumar, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Governor, Tamil scholars, co-ordinators and officials of Raj Bhavan were participated.

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