

RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU - PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU THIRU.R.N.RAVI
PRESIDED OVER THE GOVERNOR'S 'THINK TO DARE' SERIES
19 - INTERACTION WITH EMINENT PERSONALITIES FROM
MEDICAL FRATERNITY IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
DOCTOR'S DAY AT BHARATHIAR MANDAPAM, RAJ BHAVAN,
CHENNAI, TODAY (13.07.2025)

Thiru. R. N. Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu presided over The Governor's 'Think to Dare' Series 19 - Interaction with the eminent personalities from medical fraternity in commemoration of the Doctor's Day at Bharathiar Mandapam, Raj Bhavan, Chennai today (13.07.2025) and felicitated the eminent medical personalities for their yeomen service to the society and Nation's development.

Hon'ble Governor in his presidential address said,

"Doctors are the Living Gods we turn to in distress". While July 1 is nationally observed as Doctors' Day, every single day is an occasion to honour doctors. In our society, when distress strikes, the first person we think of is a doctor. That is why they are rightly called 'living gods'. When the pandemic brought widespread pain and suffering, it was the doctors who stood as the life force, risking their lives to save others. India lost more doctors to COVID than soldiers in the Kargil war. That sacrifice is unforgettable. Not once did we hear of a doctor refusing duty. Despite isolation, separation from family, and lack of safety, they remained at the frontline. Doctors Deserve Recognition in School Textbooks.

The Governor urged that society must view healthcare not as a commercial transaction but as a sacred duty. He said, "Just as teachers are honoured in textbooks, so should doctors be. Children must be taught to

respect doctors. A culture of reverence for doctors must be cultivated from a young age.”

Governor appreciated that the Tamil Nadu, a Model for Healthcare Excellence and praised Tamil Nadu's strides in the healthcare sector, stating, “Even international patients seek treatment in Tamil Nadu. We don’t just provide world-class medical care - we offer it with ethical values.”

Governor recalled the Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Fit India Movement - Health as a National Duty, said, “Our national development goals for 2047 can only be realized if our citizens are healthy. A healthy India is a prerequisite for a developed India.”

Governor hailed that the Doctors as National Assets and their health and longevity are not their personal matters but they are social assets. “Every doctor is a national treasure. You play a vital role in building a healthy India,” he said.

Referring to India’s traditional lifestyle, Governor highlighted about the Living 100 Years, Ancient Wisdom & Natural Living and added, “India’s ancient way of life supported longevity. In places like Nagaland, I have personally met people over 100 years old, living in tune with nature.”

Governor urged the Doctors must inspire the society and appealed, “Dear doctors, your wisdom must reach schools, youth, and the general public. Your words, not just your work, can impact lives. Let us transform your service into a national movement — a Movement for a Healthy India.”

Governor concluded with extending a Grateful Salute to the Doctors’ fraternity and stated “Respecting doctors and protecting them is not just our duty - it is the responsibility of society. Let us never forget their selfless service.”

On this occasion, Dr. V. Mohan, Diabetologist, Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialities Centre, Chennai on Diabetes delivered special address on “The Silent Epidemic of Our Times”, Prof. Dr. V. Chockalingam, Chief Cardiologist, Former Director, Institute of Cardiology, Madras Medical

College on “Preventing Heart Attacks - What Everyone Needs to Know”, Dr. Mohan Kameswaran, Managing Director & Senior Consultant, Madras ENT Research Foundation on “Lessons for doctors from Valluvar and understanding the silent epidemic of sleep apnoea” and Dr. Palaniappan (Pal) Manickam, Gastroenterologist on “Health Awareness in the Digital Age - The Power of Social Media” to create more awareness on ‘importance of healthy life for happiness’ in the Society.

Prof. Dr. V.G. Mohan Prasad, Gastroenterologist, Dr. V. Mohan, Diabetologist, Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialities Centre, Chennai, Dr. V. Chockalingam, Chief Cardiologist, Former Director, Institute of Cardiology, Madras Medical College, Dr. S. Rajasekaran, Orthopedic Surgeon and Chairman, Dept. of Orthopaedics, Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore, Dr. P.Sundarraaj, Chairman, The Association of Surgeons of India, Tamil Nadu State Chapter, Dr. S. Suresh, Director, Medi Scan, Chennai, Dr. Sudha Seshayyan, Former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Dr. Mohan Kameswaran, Managing Director & Senior Consultant, Madras ENT Research Foundation, Dr. P. Senguttuvan, State President, Indian Medical Association, Tamil Nadu State Branch, Dr. S.Sivarama Kannan, General Medicine, Physician to Hon’ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, dignitaries, special invitees, esteemed guests, medical professionals, members of Doctors’ Family, practitioners from medicine, representatives from Health associated services, faculty members, health volunteers, Students were participated.

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