## <u>Armed Forces Flag Day – Hon'ble Governor</u> <u>of Tamil Nadu Appeal Message</u>

Dear brothers and sisters of Tamil Nadu,

Vanakkam,

On this solemn occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day, we bow in gratitude to the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who guard our frontiers and safeguard the sovereignty of our nation. This day is a reminder of the selfless service, courage, and sacrifice that keep our Nation secure and our people safe.

India's Armed Forces are among the finest in the world known for their professionalism, valour, and unwavering devotion to duty. Whether in the icy heights of the Siachen Glacier, the deserts of Rajasthan, the dense forests of the North East, or in distant waters safeguarding maritime interests, our uniformed personnel demonstrate extraordinary courage every single day. From guarding our borders against hostile adversaries to lending their strength to humanitarian and disaster relief operations, their service knows no bounds.

In recent times, the unwavering discipline and professionalism of our Armed Forces were visible to the world in Operation Sindoor, a mission executed with resolve, restraint, and utmost strategic clarity. Our brave personnel upheld the values of justice and responsibility, responding to aggression only to safeguard innocent lives, while maintaining our commitment to peace and non-escalation. The world watched with wonder and respect as our soldiers, sailors, and air warriors

operated with precision, sensitivity, courage and secured a decisive victory over Pakistan in a straight and swift conflict.

As India rises on the global stage, strengthening national security through self-reliance in defence has become paramount. Guided by the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat, the nation is taking significant strides in developing indigenous defence technologies, from advanced artillery and drones to naval vessels and fighter aircraft. A self-reliant defence ecosystem not only enhances our security but also honours the sacrifice of our armed forces by ensuring they have the best capabilities, developed here on our own soil.

Armed Forces Flag Day is also a call to cherish the spirit of "Samarth Bharat, Saksham Sena"—a capable India and an empowered military.

Let us honour not only those in uniform, but also the families who stand by them through every challenge. Today, as we salute the courage of those in uniform, we also pay heartfelt tribute to our veterans, veer naris, and the families who stand behind every soldier. Their strength and patience form the invisible foundation upon which national security rests.

On this Armed Forces Flag Day, let us renew our pledge to honour, support, and stand united with our armed forces personnel. Let us instil in every young Indian a deep sense of pride in our armed forces. And let us work collectively to strengthen our nation's security, resilience, and self-reliance.

This is a day when each of us can express our solidarity not just through symbolic flags, but through meaningful support for our soldiers, veterans, and their families who have served our nation with the highest dedication. They deserve our sustained support through contributions to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund. Every contribution strengthens the spirit

of solidarity and expresses our respect for their service. By contributing to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund, we help bring dignity, welfare, and support to our veterans, war widows, and their families.

I urge all my brothers and sisters of Tamil Nadu to contribute generously and wholeheartedly to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund.

Jai Hind!!

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