

LOK BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU - PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

**THIRU. R.N.RAVI, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU
UNVEILED THE STATUE OF GREAT POET-SAINT
KAVICHAKRAVARTHI KAMBAR AT LOK BHAVAN, CHENNAI
TODAY (29.01.2026)**

Hon'ble Governor Thiru. R. N. Ravi unveiled the statue of the great poet-saint Kavichakravarthi Kambar at Kambar Vanam, Lok Bhavan, Chennai, reinforcing Lok Bhavan's ongoing commitment to celebrate and promote the legacy of the legendary Tamil poet.

Kavichakravarthi Kambar's extraordinary contributions shaped Tamil literature, strengthened Bharatiya civilizational consciousness, and inspired the spirit of nationalism that fueled India's freedom movement. The ceremony brought together functionaries of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Chennai Kendra, eminent Tamil scholars, members of Kambar Kazhagams, cultural institutions from across Tamil Nadu, and young students, including winners of state-wide essay competitions on Kambar. On the occasion, Hon'ble Governor Thiru. R. N. Ravi felicitated Thiru. Siddarth Nagappa, the sculptor of the statue.

These initiatives celebrate and preserve Kambar's literary and cultural legacy, inspire students and youth to connect with Tamil heritage, foster Bharatiya civilizational consciousness and nationalism, and strengthen community participation through revived Kambar Kazhagams and state-wide cultural engagement.

Earlier milestones include the inauguration of Kambar Vanam at Lok Bhavan on June 15, 2025, hosting 27 Nakshatra plants and diverse flora, which has become a key educational space for students and youth

experiencing Tamil heritage firsthand. On March 30, 2025, the 10-day Kamba Ramayana Festival 2025 began at Therazhundur, Kambar's birthplace, under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, engaging scholars, cultural practitioners, students, and citizens through performances, symposia, workshops, and competitions.

Lok Bhavan also republished the nine-volume Kamba Ramayana, released on the eve of Sri Rama Navami in the presence of distinguished Tamil scholars. The release coincided with the inaugural festival, attended by over 500 participants, including representatives from more than 40 Kambar Kazhagams. 35 distinguished scholars were felicitated, while discussions highlighted the epic's role in shaping Bharatiya civilization and fostering #EkBharatShreshthaBharat.

The state-wide Kamba Ramayana Vizha engaged thousands of students and citizens through competitions, workshops, and cultural programs. On Panguni Hastham, the day Kambar dedicated the epic to the world, Governor Ravi felicitated the winners. The celebrations culminate on April 12, observed as Kambar Arangatram, commemorating the historic day when Kavi Chakravarthi Kambar first recited the epic.

These initiatives have also reinvigorated dormant Kambar Kazhagams, which now actively engage communities and youth to promote Kambar's literary works and Tamil cultural values, ensuring his legacy continues to inspire generations.

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