

LOK BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU - PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU THIRU. RAJENDRA
VISHWANATH ARLEKAR, PRESIDED OVER THE TELANGANA
AND WEST BENGAL STATEHOOD DAY CELEBRATION
ORGANISED AT BHARATHIAR MANDAPAM, LOK BHAVAN,
CHENNAI, TODAY (21.06.2026)**

Thiru. Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu presided over the Telangana and West Bengal Statehood Day Celebration organized at Bharathiar Mandapam, Lok Bhavan, Chennai, today (21.06.2026) and felicitated the eminent personalities from Telangana and West Bengal.

Governor in his presidential address emphasized that celebrating State Foundation Days provides a valuable opportunity to appreciate the unique identities and contributions of different regions, thereby strengthening the spirit of national unity and mutual respect. Highlighting the vision of **“Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat”**, the Hon'ble Governor noted that such initiatives foster deeper cultural connections and emotional integration among States, reinforcing the idea that India's diversity is its greatest strength.

Hon'ble Governor placed special emphasis on the vision of **“Viksit Bharat”**, stating that the journey towards a developed India must be driven by the progress of individual States. He underscored that **“Achieving Viksit Bharat through Viksit Tamil Nadu”** is a vital pathway, where Tamil Nadu's advancements in education, industry, innovation, and social development significantly contribute to national growth.

Governor highlighted that Tamil Nadu, with its strong legacy of inclusive development, industrial excellence, and cultural richness, plays a pivotal role in shaping India's developmental trajectory. He called upon all

stakeholders to work collectively towards strengthening Tamil Nadu's progress, which in turn accelerates the realization of a developed and self-reliant India.

Hon'ble Governor also stressed the **importance of learning multiple Indian languages**, stating that language serves as a powerful bridge connecting people across regions. He encouraged citizens, particularly the youth, to embrace linguistic diversity to enhance cultural understanding, foster national integration, and expand opportunities. He further observed that respect for linguistic diversity deepens national unity and builds stronger interpersonal connections across States, contributing meaningfully to the vision of a united and progressive India.

The programme concluded with a renewed pledge to uphold the values of **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**, and to collectively strive towards realizing the vision of **Viksit Bharat through a Viksit Tamil Nadu**.

The celebration showcased the rich cultural heritage, traditions, and historical legacy of both Telangana and West Bengal, reflecting the vibrant diversity that defines India. Cultural performances highlighting the distinctive art forms and traditions of the two States added grandeur and significance to the occasion and cultural artistes were felicitated by the Governor.

Thiru. Sajjansingh R.Chavan, I.A.S., Secretary to Governor, Thiru. Prof. Dr. CMK.Reddy, President, All India Telugu Federation, Thiru. Prodyot Bowmick, President, South Madras Cultural Association, Thiru. Bethireddy Srinivas, President, Kala Sudha Telugu Association, Dr. Subhra Biswas, President, West Bengal Association, dignitaries, special guests, members from Telangana and West Bengal Associations, faculty members and the students were participated.

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