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**President Kovind interacts with Tea Growing Farmers, Organic Framers and Tribal Groups**  
**President Kovind participated in the Cultural Evening at Raj Bhavan, Udhagamandalam**

The Hon'ble President of India Thiru. Ram Nath Kovind interacted with the Tea Grower Farmers, Organic Farmers and Tribal groups at Udhagamanadalam today (05.08.2021). During the interaction, the President discussed about the various issues that affect the lives of the farmers and the tribal groups. He appreciated that these groups have continued practices of natural cultivation of crops, a practice that needs to be nurtured as our traditional heritage.

The Badagas, Kotas and Todas tribes also presented traditional mementos to Hon'ble President of India and the First Lady. The Badagas presented their traditional umbrella to the Hon'ble President of India and traditional embroidered shawl to the First Lady. The Kotas and Todas presented their traditional shawls to the dignitaries.

The Badagas, Kotas, Todas and Kattu Naikkars performed their traditional dance forms which was appreciated by the President. Each of the dance forms depicted their culture in the form of music and dance which is pursued by the tribal groups. The cultural performance was followed by group photograph of each of the tribal dance groups with Hon'ble President of India, First Lady, Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit and Minister for Industries, Thiru. Thangam Thennarasu.

The President also took a round of the Raj Bhavan which included the banquet hall, reception hall, ball room and other areas of Raj Bhavan and appreciated their architecture beauty. He also viewed the paintings that adorn the walls of the rooms in Raj Bhavan, Udhagamandalam.

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