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Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru Banwarilal Purohit's greetings message to Thiru. Mariyappan Thangavelu for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award

My Heartiest Congratulations and best wishes to Thiru. Mariyappan Thangavelu for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, the country's highest sporting honour. We are proud of him.

Thiru. Mariyappan Thangavelu has brought pride to India and Tamil Nadu. Thiru. Mariyappan Thangavelu who hails from Salem District of Tamil Nadu won the gold medal in the Paralympic games held in Rio in 2016. Recognising this glorious achievement the Government of India announced "Padma Shri" award for his contribution towards sports and in the same year he was also conferred with the "Arjuna Award". Now, Government of India announced Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, the country's highest sporting honour for him.

I am sure that he will win many more gold medals for India in the International Paralympic games in the future. May he continue to win big tournaments in future for India and Tamil Nadu in the coming years. I am sure his achievements will Inspire and motivate many sports persons from Tamil Nadu to perform their best at National, International and Olympic level and get many more medals and laurels for our Great Nation and best state Tamil Nadu. I wish him best for all his future endeavours.

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