

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit hosts Republic Day Reception "At Home" at Raj Bhavan, Chennai

Thiru Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu hosts Republic Day Reception "At Home" at Raj Bhavan, Chennai today (26.01.2020).

Hon'ble Governor presented Rolling Trophies to the recipients for excelling in the Armed Forces Flag Day 2018 collection. Thiru. P. Ponnai, I.A.S., the Collector of Kancheepuram district, received the award for Maximum Collection, Tmt. Mageswari Ravi Kumar, I.A.S., the Collector of Tiruvallur District received the award for Second Maximum Collection, Thiru. S. Sivarasu, I.A.S., the Collector of Tiruchirapalli district received the award for Third Maximum Collection, Thiru. G. Prakash, I.A.S., the Commissioner of Greater Chennai Corporation awarded for Maximum Collection in the Municipal Corporation, Tmt. Mageswari Ravi Kumar, I.A.S., the Collector of Tiruvallur district awarded for the Best Collection, Thiru. P. Ponnaiah, I.A.S., the Collector of Kanchipuram district received the second best collection award, Thiru. A. Annadurai, I.A.S., the Collector of Villupuram district awarded for the Third Best Collection and Dr. M. Elangovan, B.Vsc., the Commissioner of Erode City Municipal Corporation received the award for the Municipal Corporation for its best collection.

The Hon'ble Governor presented the awards to students of schools and colleges for their exemplary performance in various cultural events held at the Marina beach as part of the Nation's Republic Day celebrations.

Bethel Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Ayanavaram received the first prize, Manilal M.Mehta Girls Higher Secondary School, Park Town received the Second prize and Jaigopal Garodia Government Girls' Higher Secondary School, Virugampakkam received the third prize.

Guru Shree Shanthi Vijay Jain Women's College, Veppery, received the First prize, Queen Mary's College received the Second prize and Ethiraj Women's College received the third prize.

The Hon'ble Governor also presented the awards to the floats which scored top marks for their presentations which were displayed alongside the marina beach, to mark the Nation's Republic Day Celebrations.

The Department of Police received the First prize, the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture received the Second Place and the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj received third prize.

Hon'ble Governor also presented a special award to the Police Motorbike team Flaming Arrows for their acrobatic performance and addressed the gathering.

Hon'ble Governor addressed that, "It is a privilege and an honour to be addressing all of you on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of our Republic Day. The Republic Day is a day of formal celebration by the nation when, we recall to ourselves the supreme contribution of our freedom fighters and law-makers who gave us our Constitution.

India gave unto itself a Constitution which enshrined the values of justice, liberty and equality so as to promote fraternity among the people of India. The nation rejoiced together to welcome the arrival of an era of opportunity and growth. The Constituent Assembly had in its ranks redoubtable personalities such as Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Kannaiyalal Munshi, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Balwant Rai Mehta and H. V. Kamath. It was chaired by Dr. Rajendra Prasad and the Chairman of the Drafting Committee was Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. 'Babasaheb' Ambedkar.

Our Constitution which was created by gleaning the best features from the U.S., the Canadian, the British, the German, the French and Australian Constitutions and laid emphasis on liberty, equality and fraternity through Fundamental Rights which form a part of its basic structure.

Social democracy, as a way of life recognises liberty, equality and fraternity as core principles of life. These principles are not to be treated as separate items but need to be considered in a trinity.

India is a nation with a glorious past. Inspired by the dynamic leadership of our Honourable Prime Minister, the nation is asserting itself vigorously in the present considering the huge wealth of talent that the nation is endowed with. Future promises to be even rosier. It is in our hands to make that happen. Imagine the strength when a nation of 125 crore people starts moving forward in one whole mass. Not only will it dominate the world but will also leave every other nation behind. That, in my view, is the concept of the emerging New India. Great people have moulded the nation and its people. Great books continue to guide us in our daily lives. Great ideals beckon us to greater heights.

Even as we celebrate our Constitution, we must remind ourselves that it is a dynamic, living document of our religion of willing accommodation and harmonious togetherness. This is certainly easy to talk about but not so easy to implement. Despite this reality, as a nation, India has proved to be a land of wondrous unity, collective sanity coupled with individual dignity that comes of equitable distribution of our common resources. Our record of fight against poverty has been phenomenally good in the past some years. Our current fight against graft, too, has its own merit that the world has not missed to notice. Our surge in the sciences has been a matter of amazement for the world. And all this become possible because we stand on the foundation of our Constitution. Today we must remind ourselves of all these.

Let us make a resolve on this Republic Day to contribute all our might for the sake of the nation. That would be nationalism with a sense of service. That would be growth without pain since all of us will grow together. That would lead to greatness which is beckoning us from all directions.

I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to you and through you to the people of Tamil Nadu for a glorious future. May the spirit of our Constitution fill the air and devotion to the nation be the life breath that sustains and inspires us.”

On this occasion, Thirumathi. Pushpa Devi Purohit, Madam Governor, Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Thiru Justice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi, Chief Justice, Madras High Court, Thiru. O. Paneerselvam, Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. P. Dhanapal. Speaker, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Thiru. K. Shanmugam, I.A.S., Chief Secretary to Government, Dr P.Senthil Kumar, I.A.S., Principal Secretary (FAC), Thiru. Anandrao V. Patil, I.A.S., Secretary to Governor and other dignitaries participated.

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