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**Dr. RM. Kathiresan, appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University, Chidambaram**

Thiru R.N. Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of the Annamalai University, Chidambaram has appointed Dr. RM. Kathiresan, as Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University, for a period of three years with effect from the date of his assumption of office.

Dr. RM. Kathiresan has acquired a highest academic qualification of Doctor of Science and had a Post Doctoral Research experience for one year in U.K. as a Commonwealth Fellow. He has a rich teaching experience of 36 years. He has worked as Director, Centre for Research and Development, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Head, Department of Agronomy at Annamalai University.

He has a vast research experience having published 31 research papers in Indexed Journals, presented 30 papers in International events and organised several International Academic/Research events. He has presented 29 research papers in National Level Conferences and authored 2 books. In addition, he has executed 14 research projects worth of Rs.1611 lakhs. He has guided 10 Ph.D. Scholars. He is having 7 Memorandum of Understanding to his credit. He received British Crop Protection Council Award in the year 2001, Commonwealth Senior Academic Staff Fellowship (1997), AIASA Harit Puraskar Award (2018) by All India Agricultural Students Association and ICAR and also received the Award of "Heroes of Indian Agriculture 2017". He is a consultant for Food and Agricultural Organization of United Nations, Rome and expert committee member on Invasive Alien Weeds, in the National Bio-Diversity Authority

He is familiar with the University Administration having 8 years of administrative experience as Director, Dean and Head of the Department. He has visited 18 foreign countries namely Singapore, Nepal, Indonesia, China, Australia, USA, Canada, Thailand, Malaysia, Japan, Israel, UAE, Zimbabwe, UK, Denmark, Vietnam, South Africa and Philippines, for academic and research purposes.

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Addl. Director (PR)