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**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU, THIRU.R.N.RAVILAI**  
**WREATH AND PAIDTRIBUTES IN COMMEMORATION OF**  
**'VELLORE SEPOY MUTINY DAY' AT VELLORE**  
**ON 10.07.2022**

Thiru. R.N. Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu accompanied by the Lady Governor, Tmt. Laxmi Governor laid wreath at the Vellore Sepoy Mutiny Memorial Pillar and paid tribute to the brave soldiers commemorating the 'Day of Vellore Sepoy Uprising against the British' at Vellore today (10.07.2022).

Hon'ble Governor in his address to the gathering of INA veterans and their families, ex-servicemen and their families, Freedom Fighters, NCC Cadets, NSS Volunteers and the Public, started his speech in Tamil highlighting the utmost sacrifices made by the freedom warriors for India's Independence against the British rule. He lamented that a large number of freedom fighters have been forgotten and said that a Nation cannot become great if it remains ungrateful to those who gave their lives and blood for the country.

While expressing his love for Tamil language, Hon'ble Governor said that he wish to continue in Tamil but definitely one day he will speak in good Tamil.

Hon'ble Governor said that Vellore uprising was much more than a mutiny. It was a war against the British for the freedom from foreign rule. He added that this uprising seeded the fire of freedom Nationwide which eventually led to India's freedom. He added that in this war

Indian soldiers of all communities and various regions of the country fought the British together.

Governor recalled that the district, Vellore has made immense contributions to our military and thereby defending the integrity and security of the Nation. He said that Tamil Nadu is Veer Bhumi and has given many freedom fighters, Veeramangai Natchiaar, Pulithevan, Veerapandiya Kattabomman, Theeran Chinnamalai and many. This list is endless.

Hon'ble Governor narrated how Bharat was systematically ruined by the British who tried to divide our people along several imaginary lines. Before the British occupation people of Bharat could move freely to all parts of the country for education, trade, pilgrimage and settlement.

Governor explained in detail how the geographic segments of Bharat North and South of Vindhya Range known as Panch Aryas and Panch Dravidas were mischievously turned into racial divide to weaken the unity of the country. He explained how Dravidar represented the region comprising Maharashtra, Andhra, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala etc. While leaving India, the British not only partitioned the country but had left some 600 independent countries within Bharat. He thanked Sardar Patel for uniting the country by removing the artificial and sinister divide of it.

While celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the 75<sup>th</sup> of year of India's freedom, the Nation is remembering unsung freedom fighters, identifying the forgotten heroes and honouring them.

Now, the Nation is marching forward with renewed confidence and determination to attain the goals, with a sense of 'Kudumbam', a Family all of inclusion. This inclusive approach has started giving dividends as regional imbalances are reducing and ensuring every citizen get basic ingredients of food, health, home, electricity, drinking water, education, employment and so on.

Hon'ble Governor highlighted that in recent years the outlook of the world towards India has changed. We are no more a third world country. World is looking at India with expectations for leadership. India has rendered huge support in providing COVID vaccines to more than 150 countries during the Global pandemic. The changed outlook of the world is reflected in ways in which India's Prime Minister is received by the leaders and people of developed countries and how our Indian diaspora can live and work in foreign countries with pride

He emphasised that the country is in the crucial period of Amrit Kaal of the next 25 years and while India will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> year of Independence, the Nation should reach its destiny of becoming the World Leader by the year 2047.

Hon'ble Governor urged that people on this solemn day at the Veera Bhoomi of Vellore, every citizen should resolve to contribute their possible best towards the Nation's progress to attain this holy mission. Hon'ble Governor also urged the students to utilise the ample opportunities available in Modern India to succeed and dream big thereby to make the Nation a Great India as 'Ore Bharatham, Unnatha Bharatham'.

On this occasion, Hon'ble Governor visited the premises of Vellore Fort which has spread out into 160 acres of land including the rampart, Archlogical Survey of India Museum and Badhusa Mahal.

Hon'ble Governor also interacted with the Ex-Servicemen, War veterans, widows and the Members of Ex-Servicemen Welfare Board of Vellore District. He praised their selfless sacrifices and distinguished contributions in defending Nation and its interests. He addressed their grievances and assured them that their grievances will be resolved.

In this event, the District Collector Thiru.P.Kumaravel Pandian, I.A.S, District Police Superintendent, Thiru.Rajesh Kannan, I.P.S, officials of District Ex-servicemen Welfare Board, dignitaries and State Officials participated and paid tributes.

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