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**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMILNADU THIRU.R.N.RAVI UNVEILED  
THE STATUE OF BHARAT RATNA DR.A.P.J.ABDUL KALAM, FORMER  
PRESIDENT OF INDIA AT CAMPUS OF MADRAS INSTITUTE OF  
TECHNOLOGY (MIT), CHENNAI, TODAY (14.12.2022)**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.R.N.Ravi, today (14.12.2022), unveiled the statue of Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Former President of India at campus of Madras Institute of Technology (MIT), Chennai.

Hon'ble Governor in his special address, urged the successful people particularly the youth to mentor and support the unprivileged children of villages and remote areas to make them capable in making a New India.

He hailed Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam who was maker of modern India and recollected his yeomen services and innovative contributions in critical areas of defence, science and technology towards Nation's self reliant. With his simplicity and humble background, the great leader rose to the top position is real inspiration for youth. Dr.Kalam who understood the country well and stood up on its heritage and pride, has evolved as Rishi.

The Missile Man who lived his life for the country till his last breath and his thoughts of 'sky is the limit to achieve' is the driving mantra for the youth to dare to dream, dream big and work hard to make it happen.

The Governor underscored that Nation is at the unique historical moment and at the cusp of revolutionary transformation to reach destiny by the year 2047 as Vishwa Guru. He urged every citizen to participate and contribute their best possible in transformation and Nation building rather. It is mandatory for Nation to restore its heritage and past glories of prosperity and become fully developed and self reliant country in taking the world leadership for the sake of humanity.

The Hon'ble Governor recalled the fruitful initiatives and dynamic guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister in motivating the people to have pride on our heritage and culture. Hon'ble Prime Minister yesterday released coin and postage stamp in commemoration of 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo, a revolutionary and spiritual leader.

The Governor while highlighting spirituality as the core humanity added that our traditions are always insist on Vasuthaiva Kutumbakkam, the world is one family. Bharat is a divine chosen land with obligation to rise to save the world.

The Governor praised the MIT where Dr.Kalam was groomed and later become as President of India. He congratulated the MITAA for their immense services in shaping the students to succeed in their life. He admired the visionary thoughts and great services of the Nationalist Thiru.C.Rajam, the founder of MIT where successful pioneers are groomed up for the welfare of the society.

On this occasion, family members of Dr.Kalam were honoured and AMITA scholarships were given to MIT students. The Hon'ble Governor interacted with the students and teachers and visited the campus.

In this function, Dr. R.Velraj, Vice-Chancellor, Anna University, Dr.J.Prakash, Dean, MIT, Dr.G.Ravikumar, Registrar, Anna University, Thiru. B.Senthilnathan, President, MIT Alumni Association (MITAA), Thiru. T.Sankar, Secretary MITAA, distinguished invitees, dignitaries, members, functionaries, faculties, teachers and students were participated.

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