

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU UNVEILED THE STATUE OF
THIRUVALLUVAR AT DTEA SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL,
LODHI ESTATE, NEW DELHI, TODAY (25.08.2022)**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru R.N.Ravi unveiled the statue of Thiruvalluvar at Delhi Tamil Education Association (DTEA) Senior Secondary School, Lodhi Estate , New Delhi, today (25.08.2022).

In the special address, Hon'ble Governor congratulated DTEA for their yeomen service to the society and wished them to keep continuing their journey of good work to achieve more in their endeavours. He hailed the great legend and Sage Thiruvalluvar who gave the people, the Thirukural the 'Fountain of Wisdom'. He highlighted richness and beauty of Tamil language , most ancient language alive.

He mentioned Thirukkural is not just a code of ethics and morality but an epic book holding the wisdom of eternal spirituality. The great sage Thiruvalluvar is one of the brightest sun in the galaxy of ancient sages. The 'Aadhi Bhagavan' quoted in the first Kural 'Aadhi Bhagavan' is found in all the Indian languages. Concept of 'Aadhi Bhagavan' is in Rig Veda also. It is at the core of Indian Spirituality. It is far from 'Primal Deity' as translated by colonial apologists.

Hon'ble Governor elaborated how the British mandated The East India Company to evangelize India and how missionaries like G.U.Pope who first translated Thirukkural in English presented a de-spiritualised version of it. The translation was done with colonial objective to trivialise the spiritual wisdom of India.

British attempted to destroy India's great spirituality by distorting Indian history, culture and to colonise the people's mind. Tamil language and its literature have given profound and timeless works such as

Tholkappiam, Silapathikaram, Manimeghalai, Purananooru and many. He narrated how the author of Tholkapiam having written the great Book presented it to Atankot Acharya who was a profound scholar of the four Vedas.

Tamil Siddar Tirumoolar's Thirumanthiram aged of about 3000 years before the Common Era tells all about spirituality and yoga. He urged the youths and the scholars to shun the colonial interpretation of these priceless books and have soulful reading of these scriptures and experience their true essence.

Hon'ble Governor admired Tamil culture of gifting book when one meets another and he wished that it should be followed in the rest of the country. He also appealed to the students, the Future India to dream big, to develop themselves by hard work and to compete and conquer. Governor reminded the young students that they are like the seeds of a Banyan tree which is so tiny and yet in it hidden are big trees. Young students have great roles in India which has entered in the 'Amrit Kaal' of 25 years before it attains 100th year of Independence in the year 2047 to accomplish the goals and to become 'Vishwa Guru'.

Earlier, the school students recited Thirukkural followed by the presentation on activities of DTEA Schools and Institutions by the Principal, DTEA, to the Hon'ble Governor. Hon'ble Governor conferred awards to six meritorious students for their excellence.

On this occasion, Dr.V.G.Santhosham, Chairman, VGP Group of Companies, Thiru.R.Raju, Honorary Secretary and Ms.Chitra Radhakrishnan, Academic Director, Thiru.M.Sooriya Narayanan, President, DTEA Schools, New Delhi, distinguished invitees, dignitaries, ffunctionaries, teachers and students were in the presence.

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