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Highlights of Hon'ble Governor Thiru. R.N. Ravi's special address at the book release "Pt. Deendayal Udadhya: Dispersions of thought" & "Pt. Deendayal Udpadhyaya: Integral humanism" held on 21.02.2023 at Raj Bhavan, Chennai.

- Pandit DeenDayal Upadhyaya's **integral humanity is contemporary interpretation of Sanatan Adhyatm**, deeply rooted in the heart and soul of every 'Bharatiya'. Today as our country progresses, the integral humanism of Deendayal Upadhyaya is witnessed.
- **'Sanatan Dharma'** is so comprehensive that there is no Pagan or infidel. They all are part of the same family, all-inclusive bounded by the law of universe called 'Dharma'. It is not only in Sanskrit, but also in our ancient Tamil poetic work, "Puranaanooru", which says **"Yaadhum Oore Yaavarum Kaelir"**.
- We have committed a grave mistake by misunderstanding and misusing the term 'Dharma' as the English counterpart of 'religion'. Governor reiterated **Dharma as the eternal law of the universe by which we all have to abide**.
- British rule has caused social, cultural, and civilizational destruction of Bharat. After independence, we were supposed to rebuild our country in a way the soul of our country demanded, but we lost the track. We kept parroting the same colonial attitude, and our policies were heavily skewed towards western ideas and ideologies. It further intensified the problems, as we had a large number of hungry, illiterate, sick, and poor people. This also resulted in regional imbalances; even in the most developed states, subregional imbalances are prominent, including in our state of Tamil Nadu.
- Governor highlighted the four prominent western ideologies i.e. Theology, Darwinian theory, Karl Marx theory, and Rousseau's social contract theory—that caused damage to our national growth.

- **He explained the Theology** which believed in anthropocentric view of life, where humans are at the centre of creation and the rest of the creations were meant for the pleasure of the human. It created reckless exploitation of natural resources, conflict between humans and nature, and resulted in climate crisis. **The Bharatiya Darshan, on the other hand, believed that we are all a part of creation and are inextricably linked, whether we are humans, animals, or non-livings. We are all the children of the same mother earth.**

- **Speaking on the Darwinian Theory** which insist on the survival of the fittest, meant those who are weak got no right to exist and only the strong prospered. It is the law of the jungle where there is no compassion, or sense of right or wrong. **But the 'Bharatiya Darshan' believed in the survival of collectives with compassion.**

- **On theory of Karl Marx**, perpetual conflicts between haves and have-nots nots raised. As per the theory, 'have nots' has to prevail and this idea spread like a virus. **This model created divisions between and within different segments. It triggered perpetual conflict in society.**

- **On Rousseau's social contract theory**, he looked upon the origin and relationship between an individual, a society, and a state as a "contract." **It considered Individual as primary stakeholder and supports supremacy of the individual over collectives and state and society is product. Like six blind men and an elephant, everyone looked at part of it, but nobody looked at it in totality.**

- Our educated people keep quoting western thinkers and philosophers as if there is no body from this country. They quote **Abraham Lincoln** for promoting democracy "of the people, by the people, for the people," but forget that the same person didn't

allow women to vote, and he did not consider blacks as human. They praise Lincoln for abolishing slavery, who said, " I would be the last person to abolish slavery". It is recorded history. This is nothing but the **colonisation of our minds**.

- Today, India is the fifth largest economy in the world, and in five to six years, we will be the third largest economy in the world, and **by 2047, we will be the largest economy in the world**. The whole world looks upon India's credible story and growth. They look at India as an engine of global recovery.
- After the pandemic, the world was in a recession-like situation, but India still managed to develop. When world powers produced vaccines, they encapsulated the situation and looked at it as an opportunity to make money. But India developed its own vaccines and provided them to nearly 150 nations for free. India's vaccines are still regarded as among the best in the world.
- Today, we are **comprehensively resurging with compassion**. What brought this transformation is the way we look at our country. Earlier, we looked at this country from western perspective. But under the visionary and inclusive Central leadership, today we look at our country from '**Bharatiya**' **perspective as one family**. As a result, we are attaining incredible results. In the field of clean energy, Nari Shakti (Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, cooking gas) building better connectivity (road and optical fibres) the comprehensive and bold approach are showing splendid outcomes. We achieved this because we looked at the country's problem not piecemeal but as a whole. When the national leadership gives a call, it touches the soul of Bharat, and the whole nation keeps its trust in him.
- With the creative and collective energy of 1.3 billion people, the nation is marching towards its destiny in this '**Amrit Kaal**'. Earlier, the model of governance was based on patronage. **Only when our people will grow with dignity, our Bharat will grow and world will be safe.**

- Governor called upon the young scholars to come forward to study, conduct research, write books, essays, Op-Eds and encouraged to hold intellectual churning on new ideas to make our intellectual space are made free from colonized minds and understand and explore who we are.

On this occasion Prof. M. Krishnan, Vice- Chancellor, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Tiruvarur, Prof. Thiru. Kanakasabapathy, Former Chair Person ,ICSSR, New Delhi, Auditor Thiru. R. Sundaram, Author of the book and Prof. Thiru.Dharmalingam, Officials of Raj Bhavan, University faculties, professors, teachers and students were in presence.

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