

**PRESS RELEASE**

**SADHBHAVANA TOUR – STUDENTS FROM  
KASHMIR VALLEY INTERACT WITH GOVERNOR**

The Indian Army organizes Sadhbhavana – National Integration Tour for the local students of Kashmir valley. The purpose of the tour is to provide exposure to the students of Kashmir on development and cultural aspects of the nation. As a part of the Sadhbhavana Programme, 20 students from the local schools of Anantnag District of South Kashmir are on a tour from 19<sup>th</sup> December 2011 to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012. They arrived Chennai on Friday (30.12.2011) after visiting Kolkata, Gopalpur, Visakhapatnam and will be visiting Bangalore.

The Students met His Excellency Dr.K.Rosaiah, Governor of Tamil Nadu at Raj Bhavan, Chennai today (30.12.2011). They said that they were happy to visit Tamil Nadu and would carry on the message of peace to their State, emphasizing that peace would pave the way for the development of the state. While replying to a question the Governor, Dr.K.Rosaiah said that he had visited Kashmir Valley thrice; As a student he had visited in 1952 to attend the meeting of the National Students Union convened by Sheik Abdullah; it was in 1955 he visited as a tourist and later it was in 1980 as a Minister he attended a meeting. He said that he had association with Shri. Sheik Abdullah, Shri Farook Abdullah and Shri Omar Abdullah.

The Governor shared his experience, saying that Kashmir is a wonderful and beautiful place to visit. It attracts tourists from the country and abroad and one can see the beauty of India in the Kashmir Valley. He observed that Kashmir has a bright future. “We require a peaceful atmosphere for development: and we should put down the disturbances that will be detrimental to the development of Kashmir” said Dr.K.Rosaiah.

In his message to the students the Governor said that they should concentrate on their education and should excel in their studies. “Be a Nationalist; we are the sons of the soil; India is a great nation; India is one.” He asked the students to study well and pass the exams with distinction and they are an asset to their family. Their parents and their relatives should be proud of them. Major. M. Bhagawan , 50 Lt AD Regt who accompanied the students thanked His Excellency. Thiru Shambhu Kallolika I.A.S., Secretary to Governor and other officials were present. The students earlier sung Kashmiri songs.

Secretary to Governor

Raj Bhavan, Chennai.  
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for Secretary to Governor