

## Press Release

There have been varying reports about the statement concerning the appointment of Vice-Chancellors made by the Hon'ble Governor at the function organised by Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal at the workshop titled 'Enhancing Quality Education' on 6.10.2018.

The exact verbatim text of the statement made by the Hon'ble Governor on the subject is as follows: "I learnt from educationists and others that appointment of Vice-Chancellors was done by exchanging money in Crores. I could not believe that. Then I decided that things have to be changed. Till date 9 Vice-Chancellor have been selected by me purely on merit".

From the above verbatim text it should be clear that the Hon'ble Governor has not made any allegations against anybody about corruption or money being exchanged. He was only referring to information provided to him by certain educationists during his interaction with them.

It is a matter of common knowledge that in 2018 alone the people of Tamil Nadu witnessed the following occurrences with reference to the Vice-Chancellors appointed prior to 2018.

1. Arrest of a Vice-Chancellor by the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti Corruption.
2. Raids and registration of cases by the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti Corruption against two Vice-Chancellors.
3. The Unseating of a Vice-Chancellor by the Hon'ble High Court of Madras for irregularities in the observance of appointment procedures.

The changes in system of appointment Vice-Chancellors have been brought by Hon'ble Governor following a policy of honesty, transparency and strict adherence to the statutes.

All the 9 Vice-Chancellors appointed in 2018, till date are persons of high integrity, calibre and have come through the due process. This will definitely help to improve the quality of higher education in Tamil Nadu and pave the way for a bright future for the students of the State.

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