

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU, THIRU.R.N.RAVI INAUGURATED**  
**CELEBRATIONS OF 5<sup>TH</sup> GST DAY**  
**IN CHENNAI, TODAY (01.07.2022)**

Thiru.R.N.Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, inaugurated 5<sup>th</sup> GST (Goods & Service Tax) Day celebrations at Kalaivanar Arangam in Chennai today, 01.07.2022.

In the beginning, Hon'ble Governor expressed his happiness in joining the auspicious celebration of GST day and said, this day is of great significance in the history of Post-British India when highly fragmented tax-regimes could be streamlined by 'One Nation One Tax regime'. He called it a shining example of India's co-operative federalism.

Hon'ble Governor described about how during the colonial rule the country was hugely fragmented. Unfortunately even after independence, the Nation was looked as a geographically and culturally fragmented entity. Even the challenges before the Nation were dealt in fragments. Lack of integrated approach over a period of time has made problems chronic, created more challenges and widened regional imbalances. Under the dynamic leadership at National level bold corrective measures are being taken.

Hon'ble Governor hailed Sardar Vallabai Patel for his commendable contributions for unity of the Nation. His bold and timely initiatives helped the country highly fragmented by the British.

Hon'ble Governor recalled Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar's views clearly expressed in the Constituent Assembly wherein he had stated that federalism of India was to create one united strong India. Governor re-iterated that India is an organic union and not a contractual one.

This holistic approach under dynamic and visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister has helped to deal with problems of the country, find solution comprehensively and developing as 'Ore Bharatham, Unnatha Bharatham'. He recollected how the Bharat of the vision of Mahakavi Subramania Bharathiar, Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and Swami Vivekananda is to be built.

Hon'ble Governor quoted Mahakavi's poet and said in Tamil that Bharat Mata speaks 18 languages but her thought always remains one. Also, he quoted his lyrics in Tamil that 'vedhamudayathu intha nadu, nalla veerar printha thintha nadu, sethamillatha Hindu stanam - Idhai thievamendru kumbidadi papa'.

Governor applauded the contributions of the officials of the tax-administrations in meeting the daunting challenges of streamline the tax regime. This integrated GST taxation system is a win-win for all states, tax-payers, entrepreneurs and the Union Government resulted in enhanced the tax collection as well as improving ease of doing business - thereby contribute for the development of Nation. It has broadened the tax-base and resulted in enhanced tax compliance. Giving example of Tamil Nadu he stated that due to GST Tax revenue of the State has gone up significantly.

Governor emphasised that the people of the country are basically law-abiding. It is only when the tax eco-system is vicious that some people are

encouraged to evade it. With GST more and more tax-payers are coming forward for the good of the country.

Hon'ble Governor added that India is moving ahead with new confidence and commitments to achieve the goals determined. Tax payers play a vital role in this crucial period of Amrit Kaal of the next 25 years to take the Nation forward in all fields. It will help India to reach her destiny of becoming the world leader in all aspects by the year 2047 when the country will be celebrating 100th independence.

Hon'ble Governor urged the GST professionals, officials administrators and industry people to collectively work towards continually improving the eco-system. In the function, Hon'ble Governor presented awards and appreciation to achievers and best performers including tax payers from industries.

In this function, Thiru.M.V.S.Choudary, Chief Commision of GST, Central Excise & Customs, Tamil Nadu & Puduchery Zone, Thiru.K.Anpazhagn, Director General, DGGI (South Zone), Thiru.S.Raviselvan, Principal Commissioner of GST and Central Exercise, Thiru.M.M.Parthiban, Principal Commissioner of GST and Central Exercise, Thiru.K.V.S.Singh, Commissioner of GST and Central Exercise,distinguished invitees, dignitaries, industry representatives, officials and staff of the organisation were participated.

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