

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU, THIRU.R.N.RAVI
PARTICIPATED IN CELEBRATIONS OF 217th COMMEMORATION DAY
OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTER DHEERAN CHINNAMALAI AT
ODANILAI AND JAYARAMAPURAM, ERODE, TODAY, 03.08.2022**

Thiru.R.N.Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, today (03.08.2022) visited memorial of National freedom fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai at Odanilai and paid tributes to his statue while remembering his immense sacrifices for India's freedom movement. He also participated in celebration of 217th of his commemoration day organised at Jayarampuram, Erode.

In his Chief Guest address, Hon'ble Governor delivered his introductory speech in Tamil language and appraised that Tamil as the ancient and beautiful language while praising about the great services of freedom fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai. He wished to continue his speaking in Tamil language and he assured that he would do soon.

Hon'ble Governor hailed the National warrior raised from the sacred land of Kongu quoting popular saying **கொங்கு செழித்தால் எங்கும் செழிக்கும்**. During the colonisation period, British did attempts to erase the valour of many great warriors of freedom struggle but they have been written in the hearts and minds of people passing through the generations in the form of stories and folk songs.

Dheeran Chinnamalai, was the mass leader, organised youth militia with limited resources and military capacity defeated British forces with his strategic mind and smart tactical operators and defended the land and the people from British's occupation.

While the Nation is celebrating 75 years of Independence of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the country is remembering all great freedom fighters across Bharat who shed blood and sacrificed their precious life for the Nation. In acknowledging the great sacrifices of Dheeran Chinnamalai, a commemorative stamp in his name was released by the Government of India in the year 2015.

Hon'ble Governor mentioned that Dheeran Chinnamalai was a master in all arts and crafts of guerrilla warfare. The admiring and visionary leadership of Dheeran Chinnamalai is an inspiration to the youths and further he desired that his leadership and military strategies should constitute case studies on leadership skills and adaptive strategies for military warfare.

Dheeran Chinnamalai was a great patron and mentor of scholars and true saviour of culture and spirituality wherein lives the soul of Bharat and which is the essence of our Sanatana Dharma and Sanskriti. Sanatan Dharma is all inclusive and believes in universal brotherhood (Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam). In the true tradition of Chera, Chola and Pandiya Kings,

Dheeran Chinnamalai was a patron of Dharma and protected the institution of Kuladeivam.

Hon'ble Governor recalled how the ancient Tamil literature talks about Dharma. He cited Tholkappiam, in Tamil, “அறம் கரை நாவின நான்மறை முற்றிய அதங்கோட்டு ஆசாற்கு அரில்தபத் தெரிந்து (பாயிரம்)”, and elaborated how the great Tholkappiar after writing Tholkappiam presented it to Athankode Assan a profound scholar of aid the four vedas and who talked of Dharma ours.

While the world is in crisis of terrorism environment mistrust. India's tradition of Vasuthaiva Kutumbakam of treating others as one of us, as a family has been acknowledged. India has the ingrained aptitude calibre and potential to solve the world crisis and pave the path for other Nation. India has rendered incredible human services of providing indigenous vaccines at free of cost to more than 150 countries. It was manifestation of India's commitment to Vasudhaiva Kudumbakam.

India is now marching ahead with renewed confidence and firm resolve to remove imbalances all around. It has changed the world's outlook on us from third world country to in our that can provide leadership.

Hon'ble Governor underscored the country is built by its people and not by the Government. He urged the people to contribute individually and collectively to build India with four fold development modes of prosperous in

economy, militarily strong, intellectually ahead in Science and Technology and spiritually resurgent. The destiny is India should become world leader by the year 2047, when the country will be celebrating 100th year of Independence.

In this commemoration function, Hon'ble Governor also honoured the descendants of freedom fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai and praised the inspirational National leader for his great services and utmost sacrifices to the Nation.

In this celebrations, Thavathiru Santhalinga Maruthasala Aadigalar, Pontiff Perur Aatheenam, Thavthiru Ramanantha Kumaragurubara Swamigal, Pontiff Siravai Aatheenam, Thavthiru Saathu Sanmuga Adigalar, Thiru.J.Chinnamalai Krishnakumar, Thiru.K.Annamalai ex IPS, Founder Trustees of Kongu Social Spiritual Educational & Cultural Foundation (KOSSEC) Foundation, Thiru.Raja.P.Arumugham, United Nations, Geneva, descendants of freedom fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai, dignitaries, distinguished invitees and officials were in presence.

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