

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU THIRU R.N. RAVI VISITED
AND WITNESSED VARIOUS DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES IN
BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY, COIMBATORE TODAY (12.05.2022)**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru R.N. Ravi visited various departments, facilities and witnessed their academic, research and extended activities in Bharathiar University, Coimbatore today (12.05.2022).

Hon'ble Governor accompanied by the Lady Governor, Tmt. Laxmi Ravi paid floral tributes to the statue of Mahakavi Subramania Bharathi and his renowned Tamil freedom songs sung by students from Bharathiar University.

Hon'ble Governor and the Lady Governor visited herbal garden in the campus in the University and planted herbal plants in the garden as commemoration of their visit. Following this, Hon'ble Governor visited Central Instrumentation Centre including Multi-probe Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) and Confocal Microscopic Lab where Dr.M.Balasubramaniam, Professor, Dept of Physics briefed about the activities.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University gave a presentation to the Hon'ble Governor about the university including ranking in faculty, achievements, projects, projects outcomes, action plan for emerging India as a world leader by 2047, patents, social relevance and so on.

In the Department of Bio-technology he was briefed by Dr..R.Satishkumar, Professor & Head of the Dept., on the vision, mission, responsibilities, achievement, collaboration, alumni presence, and programme of the Department. He visited the zebra-fish core facility centre and medical bio-technology cell that carries research on genetics.

At the Olympic Standard Swimming Pool elevated with solar energy in the Campus, Hon'ble Governor witnessed swimming of the students and was explained about the coaching programmes by Dr.K.Murugavel, Senior Professor & Head, Dept.of Physical Education.

Hon'ble Governor also paid a visit to Bharathiar School of Management and Entrepreneur Development Centre (BSMED) established in 1984 and had a brief on modules of the programmes and evaluation being undertaken from Dr.Rupa Gunaseelan, Professor & Director. There have been about 760 entrepreneur in alumni network. It has ensured about 80% of total enrolment got placements on completion of the programmes. It has signed 6 MoUs with two

International Institutions (Skill Development Corporation (SDC), UK and Rochester, USA for Artificial Intelligence application in industry) and four with national and international organization.

During his visit to DRDO, Hon'ble Governor was briefed by Dr.K.Kadirvelu, Joint Director, DRDO Industry Academia-Centre of Excellence (DRDO-DIA-COE), described about the genesis and establishment of DRDO as a collaborative project MOU(Joint policy) signed by Dr. A. P.J. Abdul Kalam, Former secretary, Ministry of Defense on 18th April 1998 and the various ongoing research activities including development of materials for sensing applications, QDs for bio-imaging, material development for therapeutic applications and Antigen/Antibody development in chickens.

Also, the Director explained about the phase I and phase II project funded with 17.1 Cr and 7.1 Cr respectively. The phase I & II project includes 183 equipments at the cost of 10.25 Cr which and produced 35 PhD's, 16 patent, 3 copyrights, 216 publications with cumulative impact factor of 545.14, 86 conference papers and 22 awards and honors. Sum of 15 lakh was generated during the phase II project. 2.5 Cr was received from external funding agencies including CSIR, DST and BIRAC. Recently, DRDO-DIA-COE received the fund of Rs. 3 Cr in four different research areas.

The Director talked about issues related to the area of research carried out at DRDO, selection of research fellows, eligibility criteria, annual intake of human resource, time duration of PhD research work and number of students from all the country working at DRDO. He also discussed about the overall functioning of the DRDO centre and collaborative research work with Bharathiar University. The DRDO centre is focused on futuristic research and development based on the knowledge and scope. Skill development and training on how to use sophisticated instruments and sample preparation for the students.

Hon'ble governor appreciated the extensive instrument facilities and research activities including external funded projects, student's project, internship program and hand-on training at DRDO for students from various institutes. Also, various research programs run by various funding agencies at DRDO.

Following this, Hon'ble Governor interacted with the students from various departments of the University. During the interaction, he urged the students work together with National Consciousness to contribute in resurgence of India. He advised them to take on life with confidence and courageous. He also interacted with differently abled students and heard the challenges they face. He admired their courage, passion and spirit to fight and conquer.

In the interactive meeting with the members of the Syndicate, Hon'ble Governor suggested a special cell to be formed to negotiate with industrial partners to improve opportunities for industrial internship for the students from the rural background. Hon'ble Governor also had a meeting with the Principals of affiliated Colleges in the Campus.

On these occasions, Prof.Dr.P.Kaliraj, Vice-Chancellor, Thiru. Prasanna Ramasamy, Deputy Secretary to the Governor (Universities), the Registrar, the Controller of Examinations, Members of the Syndicate, Deans of the Faculties, officials and students were present.

Raj Bhavan, Chennai-22

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Addl. Director (PR)