

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU, THIRU.R.N.RAVI
INAUGURATED 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF AMAR SEVA
SANGAM AT AYIKUDI, TENKASI, TODAY (19.06.2022)**

Thiru.R.N.Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, inaugurated 40th anniversary celebrations of Amar Seva Sangam at Ayikudi, Tenkasi today, 19.06.2022.

In his inaugural address, Hon'ble Governor appreciated the undaunted efforts and initiatives taken by Padmashri. Thiru.S.Ramakrishnan, Founder President and Thiru.S.Sankara Raman, Honorary Secretary, Amar Seva Sangam in raising up this service dedicated to rehabilitate people with disabilities.

Amar Seva Sangam has been doing yeomen service by helping several thousand of disabled persons in regaining their self-confidence and dignity and making them capable of living in the society with self-respect. This centre is catering to the needs of over 1000 villages in the State.

This multi-faceted hub is providing education which is a driving force for progress, medical treatment, rehabilitation to the physically and intellectually challenged persons to get fair access and equity thereby succeeding in their life.

Hon'ble Governor emphasised that the Maanava Sewa, service to humanity is the Supreme Dharma in Sanatan Spirituality. The sense of empathy and connecting with humanity in distress is the mark of a human being. This is what distinguishes humans from other beings.

Hon'ble Governor also underscored the need for greater awareness in the society about rights of persons with disability. He added that although the Parliament has made a law in this regard in 2016, the needed awareness about it is still lacking. He added that millions of our citizen with disabilities have equal right to become productive member of the society. There should be more awareness on early identification and intervention of disability of the children for which more and more number of such voluntary welfare institutions are required to come forward.

It is utmost need of the hour as the country has a large number of such persons and they require early interventions and rehabilitation. They should be given intensive care, proper guidance, motivation to inculcate the sense of improving skills and conquering in them. They should be acknowledged and encouraged to join the mainstream of the social life to get their rights as citizens of the country instead of making them sidelined. Their talents and hidden skills should be identified and accounted for promoting and enabling them to achieve their goals.

Hon'ble Governor highlighted that the physical disability is not a constraint but it is a condition. He urged the people to commit ourselves with untiring efforts to improve the standard of these persons with disabilities to lead respected and succeeded life thereby contribution to the development of the country.

In this function, Hon'ble Governor digitally launched three projects of Compound Wall for the Institution constructed by the contributions from Governor's Discretionary Grant (Raj Bhavan, Chennai), Solar Projects Phase I by ABB India Limited, Multi-purpose Training Hall for persons with disabilities contributed by Sanmina India Limited and dedicated to the Institution.

Hon'ble Governor was given audio and visual presentations and briefed about the activities being undertaken by Amar Seva Sangam. He visited the Amar Seva Training and Development Centre, Medical Evaluation Unit and the campus. He also witnessed the cultural programmes performed by the physically challenged children.

He honoured the physically challenged achievers and conferred awards who were excel in academic and sports. He congratulated them for spreading new confidence to the Nation and leaving a great message to the society of 'Never Give-up Hope' in attaining targets. He congratulated them for their determination, dedication and challenging their disabilities in achieving the performances.

In this function, Padmashri.Thiru.S.Ramakrishnan, Founder President, Thiru.S.Sankara Raman, Honorary Secretary, Amar Seva Sangam, Thiru. P.Akash, I.A.S, District Collector, Tenkasi, Thiru.R.Krishnaraj, I.P.S, Superintendent of Police, Tenkasi District, Thiru.SV.Jegganathan, Senior Director, Sanmina India Private Limited, special invitees, dignitaries, officials and office bearers of Amar Seva Sangam were participated.

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