

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU INAUGURATED THE 'PALARU PERUVIZHAA – 2022' AT SREE NARAYANI PEEDAM, SRIPURAM, VELLORE, TODAY, (29.06.2022)**

Thiru.R.N.Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the 'Palaru Peruvizhaa – 2022' at Sree Narayani peedam, Sripuram, Vellore, today (29<sup>th</sup> June 2022).

Hon'ble Governor in his inaugural address highlighted the importance of water for sustenance of life and development, called rivers as life givers. He also recalled the great Tiruvalluvar's quote in Tamil language, 'Neerindri Amaiyathu Ulagu' and emphasised the significance of water and urgency to protect the rivers as there is no life without water .

Hon'ble Governor also narrated that another Tamil legend Elango Adigalar as said in Silapathikaram that the good ruler of the country has to preserve rain and store in ponds and tanks to enrich the soil. We have worshipped rivers as God and Goddesses, an integral part of Sanathan Sanskriti practiced in every parts of Bharat. Rivers are divine all over Bharat and the same is our unique identity.

Appreciating the criticality of water in coming days, our Hon'ble Prime Minister has made a separate Water Ministry and launched Amrit Sarovar Scheme. The scheme will develop 75 water bodies in every district of the country. Each water body will be at least in one acre land with minimum water storing capacity of 10,000 cubic meter. The scheme has the target to complete by 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Thus, in the next over a year our country will have at least 50,000 water reservoirs.

He mentioned that the world is facing major climate crisis due to reckless exploitation of earth's resources which is leading to drying of rivers. At this juncture, the world is looking with expectation on Bharat for guidance and leadership. Our Nation is showing the way in bold measures to reduce carbon-emission and steadily greater reliance on renewable energy.

We have been worshipping the Sun, the ultimate source of energy since time immemorial. Now, the world has understood its relevance. Under dynamic leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister in the year 2016, Bharat launched an International Solar Alliance to foster the production of solar energy. Over 100 Nations in the world have joined the Alliance. Similarly we are producing more and more wind energy.

By September 2021 Nation has achieved its target of producing 100 Giga Watt clean energy long before the targeted year. Now, the country has set an ambitious target of producing 500 Giga Watt clean energy by the year 2030. Hon'ble Governor said that a confident Bharat would reach this target well before the deadline.

Hon'ble Governor added that in Bharat's Sanatan Sanskriti Earth is our mother and not a resource. Sanatan Sanskriti believes in unity of creation be it humans, animals and plant kingdoms. Divinity permeates one and all. This Sanskriti of Bharat is of several thousand years. Western way of anthropocentric view of life style where nature is considered as resources has created several crisis including climatic crisis.

Governor emphasised that the rise of Bharat is not only for the citizens of this country but for the benefit of the whole world. Rise of Bharat cannot be limited to material prosperity. In absence of spiritual resurgence, a materially prosperous Bharat will be an imitation of the West. Spirituality of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakkam defines the identity of Bharat.

Hon'ble Governor reminded the Sadhus and Sanyasis of their responsibility to spiritual resurgence of the country. They have special responsibility of taking the spiritual awareness to all villages in the country. He stated that the country has entered the Amrit Kaal of 25 years. This period is crucial for the country. In this period, every Indian has to contribute to its rise. In this regard our Sadhus and Sanyasis have responsibility towards spiritual well being of our people.

In the conclusion, Hon'ble Governor paid floral tributes to Palar river and wished the festival a grand success. He prayed for more water to flow in Palar in future for the benevolence of the people.

In the beginning of the function, Hon'ble Governor addressed audience in Tamil and also expressed his eagerness to study and speak in Tamil in the following days.

In this festival, Pujya Shri Shakthi Amma, Sri Puram Sri Narayanipeedam, Seer Valar Seer Shaanthalinga Maruthaasala Adigalar, Perur Aadheenam, Coimbatore, Siravai Adeenam Sri La Sri Kumaragurupara Swamigal, Swamy Ramanadaji, Founder President of Akhila Bharatheeya Sanyasis Sangam, Dr. Swami Atmananda Saraswathi Swamy, Tejomayananda Ashram, Salem, General Secretary, Shri Sendalangara Senbagamallaar Sampathkumar Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamigal, Mannarkudi, Swami Vedanta Ananda, Treasurer, distinguished invitees, all religious Gurus, sanyasis, saints across the country, functionaries, officials and devotees were participated.

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