

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU AND CHANCELLOR PRESIDED OVER THE
13TH CONVOCATION OF TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY AT CHENNAI TODAY
(30.05.2022)**

Thiru.R.N.Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Open University urged the young graduates to become "Job Givers instead of Job Seekers" while conferring degrees and awards at the function held at University campus today (30.05.2022).

In the presidential address, Hon'ble Governor described how the Nation is going through the extraordinary positive changes and marching ahead with resolve and confidence. Unlike in the past, when diversities were considered as differences and the challenges were dealt piecemeal having cascading effect, creating fragmented society and associated challenges chronic in nature.

Current, education system which is largely hangover of the colonial system limits the youths to degrees and diplomas and force them to be job seekers. It led to large number of unemployed youths struggling very hard to find a suitable job. He highlighted the soul of National Education Policy (NEP) giving more emphasis on imparting applied knowledge and skills in mother tongue. He urged the educationists and intellectuals to have a thorough study of NEP because only then they will be able to appreciate its worth and scope and how it opens enormous vistas to our youth.

Earlier, looking at the country in segments and dealing with the problem piecemeal made major problems of the country chronic. Since 2014, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Thiru. Modi, there has been a paradigm shift in the way of looking at the country and its problems. Now, the country is looked at as one organic entity, and its problems are addressed comprehensively. The basic ingredients of healthy citizenship are now easily accessible to every citizen.

Hon'ble Governor gave credit of the on-going transformation in the country to the youth who are the driving force. While highlighting the contributions of women in academia, Hon'ble Governor congratulated the women graduates for their excellent performance. He said educated women are asset to the society and asked them to come forward for entrepreneurship ventures. He also desired complete and commensurate position of women in work place. It is much needed for inclusive and sustainable development of the Nation.

Hon'ble Governor appreciated the efforts of the university in bringing the document of Vision – 2030, however he urged the University to have a long term vision rather than that of a decade at least of 25 years coinciding with India's march into the "Amrit Kaal" of the next 25 years to make this country the world leader by the time we celebrate 100th year of Independence. On the occasion of 75 years of India's Independence, the Hon'ble Governor advised the universities to set up a chair in the name of Mahakavi Subramanya Bharathi, the great poet and revolutionary.

Hon'ble Governor appreciated the offer from the Director, IIT Madras, Prof.V.Kamakoti for collaboration with Tamil Nadu Open University for improving the education ecosystem in various field such as virtual reality,

virtual laboratory, science education, he urged IIT Madras to come up with similar symbiotic collaborations with other universities as well. He Governor lauded the exemplary cutting edge what we have done in IIT Madras he called IIT (M) as pride of the Nation and envy of many best institutions of the world. He urged the other state universities to take advantage of presence of IIT Madras for their own growth.

While conferring degrees and awards to the students, Hon'ble Governor urged the youth to explore unprecedented opportunities present and make the best application of their knowledge and skills in converting challenges into opportunities. He cited the couplet 666 from Thirukural “ *Enniya Enniyaangu Eydhu Enniyaar Thinniyar Aakap Perin* ” means “if those who have planned (an undertaking) possess firmness (in executing it) they will obtain what they have desired even as they have desired it”. He asked youth to come forward with courage and strengthen and take failures as a lesson for reaping success.

In the function, Dr.K.Ponmudy, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education and Pro-Chancellor, Prof.V.Kamakoti, Director, IIT, Madras, Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Open University of Madras, Dr.D.Karthikeyan, I.A.S, Principal Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu for Higher Education, Syndicate and Senate Members, faculties of University of Madras, students, parents and officials were in presence.

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Raj Bhavan, Chennai-22.

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