

**Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and the Chancellor of Annamalai University**  
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**University at the sastri Hall, Annamalai University, Chidambaram**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and the Chancellor of Annamalai University Thiru R.N. Ravi presided over the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of Annamalai University at the Sastri Hall, Annamalai University, Chidambaram today (18.04.2022) and addressed the gathering.

Hon'ble Governor said I am delighted indeed to be at the 84<sup>th</sup> convocation of Annamalai University and feel blessed being in the spiritual city of Chidambaram . He added that during the British period they were not concentrating on creating quality human capital among the Indians but were only producing servants for the British empire. In the wake of first world war there was national resurgence against the British rule in the country. It was in such a backdrop nationalist and Philanthropist like Raja Sir Annamalai Chettiar, developed genuine higher education institutes like Annamalai University by contributing the needed land and money.

He told that Raja Sir Annamalai Chettiar was not only a philanthropist but was a Nationalist who served the cause of national Independence with commitment. The Students should be proud of this university as it was started as an institute for building the intellectual capital of this country to help the cause of national resurgence.

Hon'ble Governor told that the country is again going through a comprehensive resurgence not for political freedom from any alien rule but to seek freedom from poverty, homelessness, sickness, illiteracy and lack of skill. These freedoms are necessary to take the country to its glorious destiny.

Our country has phenomenal talent. Our young men and women are doing wonders. The world is looking at us with amazement and expectations.

He opined that the chief guest Dr. Mylswamy Annadurai, is the living testimony of our country's resurgence in the space. In spite of limited material resources but with the

enormous potential human resources he and his team took the country to its height of glory in the domain of space.

Hon'ble Governor told students should emulate Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, a versatile genius, an economist par excellence, a brilliant legal luminary, educationist, and as an example for others how he overcame all economic and social challenges. He quoted that Dr. Ambedkar's life is a lesson for all of us. Baba Saheb is all the more relevant for Annamalai University because unfortunately the terrestrial area of its coverage has a significant number of socially and economically deprived even after our seven decades of Independence. Hon'ble Governor urged the students to bear it in mind and work hard to wash away the stigma of social and economic deprivation.

He advised the students to become job creators instead of job-seekers as the present ecosystem in the country is conducive. Need guidance available just a click away in the entrepreneurship wing of Niti Aayog. He also urged the students to remain connected with each other as the power of the networking is phenomenal. He also advised the Vice-Chancellor to invite successful alumni to university to interact and inspire the students.

On this occasion, Padmashri Dr. Mylswamy Annadurai, Former Director, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Prof. RM. Kathiresan, Vice Chancellor, Annamalai University, Dr. D. Karthikeyan, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department, Thiru. Anandrao V. Patil, IAS Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Governor, Prof. K. Seetharaman, Registrar and other dignitaries were present.

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