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Union Minister of State for Education Dr. Subhas Sarkar and Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Education, Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, attended the valedictory ceremony of Kashi Tamil Sangamam II today. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ayush, Food Security and Drug Administration (MOS), Government of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Dayashankar Mishra; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Stamp and Court Fee, Registration, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Ravindra Jaiswal; Director, IIT (BHU), Prof. Pramod Kumar Jain; and other dignitaries were also present in the function. Two delegates of Kashi Tamil Sangamam from Tamil Nadu shared their experience of participating in the Sangamam. The dignitaries also enjoyed the cultural programmes.

While speaking at the event, Dr. Sarkar expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, for spearheading initiatives like the Kashi Tamil Sangamam, which serve as beacons of unity and cultural exchange. He also thanked Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan for his guidance and support.

He also said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision for a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047 demands the active participation of the youth, the demographic dividend that will steer the country towards a future fuelled by cultural ethos and human values.

He also highlighted that the Kashi Tamil Sangamam stands out as a shining example of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat, exemplifying the spirit of unity and mutual respect, showcasing how different regions of our country can come together, learn from each other, and forge lasting connections.

Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, while addressing the audience said that today's closing ceremony of Kashi Tamil Sangamam is not the culmination but the beginning of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, the spirit of which has the potential to revigorate the nation's integrity and integration.

He also mentioned that the Sangamam conveys the message that our rich culture is a unique amalgamation, which preserves the essence of the country's tradition while embracing the rapid advancement in and around the world.

Dr. Singh also highlighted how the academic exchanges between experts, sharing their knowledge and perspective, created an experience aligning perfectly with the lifelong learning philosophy of National Education Policy 2020.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kashi Tamil Sangamam 2023 in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Shri Modi flagged off the Kanyakumari – Varanasi Tamil Sangamam train and launched multi language and braille translations of Thirukkural, Manimekalai and other classic Tamil literature on the occasion. He also took a walkthrough of the exhibition and witnessed a cultural program. Kashi Tamil Sangamam aims to celebrate, reaffirm and rediscover the age-old links between Tamil Nadu and Kashi – two of the country's most important and ancient seats of learning. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath, Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, and Union Ministers of State, Dr L Murugan among others were present on the occasion.

Last year, the first phase of Kashi Tamil Sangamam was organized from 16th November to 16th December 2022. This year, more than 1400 (7 Groups of 200 persons each, on average) people travelled from different parts of Tamil Nadu, representing varied walks of life. During their stay in Kashi, as per their tour itinerary, they also visited Prayagraj and Ayodhya.

The 7 groups of Students (Ganga), Teachers (Yamuna), Professionals (Godavari), Spiritual (Saraswati), Farmers and Artisans (Narmada), Writers (Sindhu) and Traders and Businessmen (Kaveri) were named after seven sacred rivers of India.

The Ministry of Education, Government of India, was the nodal agency for this event with participation from the Ministries of Culture, Tourism, Railways, Textiles, Food Processing (ODOP), MSME, Information & Broadcasting, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, IRCTC and related departments of Government of Uttar Pradesh.



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