



Tamil Nadu State Council

Report on
TANHESA - TAMIL NADU HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMIT AND AWARDS 2023
Educating tomorrow's India

21st June 2023 from 9.00am to 6.00pm at Hotel ITC Grand Chola, Chennai

FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council in association with The New Indian Express organized the 1st edition of **TANHESA - TAMIL NADU HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMIT AND AWARDS 2023** held on 21st June 2023 from 9.00am to 6.00pm at Hotel ITC Grand Chola, Chennai wherein more than 250 participants from Leading Universities and Colleges participated and benefited. TANHESA 2023 saw 25 Universities/Colleges receive awards in different categories which was adjudged by a Jury of 4 from the Education Institution/Industry.

The event was supported by Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science (HITS), Bharath Institute of Science and Technology (BIST), Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute University, Velammal, Anthology and AICPA & CIMA.

Thiru. T. Mano Thangaraj, Hon'ble Minister for Milk & Dairy Development, Government of Tamil Nadu was the Chief Guest and said "we have to accept that we need to catch up in terms of education infrastructure when compared to international standards and have to bring research and development to the area. Some states only focus on infrastructure development and criticise welfare policies in Tamil Nadu. However, an in-depth study will reveal that welfare schemes is the reason why the state is performing well in several social indicators as it gives opportunities for the underprivileged to come up".

He further said the scholarship scheme for first-generation graduates introduced by Former Chief Minister Kalaingar Karunanidhi helped several students to pursue higher education, he said that the gross enrolment ratio of women has improved to 72% in Tamil Nadu, against the national average of 24.1%, following the introduction of Pudhumai Penn scheme.

Dr. GSK Velu, Chairman, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council & CMD, Triviron Healthcare & Neuberg Diagnostics Group of Companies said "it was the industry's attempt towards appreciating all those who are helping to build a better tomorrow".

Mr. Bhupesh Nagarajan, Co-Chairman, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council & CMD, Indira Group of Companies said that the knowledge economy has played a vital role in India marching towards being the third largest economy in the world. He further said "Higher education plays a vital role in pushing India into the world's top five economies. It provides a skilled workforce that is capable of driving innovation and scientific advancements".

Mr. Ashok G Verghese, Convenor, FICCI Tamil Nadu Education Panel & PRO CHANCELLOR, Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science (HITS), **Dr. Francois-Xavier Mortreuil**, Attaché for Sciences and Higher Education French Embassy in India - Institut français India - General Consulate of France in Bangalore (Online), **Mr. J Vignesh Kumar**, Senior Vice President, The New Indian Express group, also spoke on the occasion.

Photo (L to R): **Mr. Ashok G Verghese**, Convenor, FICCI Tamil Nadu Education Panel & PRO CHANCELLOR, Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science (HITS), **Mr. Bhupesh Nagarajan**, Co-Chairman, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council & CMD, Indira Group of Companies, **Thiru. T. Mano Thangaraj**, Hon'ble Minister for Milk & Dairy Development, Government of Tamil Nadu, **Mr. J Vignesh Kumar**, Senior Vice President, The New Indian Express Group, **Dr. R Velraj**, Vice Chancellor, Anna University
