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**ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR.K.ROSAIAH, GOVERNOR OF TAMIL
NADU AT THE INAUGURATION OF THENATIONAL SEMINAR ON
POLITICS, DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE AT IIT, CHENNAI
ON 20.04.2013 AT 11.00 A.M.**

It is a pleasure to launch the "ezine pre-sense" and inaugurate the National Seminar on Politics, Democracy & Governance and address this distinguished gathering here this morning.

Today India stands as a symbol of democracy; It enjoys a great prestige and is placed on a high pedestal among the comity of nations. Our democratic system is based on the Constitution. Legislature, executive, judiciary and media are the four pillars of democracy. We have to uphold the principle of democracy crossing all barriers. The fruits of democracy should reach the common man.

We are the largest democracy with the finest written constitution in the world. The genesis of the Indian Parliamentary Legislature traces way back to the 18th century. Dr.Rajendra Prasad in his concluding address in the Constituent Assembly on 25th November, 1949, said,

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If the people who are elected are capable and are men of character and integrity they would be able to make the best even of defective Constitution. If they are lacking in these qualities the Constitution cannot help the country. India needs today, nothing more than self honest men who will have the interest of the country before them”.

To achieve this fully, we need more intensive participation in the democratic process with great self discipline of the elected members. What is worrying is that of late we see lot of disruptions in Parliament. PRS Legislative Research reveals that about 32% i.e., nearly 1/3 of the Parliament’s valuable time has been lost by disruptions. Because of disruptions, many bills could not be discussed in detail and many MPs are unable to present their views in Parliament in spite of their preparations. It is not welcome one.



Dr. K. Rosaiah, Governor of Tamil Nadu launches special edition of ezine

the neighbouring districts to promote education, economic growth and employment opportunity. Every member of Parliament should bring visionary and people oriented projects for his constituency that can give long term benefit to the people.

Educational institutions and NGOs should work together to create awareness to strengthen the democracy. I congratulate IIT Madras and Prime Point Foundation for their positive initiative.

I conclude with the words of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, “Parliamentary Democracy is not something which can be created by some magic wand....it demands many virtues. It demands a certain devotion to work. But it demands also a large measure of co-

The Hon’ble President of India, Sri Pranab Mukherjee, in his address at the Joint Session of Parliament recently observed that frequent disruptions and adjournments develop Cynicism among the people leading to loss of faith in democratic institutions and governance. The legislators and Parliamentarians should work towards restoring confidence of the people on the democratic institutions. They should be the voice of the people – their voters. We need a consensus among the Legislators and Parliamentarians to ensure Zero disruption in the Parliament and State Assemblies, so that there blossoms healthy debates.

Members of Parliament have the greatest advantage of planning visionary projects for their constituencies, which can help even

operation, of self discipline, of restraint.... The more the self – discipline, the high is the development of democracy”.

We need discipline with debates. Democracy makes for debates. It precludes confrontation. While it makes for self expression, it renders agitations reluctant. Accommodation and consensus make a healthy democracy. Discipline and decorum form the basic foundation of Parliamentary and Legislative democracy”.

My greetings to you all.

Jai Hind.

