## ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR OF ASSAM PROF.JAGDISH MUKHI ON THE OCCASION OF 43<sup>RD</sup> JAYANTHI CELEBRATIONS OF HH SHRI SHAKTI AMMA ON 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY, 2019

## Namaskar,

Dignitaries on the dais, my dear friends, ladies and gentlemen. First of all please accept my heartfelt festive greetings and a cheerful and healthy New Year 2019. I am delighted to pay my visit to Sripuram Golden Temple. I am equally happy to have been able to preside over Sri Sakthi Amma's Jayanthi celebrations at this beautiful and scenic environment. This is my visit to Tamil Nadu after becoming the Governor of Assam. Both Tamil Nadu and Assam share a strong bond. Both these states are rice eating states. Assam is famous for Pitha and Tamil Nadu for the famous Idli. Both the states are famous for silk sarees. Kanjivaram for Tamil Nadu and Pat/Muga for Assam. The main festivals of both the states fall on the same time. For example Rongali Bihu and Tamil New Year are celebrated together in the month of April. Similarly Bhogali Bihu and Pongal are celebrated on the same time in the month of January. Both Tamilians and Assamese believe in simple living and are rich in their cultural heritage and spirituality.

I commend the efforts of Narayani Siddar Peedam Charitable Trust for building such a sprawling spiritual institution which spreads over 250 acres of land in the natural environment of Vellore district. Today we have converged here on the occasion of H.H. Sri Sakthi Amma's 43<sup>rd</sup> Jayanthi celebrations. On this pious occasion I feel it pertinent to appeal everybody to emulate the vision of Sakthi Amma to corroborate the dream of Narayani Siddar Peedam Charitable Trust. I am told that this charitable trust is involved in various social activities for over a decade to uplift the students and down trodden people irrespective of caste, creed and religion. I am very much impressed with the welfare activities being performed on the sacred soil of this land of faith, wisdom and enlightenment.

What I believe is, Sri Sakthi Amma attached tremendous importance to bring happiness and prosperity on Earth. Amma's mission to bring back righteousness and truthfulness to humankind should be guiding principle for all of us to emulate and apply. This will ensure that humans become more loving and tolerant towards their environment and other people. The bold statement of Amma who once said - "Whenever Dharma declines and Adharma rises, I take birth in the world. Now I am born here as Narayani. My Name is Sakthi Amma." This summarizes the essence of Amma's incarnation.

Amma's mission lies in promoting Truth and Righteousness by instructing devotees on the importance of leading a spiritual life. Amma is of the view that we can secure lasting peace in our lives through sustained worship and prayer. As Amma says: "The only true treasure in this life is the Divine. Place your heart and trust in this treasure."

In the backdrop of such sacred statement, one can very well surmise the inherent power associated with Sripuram Golden Temple and the mission and vision that represents Narayani Siddar Peedam Charitable Trust.

Aside from the location, the timing of the programme is very appropriate. This month we are celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> Republic Day and we are observing the valedictory of 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi. At the same time we are also commemorating the 43<sup>rd</sup> Jayanthi celebrations of Sri Sakthi Amma who is an embodiment of devotional energy capable of harmonizing human civilization with peace and progress. The kind of person Amma was I think it is not possible to bring all the aspects of his life to the public domain in such a short time.

With these words I conclude my observation here. My prayer to the Almighty and Amma to strengthen Narayani Siddar Peedam Charitable Trust to take its philanthropic work altogether to a new level to bring more people under the divine blessings of Amma.

Thank you..

Jai Hind