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Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar Thiru Tejashwi Prasad Yadav Speech

Respected Thiru M.K Stalin, Chief minister of Tamilnadu

Kum Respected Thiru Dr. Mohan Kameshwaran, Managing Trustee of Dhayalu Ammal Trust

Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Parliament, Members of Legislative Assembly, Representatives of Local Bodies, distinguished guests.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today on this occasion, I pay my sincere tributes to Late M. Karunanidhi Ji.

We have gathered not only to celebrate the life and legacy of the remarkable leader, Late Sri Karunanidhi ji, but also to reflect on the continued relevance of his thoughts and principles in the governance of our entire nation. His ideas continue to resonate and inspire generations across the length and breadth of our great land.

As a great advocate of social justice, he was instrumental in implementing several policies and initiatives aimed at addressing social inequalities and uplifting marginalized communities.

He was also instrumental in implementing and expanding reservation policies for socially disadvantaged communities, including Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in educational institutions, government jobs, and political representation. These policies aimed to provide equal opportunities and promote social mobility for historically marginalized groups.

Under Karunanidhi ji's leadership, the Tamil Nadu government introduced numerous welfare schemes targeting the economically weaker sections of society. These schemes included subsidized food grains, healthcare services, and housing assistance for low- income families. Such initiatives aimed to alleviate poverty and improve the living conditions of vulnerable populations.

Building on the heritage, Late Karunanidhi ji was a staunch proponent of the Dravidian ideology, which emphasized social justice, rationalism, and the empowerment of people. He actively worked towards promoting Tamil language and culture, and fought against discrimination and inequality based on language, caste, and religion.

I must share that the Dravidian model evolved largely by him inspires us all though we are geographically thousands of miles away. I would also like to

emphasize his commitment to advancing women's rights and empowerment. He introduced various measures to enhance women's political participation, such as reserving seats for women in local bodies and implementing gender-sensitive policies.

He actively supported anti-caste movements and organizations working towards the eradication of caste-based discrimination. He condemned caste-based violence and worked towards challenging social hierarchies by promoting intercaste marriages and advocating for equal rights for all individuals, regardless of their caste background.

For a younger generation like ours, Late Thiru Karunanidhi ji's leadership and political career is inspiration and a guide into what we should be striving for.

The thoughts and legacy of Late Sri Karunanidhi ji hold immense relevance for the entire country. His ideals serve as a compass, guiding us towards a future where social justice prevails, where equality flourishes, and where the marginalized find comfort.

Today, as we stand at a crossroad in the history of our great nation, it is important that we imbibe the spirit of Karunanidhi ji's governance model at the national level. We must weave together the fabric of social justice, equality, and empathy into the very core of our governance structure. By doing so, we can foster an environment where every citizen feels valued, where every voice is heard, and where no one is left behind.

I am glad that Thiru Stalin sahab is carrying the Social Justice Legacy of Kalaignar Karunanidhi Ji.

We, under the able guidance of respected Sh. Lalu Prasad Ji & Honourable Chief Minister Sh. Nitish Kumar, are keeping the flag of Socialism, Secularism & Social Justice high in the state of BIHAR.

Long live the ideas of Kalaignar, Thiru Karunanidhi

Jai Hind

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