

ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR.K.ROSAIAH, GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU AT
THE PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF THE STENOGRAPHERS 'GUILD AT
T. NAGAR, CHENNAI ON 25.03.2015 AT 11.30 AM.

It is a pleasure to participate in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of the Stenographers Guild, open the Platinum Jubilee Block of the Guild, Honour the members and address this distinguished gathering here today.

Stenography or shorthand system traces back to fourth century BC. The indication of shorthand system is found in ancient Greece. During the later part of 16th century Shorthand developed in England.

Even though 175 years have gone Pitman's Shorthand which was first introduced in 1837 by Sir Isaac Pitman is still relevant today. It is wide spread and there have been many improvements in it.

It is befitting that the Guild is celebrating the 200th Birth Anniversary of Sir Isaac Pitman, the inventor of the most popular system of shorthand in the world. I am pleased to learn that the system has been developed on very scientific basis and has been adopted to practically all the spoken languages in the world. Sir Isaac Pitman's contribution has been unique one and millions of persons around the world have been helped out to eke out their living by learning the Pitman's system of shorthand. I am told that there are more than 1600 systems of shorthand for the English language and Pitman's system still occupies the pride of the place among them.

The Stenographers Guild today stands as an edifice which has been promoting the art of stenography to a vast extent since its inception for the past 75 years in different forms. The initiative to diversify its activities to impart computer education, spoken English so as to create more employable youth deserves appreciation.

I am happy to learn that the Stenographers Guild founded by late Rajaji is run on 'No Profit No Loss' basis with the motto 'selfless service to the society' and many stalwarts and veterans have immensely contributed to the rise and progress of shorthand.

Even though we have made rapid strides in Technology, we see voice recorder, transcribe etc., they are all secondary to a stenographer who plays a key role in administration and provides effective support to their bosses. It can be said that behind every successful executive there is a very efficient stenographer.

I congratulate The Stenographers' Guild for its yeoman service in providing well – trained candidates for employment in Government, Public and Private sectors.

I am pleased to learn that many of the persons trained by the Guild are in high positions of responsibility rendering support to the executives they work with. The fact that this Institution has grown by leaps and bounds in these 78 years showcases its commitment to shorthand. I congratulate the persons who have built this institute over the years.

I am pleased to learn that the Guild is also providing training to Transgenders. Its initiatives to support downtrodden by providing free coaching and in deputing batches of SC and ST students for intensive training as Private Secretaries are laudable.

The services rendered by late Thiru S.V.Ramaswamy, the then Honorary President for three decades has laid a strong foundation for the growth and development of the Guild.

It is a momentous occasion to recall the services rendered by the former members who took this institution forward and made it what it is today. I am pleased to honour them here today. May this inspire the youngsters to serve the Guild better.

I convey my warm felicitations to Thiru S.R.Sivasubramaniam, Honorary President, Office Bearers, Members, Teachers and Students of the Stenographers Guild. I wish the Stenographers Guild grows from strength to strength in the years to come.

I conclude with the words of Henry Ford,

“Thinking always ahead, thinking always of trying to do more, brings a state of mind in which nothing seems impossible.”

My Greetings to you all. Jai Hind.