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"The leadership in the nation needs to grasp what truly holds us together. The glory of this nation's past is rooted in its spiritual possibilities and accomplishments."

.... Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev

Raj Nivas Lecture series conceptualized to engage Puducherrians on "Thought Leadership" through a series of interactive sessions by eminent speakers from the fields of history, art, literature, leadership, management, science, culture, health, spirituality etc., today witnessed the third lecture in the series by Padma Vibushan awardee Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev.

Titled "Making of a Nation", none other than Sadguru could have been invited to talk about India, that had even before the advent of Mughals or British, been a nation bound by its sacred geography and culture. Not much need to be said about Sadhguru who is a widely known spiritual personality across the globe and is an internationally renowned for his probing, passionate and provocative, deeply insightful talks.

The talk commenced with prelude of "Sounds of Isha" sung by Isha Volunteers followed by introductory telefilm on Sadhguru, sequel to which Hon'ble Lt. Governor and Secretary to Lt. Governor welcomed Sadhguru on dais and presented shawl and bouquet.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi in her opening remarks said that that she was overwhelmed by the presence of Sadhguru and was standing before him more as his student and disciple. Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that she never realised the spirit of the person when she first met him and it was after the first meeting that she realised the depth of the person and that it was her blessing to have met such a divine person. Hon'ble Lt. Governor sought the blessings of sadhguru for the 14 lakh people of Puducherry and to bless every public servant, elected, appointed or nominated to devote themselves to work for the progress of Puducherry, a land of rich Tamil cultural heritage, French heritage and the ashram.

Shri Sadguru said that Bharat is a nation that has defied all fundamental definition of nation though it was a land of diversity, people of diversity and ruled by more than 200 rulers. Ancient India that was a land of richness and a leading exporter to Europe, Africa, Arabia lost its traditional way of doing business and trading routes. It unfortunately followed the system of Governance left behind by its occupiers, who wanted to control the occupied, crippling the great country in many ways. Whether it's the educational system or the Administrative system, it is more of control than liberation. The loss of our traditional systems have left this nation with a large under nourished rural population. The fantastic achievements in the field of Science, Economy and commerce are not to be discounted.

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Sadhguru said that the word "Bharata," literally means: "bha" for bhava, "ra" for raga, and "ta" for tala – the fundamentals of music and dance. To improve the life of this generation, the nation has to nourish the young by appreciating the fact that this Nation was a land of seekers who believed that what they knew was miniscule and it was what they did not know that was immense and that's what they looked for. As seekers and experiencing the fundamentals within oneself, could the real inner progress be achieved.

The talk was concluded with an interactive Q & A session. Shri G. Theva Neethi Dhas, Secretary to Lt. Governor concluded the days thought provoking event with vote of Thanks.