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'Tradition of Tamil music goes back to ancient era'

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Governor opens museum of ancient musical instruments

Governor Banwarilal Purohit on Sunday inaugurated 'Thol Isai Kalanjiyam,' a museum of ancient musical instruments, at the Tamil Isai Sangam.

While speaking at the inauguration, he said the tradition of Tamil music went back to the ancient era of Tamil history. The post-Sangam period Tamil music evolved to a different level of sophistication and the 'Silappathikaram' contained several chapters dedicated to music and dance, he said.

"Music and dance sound the sweetest when they find expression in a language," he added.

Minister for Tamil Official Language, Tamil Culture and Archaeology K. Pandiarajan recollected his visit to Musee de la Music in France and how it had an extensive collection of music instruments and art objects. "When I stood there, I yearned for our city to have such a facility and now this museum has been set up at the right time. Not just France, it has on display music instruments from across the world. There are ones from India too but nothing even close and ancient to the ones displayed here," he added.

He said that before teaching music, schools could bring children to the museum and give them a glimpse of the instruments.

President of Tamil Isai Sangam P. R. Gokulakrishnan spoke during the occasion.

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