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HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU THIRU.RAJENDRA VISHWANATH ARLEKAR PARTICIPATED AS CHIEF GUEST AT THE "REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON TELE-LAW PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES UNDER DISHA" HELD AT KALAIVANAR ARANGAM, CHENNAI, TODAY (14.03.2026)

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar participated as chief guest in "Regional Workshop on Tele-Law Programme Activities under DISHA organised by the Department of Justice under the Ministry of Law and Justice" held at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai, today (14.03.2026). Thiru. Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, Hon'ble Justice Thiru. Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari, Hon'ble Chief Justice, Madras High Court, also be in there and delivered their address.

Governor in his Chief Guest address highlighted the significance of the Tele-Law Programme in ensuring accessible, affordable, and timely legal services to citizens, particularly those residing in rural and remote areas. He observed that access to justice is a fundamental pillar of democracy and emphasized that innovative digital initiatives such as the Tele-Law Programme play a vital role in bridging the gap between citizens and the justice delivery system.

Governor appreciated the initiatives of the Department of Justice in expanding legal awareness and strengthening legal empowerment among the people through digital platforms and grassroots legal support systems. He noted that the programme enables citizens to obtain legal advice from qualified legal professionals through telecommunication and

digital technologies, thereby reducing barriers related to distance, cost, and availability of legal services.

Governor further emphasized that programmes such as Tele-Law contribute significantly to promoting inclusive governance and ensuring that justice reaches the last mile. He also underlined the importance of collaboration between government agencies, legal institutions, and community-level service providers in strengthening access to justice across the country.

The workshop brought together senior officials, legal experts, representatives from Common Service Centres, and other stakeholders to deliberate on the progress achieved under the Tele-Law Programme and to discuss strategies for its further expansion and effective implementation. The deliberations also focused on strengthening outreach, improving digital legal services, and enhancing legal literacy among citizens.

The Regional Workshop served as an important platform to review the progress of the Tele-Law initiative and to chart out the future roadmap for promoting equitable and inclusive access to justice through technology-driven solutions.

During this function Thiru. Niraj Verma, Secretary, Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Thiru. Suresh Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, dignitaries, distinguished Invitees, Law Officials, Officials of Department of Justice, Members of the Bar and Bench of Madras High Court were participated.

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