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**THIRU. RAJENDRA VISHWANATH ARLEKAR, HON'BLE GOVERNOR**  
**OF TAMIL NADU PARTICIPATED AS CHIEF GUEST AT THE**  
**VALEDICTORY SESSION OF TWO DAYS CONFERENCE ON**  
**"NEEDHIKKALAM 2026 – JURISPRUDENCE FOR 2047 IGNITING**  
**LEGAL MINDS FOR A DEVELOPED BHARAT" AT VIT, CHENNAI,**  
**TODAY (22.03.2026)**

Thiru. Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu participated as chief guest at the valedictory session of two days conference on "Needhikkalam 2026 – Jurisprudence for 2047 igniting legal minds for a developed Bharat" at VIT, Chennai, today (22.03.2026) and distributed the certificates and medals to the participants who excelled in the conference.

Governor in his valedictory address emphasized that justice must go beyond the mere application of law and must reflect human values, fairness, and accessibility for every citizen, including the most ordinary individual in society.

Highlighting the distinction between law and justice, the Hon'ble Governor observed that while law is a structured framework subject to interpretation, justice is the ultimate goal that must be delivered with compassion and a human touch. He noted that true justice is not merely about adjudication, but about ensuring that justice reaches the people in a meaningful and timely manner.

Governor expressing concern over the large number of pending cases in courts across the country, stated that the backlog—running into several crores—poses a serious challenge to the effective delivery of justice. He pointed out that despite only a small percentage of the

population approaching courts, the accumulation of cases continues to rise, indicating systemic deficiencies that must be addressed.

Governor identified factors such as inadequate judicial infrastructure, shortage of judges, and procedural delays as key contributors to the pendency. He stressed that timely disposal of cases is essential not only for upholding justice but also for preventing adverse impacts on various sectors, including education and governance.

Governor referring to the situation in Tamil Nadu, noted that delay in judicial processes has affected important administrative decisions, including the appointment of Vice-Chancellors in State Universities, thereby impacting the academic environment and the interests of students.

Governor further observed that differing interpretations of law sometimes result in varying judgments even within the same judicial forums. While acknowledging the complexity of legal reasoning, he underscored the importance of consistency, clarity, and a balanced approach rooted in both legal principles and human values.

Emphasizing the moral responsibility of all stakeholders in the justice delivery system, including judges and lawyers, Governor stated that service to society must remain the guiding principle. He remarked that professional roles should not be evaluated solely on financial considerations, but on their contribution to the welfare of people.

Governor concluded by stating that a truly developed nation must ensure that justice is accessible, humane, and efficient. He called for collective efforts to strengthen the justice delivery system so that it embodies not only legal correctness but also empathy, inclusiveness, and a deep commitment to the well-being of humanity.

Dr. G. Vishwanathan, Founder & Chancellor, Vellore Institute of Technology, Justice Thiru. Kumaresh Babu, Judge, Madras High Court, Judges from Madras High Court including Madurai Branch, Dr. M. Nagalingam, National Vice-President, Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, Dr. G.V. Selvam, Vice-President, Vellore Institute of Technology, Thiru. Prakash, Conference Coordinator, Ms. Kaviya Subash, State Joint Secretary, Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, dignitaries, distinguished invitees, special guests, law officials, eminent speakers, professionals, faculty members, volunteers, members from various associations and students were participated in the function.

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