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**THIRU.RAJENDRA VISHWANATH ARLEKAR, HON'BLE GOVERNOR
OF TAMIL NADU, PARTICIPATED AS CHIEF GUEST AT THE
168TH FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION AND PRIZE GIVING
CEREMONY OF THE LAWRENCE SCHOOL, LOVEDALE HELD AT
LOVEDALE, OOTY, THE NILGIRIS, TODAY (30.04.2026)**

Thiru. Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, participated as the Chief Guest at the 168th Founder's Day celebration and Prize Giving Ceremony organised at The Lawrence School, Lovedale, Ooty, The Nilgiris, today (30.04.2026).

In his address, the Hon'ble Governor highlighted the true purpose of education and the significance of the awards presented during the ceremony. He stated that the awards conferred at the event are a recognition of the students' achievements, talents, and dedicated efforts during their school years. He emphasised that such accomplishments are made possible through the constant guidance of teachers and the unwavering support of parents.

Emphasising the broader role of education, the Governor observed that education should not be viewed merely as a means to secure employment. Instead, it must inspire students to reflect on their responsibilities towards society and the nation. He urged students to utilise their education to contribute

meaningfully to the progress of the country and the welfare of society.

While acknowledging that gaining employment is an important goal, the Hon'ble Governor encouraged students to aspire to become job creators and leaders in their respective fields. He further underlined that the true essence of education lies in nurturing good human values and shaping individuals into responsible and compassionate citizens.

The Governor concluded by stating that the highest aim of education is to develop individuals with integrity, dedication, and a strong sense of patriotism, who can serve as role models and contribute selflessly to society and the nation.

On this occasion, Thiru. Dhavala Venkata Someswara Rao, Headmaster & Member Secretary, Board of Governors, The Lawrence School, Lovedale; Thiru Nitin Chengappa, Managing Director & Head – Private Banking, Standard Chartered Bank and Member, Board of Governors; Dr Pawan Kumar Singh, Professor, IIM Indore and Member, Board of Governors; Tmt Swetha Poddar, Co-Founder, Elai Platter and Member, Board of Governors; along with other dignitaries, distinguished invitees, special guests, members of the Board of Governors, alumni, teachers, parents, and students participated in the function.