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**THIRU. RAJENDRA VISHWANATH ARLEKAR, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF
TAMIL NADU PARTICIPATED AS CHIEF GUEST AT INAUGURAL
CEREMONY OF SAMKALP IAS ACADEMY, COIMBATORE CHAPTER,
TAMIL NADU, TODAY (18.07.2026)**

Thiru. Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, participated as the Chief Guest and addressed the gathering at the inaugural ceremony of the Samkalp IAS Academy – Coimbatore Chapter, held at The Residency Towers, Coimbatore, today (18.07.2026).

On the occasion, seven Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were exchanged between Samkalp IAS Academy and various educational institutions in the august presence of the Hon'ble Governor, marking an important step towards strengthening civil services coaching, academic collaboration and youth empowerment in Tamil Nadu.

Addressing the gathering, the Hon'ble Governor lauded the vision and efforts of Samkalp IAS Academy in nurturing competent, committed and value-based civil servants. He observed that institutions such as Samkalp play a significant role in nation building by preparing young minds to serve society with integrity, dedication and a deep sense of responsibility.

The Hon'ble Governor stated that India is progressing with renewed confidence towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, and achieving this national aspiration requires a dedicated, efficient and people-centric administrative system. He said that the civil services

occupy a pivotal position in translating the aspirations of the people into effective governance and inclusive development.

Emphasising the role of Samkalp in this national journey, the Governor said that the Academy's mission should not merely be to prepare candidates for competitive examinations, but also to cultivate officers who are committed to public welfare, national development and the protection of the nation's resources. He noted that the true spirit of public service lies in working selflessly for the welfare of every citizen while safeguarding the country's assets and institutions.

The Hon'ble Governor stressed that India's rich cultural heritage, timeless traditions and glorious history should form the foundation of administrative leadership. He observed that future civil servants must take pride in the nation's civilisational values and draw inspiration from them while discharging their constitutional responsibilities.

He further called upon aspiring civil servants and serving officers to consciously move away from the remnants of colonial thinking and outdated administrative mindsets. He said that governance in a modern and self-confident India should reflect Indian values, national priorities and a spirit of service rather than colonial-era approaches.

The Governor urged UPSC aspirants to view the civil services not merely as a career, but as an opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the transformation of the nation. He said that IAS officers and

other civil servants have a vital role in bringing positive change, ensuring good governance, strengthening democratic institutions and accelerating India's march towards becoming a developed nation.

Reiterating that the road to Viksit Bharat 2047 depends upon visionary leadership, ethical governance and committed public service, the Hon'ble Governor expressed confidence that institutions like Samkalp IAS Academy would produce capable officers who would serve the nation with dedication, compassion and excellence.

The programme was attended by academicians, educationists, representatives of partnering institutions, civil services aspirants, distinguished guests and members of the public.

On this occasion, Dr. Malarvizhi, Chairperson and Managing Trustee of Sri Krishna Institutions, Coimbatore, Pujya Swamini Sampratishtananda, Monastic Teacher and Spiritual Worker, Chinmaya Mission, Dr. Sathish, Trustee of Samkalp IAS Academy, Tamil Nadu, Dr. Prasanna Kumar, I.A.S (Retd.), President, Samkalp Vedhik IAS Academy and Former Chief Secretary, Haryana and other dignitaries were present.

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