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India a messenger...

the Sukhoi, Rafale, and the submarine INS Vaghsheer.
 "Based on the strength of the Army, Air Force, and Navy, people have complete trust in our defence-preparedness," she said, linking the military readiness to India's ability to advocate for peace from a position of strength.
 In her address, President Murmu hailed the rise of "nari shakti" (women power) as the cornerstone of India's journey toward becoming a developed nation by 2047.
 She emphasised that the "active and empowered participation of women is extremely important for the development of the country".
 From the depths of rural self-help groups to the frontiers of space and defence, the story of modern India is increasingly being written by its daughters, she said.
 The President noted that over 10 crore women associated with self-help groups are currently redefining the grassroots economy. She said that women now make up nearly 46 per cent of representatives in Panchayati Raj institutions and the Nari Shakti Vandana Adhiniyam is set to take political empowerment to 'unprecedented heights', ensuring women-led development remains a national priority. The past year served as a "golden chapter" for Indian women in the global arena, the President said, as she took special pride in the dominance of India's daughters in sports, specifically citing the historic win at the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup and victory in the Blind Women's T20 World Cup. President Murmu highlighted that women are making significant marks in the Armed Forces, space research, and entrepreneurship, proving that no field remains a "traditional stereotype" for the women in the country. The 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign was credited with encouraging girls' education across the country, she said.

Shun allurements, prejudice...

The Constituent Assembly adopted the Indian Constitution, 16 of its articles came into force immediately, including one that pertained to the creation of the EC.
 The EC came into existence on January 25, 1950, a day before India became a republic. The remaining part of the Constitution came into force on January 26, 1950.
 Addressing the gathering, the president said the strength of India's democracy lies not only in the sheer size of its voters but also in the depth of its democratic spirit.
 Even the oldest voters, divyang (differently-abled) voters and those living in remote areas exercise their franchise, she pointed out.
 Murmu said public participation gives a practical shape to the spirit of democracy at the grassroots level. She noted that the EC has made numerous efforts with the objective of ensuring that "no voter is left behind". The president said voting is not merely a political expression, it is a reflection of the citizens' faith in the democratic process of elections. It is also a means for citizens to express their aspirations. The right to vote, available to all adult citizens without discrimination, gives a concrete expression to the constitutional ideals of political and social justice and equality, Murmu said.

Ashoka Chakra for...

the second Indian to have gone to space and the first to visit the ISS as part of the historic Axiom-4 mission. His 18-day space odyssey came 41 years after cosmonaut Rakesh Sharma flew aboard the Russian Soyuz-11 space mission.
 On the eve of the Republic Day, President Droupadi Murmu approved gallantry awards to 70 armed forces personnel, including six who would receive the honour posthumously.
 These include one Ashoka Chakra, three Kirti Chakra, 13 Shaurya Chakra, including one posthumous, one Bar to Sena Medal (gallantry), 44 Sena Medals (gallantry), six Nao Sena Medals (gallantry) and two Vayu Sena Medals.
 Two women officers of the Indian Navy – Lieutenant Commander Dilna K and Lieutenant Commander Roopa A – were honoured with the Shaurya Chakra award, months after they made history by completing an extraordinary expedition to circumnavigate the globe, covering 21,600 nautical miles (approx 40,000 km) over an eight-month period onboard Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini.
 The Shaurya Chakra is India's third-highest peacetime gallantry award after the Ashoka Chakra and the Kirti Chakra.
 The Kirti Chakra has been conferred on Major Arshdeep Singh from 1 Assam Rifles, Naib Subedar Doleshwar Subba from 2 Para (Special Forces) and Group Captain Prashanth Balakrishnan Nair.
 Nair was one of the four astronauts who underwent training for India's first human spaceflight mission, Gaganyaan.
 The decision to confer the Ashoka Chakra on Shukla is seen as the government's recognition of the importance of the space sector as the coveted honour is generally bestowed on military personnel for showing "most conspicuous bravery".
 As a fighter pilot, Shukla has an impressive record of 2,000 hours of flight experience across various aircraft, including the Su-30 MKI, MiG-21, MiG-29, Jaguar, Hawk, Dornier and An-32. Shukla served as the pilot for the Axiom Mission-4 (Ax-4) to the ISS and left an indelible mark on India's remarkable advancements in human space exploration.
 After the successful space mission, Shukla became a household name as his contributions during the mission, including the conduct of sophisticated experiments, received recognition from global space experts.
 The Axiom-4 mission was executed by US-based private firm Axiom Space and it involved the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
 Shukla hails from Lucknow. He was commissioned into the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force in June 2006.
 Of the 13 Shaurya Chakra awards, 10 were conferred on Army personnel (one posthumous), two went to the Navy and one to a paramilitary official.
 The Shaurya Chakra awardees are Lieutenant Colonel Ghatage Aditya Shrikumar from 21 Para (special forces), Major Anshul Baltoo from 32 Assam Rifles, Major Shivkant Yadav from 5 Para (special forces), Major Vivek Mech from 42 Rashtriya Rifles, Major Leishangthem Deepak Singh from 11 Para (special forces) and Captain Yogendra Singh Thakri from 6 Para (special forces).
 Subedar P H Moses from 1 Assam Rifles, Baldev Chand (posthumous) from 4 Rashtriya Rifles, Rifleman Manglem Sang Vaiphei from 3 Assam Rifles and Rifleman Dhruva Jyoti Dutta from 33 Assam Rifles were the other recipients of the Shaurya Chakra from the Army. The president also approved 301 military decorations to armed forces and other personnel.

Future ready infrastructure...

"I extend my warm salutations to our dedicated workers, farmers, doctors, engineers, innovators, entrepreneurs, teachers, students, youth, women, businesspersons, artists, writers, industry leaders and volunteers of civil society. Through their steadfast commitment and tireless efforts, they continue to fortify our democracy and drive holistic progress across the Union Territory.
 I offer special commendation to the brave personnel of our armed forces, paramilitary forces, and the Jammu & Kashmir Police. Their unwavering vigilance, courage, and sacrifice stand as a shield for our people, enabling us to live in an atmosphere of peace, security, and harmony.
 I express my sincere gratitude to all members of the armed forces, police, paramilitary units, and civil administration who upheld the nation's pride through their duty, dedication, and bravery during Operation Sindoor. Following the brutal terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Operation Sindoor emerged as a defining moment in India's national security doctrine. India made it unequivocally clear that any terrorist attack on its soil would be treated as an act of war. Operation Sindoor was not merely a military action; it was a declaration of India's strategic resolve. I also commend exemplary courage and professionalism displayed by the personnel of Indian Army, Jammu & Kashmir Police and the CRPF. Through Operation Mahadev, they eliminated the three Pakistani terrorists involved in the attack and delivered justice for the dignity of our mothers and sisters.
 I further appreciate the Jammu & Kashmir Police for uncovering a nationwide terror network last October- November and preventing several attacks in time. They are India's true heroes, and I am proud of them."
 The Lieutenant Governor said, "With renewed purpose and collective determination, let us commit ourselves to guiding Jammu & Kashmir towards greater heights of development and prosperity. We must harness and consolidate our collective strengths to accelerate economic progress with unwavering determination. By reinforcing our established areas of excellence and creating robust, future-ready infrastructure across Jammu & Kashmir, we must also pursue with courage and consistency the new and emerging engines of growth. Our institutions of higher education must prepare themselves for a future driven by constant innovation, technological proficiency, and a dynamic entrepreneurial ethos.
 Let us set our sights on a leadership role in the knowledge-based economy and in information technology. Let us resolve to ensure that every citizen, especially our youth and women, has fair access to quality education, healthcare, and equal opportunities to fully realise their potential.
 May each one of us rise to our responsibilities with sincerity and selflessness, working for the greater good of society. Together, let us reaffirm our steadfast dedication to building a strong, prosperous, and developed India", he added.

SC seeks J&K...

for the past seven years. "We will take the state government and the prosecuting agency to task if appropriate reasons for the delay in examining the witnesses are not given.
 "You have to give a satisfactory reason to justify the delay in completion of the trial," the bench told the counsel appearing for the state government.
 The counsel sought time to file the response of the State on the bail application moved by one Anoop Singh, who was booked under murder charges under the Ranveer Penal Code. "The entire case of the prosecution hinges on circumstantial evidence. We are disturbed to take note of the fact that the petitioner is in custody as an under-trial prisoner since 2018. "Till this date, the prosecution has been able to examine only four witnesses out of 19 witnesses it proposes to examine. The State owes an explanation as regards the delay in the conduct of the trial," the top court said in its January 22 order; while issuing notice to the J-K government. The bench also asked the apex court registry to call for an explanation from the trial court concerned as regards the status of the trial and why the trial was pending for the past seven years.

JKIAN Swapnila Acharya...

education imparted by the school teachers. She embodies confidence, competence, and commitment-qualities we strive to nurture in every JKIAN," he said.
 The Chairman further added that Swapnila's success will motivate thousands of students to dream fearlessly, work relentlessly, and serve the nation with integrity and excellence. He wished her continued success and expressed confidence that she would scale even greater heights in the years to come. Her talent and dedication led to her selection and empanelment as a Commentator with the Ministry of Defence, Ceremonial Department. Recently, she successfully handled commentary at the Army Day Parade in Jaipur and the prestigious Shaurya Sandhya event held at Sawai Man Singh Stadium, Jaipur, attended by the Raksha Mantri, the Governors of Rajasthan and Mizoram, and the Chief Minister of Rajasthan.
 Expressing her joy, her mother, Sarmistha Acharya, said that watching her daughter represent the nation on such a grand platform is an emotional and proud moment for the entire family. She credited JK Public School for nurturing confidence and discipline in her children. Swapnila's twin brother Swapnil, also a JKIAN and currently a student at MNIT (NIT) Jaipur, said that this achievement reflects years of hard work, perseverance, and the values instilled by their teachers and parents. Swapnila Acharya's achievement is not just a personal milestone but a matter of immense pride for JK Public School, Jammu, and the entire Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, inspiring countless young students to dream big and serve the nation with excellence.

J&K's Brij Lal...

growing darkness of terrorism. Today, I am also a witness to the rays of positivity that are emerging," he told PTI Videos here, shortly after being named for the national honour.
 Bhat recalled that when he was a government servant in the Valley, he could not do anything. "After retirement, when I was freed from that bondage, I thought I should stay back in Kashmir; so that I could try to correct the mistakes that had happened," he said.
 Welcoming the award, he said he does not see it as a personal achievement but as recognition for the institution he is working for: Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashram and Vivekananda Kendra in Nagland.
 "The core objectives of our organisation, which has nearly 900 branches across India, were man-making and nation-building. But in the context of Kashmir; they added one more objective: the return and rehabilitation of displaced Kashmiri Pandits," he said.
 Bhat said they are making efforts to rebuild community bonds and celebrate traditional festivals, facilitate youth meets and conferences.
 "My responsibility is to integrate the youth of all communities and bring them together in civil society initiatives. In this, I believe we achieved some success," he said, adding that they are also conducting national-level activities to bring youth from various districts under one roof.
 He said the Central and Jammu and Kashmir governments were working with various groups and NGOs to bring a positive change. "I can clearly see that under the present leadership, we are now capable of restoring Kashmir to its old glory. We are moving in that direction."
 The objective, Bhat said, is to see that the gun is completely replaced by the pen. "That change is happening. Today, the district development commissioners in four to five districts are youths from Jammu and Kashmir."
 He said normalcy will not be possible in Kashmir unless the youth from the majority community take an initiative to welcome those from the minority sections.
 Professor Shafi Shauq said it is a great honour for him to be named on the list of the Padma Shri awardees for this year.
 Shauq, who has authored more than 100 books in English, Kashmiri and Hindi, said he was amazed to know that the government also takes cognisance of literary works.
 "It is a moment of great honour for me that my name features on the list of this year's Padma Shri awardees," Shauq told PTI at his residence here.
 He said he has got many awards, including the prestigious Sahitya Akademi award, the State Academy award and the state government award, but receiving the Padma Shri, the fourth-highest civilian award in the country, is special.
 "I have written 106 books in English, Hindi and Kashmiri. All the books are widely popular among readers. I am really amazed to know that even the administration takes cognisance of such work and that my work has been appreciated by some people. So it is a great honour for me, it brings joy to me and I accept the award," Shauq said. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha congratulated Shauq and Bhat for being named for Padma awards.
 "Congratulations to Shri Brij Lal Bhat and Prof. Shafi Shauq on being conferred with the Padma Shri in the field of Social Work and Literature and Education. Their dedication and contributions have benefitted many and strengthened social and cultural fabric of society. J&K is proud of them," Sinha said in a post on X.

Justice a living...

debate, compromise, and moral courage. The inheritance confers privilege but then it also imposes restraint and responsibilities," he said.
 It reminds all that we are not owners of the institution of justice but just temporary custodians, he said. Asserting that a living institution is not a museum piece but is survived by preserving its purpose, the CJJ said, "The law that refuses to engage with change does not remain pure, while the law that embraces every novelty without reflection also risks losing its moral centre," he said. The CJJ pointed out that this delicate balance between continuity and adaptation has surfaced in different essence across nearly every conversation at the SCAORA International Legal Conference, be it the discussion concerning technology's growing presence in the courtroom, the rise of cross-border commercial disputes or the ethical challenges caused by social media and instant commentary. "The underlined tension remains the same - how to adapt without eroding trust. The trick in my opinion lies in being candid," he said.

Eight drug peddlers...

Bhalwal, Jammu. "Multiple FIRs are already registered against the criminal who has remained successful every time in securing bails from the court. In order to refrain the subject from his activities, a dossier was prepared and submitted to district magistrate for his detention under the PSA," the spokesperson said.
 Two drug peddlers along with 6.5 grams of heroin at Purkhoo Migrant Camp in Jammu, he said. He said six more drug peddlers were arrested with over 70 grams of heroin during stepped up checking at Majalta and Rom Dumail in Udhampur district.

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with award for performing Arts. Sajjad Husain Bhat (Sozni Artisan), Bhushan Kesar (Artist/Art Educator), Mohammad Shafi Bhat (Kani Artisan), Razia Mushtaq (Artisan), and Ishfar Ali, I/e Senior Craft Instructor, Paper Pulp have been conferred with award for Excellence in Arts & Crafts.
 Award for Social Reforms & Empowerment has been conferred on Arhan Bagati, Founder of KYARI (Kashmir's Yumbeez Applied Research Institute), Home for the Aged & Infirm (Social Organization/NGO's), Meljabeen Nabi, President/Founder; Care Foundation & Charitable Trust, Srinagar, and Saadat Nasir Wani Sogami, Chairman, Team Red NGO, Kashmir.
 Award for Meritorious Public Service have been conferred to Dr. V. S. Senthil Kumar; IPS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu, Tariq Ganai, JKAS, Managing Director; J&K Medical Supplies Corporation, Rohit Sharma, JKAS, Additional Secretary, General Administration Department, Poja Wazir, Superintending Engineer; Public Works (R&B) Department, and Dr. (Prof.) Majid Jahangir; Principal Government Medical College, Baramulla
 Award for Lifetime Achievements has been conferred to Mohammad Shafi Pandit (Retd. IAS) (Posthumously).
 Aquib Nabi Dar (Cricketer), Brijesh Sharma (Cricketer), Rakesh Singh (Deaf Judo), Vishal Khajuria (Player Judo), Saleem Kumar (Wushu), Ravees Ahmad (Pencak Silat Athlete), Sudipti Khanna (Gymnastics), Mohammad Iqbal (Athlete/Coach), and Aiyza Naz Chib (Skating) have been conferred with the Award for Outstanding Sports Persons.
 Avtar Krishan Bhat (Journalist), Vivek Suri (Executive Editor Digital at Himalayan Mail), Somil Abrol (Correspondent & In-Charge, PTI Video Service, Jammu Bureau), Dinesh Manhotra (Freelance Journalist), Bilal Ahmad Bhat (Bureau Chief, ANI), Inayat Jahangir (Bureau Chief, PTI), Razia Noor (Correspondent, Dainik Jagran), Sunil Ji Bhat (Deputy Editor & Jammu Bureau Head, Aaj Tak & India Today), Ishfaq

Gowhar Zargar (Executive Editor, Gulistan News), Syed Khalid Hussain (Senior Special Correspondent, ZEE News), Sarosh Kafeel (Bureau Chief, Kashmir News18 JKLH), and Neeta Sharma (Senior Associate Editor, Indian Express Digital) have been conferred with the Award in the category of Outstanding Media Persons.
 Award for Outstanding Industrial Entrepreneurship has been conferred on Mohammad Niyaz-ul-Kabir (GR8 Sports), Sheikh Yameen (Heaventure Adventures Private Limited), and Sunil Singh (Walnut Grower; Kishtwar Gold Walnut Farm.

J&K Police gets...

has served as DIG Jammu-Kathua-Samba Range, DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range, DIG North Kashmir Range, and DIG Central Kashmir Range. He has also held additional charge as DIG South Kashmir Range and DIG CID Kashmir, handling complex security and crime-related challenges.
 Presently, he is posted as IGP Security Jammu & Kashmir and is also holding the additional charge of IGP Crime Jammu & Kashmir, making him responsible for both security coordination and crime control across the Union Territory.
 For his exemplary service, Sujit Kumar has received several prestigious medals and commendations. These include the President's Police Gallantry Medal, Police Medal for Meritorious Service, Gallantry Medal by the Ministry of Home Affairs, J&K Police Medal for Meritorious Service, DG J&K Golden Commendation Medal, DG CRPF Bronze and Silver Commendation Medals, and DG ITBP Silver Commendation Medal.
 He has also been awarded a special certificate and reward by the Director General of Police J&K for outstanding investigation in a terror-related case. In addition, he has received three High-Level Government (HLG) commendation certificates for his role in the successful and peaceful conduct of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra in 2023, 2024, and 2025.
 Sujit Kumar's appointment as IGP Security J&K is seen as a significant boost to the security apparatus of the Union Territory, given his vast operational experience, professional integrity, and proven leadership in handling complex law and order situations.
 President's Medal for Distinguished Service awarded to Dr. Mohd Haseeb Mughal, Deputy Inspector General, Jammu & Kashmir and Nisha Nathyal, Deputy Inspector General, Jammu & Kashmir.
 Dr. Mughal, a resident of Baderwah in District Doda, Jammu & Kashmir; has an exemplary academic background. He is a Gold Medalist in both B.Sc. (Hons) and M.Sc. from Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh, and holds a Ph.D. from Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi. His academic excellence has been matched by a distinguished professional career in the Indian Police Service.
 Over the years, Dr. Mughal has served in several key operational and administrative positions. He began his career in challenging roles such as DySP Operations Cargo, Srinagar, and SDPO Kotlibagh, Srinagar. He later served as District SP/SSP in five important districts, including Handwara, Kishtwar, Baramulla, Rajouri, and Srinagar, where he played a vital role in maintaining law and order.
 Notably, Dr. Mughal served as SSP Srinagar during the most crucial period following the abrogation of Article 370 from 2019 to 2021, handling sensitive security and administrative responsibilities with professionalism and dedication. He has also served as SSP Vigilance Jammu, SSP CID Kashmir, and SSP Traffic National Highway Wing, contributing significantly to strengthening institutional integrity and public safety.
 More recently, he served as DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range from 2022 to 2024 and is currently posted as DIG Traffic, Jammu Zone, where he continues to lead efforts to improve traffic management, road safety, and public awareness.

In addition to the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service, Dr. Mughal has been decorated with the President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service, three Police Medals for Gallantry, the J&K Police Medal for Meritorious Service, and the J&K Police Medal for Gallantry. He has also received several commendation discs from the Army Commander, Director General of Police J&K, Vice Chief of Naval Staff, and Director General CRPF.
 Medal for Gallantry (GM) awarded to Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Tanushree, SSP Shabir Nawab; DySP Javaid Ahmad Lone, DySP Javaid Ahmad Lone (1st Bar to GM), DySP Mohd Ashraf, DySP Mohan Lal; Inspector Younis Khan, Inspector Mohd Raffiq, Inspector Younis Khan; Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Ajit Dhar; ASI Davinder Kumar; Head Constable (HC) Shabeer Ah. Narwaroo, HC Sameet Pal Singh, HC Mohammad Shafi Magray, HC Ravi Kumar; HC Malik Bashir-u-Din, HC Sunil Raina; SgCT Rakesh Kumar; SgCT Rattan Lal, SgCT Reyaz Ahmad, SgCT Ishfaq Ahmed Khan Umar Nazir; SgCT Abid Ali Dar; SgCT Abdul Rouf Wani; Constable Mohamad Saleem Dar; Constable Vicky Khajuria, Constable Safer Lone, Constable Ab. Rashid Lone, Constable Reyaz Ahmad Sheikh, Constable Mohd Ramzan Rather; Constable Sohail Ahmad Dar; Constable Manzoor Ahmad Bhat, Constable Imtiaz Ahmad Mir.
 DySP Mohan Lal has rendered distinguished and dedicated service in various challenging postings across Jammu & Kashmir, including Ramban, Reasi, Poonch, Nagrota, SOG Srinagar (Cargo), and Akhnoor; demonstrating exceptional professionalism and commitment to maintaining law and order in sensitive areas. Presently posted as Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Poonch, he continues to play a crucial role in strengthening security and public safety in the border district. In recognition of his exemplary courage and outstanding service, he has been honoured with several prestigious awards, including the Shaurya Chakra, Police Medal for Gallantry (PMG), Gallantry Medal (GM), and the Jammu & Kashmir Police Medal for Gallantry (JKPMG), reflecting his bravery, leadership, and unwavering dedication to the force and the nation.
 Correctional Service Medal awarded to Zaker Iqbal, SG Warder; J&K and Mushtaq Ahmad Wani, Warder; J&K. On the eve of this year's Republic Day, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Sunday announced and released the list of 982 recipients of Gallantry and service medals belonging to Police, Fire, Home Guard & Civil Defence and correctional service.

These awards include Gallantry, the President's Medal for Distinguished Service and the Medal for Meritorious Service. This year, a total of 982 medals will be conferred, comprising 125 Gallantry Medals, 101 President's Medals for Distinguished Service and 756 Medals for Meritorious Service. According to the MHA's official statement, in the Police category, 121 officers and personnel and four for the Fire Service category have been selected for the Gallantry Medal, in the category of the Presidents Medal for Distinguished Service 89 will be given in the Police category, five in fire service, three in civil defence & Home Guard and four in correctional service categories. Out of 756 Medal for Meritorious Service, 664 have been awarded to Police Service, 34 to Fire Service, 33 to Civil Defence & Home Guard Service and 25 to correctional Service, it said.

Jammu resident held...

Raman Kumar is a key associate of Pakistan-based terrorist Shahzad Bhatti, he saod adding that a .30 bore pistol was recovered from him.
 The arrested accused was in direct contact with Shahzad Bhatti via Instagram and WhatsApp and was involved in the Ambala Police Station blast case, the DGP said.
 He also provided financial support to the perpetrators, Yadav added.

LG Kavinder calls for sustainable, inclusive development in Ladakh

LEH: On the eve of the 77th Republic Day, the Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh extended heartfelt greetings and warm wishes to the people of Ladakh, calling upon them to reaffirm their commitment to the ideals of the Constitution and work collectively for a peaceful, prosperous, and progressive region.
 In his message, the Lieutenant Governor paid rich tributes to the visionary leaders and framers of the Indian Constitution, acknowledging their wisdom, courage, and sacrifice in laying the foundation of a sovereign, democratic, socialist, secular republic rooted in the principles of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity.
 He expressed sincere appreciation for the contributions of farmers, workers, teachers, doctors, engineers, entrepreneurs, artisans, artists, students, youth, women, and members of civil society, stating that their dedication and resilience are vital for inclusive development and social harmony in Ladakh. The Lieutenant Governor also saluted the brave personnel of the Armed Forces, paramilitary forces, and the Ladakh Police for their unwavering commitment to safeguarding the nation's borders and maintaining peace and security in the strategically important region. He noted that their courage and sacrifice continue to inspire confidence among citizens and uphold the sovereignty and integrity of the country.
 Acknowledging the efforts of the civil administration, he commended officials for delivering efficient, transparent, and people-centric governance, and for successfully implementing developmental programmes even in the remotest areas of Ladakh.
 Emphasising the need for sustainable growth, the Lieutenant Governor called for focused efforts on strengthening infrastructure, promoting renewable energy, eco-tourism, organic farming, education, healthcare, and skill development, while preserving Ladakh's rich cultural heritage and fragile ecosystem.

