

L-G VK Saxena inaugurates Multi-Purpose Hall and Indoor Shooting Range at District Police Lines, Choglamsar

Modern facility to strengthen fitness, training and professional capacity of Ladakh Police

Shooting range to provide structured training opportunities to youth and students

Leh, August 14: Lieutenant Governor, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, today inaugurated the Multi-Purpose Hall and Indoor Shooting Range- one of the highest shooting ranges in India- at District Police Lines, Choglamsar, aimed at strengthening the fitness, training, well-being and professional efficiency of Ladakh Police personnel, while creating new sporting opportunities for the youth and students of Ladakh.

The modern all-weather Multi-Purpose Hall has been designed keeping in view Ladakh's prolonged cold and dry winters. It will provide Police personnel facilities for badminton, table tennis, wrestling and taekwondo, besides serving as a venue for in-service training, refresher courses and professional capacity building, particularly during the winter months.

A major feature of the facility is the Indoor Shooting Range, established in collaboration with the Ladakh Shooting Association. Equipped for air rifle, air pistol and mock air pistol/dry-fire practice, the range will provide structured training to Police personnel as well as youth and students. Qualified coaches and technical support will be provided by the Ladakh Shooting Association, with training conducted in accordance with ISSF rules and regulations.

To encourage young people to take up shooting sports, a one-month free promotional training course will also be offered to interested youth and students. The initiative aims to identify and nurture shooting talent and provide aspiring shooters with a platform to compete at national and international levels.

The facility, incorporating designs to maximise natural solar heat and improved energy efficiency, has been completed at a cost of approximately ₹10.48 crore.

Addressing the gathering, L-G Shri Saxena highlighted that the project forms part of the broader modernisation of Ladakh Police following the formation of the Union Territory. He informed that around 350 infrastructure works, including Police Stations, staff quarters and barracks, have been undertaken with support from the Central Government and UT Administration. Of 84 works targeted this year, the Lieutenant Governor mentioned, 64 are scheduled for completion during the current year, with the remaining 20 targeted for completion in 2027.

The modernisation drive also includes solar water heaters, solar power plants, bore-well water supply and polycarbonate greenhouses for personnel posted in remote areas. Police mobility has been strengthened through replacement of obsolete vehicles, while satellite-based POLNET 2.0 is being extended to Police Stations and Posts to improve communication in remote areas.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that Ladakh Police is also strengthening its response to emerging security challenges. Mentioning that a dedicated Anti-Narcotic Task Force Police Station, established on February 20, 2026, has registered 10 NDPS cases so far, Shri Saxena mentioned that steps are also underway to establish a dedicated Cyber Police Station to strengthen prevention and investigation of cyber-related offences.

The Lieutenant Governor also highlighted the focus on strengthening police manpower. After the recruitment of 796 Constables, recruitment for 40 Sub-Inspector posts is currently underway. Physical tests of 7,029 applicants were completed on August 9, with the written examination scheduled for the first week of October. Recruitment for another 331 Constable posts has also been initiated.

The Lieutenant Governor said the Multi-Purpose Hall represents an investment in a modern, professional and well-trained Police force, while the shooting range will provide Ladakh's youth with access to structured training and professional coaching.

