

L-G VK Saxena interacts with 49 Col-ranked all-services Indian military officers attending Higher Command Course-55

L-G calls Ladakh a 'living example' of civil-military synergy

Leh, August 4: Lieutenant Governor, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, today interacted with 49 Colonel-ranked all-services military officers attending the Higher Command Course–55 at the Army War College, Mhow, during their visit to Ladakh.

Addressing the future senior leadership of the Indian Armed Forces, the Lieutenant Governor described Ladakh as a "living example" of civil-military synergy, where the civil administration and the Indian Army work in close coordination to strengthen national security, accelerate border-area development and improve public welfare.

"Ladakh stands as a unique example of how civil administration and the Armed Forces can work together in the service of the nation. Our shared commitment has strengthened border infrastructure, improved the quality of life in remote areas and accelerated inclusive development. As we move towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, this spirit of cooperation will continue to remain the cornerstone of Ladakh's progress, security and prosperity," said L-G Shri Saxena.

Highlighting Ladakh's strategic significance, Shri Saxena said the Army's contribution in Ladakh extends beyond border security to infrastructure development, disaster response, humanitarian assistance and nation-building in one of the world's most challenging terrains.

Sharing Ladakh's transformation since it became a Union Territory in 2019 under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, the Lieutenant Governor said the region has witnessed unprecedented progress in connectivity and public infrastructure. He noted that the road network has more than doubled, the number of bridges has increased significantly, and strategic tunnel projects are ensuring year-round connectivity. He also highlighted improvements in power-grid connectivity, renewable energy, tap water supply, greenhouse cultivation, healthcare infrastructure and telecommunications.

Describing tourism as a key pillar of Ladakh's economy, Shri Saxena said with a surge in tourism and opening of Siachen Base Camp and several border areas for tourism, there was a need for greater tourist discipline

and enhanced coordination among the Army, security agencies and civil administration in sensitive border areas.

Shri Saxena also informed that the UT Administration has provided 6 per cent reservation for Ex-Servicemen in government recruitment and 20 per cent reservation for Agniveers in the Home Department, Forest Department and other emergency services. He noted that Ladakh has also become the first region in the country to induct Ex-Servicemen into the Environment Protection Force.

