

RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU - PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU THIRU.R.N.RAVI, PRESIDED
OVER THE COMMENDATION FUNCTION FOR CONFERRING
CITATIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES FOR THEIR SELFLESS
SERVICE TO NATION AT BHARATHIAR MANDAPAM,
RAJ BHAVAN, CHENNAI, TODAY (25.07.2025)**

Thiru. R. N. Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu presided over the commendation function and conferred the Tamil Nadu Governor's Unit Citations' to the Armed Forces for their dedicated and selfless service to the country, at Bharathiar Mandapam, Raj Bhavan, Chennai today (25.07.2025). The event was to celebrate the extraordinary contributions of the Dakshin Bharat Area of the Indian military in 'Operation Sindoor' as well as relief and rescue operations for our people who become victims of natural disasters like cyclones, floods and devastating landslides.

Governor Ravi, on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu felicitated four units of the Indian Army- 16 Madras (Travancore), 35 Field Regiment, Ordnance Depot Avadi and 65 Company Army Service Corps (Supply) Type 'D' for their outstanding roles and services.

Hon'ble Governor, in his address, remarked that our Armed Forces are defenders of the nation and integral to the fabric of our national family. He emphasised that their selfless service, even in the toughest and most remote terrains, draws strength from a deep-rooted sense of belonging - a living spirit of unity that binds civil society and the military. He noted that while colonial rule deliberately distanced the Armed Forces from the civilian population, this separation continued even after independence. In today's era of hybrid and technology-driven warfare, he underlined the urgent need for renewed civil-military integration - a vision echoed and embodied by Hon'ble Prime Minister Thiru. Narendra Modi, who celebrates national festivals with jawans stationed far from home.

Referring to the heinous terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed the lives of 26 innocent people, the Governor noted that the nation responded with firm resolve through *Operation Sindoor* --- a calibrated, precise and non-escalatory strike that showcased India's capabilities for responsible and effective response. When Pakistan launched a misadventure, our forces countered with a strong, coordinated, and decisive response, reaffirming India's strategic maturity. *Operation Sindoor* will go down in global military history and be studied as a definitive case study in military institutions. It demonstrated, with clarity, the seamless synergy between political leadership and military command.

Governor also highlighted the exemplary role of our defence personnel during natural disasters — including the recent floods in southern Tamil Nadu and cyclones Michaung and Fengal — where their timely and disciplined engagement ensured critical rescue and relief efforts in the most adverse conditions.

Governor further remarked that with cutting-edge technological advancement and a strong push for self-reliance, India's defence sector is becoming a pillar of *Atmanirbhar Bharat*. As we advance toward the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, our Armed Forces stand at the heart of both our national security and our collective journey toward a confident, self-reliant, and sovereign nation.

Lieutenant General Karanbir Singh Brar, PVSM, AVSM, General Officer Commanding, Dakshin Bharat Area, Thiru. R.Kirlosh Kumar, IAS., Principal Secretary to Governor, senior officers from the Indian Army, dignitaries, distinguished invitees, their family members and the bahadur jawans were participated.

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