

HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU RELEASED BOOK
"THE LURKING HYDRA : SOUTH ASIA'S TERROR TRAVAIL"
AUTHORED BY LATE LIEUTENANT GENERAL SUBROTO MITRA,
PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, AT M.O.P.VAISHNAV COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN, CHENNAI, TODAY (06.05.2022)

Thiru.R.N. Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu released book "The Lurking Hydra: South Asia's Terror Travail" authored by Late Lieutenant General Subroto Mitra, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM at M.O.P.Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, today (06.05.2022).

Hon'ble Governor in his address hailed Late Lieutenant General Subroto Mitra, a highly accomplished, decorated and intellectual soldier for his initiatives, outstanding scholarly work, depth understanding and findings on the subject besides his dedicated commitments in defending our Nation. He authored the book with assistance from University of Madras in the fields of strategic studies and researches. The book is a valuable addition to the corpus of literature on the causes and the consequences of terrorism.

Hon'ble Governor recalled that our Nation since the beginning of Independence has suffered numerous acts of terror often inspired, instigated,

aided and abetted by hostile foreign forces. He recalled how the then Revolutionary Socialist parts of Indian unleashed series of high profile killings in Bengal and Assam between 1948 and 1952, how armed groups in North- East were encouraged and equipped by foreign intelligence agencies, how violent Khalistan movement was engineered and how the Maoists spread their terror activities in the country. Somehow attributed lack of political will, clarity and resolve, responsible for our weak counter terror response in the past.

Hon'ble Governor brought out that under the determined and dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister from the year 2014, the internal security situation has remarkably improved in the country. He contrasted our country's response to Pulwama terror attack with what happened in the wake of 26/11 Mumbai attack.

He stated that unlike in the past, terrorism is no longer low cost option for our adversaries. India will exact a high price from the perpetrators of terror. Modi government resolute policy of zero tolerance to use of violence as a political resource and making terrorism no longer a low cost enterprise has made the country much safer than before. North-East is peaceful and so is Jammu & Kashmir and the rest of the country. People of North-East are

aspirational for development and growth. Jammu & Kashmir has attracted the largest ever number of tourists this year.

Hon'ble Governor added that India is celebrating her Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav of 75 years of India's Independence, we as a Nation are moving forward in the next 25 years of Amrit Kaal with clear foresight and action plans to reach our goal by 2047 ensuring social harmony, peace and all inclusive development all over.

Governor cautioned the people to be alert against attempts to disrupt social harmony because hostile forces in their bid to stall India's progress and may try to create civil unrest.

In the book release function, Lieutenant General A Arun, YSM, SM, VSM, General Officer Commanding, Dakshin Bharat Area, Thiru. Anandrao V Patil, Principal Secretary to Governor, Tmt.Pushpita Mitra, Wife of Late Lieutenant General Subroto Mitra accompanied by her family members, Prof.S.Gowri, Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras, esteemed dignitaries, distinguished invitees and officials participated in the function.

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Raj Bhavan, Chennai-22

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