



Uttam Seva Medal

Why in News?

On the occasion of [Good Governance Day](#), a **ceremony to honour police personnel** was organised at the **State Emergency Response Centre** in Haryana.

Key Points

- **Highlights of the Ceremony:**
 - [Directors General of Police \(DGP\)](#) honoured the police personnel who had performed commendable work in various fields with the [Uttam Seva Medal](#).
- **Individual Contributions Recognized For:**
 - Enhancing SWAN bandwidth and digitizing wireless communication for the **'SWAN' project**.
 - Contributions to the implementation and monitoring of CCTNS and ICJS projects.
 - Effectively defending cases in higher and lower courts.
 - Commendable work in the [Special Task Force \(STF\) Rohtak](#).
 - Advancing the [e-challaning application](#).
 - Reuniting 845 missing children with their families nationwide.
 - Bravery in arresting major criminals during his STF tenure and was recognized for his efforts.

State Wide Area Network (SWAN)

- SWAN is a central scheme to **establish a converged backbone network for data, voice, and video communications across the country**.
- It was **approved in March 2005** and is one of the core infrastructure components of the [National e-Governance Plan \(NeGP\)](#).

Good Governance Day

- It is **celebrated on 25th December** to raise awareness among citizens about **government accountability and effective administration**.
 - The **theme for 2024** is **"India's Path to a Viksit Bharat: Empowering Citizens through Good Governance and Digitalisation."**
 - It was started in the year **2014** to honor the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister [Atal Bihari Vajpayee](#).
 - The birth anniversary of **Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya** is also observed on **25th December**.

