



Honorary D.Litt. for Prashant Kumar | Uttar Pradesh | 11 Sep 2025

Why in News?

The **former Uttar Pradesh Director General of Police (DGP)** Prashant Kumar was conferred with an honorary Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) degree by **Lucknow University**.



Key Points

- **Prashant Kumar** (a 1990-batch IPS officer) is the **first IPS officer from the UP cadre** to receive this prestigious honor.
 - His career includes significant roles such as DG (Law & Order), Chief of the Economic Offences Wing, and central deputations with the **CISF and ITBP**.
- The recognition celebrates his outstanding contributions to **policing, public safety**, and strategic security management.
 - He is widely credited for his leadership in enforcing strict measures against **organized crime**. He played a pivotal role in spearheading the **Anti-Mafia Task Force** and implementing reforms that reshaped **UP's law-and-order landscape**.

Note: An Honorary D.Litt. (Doctor of Letters or Doctor of Literature) is a **prestigious academic**

honor given by universities to recognize **exceptional contributions to the arts**, literature, education, culture, or society at large, without the recipient having to complete academic coursework, research, or examinations.

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