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## Kashmir on the Verge of a New Era: GOC 15 Corps | Jammu & Kashmir | 04 Oct 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, [General Officer Commanding \(GOC\) 15 Corps](#), reflects on the evolving security situation and development in [Kashmir](#), outlining challenges and future prospects.

### Key Points

- **GOC (General Officer Commanding) 15 Corps:**
  - The GOC 15 Corps is the commanding officer of the **Indian Army's Chinar Corps**, responsible for overseeing military operations in the **Kashmir Valley and parts of Jammu and Kashmir**.
  - The Corps plays a crucial role in [counter-insurgency](#), border security, and maintaining peace in the region.
- **Recent Developments in Kashmir:**
  - Kashmir is at the cusp of a "**new beginning**," with significant development and a stable security situation over the past year and a half.
  - Security forces, including **Chinar Corps, J&K Police, and CAPFs**, have worked together to maintain peace and stability.
  - No new militant recruitment in the **last 18 months**; active militant numbers have decreased to approximately 80.
  - The success of a robust [counter-insurgency campaign](#) has reduced terrorism-related incidents significantly.
  - Modern technology, including **AIOS (Automated Integrated Operating Systems)**, has been employed to prevent cross-border infiltration.
- **Challenges:**
  - Maintaining the current peaceful and stable situation remains the biggest challenge for security forces.
  - The security grid, including counter-infiltration and counter-terrorism measures, must be sustained to consolidate peace in the coming years.
- **Way Forward:**
  - **Strengthening Intelligence and Surveillance:** Enhancing real-time intelligence sharing and deploying advanced surveillance technologies will help security forces anticipate and prevent potential threats, reducing the risk of infiltration and terrorism.
  - **Community Engagement and Capacity Building:** Building trust with local communities through development initiatives, social outreach, and improved governance can foster cooperation, making counter-terrorism efforts more effective while ensuring long-term stability in the region.