

## Lt Governor Ladakh interacts with Jammu and Kashmir Ice Hockey Team Encourages Players to uphold Sportsmanship & Excellence at Khelo India Winter Games

Leh, January 20: The Ice Hockey team of Jammu and Kashmir today paid a courtesy visit to the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, at Lok Niwas, Leh. The team is presently in Leh to take part in the prestigious ongoing 6th edition of the Khelo India Winter Games being held in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

During the interaction, the Lt Governor extended a warm welcome to the players and officials, and lauded their dedication, discipline and passion for ice hockey. He said that the Khelo India Winter Games have emerged as a significant platform for nurturing winter sports talent and providing national exposure to young athletes, particularly from the Himalayan and cold regions.

Shri Kavinder Gupta encouraged the players to give their best performance in the Games and uphold the spirit of sportsmanship, teamwork and excellence. He expressed confidence that such national-level events would further strengthen India's winter sports ecosystem and inspire the youth to actively engage in sports for physical fitness and holistic development.

The Jammu and Kashmir Ice Hockey team comprises Shri Shabir Ahmad Dar, Nodal Officer, Shri Sahil Gupta (Coach), Jasvinder Singh, Rahil Choudary, Parth Slathia, Dhruv Gupta, Jaipreet Singh, Surya Bhaskar Sharma, Jaideep Singh, Smaksh Bhardwaj, Varun Anand, Navjot Singh, Hiteshwar Singh, Abhinav Gupta, Krish Upal, Ghulam Nabi Tak, Maroof Gulzar and Salim Ahmad.

The players expressed their gratitude to the Lt Governor for his encouragement and support, stating that his interaction boosted their morale ahead of the competitions in the Khelo India Winter Games.



