

Chief Secretary Dr. Pawan Kotwal Chairs Peace Meeting on Recent Incident in Ladakh

Leh, October 09, 2025: Chief Secretary, UT Ladakh, Dr. Pawan Kotwal today chaired a Peace Coordination Meeting to deliberate on the recent unfortunate incident that occurred on September 24, 2025, and its aftermath. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Kotwal emphasized that Ladakh has always been recognized for its peace, patriotism, harmony, unique culture, and hospitality, which attract people from across the globe. He expressed deep sorrow over the tragic loss of four precious lives and assured that the UT Administration stands firmly with the people of Ladakh in restoring normalcy at the earliest.

The Chief Secretary, along with all leaders present, observed a two-minute silence in memory of the deceased citizens. Prominent religious and political leaders, including Apex Body President Thupstan Chhewang, Tsering Dorje Lakruk, Ashraf Ali Barcha, and Abdul Qayoom, expressed condolences to the bereaved families. They urged for a judicial inquiry into the incident of September 24 and demanded the release of innocent youth in police custody. The leaders also emphasized the need for adequate financial compensation to the families of the victims, who largely belong to middle-class backgrounds. The leaders jointly condemned certain sections of the mainstream media for portraying Ladakhis as “anti-national,” highlighting the community’s historic contributions to the nation, including over 600 gallantry awards earned by its citizens. They reiterated their collective demand for Sixth Schedule safeguards and statehood for Ladakh and early resumption of talks with MHA.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Executive Councillor (CEC), LAHDC Leh, stated that while the tragic loss of lives cannot be reversed, dialogue with the Government of India must continue to bridge the existing trust deficit. He emphasized that LAHDC Councils should play a constructive role as a bridge between the government and the public, ensuring transparency and sincerity in all discussions. Concluding the meeting, Chief Secretary Dr. Kotwal reiterated that the UT Administration remains committed to peace, justice, and the welfare of Ladakh’s citizens. He reaffirmed that the Government of India has already addressed the issues of domicile and job reservation in the interest of the people of Ladakh and expressed hope that the remaining demands would also be resolved soon to restore lasting peace and harmony. The Chief Secretary also directed the concerned authorities to immediately restore internet services in Leh.

List of Civil Society Members Who Participated in the Peace Coordination Meeting

1. H.E. Thiksey Rinpoche
2. H.E. Drukpa Thuksey Rinpoche
3. Sh. Thupstan Chhewang, President, APEX Body.
4. Sh. Tsering Dorje Lakruk, President, LBA, Leh
5. Adv. Tashi Gyalsen, HCEC, LAHDC, Leh
6. Ven. Dorjay Stanzin, President, Ladakh Gonpa Association, Leh
7. Sh. Abdul Qayum, President, Anjuman Moin-Ul-Islam, Leh
8. Sh. Ashraf Ali Barcha, President, Anjuman Immamia, Leh
9. Sh. Sonam Parvez, President, Christian Association, Leh
10. Sh. Thinles Nurbu, Vice President, Youth Wing, LBA
11. Sh. Motup, Member, Leh Apex Body
12. Sh. Stanzin Onpo, Member, Leh Apex Body
13. Sh. Gelek, Member, Leh Apex Body
14. Sh. Tsering Namgyal, Hon’ble Councillor, Lower Leh, Leader of Opposition.
15. Sh. Tashi Gyalsen, State President, BJP
16. Sh. Tsering Phuntsok, State President, AAP Party
17. Sh. P.T. Kunzang, BJP



