

## **DC Leh Holds Preparatory Meeting for His Holiness Dalai Lama's Visit and 90th Birthday Celebrations**

Leh, July 2, 2025 – The Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Romil Singh Donk (IAS) chaired a crucial preparatory meeting to review arrangements for the upcoming visit of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the celebration of his 90th birthday in Leh, at the conference hall, DC Office, Leh on July 2.

The Senior Vice President of Ladakh Buddhist Association Leh, Rigzin Dorjey shared that the 90th birthday of His Holiness will be celebrated with great enthusiasm over two days and one night—from July 5 to July 6. He stated that an estimated 30,000–40,000 devotees are expected to gather for the birthday celebration. He requested coordinated support from all departments including Police security and crowd management. He also informed that cleanliness drive will be conducted on July 8, which LBA members and volunteers will clean the entire event area. He requested support of Municipal Committee and sanitation workers in this effort.

He further requested coordinated support from all departments including Police security and crowd management, Traffic control and designated parking arrangements, Improvement of public toilet facilities, Medical aid teams at the venue and Special security deployment along the Indus River to ensure safety, especially for children, due to its proximity and potential risk during His Holiness visit and teachings.

DC Leh directed all departments to conduct an on-ground inspection of the venue and surrounding areas. Specific instructions were given which includes Traffic Police to finalize the movement plan and access routes for His Holiness during his visit, PDD to ensure proper lighting throughout the venue, PWD to check and maintain water taps and related infrastructure, Fire & Emergency Services to keep fire tenders and sand buckets ready on site, Health Department to ensure adequate medical teams and ambulances are deployed both during the celebration day and the visit duration, CCTV surveillance to be installed at key points for monitoring and safe house to be arranged for emergencies.

DC Leh also direct the Chief Representative Officer (CRO) and LBA to raise public awareness to maintain civic sense throughout the celebrations. Additionally, DC Leh announced that more review meetings will be held in the coming days to ensure meticulous planning. He stressed that all officers must physically visit the celebration area at least once to assess ground situation and flag any further needs or requirements.

Senior Superintendent of Police Leh, Shurti Arora (IPS) ensured a comprehensive security both during the birthday celebrations and His Holiness's visit. She also raised important concerns regarding Adequate lighting facilities, especially during the night events and installation of CCTV cameras for public safety and monitoring.

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Leh Sonam Nurboo (JKSA) directed the Rural Development Department to coordinate with Municipal Committee, and LBA members and volunteers for the sanitation and cleanliness campaign ahead of the event.

The meeting was attended by Sr. Superintendent of Police, Traffic, Ladakh; Sr. Superintendent of Police, Security, Ladakh; Addl. District Development Commissioner, Leh; Deputy Director, Fire & Rescue Services, UT Ladakh; Superintending Engineer, PW (R&B), Leh; Superintending Engineer, PDD, Leh; Superintending Engineer, PHE, Leh; Assistant Commissioner (Dev), Leh; Assistant Commission (Rev), Leh; Chief Medical Officer, Leh; Airport Director, KBR Airport, Leh; Deputy Director, District Motor Garages, Leh; Assistant Director, DIPR, Leh; Tehsildar, Leh; Executive Officer, MC, Leh; Executive Engineer, PDD, Leh; Executive Engineer, Construction, Leh; Executive Engineer, R&B, Leh; Executive Engineer, PHE, Leh; Executive Engineer, LDA, Leh; Naib Tehsildar, Chuchot; President, Ladakh Buddhist Association, Leh; President, Gonpa Association, Leh; Chief Representative Officer (CRO), Leh.



