

Border Villages at the heart of Govt of India's priorities: LG Kavinder Gupta Visits Thang, India's Northernmost Border Village in Turtuk, Nubra At Zero Line, LG praises Army's grit in guarding nation in tough terrain Projects huge scope for border tourism in Thang Highlights Govt commitment in transforming border villages into vibrant hubs of opportunity and pride

Thang (Nubra), September 11: The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, today reaffirmed the commitment of the Government of India towards the holistic development and welfare of border villages, describing them as the "pillars of national strength and pride."

The Lt Governor visited Thang, the northernmost and last village of India, situated along the Line of Control. He also went to the Zero Line, where senior Army officials briefed him about the prevailing security situation, operational preparedness, and the vital role of the Armed Forces in safeguarding national frontiers.

Notably, Thang is a remote border village in the Nubra Valley of Ladakh. It is strategically located, with the Shyok River flowing nearby, and is under the watch of the Indian Army due to its sensitive position.

The Lt Governor lauded the Indian Army for guarding the nation's borders in such tough and challenging terrain, acknowledging their unmatched courage, discipline, and dedication in ensuring the safety and security of the people. He said their commitment stands as a source of immense pride for the entire nation.

Shri Kavinder Gupta said that border villages are not only strategic guardians of the nation but also repositories of unique culture, resilience, and heritage. He stressed that the UT Government has placed special emphasis on improving road connectivity, health services, education, communication, and livelihood opportunities in these far-flung habitations.

Highlighting the role of tourism, the Lt Governor said that villages like Thang hold immense potential to emerge as attractions for border tourism, drawing visitors to witness the life, culture, and natural beauty of India's last villages. He noted that the pristine River Shyok adds to the charm of border villages like Thang, offering immense scope for eco and adventure tourism. He underlined that the Government of India's flagship initiatives, such as the Vibrant Villages Programme, are being implemented to strengthen border areas by creating better facilities, promoting sustainable tourism, and preventing outmigration.

Reiterating the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Shri Kavinder Gupta said, "Every border village is not the last village of the country but the first village of India. The Government is committed to transforming them into vibrant centres of opportunity, development, and pride."

The Lt Governor assured that the welfare and development of border villages remain the foremost priority of the UT Administration, with sustained efforts to uplift these communities while preserving their cultural identity.

Shri Kavinder Gupta lauded the world-class roads across Ladakh, extending all the way to its last border villages, meticulously maintained by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO). He encouraged the people of the country to visit and experience these roads while enjoying the scenic beauty and unique culture of the border areas.

