

L-G VK Saxena rolls out LG Yuva Internship Programme on the birth anniversary of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

Calls upon youth to become active partners in Ladakh's development

Internship programme to provide young people hands-on exposure to governance, field-level implementation and public service

Leh, September 17: Lieutenant Governor Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena today rolled out the “LG Yuva Internship Programme” in Ladakh, a unique initiative aimed at institutionalising youth participation in Governance. The internship programme provides a structured platform for youth to work with and learn from the government.

Guided by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision that youth are the greatest strength of a Viksit Bharat, this initiative integrates 2,000 youth into 25 different government departments for a 3-month internship, thereby empowering the young minds to become active partners in Ladakh's development, rather than becoming mere beneficiaries.

Interns from different parts of Ladakh, including Kargil, Changthang, Sham, Nubra, Drass and Zaskar, participated in the orientation virtually, bringing together youth from across the Union Territory for the launch of the programme.

The programme also aims to provide youth with an opportunity to understand the functioning of public institutions while allowing the Administration to benefit from their fresh ideas, creativity and innovative approaches.

The interns will undergo the three-month internship starting September 17, during which they will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹5,000. Based on their performance, the internship of the best-performing candidates may be extended by an additional three months. At the completion of the internship, participants will be provided certificates that can strengthen their academic and professional profiles and support their future employment opportunities.

Addressing the Orientation Workshop of the LG Yuva Internship Programme, the Lieutenant Governor called upon the selected young interns to use the three-month programme as an opportunity to gain first-hand experience of governance, understand challenges at the grassroots

and contribute innovative and practical solutions to Ladakh's development.

The Lieutenant Governor said the programme has been conceived to provide Ladakh's youth an opportunity to work closely with different departments of the UT Administration and understand how government functions at the ground level. Through the internship, the youth will gain exposure to the process of policy formulation, implementation and delivery of government programmes, while developing a deeper understanding of governance and public service.

Addressing the interns, the Lieutenant Governor said the youth are not merely beneficiaries of development but must become active partners in the development process. He encouraged the interns to look at the internship as much more than a three-month assignment or an opportunity to obtain a certificate. Instead, he urged them to treat it as a platform for learning, experience, exposure and service, which would help them develop a deeper understanding of Government and governance.

The Lieutenant Governor noted that the Orientation Workshop was being held on the occasion of the birthday of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Extending birthday greetings to the Prime Minister on behalf of the people of Ladakh, he recalled the Prime Minister's emphasis on the power of youth and their role in building a Viksit Bharat.

He said the occasion also makes the message of seva particularly meaningful and urged the interns to undertake the programme with a spirit of learning, service, and responsibility, and to use the knowledge and experience gained to contribute towards empowering society.

