

Ladakh leads e-Governance revolution, strengthening India's Global Digital Leadership: LG Kavinder Ladakh emerges as Digital Innovation Leader in Bharat's Trillion-Dollar Economy Drive Says Digital Transformation Paving Way for Bharat as Vishwaguru Highlights initiatives taken by UT Administration to bridge digital divide in Ladakh Says focus is on connecting last mile of Ladakh Inspires youth to become architects of a Digitally Empowered Bharat

Leh, Sep 19: Bharat, under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, is undergoing a massive digital transformation aimed at building a trillion-dollar digital economy. Ladakh, despite its difficult terrain, has emerged as a frontrunner in adopting e-governance and digital innovation. This digital revolution is not just transforming our economy but also strengthening India's global leadership, paving the way for Bharat to emerge as a Vishwaguru in the digital age."

This was stated by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, while addressing the Digital Innovation Summit 2025 in Leh today. The Summit was organised by the Department of Information Technology, UT Ladakh, in collaboration with Elets Technomedia, with participation of government leaders, policymakers, industry experts, and technology pioneers to deliberate on shaping India's digital future. The event, held under the central theme of "Digital India: Powering Progress with Purpose", is aimed at exploring strengthening governance through emerging technologies, accelerating citizen service delivery, and driving inclusive and sustainable development.

Shri Kavinder Gupta underlined that Ladakh, with its proactive adoption of digital solutions, is playing a pivotal role in advancing the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. He added that the Union Territory's success in leveraging technology stands as a model for other remote and challenging regions of the country.

The Lt Governor maintained Ladakh has achieved several milestones in digital governance, including the launch of online public services, digitisation of land records under DILRMP, vehicle tracking devices for transport safety, and becoming the first Union Territory to introduce MedLEaPR, a medico-legal digital system.

The Lt Governor emphasised that despite Ladakh's large area spread over 59,146 sq km, with a population density of about 4.6 persons per sq km, the UT Administration is committed to providing all basic facilities and connecting even the last mile. He added that the UT Administration is working towards 100% digital coverage with e-Office, online scholarships, digital certificates, and cashless payments across all departments to ensure transparent and efficient service delivery.

Highlighting connectivity gains, Shri Kavinder Gupta informed that all 193 Gram Panchayats of Ladakh have been connected under BharatNet, ₹125 crore has been sanctioned for optical fibre expansion, mobile connectivity is available in 234 of 243 villages, and 4G services have reached 169 villages. Over 175 new mobile towers, including solar-powered 4G towers in border areas like Siachen, Galwan, and Demchok, have also been sanctioned.

On renewable energy, he said the 220 kV Drass-Zaskar transmission line and Padum sub-station worth ₹1393 crore is under progress, alongside a planned 200 MW solar project with battery storage and a 280 MW solar park in Zaskar and Taisuru. These projects will enhance power reliability, create jobs for local youth, and position Ladakh as a hub of clean, sustainable growth.

The Lt Governor asked the youth to actively embrace digital skills, innovation, and entrepreneurship, stressing that they are the true torchbearers of Ladakh's future. He urged them to leverage new opportunities in IT, renewable energy, tourism, and start-ups, assuring that the UT Administration will extend all possible support to nurture their talent. He emphasised that the participation of youth in nation-building will be pivotal in fulfilling the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of a digitally empowered Bharat.

In his concluding remarks, the Lt Governor said that Ladakh's journey of digital transformation and sustainable growth is a testament to the spirit of New India. He expressed confidence that with continued focus on innovation, connectivity, renewable energy, and citizen-centric governance, Ladakh will not only script its own success story but also play a decisive role in realising the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of building a trillion-dollar digital economy and making Bharat a true Vishwaguru in the digital age.

The Lt Governor thanked the IT Department of Ladakh and Elets Technomedia for organising the summit, adding that such platforms encourage innovation, collaboration, and inclusive digital progress across the country.

Earlier, Chief Secretary, Dr Pawan Kotwal and DGP Ladakh, Dr S.D Singh Jamwal, in their keynote address, highlighted Ladakh's major transformation over the last few years and initiatives taken by the UT Administration to connect all parts of Ladakh through road network, power supply and mobile network connectivity.

Similarly, Executive Councillor, LAHDC Leh, Stanzin Chosphele, stressed that Ladakh can emerge as a model state for digital empowerment by placing citizens at the heart of the digital revolution.

Principal Secretary, Vocational Education, Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship Department of the Government of Uttar Pradesh, Dr Hari Om and Administrative Secretary, IT Department, UT Ladakh, Shashanka Ala, also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, CEO and Editor-in-chief of Elets Technomedia, Dr Ravi Gupta, welcomed the guests to the one-day-long conclave.

Among those present during the conclave were Chief Secretary, Dr Pawan Kotwal; Executive Councillor, LAHDC Leh, Stanzin Chosphele; DGP Ladakh, Dr SD Singh Jamwal; Administrative Secretaries from UT Ladakh; officials from UT Ladakh; experts and speakers from different parts of the country.



