

H'LG Inaugurates State-of-the-Art 3-Tesla MRI Facility in Kargil; CEC Terms it a Major Milestone for Regional Healthcare

Kargil, December 24, 2025: Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor (CEC), LAHDC Kargil, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhooon attended the inaugural session of the 3 Tesla MRI facility at District Hospital Kargil. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Akhooon congratulated the people of Kargil on the installation of this state-of-the-art medical equipment at the district hospital. He termed the facility a major milestone in strengthening healthcare infrastructure in the region and said it would greatly benefit patients by providing advanced diagnostic services locally.

The CEC expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh and the Chief Secretary for gracing the event with their presence. He also recalled the pivotal role played by former Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Dr. Brig. B.D. Mishra, in initiating and supporting the development of modern medical facilities at District Hospital Kargil.

Dr. Akhooon stated that with the commissioning of the 3 Tesla MRI facility, the people of Kargil would now receive world-class medical services at their doorstep, free of cost. He described the facility as particularly beneficial for people from marginalised sections of society, who earlier had to travel long distances for advanced diagnostic tests.

Highlighting various developmental initiatives undertaken in his chairmanship, the CEC said that several important procurements of medical machinery and equipment had been made through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. He specifically mentioned the procurement of a ₹9-crore CT scan machine through Power Grid for CHC Sankoo, along with several other essential medical procurements.

The CEC requested Principal Secretary Sanjeev Khirwar to address the shortage of super specialist doctors in Kargil, including cardiologists, urologists, nephrologists, and other specialists. He also urged the administration to provide short-term ultrasound / sonography training for MBBS doctors in neighbouring hospitals of Jammu and Kashmir. Additionally, he requested the provision of first-aid emergency services for people residing in Jammu to facilitate them during medical emergencies. Dr. Akhooon further appealed to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh to extend collaborative support for upgrading the AMT School into a Nursing College in Kargil.

Speaking on the occasion, Member of Parliament for Ladakh, Mohd Hanifa Jan, expressed his happiness over the installation of the 3 Tesla MRI machine and termed it a result of collaborative efforts between the UT Administration and LAHDC Kargil. He said the facility would provide significant relief to the people, especially those from marginalised sections of society. The MP added that medical facilities across hospitals, CHCs, and PHCs in Ladakh are increasingly being equipped with modern infrastructure, and emphasized the need for continued collaborative efforts to further strengthen the healthcare system.



