

Education, innovation to drive Ladakh's contribution to Viksit Bharat 2047: LG Kavinder Gupta Vows to transform Ladakh into Knowledge & Innovation Hub Underscores University of Ladakh's Role in Education-Led Development Says Education Key to Ladakh's Sustainable Growth Reaffirms Full Support for Growth of Higher Education in Ladakh Emphasises on Nurturing Job Creators, Not Job Seekers

Leh, February 5: The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, today visited the University of Ladakh (UoL) Campus at Taru and underscored the pivotal role of education, research, and innovation in shaping Ladakh's future and contributing to the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Interacting with the faculty, staff, and students, the Lt Governor said that institutions like the University of Ladakh are the cornerstone of nation-building in geographically challenging regions. He lauded the University's rapid growth since its inception and described it as a symbol of Ladakh's aspirations, resilience, and intellectual strength.

Commending the world-class teaching and advanced laboratory infrastructure, the Lt Governor expressed special appreciation for facilities such as Genome Sequencing, ICP-MS, XRD, and the Centralised Interdisciplinary Science Instrumentation Centre (CISIC). He said that the availability of such cutting-edge facilities in a high-altitude region reflects Ladakh's emerging identity as a centre of excellence in higher education and research.

The Lt Governor noted that the University, which began with a handful of courses, is now offering around 72 academic programmes, including skill-based, agriculture, science, and technology-oriented courses. He emphasised that education must not remain limited to degrees alone but should create job creators, innovators, and responsible global citizens.

Highlighting the importance of research, entrepreneurship, and emerging technologies, Shri Kavinder Gupta encouraged the faculty to guide and mentor students towards opportunities in areas such as artificial intelligence, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, and local innovation suited to Ladakh's unique ecology. He stressed that teachers play a decisive role in preparing Ladakhi youth to drive inclusive development while preserving the region's cultural and environmental heritage.

Reaffirming the UT Administration's full support, the Lt Governor assured that all necessary steps would be taken to further strengthen the University of Ladakh, including academic collaborations, exposure programmes, and capacity building of faculty and students. He said efforts would be made to bring reputed national institutions like IIM/IIT closer to Ladakh so that quality education is accessible within the region and brain drain is reversed.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the importance of value-based education, leadership, and peace studies, stating that Ladakh can emerge as a model for harmony-driven development through education.

During the visit, he inaugurated the NABL-accredited ICP-MS facility, visited advanced laboratories, the Central Library equipped with digital and e-learning resources, and reviewed innovation-driven initiatives, including entrepreneurship and skill development programmes.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha and Administrative Secretary, Higher Education, Smt Bhanu Prabha accorded a warm welcome to the Lt Governor.

In-charge Registrar, University of Ladakh (UoL), Shri Nawang Tundup, gave a detailed PPT presentation on various ongoing activities and courses offered at UoL campuses and colleges in Leh and Kargil.

Vice-Chancellor, University of Ladakh (UoL), Prof Saket Kushwaha apprised the Lt Governor of the academic and administrative initiatives undertaken by the University, including efforts to strengthen teaching-learning processes, promote research and innovation, foster global citizenship among students, and streamline governance through coordinated decision-making. He also briefed the Lt Governor on steps being taken to fill vacant teaching and non-teaching positions and to ensure improved academic infrastructure and student facilities across UoL campuses.

Administrative, teaching staff, faculty of University of Ladakh; Under Secretary, Higher Education, Sumera Shafi and other senior officials were also present.





