

Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman pays Tribute to martyrs at Rezang La Memorial, Chushul

Leh June 17, 2025: On the final day of her visit to Ladakh, Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman paid tribute to the brave Indian soldiers at the Rezang La War Memorial in Chushul. The memorial was built in honour of the soldiers of the 13 Kumaon Regiment who selflessly laid down their lives during the 1962 war for the Country.

The Minister viewed the museum and a short film highlighting the courage of the martyrs led by MVC, Major Shaitan Singh.

Later, she visited Merak village, near the Pangong Lake, to see the site for the proposed National Large Solar Telescope (NLST). This is proposed to be India's largest ground-based solar telescope, designed to study the Sun and space weather.

Prof. Ravindera B, Project Manager, NI Indian Institute of Astrophysics gave a detailed presentation about the project and its future benefits. Dr. Annapurni Subramaniam, the Institute's Director, also joined the visit.

At Merak, Minister Sitaraman also met local delegates including the Councilor of Chushul constituency, Konchok Stanzin, Nambarders of Phobrang and Man-Merak villages and women SHGs who submitted memorandums requesting for redressal of their problems and demands.

The Minister was accompanied by Secretary, Tourism, Vikram Singh Malik; Secretary, S&TW Department, Shashanka Ala, Chief Conservator Wildlife, Sajjad Mufti, DC Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve, SSP Leh, Shruti Arora, Science & Technical Staff of Indian Institute of Astronomical Observatory, Hanley and concern officers.





