

Two-Day Science and Mathematics Kit Distribution and Orientation

Programme Inaugurated at Islamia Public High School Leh Organised by DIET Leh in Collaboration with IISER Pune

Leh, July 20: The District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Leh, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune, inaugurated a Two-Day Science and Mathematics Kit Distribution and Orientation Programme today at Islamia Public High School, Leh. The initiative aims to strengthen experiential and activity-based learning in schools across the Union Territory of Ladakh.



The inaugural session was graced by the Hon'ble Secretary, School Education Department, UT Ladakh, Madam Bhanu Prabha (IAS), as the Chief Guest. The programme was attended by Sh. S.D. Namgail, Principal DIET Leh; Smt. Tsering Yangdol, HOD DIET Leh, Smt. Ishey Dolker, Vice Principal Islamia Public School Leh, officials from the School Education Department; the distinguished resource team from IISER Pune, including Sh. Mohamed Taqee (Technical Officer and Ladakh Coordinator) and Sh. Pankaj Yadav (Technical Assistant);

faculty members of DIET Leh; Master Trainers; and participants from

the districts of Leh and Kargil.

The programme commenced with a traditional Khatak Presentation Ceremony, reflecting the rich cultural heritage and warm hospitality of Ladakh. The Hon'ble Secretary and the IISER Pune team were welcomed with traditional Khataks as a mark of respect and appreciation.

Addressing the gathering, the Hon'ble Secretary commended the collaborative efforts of DIET Leh and IISER Pune in empowering teachers with innovative teaching practices. She emphasized that hands-on learning, critical thinking, and scientific inquiry are essential for nurturing 21st-century learners, and encouraged participants to effectively utilize the Science and Mathematics kits to make classroom learning more engaging and meaningful.

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by the Principal, DIET Leh, who expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Secretary, the IISER Pune team, Master Trainers, and all participants. He also acknowledged IISER Pune's continued support in strengthening science and mathematics education in Ladakh.

During the orientation, experts from IISER Pune introduced participants to the Science and Mathematics kits and conducted interactive sessions demonstrating practical classroom activities, experiments, and innovative pedagogical approaches aligned with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The sessions focused on enhancing teachers' confidence in integrating experiential learning into classroom practices. The two-day programme has brought together Master Trainers from Leh and Kargil, who will further disseminate the knowledge and skills gained during the orientation to teachers in their respective districts, thereby strengthening science and mathematics education across Ladakh.

The day concluded with an interactive session where participants actively engaged with the resource persons, shared experiences, and discussed strategies for effective classroom implementation of the kits. The orientation programme will continue tomorrow with additional hands-on sessions, demonstrations, and collaborative learning activities aimed at enriching classroom teaching and

fostering scientific curiosity among students.