

Several delegations call on LG Ladakh

Leh, February 3: Several delegations called on the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, at LG Secretariat to discuss key development and welfare issues.

Padma Shri awardee Dr Padma Gurmet, Director of National Institute of Sowa Rigpa, who received both Padma Shri from Government of India and recently State Award from UT Ladakh on Republic Day 2026 for contributions in medicine and art/craft, thanked GoI and UT Administration. He informed Rs 52 crore central allocation this year for National Institute of Sowa Rigpa, plans for establishment of 15 new branches across India, plantation of 100 different medicinal plants at Trans-Himalayan Herbal Garden in Phey, and need to strengthen traditional healers in rural areas for elderly seeking treatment.

A Hemya-Khatpu delegation led by Nambardar raised telecommunication connectivity issues, need for multipurpose hall, residential hostel for students, and playground.

Zanskar delegation sought Rangdum's inclusion in new Zanskar district, Stod as block headquarters instead of Karsha, and internal roads construction in Akshow village.

Stakmo delegation led by Nambardar Thiskey highlighted water shortage, requesting lift irrigation scheme from Indus River for drinking and agricultural needs.

Korzok delegation led by BJP State President Tashi Gyalsen Khachu requested funds for Korzok monastery completion and residential rooms for monks.

An ex-serviceman who participated in skiing demanded fair trials and equal representation from all Ladakh parts for Khelo India Winter Games in ski and snowboarding events.

Giving a patient hearing, the Lt Governor reiterated UT Administration's commitment to people's welfare, informing funding requests from Central government for heritage sites renovation/restoration including monasteries as testament to Ladakh's ancient rich cultural heritage. He called Ladakh a treasure trove of medicinal plants, with Hon'ble Prime Minister mentioning its Sanjeevani—Sea Buckthorn—and tremendous medicinal potential. He highlighted stepped-up efforts for reliable telecommunication and road networks across Ladakh, plus potable drinking water via Jal Jeevan Mission and KUSUM scheme for lift irrigation using solar energy.

Photo caption:

1. Dr Padma Gurmet with Lt Governor
2. Ex-serviceman who dabbled in skiing with Lt Governor
3. Delegation from Korzok
4. & 5. Delegation from Stakmo
6. Delegation from Hemya-Khatpu



