

LG Ladakh flags off delegates for National Youth Festival 2026 Says Viksit Bharat initiative reflects Prime Minister's vision of Youth-Led Development Ladakhi youth are talented and confident, says CS Kundra

Leh, Jan 3: The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh Shri Kavinder Gupta today flagged off and felicitated the Ladakh Team comprising 33 youth participants and officials from the Union Territory who are proceeding to Delhi to take part in the "Viksit Bharat – Young India Dialogue" under the National Youth Festival 2026. The programme aims to provide a national platform for youth to share ideas and contribute to the vision of a developed India.

Addressing the participants, the Lieutenant Governor congratulated them for earning the opportunity to represent Ladakh at a prestigious national forum. He said that they are not only representing their families and institutions, but the aspirations and potential of the entire Union Territory. He added that their participation reflects that the youth of Ladakh are confident, intellectually strong, and ready to play a meaningful role in nation-building.

The Lt Governor noted that the initiative is in line with the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who has consistently emphasized youth-led development and active participation of young Indians in shaping the future of the country. He said the Viksit Bharat initiative provides a powerful platform for youth to engage in dialogue, innovation, and policy-oriented thinking.

Urging the participants to actively engage in discussions at the National Youth Festival, the Lieutenant Governor encouraged them to present their ideas with confidence while showcasing Ladakh's unique culture, values, and identity. He expressed confidence that the youth would return with new perspectives and inspiration to contribute to the development of Ladakh and the nation.

The Lieutenant Governor extended his best wishes to all participants for a successful and enriching experience at the National Youth Festival 2026.

In his address, Chief Secretary Shri Ashish Kundra called Ladakhi youth talent and full of confidence and highlighted the need to organise a UT-level Youth Meet with the participation of Ladakhi youth from different parts of the region.

Nodal officials accompanying the Ladakh Team informed about the participation of youth from Leh and Kargil in the Cultural and Innovation Track, and the Viskit Bharat Challenge categories of the National Youth Festival, expressing optimism of doing well in the event.

Among those present during the event were Chief Secretary Shri Ashish Kundra, Administrative Secretary YSS Moses Kunzang, and officials from YSS. Participants and officials from Kargil joined the event virtually.



