

L-G Vinai Kumar Saxena launches major beautification drive ahead of Holy Relics exposition

Flower pots and plantation from Lok Niwas to Jivetsal to ensure a welcoming and serene environment

Leh, April 28: With just a day to go to the historic arrival of the Holy Relics of Tathagatha Buddha for public exposition in Leh, the Lieutenant Governor of UT Ladakh, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, took to the streets, supervising the beautification of the city. Shri Saxena, accompanied by senior officials of concerned departments, oversaw the placement of flower pots along the route from the Airport to Jivetsal, the main venue of the Sacred Exposition.

More than 1000 flower pots, procured from local potters in Ladakh, have been placed along the stretch in a bid to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the city and give it a vibrant look. A variety of flower species, including Petunia, Salvia, Marigold, Gitika, Champa, Blue Pine, Deodar, Cypress, Foxtail Palm and Areca Palm, have been placed across the city.

The initiative is part of a comprehensive effort by the UT Administration, under the direction of the Lieutenant Governor, to ensure a pleasant and spiritually enriching experience for devotees and visitors attending the exposition of the holy relics of Lord Buddha from May 1 to 14. The Lieutenant Governor has been working in mission mode to enhance the overall aesthetics of the Leh Municipal area, with a strong focus on beautification, cleanliness, and greenery.

“Ensuring a clean, green, and aesthetically vibrant environment is essential to offering a memorable experience to devotees and visitors. The sacred exposition is not only a spiritual occasion of great significance but also an opportunity to showcase Ladakh’s natural beauty, cultural richness, and hospitality to the world. Collective efforts are being made to present Ladakh at its best during the historic event,” Lieutenant Governor Shri Saxena said.

Under the Lieutenant Governor’s directions, plantation of saplings and seasonal flowering plants has also been carried out at designated locations, while flower pots are being strategically placed along roads, roundabouts, and key public spaces to create a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere.

In addition to the potted plantations, an avenue plantation was also undertaken to further enhance the green cover and visual appeal of the region. Species such as Willow, Bamboo, Apricot, Cherry Blossom, Amaltas, Bougainvillea, Jacaranda and Gulmohar have also been planted along roadsides, to create vibrant and sustainable green corridors. This collaborative effort reflects a committed step towards environmental sustainability and landscape enhancement.

Further, several infrastructure and civic improvement measures have been undertaken, including the laying of pavements, clearing debris, removal of broken poles, and repair of damaged roads.

As the sacred exposition of the Holy Relics of Tathagatha Buddha is set to be a landmark spiritual event for the region, drawing participants from across India and abroad, these efforts are aimed at ensuring that the large number of devotees, as well as distinguished guests—including ambassadors, Chief Ministers, and representatives of Buddhist organisations—experience Ladakh’s warmth, hospitality, and pristine environment during the event.



