

Ladakh Wins Medallion for Excellence at India Skills Regional Competition 2025–26

Delhi, March 17, 2026: In a proud moment for the Union Territory of Ladakh, Maqsuma Banoo, a [B.Com](#) 4th semester student of Government Degree College Kargil / Beauty Skill Centre GDC Kargil, representing Ladakh at the India Skills Regional Competition 2025–26, has been awarded the Medallion for Excellence in Beauty Therapy skill.

The Medallion for Excellence is conferred in each competition skill to recognise competitors who demonstrate outstanding skill and performance beyond the top three positions—gold, silver, and bronze. At the regional-level competition, around 330 competitors from nine States and Union Territories competed across 63 skill trades.

Ladakh, participating for the first time, fielded six competitors across three skill trades—Beauty Therapy, Graphic Designing, and Fashion Technology. These six participants were UT-level qualifiers, selected as the top two performers from each skill trade out of nearly 20 competitors who competed at the UT-level India Skills competition.

Securing a Medallion for Excellence in its first regional participation marks a significant milestone for the Union Territory, reflecting the growing strength of Ladakh’s skilling ecosystem and the immense potential of its youth, supported by the establishment of 16 skill centres across seven higher education institutions after the formation of the UT.”

Members of the Ladakh contingent expressed gratitude to the Union Territory administration, including the Ladakh Skill Development Mission and Government Degree College Kargil, for the support extended to the team through boot camp training at reputed institutes and the opportunity to participate in the regional competition. The team noted that participation itself was a valuable learning experience and provided significant exposure for the students.

Ms. Bhanu Prabha, Administrative Secretary, Technical Education and Skill Development / Higher Education and Mission Director, Ladakh Skill Development Mission, appreciated and facilitated the team on their arrival in Leh. She reiterated that the Union Territory administration will continue to support, nurture and provide opportunities to local talent, enabling the youth of Ladakh to excel and represent the region with pride at national and international platforms.

Under the leadership of Hon’ble Lt. Governor, Sh. Vinai Kumar Saxena, and the guidance of Chief Secretary, Sh. Ashish Kundra, the Ladakh Skill Development Mission (LSDM) will organize a UT-level annual skilling competition to encourage the youth of Ladakh to pursue vocational and skill education with greater zeal and enthusiasm.

The India Skills Competition, organised by the National Skill Development Corporation under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, is the country’s premier platform for showcasing vocational and technical excellence.



