PM Modi's New India rooted in youth creativity & cultural pride: Ladakh LG ***Says India's future lies in youth innovation & heritage Addresses Valedictory Ceremony of State Level Kala Utsav 2025 in Ladakh Kala Utsav Strengthens 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' Spirit Asks Ladakh youth to carry UT's cultural legacy to national stage Assures full support for improving students' artistic & academic opportunities***

Leh, November 27: The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, today reiterated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a New India is firmly anchored in youth creativity, innovation and cultural pride. He said India's future strength lies in the imagination, skills and heritage upheld by its young generation.

Addressing the Valedictory Ceremony of the State Level Kala Utsav 2025, the Lt Governor said the festival celebrates the artistic excellence and cultural expression of students across the Union Territory. He noted that Kala Utsav embodies the spirit of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat by bringing together diverse traditions and nurturing cultural unity. Describing it as more than a competition, he said the Utsav provides a vibrant platform for children to express creativity, explore their identity and stay connected to their roots. "Art connects us, inspires different thinking and strengthens our understanding of values," he remarked.

Shri Gupta appreciated the Ministry of Education for promoting art and culture in schools through initiatives like Kala Utsav and Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat, which foster national unity, respect for diversity and cross-cultural learning. Expressing pride in Ladakh's consistent performance at the national level, he praised the dedication of teachers, parents and students. "The achievements of our children reflect the collective commitment of Ladakh's education community," he said.

Highlighting the Prime Minister's transformative vision, the Lt Governor said youth-led innovation, cultural pride and the creative economy are central to building a modern and confident India. "Modi ji believes that India's strength lies in its rich heritage and the energy of its young generation. When children embrace creativity and remain connected to culture, India moves closer to realising its global aspirations," he added.

Shri Kavinder Gupta stated that programmes like Kala Utsav directly contribute to the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047 and the ongoing cultural renaissance across the nation. The exceptional talent displayed by Ladakhi youth, he said, shows their potential to shape India's future.

Congratulating all participants, he said their performances reflect the artistic richness of Ladakh. Urging students to carry forward Ladakh's values of simplicity, discipline and hard work, he encouraged them to learn, grow and refine their skills.

Reaffirming full government support, the Lt Governor said the Administration remains committed to providing better facilities and opportunities for students' artistic and academic progress. He expressed confidence that Ladakhi students will continue to excel nationally and internationally, bringing pride to the Union Territory.

Later, the Lt Governor also felicitated the winners in 12 different categories with mementos and certificates. He also interacted with students. He also felicitated the mentors/judges from Leh and Kargil- renowned Ladakhi singer Shri Dorjey Stakmo and Shri Rahula from Kargil.

Administrative Secretary, School Education Department, Bhanu Prabha, in her welcome address, informed that top performers from the district-level Kala Utsav competition in Leh and Kargil districts are performing on the concluding day of the State-Level Kala Utsav at DIET. She mentioned that the top performers would represent Ladakh at the National Level Kala Utsav 2026 in 12 different categories as cultural ambassadors of Ladakh.

Director, School Education Department, Tashi Dolma delivered the vote of thanks.

Students from Mahabodhi Residential School Leh, Government School Garkon and PM SHRI High School Chumathang showcased cultural performances during the event.

Among those present during the event were Principal DIET Leh and Kargil, Chief Education Officer Leh and Kargil, faculty from School Education Department, and students and teachers from different schools.

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