

LG Kavinder calls for renewed National Spirit at the commemoration of 150 Years of Vande Mataram Vande Mataram symbolizes our gratitude to the motherland Our vision to build a self-reliant, sustainable Ladakh Urges collective dedication for India's glory & Ladakh's prosperity Pledges to work for India's glory and Ladakh's prosperity

Leh, November 7: The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, addressed a special ceremony held at the historic Sindh Ghat today to commemorate 150 years of Vande Mataram—the national song that has inspired generations of Indians with its message of devotion, unity, and sacrifice.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor described the celebration as “not merely the anniversary of a song, but a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride that guided India's freedom struggle.” He paid rich tribute to Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, the creator of Vande Mataram, stating that “his immortal composition awakened a sense of collective strength and faith among Indians during the darkest days of colonial rule.”

“The words Vande Mataram are not just an expression of reverence—they symbolize our gratitude to the motherland that has given us identity, culture, and purpose,” the Lt Governor remarked.

Highlighting Ladakh's contribution to the idea of a strong and united India, Shri Kavinder Gupta said, “This sacred land, where the sky touches the earth, represents the living soul of our nation. The people of Ladakh, known for their simplicity, courage, and patriotism, continue to inspire the rest of India through their devotion and service.” He also commended the bravery of the soldiers stationed at the borders who safeguard the nation with unflinching commitment.

The Lt Governor underlined that Ladakh is emerging as a vital part of India's growth story, with significant progress in education, tourism, environmental conservation, handloom, and women-led self-help initiatives. “Our vision is to build a self-reliant, sustainable, and prosperous Ladakh—one that harmonizes tradition with modernity and development with nature,” he said.

Addressing the youth, Shri Kavinder Gupta urged them to channel their energy and creativity toward nation-building. “True patriotism lies not only in slogans or celebrations but in honest work, innovation, and service to society,” he noted. He encouraged young people to contribute in fields such as science, education, agriculture, and entrepreneurship, becoming active partners in India's journey towards Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The Lt Governor called upon the people of Ladakh to take a collective pledge on this historic occasion: to educate their children, protect the environment, and uphold unity, peace, and harmony in society. “As our forefathers fought for freedom inspired by Vande Mataram, let us dedicate ourselves to building a developed India and a strong, prosperous Ladakh,” he said.

Concluding his address, Shri Kavinder Gupta said, “Let us all work with sincerity and dedication—for the glory of Mother India, for the peace and prosperity of Ladakh, and for a bright future for every citizen.”

A mass singing of “Vande Mataram” was also held during the event.

The occasion was graced by Bhanu Prabha, Administrative Secretary, Education Department; Romil Singh Donk, Deputy Commissioner, Leh; Tsering Paldan, Director, Tourism Department; senior officials from the Tourism Department and Ladakh Police; other government officials; and students from Delhi Public School, Leh.



