

## **CEC Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoon Meets Vice Chancellor University of Kashmir and Director SKIMS**

Srinagar, April 02, 2026: Hon'ble Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoon, met with Prof. Nilofer Khan, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University of Kashmir, and Prof. Mohd Ashraf Ganie, Director SKIMS, during his visit to Kashmir.

While meeting with the Vice Chancellor of the University of Kashmir, Prof. Nilofer Khan, CEC Dr. Akhoon expressed his appreciation for the university's continued support in facilitating postgraduate admissions for students from Ladakh, noting that the University of Kashmir remains the nearest postgraduate institution for students from the region after the University of Ladakh.

The CEC requested the reservation of dedicated seats for students from Kargil and Leh in the upcoming free UPSC coaching programme being offered by the university. Highlighting the effectiveness of the programme, he noted that as many as 11 aspirants were selected through its very first batch, making it a proven platform for competitive exam preparation. He requested that students from Kargil and Leh be ensured seats in the upcoming batch so that the youth of Ladakh can equally benefit from this opportunity.

Hon'ble CEC Dr. Akhoon also conveyed congratulations to the Assistant Professors from Leh and Kargil who have been recently selected in the University of Kashmir. During the meeting with Director SKIMS, Prof. Mohd Ashraf Ganie, Hon'ble CEC thanked him for the appointment of a dedicated Nodal Officer for patients referred from Kargil, a step that has been widely appreciated by the people of the region and is seen as a meaningful initiative toward improving the healthcare experience of Kargil patients seeking treatment at SKIMS.

The CEC highlighted the key challenges faced by patients travelling from Kargil for medical treatment, particularly the hardship caused by long waiting periods. He requested the introduction of an online registration system that would allow patients to be pre-registered, ensuring they are not subjected to unnecessary delays and can receive timely and hassle-free treatment.

Hon'ble CEC Dr. Akhoon also made a special request for the organisation of a Super Speciality Medical Camp at Kargil, which would bring expert healthcare directly to the people of the district, allowing residents from across Kargil to benefit from specialised medical services without the need for a long and difficult journey to Kashmir. Prof. Ganie assured full support and committed to addressing the concerns at the earliest.

