

LG Kavinder Gupta reviews progress of Eco-Smart New Airport Terminal at Leh Says New Leh Airport Terminal to become Model of Sustainable Infrastructure Asks officials to expedite construction, ensure completion within stipulated timeline

Leh, November 24: The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, conducted an on-site inspection of the New Terminal Building at Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport, Leh and reviewed the pace of construction and integration of modern, sustainable technologies.

During the visit, the Lt Governor expressed satisfaction over the significant progress achieved and commended the project team for adopting cutting-edge green technologies, including a first-of-its-kind geothermal temperature-regulation system, extensive solar integration, and eco-sensitive architectural planning tailored to Ladakh's climatic conditions. He noted that the upcoming terminal will stand as a benchmark for sustainable infrastructure in high-altitude regions.

Shri Kavinder Gupta emphasised that the new terminal will not only enhance passenger capacity and air connectivity but will also serve as a gateway reflecting the distinct cultural identity of Ladakh. He appreciated the efforts made to incorporate traditional Ladakhi motifs and design elements, ensuring that the terminal resonates with the region's heritage while offering world-class travel amenities.

The Lt Governor highlighted that the project aligns closely with Ladakh's vision of becoming a carbon-neutral Union Territory, and said that the airport's modern green features demonstrate the UT Administration's commitment to innovation, environmental stewardship, and high-quality public infrastructure. Reviewing key components such as passenger facilities, safety systems, terminal layout, and airside works, Shri Gupta urged the officials to keep the momentum high and complete the project within the stipulated timeline to meet the growing travel demands of Ladakh.

Project Director, Shri A. Umashankar, briefed the Lt Governor on the operational features of the new terminal, including aerobridges, automated systems, enhanced passenger circulation areas, and increased departure gates. He reaffirmed that the terminal is targeted for completion by April–May 2026. Senior officials from the Airports Authority of India, Shapoorji Pallonji Group, and Commissioner/Secretary Civil Aviation, Dr. L. Franklin accompanied the Lt Governor during the inspection.



