

Today's India represents a land of opportunities: LG Ladakh Terms student Life as the strong foundation of Nation-Building Young minds are the real changemakers of society: LG AI, Technology open new doors of opportunities for students, says LG Asks youth to become job creators, explore Start-Ups, Skill-Based Careers Viksit Bharat 2047 envisions youth as the Nation's driving force Asks youth to uphold the spirit of unity & ethos of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' Reiterates commitment of Ladakh Administration in addressing students' concerns Addresses 27th Annual Day Function of All Ladakh Students Welfare Association, Jammu

Jammu, Feb 15: The Hon'ble Lt Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, addressed the 27th Annual Day Function of the All Ladakh Students Welfare Association Jammu, here today. He congratulated the Association for its sustained contribution towards the welfare, unity and holistic development of Ladakhi students.

While addressing the gathering of youth from Leh and Kargil districts in Jammu, the Lt Governor termed the Ladakh Students Welfare Association is not merely an organisation, but a reflection of the determination, discipline and dreams of Ladakhi youth striving for a brighter future. He appreciated the Association's role since 2015 in providing academic guidance, nurturing cultural unity and effectively representing students' concerns before the administration.

Shri Kavinder Gupta emphasised that student life is the foundation of nation-building. It is a phase that shapes character, instils discipline and nurtures a sense of responsibility towards society and the nation. He shared that life's challenges strengthen resolve and teach invaluable lessons, enabling youth to emerge stronger and more committed to national service.

Highlighting the transformative power of organised youth, the Lt Governor remarked that when young minds unite with purpose, they can change the direction of society. He asserted that student life is the first laboratory where the future of the nation is prepared.

The Lt Governor stated that today's India is an India of opportunities. In the age of Technology and Artificial Intelligence, he reassured students that technology does not eliminate opportunities, but expands them. He urged the youth to continuously learn, innovate and adapt, noting that human creativity, leadership and sensitivity can never be replaced by machines.

Calling upon students to think beyond traditional career paths, Shri Kavinder Gupta encouraged them to explore start-ups, self-employment and skill-based avenues. He said that today's youth must aspire to become job creators, not merely job seekers.

Referring to the inspiring vision of Narendra Modi for Viksit Bharat @2047, the Lt Governor said that India's youth are its greatest strength. He stressed that self-reliant youth are the foundation of a strong nation, and affirmed that the youth are not just the future of India, but also its present driving force.

Speaking on Ladakh's unique identity and importance, Shri Kavinder Gupta said that educated and aware youth are the region's biggest strength. He urged students to stay connected with their language, culture and roots, while upholding the spirit of unity and the ethos of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat".

The Lt Governor assured that the Ladakh Administration remains fully committed to listening to students' concerns and resolving them with sensitivity and priority, reiterating that student welfare remains central to governance. Concluding his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the Association for the successful conduct of the event and expressed hope that the association would continue its commendable work for the benefit of students in the years to come. He called upon the youth to uphold honesty, hard work and discipline, and to contribute meaningfully towards building a strong, self-reliant and developed India.

The programme was graced by Special Guests Kacho Ahmad Ali Khan and Raj Kumar, whose presence added value and encouragement to the students on the occasion of ALSWAJ Annual Day 2024-25. Later, the Lt Governor felicitated the executive members of the Association in recognition of their dedicated service and contribution towards student welfare and organisational strengthening

Earlier, Muzaffar Ali, President of the Association, highlighted the key initiatives and sustained efforts of the Association in supporting Ladakhi students. The welcome address was delivered by Mansura Paldan. Cultural performances by Balti, Shina and Yaseen groups, along with a Ladakhi song, beautifully reflected the theme "Unity in Diversity – Spirit of Ladakh", showcasing the region's rich cultural heritage and harmony. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Sabrina Aamir, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, participants and organisers for making the event a meaningful and inspiring success.



