

## His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama Lays Foundation Stone for New Chowkhang Vihara in Leh

LEH, August 3, 2025 – His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, laid the foundation for the new Chowkhang Vihara, Leh on the morning of August 3, 2025. The event, a moment of profound spiritual significance for the region, drew a large gathering of religious leaders, local dignitaries, and community members.

Upon his arrival at the Chowkhang Vihara, His Holiness was officially received by President Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA), Chering Dorjay Lakruk, along with other key members of LBA, LBA youth wing and local residents. The reception featured traditional Ladakhi music and ceremonial offering of Khataks, symbolizing a warm welcome.

The ceremony was attended by a list of distinguished guests, including Hon'ble Chief Executive Councillor Adv. Tashi Gyalsen, Executive Councillors of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, and other prominent figures from across Ladakh.

Following the ceremony, His Holiness extended his visit to the Dharma Centre at Choglamsar, where he delivered a special address to those in attendance, further blessing the community with his compassionate teachings.





