

DIET Leh Hosts Interaction with Mr. Christopher Jolly, OBE, to Strengthen Literacy Education in Ladakh



Leh, 2 July 2026: The District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Leh, organised a special interaction programme with Mr. Christopher John Howard Jolly, OBE, Chairman of Jolly Learning Ltd. and the visionary pioneer behind the globally acclaimed Jolly Phonics programme. The programme was also graced by the presence of Ms. Shainaz Jussa, Delivery Partner of the Ladakh Jolly Phonics Project, and Ms. Joe, representative from Jolly Learning Ltd.

The distinguished guests were accorded a warm welcome by the DIET fraternity and were felicitated with traditional Khataks, symbolising Ladakh's rich culture and hospitality. The programme was attended by Shri S. D. Namgail, Principal, DIET Leh, Heads of Departments, faculty members, and educators from across the district. The occasion highlighted the significance of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, and Jolly Learning Ltd., which seeks to strengthen foundational literacy, enhance teacher capacity, and improve English language learning among children in Ladakh through the implementation of the Jolly Phonics programme.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Christopher Jolly spoke about the transformative power of literacy and emphasised the crucial role of teachers in nurturing young minds. He appreciated the dedication and enthusiasm of the teaching community in Ladakh and reaffirmed his commitment to supporting literacy initiatives in the region. The programme also acknowledged the invaluable contributions of Ms. Shainaz Jussa and Ms. Joe, whose support, coordination, and commitment have played a pivotal role in bringing the Jolly Phonics initiative to Ladakh and strengthening this meaningful educational partnership. DIET Leh further conveyed its heartfelt appreciation to the Jolly Learning Foundation for generously providing high-quality teaching and learning materials. These resources have significantly strengthened classroom practices and enriched the learning experiences of children, reaffirming the Foundation's commitment to promoting foundational literacy and educational excellence in the region.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri S. D. Namgail, Principal, DIET Leh, expressed heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Christopher Jolly for his visionary leadership and his invaluable contribution towards transforming the educational landscape of Ladakh. He also

thanked Ms. Shainaz Jussa and Ms. Joe for their unwavering support in advancing foundational literacy and empowering teachers across the region.

The programme concluded on a note of gratitude and renewed commitment towards ensuring quality education and literacy for every child in Ladakh. The visit of Mr. Christopher Jolly, OBE, Ms. Shainaz Jussa, and Ms. Joe marks another significant milestone in Ladakh's journey towards educational excellence and literacy transformation.