

## **2nd Convocation Ceremony of University of Ladakh Held Ladakh's youth must align with India's growth story: LG Kavinder Gupta Asks youth to Dream Big, Excel, & Build a Stronger India Calls for Empowered, Skilled & Innovative Youth to Lead Ladakh's Growth Says Admin committed to quality education, women empowerment & sustainable development**

Kargil, September 21: Emphasising the need to align Ladakh's youth with India's growth story, Lieutenant Governor Shri Kavinder Gupta said the Administration is committed to building a knowledge-driven society anchored in innovation, entrepreneurship, and social equity.

The Lt Governor was speaking while presiding over the 2nd Convocation Ceremony of the University of Ladakh as the Chief Guest.

Congratulating the graduating students and describing them as the torchbearers of a prosperous and progressive Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta said that the youth of the Union Territory must dream big, remain committed to excellence, and contribute actively to building a stronger and more developed India.

Shri Kavinder Gupta underlined that education, skill development, and women's empowerment remain top priorities for the UT Administration. He said the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in Ladakh is opening new opportunities for students to acquire advanced skills, embrace innovation, and become job creators rather than job seekers.

Highlighting the government's initiatives, the Lt Governor said that investments are being made in modern academic infrastructure, digital learning tools, and industry linkages to enable Ladakh's youth to compete with the best in the world. He added that special focus is being given to ensuring equitable access to education, particularly for girl students, as a vital step towards social progress and empowerment.

The Lt Governor also stressed the importance of research, startups, and entrepreneurship in shaping Ladakh's future, assuring continued support to the University and young innovators. "We are determined to turn Ladakh into a hub of knowledge, innovation, and sustainability while preserving its unique cultural and ecological identity," he said.

The ceremony, witnessed the participation of faculty, students, and dignitaries, also reflected the Administration's broader vision of improving quality of life in Ladakh through investments in healthcare, connectivity, renewable energy, and skill-based livelihood generation.

During the event, degrees and medals were conferred upon meritorious students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements.

Distinguished dignitaries present on the occasion included Chairman LAHDC Kargil Dr. Mohd. Jaffer Akhoun, Deputy Chairman LAHDC Leh Tsering Angchok, Member of Parliament Ladakh Shri Hanifa Jaan, Chief Secretary UT Ladakh Dr. Pawan Kotwal, Vice Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof. Dr. Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor University of Ladakh Prof. Dr. Saket Kushwaha, Administrative Secretary Ms. Bhanu Prabha, Executive Councillors, Deputy Commissioner Kargil, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Dean Academic Affairs, faculty members, councillors, district officers, students, and their families.



