

**LG Kavinder Gupta calls on Union Health Minister JP Nadda in Delhi *Highlights key issues related to healthcare development, medical education, public welfare in Ladakh UT Seeks stronger support for expanding healthcare infrastructure in Ladakh***

New Delhi, November 21: Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, today met Shri J.P Nadda ji, Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers, in New Delhi and discussed key issues related to healthcare development, medical education, and public welfare in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Shri Kavinder Gupta expressed gratitude for the continuous support extended by the Union Government and apprised the Hon'ble Union Health Minister of the progress on major projects, including the establishment of Ladakh's first Medical College and the proposed Nursing College in Leh. He informed that substantial steps—such as release of central funds, land allotment, and submission of proposals for construction and creation of posts—have already been completed. He requested the Ministry to expedite the remaining administrative approvals so that the Medical College and Nursing College can be operationalised at the earliest.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the need to fast-track the upgradation of District Hospital Kargil from 100 to 200 beds, noting that construction of additional infrastructure is under progress but the creation of essential posts requires early approval from the Ministry. Shri Kavinder Gupta further requested the establishment of a CGHS wellness centre in Leh, pointing out that thousands of central government employees and pensioners posted in Ladakh currently lack access to this facility. He also urged the Ministry to bring the entire ST population of Ladakh under full PMJAY coverage and revise the premium to reflect higher healthcare delivery costs in the region.

The Lt Governor proposed setting up a specialised AYUSH Hospital and requested consideration for establishing an AIIMS campus in Leh to significantly improve tertiary care and medical research in the trans-Himalayan region. He reaffirmed Ladakh's commitment to building a strong and inclusive healthcare ecosystem with continued support from the Government of India.

Hon'ble Union Minister Shri JP Nadda appreciated the efforts of the UT Administration and assured full cooperation in strengthening healthcare facilities and expanding medical education in Ladakh. He stated that the Ministry will examine the proposals and extend all possible support within the framework of ongoing schemes and priorities.



