

**LG Kavinder Gupta chairs high-level security review in Ladakh Calls for Vigilance, United Efforts to safeguard Ladakh's Security UT Admin Airlifts Critically Injured Patient to Delhi for Advanced Treatment Urges people not to indulge in violence, maintain peace at all costs**

Leh, September 25: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, today chaired a high-level security review meeting to assess the emerging situation across the Union Territory.

In the meeting, Chief Secretary Dr Pawan Kotwal, DGP Dr SD Singh Jamwal and senior officers of Army and ITBP were also present.

During the meeting, the Lt Governor emphasized the need for heightened vigilance, seamless inter-agency coordination, and proactive measures to safeguard peace, security, and public order across Ladakh. He underlined that the safety and well-being of citizens remains the top priority of the administration and directed officials to maintain a robust mechanism for monitoring the ground situation on a continuous basis.

The Lt Governor stressed upon close cooperation between civil and security agencies to ensure swift response to any challenge. He also called for strengthening intelligence-gathering networks, ensuring community participation in maintaining harmony, and enhancing preparedness to deal with any untoward incident.

The Lt Governor said, "Ladakh has always been known for its peace, harmony, and brotherhood. However, certain anti-social elements are trying to disturb this atmosphere. I urge the people not to fall prey to such attempts. We must maintain peace at all costs."

Highlighting the developmental journey of the region, Shri Kavinder Gupta said Ladakh has witnessed massive progress under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi after becoming a Union Territory. "Our focus is on building a prosperous, peaceful, and developed Ladakh. No disruptive force will be allowed to derail this progress," he asserted.

The Lt Governor appealed to the public to avoid violence and assured full government support: "The Government stands firmly with the people of Ladakh. Every life is precious and we are ensuring the best possible medical care for those injured."

Providing details of the medical response to the people injured in yesterday's incident, Shri Kavinder Gupta informed that on September 24, a total of 90 patients were brought to SNM Hospital, Leh. Of these, three were brought dead and one was declared dead on arrival. Seven patients were critically injured, 20 suffered major trauma, and 61 had minor injuries. While 50 patients were discharged the same day, seven underwent major surgeries, and 45 blood transfusions were carried out.

"On September 25, one critically injured patient was airlifted to New Delhi through an Indian Air Force aircraft for advanced treatment. Presently, 18 patients remain admitted while 11 more were discharged today. The bodies of the four deceased have been handed over to their families after completion of all legal formalities," he said.

On the directions of the Lt Governor, the Deputy Commissioner Leh also visited SNM Hospital to enquire about the well-being of the injured, review the medical facilities, and ensure that all possible assistance is being extended to the patients and their families.

Reiterating his appeal for unity, the Lt Governor said, "Peace and harmony are the foundation of Ladakh's identity. Together, we must protect this legacy and ensure the safety and security of every citizen."

