

## **Tibetan, Tamang and Sherpa Communities Pay Veneration as Sacred Relic Exposition at Jivetsal Draws around 7000 Devotees on the Seventh day**

Leh, May 8, 2026: The seventh day of the public veneration of the Sacred Relics of the Tathagata Buddha at Jivetsal, Leh, witnessed a steady stream of devotees arriving throughout the day to offer prayers and pay veneration before the revered Piprahwa relics. According to members of the Ladakh Buddhist Association Youth Wing, a total of 5761 devotees visited the sacred venue on Friday, including 4808 devotees from the Tibetan community, 861 from the Tamang community, 38 from the Sherpa community, 54 physically challenged devotees and remaining were school students.

As part of the scheduled programme of the ongoing sacred exposition, devotees from the Tibetan, Tamang and Sherpa communities gathered at Jivetsal in an atmosphere of prayer and spiritual reflection. From early morning, monks, elders, students and lay devotees carrying khataks, prayer beads and traditional offerings were seen making their way to the venue to seek blessings and offer prayers before the sacred relics. Prayer ceremonies on the day were led by monks from Rizong Monastery as part of the 15 day programme being organised under the Ladakh Gonpa Association, with 16 monasteries taking turns to conduct the rituals each day.

Even after completing their veneration, many devotees continued to remain within the Jivetsal compound, quietly reciting prayers, turning rosaries and performing prostrations as chants and ritual recitations echoed across the venue through the day.

Volunteers from the Ladakh Buddhist Association Youth Wing, along with police personnel, managed crowd movement, assisted elderly visitors and coordinated basic arrangements, ensuring the smooth conduct of the gathering. The Ladakh Buddhist Association stated that the phased schedule has been designed to facilitate participation from different communities and regions while maintaining order at the venue. The public veneration will continue on Saturday, with residents from the Kargil region scheduled to visit the sacred exposition.

The sacred relics will remain at Jivetsal until May 11, following which they will be taken to Zanskar as part of the continuing exposition across Ladakh.



