

District Administration Kargil Extends Grand Welcome to His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama in Zanskar

Kargil, July 21, 2025 – The District Administration Kargil today extended a grand and heartfelt welcome to His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama on his arrival in Zanskar.

CEC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalsen; Executive Councillor, LAHDC Kargil for Zanskar Affairs, Er. Punchok Tashi; Deputy Commissioner Kargil, Rakesh Kumar; SSP Kargil, Shree Ram R; ASP, Kargil, Nitin Yadav, SDM Zanskar, Mohd Hassan, along with representatives of Zanskar Buddhist Association, Zanskar Gonpa Association, IKMT Kargil, Anjuman e Sahib Zamaan, Anjuman-e-Moinul Islam Zanskar, and thousands of devotees and followers from across India and abroad were present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering at Photang Karsha, Deputy Commissioner Kargil, Rakesh Kumar, expressed profound reverence and gratitude on behalf of the people of Kargil. He described His Holiness as a “spiritual beacon of compassion, wisdom, and peace,” and highlighted that his teachings transcend borders, inspiring not just the Buddhist community but humanity at large by promoting harmony, non-violence, and inner transformation. He termed the occasion as sacred and historic, extending prayers for a long, healthy, and happy life for His Holiness. He also thanked the organizers, volunteers, and spiritual leaders for their contributions in hosting the event at Karsha Photang Centre.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama also addressed the massive gathering, offering blessings and sharing his message of peace and spiritual growth. He emphasized the deep harmony and mutual respect among religious communities in Zanskar, noting how both Buddhist and Muslim communities coexist peacefully and support one another.

His Holiness spoke warmly of the ongoing symposium’s vitality and the importance of educating both heart and mind a theme he’s long championed through the Social, Emotional, Ethical Learning (SEE-Learning) initiative. He reminded the audience: “Time is always moving on; nothing can stop it... The more compassionate you are, the more you will find inner peace.”

The visit of His Holiness is part of the ongoing Zanskar Kargan Summer Philosophical Symposium 2025, which aims to foster dialogue on spiritual philosophy, ethics, and interfaith harmony.





