

LG Kavinder Gupta reviews progress of Eco-Smart New Airport Terminal at Leh

Asks officials to expedite construction, ensure completion within stipulated timeline

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, conducted an on-site inspection of the New Terminal Building at Kushok Bakula Rimpoochee Airport, Leh and reviewed the pace of construction and integration of modern, sustainable technologies.

During the visit, the Lt Governor expressed satisfaction over the significant progress achieved and commended the project team for adopting cutting-edge green technologies, including a first-of-its-kind geothermal temperature-regulation system, extensive solar integration, and eco-sensitive architectural planning tailored to Ladakh's climatic conditions. He noted that the upcoming terminal will stand as a benchmark for sustainable infrastructure in high-altitude regions.

Kavinder Gupta emphasised that the new terminal will not only enhance passenger capacity and air connectivity but will also serve as a gateway reflecting the distinct cultural identity of Ladakh. He appreciated the efforts made to incorporate traditional Ladakhi motifs and design elements, ensuring that the terminal resonates with the region's heritage while offering world-class travel amenities.



LG Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta inspecting the work of New Terminal Building at Kushok Bakula Rimpoochee Airport, Leh.

The Lt Governor highlighted that the project aligns closely with Ladakh's vision of becoming a carbon-neutral Union Territory, and said that the airport's modern green features demonstrate the UT Administration's commitment to innovation, environmental stewardship, and high-quality public infrastructure.

Project Director, A. Umashankar, briefed the Lt Governor on the operational features of the new terminal, including aerobridges, automated systems, enhanced passenger circulation areas, and increased departure gates. He reaffirmed that the terminal is targeted for completion by April-May 2026.

Senior officials from the Airports Authority of India, Shapoorji Pallonji Group, and Commissioner/Secretary Civil Aviation, Dr. L. Franklin accompanied the Lt Governor.

Omar advocates collaboration of Industries with National Stock Exchange

MoU signed between Industries department & NSE



MoU being signed in presence of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

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JAMMU: In a significant step toward strengthening the financial ecosystem for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Jammu and Kashmir, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was on Monday signed between Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of J&K, and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE). The MoU was signed in the presence of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Additional Chief Secretary to the CM Dheeraj Gupta, Commissioner Secretary Industries & Commerce Vikramjit Singh, Director JKEDI, Directors of I&C Kashmir and Jammu, representatives of NSE and other concerned officers were present during the signing ceremony.

The agreement aims to create greater awareness among local enterprises about the benefits of formal listing and to facilitate their potential listing on the National Stock Exchange-India's leading stock exchange platform. The initiative is expected to open new avenues of growth, investment, and market expansion for J&K-based entrepreneurs. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah appreciated the collaborative initiative, noting that the partnership with NSE will empower local businesses with improved financial literacy, enhanced visibility, and broader access to capital markets. "The government is committed to enabling our MSMEs and SMEs to compete at national and global levels. This collaboration with NSE will help bring transparency, investment, and confidence to our entrepreneurial ecosystem," the Chief Minister said.

Dr. Rakesh honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award at ISPPD Pedodham 2025

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JAMMU: The Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry (ISPPD), at its prestigious Pedodham 2025 National Conference held in Bhubaneswar, conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award upon Dr. Rakesh Krishan Gupta, a distinguished academician, visionary institutional leader, and one of India's most respected names in pediatric and preventive dentistry.



The award recognises over four decades of Dr. Gupta's exceptional contribution to the dental profession, including more than 30 years dedicated to dental education, clinical excellence, research promotion, policy development, and institution building. Dr. Gupta, currently serving as Principal & Director (Postgraduate Studies), Kalka Dental College, Meerut, is celebrated across India for his leadership in transforming institutions, strengthening dental education systems, and pioneering innovations in healthcare delivery. Earlier, as Principal & Dean of Indira Gandhi Government Dental College, Jammu, he played a pivotal role in upgrading the institution to post-graduate level with seven recognised MDS specialties, establishing a ICMR-registered ethics committee, and laying the foundation for a modern multi-specialty dental centre. He has immensely contributed in completion of additional block of dental hospital four clinical department are working in additional block. He got approval for construction of PG and UG hostel, staff quarters for faculty and other staff, guest house, indoor sport complex. Work on multistorey parking got approved and execution started during his tenure. His vision also shaped the Faculty of Dental Sciences and the Board of Dental Studies at the University of Jammu, where he served as the first Dean Dental sciences. As a Member of the Dental Council of India since 2017, Dr. Gupta has been instrumental in national-level policy formulation, ethical regulation, curriculum development, and institution inspections. Expressing his gratitude, Dr. Gupta said, This honour from ISPPD is a blessing and a humbling recognition of lifelong dedication to the dental profession. I share this award with my mentors, colleagues, students, and the institutions that have shaped my journey. Dr. Gupta has authored over 22 research publications, three reference books, guided numerous postgraduate scholars, and served as a speaker and chairperson at national dental forums. He is widely admired for his simplicity, integrity, compassion, and commitment to community health. The Lifetime Achievement Award at Pedodham 2025 marks a significant national acknowledgement of Dr. Gupta's unwavering service, visionary leadership, and transformative contributions to dentistry.



First among the Saptapuris, Shri Ayodhya Dham, the sacred birthplace of Maryada Purushottam Prabhu Shri Ram.

On the auspicious completion of the divine and majestic Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir, Reinstatement of the Dharma Dhawaja the 22×11-feet emblem of faith atop the temple's spire.

by
Narendra Modi
Prime Minister



In the august presence of

Anandiben Patel
Governor,
Uttar Pradesh

Dr. Mohanrao Bhagwat
Sarsangchalak,
Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh

Yogi Adityanath
Chief Minister,
Uttar Pradesh

Mahant Nrityagopal Das
President, Shri Ram Janmabhoomi
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Keshav Prasad Maurya
Deputy Chief Minister,
Uttar Pradesh

Brajesh Pathak
Deputy Chief Minister,
Uttar Pradesh

Surya Pratap Shahi
Minister, Agriculture, Agricultural Education &
Agricultural Research, Uttar Pradesh

Jaiveer Singh
Minister, Tourism & Culture,
Uttar Pradesh

And other dignitaries

Date: 25th November, 2025 | Time: 12:00 Noon | Venue: Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple Complex, Shri Ayodhya Dham

Temple Highlights: Shri Ram Janmabhoomi : A three-storey main temple complex spread across 2.7 acres | Flag masts and kalash installed atop six temples in the parkota (dedicated to Bhagwan Shiv, Bhagwan Ganesh, Bhagwan Hanuman, Surya Dev, Maa Bhagwati, Maa Annapurna) and Sheshavatar | Temples in the Sapt Mandap dedicated to Maharishi Valmiki, Maharishi Vashishtha, Maharishi Vishwamitra, Maharishi Agastya, Ram devotee Nishadraj, Mata Shabari and Rishi Patni Ahilya | Sant Tulsidas Mandir, along with statues of Ram devotee Jatayu and squirrel | Panchvati spreads over 10 acres, with a 3.5 km boundary wall, trust office, guest house, auditorium and more | Comprehensive amenities for devotees, pilgrims and visitors

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