

# LG Ladakh visits exhibition of Sacred Buddha Relics at Rai Pithora Cultural Complex

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta on Monday visited the Rai Pithora Cultural Complex to witness the Grand International Exposition of the sacred Piprahwa relics of Bhagwan Buddha.

The exhibition, titled "The Light & the Lotus: Relics of the Awakened One" was recently inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, showcasing priceless relics that have returned to India after more than a century, marking a historic moment for the nation and the global Buddhist community.

During his visit, the Lieutenant Governor paid reverence to the sacred relics and described their return to India as a matter of deep civilizational pride and spiritual significance. He said that the relics of Bhagwan Buddha are not merely historical artefacts, but living symbols of India's time-



LG Ladakh Kavinder Gupta during visit to Rai Pithora Cultural Complex.

less values of peace, compassion, and harmony, which continue to guide humanity even today.

Shri Kavinder Gupta noted that the exhibition at the historic Qila Rai Pithora complex adds a profound spiritual chapter to a site already rich in India's heritage. He said the presence of the sacred relics at this ancient location reflects the continuity of India's civilisation, where history and spirituality come together to inspire present and future generations.

The Lieutenant Governor lauded the efforts of the

Government of India in ensuring that the sacred relics, which were taken away during the colonial period, have returned to their rightful home. He said this step has restored an important part of India's cultural and spiritual legacy and reaffirmed the country's role as the custodian of Lord Buddha's heritage.

Highlighting the global reverence for Bhagwan Buddha, Shri Kavinder Gupta said that wherever the sacred relics have travelled across the world in recent months, they have evoked immense faith and devotion among millions of people, cutting across nationalities and cultures. He remarked that this universal appeal underlines the fact that Lord Buddha belongs

to all humanity and continues to connect people through shared values of peace and coexistence.

The Lieutenant Governor specifically emphasised the deep spiritual bond between Ladakh and the teachings of Bhagwan Buddha. He said Ladakh, often referred to as the "Land of High Passes" and a stronghold of Buddhist culture, has preserved and practised the Buddha's teachings for centuries through its monasteries, traditions, and way of life.

In this context, Shri Kavinder Gupta stated that the UT Administration of Ladakh has taken up the matter with the Union Ministry of Culture to bring the sacred Buddha relics to Ladakh as well.

"We have taken up the matter with the Union Ministry of Culture to bring the sacred Buddha relics to Ladakh, and we are hopeful that this effort will bear fruit. The presence of these relics in Ladakh, even for a limited period, will be a moment of great spiritual significance for the people of the region and for devotees from across the Himalayas," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He expressed hope that the sacred relics, if brought to Ladakh, would further strengthen the region's role as a centre of Buddhist learning and spirituality, promote spiritual tourism, and provide devotees with an opportunity to receive the blessings of Bhagwan Buddha in the serene Himalayan landscape.

The Lieutenant Governor urged people, especially youth, to visit the exhibition and connect with the teachings of Bhagwan Buddha, which remain highly relevant in today's world. He said the exhibition serves as a powerful bridge between India's glorious past and its aspirations for a future rooted in peace, harmony, and mutual respect.



## India introduces new e-Business visa to facilitate easy travel for Chinese nationals

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: India has introduced an e-Production Investment Business Visa called e-B-4 Visa that Chinese businessmen can apply for to travel to India for specific business activities, including installation and commissioning of equipment. A latest advisory on the Indian Embassy website here said the e-B-4 Visa, which was introduced on January 1, can be applied for online without visiting the embassy or agents.

The new visa is introduced in view of the growing demand for business visas to travel to India. It will be issued in about 45 to 50 days, with permission to stay in India for up to six months.

The visa can be applied for installation and commissioning, quality check and essential maintenance, production, IT and ERP ramp-up, training, supply chain development for empanelling vendors, plant design and bring-up, senior management and executives, according to the advisory.

## 200 units free electricity promise turned into empty slogan: Yudhvir Sethi



BJP leaders led by MLA Yudhvir Sethi taking out protest rally.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: BJP leaders and workers on Monday took out a protest rally from Purani Mandi Chowk to Bharat Mata Chowk against the Omar Abdullah-led government, accusing it of failing to fulfill its election promises related to electricity and public welfare.

The protest was led by Yudhvir Sethi, MLA Jammu East, and witnessed participation of Adarsh Jathiar, Shiv Kumar Sharma, Anil Masoom, Savita Anand, Praveen Kermi, Arun Sethi, Madan Gopal Tony, Anuradha Sharma, Ajeet Yogi, Harvinder Singh, Karan Sharma, Bishan Singh, Mohan Singh Rana, Preeti Sharma, Sharda Devi, Shashi Verma, Dhan Swaroop, Nipun Malhotra, Kaka Pahalwan, Dhruv Sethi, Rajesh Sharma, Tajinder Singh, Rajesh Verma, Chaman Lal and many BJP karyakartas, local residents and shopkeepers, raising slogans against the government for prolonged power cuts during the harsh winter season and alleged neglect of basic public issues.

Addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi strongly hit out at Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for not implementing the promised provision of 200 units of free electricity to the people. He said the government had made tall claims during the elections, but after coming to power, it has completely ignored the hardships of the common man.

"The promise of free electricity has remained only on paper, while people are being burdened with heavy electricity bills," he said.

Sethi alleged that instead of providing relief, the government is issuing inflated elec-

tricity bills and harassing consumers. He reminded that the Omar Abdullah government had also promised to waive off old pending electricity bills, but no concrete steps have been taken in this direction so far. "People were assured that their previous electricity dues would be waived off, but today they are receiving notices and facing disconnections," he added.

He further alleged that instead of ensuring uninterrupted power supply, the government has subjected the people of Jammu to severe power cuts during winter, when electricity is a basic necessity. Expressing serious concern, Yudhvir Sethi said that electricity connections of poor families are being disconnected, pushing them into darkness and distress. He termed the move as inhuman, especially during harsh weather conditions, and accused the government of being insensitive to the plight of economically weaker sections.

The BJP leader demanded immediate implementation of 200 units of free electricity, waiver of old pending electricity bills, and withdrawal of arbitrary disconnections. He asserted that electricity is a basic necessity and not a luxury, and the government must ensure affordable and uninterrupted power supply to the people of Jammu. Sethi warned that if the government continues to ignore public demands, the BJP will intensify its agitation in the coming days. The protest rally concluded at Bharat Mata Chowk, where Yudhvir Sethi reiterated his commitment to fight for the rights of the people and hold the government accountable for its unfulfilled promises.



## Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) : VB-G RAM G (विकसित भारत - जी राम जी) Act, 2025



# 125 DAYS

### Guaranteed Wage Employment

- ✓ **Enhanced Livelihood Security**
  - Statutory wage employment guarantee of 125 days
- ✓ **Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans (VGPPs)**
  - Participatory Planning by Gram Panchayats Integrated with PM Gati Shakti
- ✓ **United for Development – Whole-of-Government!**
  - Convergence of all schemes in saturation mode
- ✓ **Push to Transparency**
  - Weekly Public Disclosure meetings in Gram Panchayat
  - Strengthened social audit mechanisms
  - State of the art digital portal
- ✓ **Durable Asset Creation for Growth and Resilience**
  - Water related works for Water Security
  - Core Rural Infrastructure for Better Services
  - Livelihood Infrastructure for Sustainable Incomes
  - Climate Resilience and Disaster Preparedness



## Viksit Gram Panchayats paving the way for Viksit Bharat

**SBI**  
State Bank of India  
Central Recruitment & Promotion Department  
Corporate Centre, Mumbai  
Phone: 022-22820427

Scan QR to Apply

**Recruitment of Specialist Cadre Officer on contract Basis**

Applications are invited from eligible Indian citizens for the following post on Contract basis:

Advertisement No.: CRPD/SCO/2025-26/21 (Contractual position)

Name of Post	Vacancy	Max Age (Cut off 31.12.2025)
Chief Financial Officer	1	57 years

For eligibility criteria (age, experience, job profile etc.), vacancy details, requisite fees, other details and for online submission of application as well as online payment of application fees log on to Bank's website <https://sbi.bank.in/web/careers/current-openings>. Refer detailed advertisement to ensure eligibility and other details before applying and remitting fees. For any query, please write to us through link "CONTACT US" → "Post Your Query" which is available on Bank's official website (<https://sbi.bank.in/web/careers/post-your-query>)

**DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES: FROM 05.01.2026 to 27.01.2026.**

Place: Mumbai  
Date: 05.01.2026  
General Manager (RP & PM)