

# Kuch Din Toh Aaiyein Ladakh Mein: LG Kavinder asks in Navi Mumbai

Says PM Modi's vision driving unprecedented development in Ladakh

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MUMBAI: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, on Monday asked to the people of Navi Mumbai and Maharashtra to visit Ladakh and experience its unmatched beauty, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality. He was addressing a felicitation function organised by Kohli Mahasangh Parivar Maharashtra in Navi Mumbai.

Drawing inspiration from the famous tourism campaign, the Lt Governor remarked, "Just as Amitabh Bachchan once said, 'Kuch Din Toh Guzariye Gujarat Mein,' I say today - 'Kuch Din Toh Aaiyein Ladakh Mein.'"

The Lt Governor underlined that Ladakh is not just a destination, but an experience that stays with every vis-



LG Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta being felicitated at function organised by Kohli Mahasangh Parivar Maharashtra in Navi Mumbai.

itor: "Whichever direction you travel in Ladakh, you will find a new horizon, a new charm, and a new story waiting to be discovered," he said. Sharing the remarkable transformation of the Union Territory, Shri Gupta highlighted that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi,

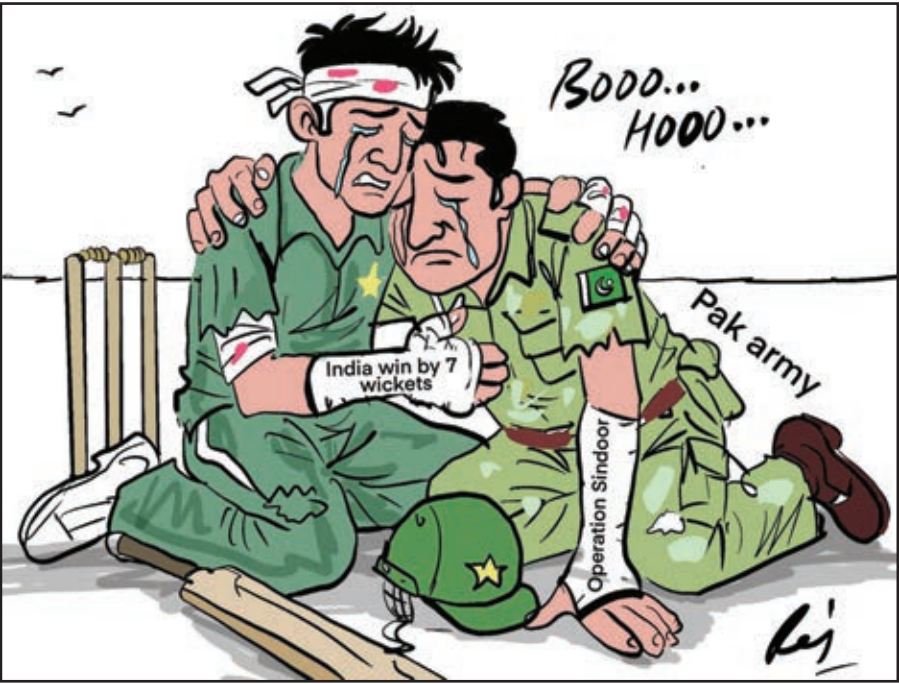
Ladakh has witnessed unprecedented infrastructural development. "From Leh, one can now travel nearly 200 km deep, right up to our borders with Pakistan, on world-class roads. The quality of these roads, in many cases, even surpasses those of metropolitan states like Maharashtra," he added.

Kavinder Gupta stressed that the development of Ladakh is a testimony to the Central Government's resolve of reaching the last mile and leaving no region untouched. "We are working with dedication to ensure that every corner of Ladakh reflects progress, prosperity, and inclusivity. Our mission is

clear - to serve Bharat Mata with complete devotion and to strengthen the fabric of national unity," he asserted.

Concluding his address with a personal appeal, the Lt Governor said, "I once again extend my warm invitation to each one of you - Kuch Din Toh Aaiyein Ladakh Mein. Come, witness the unmatched beauty, culture, and hospitality of Ladakh, and carry back memories that will last a lifetime."

Rameshdada Patil, President Kohli Mahasangh; Prakash Bobadi, Working President Kohli Mahasangh; Raj Hans Tapke, Secretary, Kohli Mahasangh; Tanaji Patil, Secretary, Kohli Mahasangh; Chetan Patil, State President, BJP Fisherman Cell, Maharashtra State were present in the event.



## Kashmir Valley Fruit Growers-cum-Dealers Union calls on LG



Kashmir Valley Fruit Growers-cum-Dealers Union members calling on LG Manoj Sinha.

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SRINAGAR: A delegation of Kashmir Valley Fruit Growers Cum Dealers Union led by its Chairman Bashir Ahmad Basheer called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Monday.

The members of the delegation expressed their gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for the new Parcel Train from Budgam to

Adarsh Nagar, New Delhi.

They also put forth various welfare issues of fruit growers and traders from the valley including smooth movement of fruit-laden trucks on National Highway-44 and 10-tyre trucks on Mughal Road.

The Lieutenant Governor assured the delegation that appropriate action will be taken to address the issues of fruit growers and traders. He said that men and machinery have been

deployed for complete restoration of the National Highway, and the stranded fruit-laden vehicles will be cleared on priority. He further assured that railway freight terminals will be established to facilitate the fruit growers and traders from different parts of the valley.

Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor was also present during the meeting.

## Pakistan's terror nexus exposed again at UNSC: Gaurav

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JAMMU: Reacting to the fiery exchange between Israel and Pakistan at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), BJP J&K UT Spokesperson Gaurav Gupta said that the incident has once again exposed Islamabad's undeniable nexus with terrorism.

Gupta said, "The world cannot erase the fact that Al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden - the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks - was sheltered on Pakistani soil and ultimately killed in Abbottabad. This is not a matter of allegation but an established truth, a permanent stain on Pakistan's global image."

He noted that at the UNSC, Israel's envoy categorically reminded the world that when bin Laden was elimi-



nated by US forces in Pakistan, no one questioned the action of targeting a terrorist on foreign soil. "The real question, then and now, is - why was Pakistan providing refuge to the most wanted terrorist in the world?" Gupta said Pakistan's envoy, instead

of answering this fundamental question, chose to accuse others while conveniently ignoring his own country's shameful record of nurturing extremism. "This is the height of hypocrisy. Pakistan talks of peace in international forums but continues to export terror from its own soil. Their double standards have once again been exposed before the global community," he said.

The BJP spokesperson stressed that India's consistent position stands vindicated - Pakistan has long been the epicenter of global terrorism, from Osama bin Laden to Hafiz Saeed, from Al-Qaeda to Lashkar-e-Taiba. "Every time Pakistan points fingers at others, the world must remind it of the terror networks it has harboured and promoted," Gupta remarked.

He further recalled that in the aftermath of 9/11, the UNSC had unanimously declared that no state should fund, shelter, or give safe haven to terrorists. "Pakistan has brazenly violated this principle again and again. It cannot escape responsibility by shifting blame or hiding behind hollow rhetoric," he asserted.

Concluding, Gupta said that under the decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, India has adopted a zero tolerance policy against terrorism. "Pakistan must be held accountable for being a sanctuary of terror. The world is now seeing clearly what India has been warning about for decades - that Pakistan remains the breeding ground of global terrorism."

## Next-Gen GST reforms a historic milestone, assuring prosperity for all: Priya Sethi



Priya Sethi, Vice-President, J&K BJP & former Minister talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: Priya Sethi, Vice-President, J&K BJP & Former Minister, along with Sunil Bhardwaj, MLA Ramnagar, and accompanied by Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge, J&K BJP shared benefits of the landmark

Next-Generation GST Reforms which will result in the Improved productivity and efficacy, in a press conference held at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Priya Sethi, in her

address, described the reforms as a historic milestone and the beginning of a new economic dawn for Bharat. She said that the Modi Government has slashed GST rates across the board, with cuts on 99% of goods in the 12% bracket and 90% of goods in the 28% bracket, which will boost domestic consumption by nearly ₹2 lakh crore, equivalent to four times the allocations under PMAY and ten times that under the PLI Scheme. This is a direct victory for every Indian, she said, adding that this year, prosperity is assured to everybody.

Priya Sethi stressed that these reforms are fundamentally about reducing the tax burden on every citizen, giving more purchasing power to the common man, farmers, small

business owners, workers, and especially homemakers who manage family budgets. She also highlighted that the GST structure has now been simplified to just two slabs, making life easier for households and businesses. Comparing the approach to the UPA era, she said that unlike the credit-driven response of the 2008 crisis that created NPAs and inflation, Prime Minister Modi has expanded the taxpayer base, reduced rates, and yet exempted incomes below ₹12 lakh from income tax. Corporate tax cuts in 2019, among the steepest globally, have strengthened industry, jobs, and the middle class, she added.

Sunil Bhardwaj, in his remarks, underlined that the reforms are the result

of a decade of hard work and economic repair. He said that this reform is a monumental Diwali bonus for Bharat, pointing out that essentials now fall in the 0-5% bracket, common goods at 5%, while luxury and sin goods are taxed higher to protect the poor and middle class. He said the taxpayer base has more than doubled from 65 lakh in 2017 to 1.51 crore today, enabling massive national investments in infrastructure, defence, welfare, and entrepreneurship.

He emphasized that these reforms are also a victory of cooperative federalism, with unanimous consensus in the GST Council across all states. He said that over the past decade, India has grown its highways by 60%, doubled airports, quadrupled metro lines, built 144 Vande Bharat trains, boosted local defence manufacturing by 174%, expanded exports 34-fold, and ensured Rs 6.83 lakh crore reaches citizens annually through DBT without corruption. He further highlighted that 25 crore people have been lifted from poverty, 80 crore provided free rations, 3.8 crore homes built, and 1.5 lakh start-ups nurtured, all reflecting Modi Government's vision.

## Give your best to steer nation ahead in growth, development: Dy CM



Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary and others at 58th Engineers Day celebrations.

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JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister of J&K Surinder Choudhary on Monday addressed the 58th Engineers Day celebrations at Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre here.

Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation Dr. Devansh Yadav; Er. Anil Verma, FIE; Chairman, Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE; Honorary Secretary of IEI, Jammu Local Centre and large numbers of engineers from various departments and other organizations were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy CM paid rich tributes and honoured the legacy of Bharat Ratna, Sir M. Visvesvaraya, the visionary engineer whose birth anniversary marks this day. He called upon the engineers to imbibe the exceptional qualities of Sir M. Visvesvaraya in their day-to-day works and design solutions that are innovative, sustainable and technology driven so as to provide a better future for generations to come.

Highlighting the qualities of Sir M. Visvesvaraya like austerity, integrity, competence and discipline, the Deputy CM also insisted the young and serving engineers to work with dedication, zeal

and enthusiasm and don't feel shy to take guidance from the senior engineers. He also requested the IEI to conduct more and more training programme for budding engineers.

The Deputy CM further maintained that decade ahead must be technology driven with sustainable contributions of Engineers & Technologists. He exhorted on them to give their best to steer our nation ahead in growth and development.

Dr. Devansh Yadav in his address highlighted the contributions of Sir M. Visvesvaraya. He informed that Sir Visvesvaraya was not just an engineer but a nation builder.

He added that Sir Visvesvaraya pioneered various projects laying the groundwork for India's industrial might. He called upon the engineers to learn the ideals of honesty and integrity from him so as to overcome the day-to-day challenges by blending technology and innovation so as to provide a sustainable future.

Earlier, during the welcome address on the theme "Deep Tech and Engineering Excellence: Driving India's Techade," Er. Anil Verma said that today India stands at the threshold of becoming a global technology

leader and this theme resonates stronger than ever.

On the occasion, the Deputy CM honoured Former Chairman, IE (India), Jammu Local Centre, Er. B. B. Sharma with IEI Award (Posthumously) for his outstanding services rendered to the engineering. Former Honorary Secretary, IEI Jammu Local Centre, Er. Mohinder Singh was also honoured with "D K Gupta Memorial Engineer of the Year award for his meritorious services rendered throughout his professional career till date.

Moreover , R. L. Sharma Memorial gold medal was given to Er. Ranjeev Sawhney for presenting the best technical paper, Rudra Bhagwati silver medal to Er. P K Nanda for presenting 2nd Best Technical Paper and Bronze Medal to Er Anil Kumar for presenting 3rd Best Technical Paper during the year 2024-25.

The Deputy CM also released first issue of 23rd Volume of quarterly newsletter 'IEI Jammu News' of Jammu Centre. A book titled "Musings Unabated" authored by Er. L. K. Mengi, Former Managing Director, J&K Housing Board was also released on the occasion.

## IIM Jammu inaugurates eleventh batch of Nurturing Future Leadership Program

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu inaugurated the Eleventh batch of the Nurturing Future Leadership Program on Monday at its permanent campus, Vedanta, MDP Centre, Jagti.

Organized under the aegis of the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme, Ministry of Education, Government of India, this initiative reflects IIM Jammu's commitment to academic excellence and leadership development.

This unique residential training program, scheduled from September 15 to 19, 2025, is designed to cultivate leadership capabilities among educators at various levels, creating a pool of potential leaders ready to drive generational transitions. Delivered by IIM Jammu's faculty, the pro-

gram aims to help institutions enhance their leadership potential.

Present on the occasion were Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy (EE & C), IIM Jammu; Brigadier (Dr.) Neeraj Soni, (Retd.), Program Director, IIM Jammu; Dr. Sundar. R. Program Director, IIM Jammu.

Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, welcomed the participants and highlighted that the program, organized under the aegis of the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme is aimed at identifying and nurturing academic leadership.

He emphasized that the initiative is designed to equip faculty members with essential leadership skills, foster a pool of future-ready academic leaders, and build a positive institutional culture.

He noted that the program serves as a valuable platform for peer



Participants of eleventh batch of Nurturing Future Leadership Programme at IIM Jammu campus.

learning, collaboration, and professional networking.

He underscored that leadership is vital for driving such initiatives and reiterated that India is on its path to becoming a developed nation by

2047, with IIM Jammu contributing to this vision.

He encouraged participants to collaborate with IIM Jammu faculty on research, while also advising them to note down their expecta-

tions and reflect at the end of the program on whether they had been met.

He concluded by stressing the importance of collaboration and extended his best wishes for the

success of the program.

Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, EE & C, IIM Jammu, welcomed the participants and thanked the vice chancellors and management for approving their candidature.

He mentioned that the success of the National Faculty Leadership Program (NFLP) has led to its 11th batch being hosted at IIM Jammu, an institute known for quality-based education. He emphasized that the program is aimed at nurturing academic leadership through peer and collaborative learning.

He encouraged participants to engage fully, explore the campus, and make use of facilities such as the state-of-the-art Nalanda Library. He also provided a brief overview of the Executive Education and Consultancy initiatives at IIM Jammu.

Brigadier (Dr.) Neeraj Soni,

Program Director, IIM Jammu, warmly welcomed the eleventh batch, highlighting their role as catalysts for change in an era of rapid technological shifts and complex challenges.

He emphasized the importance of transformative and collaborative leadership aligned with the nation-building vision. He noted that the program will feature daily project-based workshops to nurture practical leadership skills. Concluding, he urged participants to empower one another and extended a warm welcome to all. He also provided an overview of the five-day training program.

Participants introduced themselves and shared their reflections on the program, discussing their experiences and expectations. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Sundar R, Program Director, IIM Jammu followed by the national anthem.