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## Brief News

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### No doctor at medical sub-center, Sanjak

KARGIL: Keeping in view the non availability of doctors at Medical Sub Centre Sanjak, Zakir Hussain, EC Health, issued necessary instructions to the Chief Medical Officer, Kargil for deputation of Medical Officer NTPC at Medical Sub-Centre Sanjak on November 12.

Stressing the need to provide satisfactory health services to the needy patients of Sanjak and Shakar Chiktan area, He also directed the CMO to conduct medical checkup of the patients twice a week.

### 209 candidates in fray for 2nd phase Panchayat polls in Kargil

KARGIL: In the second phase of Panchayat election, a total of 209 candidates including 83 candidates for Sarpanch and 126 Panch for block Karsha, Bhimbat, Sankoo, Shakar Chiktan, Shargole, and Lotsum will contest on November 20.

A total of 30, 318 voters including 15, 508 male and 14, 810 female will exercise their franchise.

## Ladakh commemorates Sonam Wangyal's 20th death anniversary

A book on his life will be released on his 21st death anniversary, says Sonam Wangchuk, SECMOL



HE Togdan Rinpoche offering Khataks upon the portrait of the former J&K Minister Sonam Wangyal on his 20th death anniversary.

### Rigzin Wangmo

LEH: Rich tribute was paid to Late Sonam Wangyal, Former Minister on his 20th death anniversary on November 10 at Sonam Wangyal Memorial park.

Late Sonam Wangyal was a dynamic leader who served as MLC in 1957, in the year 1967 and 1972 he was elected as MLA and worked for the welfare and betterment of the Ladakh region. He also struggled and fought for the ST status. His selfless dedication and commitment to work for the betterment of the society along with Gyalsras Bakula Rinpoche is an inspiration to the people of Ladakh.

His Eminence Togdan Rinpoche, chief guest appraised the contributions of

Gyalsras Bakula Rinpoche and Late Sonam Wangyal who worked tirelessly for the welfare of people.

He said, "Sonam Wangyal has contributed a lot to the society and served against all differences for the upliftment of the society".

Togdan Rinpoche appreciated the Sonam Wangyal Memorial Committee for commemorating his work and dedication.

Expressing gratitude to the past leaders who worked tirelessly and selflessly for Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal said, "The development we see today is all because of the tremendous inputs

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## Jamyang Tsering Namgyal elected CEC of Hill Council, Leh

Seats of Executive Councillors reduced to three



Avny Lavasa, DC, presenting winning certificates to the newly-elected CEC Jamyang Tsering Namgyal and Deputy CEC, Gyal P Wangyal.

### Rinchen Angmo Chumikchan

LEH: In yet another reshuffle in Hill Council, Leh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, Councillor, Martselang, was elected unopposed as the third Chairman/CEC of LAHDC, Leh, at the Council Assembly Hall on 9 November. Likewise, Gyal P Wangyal, Councillor, Sakti, was elected unopposed as the Deputy Chairman.

The CEC seat had fallen vacant after Dorje Motup, former CEC, resigned on health grounds on 28 October. And the seat of Deputy Chairman was created recently when SAC approved the LAHDC Amendment Bill, 2018.

Now, the posts of Executive Councillors have been reduced from four to three.

Subsequently, on 12 November, the seats of Executive Councilor were formally assigned with portfolios to three elected Councilors at a meeting held at the Council Secretariat.

Of the three seats, two seats have been retained by former ECs, Tsering Sandup, Councilor Panamik, and Mumtaz Hussain, Councilor Chuchot. Phunchok Stanzin, Councilor Skurbuchan has joined as the new Executive Councilor.

Ven Lobzang Nyantak, Councilor, Upper Leh, proposed the name of Jamyang Tsering Namgyal for the post of Chief Executive Councillor, seconded by Phunchok Stanzin, Councilor, Skurbuchan.

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# Ladakh demands full-fledged university

Kashmir has 6 universities and Jammu 7, but none in Ladakh, says President, ALSAJ



Students of Ladakh demanding a university in the Ladakh region in Leh.

## Rigzin Wangmo

LEH: Demanding a full-fledged university for the Ladakh region, a large number of students under the banner Student Organisation of Unified Ladakh (SOUL) carried a peaceful protest on 1 November in Leh.

All the business establishment remained shut down for a half-day.

The colleges of Ladakh are affiliated to Kashmir University and its inadvertent work culture amidst problems in the valley hugely affects the student's life. Student leaders of different student organisations of Ladakh expressed concern at the deplorable condition of higher education in Ladakh.

Rigzin Dorjay, President, SOUL

said, "It's sad that the district administration did not support us to protest peacefully but anyway we have managed to raise our demands. We appeal the governor of the state to consider our demand for having a full-fledged university. Hope he will intervene in establishing a university in Ladakh."

Lobzang Nurboo, President, All Ladakh Student Association Jammu (ALSAJ) said, "More than 15,000 students are pursuing their higher education in Jammu. The students are compelled to go outside because there are many loopholes in the system of higher education in Ladakh. And while studying outside, they face end number of problems. Also, at the time of elections more than 40,000 students do not get the chance for voting?"

"Kashmir has 6 universities and 7 in Jammu but none in Ladakh. We seek local government intervention and support for the establishment of a university in Ladakh," he added.

Stanzin Nurboo, Student Executive said, "90 percent of the youth today are studying outside and incur huge expenses.

He further stressed that Ladakh has unique topography and the students have ample scope to research. Knowledge can be enhanced if Ladakh has the university where the students are taught about relevant topics related to the place.

A copy of the memorandum was submitted to the Governor, J&K through Deputy Commissioner Leh office.

# Jamyang Tsering Namgyal elected CEC of Hill Council, Leh

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Tsering Angdus, Councilor, Saspol, proposed the name of Gyal P Wangyal for the post of Deputy CEC, seconded by Phuntsog Dorjey, Councilor, Phyang, for the running 5th Hill Council.

Chering Dorje Lakrook said, "In the history of Ladakh, a seat for Deputy Chairman has been created for the first time. Ladakhi people have high hopes on these two leaders and hope they will fulfill them."

Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, the new CEC, addressing the house, said that with the attainment of the new post of CEC, he had been made accountable for bigger responsibilities. He said that his priority would be to set up good governance.

He expressed gratitude to all the elected members with special honour to Ex-CEC Dorjey Mutup by presenting Khataks. He said that Dorjey Mutup has been "an exemplary leader for his honesty, sincerity and dedication towards people's welfare and stood as an inspiration to the young aspiring leaders."

The new CEC assured to work with dedication without any differences based on creed, colour, religion and region. He said, "I will take everyone along with me and put my best efforts in meeting the expectations of the people and seek coordination from the councilors, administration and the public."

Answering on the internal controversy in the party, Jamyang said, "I am the district party President and there is no controversy in the party. But there are some elements who are trying to damage the image of our party. Importance is given to new youth leaders. Everyone wants to connect with this party, be it youth, old or women. Some people cannot digest it so they are creating a rift in the party. But as a responsible district party President, I assure you there is nothing like that."

But opposition councillors Thupstan Angchuk, Nyoma and Gurmet Dorjey, Korzok, have released a press handout which says: "We strongly condemn the manner in which the new CEC / Deputy CEC and ECs were elected by the BJP-RSS-backed Jammu wing, and the entire procedure which was personally supervised and directed by Ravinder Raina, BJP state President, present in Leh on 9 November, and totally sidelined and neglected the people of the Changthang region who were not given 'Executive Councilor' position in the current 5th LAHDC formation. We feel that the people of Changthang region have been badly neglected in this entire process of new Council expansion. They further demand that they should immediately fill the EC post of the region."

Ravinder Raina, State BJP President, wished both the leaders and termed Jamyang as an energetic and

Deputy Chairman: Gyal P Wangyal	
Departments assigned	
1. Works	
2. Animal and Sheep Husbandry.	
3. Power Development	
4. Youth Services and Sports.	
5. Non-Conventional energy (LREDA)	
6. Employment.	

1. Executive Councilor: Tsering Sandup	
Departments assigned	
1. Public Health and sanitation, health services, hospitals, dispensaries and family welfare.	
2. Promotion and development of traditional Amchi systems of Medicine.	
3. Social Welfare and ICDS.	
4. ITI and Polytechnic.	
5. Cottage industries, handicrafts and handlooms.	
6. FCS & CA.	
7. Labour Welfare.	
8. District Industries.	

2. Executive Councilor: Mumtaz Hussain	
1. Forest and Environment.	
2. Minority Affairs.	
3. Cooperative.	
4. Fisheries.	
5. DMG.	
6. Stationeries and Printing.	
7. Parks and Gardens.	
8. Statistics and Evaluation.	
9. Wildlife.	

3. Executive Councilor: Phunchok Stanzin	
1. Agriculture.	
2. Command Area Development.	
3. Horticulture.	
4. Soil conservation.	
5. Antiquities and Archives.	

dynamic, and Gyal P Wangyal as a capable senior leader who has won elections thrice.

Gyal P Wangyal expressed his gratitude to everyone and said that he would work in coordination to take the BJP party and Hill Council, Leh, to new heights.

Avny Lavasa, DC, presented winning certificates to the newly-elected CEC Jamyang Tsering Namgyal and Deputy CEC, Gyal P Wangyal.

# HCHF organises a daylong seminar held in Leh



## Reach Ladakh Correspondent

SABOO: A seminar on "Contribution of Buddhist Monasteries in Preserving Cultural Heritage of Ladakh and Contemporary Challenges" was held on November 10 at Kunrik Lhakhang, Saboo Gonpa.

The daylong seminar was organised by Himalayan Cultural Heritage Foundation (HCHF) in collaboration with All Ladakh Gonpa Association and Tashi Gyaphel Gonpa Saboo.

Tsewang Thinles, President, LBA was the chief guest of the inaugural session and Dr.Thupstan Nurboo, Assistant Editor, J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Language Leh and Ven. Rigzin Dorjay, Cashier, All Ladakh Gonpa Association were guest of honour.

Tsewang Thinles said that the monasteries have been a centre for Buddhist learning and

the monks had always been the teachers of the lay people who guided them according to the Buddha's teaching.

"Lay people always look at monks for teaching and guidance and it is very important that monks and monasteries should set a good example of unity and peace through wisdom and compassion," said Thinles.

Dr. Thupstan Nurboo spoke on the importance and relevance of the seminar.

Prof. Geshe Konchok Wangdu, President HCHF, and Director, CIBS spoke on the role of monks and monasteries in today's society.

Dr. Sonam Wangchok, Founder/secretary HCHF in his opening remarks highlighted the important roles of monasteries in safeguarding the rich cultural heritage of the Himalayas for centuries.

"From its inception, the monasteries have not only been a centre of learning for Buddhist philosophy, history, literature, and language, but also a sanctuary for learning many Buddhist art and crafts such as paintings, wood carvings, printings of sacred manuscripts, calligraphy, sculpture making and so on. However, in recent time sudden changes and challenges have been witnessed in monasteries which have become a cause concern for the monasteries and for the survival of monastic art, crafts, and rituals. In view of above, we propose to hold a seminar to bring out both good and adverse impacts of modernization on traditional cultural values, especially in the Buddhist monasteries of Ladakh", said Dr. Sonam Wangchok.

Papers on different aspects of contributions of monasteries in preserving the cultural heritage of Ladakh and contemporary challenges were read by eminent scholars including Ven. Thupstan Paldan, Sanjay Dhar (painting conservator), Tsutrim Gyatso, Tsering Nurboo Martse, Tsewang Dorjay Dongbos, and Ven. Sangyas Tsering.

Ven. Gonbo Dorjey wished that the result of the seminar will help in strengthening and reviving the monastic art and crafts, customs, rituals, festivals, philosophical studies and so on.

The seminar was financially supported by the J&K Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages.

# 172 young recruits of Ladakh Scouts take part in passing out parade



Young recruits of Ladakh Scots while taking the oath to serve the nation during the Passing Out Parade at Guphuks.

## Stanzin Dasal

GUPUKS: A batch of 172 well-trained recruits of Ladakh Scouts pledged to serve the nation on November 10 at Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre, Leh.

The ceremony was conducted with the highest traditions of the Indian Army and was reviewed by Lieutenant General YK Joshi, GOC Fire & Fury Corps.

Lieutenant General YK Joshi congratulated the young recruits on completion of their training and urged them to give their best in serving the nation. He asked the young soldiers to stand against all odds and challenges to safeguard the nation.

Also, he praised the parents who have encouraged their son to join the Indian Army.

Civil and military dignitaries, war heroes of the regiment and parents of the recruits were present on the occasion.

Medals were awarded to the young soldiers who have excelled in different fields during their training days. Gaurav Padak was also presented to the serving and retired personnel of the regiment whose sons have joined the regiment.



## Leh Police felicitate survivors of 1959 hot spring attack



District Police Leh while honouring the survivors of Hot spring ordeal of 1959 at Police Line, Choglamsar.

**Stanzin Dasal**

CHOGLAMSAR: Memories of the Hot spring ordeal of 1959 refreshed again when the survivors, CRPF veteran, Sonam Dorjay, Sonam Wangyal, Kunzang Dechan and daughter of Abdul Majid narrated the story and the hardship they faced on November 10.

The District Police Leh felicitated and honoured all the survivors.

Tracing back to 1959, Sargun Shukla, SSP, Leh said that the sacrifice of the brave hearts while guarding the national frontiers can never be forgotten. Also, the survivors are an example of courage and commitment

to everyone.

A short film on the Hot Spring showing the story of what happened on October 21, 1959, was screened.

Until the autumn of 1959, Police personnel were responsible for manning the 2,500-mile long border of India with Tibet. On October 21, 1959, at Hot spring in Ladakh, the Chinese attacked the patrol party. The heavily armed Chinese troop outnumbered the patrolling party and killed 10 personnel.

Their sacrifices for the nation are observed as Police Commemoration Day on Every October 21.

Stanzin Losal, SP, CID, Leh, Ishtyaq A Kacho, DySP Hq, Leh, Suraj Singh, DySP DAR, Tsering Phuntsog, Senior Prosecuting Officer, Leh and other officers of District Police Leh were present.

## Leh United win 3rd Tip Top T20 Champion League 2018 in Leh



Leh United, the winners of the 3rd Tip Top T20 Champion League 2018.

**Rigzin Wangmo**

LEH: Leh United lifted the 3rd Tip Top T20 Champion League 2018 cup, beating Avengers by 58 runs on November 7 at NDS stadium.

The 3rd Tip Top T20 Champion League 2018 was organised by Tip Top Sports & Culture Welfare Society Youth Wing Leh.

30 teams from different parts of the region including a team from Kashmir took part.

Leh United won the toss and batted first scoring 225 runs in 20 overs. While the team Avengers made only 167 runs.

Avny Lavasa, DC, Leh chief guest congratulated the Tip Top

sports for organising the tournament. She said, "The message of no alcohol and smoking is important and promoting it through sports is an excellent idea".

"The sports cut across so-called divisions. One fine example is that the players from Kashmir have also taken part. Such sports activities could be a channel for promoting positive messages among masses", she added.

Mehraj Giri, Captain of the team Leh United said, "The team have come out and delivered their best. I am thankful to my team for playing such a wonderful game and winning the final match with ease."

Tashi Nurbu, Acting President, Tip Top Youth Wing informed that the purpose behind organising this tournament is to spread across the message of Alcohol & Smoke-free.

He said, "We could not facilitate more teams due to limited timing and facilities but the tournament is invariably successful with the support of spectators."

Stanzin Mingyur from Matho Sporting Club was conferred as an emerging player. The winning team was awarded a cash prize of ₹50,000 and ₹30,000 for the runner-up team.

Resonance Music Hub & EJM college Mountain Crew performed during the closing ceremony.

## CEC inspects office complex, Leh

Asks CEO, LAHDC, Leh, to take strict action against absent employees



**Rigzin Wangmo**

LEH: During a surprise inspection of the office complex carried by Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, CEC on 13 November, number of officials including HODs of various departments found absent.

The inspection was carried out in the morning along with Phunchok Stanzin, EC Agriculture and Mumtaz Hussain, EC Minority.

Jamyang Tsering Namgyal found that most of the departments

have not restored or install Biometric attendance. The officials had not marked their attendance from 10:15 to 10:30 AM and few were on unauthorized leave.

He directed the concern officers for immediate restoration of the biometric attendance system and report to his office by tomorrow morning at 10:15 AM.

While inspecting Horticulture Office, five staff including Chief Horticulture Officer, Leh was found absent. In Command Area office, two officials including Deputy Director, in Food Civil

Supplies and Consumer Affairs department, eleven officials including Assistant Director, in District Treasury Office, five officials including DTO and in District Fund Office two officials were found absent.

Noting the absent and latecomer officers and officials, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal in a letter to Chief Executive Officer, Leh, directed an enquiry against the absent officials and take strict disciplinary action. He also asked to submit the action taken report to his office at the earliest.

## Dr. Ishey Namgyal elected President, MC Leh, unopposed

Mohd Deen Khan appointed Vice-President

**Reach Ladakh Correspondent**

LEH: Dr. Ishey Namgyal unanimously elected as a president and Mohd Deen Khan as vice-president of the Municipal Committee Leh (MCL). The election process was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Leh Avny Lavasa at DC Conference hall on November 3.

Earlier, Avny Lavasa invited the proposal of names for the posts of president and vice-president from all the members and sought their consent in each proposal.

Both the posts were elected uncontested and unopposed in the presence of all the members.

Congratulating both the newly elected heads of MCL, Avny La-



vasa said that a minimum of one meeting of MCL is mandatory to hold every month. The president will call the date of MCL within a set timeframe.

Nawang Rigzin Jora, MLA, Tsering Norboo, Councillor Nimoo, Rigzin Spalbar, Former CEC and supporters in a large number were present during the election ceremony.

## District Election Officer Leh convenes meeting with magistrates and police officers

**Reach Ladakh Correspondent**

LEH: To ensure fair and smooth conduct of Panchayat elections in the district, Avny Lavasa, DC/ District Election Officer Leh convened a joint meeting of Zonal/Sectoral magistrates and Zonal/Sectoral police officers on November 13 at DC office conference hall.

Sargun Shukla, SSP Leh, Deputy DEO, SDMs, Dy SPs and senior officers from civil administration and police were present.

Avny Lavasa briefed the participants about their responsibilities for a fair and smooth conduct of the election.

She stressed on the need for better coordination among the police officers and magistrates for smooth conduct of the elections



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of the Sonam Wangyal and all other leaders. They worked under adverse challenges selflessly for the people of Ladakh. Sonam Wangyal is one among the prominent leaders of our region who worked day in and out to develop the region under the guidance of Gyalras Bakula Rinpoche".

He further stressed upon the responsibility of the young generation to be inspired and follow the path of such leaders.

Pending demands including naming outdoor stadium near Spituk and link road from Skalzangling to Agling in memory of Sonam Wangyal and recommendation for State or Kabir award to him was put forward to CEC, LAHDC by Sonam Wangyal Memorial Committee.

Sonam Wangchuk, SECMOL informed that a book on Sonam Wangyal's life will be released on the 21st Death Anniversary.

He also invited the interested person to write about people and leaders who have worked for the Ladakh.

PT Kunzang, Vice President, LBA, Dechan Chamba, President, Christian Community, Ashraf Ali Barcha, President, Anjuman Imamia, Ven. Shadup Chamba, President, All Ladakh Gompa Association also spoke on the occasion.

Dorjey Motup, Former CEC, LAHDC; Stanzin Thinlas, AOC Air Force Leh Air Commodore; Dr. Ishey Namgyal, President, MC Leh; monks of Spituk monastery, other prominent guests including religious and political heads were present.



## EXPERT TALK

## Ladakh in need of a full-fledged university

By Rigzin Wangmo



**Deskyong Namgyal, Principal, EJM, College, Leh:** It is extremely important to have a university in Ladakh. The reason expressed by the representatives for not considering a university in Ladakh is due to less population. Our voice and demand are least regarded and have repeatedly been overshadowed by the J&K state. During the recent visit of the J&K Governor, the demand for Cluster University was discussed but sadly, the demand was outrightly disagreed.

**Challenges of Students**

The absence of University causes major challenges for the student. They have to migrate to other places for higher studies and face many problems like harassment and others. Even if two out of 100 students are being harassed that is also a major concern.

There are hostels opened by the government in Jammu and Srinagar while in other places such facilities are not available which force them to live in rented apartments. The existing hostels cannot accommodate all.

**Fund challenges**

The central heating system that we have in the hospital, the same can be equipped in libraries, if not in the classes. Such basic facilities are needed. In India or in other states, the major emphasis is on the smart class in college. And here we do not have such facilities due to lack of funds because the college gets a meager amount from the district funds. The education system must be considered a priority. If the major funds are also used for the development of education, soon the challenges can be overcome.

In J&K the majority of the colleges are not National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) accredited. In higher education, the main agenda is to have the NCTE accreditation and we are working on the same. Hopefully, in the coming summers, the NCTE team will come here and give us the accreditation and then the college will get the UGC funding.

**Other challenges**

The students studying outside Ladakh who are sent to hostel or boarding schools from a very young age face identity crisis. To pre-

vent such problem the school in Ladakh should have good facilities though it has improved over the years.

Most importantly when a child stays here he will be able to see the hardship and challenges that parent face while earning money and will understand all the aspect.

With the establishment of the university and good higher education institutes, job opportunities will also increase. We have been witnessing that the people from other places come here and do research. In no time they get recognition. It is high time that our own people should come forward and start researching in Ladakh.

All these things will be possible if we are granted with a full-fledged university. Besides academics, there are many scopes where students can do research.

The reason behind not having a university is not because Kargil and Leh lack unity. But, in the future, if we come up with a university then there are chances of an argument over its location.

Supposedly, if the university is granted, leaders from both the district should come together and make a fair decision. People of Leh and Kargil must stay united and demand the university and decide the parameters as per the region.

At the council level, getting a university must be a priority. Both the council of Leh and Kargil district and the entire representative must work upon getting the demand fulfilled. But unfortunately, the issue has never been taken seriously.

For now, there is a sign of relief for the students studying in Leh and Kargil. Vice Chancellor of the University of Kashmir has introduced a sub-centre in both the district and a separate academic calendar. Hopefully, in the coming month of March, things will be sorted out.

**Solutions:**

- Priority must be given for the development of the education system.
- The leaders of both Leh and Kargil should come together and demand a University.



**Dr. Tsewang Motup, Principal/ Nodal Officer, Govt. Degree College, Nubra:** Keeping in view the exceptional geographical, historical and cultural background of Ladakh, it is necessary to have a full-fledged university in Ladakh.

The state of Jammu and Kashmir comprises three distinct regions viz, Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh. In 2009, when the Government of India announced the establishment of a Central University in Jammu and an Indian Institute

of Management (IIM) in Kashmir, the people of Kashmir valley protested against the central Govt's decision and demanded a Central University in Kashmir as well and the Central Government conceded their demand. But I remember none such demand was made by the people of Ladakh.

The Universities in Jammu and Kashmir regions have many feeding colleges in their catchment areas. However, we Ladakhi prefer to send our children outside Ladakh to pursue higher education.

This is clear from the number of students studying in various schools, colleges, and universities in the country. It has never been on our political or social agenda to establish a university in Ladakh.

The colleges and university campuses functioning in the twin districts are not in a position to accommodate all the students who pass out from the higher secondary schools due to one or the other reasons.

I have never heard local administration or any public representative demanding a University for Ladakh till so far except for some student organisation.

The students and their parents must understand that instead of going to the colleges outside, they should enroll themselves in the college of Ladakh. That will automatically force the government to create an institution of next level of learning in Ladakh itself.

Higher education is given least importance by the people at the helm of affairs in Ladakh. In any of the memorandum submitted by various organisations during the visits of VVIPs to Ladakh, one will not find anything about the university.

The whole examination system of the University of Kashmir has been derailed since the year 2014 when there was a devastating flood in the Kashmir valley. In the subsequent years, the political situation of the Kashmir Valley was not as good as a result the examination system in our college was adversely affected as well. It is unfortunate that three batches of students are suffering.

But it is hoped that this system will not be repeated in future with the recent announcement made by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Kashmir that the examination system in Ladakh shall be delinked from the Kashmir University and launching of an Examination Sub-Centre for Leh at the University Satellite Campus, Taru.

**Solutions:**

- More and more Ladakhi scholars should do research on all aspects of Ladakh.
- The enrolment in the institutions of higher education in Ladakh should go up so that the demand for a university may sound logical.
- Parents must consider the pros and cons before sending their children outside Ladakh.

## District Consultative Committee meeting held in Leh



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A district-level review and consultative committee meeting for the quarter ended September, 2018 was held under the chairmanship of DC, Leh Avny Lavasa at the conference hall DC Office on November 13.

Avny Lavasa appreciated Lead bank management and all the banks for their contribution in the improvement of credit flow and various portfolios during the quarter in Leh district.

She further stressed on improvement in generating financial literacy, financial inclusion and enhancing financial potential in priority

sectors like agriculture and horticulture.

All the banks and NABARD were urged to organise awareness workshop and camps for the government officials as well as public to inform about the financial benefits and schemes in different sectors. She emphasized on the convergence between banks and concern government departments like rural development, agriculture, horticulture, and others to ensure maximum beneficiary with greater reach to the public.

The various agenda points discussed in the meeting include a review of the performance

of banks under Annual Credit Plan 2018-19, flow of credit to priority sector and weaker sections of the society, assistance under government-sponsored schemes, performance under KCC and banks performance under Mudra loan.

It was informed that there has been a growth of 2.57% in deposits portfolio, 7.32% in advances portfolio of the district during the quarter. The loan portfolio of the district has also increased by ₹ 67.98 crores out of which there is a growth of ₹ 5.76% in priority sector advances showing an increase of ₹ 24.50 crores. Agriculture sector also showed an increase of ₹ 3.54 crores showing an increase of ₹ 3.27% over the previous quarter. The CD ratio for the quarter recorded an increase by 1.58% over the previous quarter and has remained 32.48% as on 30-09-2018.

Moses Kunzang, ADC, Leh representative from RBI, NABARD, SBI, J&K Bank and all other private banks operating in Leh were present in the meeting.

## Zaheer Hussain elected President, Municipal Committee, Kargil

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Independent candidates, Zaheer Hussain elected as the President, Municipal Committee, Kargil and Gulzar Hussain as Vice-president by the margin of 1 vote on November 13.

The election was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and CEO, LAHDC, Kargil Vikas Kundal at Conference Hall of Tourist Facilitation Center (TFC) Kargil.

Zaheer got 7 votes out of 13 and defeated Indian National Congress (INC) candidate Advocate Khadim Hussain. While Gulzar Hussain got 7 votes out of 13 by defeating Mohammad Ali, an INC candidate.

Out of 13 seats, the independent candidates won 8 seats while INC candidates secured 5 seats in Municipal Committee election in Kargil.

Earlier, Sonam Chosjor, ADC invited the proposal of names for the posts of President and Vice-President from all the members which were followed by the secret ballot voting.

Zaheer Hussain, President MC, Kargil thanked all members for electing him and sought their full support and cooperation to work for the overall development of Kargil town.

He said that he is committed to work for the welfare of the people of Kargil town and his priority would be to mitigate the issues confronting the people.



Executive Officer, MC Kargil Abdul Gaffar Zargar, Headquarter Assistant to DC Kargil, Muhammad Shabir, Assistant Director Information Kargil, Muhammad Ali Tak, and other concerned officers were also present on the occasion.

## SoulSpeak

P. P. Wangchuk

## A well-planned life can stave off the boring moments in our lives



Getting bored once in a while is quite normal and okay. But getting into such a mood on a daily basis makes it more or less sure that you are messing up with your life and its mission. In other words, you have gone off the track.

Mind you, the most important reason why you get bored is that you are badly confused as a result of not adopting the basic art of living ways.

You have become aimless and rudderless. Such people find themselves under great distress and negativity takes over their thinking and behaviour.

Let us remember that 'Plan and work hard' has to be our daily mantra. American author John C Maxwell says: "Life can be very boring if you don't put some effort into it." That means it is important that you have to have definite and positive plans on a daily basis, and for short and long terms as well.

Life has to be a well-planned journey in which every movement should stand for something good and progression in your mission. There is no other alternative one can think of. The so-called luck or chance factor comes into play its role only when you help yourself determinedly.

Of course, whatever your other plans, visiting a friend, having a walk and enjoying the bounties of nature or even getting busy in the kitchen can keep you satisfied and happy. One of my favourite sayings is that your art of living should have an element of your 'kitchen role' that keeps you so busy as if you were in a meditative trance, oblivious of all the ills surrounding you.

Anyway, the point to be taken care of in the long journey of life is that one has to be busy all the time, productively and happily. And that holds a promise to give you a sure shot to success.

Courtesy: Hindustan Times

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## In Conversation with Stanzin Norboo Kopay Founder, Education and Cultural Society of Lalok (ECSOL)

Interviewed by Kunzang Chosdol

### Q. Brief us about Education and Cultural Society of Lalok (ECSOL) and its work.

Education and Cultural society of Lalok was formed in the year 2012 by some dedicated volunteers who were determined to work for the students belonging to poor families of the Changthang region.

Prior to the formation of the society formally, we were interested to work for the students of Changthang region studying in Leh. This is because the students were facing lots of difficulties in terms of accommodation, food, and safety. Some stay at relative's house and some work as a domestic helper in other's house along with their studies. Many don't even get proper time to study thus failing in exams or passing with low grades and ultimately quit studying.

After interacting with the students, I felt that there is a need for a plan as all the students of the region have to come to Leh for their higher education. Since there is no hostel for the students of Changthang region, we somehow managed to enroll some students in a Sadbhavana hostel which runs basically for Sham region. The need for hostel facilities for the students of Changthang region is a must. So in order to find a way and work for a better tomorrow, we founded this society.

### Q. Tell us about the past and present education status of Changthang, Lalok.

If we talk about 20-25 years back, the education status of Changthang was deplorable. Most of the parents were not educated which affected the children also since they engaged them mostly in household activities. The school dropout rate was common because they were sent to work in GREF, to work as an army porter and to rear livestock.

Awareness programme was organised by leaders, associations, NGOs, and new initiatives were carried out to strengthen schools, to develop infrastructure and Centralized Residential School was established with hostel facilities. With these steps, the education scenario started changing. Today, the number of students pursuing higher education has increased and dropout rates are decreasing. But still, we need to have more schemes and plans for zero border children's education.

### Q. Do you have any data on literacy rate, dropout rate, and the reason for the same?

Yes, many students drop out from school level. Failing 10th examination and leaving studies was common in Changthang. So in 2013, we

did a survey to find out the problems at the grass-root level. Targeting below age 30 in Durbuk block, we did door to door survey in close coordination with Sarpanch and Nambardar. We found 279 school dropout and 150 illiterate in Durbuk block. And in most of the cases, the reason was the financial problems.

### Q. You work on border education, what pushes you to do it and why it is important?

Changthang is situated at zero Indo-china borders and is mostly nomadic. However, with the change in lifestyle people are migrating to urban areas for children's education and earn a livelihood. If this happens continuously then very few people will be left in the villages and developmental activities will also be less. Because of which there will be chances of intrusion from another side of the border. So, stopping migration is important for the nation.

### Q. What is the reason do you see that students fail to get a quality education in the region? Which types of students mostly suffer and why?

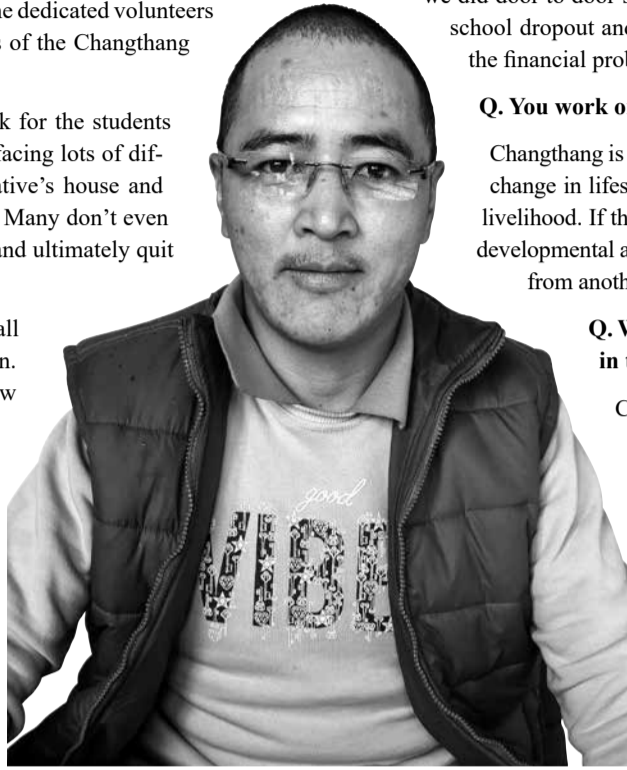
Children are future and providing them with proper education is a must for nation-building. In many villages of Changthang, people being nomad moves from one place to another for rearing their livestock. This is one reason for not getting proper education. Mostly the students with poor family background are the worst sufferer as they have to face lots of obstacle in pursuing their education.

For that, we again took an initiative by admitting the poor and orphan children in private schools from the past six years. Till today 55 students are admitted in the private schools free of cost with hostel facilities.

### Q. Tell us about the hostel construction in Leh for the border student, an initiative taken by the association. What is the reason behind the construction of the same?

The upcoming hostel is going to be constructed in Saboo on 10 kanals of land given by district administration. With the help of JP Yadav, DIG ITBP we met various ministers, and officers to discuss the issues. Later, we got ₹4 crore and ₹12 lakh cost project under Tribal Affair Department J&K for the construction of the hostel.

The proposed hostel is for the welfare of students from Changthang, Lalok studying in different schools and college of Leh. We are trying our best to provide this hostel free of cost. When the hostel gets completed we have unique plans to provide not only academic education but culture and moral education also.



### MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“Younger generations are the future of tomorrow and we should invest in their education. There should be special plans from the government for the education of border students. This will also help people living in the border areas to safeguard the nation and maintain peace.”

## FORTNIGHT HIGHLIGHTS



Protest demanding full-fledged University for Ladakh by Ladakhi students on 4 November 20 at Sansad Marg, New Delhi.



Barsee-e-Imam Baqirya Health Care & Research Centre, Kargil distributing food, water & medicines to stranded passengers at Leh-Srinagar National Highway.



Professor Talat Ahmed, VC Kashmir University inaugurating the examination sub office at Kashmir University satellite campus, Taru



BJP, Leh paid condolence over the sad demise of Hujjatt-ul-Islam Sheikh Muhammad Javed Zubdavi (popularly known as Sheikh Javed), one among the prominent scholar of Ladakh on November 5.



Avny Lavasa, DC, Leh inaugurating the PAGIR Prayer Hall where all the PAGIR members believing in a different faith can sit together to offer a prayer.

## KNOW YOUR CULTURE

### Pangnga or Bang-nga: Traditional grain storage

Storage is an essential part for subsistence in Ladakh. The traditional Bang-nga was used in ancient days for storing barley, peas, and wheat. Generally, it is a closed mud brick store or repository usually in the corner of the room. Some are sealed and has access via a hole in the top covered by a stone. But one of its kinds made of wood is seen in the Central Asian Museum, Leh. The storage box is made fully out of wood pieces arranged and fixed without the use of nails.

Sources say that the wooden storage box helps in absorbing the moisture thus, keeping the grains fresh for over seven to ten years.

Source: E-Book, Himalayan Buddhist Villages by John Crook and Central Asian Museum, Leh.



### Damnyan: String musical instrument



The traditional musical instrument 'Damnyan' is a compound of two words 'Dra' and 'yen'. Dra is a Tibetan word which means sound and yen means melody which means "sound melody". It is also known as 'Khopong' in Ladakh. The instrument is made of willow tree wood and wild goatskin leather is used in centre.

Drayen or Damnyan is one of the oldest string instruments of Central Asia. In Ladakh, it is mostly played by nomadic people of Changthang region. The nomads move from one place to another in search of cattle feeds. When they find the place they settle there for a month and in the evening time they gather around the campfire and enjoy Jabro dance on the tune of Damnyan.

The instrument has six strings in form of three note i.e three pairs of string. In ancient days people are not aware of the note, notation and musical language so they tune the Damnyan instrument according to the voice of gender. First top pair of strings is tuned as a male sound and last pair as female sound. The centre pair of the string is tuned between male and female sound.

Source: Angdu, Khigu.



## Two-day workshop held for quality teaching-learning in Leh



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A two-day workshop on 'Teacher as Resource, ICT and MOOCs' for quality teaching-learning under Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching was started on November 12 at DIET.

The workshop was organised by School of Education, Central University of Jammu in collaboration with DIET, Leh.

Prof K Srinivas, Head ICT & Project Management Unit & Chairperson Digital Learning Cell, NIEPA was the chief guest

on the occasion.

The resource person of the workshop, Prof K Srinivas presented a presentation on 'Digital Initiatives of GoI in Higher Education-Changing role of a teacher.'

He said that the main purpose of the workshop is to empower teachers and get them acquainted with technological enable system in teaching practice.

He stressed teachers to have correct attitude and the feeling of 'I'm the best faculty' to deliver the best in class. Also, urged them to focus on transparency,

accountability, and responsibility as an important component in changing the role of teachers.

He further asked teachers to inculcate all-round development in children based on creativity, innovation, critical thinking, application orientation, and collaborative learning. Also, to create a comfortable learning space for children and make efforts to educate, sensitize own faculty calling it the need of the hour.

Prof. Balia from School of Education, Central University Jammu said that their University has got the mandate under Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMNMTT) from Ministry of HRD, GoI to conduct workshops for capacity building of teachers in J&K state district wise. Like other districts, the two days workshop is also conducted in Leh.

He stressed the need to enhance teacher's competence and urged them to be more interactive during the workshop to make it fruitful and productive.

Prof P.K. Biswas from IGNOU who is also the resource person, other professors from the Central University of Jammu, Principal DIET Konchok Angmo and teachers were also present on the occasion.

## 15-day play production-oriented theatre workshop starts in Kargil



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Around 40 selected theatre aspirants will be trained about aspects of theatre and play production during the 15 days play production oriented theatre workshop. The workshop was inaugurated by Feroz Ahmed Khan, CEC Kargil on November 10 at Language Center.

The workshop was organised by Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Kargil.

Feroz Ahmed Khan applauded the initiative of the Academy in organising the workshop. He said that the workshop will prove

an ideal platform for budding artists to polish their talents under the guidance of professional trainers.

He urged upon the trainees to put their best efforts and to show all-out enthusiasm in the various practical sessions to develop positive personality traits and morale.

On the suggestion of speakers to introduce special theatre training sessions in schools, he said that the Council will try to introduce the same in the model Government schools in the first instance.

He further instructed the CEO,

Kargil and the Special Officer for Culture Kargil to explore possibilities to hold such camps for teachers and students during the winter time.

Kacho Ahmad Khan (NSDite), Chief Education Officer Kargil Muhammad Mussa and Executive Engineer REW and Owner Munshi Aziz Bhat Museum Kargil Gulzar Hussain Munshi also addressed the trainees.

Muhammad Ali Tak, Special Officer for Cultural Activities, Kargil briefed about the aims and objectives of the 15 days workshop.

## 18-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme concluded



Avny Lavasa, DC and other during the valedictory function.

Rigzin Wangmo

LEH: The 18 days Entrepreneurship Development Programme EDP, the National Minority Financial Development Corporation term loan run under Himayat concluded on November 30 at JKEDI campus.

A total of 30 students were present in the valedictory function. They were taught about the simulation module and the concept of business.

Avny Lavasa, DC congratulated the students for the completion of training and said, "Most of the people try to get a government job but many of you here have gear up to start up something of your own which is worth appreciating. There will be many challenges but if you have a broader picture, you can contribute to economic development".

"Ladakh has many potential like

Seabuckthorn, Apricot, Mushroom and so far, people have not explored fully because people still think on a smaller scale. So, you can be the agents of change and explore the unexplored potential and capitalizing it is very much possible", she said.

She further added that entrepreneurs provide employment to others and can be the source of motivation. Many things can be learned which is very rare in the government job and in a government job after 5 years people become lethargic while the entrepreneurs will be more confident and in a position to advise others.

Dr. Dorjay Namgyal, Head Kri-shi Vigan Kendre spoke about KVK forum. He urged the students to take an interest in agriculture entrepreneurship.

Informing about the enhancement of the seed capital, Dor-

je Wangchuk, JKEDI said that at present for 10+2, ₹ 4 Lakh, graduates ₹ 5 Lakh, postgraduate ₹ 6.5 Lakh and for a professional ₹ 10 Lakh is provided.

The process is 21 days or 18 days entrepreneurship development program after which they prepare the DPR and conduct the pre-sanction survey. There are legal formalities and disbursal and the post-sanction survey to check out whether or not the unit is successfully established.

He also informed that under seed capital YSLS candidates of only 10+2 and above and the age limit is 18 to 40 years are taken. Cases are appraised on basis of detail project report which is prepared by J&K Entrepreneurship development institute.

One batch each in November and December will be trained under the seed capital YSLS scheme.

## Kashmir University V-C all set to solve higher education issues of Ladakh

Assures personal intervention for smooth running of courses and to improve higher education



Prof. Talat Ahmed, VC Kashmir University during a meeting regarding Higher Education at DC Conference hall, Leh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Kashmir University Vice-Chancellor, Prof Talat Ahmad announced to delink the colleges of Leh and Kargil district from Kashmir University.

Sub-offices in each district will be open to conduct examination from paper setting to result. Also, an introduction of integrated 5 years courses (3 years Graduation+ 2 years Masters) in Earth science, English and Tourism on the pattern of Indian Centre of Science and Research was also announced.

New Controller of Examination has been appointed who will ensure the effective functioning of the sub-offices.

The decision was taken during the meeting of Prof Talat Ahmad with the education stakeholders on November 1 in at DC Conference Hall, Leh.

Prof Talat Ahmad said that he is committed to developing the higher education system of Ladakh region and making it the

education hub of north India.

Highlighting the scope of English, Tourism and Earth science including Geology, Geography and Environment sciences courses in Ladakh he announces to start a five year integrated courses.

The students pursuing the courses will have the provision to pursue only the bachelor degree and complete their master outside Ladakh. Also, selective master courses relevant to the area will be developed depending on new positions for which he urged Hill Council and local authority to follow up with higher authorities at State level.

He informed that the courses have been formulated and shall be implemented soon. Reiterating the MOU signed with the Sonam Wangchuk, SECMOL he said that the university will be focused on imparting the theoretical knowledge and the practical will be given by HIAL.

To make the Satellite campus of Kashmir University Leh properly

functional he urged the coordination and cooperation from local authorities. Highlighting the unique charm and scope in the region, he said that with the proper functional campus students from other parts of India and abroad will also be attracted. He asked for bus facilities to help in commuting the students to the campus.

He assured personal intervention for smooth running of the courses and classes and to improve the higher education sector in Ladakh.

Deskyong Namgyal, Principal, EJM College submitted a proposed academic calendar for the running classes and colleges of Ladakh region. He demanded separate academic calendar for Ladakh, to start new bachelor courses in Leh, early installation of OMR machine, to invite staff members from Leh colleges to attend syndicate meeting of University for framing syllabus, non-payment of examination remuneration to college staff and staff engaged at university sub-office and IT section.



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 Day 04: Drive Pattaya To Bangkok. Overnight Hotel  
 Day 05: Bangkok Half Day Bangkok City & Temple Tour with Lunch. Overnight Hotel  
 Day 06: Bangkok Full Day Safari World & Marine Park with Lunch. Overnight Hotel  
 Day 07: Bangkok Dream World+ Snow Town with Lunch. Overnight Hotel  
 Day 08: Bangkok To Krabi By Flight & Transfer To Hotel. Overnight Hotel  
 Day 09: Krabi Four Island Tour with Lunch By Long Tail Boat. Overnight Hotel  
 Day 10: Drive From Krabi To Phuket. Overnight Hotel  
 Day 11: Phuket City Tour with Lunch. Overnight Hotel  
 Day 12: Phuket Phi Phi Island Tour with Lunch by Ferry. Overnight Hotel  
 Day 13: Phuket James Bond Island Tour with Lunch by Long Tail Boat. Overnight Hotel  
 Day 14: Free Day for Shopping. Overnight Hotel  
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 Day 16: Fly To Delhi. Overnight Hotel  
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#### Price Includes:

- Flight Ticket from Delhi to Phuket to Delhi in Economy class
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- 03 Nights' Accommodation in Pattaya with Breakfast
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- River Kwai Visit with Tiger Temple - Bangkok
- Safari World + Marine Park + Lunch - Bangkok
- 04 Krabi Island Tour by Join Long Tailed Boat with Thai Lunch
- James Bond Island Tour by Join Long Tailed Boat with Thai Lunch - Phuket
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6.	Photo Studio (Incl Xerox)	
7.	Shoe Shop	
8.	Garment/Clothing Shop	
9.	Gift/Fancy Shop	
10.	Bakery	
11.	Eatable/Sweet Shop/Dry Fruits	
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14.	Frozen food to incl Frozen ven/Non veg items incl milk and milk products.	
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(iv)	Spouse/Widow of ESM	IV
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(v)	Govt Agencies	V
(vi)	Civilians	VI

**4** In case of unfilled vacancy Cat I, the unfilled/balance shops shall be considered to be given to Cat II mentioned above.

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- Discharge Book.
- PPO.
- Retired Veteran Identity Card.
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