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Lieutenant Governor greets people of Ladakh on Losar, Christmas

LEH: Radha Krishna Mathur, Lieutenant Governor conveyed his greetings to the people on Losar and Christmas.

Greeting people on the festive occasion, RK Mathur expressed hopes in strengthening the existing strong bonds between all the communities of the region. Also, he wished that the festival will usher peace, love and amity throughout the region, nation and the world

He said that the joy of this festival renews our commitment to work together in harmony and for a better future of all.

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Leh celebrates Losar festival



R.K Mathur, Lieutenant Governor Ladakh addressing people on the occasion of Losar at Chowkhang Vihara.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: With traditional welcome and rituals, Losar-Ladakhi New Year celebrated with great enthusiasm on December 27 at Chowkhang Vihara.

It was organised by Ladakh Buddhist Association in collaboration with the Departments of Tourism and Culture.

R.K Mathur, Lieutenant Governor Ladakh, chief guest greeted the people of Ladakh on Losar and appreciated the common nature of striving together, their deep faith in communal harmony, sense of giving back to the society what they have received from it, and a genuine smile on their face.

He said that the Losar marks the beginning of a new year, and the long pending demand of the people of Ladakh has fulfilled in the form of UT which will pave a pathway for prosperity and development.

He advised everyone to work together in creating a better future for the coming generation and said that it is the right time to grab the opportunity to shape Ladakh by making it socially strong, culturally rich, economically and ecologically prosperous.

Glimpses of auspicious Losar traditions of Chuchot, Choglamsar, Heshuk, Nimoo, Basgo, and Wanla villages made the event colorful.

Gyal P Wangyal, CEC, Hill Council, Leh; Rigzin Samphel, Commissioner/Secretary; PT Kunzang, President LBA, other dignitaries, and people were present.

IGP, Ladakh, inaugurates DSP, Traffic, office in Agling



S.S Khandare, IGP Ladakh along with Sargun Shukla, SSP, Leh inaugurating the newly established Deputy Superintendent Traffic Police Office in Leh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A newly established Deputy Superintendent Traffic Police Office, Administration of UT Ladakh was inaugurated by S.S Khandare, IGP Ladakh on December 21 at Agling.

S.S Khandare said that to keep any city beautiful, a proper system specially traffic regulations and adequate parking spaces is must.

He instructed the DSP Traffic to submit a specific proposal for road improvement, requirement, problems and challenges regarding traffic regulation and its enforcement in Leh town along with possible solutions. Also, he asked him to identify spaces for parking in and around the town to decongest the roads and to ensure NOC from Traffic Police mandatory for any kind of commercial establishment.

S.S Khandare informed that Challan power will soon be delegated to the traffic police and all their requirements will be fulfilled in the next one year. The need for manpower will be provided by March so to start with the drill well on time.

He urged the DSP Traffic to strictly implement traffic regulations for smooth traffic movement and instructed to form an enforcement squad to ensure effective traffic management in Leh town and to regulate no parking areas strictly.

ARTO, Leh was suggested to set up a combined traffic information centre along with resting facility and a weight bridge at Zojila-Leh and Manali-Leh highway considering the accidents caused by overload and rash/negligence driving. He also asked the Police Department and ARTO to identify parking

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University of Ladakh launches official website

Varsity needs the support of UT Administration in terms of financial, infrastructure and other facilities, says VC



R.K Mathur along with Gyal P Wangyal, CEC and C Phuntsog, VC, University of Ladakh launching the website.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The official website of the University of Ladakh (www.universityofladakh.org) was launched by R.K Mathur, Lieutenant Governor Union Territory of Ladakh on December 26 in Leh.

National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) Leh along with professionals of Ladakh has developed the website. This was followed by the launch of Ladakh University Common Entrance Test (LUCET) prospectus.

Also Gyal P. Wangyal, CEC, Hill Council, Leh launched the audiovisual advertisement of the University of Ladakh.

Quoting the lines of C Phuntsog, VC, University of Ladakh, RK Mathur said, "Tourism and agriculture may last or

not, but the long term future of Ladakh is associated with higher education. This is something which can't be taken away from the future generation of Ladakh".

He also added that UT administration shall give priority on higher education and support the University of Ladakh.

RK Mathur explained that the New Education Policy by the Government of India targets at least 50% of the eligible children must go in for higher education and all higher education must be interdisciplinary. He said that he would endeavour to fall in line with the new education policy as soon as it is approved.

Talking about the importance of vocational education, RK Mathur said that

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Two arrested for blue sheep poaching in Nubra



Investigation team of wildlife department in Blue sheep poaching case.

Stanzin Dasal

NUBRA: Another case of blue sheep poaching was reported on December 18 between Khardong-Khalsar village in Nubra valley.

The culprits were identified as Mehdi Ali and Ghulam Hassan from Bogdang.

One of the accused Mehdi Ali who was accompanying Ghulam Hassan confessed the crime. He is on bond whereas the other culprit, Ghulam Hassan was arrested on December 21.

The incident was spotted by Thukjay Gyatso, Forester, Nubra who was on his way from Leh. Seeing him the suspects fled the scene leaving behind the injured blue sheep.

He reported the incident to the wildlife department and rushed the injured animal for medical help. The blue sheep succumbed to its injury on the way. The post mortem of the animal was conducted

on the same day at District Veterinary Hospital Leh.

Pankaj Raina, Wildlife warden said, "We have completed our investigation in time, collected all the evidence and submitted to the court. Now the court trial is left."

Sajid Sultan, IFS, Regional Wildlife Warden in a telephonic conversation to Reach Ladakh said, "Section 50 of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972 empowers the wildlife department officers to investigate and book a case. It also gives a power of entry, search, arrest, and detention, following which the team did their job. Preliminary Offence report against the accused has been booked and submitted to the judicial magistrate. All the items are seized and sent to the forensic lab".

He said that whenever a poaching case is reported, the first few hours or days

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IGP, Ladakh, inaugurates DSP, Traffic, office in Agling

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space at the place of traffic halt on national highways and to provide a shed with other necessary facilities for stranded passengers and drivers.

Rigzin Sangdup, DSP Traffic gave a detail power-point presentation highlighting the road stretch of National Highways and also the present traffic sce-

nario in Leh town. He showed the bottlenecks and pressure points in traffic regulation in Leh and major challenges including an increase in vehicular density, lack of parking, lack of footpath, shortage of recovery crane and traffic congestion with narrow roads. He raised the need for signboards, zebra crossing, concert dividers, redesigning of footpath, traffic information board, rotary and traffic booths etc.

Two arrested for blue sheep poaching in Nubra

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are very crucial time to investigate and collect all the evidence. In this blue sheep poaching case, the department responded on time. Prompt reaction is very much important to trace the culprit.

Reiterating the past wildlife crimes and the reason behind less conviction, Sajid Sultan said that in maximum number of cases hunting is done in far off places, away from human habitation which becomes one of the challenges to catch hold of the

suspect. Also, the absence of eyewitnesses is one major challenge in wildlife crime cases.

In conventional crimes, the investigation starts with the registration of the case as a First Information Report (FIR). In wildlife offences, investigation may start with lodging of a seizure/apprehension report or the offence report, in the jurisdictional court, by an authorised officer, who makes such seizure or arrest. The report is known as the Preliminary Offence Report (POR).

University of Ladakh launches official website

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vocational education will be very important for Ladakh because we need expertise in different fields like tourism, travel management, agriculture, horticulture, food processing pashmina and many more.

He appreciated the Ladakh University for coming on the ground so fast with their plans and wished all success to Ladakh University.

Gyal.P Wangyal congratulated the people of Ladakh and students for the launching of the website and hoped that problems of Ladakhi students pursuing higher education will be solved with the functioning of Ladakh University in future.

C. Phuntsog said that the University of Ladakh needs the support of UT Administration in terms of

financial, infrastructure and other facilities and people of Ladakh must own the university by sending their children to this university for higher studies.

He also announced that students across the world can now file their application online for admission in Ladakh University.

Prof. Deskyong Namgyal, Controller of Examination Ladakh University briefed about the admission procedure for academic session 2020 and 2021.

Imteeaz Kacho, Registrar Ladakh University; Mumtaz Hussain, Executive Councillor for Minority; Dr. Ishey Namgail, President MC Leh; Sargun Shukla, SSP, Leh; Moses Kunzang, Special Officer Ladakh University/ ADDC, Leh; Prof. Farooq Ahmad Khan, Rector Satellite Campus, Leh and Principals of Degree Colleges of Ladakh were present.

Student representative of EJM College meets CEC, highlights academic issues



Gyal.P Wangyal and other concerned stakeholders during the meeting on students issue.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Discussion on the grievances and demands put forth by the student representatives of Eliezer Joldan Memorial College was held during a meeting with Gyal P Wangyal, CEC, Hill Council Leh on December 19 at Council Secretariat.

Issues regarding continuous delay in timely conduct of their annual examination, backlog exams and pending results since the inception of Degree College in Ladakh was highlighted.

To seek permanent solution for these issues, it was decided to convene a high level joint meeting of both the Hill Councils of Leh and Kargil with the Vice Chancellor of Kashmir Univer-

sity, UT Administration Ladakh, Secretary Higher Education UT J&K and students representatives of Ladakh in coming days.

C. Phuntsog, Vice Chancellor, Ladakh University stressed on the agenda of joint meeting to discuss the future course of University of Ladakh.

To address the exams and results related issues, Rector Satellite Campus, Leh was asked to prepare a detail proposal to strengthen the existing examination cells of Taru, Leh and Kumbathang, Kargil before the joint meeting.

Rigzin Samphel, Commissioner Secretary pointed out the lack of interest on the part of University of Kashmir in owning the University of Ladakh. He stressed on the

need to draft a SOP to ensure a robust system with strict timeline with Kashmir University.

He also assured to consider the demands raised by college students like heating system, transport facilities, etc in the upcoming budget.

Konchok Stanzin, EC Education; Sachin Kumar, DC, Leh; Prof. Farooq Ahmad Khan, Rector Satellite Campus, Leh; Prof. Deskyong Namgyal, Controller of Examination; Dr. Tsewang Motup Principal Degree College Nubra and student union representatives including Rigzin Dorjey, President SOUL and students of EJM College representing batch from 2015 to 2019 were present.

Students call off hunger strike demanding Sixth Schedule for Ladakh

Protests to be resumed if leaders fail to keep up their promises



Students calling off hunger strike after four days, demanding six schedule for Ladakh.

Stanzin Dasal

LEH: After observing hunger strike for four days demanding the inclusion of Ladakh under six schedule of the Indian constitution, students called off their protest for a time being on December 16.

The student leaders seek assurance letter regarding safeguards in UT Ladakh from MP Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgyal within two days. Failing to which, the students decided to continue their protest.

Rigzin Dorjey, President, Student Organisation for Unified Ladakh said, "The demand we are raising is for the betterment of whole Ladakh, the issue is not just concerned to students only. We are striving for the future of Ladakh and I appeal to every people of Ladakh to understand the issue and raise voice wholeheartedly and openly for a greater cause."

Jamyang Tsering Namgyal visited the students sitting on a hunger strike on December 15.

While interacting with the stu-

dents regarding safeguards in UT Ladakh, he asked the students to end the protest and assured to work on the safeguards of land, job, culture, economy and identity of Ladakh.

Jamyang Tsering Namgyal said, "The Hill Council has the power to regulate, make rules and by-laws and I will request both the councils to execute it."

Tsetan, Advisor, SOUL said, "We the students of Ladakh will resume our protest again if the leaders fail to keep up their promises. We are truly concern about the land, job, culture, and identity of the region and it is sad to see that many try to give a political angle to this demand."

"If no concrete decision on the safeguards of the region is made we will be requesting support from all the religious organisation to raise the demand unitedly", he added.

The health condition of many students especially the girls worsened during the hunger strike observed in minus temperature.

ARTO, Leh and Kargil, to assign registration codes/marks for vehicles

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Secretary Transport Department Ladakh, Saugat Biswas authorized the Registering Authority of Leh and Kargil districts to assign the Registration codes/Registration marks of vehicles, for display thereon in respect of

new registrations and Registration of vehicles transferred from others States/UT.

ARTO Kargil and Leh will be the Registering Authority for the districts. LA-01 will be the code number for Kargil and LA-02 for Leh with Registration Marks

0001-9999 for both the districts.

The notification was issued in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub Section (6) of Section 41 of the Motor Vehicle Act 1988 read with the government of India notification No S.O 4262(E), dated November 25, 2019.

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Wishes
Happy Losar & Happy New Year
2020

Tsetan Angchuk
President

Deleks Namgyal
General Secretary

Vice-Chancellor, Ladakh University visits Government Degree College, Drass



C Phuntsog, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ladakh interacting with the students and faculty of Government Degree College, Drass.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

DRASS: To analyze the functioning of Government Degree College, Drass, C Phuntsog, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ladakh visited Government Degree College, Drass, on December 17.

Amjad Ali, Principal of the college briefed Vice-Chancellor about the present status of the college, its issues and problems, future prospects and the expect-

tations from the University of Ladakh.

While interacting with the students and faculty members, C Phuntsog briefed about the University's future plans and how the college could contribute towards the development of higher education in the region. Also, he talked about the importance of higher and advanced learning and their impact on the socio-economic growth of Drass.

The students highlighted their grievances on which the VC assured early resolution of all issues and all possible assistance. He also lauded the efforts of the college authorities and students for the successful running of the college even during the harsh winters.

C Phuntsog also visited the site allotted for the permanent campus of Government Degree College, Drass and gave valuable suggestions to the Principal about the alignment of buildings and to utilize the available space efficiently.

The VC had a first-hand experience of how the college functioned under sub-zero conditions and how people managed their lives. He was accompanied by the Imteeaz Kacho, Registrar; Deskyong Namgyal, Controller of Examinations and other concerned officers.

L-G, Ladakh, takes up air connectivity issues with Civil Aviation Minister

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

NEW DELHI: RK Mathur, Lieutenant Governor raises air connectivity and high airfare issues with the Union Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs (I/C) and Civil Aviation (I/C) Hardeep Singh Puri on December 21 at Nirman Bhawan.

RK Mathur apprised the Civil Aviation Minister about the air connectivity issues faced by the people of Ladakh. Also, he discussed the possible steps that could be taken to augment connectivity.

Expressing concern about the high airfares, it was decided that guidelines may be sought from DGCA in this matter. The possibility of placing helicopters through Pawan Hans in Leh/Kargil was also discussed. The MoS conveyed that the process would be expedited.



RK Mathur further took up the matter concerning the extension of the airstrip at the Kargil airport. The MoS assured that a technical decision on the feasibility of the same would be sought at the earliest.

Advisor Narula reviews Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department

Stresses on convergence of various schemes among different departments



Umang Narula, Advisor L-G Ladakh during a review meeting of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A review meeting on the functioning of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department regarding the implementation of various schemes, programmes and policies was convened by Umang Narula, Advisor to LG Ladakh on December 17 at UT Administration Secretariat, Leh.

Umang Narula took a detailed assessment of the posts allocated to UT Ladakh by the Government of J&K regarding position strength. He also took stock of the infrastructure requirement in-

cluding manpower and vehicles.

While reviewing the progress report under various flagship schemes of the department, he directed to set up an action plan to implement central acts and organizations in new UT at an earliest.

Also, he suggested the construction of Panchayat Ghar and Block Development Offices by the convergence of various schemes of different departments. He said the convergence of MGNREGA with schemes of other departments will also help

in maintaining the prescribed labour-material ratio.

Umang Narula urged the Rural Development Department to be proactive, raise the demand for works under this scheme and work out a calendar of activities. He also sought the details on fund flow, allocation and its approval system to Panchayats.

While stressing on raising revenue by the Panchayati Raj Institutions, he directed that special training should be conducted focusing on revenue generation.

Saugat Biswas, Secretary RDD/ Divisional Commissioner Ladakh and Tahir Hussain, Director, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ladakh were present.

ACD Rural Dev. Dept. Kargil and Executive Engineer REW Kargil attended the meeting through video conferencing. Tsering Paldan, ACD Leh presented a powerpoint presentation on the implementation and progress of various flagship schemes and other projects.

'Startup India Seminar' held in Leh



Aspiring entrepreneurs during 'Startup India Seminar' in Leh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: More than 120 aspiring entrepreneurs participated in a 'Startup India seminar' on December 20 at DC office conference hall.

The seminar was organised by the Department of Industries, Ladakh in collaboration with Invest India, an agency of Ministry of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of India.

Moses Kunzang, Director Industries and Commerce/ADDC Leh introduced the industrial scenario of Ladakh. He spoke about the high potential of industrial establishments in Ladakh with improved power supply and internet connectivity which is the back-

bone for any industrial set up.

To provide necessary training and other basic information regarding investment, and business avenues to the youth, Moses Kunzang informed about setting up of Industrial Institute in Ladakh in coming two years. He informed that industrial policy will be launched soon for Ladakh.

Nishant Malhotra, Invest India representative said that the initiative was launched in January 2016 by Government of India to promote entrepreneurship through mentoring, nurturing and aiding startups throughout their life cycle. The Startup India aims to provide a platform to the budding entrepreneurs so that they realize their startup dream and

take their idea to the next stage.

Participants asked for a single-window system to ease the loan facility, Ladakh centric start-up policy, forward and backward linkages to facilitate marketing and to increase the shelf life of perishable items and to set up entrepreneur facilitation centre at rural level. They also shared their apprehensions and sought clarity about the benefits of Startup India.

Palak Bhatia and Dr. Preet Deep Singh from Invest India and Dorjay Wangchuk, Executive Manager, EDI Ladakh; HoDs of concern departments, representatives from SKUAST, banks and aspiring entrepreneurship of Leh district were present.

L-G, Ladakh, meets Minister for Food Processing Industries

Pitches for developing food processing industry in Ladakh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

NEW DELHI: Highlighting a potential of developing food processing industry in Ladakh, RK Mathur, LG Ladakh met Minister for Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Harsimrat Kaur Badal on December 21 at Panchsheel Bhawan.

R K Mathur highlighted various fruits, aromatic and medicinal plants available within the region. He raised the need for developing village level processing units and subsequent marketing policies.

Harsimrat Kaur Badal assured that the ministry would provide all possible assistance in terms of training, sensitization of schemes, funding etc. She also expressed interest in developing a mini-food park in the region and long-term collaboration with



RK Mathur, LG Ladakh with Minister for Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Harsimrat Kaur Badal.

Ladakh based institutes such as DRDO, DIHAR and SKUAST to help the food processing avenues.

NISR, Leh, will give new identity to Ladakh: CEC



CEC along with the team of Ministry of AYUSH and NISR Leh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: To discuss the establishment of recently approved National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa in Leh, a team of Ministry of AYUSH led by Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary Ministry of AYUSH met with Gyal.P Wangyal, CEC, Hill Council, Leh and Tsering Sangdup, Deputy Chairman on December 23 at Council Secretariat.

The Union Cabinet recently approved the establishment of the National Institute for Sowa-Rig-

pa (NISR) in Leh as an autonomous organization under the Ministry of AYUSH at an estimated cost of ₹47.25Crore.

Gyal.P Wangyal said that the people of Ladakh are highly thankful to the Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for approving National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa in Leh. He said that in future this prestigious project will give a new identity to Ladakh.

Wangyal said that the traditional Amchi system of the Himalayan region will revive the invaluable

treasure of Ladakh. He committed to extending support from the Hill Council for the establishment of the project in Leh.

Discussion was held on the allocation of suitable land for NISR nearby Leh, creation of separate directorate of AYUSH in Leh and merger of traditional Amchi in the new system.

Dr. Padma Gurmet, NRIS Leh; P.K Pathak, Additional Secretary AYUSH; Ranjeet Kumar, Joint Secretary AYUSH and K.S Dhimau, DG, CCRAS were present.

EXPERT TALK

Winter stock

By Stanzin Dasal



Tsering Sandup, Deputy Chairman/ EC Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, LAH-DC, Leh: Ladakh being a Union Territory and having a separate administration now, the stocking of the essential commodities were carried out very easily. Earlier, we had to send the data and re-verified in Srinagar or Jammu, after which the stocking is done. In Leh district, we

have 1,21,198 souls for subsidized ration distribution under various categories. Around 10,000 bogus ration cards were cancelled. There are still many to be included, which will start once the online portal starts functioning.

For this winter, the stocking of all the essential commodities is done; ensuring no shortages to be faced till the national highway gets open. The news regarding the road to be opened throughout the year and the sudden closure of the road has also created much confusion and doubts. There are also many rumours that the stocking for this winter is incomplete. All the needed commodities are stock up to date by the department and the wholesalers and merchant association. Regarding the unavailability of onion in the market, it was decided in a meeting with Lieutenant Governor that it will be airlifted.

The actual status of the stock to meet the winter month is ascertained after Losar 'New Year' celebration because the demand for the commodities increases during the festive season.

To avoid black marketing and other malpractices, market checking team is constituted in the municipality area. The team conducts checking and the defaulters are fined and the products are seized. Similarly, in rural areas, all the Tehsil Supply Officers conduct the checking. At present, the main concern is to check the overprice and making the goods available. The expiry issue is largely witnessed in March- April when the opening of the road gets delayed. Earlier, there was an issue of milk getting expired because the tetra pack has limited months. The issue has been taken up with the Amul Company; their expert has checked the issue and the milk expiry month

have extended up to 9 months. Thus, we won't be facing the issue of milk shortages.

The cooperation of the public is very important to avoid malpractices in the market. Also, we take action soon whenever we receive complaints from the public. There is a need for making people understand and introduction of various techniques to produce our food particularly vegetables and be self-sustainable in winters. A meeting with the Lieutenant Governor was held recently in which we discussed distributing greenhouses with the technology of DIHAR & SKUAST in which we can cultivate fresh vegetables during peak winters.

Solutions:

- People should not believe in rumours, in case of any queries and complaint contact the department
- There is a need for public cooperation and understanding
- Need to introduce new technology and impart knowledge
- Make the region self-sustainable specially during the winters



Sherab Gyalson, Assistant Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs: As per 2011 status, the total district ration population is 1,21,189 souls. There are 216 sale centres in 9 circles including, Leh, Chuchot, Kharu, Nyoma, Durbuk, Diskit, Panamik, Saspol, and Khaltse.

Ladakh being cut off from the rest of the region in winters, keeping stock of all the essential commodities is very important so that we won't face any shortages. The department of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, cooperative, wholesalers and retailers all do the stocking before the closing down of the national highway. This year the news of keeping the national highway open throughout the year created confusion and doubts among the people but we are updated with our stocks and all the needed commodities.

The stock position with the Food Corporation Limited, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs and other agencies as on date 18-12-2019 (Fig in no./Qtls/KI) are as under:

Item	Department and agency	Requirement	O.B of 01-04-2019	Stock received during the year	Total Stock	Balance to be received	Balance stock as on date	Sufficient for
Gas cylinders	HPCL Domestic	90,000	18,000	88,500	1,06,500	-	51,718	April/May
	Commercial	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-	07,118	April/May
Gas liquid in bulk	IOCL	4000Mts (2,81,690 cylinders)	14,47,317 (1,01,923 Cylinders)	4160,20 Mts (2,92,971 Cylinders)	56,07,517 Mts (3,94,895)	-	2,667,130 Mts (1,87,826 cylinders)	April/May
Filled Cylinder	-do-	Filled cylinders 14.2 kg	-	-	-	-	2097 Nos	
		Filled cylinders 19.0 kg	-	-	-	-	435 Nos	
	Total	3,81,690 cylinders	1,19,923	3,91,471 cylinders	5,11,395 cylinders	-	2,49,194 cylinders	
IOCL	M.S	8675	2800	8336	11136	339	4892	203 days
	HSD	14,420	612	13,580	14182	840	3193	133 days
	K.Oil	3140	350	3278	3628	-	1120	140 days
	ATF	1400	550	1450	2000	-	1081	180 days
FCI Leh	Rice	1,73,840	35,450.00	1,73,840	2,09,290	-	1,11,360	8 months
	Wheat	81,090	5200.00	81,090	1,31,290	-	81,630	8 months
FCS & CA	Rice	74,076.55	18,358.16	70,264.73	88,622.46	-	49,233.57	6 months
	Wheat	46,163.85	01,324.40	43,428.97	44,753.37	-	22,990.06	6 months
	K.Oil	17.98	96,036	12,95,920	13,91,956	-	50,000	-

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L-G visits Zanskar valley

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

ZANSKAR: After assuming the office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, R.K Mathur, visited Zanskar on December 29.

A ceremonial Guard of Honour was presented on his first visit.

R.K Mathur met various delegations of Sarpanches, Panches, nambardars, religious and political representatives, official & social groups and various other organizations.

The delegations presented their issues related to roads, water, irrigation, communication, health, education and many more. R.K Mathur assured suitable follow-up for each issue. He handed-over the satellite phones to Padum and Cha constituencies of Zanskar.

R.K Mathur also visited the Army base camp at Padum.

S.S. Khandare, IGP Ladakh; Baseer-ul-Haq Choudhary, Deputy Commissioner Kargil; Dr. Vinod Kumar, SSP Kargil and Pankaj Raina, OSD to LG Ladakh accompanied R.K Mathur during the tour.



People of Zanskar welcoming R.K Mathur, LG Ladakh during his first visit to Zanskar Valley.

Advisor Narula reviews PHE, I&FC

Issues directions to use latest technology to ensure water supply in winters

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: To review the progress of ongoing works/schemes of PHE/I&FC Departments and for the preparation of Jal Jivan Mission plan for UT Ladakh, Umang Narula, Advisor to L-G Ladakh chaired a meeting on December 14 in Leh.

Issues regarding PHE, I&FC sector were taken up for deliberations and the Advisor directed the engineers to find innovative technological solutions to ensure supply of drinking water during the winter season in Ladakh.

Narula directed the officers of PHE/I&FC Departments to start with a small pilot project to supply drinking water at subzero temperature during winter by using available technology, on experimental basis, so that its functioning is subsequently evaluated for further improvements and corrective measures. He also stressed upon the engineers to make schemes that ensure year-round water supply.

While reviewing the groundwater levels in Ladakh, Narula directed the department to make use of the record of all groundwater data of Ladakh available with the Central Ground Water Board. The Chief Engineer was directed to request the Central Ground Water Board for opening a sub-office of the board in Ladakh.

While reviewing I&FC Sector, Umang Narula directed to complete all pending projects of minor irrigation on top priority. He also suggested



Umang Narula, Advisor L-G Ladakh while reviewing PHE and I&FC sector.

the adoption of new technologies in the construction of minor irrigation canals.

Narula directed Nazir Ahmad Bhat, Chief Engineer, PHE/I&FC to furnish the detailed requirement of technical and other manpower based on substantive data and with full justification.

He also directed immediate preparation of the Jal Jivan Mission plan, for Ladakh by keeping in mind about the influx of tourists and other relevant parameters to ensure hassle-free safe drinking water to all households.

District Superintending Engineer, PWD, Leh and District Superintending Engineer, PWD, Kargil were also present.

SoulSpeak

P.P. Wangchuk

New Year: Promises to keep



Once again it is time to wish everybody a very happy New Year. And, with this, one has also to realise that anything new, an idea or a tangible object, has to be dealt with great care, seriousness and responsibility. Only then one can make the best use of the opportunities that come with new developments.

And, therefore, the New Year too is no exception.

One gets a lot of responsibilities to take care of and find solutions in a manner that one does the best possible under any circumstance, at any given time. The challenges that come with the New Year for any individual also come with 'hidden' solutions. To uncover those 'hidden' solutions, one has to be innovative, optimistic and determined while pursuing one's goal. You need to realise the importance of dealing with obstacles rather than being bogged down with your daily chores.

Take it for sure that one sees an obstacle quite difficult until one starts 'attacking' it with the best of one's ability and intention. Once the process of dealing with difficult situation starts, one gets a feeling that makes one feel like a great fighter who never stands to lose.

Apart from new challenges, one has also to cope up in the New Year with several resolutions of the previous years that were left unfulfilled. Mind you, there is nothing wrong if some of your resolutions were not fulfilled in any given year despite your best efforts. The only point to bear in mind here is that you should not give up, and should promise to yourself that all the resolutions, old and new, would be taken up for appropriate action with great seriousness.

I have a confession to make here: I have never been able to fulfil more than 60% of my resolutions in the last 10 years. That could have happened because of half-hearted attempts on my part. But the fact that 60% of the resolutions could be fulfilled any given year can be joyfully called quite good!

Courtesy: WongWorld

The author is a New Delhi-based Editor-at-large, columnist and professional speaker

In Conversation with Leakzes Angmo, Cyclist

Interviewed by Tsering Dolker

Q. Tell us about yourself. What inspires you to be a cyclist?

During my childhood, I loved to play cricket, but it was always considered that cricket is meant for boys only. People used to make fun of me whenever I play cricket along with the boys and that's how I gave up playing cricket. Like many children, I used to ride a bicycle. My uncle used to tell me about the benefit of cycling and with time I chose to be a cyclist.

I got selected in the Academy of Cycling Federation of India. My coach Anil Kumar has always supported and motivated me. During the competition, whatever position I get, he motivates me further to practice more and set up my next goal bigger. With his motivation and my hard work and determination, I am the first Gold Medalist girl from Ladakh in cycling.

Q. Could you brief about your achievements and journey till now as a cyclist?

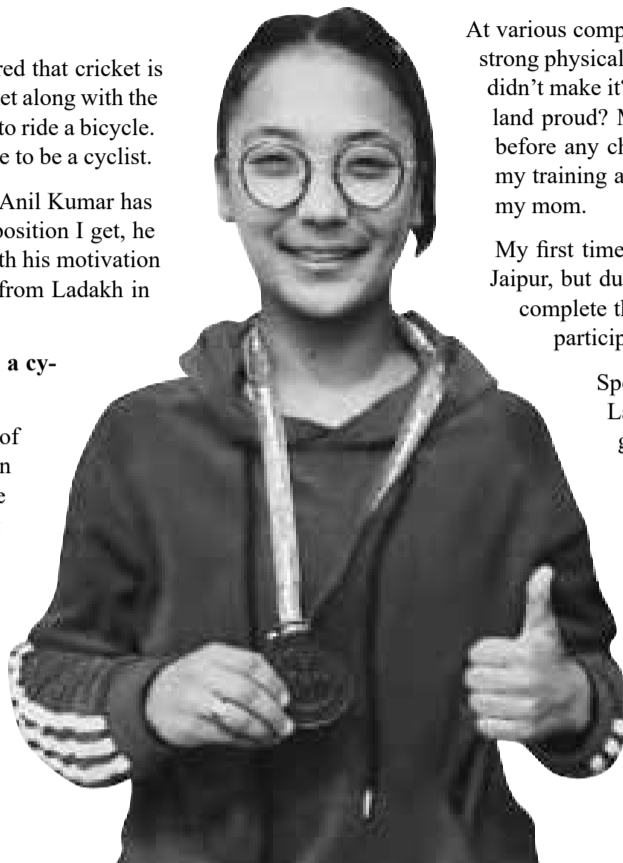
I started my journey as a cyclist in 2016 when the Cycling Federation of India organised a cycle racing in Leh. I took part and stood 3rd position in 10 km race. After a few months, I received a selection letter from the Academy of Cycling Federation of India. I joined there and my training started as a road cyclist in the beginning. In January 2018, National Track Cycling Championship 2018 was organized by Cycling Federation of India at IGI Sports Complex New Delhi. I represented Jammu Kashmir in Time Trial achieving 0:42:006 sec in 500 meters on Cycling Velodrome and won the Gold medal for the first time.

I also won a bronze medal in the 24th National Road Cycling Championship in November 2019 held at Bikaner, Rajasthan. Apart from that, School Games Federation of India organised 64th National School Games Track Cycling Championship 2018-19 at Pune, Maharashtra in which I won Gold Medal each in Time Trial and Team Sprint. Likewise, I won 2 Gold Medal in 65th National School Games Track Cycling Championship 2019-20 at Pune.

Q. Share us about your routine training hours and what is your next plan?

We do road training of 80 km daily at morning 5 am when there is no pollution or fog; otherwise we train in a track from 6 am till 9 am daily and likewise in the evening too. At present, I am preparing for the International Level championship for the next year.

Q. While participating at the national level, what kind of challenges you have faced?



At various competitions, many times I got nervous seeing other competitors who look fit and strong physically. Before every competition, I feel scared of losing the competition, what if I didn't make it? What my parents will think about me? And will I be able to make my homeland proud? My coach has always supported and motivated me whenever I feel nervous before any championship and during the training. He advises me to concentrate only on my training and to break my own record. My family has always supported me, especially my mom.

My first time in the outdoor track was very challenging. I have participated under 16 at Jaipur, but due to the wind and uneven road surfaces, I fell several times but managed to complete the race securing 5th position. Scratches and wounds never deterred me from participating in the next competition, rather it made me stronger.

Speaking about financial challenges, I had to buy a bicycle worth more than ₹2 Lakh for the championship. My competitors representing other states always get financial support from their states they have funds to buy racing kits. I received nothing from our state authority; I have struggled for the license and bought all the necessities and cycle with my own expenses.

Q. Share your experience while participating at National Track Cycling Championship 2018.

It was an unbelievable experience when I won Gold for our state at the national level. I was not much trained during that time. In November, I got the track cycle and after less than 2 months, I practice with the new feature cycle and on January 2 the championship started and my hard work pays off.

Q. Tell us about the current sport's status in Ladakh? How to improve?

Nowadays we have good sportsperson including both men and women representing at national and international level in different sports. Sports like football, volleyball, ice-hockey and many more have increased a good number of participants. Now the authorities should stress on the further development of facilities in sports and prepare funds to those who are playing outside Ladakh representing our region.

My request to all the parents out there, Please don't stress out your child on academics only rather know their capabilities in sports and support them.

MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“Dear girls, don't give up playing sports you love. If you fall, try it one more time, you are not fragile.”

IN FOCUS

Statement and Appeal on Ladakh's Union Territory Status

By Vikalp Sangam Core Group

We congratulate the people of Ladakh for getting a Union Territory status, although we do not endorse the means used by the Government of India to give it this status, especially because of its implications for the people of Kashmir. The people of Ladakh, especially in the Leh district, had been demanding UT status for over seven decades largely because their aspirations were long ignored by the Jammu and Kashmir Government. They were subjugated, short-changed, and were consigned to perpetual servitude by Kashmir-centric politicians and the Dogra rulers for over 180 years. Therefore, this new status has the potential for political and economic emancipation of the people of Ladakh. However, UT status without legislature, or adequate constitutional safeguards to protect the unique cultural identity and fragile ecosystem of Ladakh, may jeopardize the prospects of ecologically sustainable economic processes for genuine well-being of the people of the region.

Ladakh, the crown of India, is a land with a unique social and cultural mosaic evolved over centuries. The people in the region have a distinct ethnic identity, language, value system, traditions, and an extraordinary way of life suffused with profound spiritual or religious principles in tune with the natural surrounds. Leh district with its Buddhist heritage and Kargil with its Islamic heritage are part of Ladakh's rich diversity.

Ladakh also has breathtaking natural beauty, and is a geological marvel; but it is also ecologically very fragile. Being at the boundary between the Palearctic and Oriental biogeographical realms, it has unique flora and fauna. Over 90% of the Trans-Himalayan biogeographical zone within India is located in Ladakh, and harbours a high diversity of rare Pleistocene mammals like the wild yak and the



snow leopard. We might lose many of these species, and other crucial elements of biodiversity, if the landscape is not protected from the clutches of the kind of modern unsustainable development that has impacted the rest of India. Fortunately, Ladakhi people have been at the forefront for centuries when it comes to frugality and conscious use of resources, and they have been the torchbearers of sustainable living. But further unregulated growth of tourism (already causing many problems) and influx of businesses which are not mindful of the fragile nature of the high altitude ecosystem could destroy the fine balance Ladakhis have achieved.

Therefore, we strongly support the demand that has emerged from a majority of the Ladakhis, that the Government of India include Ladakh in the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution (with the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council also having control over land, natural resources includ-

ing minerals, tourism, and development policy), so that the land, culture, environment and the economic interests of the people can be safeguarded for current and future generations. Corporate giants have already begun exploring the area for business opportunities (including in tourism) and prospecting for minerals and other natural resources. If they are given an open access, Ladakh will be damaged beyond repair, and India will lose a unique land and culture.

Additionally, we strongly recommend that the villages of Ladakh be empowered under the Fifth Schedule of the Constitution, including the application of the Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act to empower gram sabhas and not only panchayats. This is essential for local self-governance, and for the people of Ladakh to be involved in a direct and day-to-day basis in determining their present and future. Both the 5th and 6th Schedules should be

easily applicable to Ladakh given that more than 90 percent of the population are of Scheduled Tribe status. Additionally, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 should be expediently applied, especially to enable pastoral and other ecosystem-dependent communities to secure collective rights over landscapes essential for their livelihoods.

Furthermore, without such safeguards and a clear mandate for the people of Ladakh to determine their own future, the government might run the risk of alienating them. The decades-old trust of the people in the Union of India and their hopes will be shattered. This would be unfortunate, as the Ladakhis have always been manning our borders like a bulwark, living under some of the most difficult conditions with limited infrastructure and bare minimum resources. They have always been loyal to the Union of India since independence, and put their lives in danger during all the wars in the region; they have even tolerated the massive impact of the armed forces presence across Ladakh. Thus, the interests and aspirations of the people of the region, and the environment they depend on, need to be honoured and fulfilled. Finally, and in a long-term perspective, it is crucial that India step up its efforts for dialogue with China and Pakistan, to resolve differences in a way that the people in the border areas can thrive, be freed from constant tension and conflict, and be able to govern for the benefit of their future generations and for nature.

We once again congratulate the people of Ladakh, and wish them luck with evolving a path of sustainable well-being in sync with the region's nature and culture, and building on the best of the past, in its new legal status.

The Vikalp Sangam Core Group (VSCG) is the coordinating mechanism for the Vikalp Sangam process (www.vikalpsangam.org), which aims to network movements, organisations and individuals working on alternatives to unsustainable, inequitable development.

2-day Losar Cultural and Literary Festival concludes in Kargil



Celebrating Losar Cultural and Literary Festival at Language Center New Academy Complex Kargil

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Losar-Traditional New Year Cultural and Literary Festival was celebrated for two days and concluded on December 22 at Language Center New Academy

Complex, Kargil.

The festival was organised by Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Kargil. Senior officers from District Administration, senior scholar, writers,

poets and students participated. 11 poets presented their poetic renderings.

Muhammad Ali Tak, Special Officer for Cultural Activities, Kargil expressed gratitude to everyone for making the two-day event successful.

Two research-oriented papers titled 'Losar- A Cultural Perspective' by Skarma Junglay and 'The Tradition of Losar-Nasalo in Shina Dardi Race' by Mukhtar Ahmad Zahid was presented. Zakir Hussain, writer also presented an Urdu short story.

Balti, Ladakhi, Shina Dardi, Purgi and folk music was also performed.

LG Ladakh focuses revival and expansion of Pashmina yield



RK Mathur witnessing the live demonstration of combing Pashmina hair from a goat at Pashmina Goat Farm, Upshi.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

UPSHI: Lieutenant Governor, R K Mathur took stock of the progress and work at the Pashmina Goat Farm, Upshi on December 15.

Team of doctors headed by District Sheep Husbandry Officer Leh, Dr. Tundup Namgyal apprised LG about the current scenario of the farm, number of goats, their rearing, breeding and appropri-

ate time and process of combing of Pashmina hair from the goats.

RK Mathur toured the farm and witnessed the live demonstration of combing Pashmina hair from a goat.

With the potential to work for a better and promising future of the breeders, R K Mathur stressed upon the department to concentrate on revival and expansion of Pashmina yield.

Detail discussion on ways to increase breeders; improvement in quantity and quality of goats; the importance of mixing coloured haired Pashmina goats in addition to the traditional white colour; skill development to increase manpower also facilitating job opportunities; value addition and other important aspects were carried out.

The department was directed to submit Detailed Project Report in a month regarding rearing and breeding of goats, value addition of Pashmina and fodder cultivation for the animals.

Meanwhile, Sarpanch Gya Halqa, Tsering Dawa gave a representation to LG Ladakh regarding grievances of the villagers.

Jail Review Committee chairman visits District Jail, Leh



Ranbir Singh Jasrotia, Chairman, Jail Review Committee distributing warm clothes to the jail inmates.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Warm clothes to the jail inmates/detainees was distributed by Ranbir Singh Jasrotia, Principal District & Session Judge/Chairman Jail Review Committee also Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) on December 23 at District Jail Leh.

Superintendent District Jail Leh, MM Khan and Assistant Public Prosecutor Leh, Tsering Phuntsog was also present.

Ranbir Singh Jasrotia interacted with the jail inmates and inquired about the arrangements and facilities like diet, health, hygiene, sanitation, and medical facilities.

He also lauded the efforts of concerned staff and department for providing timely facility and requirements for the inmates.

The jail inmates expressed their gratitude to the Chairman Review Committee Leh for donating warm clothing in this freezing winter month.

Lok Adalat settles 112 cases in Leh



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A total of 112 out of 132 cases of different natures including Civil, Criminal, Recovery, Matrimonial, Maintenance, Labour cases and others were settled during the National Lok Adalat day on December 14 at District Court Complex Leh.

Award of ₹ 11 lakh, recovery of ₹38,000 and fine of ₹71,400 were also recovered.

The Lok Adalat was organised under the supervision of Principal District & Session Judge Leh, Ranbir Singh Jasrotia also the Chairman, District Legal Service Authority Leh.

Two benches were constituted wherein one bench comprised of R.S. Jasrotia, Principal District & Session Judge, Leh, and M.S. Lassu, Advocate, President Bar Association, Leh. The second bench comprised of B.A. Munshi, Sub Judge/CJM, Leh and Spalzes Angmo, Secretary, DLSA, Leh.

Winter stock

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Likewise, the stock position of other commodities such as butter, condensed milk, mustard/refined oil, spices, salt, tomato puree, chemical fertilizer, pulses, etc is also done.

The department ensures that there will be no shortages and also appeals people for their cooperation in avoiding black marketing, selling of overpriced, expired products. A team of market checking squad is inspecting regularly in different market areas. In November, around 60 shops were inspected out of which 29 were found violating the rules. An

amount of 35,300 fines were collected.

There is a need to stress on the production of local produce so that we won't be depended on outside states completely. If we use different agriculture techniques we can produce a sufficient amount of vegetables to meet our own needs.

Solutions:

- Public Cooperation is a must
- Awareness and introduction of new technology are needed to produce locally and meet our demand during the peak winter season.

Meeting held to develop Kargil town

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: A meeting on the future course of action for the development and various projects of Urban Local Bodies sector in Kargil district was convened by Feroz Ahmad Khan, CEC, Hill Council Kargil on December 17 at Council Secretariat.

A number of issues regarding the strengthening of the Urban Local

Bodies and development of Kargil town were discussed.

Moses Kunzang, Director, Urban Local Bodies and Industries and Commerce Ladakh, informed Feroz Ahmad Khan about solid waste management, establishment of parking spaces, beautification of Kargil town and other development projects.

Earlier, Moses Kunzang also

held an introductory meeting with the councillors of different wards of Municipal Committee Kargil to assess the developmental requirements of their respective wards.

Various issues regarding the development of Kargil town also came up for discussion and the councillors put forth their suggestions and inputs.

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