Human-wildlife conflict on the rise in Ladakh
More cases reported this year than last year, says Chief wildlife warden

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L-R: Conflict between humans and wildlife has been on the rise in the past few months. The wildlife department received around nine cases of conflict involving snow leopards. A snow leopard and its cub are reportedly at the rescue centre of the department in Skara.

According to the wildlife officials, the snow leopard and two of its cub were found trapped in a corral in Likir village in the last week of March. The snow leopard and the cubs were rescued by the wildlife officials and released into the wild. However, one of the cubs was reportedly found trapped ten days later. The cub was again released after three days’ efforts and unified with the mother.

When the same incident happened for the third time, the wildlife department decided to check the health of the snow leopard. Consequently, the wildlife department tracked and caught the snow leopard and one of its cubs. However, they were unable to track down the other cub.

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L-R: Ladakh Territorial Congress Committee, President, Nawang Rigin Jora in a brief address on June 26 said that the government needs to speak in one voice regarding the LAC issue.

“Congress party is firmly committed to stand for the Nation safety, security and integrity”, he added.

Emphasis was made on the need to make the nomads of the border areas move freely with their livestock to ancestral pasture or grazing lands. Nomads of the border areas who are dependent on livestock rearing are finding it hard to access their pasture lands. The authorities barred their accessibility and many have lost their lands. Also, he stressed the importance of infrastructural development in the border areas.

Earlier, Members of the District Congress Committee, Leh and Ladakh Territorial Congress Committee paid rich tribute to the twenty Indian army soldiers, who were martyred during the violent face-off with the Chinese troops in Galwan valley.

In Conversation with
Tsewang Nurbu

Brief News
Tribute paid to soldiers martyred in Galwan valley

L-R: Wrath-laying ceremony of soldiers who lost their lives in Galwan valley face-off was performed on June 17 in Leh. The violent face-off between the Indian and Chinese troops at the LAC in Galwan’s valley was reported on June 15 and 16 night.

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### After his viral audio clip, former Congress Councillor Zakir Hussain charged with ‘sedition’

**Stanzin Dasel**

Lia: Two people including Councilor, Zakir Hussain was booked under Section 124A, 153A, 153B, 505, and 188 of IPC for spreading false information and incriminating contents. The case was registered under FIR no. 34/2020 at Police station, Kargil on June 19.

The alleged councillor was caught having a telephonic conversation with a friend in which he is heard making a controversial statement related to India-China face-off, which went viral on social media.

Condemning the views expressed, the councillor was suspended from Hill Council, Kargil during an Executive Council meeting convened by CEC, Fuser Ahmed Kargil on June 20. Hill Council Kargil said that it was extremely unfortunate that many are generalizing the views expressed by the said councillor, maligning the image of the entire Kargil. It was an act of one individual who is being dealt with as per the law of the land.

They further reiterated the unoiling loyalty of the people of Kargil towards the nation and also emphasized the fact that the people of Kargil need no certificate from any section of media to prove their patriotism.

Zakir Hussain, Councillor of Shigar constituency was a member of a Congress party. Ladakh Territorial Congress Committee, President, Nawang Kigzin Jora suspended the councillor from the post of the spokesperson of Ladakh Territorial Congress Committee and also expelled him from the party.

Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, MP Ladakh expressed strong resentment and alleged congress party for planning a conspiracy to divide the nation. He said that the telephonic conversation of Councillor with a man is questionable and proper investigation should be carried out regarding the matter.

Meanwhile, District Congress Committee also condemned the viral audio clip. Tsering Namgyal, President, DC, Leh said that the words used in the conversation is highly objectionable and also hurts the sentiments of people from Ladakh who are patriotic and dedicated to the nation.

However, an apology letter in the name of Zakir Hussain also came in the public domain, which reads as “An audio clip which is a conversation between me and a friend (who I don’t consider a friend anymore) is being circulated on various groups. As it is very obvious from the tone of the conversation that whatever is being exchanged between the two of us is being said in a very casual and a non-serious manner.”

It further reads as “I didn’t realize it earlier but after having listened to the clip a hundred times I am convinced that it was bait to make me say all those things so that he could use it against me. As a Ladakhi and as an Indian, I have always been proud of my country and our people and I can assure that I will never do such a thing that would bring harm to the motherland”.

Anique Leg over the leaked audio clip, Bhartiya Janata Party Leh protested and burned the effigy of Zakir Hussain outside the party office in Leh.

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### MP meets Army Chief Gen MM Naravane

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Lia: In the wake of the current situation at the LAC border, Member of Parliament, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal met Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj Mukund Naravane in Leh on June 23.

GOC in chief, Northern Commander, Lt Gen Y K Joshi and 14 Corps Commander in Leh.

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### By Richa Maheshwari & Athulya Pillai

Back when I was a child, we had a tape recorder at home. I would rewind songs over and over again to write down the lyrics and try to sing along. In our village, we did not have any platform for singers, so on Republic Day and Independence Day, when all the villagers would gather together to celebrate, I would make sure that I had an opportunity to sing. I had that desire within me.

We speak Balti at home, so I only learned Ladakhi when I joined Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Leh after the 4th standard. Children from different castes and faiths from all over Ladakh were studying in this school. We got to know each other and the atmosphere was such that the barriers that are often created by these differences dissipated. I used to sing a lot in school.

After I joined Delhi University, my seniors encouraged me to participate in everything. At the end of the first year, I started to post covers of old Balti, Ladakhi, and Hindi songs on YouTube.

Around that time, our Rinpochhe said that he will produce my first music album. Making a whole album was such a big opportunity for me. The music video, which was made with the help of friends and an incredibly small budget, went viral.

People living around the world wrote to say how wonderful it was to experience Balti songs in a beautiful way despite being far from home. I even got messages from across the border. They said that although we have been separated for years, listening to my music made them feel like the distance between us had reduced. That made me feel nice because music is universal. It goes beyond any boundaries.

When I started out, there was no internet in Ladakh. But when I went back home, a small boy came up to me in the market and asked me if I was the boy who fell off his bicycle after seeing a girl. He had seen my music video! I realized that Ladakhis students went back home and shared my work with family and friends. It made me realize that if you work hard, is persistent, and does something with the right intention; it will find its way to people.

I had never imagined that a Ladakhi artist would find so many acceptance. To get so much love from other places, to have people wanting to take selfies with me, these are big things for me. When I started out, many people told me to not sing Ladakhi songs because they thought that the audience would be limited. But when I sing Ladakhi songs in Tibetan communities, Nepali communities, they sing along with me. Like when we sing Despacito. Music has no language.

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### Stories from Ladakh

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Use of plastic banned in government offices, other institutions

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

Lea: Commissioner Secretary, Finance/GAD department, La
dakh, Rigid Sampelh issued an order regarding a ban on the use of plastic water bottles and other plastic made objects in Govern
mment offices and other institu
tions on June 23.

The order reads as all Govern
ment offices/Boards/Corpora
tions/Autonomous bodies/units
Educational Institutions/Univer
sities in the Union Territory of La
dakh shall dispense with the use of plastic water bottles in their respective offices and make alternate arrangements for safe
drinking water that does not gen
erate plastic waste.

Initiatives and steps are taken to ensure a total ban on the use of plastic water bottles, plastic folders, and similar plastic made objects by the end of July 2020 in all government offices. Alternative eco-friendly measures are imple
mented and substitutes made of biodegradable materials be used for all purposes.

Only multi-use water bottles/ dispensors/containers will be allowed in Government offices and water bottles of alternative materials like Glass, Steel, Alu
minum, etc shall be used.

Educational institutions shall also make efforts in propagating the message of zero litterings of pla
stic bottles, effective plastic waste management and behavioral change towards dispensing with the use of plastic made products in the student community.

The DDOs/Treasurer officers shall not entertain/ process bills that reflect expenditures on the use of aforesaid plastic made ar
ticles in government offices. Di
rections in this regard shall also circulate by the head of the de
partments to all line department/ subordinates office for strict compliance.

The target and the timeline for the phased ban shall be 100% of plastic bottles by 15th July 2020 and 100% of plastic files, fold
ers, etc by 31st July 2020.

The aforesaid instructions associa
ted with dispensing the use of plastic/non-biodegradable prod
ucts aim towards realization of the long-term goal of “Carbon Neutral Ladakh”.

Therefore all the concerned Dep
uty Commissioners/Directors and Head of the Department/ Organisations/Boards/Unit and Educational Institutions in Union Territory of Ladakh are requested to take stringent measures ensuring conformity of the above order in letter and spirit.

The implementation of the aforesaid instructions shall be reviewed by the Administration Secretary, General Administra
tion Department/Forest, Ecology and Environment Department on 15th July 2020, for assessment of the steps taken and feedback on the constraints in the imple
mentation of the same.

EC, Education, conducts meeting on development of Bhoti textbook

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

Lea: A meeting with Bho
ti teachers of Govt. private
schools of Leh district.

Kochong Stanzin stated that the purpose of the meeting is to amend/alter the Bhoti textbook published by Phethup Khambam Educational Society Leh (2014) and to suggest some modifications in the present textbook.

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Teachers gave their inputs and other experiences in the textbook of Phetup Khambam and J&K Board. They suggested colorful printing, contents made according to the class, simple wording with grammar, add
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subject interesting and attractive for students.

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Kargil celebrates 6th International Yoga Day

Kargil: The 6th International Yoga Day was celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm across Kargil district on June 21. Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the celebrations were conducted in line with the guidelines of non-conventional energy sectors.

L-G discusses economic development agendas with CII

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

L-G: A review meeting on June 23 to develop tourism and industry to handle such outside initiatives to enable the tourism sector due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, as the tourism contributes almost 30% to the GDP of the region. To encourage registration of the new entrepreneurs, the Tourism and Hospitality sector will be given certain benefits. The fact of building the infrastructure to handle such outside initiatives can be a significant step for the region.

Narula reviews work under languishing projects

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

L-G: A review meeting on June 23 was convened by Advisor, Umang Narula on the progress and status of languishing projects. The meeting was directed to identify the causes of delays and to expedite the execution of the works. The works which are stalled will be given special attention in order to complete them as early as possible. The meeting was also directed to identify the requirements of tentage/manpower of the affected areas. The department demanded heli-pads and 4-wheeler vehicle for an ambulance.

Divisional Commissioner assesses disaster preparedness in Ladakh

Divisional Commissioner, Saqib Rameez along with officials reviewed the disaster preparedness in Ladakh. The Divisional Commissioner assessed the preparedness of different departments of both the districts in handling the natural calamities, a review meeting was convened by Sanzgiri, Divisional Commissioner/Secretary, Disaster Management, Ladakh on June 26.

Kargil: A video yoga contest was also held among the school children of the district wherein 9 entries from the primary to the senior classes were presented to the top 4 winners.

Kargil said that International Yoga Day is an ideal occasion to reiterate our commitment towards the safeguard and promotion of the intrinsic values of the Indian civilization. He said that Yoga is the best all-round physical exercise to bring positive changes in the physical and mental development of individuals and need of the hour is to promote yoga among both the younger generation and families. A video yoga contest was also held among the school children of the district wherein 9 entries from the primary to the senior class were presented to the top 4 winners.

Divisonal Commissioner, Kargil, Ahmed Khan performing yoga at his residence on 6th International Yoga day.
Q. You aspire to become an agro-entrepreneur. Brief us about yourself and how farming interests you?

Farming has always been a part of my life since I was a child. I grew up playing in the fields and had an opportunity to discover what agriculture is. I pursued BSc in agricultural sciences from Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology, Jammu. As agriculture student, when we talk about a sustainable job I can picture only 'agriculture', as I believe people and animals will never stop consuming food. And I always wanted to devote my life to something which is sustainable and the agriculture sector is the one which is both economically and environmentally sustainable. Thus, I choose to become a 'farmer/ agro-entrepreneur'.

Q. Tell us about your initiative of growing Quinoa plant. How important and advantageous is the plant for the region?

It was in 2015 when my cousin asked me about the plant Quinoa. I was embarrassed to admit that I am not aware of it despite being an agriculture student. Out of curiosity, I started to explore and learn about it. I researched the plant during the initial days and decided to carry out a field trial in Ladakh, to check whether it's feasible or not? I realized that this magical crop has immense unexplored potential and is well suited for Ladakh's topography and climate. And this is how the plant Quinoa or Chenopodium quinoa became one of the finest and most satisfying experiences of my life.

Quinoa is rich in proteins, fibres, vitamins and minerals, and low on carbohydrates. It is ideal to add more nutrients to our diet along with traditional crops such as wheat, barley, and buckwheat, which have high carbohydrate content. The leafy portions of the plant are rich in iron, which helps prevent anaemia and is an important aspect to treat diseases like scaly. A soup made from the seeds is known to help prevent tuberculosis. We can use quinoa as a substitute for high carbohydrate crops such as wheat and rice. Quinoa has been globally recognized in the fitness and health sectors for its nutritional properties especially its high protein, fibre, and ash content with comparatively less carbohydrates. This makes it ideal for weight-loss and muscle gain.

In Ladakh, we can use quinoa as a substitute for rice and oatmeal. Quinoa also blends well with healthy bread. Similarly, it can also be added to the soup to increase its nutritional value. The green leaves of the plant can be served as a nutritional salad. Quinoa seeds can also be mixed in local Ladakhi Kulchas (cookies) to make it even more delicious and nutritious. In summers, it can also be added to smoothies to create new tastes and flavours. In addition, farmers can use the other by-products from the plant as fodder for their livestock.

Q. What do you believe is the biggest challenge that farmers of Ladakh are facing today?

The old traditional method of farming was sustainable as there was no use of chemicals such as fertilizer and pesticide which includes herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, molluscicides, and rodenticides. With time, we are witnessing a change in the agriculture method and it's disheartening to see the presence of such toxic chemicals in our soil. I believe that 'Soil is a living system, with billions of soil organisms weaving an intricate soil food web to create, maintain, and renew soil fertility'. People of this generation see soil as a dead matter, an empty container for pouring synthetic fertilizer. As said by Sir Albert Howard, the 'father' of modern sustainable farming, 'an infertile soil, that is, one lacking sufficient microbial, fungus, and other life will pass on some form of deficiency to the plant, and such plant, in turn, will pass on some form of deficiency to animals and man'.

Pesticide is non-specific, as only 1% is sprayed on target, rest remains into our ecosystem. Bacteria and earthworms do not survive after the application of chemical fertilizer. Fertilizer blocks the soil capillaries, which supply nutrients and water to plants, which ultimately leads to a reduction in productivity in terms of both yield and nutrition. Lack of awareness is the biggest challenge.

Q. What are the scopes in the agriculture sector and how is it to engage young educated youths in this sector?

There is a misconception that people choose farming only because they are illiterate and many youths see the agriculture sector outdated, unprofitable, and require a lot of hard work. We don’t have to limit our-self to only ‘farming’ when we discuss agriculture sector, there is much more than this, like marketing, transportation, agricultural clinics, agriculture consultancy, supply of different seeds and other inputs, processing, and packaging units, and many more. The image of agriculture sector needs to be improved to engage educated youth in this sector. Primary and high school education could include modules on farming, from growing to marketing crops. This could help young people to see agriculture as a potential career. Also, innovative financing for agriculture and small businesses is needed. For example, the provision of soft loans to youth who come up with innovative proposals in agriculture or micro-franchising.

Q. What plans and initiative are needed for sustainable development in Ladakh?

For sustainable development, the adoption of a traditional agriculture system or the organic method is a must. Diversify farming systems, which makes greater use of the biological and genetic potential of plant and animal species. The system will also help in recycling nutrients, by using plants that fix their own nitrogen and helps in achieving a balance between pests and predators, which will reduce reliance on the pesticide. Development of agroforestry is also necessary, which not only helps to maintain soil fertility but to earn more.

Fortnight Highlights

Lieutenant Governor, R. K. Mathur handing over five two-wheeler Scooters along with helmets to be used for Dak purposes in the LG Office, Ladakh Secretariat and DC Office.

Review Operation/ Disaster Management Training Programme organized to the traffic police personnel at Traffic Police Office, Leh for effective mitigation and timely administering of First Aid during disaster like situations and emergencies.

Army Chief General MM Naravane interacting with the injured soldiers at Military Hospital, Leh.

Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Leh Gyal P Wangyal along with Deputy Chairman Tsering Sangdup visited Kharyok, Manikhang and Skynoks area of Lower Leh to take stock of the on-going works.

Ladakh Buddhist Association organizes candle light march to pay tribute to the 20 soldiers, who were martyred during the violent faceoff with the Chinese troops in Galwan valley.
CEC Wangyal visits Sakti constituency

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

Sarpanch Gyal P Wangyal, JE, Hill Council visited Sakti constituency and reviewed the on-going developmental projects on June 23.

He visited Taktak, Hamil, Shar- nos, Kangkar, Tagar, Tukch, Nala, Pue, Chemdunya Monastery, Yokmos, and Khariu villages of Sakti constituency.

Gyal P Wangyal said that the main objective of his visit is to know public grievances, review the ongoing developmental activities, and to spread the message of COVID-19 precautionary measures to contain the deadly novel Coronavirus in the Chem-Saik belt.

Sarpanch and village representatives submitted a copy of memorandum which includes strengthening of the mobile network to give good access of students for online studies amidst COVID-19 pandemic, connect Youlsa link, two PHC health centre, widening of parking place, construction of footpath to a various location, electric pole, regular supply of drinking water, repair Nala tank, installation of hand-pump, shed for tea stall, widening of parking place in Shargole, Chiktan blocks, and to identify the area.

At Tagar, Sarpanch and Nam- bardar demanded the installation of a mobile tower to improve connectivity where students don’t have access to the internet.

At Hemil, Sarpanch Sakti and village Nambardar requested the construction of link road from Zarko to Dyang Labrang, Phar- kya yokma to Hamil, motorable bridge at Tira, culvert at various location, construction of a new road towards Taspum, construction of new separate water tank, installation of hand-pump at Panchayat Ghar & Community hall and replacement of a wooden electric pole.

Gyal P Wangyal assured to fulfill all their important demands at the earliest in a phased manner.

EC Chandan discusses installation of jio towers in Shargole, Chiktan blocks

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Kargil: Muhammad Ali Chandan, EC, Hill Council, Kargil discussed the pace of installation of mobile tower work in Chik- tun and Shargole constituencies during a meeting with the team of Jio telecom company on June 25.

Former Executive Councilor and Councilor, Nurgis Mehroz Ali were also present in the meeting Team of Jio Telecom Company and Executive Councillor decided to visit Shargole constituency to check the site for the installation of sanctioned towers in the area.

Muhammad Ali Chandan said that he along with the Jio team will also work on identifying the sites for sanction and installation of towers in the leftover villages in Shargole block.

Jio team informed that a tower for Hagnis village is about to be sanctioned during the next phase and for a tower at Kukashow, the team is conducting its visit with in 2 to 3 days to undertake the site selection.

Both the EC and Councilor sug- gested that the Jio team could help in identification of the towers which can be site- selected for the Jio team.

They also discussed about the new allocation of towers in Shargole constituency, which includes the leftover villages that were also included in the future plan.

CEC, Kargil, discusses COVID-19 relaxations, restrictions to be imposed after June 30

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

Kargil: Feroz Ahmed Khan, CEC, Kargil reviewed the status of ongoing lockdown measures and to take further decisions on the continuation of restrictions and relaxations after June 30 in Kargil.

EC, Health, Muhammad Ali Chandan; District Magistrate, Baseer ul Haq Choudhary heads of religious organizations, concerned officers of the Admin- istration, doctors, and representa- tives of Merchants’ Association were present in the meeting on June 29.

Chief Medical Officer, Kargil informed about the details of ac- tive positive cases, total patients cured and those in administrative and home isolation and quarantine- besides the number of in- bound passengers screened at the screening centers so far. He said that 22,505 inpatients have been discharged so far, 432 patients have been cured and discharged.

There has been no case of mortality in the district so far with 99% cases reported asymptomatic and the recovery rate has gone up to 65%.

Meanwhile, the representatives of religious organizations and members of Merchants’ association put forth their suggestions and recommendations in terms of relaxations and restric- tions post-June 30. They urged the authorities to consider relaxations to promote economic activities in the district considering the short working season and other seasonal limitations.

Feroz Ahmed Khan said that the decision concerning lockdown and modification of lockdown restrictions and relaxations post-June 30, 2020 will be taken in the best interest of the people. He said that the objective of the lockdown measures would be focused on maintaining a prop- er balance between economic activities and people’s safety amid the COVID-19 pandemic situation.

Talking about the educational institution, he said that there is no plan to open schools and col- leges in the district. Online as well as offline video classes are running to cater to the educational needs of the stu- dents. However, he said that the manner of the mass promotion of classes 1st to 9th will be joint- ly taken up by the LAHDCs of Leh and Kargil with the UT Admin- istration.

He also directed the officials to identify parking places both at Leh and Kargil.

IGP reviews traffic scenario in Ladakh

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Leh: Inspector General of Po- lice, UT Ladakh, Satish Khan- dare discussed traffic scenarios in Kargil and Leh district on June 29.

SP Traffic Ladakh, Mohd Ralf Giri gave a detailed briefing on the Traffic scenario of Leh and Kargil.

Inspector-General of Police La- dakh stressed upon the officers of traffic wing to give their best efforts to streamline the traffic system in Ladakh since Ladakh is a famous tourist destination and a number of tourists visit the place every year. Sev- eral proposals and plans were also discussed for the improve- ment of the traffic system.

He further asked the traffic po- lice officers to gear up for mass awareness campaigns among the general public to instil a sense of responsible driving and traffic discipline among the commuters.

He also directed the officials to identify parking places both at Leh and Kargil.

AIG Personnel PHQ, Staniz Nurbaroo; AIG Provisions PHQ, Sonam Dechan, and other offi- cers of the Police Headquarters and District Police were present.

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