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Brief News

L-G Mathur lays foundation stone for the pre-fabricated office block at Raj Niwas

LEH: Foundation stone for the construction of pre-engineered and pre-fabricated office block was laid by Lieutenant Governor R K Mathur at Raj Niwas, Karzoo on October 29. The four-storied building is set to be the first of its kind in Ladakh using prefabricated parts. The solar passive structure will have insulated walls and will be equipped with a sewage treatment plant of its own. Such buildings are easy to assemble and if need be, they are convenient to dismantle and will remain sturdy for more than fifty years.

L-G Mathur asserted that sustainability and energy efficiency should be the core of the construction design, and this can be considered as the pilot project.

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Advocate Tashi Gyalson elected new Chairman/CEC of 6th LAHDC, Leh



New elected Councillors of 6th LAHDC, Leh.

Stanzin Dasal

LEH: Advocate Tashi Gyalson was elected uncontested as the 6th Chief Executive Councillor/Chairman LAHDC, Leh in the General Council Assembly held at Council Secretariat on 31 October.

Sachin Kumar Vaishya, DC/CEO, LAHDC, Leh convened the proceedings of the election of new CEC, Hill Council, Leh.

In the first electoral process after becoming Union Territory, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) capture 15 out of 26 seats in the 6th Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh election. Compared to 5th LAHDC, Leh result of 2015, BJP's number of seats holding has been shrunk from 18 to 15 but still manages to form the government. While Congress who got 5 seats earlier bagged 9 seats this time. Two independent candidates from Chushul constituency and

Nyoma respectively also won the seat. Later, Independent candidate of Nyoma constituency Ishey Spalzang who earlier resigned from the BJP party over mandate issue rejoined the party on October 30 prior to oath ceremony.

The oath ceremony of the new councillors of 6th LAHDC, Leh was administered by Principal & District Session Judge, R S Jasrotia at Sindhu Sanskriti Hall, Leh.

New CEC 6th LAHDC, Leh promised to work for the welfare of the people and development of the Leh district. He expressed his gratitude to the people of Singay Lalok and all the members of BJP for giving him an opportunity to hold the Chairman seat.

He further emphasised on working in unity as a team to overcome the challenge in Ladakh on priority and to usher developmental progress in all sectors.

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Land allotment in Industrial Estate Phyang by J&K SICOP violates norms, creates confusion

Morup Stanzin & Stanzin Dasal

LEH: Amidst all the hustle and bustle of the 6th LAHDC Leh elections, the advertisement by the J&K Small Scale Industry Development Corporation Ltd (SICOP) on the allotment of land at the Industrial Estate in Phyang, Leh, and 100 Kanal at Changthang in Kargil.



SICOP issued an advertisement on October 6, 2020, asking interested entrepreneurs to apply online for the allotment of 112 Kanal of land at Industrial Estates in Phyang, Leh, and 100 Kanal at Changthang in Kargil.

Online applications were invited from prospective entrepreneurs through the web portal www.udyojgk.com from October 9 to 16.

However, J&K SICOP issued the advertisement letter without any date and official number, thereby raising doubts among the people. Also, a few local who had applied for allocation of land were informed about the quota being filled even before the due date.

Tsering Anghuk and Konchok Tashi, who applied for land, shared: "We filled the online application for the allotment of land much before the last date, but we were unable to submit the form because the quota was already full. Strangely, our application was not accepted as we had submitted the form two days before the last date."

It has been learned that SICOP issued the advertisement without taking the district and UT Administration into confidence. Therefore, the entire process of advertisement for the allotment of land seems manipulative and reflects the ulterior motives of people involved in the process. The involvement of locals with the officials of SICOP in this matter cannot be denied and overlooked.

When asked, the general manager of SICOP informed that the advertisement was declared null and void by the District Magistrate, Leh. The website, which is operated from Jammu, has been shut down. The application process would be resumed once the committee constituted to look into the matter gives the green signal.

He refused to share the numbers and details of the applications received by SICOP.

However, there are also rumours of land being allotted to non-locals. Incidentally,

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Police Commemoration Day: L-G Mathur pays tribute to martyrs



L-G R K Mathur during the wreath laying ceremony at Police Line, Choglamsar.

Stanzin Dasal

CHOGLAMSAR: Remembering and honoring the brave policemen who laid down their lives, Police Commemoration Day was observed by Ladakh Police on October 21 at Police Line, Choglamsar.

Lieutenant Governor R K Mathur stated the day as a solemn occasion which is being observed all over the country. "We are feeling very proud to observe the day with proper decorum in UT Ladakh", he added.

In the year 2019-20, a total of 264 policemen laid down their lives out of which five are from the Ladakh region. R K Mathur suggested commemorating the local martyred policemen by dedicating various establishments such as schools, parks, etc. on their names. He urged IG, Ladakh Police, Satish Khandare, and Advisor Umang Narula to initiate it. He said that the memorial of martyrs in their respective villages will be a tribute and

keep the memories alive.

"On this day let's dedicate ourselves to the service of the nation and its people", he added. Mathur paid tribute to the brave policemen who lost their lives during various insurgencies such as the Naxalite and terrorist movement and in different situations while performing their duty.

IGP, S S Khandare said that the day is observed all over the country to pay tribute to the brave hearts who sacrificed their lives while defending the motherland at Hot Spring in Eastern Ladakh in 1959.

Paying solidarity with the families of martyr's policemen, a token of respect and encouragement was also presented.

Police Commemoration Day is observed on October 21 every year to pay respects to the 10 policemen who were killed by Chinese troops in an ambush at Hot Springs area, Ladakh on October 21, 1959.

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LAHDC, Leh election: Congress wins 9 out of 26 seats

The election was competitive, and despite many challenges, Congress managed to have a fair share in the Council, says Jora



Konchok Norboo

LEH: On winning 9 seats out of 26 in the 6th LAHDC, Leh election, Congress Party expressed gratitude to the people for demonstrating their support and believing in the party's principles and their firm demand for the 6th Schedule.

Addressing a press conference on October 29 at party office, Nawang Rigzin Jora, President, Territorial Congress Committee

said, "This particular election was very competitive referring to the development of UT by the BJP Govt and involving various centre ministers in the campaign. But the Congress Party managed to have their fair share in the Council".

He stated that the entire population is not content with the spineless development of UT and demands the safeguards in the form of precisely 6th Schedule.

The party's prime focus during the campaign was on enlightening people on the consequences of the dominance of the bureaucrats over LAHDC and the protection of the people of Ladakh from an outsider's exploitation, he added.

The LAHDC elections 2020 concluded with BJP's dominance with 15 seats, followed by Congress with 9 seats and 2 seats to Independent.

District Congress Committee, Leh new President, Rigzin Ursi; Former President, DCC, Leh, Tsering Samphel; Ladakh Territorial Congress Committee Women, President, Stanzin Dolkar and President, Municipal Committee, Leh, Dr. Namgyal were also present.

Eminent scholar, writer Tashi Rabgais passes away



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A condolence meeting was held at the LBA office to condole the death of eminent scholar and writer, Tashi Rabgais on October 30.

The President and Executive Members of LBA including the youth and women wing expressed their grief and deepest condolences with family members.

They said that his demise is a great loss for the people of Ladakh and the void that he left will be difficult to fill. They prayed for the departed soul and bless the family members with the courage and strength to bear the great loss.

Late Tashi Rabgais was an eminent scholar and writer who worked tirelessly to preserve and propagate the teachings of the Buddha and in preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage and language of Ladakh. He has written many books and has given numerous talks in the media and in seminars and other congregations which have immensely benefited the Ladakhi society.

Punjab National Bank opens a new branch in Leh

Konchok Norboo

SKALZANGLING: Punjab National Bank (PNB) opened its new branch at Skalzanling, Leh district on October 24, raising the total number of PNB branches in Ladakh 5, 4 in Leh, and 1 in Kargil.

Inaugurating the branch, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, MP, Ladakh appreciated the bank management for further spreading their branches and helping the locals to boost their economy.

He said, "Ladakh is the largest parliamentary constituency in the country and has tremendous potential in tourism, solar energy, medicinal plant harvesting, etc. and to help excavate more sources, we need more such branches in Nubra, Sham, and Zaskar regions."

He emphasized opening more ATM's near traffic-congested areas and especially employing the natives as much as possible to boost the local economy and to deal conveniently, adding that the branch will be of great help to people who intend to avail the facility.



Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, MP, Ladakh inaugurating, the new branch of Punjab National Bank at Skalzanling.

Mallikarjun Rao, M D & CEO said, "Considering the recent formation of Ladakh as a Union Territory, it has opened a huge scope in various economic sectors for the locals and to contribute their financial support in the development PNB has opened its 5th branch in Ladakh."

He informed that earlier the entire branches in Ladakh were controlled by the Shimla Zone but on July 1, 2020 it is directly supervised by Delhi Zonal Office. The latest step will further create transparency and manage the grievances soonest.

Talking about the Gram Sampark Abhiyan launched on October 1, he said that the bank plans to spread this program to 25,000 villages till December 31, 2020. The purpose is to reach the customers in rural areas to see their demands and provide the services accordingly.

Mallikarjuna said the bank is India's 2nd largest public sector bank with 10,930 branches has more than 1 lakh employees and 24 zonal offices.

Ram Kumar, Zonal head, Delhi, R C Kuhar, Circle head Delhi also spoke on the occasion.

First Ultimate Ladakh Cycling Challenge held in Leh

Konchok Norboo

LEH: With participants from all over the nation, the first-ever Ultimate Ladakh Cycling Challenge kickstarted on October 27.

The four-day-long cycling challenge was aimed to support the Prime Minister's vision of making Ladakh Carbon Neutral and promoting the Fit India Movement. It was organised by the Ladakh Police and Ladakh Tourism Department in association with the Cycling Federation of India supported by the Ladakh Cycling Association.

Keeping the pandemic in view this year, participation was restricted to only 100 cyclists including riders of both local and national levels. The 4-day event will be carried out on various routes across Ladakh with the Leh-Kharu and Leh-Likir road on the first two days followed by mountainous routes of the Leh-Taglangla and Leh-Khardungla passes on approximate heights of 18000 ft above the sea level.

Lieutenant Governor, R K Mathur; IG, ITBP, Deepam Seth; Commissioner Secretary, UT Ladakh, Ajeet Kumar Sahu; Chief



Lieutenant Governor, R K Mathur flagging off the Ultimate Ladakh Cycling Challenge at NDS ground.

Conservation of Forest Secretary Level, PP Sing; Principal, District and Session Judge, Ranveer Singh Jarothia were present.

R K Mathur addressed the occasion with his admiration for the organisers and wishes to the participants. He said that he witnessed a huge enthusiasm for cycling during the lockdown among the youth of the UT and discussed with the IG to organize such an event.

Mathur stressed on making Ladakh identified with more adventurous sports and informed that anybody finishing particularly the marathon covering Khardung-La with required timing gets automatically qualified to

world level cycling marathons. He later wished the event success and urged to make it an annual event.

General Secretary, Cycling Federation of India, Maninder Singh welcomed all the riders and boosted the confidence of the participants with his inspiring speech. He further shared his awe to the picturesque and difficult terrain and compared it to the famous Tour De France and gave hope to the spectators of converting this national event into the Union Cyclist International (UCI) event.

The race was flagged off by R K Mathur and the rider began with the chants of 'Jai hind'

Kargil gets its first COVID-19 testing laboratory



Lieutenant Governor Ladakh, Radha Krishna Mathur inaugurating the RT-PCR lab at COVID-19 dedicated Hospital, Kurbathang.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: An RT-PCR lab with a capacity to conduct 292 tests in 24 hours was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor Ladakh, Radha Krishna Mathur on October 23 at COVID-19 dedicated Hospital, Kurbathang.

The laboratory equipped with a fully automatic Bio-Rad RT-PCR Machine and RNA Extractor machine has the capacity to test 96 samples in one run. In 24 hours 3 runs will be carried out.

R K Mathur stated that this lab is one of the highly sophisticated labs in the country with biosafety level 2, which is presently available only in few districts of the

country. He further added that with the coming up of this facility, test facilities and test results will now be available to the people in a hassle-free manner.

He inspected different sections of the laboratory including the storage section, sample processing room, and the RNA extraction room, and expressed his satisfaction with the testing facilities.

CEC LAHDC, Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan; EC, Health, Muhammad Ali Chandan; EC Works, Mubarak Shah Naqvi; Deputy Commissioner and CEO, LAHDC, Kargil, Baseer ul Haq Choudhary; SSP Kargil, Dr. Vi-

nod Kumar, officers of Health department besides other concerned officers, were present on the occasion.

Later, L-G Mathur laid the foundation stone for construction of Assembly Hall, Council Secretariat, Hill Council, Kargil worth ₹ 7 crore, and 56 lakh. The double-story assembly hall structure will have the facilities of a meeting hall, VIP lounge, VIP suite, assembly hall, waiting lounge for officers, and other allied facilities. Also, he visited Council Secretariat Kargil and took stock of the ongoing works for the construction and up-gradation of the Secretariat building.

Land allotment in Industrial Estate Phyang by J&K SICOP violates norms, creates confusion

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the advertisement was issued by the General Manager of SICOP Leh when the Model Code of Conduct was in force in Leh district. There is still no clarity whether the J&K SICOP which was functional in Ladakh during the erstwhile state of J&K will continue to function after Ladakh was declared a separate Union Territory.

Secretary Industries & Commerce, Ladakh Saugat Biswas tweeted that 'no land has been allotted to any applicant in Phyang, Leh'. He further added that 'there is no such offer in place'.

Sachin Kumar Vaishya, District Magistrate/ Election Authority, Leh issued an order no. Elec-VI (C) LAHDC, Leh, 2020 (703) II on October 14 declaring the advertisement null and void.

Also, a committee of officers, including Assistant Commissioner (Dev), Leh, Chief Planning Officer, DC Office, Leh and Chief Controller of Finance, Leh, was formed under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (District Vigilance Officer), Leh to conduct an enquiry into the matter. The enquiry report would be submitted to the District Magistrate, Leh within a week.

Ravinder Kumar inspects Government Polytechnic College



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Administrative Secretary, Technical Education and Skill Development Department UT Ladakh, Ravinder Kumar inspected various ongoing work carried out in Government Polytechnic College, Leh on October 20.

During the inspection, Principal Polytechnic College Leh, Talat; Undersecretary Technical Educa-

tion, Ashwani Hansa; OSD, Dr. Stanzin Thakchos and the staff were present.

The Secretary inspected the Multipurpose Hall, SMART Classroom, Computer Labs, Workshop, Civil Engineering Labs, Administrative Section, Library, newly constructed NSDI(Women) Building and College Hostel etc.

He stressed upon the Principal to start demand oriented skills/trades to be introduced in the curriculum. Courses like Solar Architecture, Renewable Energy technician courses and services/ courses required by the Indian Army, PGCIL, NHPC, SECI, NIWE etc. should be introduced in the days to come.

Principal Polytechnic College informed about various issues pertaining to infrastructure as well as academics. Ravinder Kumar assured to resolve all the issues in a time bound manner.

Administrative Secretary reviews work at open stadium, Spituk

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

SPITUK: Administrative Secretary UT Ladakh, Ravinder Kumar reviewed the physical progress of the work of synthetic track of International level and AstroTurf Football work on October 28 at Open Stadium, Spituk.

Chief Engineer, CPWD Leh; Superintending Engineer, PWD (In-charge Chief Engineer, Leh) with their teams, Additional Deputy Commissioner; Tehsil-dar, Leh, Under Secretary Department of Youth Services and Sports, UT Ladakh and District Youth Services and Sports officer, Leh were present.

Ravinder Kumar directed concerned officers to expedite the progress of work and emphasized that the work shall be executed in a time-bound manner on a war footing basis.



Administrative Secretary UT Ladakh, Ravinder Kumar while reviewing the work progress of synthetic track of International level and AstroTurf Football at Open Stadium, Spituk.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Leh was directed to conduct demarcation for the construction of the boundary wall. Chief Engineer, CPWD, Leh was directed to make a revised plan for new sports facilities, and Superintending Engineer, PWD (In-charge Chief Engineer, Leh) was directed to make urgent arrangements as directed by Lieutenant

Governor UT Ladakh during the inaugural function, to construct changing rooms/washrooms for boys and girls.

The Public Works department was further directed to make sure that all sanctioned works are started well in time so that the state of the art sports facilities are being provided to the youth of UT Ladakh.

Advocate Tashi Gyalsong elected new Chairman/CEC of 6th LAHDC, Leh

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He further assured to work tirelessly to build a healthy & prosperous Ladakh.

The new council comprised of Tsering Angchuk, Councillor Diskit as Deputy Chairman; Tashi Namgyal Yakzee, Councillor Tangtse; Ghulam Mehdi, Councillor Turtuk and Advocate Stanzin Chosphele, Councillor Marstelang as Executive Councillors.

The striking factor in this year election result is that the BJP has won most of the seats away from Leh town. The reason behind the political shift was uncertain, many senior leaders who were in power for last so many years in the Council such as Former CEC of the Hill Council, Gyal P Wangyal was de-

feated by Congress candidate Rigzin Tsering from Sakti constituency. Similarly, Congress candidate Gurmet Dorjay who was in power for last many years in the Council was defeated by BJP candidate Skarma Namdak from Korzok constituency. The defeat of the senior leaders is definitely a major setback for the parties but seems the picture is clearer that the people are voting for a change.

However, the 6th Hill Council, Leh has a perfect blend of new young and educated faces along with experienced one giving a facelift to the politics of Leh district. Along with it, hopes and expectation of people have also increased to see some changes. However, the hopes and concern of people regarding constitutional safeguard under the sixth schedule is intact and cannot be overlooked.

Survey for dairy development to be commenced in Ladakh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Administrative Secretary, Animal Husbandry, and Cooperative Departments, Ravinder Kumar convened meeting with the officers of Animal Husbandry Department and Cooperative Department, UT Ladakh, and President Sales and Marketing, IDMC Rajkumar Malik at the Milk Pasteurization Plant at Agling, Spituk, and Leh on October 31.

An expert from IDMC informed about various technical issues of the existing plant and preparation for the installation of the new backup plant which is to be procured from the IDMC.

The officials were asked to complete the paperwork for the procurement of the new backup plant at the earliest and make the



plant functional before the next working season.

Soon, a benchmark survey for the dairy development in the UT Ladakh shall be commenced from the first week of November 2020. A project worth ₹11.60 crore has been sanctioned for dairy development in UT Ladakh under National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD).

Further, the formation of the Milk Federation at UT Level and Milk Unions in the twin districts of Leh and Kargil shall be completed soon. Ravinder Kumar directed the officers of Animal Husbandry and Cooperative Department to work with dedication.

Later, the Secretary inspected the ongoing work of the ETP (Effluent Treatment Plant).

Saugat Biswas issues order regarding COVID-19 guidelines

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Member Secretary/State Executive Committee/Ladakh Disaster Management Authority, Saugat Biswas issued an order on October 31 regarding the COVID-19 Management-Guidelines/Instruction on phased Re-opening in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The order read as, whereas, the National Disaster Management Authority, (NDMA) vide order No:-40-3/2020-DM-1(A) dated: 30.09.2020 had issued guidelines for re-opening of more activities outside the containment zones and extending the lockdown measures in containment zones upto 31.10.2020.

Whereas, the National Disaster

Management Authority, (NDMA) vide order of even number dated:-27.10.2020 has ordered that the guidelines for re-opening issued vide order of even number dated: 30.09.2020 will remain in force upto 30.11.2020

Now, therefore, under the directions of the aforesaid orders of NDMA, Gol and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the State Executive Committee, Ladakh Disaster Management Authority hereby directs that the guidelines issued vide order No.18-DM(UTL) of 2020 dated: 08.10.2020, with the following partial modifications of sub-para (i) of para 1 of said order, read with the guidelines of the National Disaster Manage-

ment Authority (NDMA) dated:-30.09.2020, will remain in force in the UT of Ladakh up to 30.11.2020:

Sub-para (1): All travelers/tourists arriving in Ladakh both by air and road are advised to get themselves tested for COVID-19, not later than 72 hours before their arrival in Ladakh from ICMR approved test laboratories. Such person(s) who is/are without a valid COVID-19 test report of not later than 72 hours before their arrival will undergo mandatory quarantine at their place of stay for seven days. Such person(s) may have to undergo a COVID-19 test and will only be released from quarantine; if his/her test report is found negative.

Rigzin Samphel discusses cargo facilities with airline agencies

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Commissioner Secretary Civil Aviation, UT Ladakh Rigzin Samphel discussed measures to provide Cargo facilities during winter months in the UT Ladakh and other related issues with the Airlines Agencies operating in Ladakh on October 28.

Administrative Secretary, Cooperatives Ravinder Kumar, Leh based Station Managers of all the air operators; representative of Divisional Commissioner Ladakh attended the meeting. Senior General Manager Cargo, Spice Jet Pvt. Limited, Delhi also attended the meeting through video conferencing.

Discussion and deliberation on various necessary measures that need to be initiated to provide



Commissioner Secretary Civil Aviation, UT Ladakh Rigzin Samphel convening a meeting with airline agencies regarding Cargo facilities.

Cargo facilities during the winter months were carried out.

Spice Jet Sr. General Manager, Delhi informed that the Spice Jet is operating a special Cargo flight (Freighter) for the first time in Ladakh starting from the first week of November 2020, and the rates and other details have already been shared with the Department of Civil Avia-

tion, UT Ladakh.

Commissioner/ Secretary asked the G.M Spice Jet to provide a detailed quote/slab of rates and such other details so that the Department of Civil Aviation in coordination with the Department of Cooperatives will take action. Other Airline Agencies operating in Leh were also asked to submit their quotes, respectively.

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Sewage Treatment Plant for Leh town; a closer look



By Stanzin Ladol

In the year 2014, Leh district availed an enormous fund under the national scheme, Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). The funds were designated for a range of projects including the augmentation and reorganization of the drinking water facilities, building a sewerage system, developing a mechanism for solid waste management, and improving the road networks. Few field surveys in the Leh town led to a close view of the progress of these projects, particularly the ones on drinking water and sewerage pipelines.

The aim to provide individual pipelines for each household is a welcome development. Similarly, a sewerage management project for the urban outgrowths of Leh town area is laden with civic goodness. Yet, one cannot turn blind eye to the criticisms leveled against these mega projects. The field visits around the Leh town area helped unearth various symptomatic faults and avoidable loopholes.

The often raised and relevant concern is the environmental impacts of these dual projects. Given the ecological niche that Ladakh represents, the scientific community suggests that this region has a fragile ecosystem. In this region resources such as water remain scarce. Our traditional ways of living recognized this limitation. A project that promises individual tap water to each household can well be read as progress. The state is liable to provide its people clean and sufficient water. However, can we pause and ask, "How much water is enough water?" Or let's say, "Does Ladakh need as much water as a region in the plains of India?"

The overuse and misuse of water over the years have given rise to a world living with a water crisis. Guilt-ridden as we may be of platitude, but the next world war, it is said could possibly be waged for water! Should we not then move beyond narrow understandings of rights-based privileges and revisit ideas of progress and development? The course of development in the post-industrial era is guilty of its disregard for nature. Mindless use of precious water is a striking example. These dual projects are designed and built keeping in mind ways of life that are water intensive. A flush toilet that consumes on an average 71.2 liters of water per person per day is a component of this system.

Polluted water bodies are a sad reality today. With the proposed STP, residents close to Indus fear our mighty Indus possibly joining the

list of polluted rivers. According to the project proposal, effluent water from the STP will be discharged into the Indus River. Diskit, an environmental lawyer, in her paper titled, "A Potential Disaster: Proposed Sewerage Treatment Plant at Agling Village", explains the possible threats that the project ensues. Considering the STP operates without failures, the quality of the effluent unless scientifically tested may harm the biodiversity including aquatic life and avian population feeding on the wetlands along Indus.

The environmental and social impact assessments of this project seem to be amiss. "The High court and Supreme Court rulings in favor of the project despite procedural lapses purely rest on legal and definitional shortcomings in the existing pieces of legislation.

Whereas a Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) requires a go-ahead signal in the form of an Environmental Impact Assessment, the proposed Sewerage Treatment Plant of Ladakh currently devoid of industrial effluents bypassed this requirement," mentions Diskit in the above-mentioned paper.

Projects of huge scale, such as this, involve an exhaustive study, deliberations, and scientific tests that consider the area's geography, topography, ecology, demography, and agro-climatic condition. In this particular case, it is clearly nonexistent. STP is acclaimed as a successful model adopted from Sikkim. Its success in Ladakh is not guaranteed for this merit alone.

The findings of the survey raised many questions. The answers to which lie in the success and failure of this scheme. An elderly lady from Gangles remarked on the STP, "We refused a ganda naali (dirty stream) in our neighborhood". In Gangles, a group of five households resisted getting connected to the sewerage pipelines. Their resistance speaks a lot. Contrarily, a respondent from Skalzangling (Lower Leh) area expressed how direly they require drainage channels. This can stir a query whether an umbrella project for an otherwise diverse Leh town is even feasible.

Leh town comprises an agro-pastoral village community in the upper sections and an urban non-agricultural community in its lower parts. Among the agro-pastoral communities, human and kitchen waste is organic manure. "What will these drainage pipes possibly carry then?" is their qualm. An enraged lady from Gangles summed up the futility of a drainage pipeline and the wastage of public money over the project saying, "panay bo tsangma say nang'a soobs (all the money is buried under the soil)". It occurs to us that, should we have instead begun with meticulously designed, decentralized, and small

pilot projects in various parts of Leh having diverse characteristics?

Few other streets in Skalzangling were seemingly narrow and hence are not connected to the sewerage channels. A respondent comments, "thabs ta yod doh pa lay" (there should be a solution). It is rather absurd, how the technological and engineering know-how is unable to resolve an issue that should have been well anticipated. Diskittal Nambardar, Stanzin Otsal says, "The special plot section of Diskittal, comprising approximately 200 households are not taken aboard the STP." Even for Murte Area, Municipal Committee member Rinchen shared a similar story. Such missing points, incomplete sections, and pending works is a common tale across these areas. We enquired more about this aspect from the Public Health and Engineering (PHE) Department, Leh. The Chief Engineer in charge of laying the Sewerage pipeline responded, "Most of the missed out sections were excluded due to negative gradient of those areas. The cost of connecting such areas would mean extremely high operational costs since it involves extra pumps to direct the sewer to higher gradients. Others were left out due to congestions and lack of space."

In Diskittal, the drainage pipes have been operational while the Sewerage Treatment Plant is not constructed yet. No one in the area has an idea where these drainage channels finally discharge the waste. PHE department has created temporary arrangements at various points until the STP operates.

The residents also lament about the frequent episodes of blockages in the main channels. The Nambardar of Diskittal said, "It was a nightmare for few households that even received a flow-back of waste." In Skalzangling, a memory looms fresh in their minds about a trial that went wrong with the drinking water pipelines. Water oozed out uncontrollably from the cracks causing huge inconvenience to the residents. They now dread the possible faults in drainage pipelines. A visit to PHE department to share the grievances that the public expressed, the former reckoned these faults as a result of misuse. Tashi, reveals, "The clogging is often caused by grave carelessness on part of the public. The sewer is meant for toilet and bathroom water alone whereas it is fed by all kinds of waste including semi-solid kitchen waste and other solid waste. The lack of awareness among the masses is leading to blockages." We observed a huge disconnect between the masses and officials executing the project. This could be on account of the absence of community participation. This process was clearly sidestepped while launching these projects.

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L-G Mathur chairs webinar with Council of Scientific & Industrial Research



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A webinar on providing better engineering, medical and technological assistance to Ladakh was held between UT administration and Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) on October 16.

Lieutenant Governor R.K Mathur appreciated DG CSIR for framing a proposal and putting a team together in a short span of time. He stated that with many folds

increase in the budget being allocated to Ladakh after becoming a Union Territory, it is imperative to utilise these funds with decisions based on science.

Mentioning the vast extent of the geographical area of Ladakh, L-G Mathur stressed on framing a suitable land-use plan with focus on commercial cultivation which will turn out beneficial for the people of Ladakh. He suggested planning of pilot projects for

Pashmina growth and value addition, testing on local dry toilets with apt bioprocesses, cultivation of fodder using technologies suitable for Ladakh, exploring aromatic and medicinal plants used in Sowa Rigpa and product development & post-harvest technologies for Sea buckthorn and Sanjeevani (Rhodiola rosea).

The participants of the webinar highlighted the scope of improvement and exploration in various fields including ground-water source finding, geothermal resources, agro & processing technologies, floriculture, earthquake hazard assessment etc. in Ladakh

R K Mathur spoke about the role of CSIR in strengthening the COVID19 testing in Ladakh and expressed gratitude for their proposal for collaborating with the UT administration in providing

the latest equipment and trained manpower to Ladakh.

Commissioner/ Secretary Rigzin Samphel was assigned as the nodal of the UT administration for the project. L-G Mathur directed him to work out details of the action plan in collaboration with CSIR.

The meeting was attended by Director General CSIR & Secretary DSIR, Dr. Shekhar C. Mande; Director IIM-Jammu Dr. D.S. Reddy; Director IHBT- Palampur, Dr. Sanjay Kumar; Director CMERI- Durgapur, Dr. Harish Hirani; Director NBRI- Lucknow, Dr. S.K. Barik; Director NGRI-Hyderabad, Dr. Virendra M. Tiwari; Director CLRI-Chennai, Head of IPU & TMDCSIR- New Delhi, Dr. Vibha Malhotra Sawhney and other officials from the Department of Horticulture and NIRS Ladakh.

Feroz Ahmed Khan chairs winter preparedness review meeting

Stresses on timely supply and stocking of essential commodities in Kargil district

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A review meeting on winter preparedness was convened by CEC, Hill Council, Kargil, Feroz Ahmed Khan on October 19 at Council Secretariat.

EC, Social Welfare, Aga Syed Mujtaba Mosavi; EC, Tourism and Zanskar Affairs, Er Phunsog Tashi besides officers of Health, Agriculture, Horticulture, FCS&CA, Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Cooperatives, Exec-



During the review meeting on winter preparedness convened by CEC, Hill Council, Kargil, Feroz Ahmed Khan at Council Secretariat, Kargil.

utive Engineers of EM&RE Division and Mechanical Division, Depot Manager FCI, President

Merchants' Association Kargil and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

Feroz Khan took stock of the availability of medicines and medical equipments especially for COVID-19 management during the winter months. Also, he took stock of the essential commodities such as food grains, kerosene oil, LPG, medicines, seeds, fertilisers, equipments, timber, firewood, hard coke for all areas of the district including Zanskar Sub Division.

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SoulSpeak

P.P. Wangchuk

Luck is another name for hard work



I feel good to repeat the saying again and again: Luck is just another name for hard work. True, that is like saying that success is 99% perspiration and 1% luck. Given that, one can also repeat the proverbial saying that luck favours only the brave.

It is not that you work hard and you don't get anything in return. It is quite likely that at times you feel that you have been 'unlucky'. It is also possible that you were about to be 'rewarded' when you gave up! Alas, only if you had the patience to wait and work hard a little more! That is why our elders tell us that there is no short-cut to success, and that you have to keep on trying until 'lady luck' embraces you!

Herein fits the famous quote of the great South African golfer, Gary Player: "The harder I practise, the luckier I get." What he wanted to say was that there is no substitute for hard work, and that the sooner one realises that, the better it is.

In fact, I am very fond of the saying that hard work is in itself a great reward. The kind of feeling of joy, satisfaction and triumph one gets after a day's fulfilling work gives one peace of mind, good health and sound sleep. One may or may not consciously acknowledge it, but the fact that one could 'smile' at the end of the day is a definite sign of one's one more step forward towards one's goal.

Actually, success is a gradual fruition of one's earnest and consistent effort towards one's goal. When you succeed, you say that you were 'lucky', and when you don't succeed, then you tend to say that luck did not favour you enough.

Even then if you keep on trying despite setbacks on the way, lady luck, one day, will come and give her blessings to you. She favours nobody but those who never give up.

Courtesy: WongWorld

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In Conversation with Dr. Padma Angmo, (MD Psychiatry) Psychiatrist

Interviewed by Stanzin Dasal

Q. How many cases and what kind of mental health problems are registered at Mental health OPD?

Mental Health OPD was formally inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor R K Mathur on July 13 and since then mental health services are provided regularly thrice a week OPD, (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). We are providing facilities such as mental health helpline for tele-consultation, psycho-education for patients and caregivers, various psychotherapies, behavior and motivational enhancement therapies as well as organizing various awareness generating programmes.

In this period of three months, 145 new patients got registered and a total of 502 new and follow-up patients have received mental health services. Nine patients have also received in-patient treatment in liaison with the Medicine Department. Depression and anxiety disorders were the most common diagnosis in the new cases. In many of the cases, the COVID-19 outbreak had precipitated the symptoms. Many young patients presented to us with alcohol and drug addictions including cannabis, opioids etc. Most of them reported that the use of these substances increased during the lockdown. Few new cases Schizophrenia and bipolar disorders also got registered in this period.

We have also started disability certification of eligible patients with mental illness so that they can avail various benefits like disability pension, scholarships etc.

Q. Do you see an increase in the mental health issues during COVID-19 pandemic. What precautions can be taken and how to cope with the situation?

Yes, COVID -19 pandemic outbreak has definitely lead to increase in the number of cases of anxiety and depression. It is not just the direct impact of the pandemic but also the indirect impacts like the social isolation, loss of jobs, financial loss due to the lockdown that has impacted people's mental health. Many patients who had tested positive also had sleep disturbances, anxiety. We have seen many people presenting with severe anxiety precipitated by the fear of catching the contagion or spreading it to the family members.

Students are getting affected in a big way, getting used to virtual classes, not being able to meet their peers and now as their academic year is about to end uncertainties about their exams. Many students are coming to us with sleep disturbances, loss of appetite, inability to concentrate and worries about their exams. Substance use also seems to have



painting cooking etc. besides going for their jobs.

Physical activities like taking a walk, cycling etc. while taking precautions are important not just for your physical health but also for relieving stress and maintaining a good mental hygiene. We should be physically distancing but not socially isolating ourselves. We can be in touch with our friends and relatives through calls and the internet. Above all we have to know that we can protect ourselves from the infection by following some simple steps of maintaining physical distancing, wearing masks and washing hands or using hand sanitizers.

Till the vaccine is ready and available, we have to know that only taking the precautions can keep us safe.

If the fear and worry about the infection is distressing anyone and causing dysfunction, they should visit the hospital or call up on the helpline number (01982-252334).

Q. What are some signs and symptoms about a potential mental health disorder?

Even today, the awareness about mental health and illness is limited everywhere. Please understand that fear, sadness, anxiety, anger, grief are types of normal human emotions and experiencing them in appropriate situations and degree is absolutely normal. Mental illness is ubiquitous and can affect anyone of us, irrespective of age, gender, race and socioeconomic strata.

Discussing signs and symptoms of all the disorders is not possible here but if there is any unexplainable change in the behavior, thoughts or emotions of an individual, with disturbance in the basic biological functions like sleep and appetite and dysfunction in any domains of life, it could be an indication of mental illness. For e.g., in depression, there is sadness which persists for most of the day and pervades across all situations, loss of interest, inability to experience pleasure, negative thoughts, decreased energy levels, preferring to remain by themselves, and getting thoughts of committing suicide, with disturbance in sleep, appetite and libido, if such symptoms persists for more than two weeks then we diagnose the person to be having depression. In anxiety disorders, the patients have an explained fear without any reason, associated with increased heartbeats, difficulty in breathing, tremors feeling of being

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MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“ Take care of your mental health just as we take care of our physical health. Same as we try to seek the best treatment for physical health issues, seek treatment for mental health problems also. ”

increased during the lockdown period. The health care professionals and other frontline warriors also seem to be experiencing burnout.

People have to get the right information from reliable sources about the pandemic. Media exposure should be limited to watching the news just once or twice during the day. Tracking the news about the infection day and night can cause unnecessary stress. People should have a more or less fixed routine with activities ranging from yoga or meditation, spending quality time with their family, discussing about issues other than COVID-19, taking out time for the hobbies like reading,

Fortnight Highlights



Lieutenant Governor, R K Mathur addressing the press conference during his visit to Kargil district.



Col Vishal Ahlawat along with Sepoy Kumar aims to make a new World record by covering Leh to Manali distance in 35 hours on cycle.



Lieutenant Governor R K Mathur laying the foundation stone for the construction of pre-engineered and prefabricated office block at Raj Niwas, Karzoo.



During the last meeting of the present tenure of LBA under the presidency of PT Kunzang on October 28 at Dharama Center, Choglamsar. President LGA, Presidents of all branches, youth wing, Women wing, General Council members, and Centre working Committee members were present.



One day Balti Cultural and Literary Meet organised by the Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages, Kargil.

Feroz Ahmed Khan chairs winter preparedness review meeting

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Underlining the need for concrete measures to be taken to deal with the COVID-19 situation during the ensuing winter season, Feroz Khan directed concerned officers to ensure all necessary measures.

Health Department informed that as a part of the regular supply, orders have already been placed for procurement of drugs and instruments. It was further informed that 673 quintals of firewood has already been procured and dispatched to different health centres for heating purposes during winter months. Medicine supply for Zaskar has been enhanced by 20% this year and almost 90% stocking of medicines has been completed in the Sub Division.

Talking about the status of ongoing work at the dedicated COVID-19 Hospital, Kargil it was informed that almost all required internal works have been completed while the remaining works are going on in full swing.

CMO Kargil informed that 417 additional mega oxygen cylinders are being procured shortly while COVID-19 Lab registration process is being completed soon in consultation with PGI Chandigarh. 4 ambulances are being procured while equipments for critical care ambulance also stands tendered.

It was further given out that work on the installation of central heating panels at Trauma Unit of District Hospital Kargil will be completed in 10 days time.

Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division and the Chief Medical Officer, Kargil were directed to accelerate the pace of work on the establishment of central heating system at CHC Chiktan and Padum.

Regarding the stocking of ration commodities the officers of FCS & CA informed the CEC that 27,533 quintals of rice, 25,321 quintals wheat and

1,212 kl kerosene oil has been stocked so far while process for stocking of the remaining quota is under process.

The officers of FCI informed that against the required stocking for 15 months, one month surplus i.e 16 months stocking has been made to ensure satisfactory provision of ration items to consumers.

Officers of Cooperative Department informed that 7935 quintals of chemical fertilizers besides 5734 quintals of consumables have been procured this year till date.

Feroz Khan instructed the officers concerned to accord priority on stocking of salt, oil, sugar, ghee etc besides other consumable items for winter months.

Regarding the stocking of livestock and by products for winter season, the officers of Animal Husbandry informed the CEC that 4 lakh eggs in case of Kargil and 1.25 lakhs in Zaskar have already been stocked. It was further given out that medicines and firewood have also been stocked and complete bird stocking will be done by end of the current month. While stocking of cattle feed has already been completed, poultry feed will be stocked within next one week, the officers added.

The concerned officers were asked to work with utmost dedication and commitment to ensure the supply and stocking all left out essential commodities in a timely manner so that people do not face any inconvenience during the winter season.

President Merchant Association, Kargil urged the CEC to extend logistic support for transportation of basic consumable items like sugar, salt etc. to the district so that the stocking of such essentials could be ensured on priority basis. Feroz Khan assured that an appropriate decision to this effect would be made by convening a separate meeting of the Merchants Association and the distributors/agencies with the departments of Cooperatives and FCS&CA.

Sewage Treatment Plant for Leh town; a closer look

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Another painful story is the piles of unmanageable mess that these projects beget. The multiple diggings along the roads remained and still are uncovered for unreasonably long periods. In most areas, the roads have been left in a deplorable state. (For fun or perhaps not, count the bumpy manholes on all the main roads that lead to Bazaar). It is indicative of a lack of coordination across various Government departments handling the project.

While these projects are highly lauded, we cannot

overlook the reasonable concerns that experts and the common public raise. We can only wait to see how these projects function in the near future. A rather prompt and unanimous response from people is their unhesitant plans of building modern toilets and bathrooms once the STP and household water supply are put in place. This cultural shift and adoption of a foreign way of life entail possible disasters for the fragile ecosystem of Ladakh.

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NOTICE

Spalzes Dolma W/o Tsewang Paldan R/o Shey, Leh has applied for vanity Bid no. LA 02-1122 for her newly purchase car.

Vehicle type: XUV 300 W6. Chasis no. : MA1NM2EU1L2H65269. Engine No. : EULZH03301

If anyone wants to bid for the aforesaid Bid No. he /she shall apply in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer within a period of 7 days of the publication of this notice newspaper, after which no claim shall be entertained and said Bid no. will be given to the said application on first come first serve basis.

No. ARTO/L/127-28

NOTICE

Whereas, Skarma Choktup F/o Deachen Ladol R/o Durbuk, Leh Ladakh has claimed that his daughter's date of birth has been wrongly entered as 16.09.2005 while the actual is 16.09.2007.

Whereas, the father of the candidate has produced affidavit duly verified by Chief Judicial Magistrate, First Class of Leh for necessary correction of Date of Birth in the school record of his daughter.

Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in the office within 7 days from the date of publication failing to which necessary correction in the date of birth of this effect will be made accordingly.

NO:- Estt-36/5851-52

Date : 27-10-2020

In Conversation: Dr. Padma Angmo

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on the edge, negative thoughts, etc. which can be present throughout the day or in episodes.

We are trying to generate awareness about various types of mental illness and their signs and symptoms through various platforms.

Q. The growing concern and alarming issue in Ladakh is substance abuse. Can you brief us about the issue, reason behind youths getting addicted to it and the ways to control it?

Substance use disorders are definitely taking a form of a public health crisis amongst the youths of Ladakh. The situation seems to be similar in both the districts. According to the First Report on Substance Use Scenario in Leh District, substances of addiction are not limited to tobacco and alcohol, today, all sorts of illicit substances like cannabis (ganja, charas, bhang) opioids (heroin, smack, pharmaceutical opioids), etc. are being rampantly used. Some patients also reported to use injectable drug which is the most severe form of addiction. Addiction to alcohol and drugs can have not just implications on the physical and mental health but also the social, legal, moral and financial aspects of life. It seems to be affecting the youths from all background, age groups, and even gender. Most of the patients seems to be starting it while in school. They eventually end up indulging in illegal acts like stealing, gang activities, prostitution etc. to procure the drugs. Dropping out of schools and colleges, losing jobs, incurring business losses to getting infections like HIV and Hepatitis etc. can be its consequences. So it will end up impacting the whole society.

In Ladakh, tourism seems to have played a major role in introducing these substances of abuse to our youths. Youths going out of Ladakh for studies and job opportunities also seems to have picked up the addictions. Peer pressure, family history of substance use and lack of family involvement are risk factors. A major part of our society seems to be in denial to this problem believing that it cannot affect "our" children. Ease of availability and laxity in the implementation of the laws can also lead to increase in the cases. The lack of awareness about the ill-effects of substance use among the people of Ladakh in general and the youths in particular is the biggest risk factor.

So, we have to act at all levels. There is need to increase awareness, actively screen for substance addictions in all the school and college students, stringent implementation of the NDPS Act, involvement of the religious organizations and NGOs to spread awareness and most importantly establishment of a De-Addiction Centre to provide quality, affordable and accessible facility for identifying, diagnosing, treating and rehabilitating patients of substance use disorders.

Q. Tell us about various challenges faced to provide mental healthcare.

The lack of awareness about mental illness and the stigma attached to it are the two biggest challenges

in our way to provide mental healthcare. The awareness about mental illness, and understanding of the biological causation is limited not just among the masses but at all levels. People of all backgrounds still end up going to faith-healers before they come to the Psychiatry OPD. I have seen patients who were kept tied up by ropes for days before the family decided to bring them for treatment even in Leh.

Stigma related to mental illness, belief that it is a shame to visit a mental health professional, what would the society say if I am seen in the psychiatry OPD hinder the patients from coming to us. Many of my friends and relatives advised me not to choose Psychiatry as I would be called "NYOMBE Doctor". Even educated patients who come to the OPD, ask me if I can see them someplace private.

Lack of infrastructure has been a big hindrance for us. We are currently running only OPD services. Many of the patients like case of acute psychosis, severe depression with suicide risk, alcohol and other substance withdrawal etc. needs in patient treatment. With no psychiatry ward and adequate trained staffs, we face many problems. We even have to refer the patients to higher centres.

There are various policies, acts and programmes related to mental health in India, like the National Mental Health Programme, Mental Health Policy, National Trust Act 1999 (for welfare of children with mental retardation and autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy), NDPS Act 1985 (Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act), POCSO 2012 (Protection of Children against Sexual Offences Act), Rights of Persons with Disability Act 2016 and most important of all, the Mental Health Care Act 2017. There is urgent need for effective implementation of all these policies, acts and programmes in Ladakh.

Q. What are the way forward to cope with the mental health crisis?

Masses have to be made aware about mental health and mental illnesses through various means like radio, tv, internet, and by including the grass root level workers. School and college curriculums should include chapters on mental health. "Happiness curriculum" model of Delhi Government schools can be improvised and adopted in our schools also. Religious organizations and leaders can play a major role in spreading awareness on mental health. NGOs can collaborate with the Health department to work in this field.

Implementation of the above mentioned policies and programmes would be the basic step towards ensuring adequate mental health services to the people of our Union Territory.

Strengthening of the mental health infrastructure and manpower, ensuring availability of medicines, facilities like modified electro convulsive therapy, training the health care professionals in diagnosing and treating mental illnesses at CHC level and beyond, availability of psychiatry ward needs to be done.

NOTICE

Wangchok Dorjay S/o Tsering Stobdan R/o Yourtung, Leh has applied for vanity Bid no. LA 02-1212 for his newly purchase car.

Vehicle type: Hyundai Creta. Chasis no. : MALPC812LLM047572. Engine No. : G4FLV58020

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No. ARTO/L/124-25

NOTICE



I Tundup Namgyal S/o Sonam Paljor R/o, Photoksar, Leh Ladakh Proprietor M/S Tungkar Noodles applying for registration as packer under trademark Noodle with the Assistant Controller Legal Metrology Department, Leh. Any objection in this regard may file their report in writing within seven days from date of publication of this notice.

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