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## Post-UT status: Ladakh Police personnel wait for due promotion

As soon as we get the final numbers of Ladakh Police, we will start the functional promotion, says ADGP



### Stanzin Dasal

LEH: More than a year has passed after the Union Territory status and a lot has changed ever since. The much-awaited UT status has definitely shown much hope and expectation but the reality looks different now.

There are growing disappointments and concerns among the people of Ladakh at all levels. On one hand, youths of Ladakh are anxious about job opportunities and future safeguard, while on the other hand, nearly 1700 Non-Gazetted Ladakh Police personnel are waiting for their due promotion.

After bifurcation of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state, police personnel of Ladakh Police ranking from Head Constable (HC) 1988 batches onwards

are still waiting for their due promotion. Their counterpart in Kashmir and Jammu zone already got promoted to Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) rank officer. In Kashmir and Jammu zone 1984-85 batches constables are promoted to Sub Inspector level officer but in the case of Ladakh Police, they are promoted to a rank of ASI. Similarly, Sub-Inspector (SI) of 2010-11 Ladakh Police batches haven't got their due promotion while on the other hand their counterpart in Kashmir and Jammu zone got promoted to Inspector rank officer in 2020.

It was also reported that many of the Ladakh Police personnel already got retired from their service without promotion benefits and many are getting retired soon.

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## First Skill development workshop held in Leh

More than 2000 youths from Ladakh show interest in the workshop



Lieutenant Governor, R K Mathur addressing the gathering during the one-day Skill Development workshop at Sindhu Sanskriti Kendra, Leh.

### Tenzin Dajon

LEH: A one-day Skill Development workshop organised by the Department of Technical Education and Skill Development, Ladakh to raise awareness among youths on the skill development opportunities was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor, R K Mathur on March 27 at Sindhu Sanskriti Kendra, Leh.

Speakers and experts from different fields shared their experiences and opportunities in various sectors such as solar technology, apparel, and home furnishing, entrepreneurship, food processing, and tourism, etc.

R.K. Mathur apprised the participants that the objective of the workshop is to understand the aspirations of Ladakhi youths and help them develop skills with certification to help them get employment or start their ventures.

Giving the example of South Korea, he said, "94% of the population in Korea is skilled. To replicate it, we have to develop the society of Ladakh by segregating the youth into different groups as per their interest. For this purpose, we need your support in recognizing the skills you have so that we could provide certification. By acquiring the skills you can work within Ladakh, within the country, and even abroad."

L-G said that the skill development program will not only benefit youths from Ladakh but will also help UT Administration in understanding the unemployment situation in Ladakh so that necessary steps will be taken based on suggestions from the youth.

He stressed on commercial cultivation of high-value products in the primary

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Courtesy Tsetan Angmo



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## 75 Bn., CRPF, organises free medical camp in Alchi



Medical team of 75 Bn. CRPF conducting free medical camp in Alchi.

### Tenzin Dajon

ALCHI: A total of 261 patients were checked and provided with medicine free of cost during a medical camp organised by 75 Battalion CRPF under Civic Action Programme on March 26 in Alchi.

The medical camp was organised to provide medical assistance to the people living in villages.

Rigzin Angmo, Security In-charge CRPF, Leh sharing about the event said, "Civic Action Programme covers a wide range of areas like - sports, ration, education, and health, etc. This camp is related to health and this time we had arranged two doctors and a dentist, and all the

three are female doctors".

She said that most of the patients were of old age with BP and joint pain issues.

"Our target is to reach the unreached and we are happy that the medical camp was carried out very successfully. I would like to thank the Sarpanch and Panch of the village for their co-operation", she added.

Jayasree Singh (CMO 75 Bn, CRPF) said, "This program is conducted all over the country by the CRPF every year. In Ladakh, our main aim is to cover the villages which are located far away from the town, where people could not avail proper medical facilities. Therefore today

we are at Alchi, which is almost 65-70 km away from Leh town. As per our expectations, most of the patients were aged group and women as they remain in the villages, but the males and the young people get an opportunity to do their medical checkup at Leh. We have brought medicines of cost more than one lakh rupees with us which were distributed free of cost."

Sonam Dolma, Sarpanch Achi, said thanked CRPF for organising this medical camp. She said that the camp was very helpful and medicines were distributed free of cost.

Expressing gratitude, Tsering Stobdan, Panch Alchi, said, "Most of our aged people are not able to go to the district hospital for their medical checkup, but today the team of CRPF visited our village and did a free medical checkup and distributed free medicines and we are very thankful to them."

Patients from different age groups took advantage of the camp. Blood pressure and sugar test were also done. While patients with the serious condition were referred to the SNM Hospital.

COVID-19 preventive kits were also distributed among the villagers.

## Mountaineer Jigmet Tharchin to scale Mount Everest



### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: CEC, Hill Council, Leh Advocate Tashi Gyalson with Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, UT Ladakh, Ravinder Kumar accorded warm send-off to Mountaineer Jigmet Tharchin for his maiden Mount Everest

expedition on March 17.

CEC Gyalson and Secretary Ravinder expressed their gratitude to the UT Administration led by Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, R K Mathur for extending financial support to mountaineer Jigmet for the expedition.

Both of them, along with other officials wished him luck for a successful summit to Everest.

Jigmet Tharchin expressed his gratitude to the UT administration and LAHDC Leh for their assistance in fulfilling his dream. He said that such opportunities would pave the way for all the adventure sports enthusiasts from Ladakh and uplift their confidence in such fields.

Deputy Chairman, Tsering Angchuk; DC/CEO LAHDC Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse; EC Tashi Namgyal Yakzee; EC Ghulam Mehdi Ashoor; EC Stanzin Chosphele and DYSSO Leh, Tsering Tashi were also present at the occasion.

## Leh-Manali highway opens for vehicular movement

### Stanzin Dasal

LEH: The Leh-Manali Highway stretching 428 km was formally opened for vehicular movement on March 28. The inaugural ceremony was held at Serchu, a border point of Himachal and Ladakh region.

This is for the first time that the Leh Manali road which serves as a lifeline for the Ladakh region to transport essential commodities both for the Indian Army and Civilian is opened two months earlier than the last years and also before the opening of Leh-Srinagar road.

S.Chandrasekharan, 753 Assistant Engineer (civil) 111 RCC, Border Road Task Force, Project Himank BRO said that due to tensions on Eastern Border in Ladakh, BRO got instructions to keep the Taglangla open throughout winter accordingly they kept it open.

BRO Himank project, Chief



Executive Councillor, Stanzin Chosphele; BRO Project HIMANK, Chief Engineer, Brig Arvinder Singh, and Deepak Chief Engineer, Brig MS Baghi jointly declaring the opening of Leh Manali Highway at Serchu.

Engineer, Brig Arvinder Singh; Deepak Chief Engineer, and Brig, MS Baghi appreciated their staff for connecting the road well in advance.

Executive Councillor, Hill Council, Leh, Stanzin Chosphele thanked all the BRO officials led by Brig. Arvinder Singh of Project Himank and Brig. M.S Bhagi of Project Deepak for opening the Leh - Manali highway two months earlier compared to last

year.

He said that the road will prove beneficial to the economic activities of Ladakh.

Stanzin Chosphele expressed his gratitude to MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, and Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson for taking up the matter with the concerned officials to open the highway at the earliest.

## World Sparrow Day observed in Leh



### Tenzin Dajon

LEH: Observing World Sparrow Day, Wildlife Conservation and Birds Club of Ladakh in collaboration with ALTOA and Lamdon Model Senior Secondary School organised an awareness program for students on March 20 at Lamdon School, Auditorium hall.

Dr. Stanzin Dawa, Principal, Lamdon school was the chief guest, and Tsetan Angchuk, President ALTOA was the guest of honour.

Sharing the concern about sparrows, Dr. Stanzin Dawa said, "The population of the sparrow is considered as one of the largest population, but it has been declining very fast. Earlier sparrows used to live with us as our friends and families near our houses, they used to build their nest on the roof and holes of our traditional houses, but with the advent of concrete houses and structures, we have disturbed the ecosystem which has reduced their population."

Advising the students he said

that the long-term goal shouldn't know the birds only, but it must be knowing their culture, lifestyle, and habitat.

He thanked WCBCL for adding 40 to 45 more bird species to the list of birds of Ladakh.

Tsetan Angchuk termed birds and animals as the ornaments of Ladakh. He said, "We are celebrating birds and mammals day to create awareness. Because they also have the right to live on the earth as we have. Therefore conservation of wildlife of Ladakh is the main responsibility of the younger generation."

He requested the students to read about the sparrow-like habitat, lifespan, and food, etc. to celebrate this day in an effective way.

Talking about the reason behind celebrating World Sparrow day, Lobzang Vissudha, President WCBCL informed that in 2010 Mohammad Dilawar (a conservationist) initiated Sparrow Day in India. Dilawar noticed that the day of the rare birds is celebrated, but the day of common birds

like house sparrows are often ignored which could also become a rare species in the future by ignoring them. Therefore, he decided to celebrate 20th March as World Sparrow Day. Since then this day is celebrated as World Sparrow Day every year.

He said, "WCBCL was established eight years ago, since then we have been creating awareness about the wildlife in Ladakh to conserve and protect them. Today I could say that we are sharing the best platform because students are the future guard of our rich wildlife".

"It is very concern for us that the foreigners are writing books on our birds and mammals, but we are even not aware of them. According to them, there are 310 bird species found in Ladakh, out of which only 60-70 birds have the local name (in Ladakhi), which means that our relationship with the birds is very weak. In these seven to eight years, we have started birding, (a beautiful word) and soon it became popular in Ladakh. In future, birding tourism will also boost because Ladakh is not only a barren and dry land, around 25% birds of the Indian Sub Continent found in Ladakh" he added.

The members of the WCBCL organised a drawing, painting, and essay competition for the students on the theme 'I Love Sparrow'. Grand photo exhibitions on the birds and mammals of Ladakh were the main attractions of the programme.

## First Skill development workshop held in Leh

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sectors, including agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, dairy, handloom, handicraft, and wool products, which are profitable job avenues for Ladakhi youth. Reiterating that Ladakhi youth are professional, articulate, and talented, Lt Governor Mathur urged them to work hard to capitalize on the opportunities. He stated that UT Administration and both the Hill Councils would support them in their endeavors.

Secretary, Skill Development Department, Padma Angmo, briefed the participants about the workshop and said that its main objective is to expose the students to different kinds of skills.

She informed the participants that experts from solar technology, filmmaking, electrician, food processing, tourism, apparel, and entrepreneurship would speak about different skills during the workshop.

Padma Angmo further added that the Department of Skill Development would plan a UT-based skill development programme as per inputs from the youth and the demand of youth from the region.

The resource persons for the workshop were Sha-keer Hussain and Gurmet Angmo from Global Himalayan Expeditions, who spoke on electrifying villages with solar energy; filmmaker Stanzin Jigmet from Pixel, who spoke on exploring media and entertainment; Sundeep Chhabra, national head of Tourism and Hospitality Skill Council (THSC), who spoke on tourism-the present and future; Ankur Chauhan, Manager of Food Industry Capac-

ity and Skill Initiative (FICSI) spoke on food processing opportunities in Ladakh; Nikhil Malhotra, Assistant Director of Apparel Made-Ups & Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council (AMHFSSC) spoke on apparel & home-what and how; and DK Singh from National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) spoke on becoming entrepreneurs.

Tashi Gyalson, CEC, Hill Council, Leh said, "Only the skilled and specialized person can get the benefit of the growing market, therefore it becomes very important to skill our youth".

He said, "I hope such workshops will equip our youth with the emerging skills. New Ladakh has new challenges, and the youths of Ladakh hold bigger responsibilities. Many opportunities are coming up and we must have some sort of skills to grab those opportunities".

CEC, Leh requested youths from Ladakh to engage themselves in developing specialized skills rather than looking for government jobs.

Shrikant Balasaheb Suse, DC, Leh in his welcome speech said that the workshop will equip youths of Leh district. He also talked about the recently formed District Level Skill Committee will make a comprehensive skill development plan for the entire district.

Meanwhile, Advisor Ladakh, Umang Narula; Secretary, Employment, Ravinder Kumar also spoke on the occasion.

The workshop ended with the distribution of certificates to the participants.



## Ladakh Tourism's participation in SATTE 2021 ends on high note



### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

NEW DELHI: South Asia's Travel and Tourism Exchange (SATTE) 2021 concluded amid much fanfare at Delhi. A promotional event highlighting the rich culture and heritage of Ladakh was organised by the Tourism Department, UT Ladakh, at Hotel Oberoi on March 27.

Regional Director of India Tourism, Anil Oraw; Director Tourism, UT Ladakh, Kunzes Angmo; Assistant Director, Tourism, Kargil, Aga Syed Towha; General Secretary, All Ladakh Tour Operators Association (ALTOA), Delex Namgyal, President, Association of Domestic Tour Operators of India,

PP Khanna and Secretary, India Associations of Tour Operators, Rajnish Kayastha were present.

Director, Ladakh Tourism, Kunzes Angmo inaugurated the promotional event that was followed by song and dance performances, including Shondol, Chhhapskyan, Mentok Stanmo dance, Balti Diwan, and Ghazal from cultural troupes of Leh and Kargil districts.

Sonam Parvez from All Ladakh Hotels and Guest House Association (ALHGHA) gave a presentation on the revival of tourism in Ladakh, whereas Zaheer Bagh from All Kargil Tour and Travel Association (AKKTA) spoke about the potential of tourism in

Kargil. Delex Namgyal from ALTOA gave a presentation on the potential of adventure tourism in Ladakh.

It was also apprised by the concerned officials from the tourism sector of climbing the Nuptse and Pumori peak by Ladakhi expedition guides. It may be mentioned here that out of 12 Indian from 565 Indian that attempted to climb these peaks, four were from Ladakh, including Skalzang Rigzin, Stanzin Youthok, Stanzin Desal, and Stanzin Nurboo. These four Ladakhi's will attend the Everest Massif Expedition 2021 sponsored by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Indian Mountaineering Federation (IMF).

## L-G Mathur inaugurates two Astronomy Labs in Ladakh

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Two Astronomy labs one each at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Leh, and Kargil was established and e-inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, R K Mathur on March 26 at Raj Niwas.

The Astronomy labs were established in collaboration with the office of Principal Scientific Adviser, GoI, and sponsored by Shiv Nadar Foundation.



Lt. Governor said that environment protection was one of the aspirations of Ladakhi people in the newly formed UT of Ladakh. He said that the setting up of these astronomy labs is a culmination of this thought towards a practical understanding of the extra-ordinary clean environment of Ladakh.

He said that these astronomy labs would benefit not only school children and youth at large but could be utilized as a stepping stone to promote Astro tourism in Ladakh.

Mathur shared the idea to convert Hanley into a dark sky sanctuary and to explore possibilities to promote virtual tourism in Ladakh which he said would generate entrepreneurial opportunities

for the local youth.

He thanked Prof. K Vijay Raghavan, Principal Scientific Adviser, GoI, and the entire team for setting up the Astro labs in Ladakh. Also, he requested their continued support in training and lectures by eminent Astrophysicists, and help to set up 10 more labs in Ladakh.

He further pointed out the need to utilize the enriched environment of Hanley for continuous research programme by researchers and experts from India and abroad. He asked for continued support from the office of Principal Scientific Adviser, GoI, and Indian Institute of Astro Physics to get these ideas on the ground.

CEC, LAHDC, Leh Tashi Gyalson, and CEC, LAHDC, Kargil

Feroz Ahmad Khan thanked the Lt. Governor for his initiative in establishing the Astro labs. They expressed hope that these labs would prove highly beneficial to the students and raised the need to expand more such labs in other schools of Ladakh.

Prof. K Vijay Raghavan spoke about the rich legacy that India holds in the history of Astronomy citing Aryabhatta and modern tradition using a telescope. He said that every child can aspire to be an astronomer and excel in the field of Astrophysics. This should not remain restricted to a particular section of society. He said that these Astronomy labs will allow the Ladakhi children to unfold their ambition and inspire them to become world-class scientists.

## Conference on 'Water Supply & Sanitation in Cold Climates' held in Kargil

L-G Mathur stresses on sustainable solutions to address water issues in Ladakh

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: A daylong conference on World Water Day themed, 'Water Supply and Sanitation in Cold Climates- All Year 24x7 Water Supply, Waste Management' was held on March 22 in Kargil.

The event was organised by Housing and Urban Development Department, Ladakh in collaboration with BORDA and LEDeG. Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, R K Mathur presided over as the chief guest virtually.

Speaking on the occasion, LG Mathur thanked the participants from outside Ladakh for sharing their knowledge and expertise in water management that would help Ladakh address the water shortage and conservation issues. He expressed concerns over the receding glaciers and dried up springs which are resulting in water shortages in villages. He informed that UT Administration has drafted a Ladakh Vision 2050 in which an efficient water management plan with a sustainable solution is one of the primary focuses.

Lieutenant Governor observed the need to address water shortage issues in Ladakh in a sustainable way, incorporating scientific techniques and traditional good practices. He cited the example of a pilot project being executed at Latoo village in Kargil where through solar power water is being lifted about 200 meters into a reservoir of 1 lakh liters capacity. He also emphasized the need to correlate water problems and women's work. We need to make them free to contribute to the



During the day-long conference on World Water Day theme, 'Water Supply and Sanitation in Cold Climates- All Year 24x7 Water Supply, Waste Management' in Kargil.

economic growth of the family and the region.

Making a mention of Jal Jeevan Abhiyan, he said that under this scheme UT Administration is making all efforts to provide a specified quantity of drinking water to every household in Ladakh by 2022. He said that it's a challenging project given the climatic and geographic features of the region. However, he added that Ladakh has always accepted challenges and this target too will be achieved. He said that the water needs of around 3 lakh population of Ladakh, tourists, and a sizeable portion of the Armed Forces need be met. He exhorted on the need to frame policies considering these three target groups.

CEC, LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmad Khan highlighted the challenges faced due to extremely cold weather, climate change, and water shortage problems. He said that this conference will prove to be a good opportunity to discuss and deliberate on ways to improve water supply and sanitation service delivery in the cold arid region of Ladakh. He added

that ideas would also emerge to address the challenges in ensuring an all-weather affordable water supply and sanitation service system.

Commissioner Secretary, Urban Local Bodies Ladakh, Ajeet Kumar Sahu said that in Ladakh challenges regarding water are different from the rest of the country and this conference would provide the platform for the exchange of knowledge and information on water and sanitation issues. Besides, it would help get specific ideas on viable management and technical solutions in the context of Ladakh, showcase innovation and best practices, and to foster partnership and networking.

Sahu stressed the need to look for decentralized solutions to address the problems related to quality water supply and sanitation.

Speakers and experts spoke in detail about the themes based on providing and managing drinking water supply, cold climate technologies and practices, public utilities, and waste management.

## CEC, Leh, discusses transmission line issues with Union Power Minister



A delegation led by the Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson with Power Minister, GoI, Raj Kumar Singh.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

NEW DELHI: A delegation led by the Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson met and discussed power transmission connectivity issues with Power Minister, GoI, Raj Kumar Singh on March 23.

The delegation requested him to tender the revised rates for the

early completion of the Nubra transmission line to connect with the Northern Grid, approval to connect the Durbuk Block transmission line with the Northern Grid and the villages especially near the border areas that are still not connected with transmission lines.

The Power Minister was also informed about the Memorandum

of Understanding (MoU) signed between LAHDC, Leh, and ONGC. CEC Leh also informed about the agreement signed between LAHDC, Leh and Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), and National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd (NTPC).

Taking note of the issues, the Power Minister assured to look into their demands and directed the concerned authorities to revise the required funds and execute the work on time before the start of the season. He also directed concerned secretaries to execute the projects on a war footing.

Executive Councillor for Minority/Councillor Turtuk, Ghulam Mehdi Ashoor; Councillor Panamik, Tsering Sangdup and BDC Chairman, Disket Nubra, Stanzin Gyatso accompanied CEC Gyalson.

## DC, Leh, launches web portal & mobile app for labour registration

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC, Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse launched the Registration of Labourers (RoL) Ladakh web portal and Android mobile app on March 29 in Leh.

The portal and mobile app have been developed to provide a one-stop interface for the registration of workers/labourers to issue labour card to workers in Ladakh. The web portal and mobile app have been designed and developed to use across the Union Territory without any modifications.

The technical team comprising Rigzin Gurmet and Abdul Rashid (both network engineers) were present during the event.

DC Leh, Shrikant Suse informed that this Android mobile app is available on the Google Play Store that can be searched under RoL Ladakh. Both the portal and mobile app have been indigenously designed and developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC), District Leh.

Technical Director and DIO Leh, Punchok Paldan;



Scientist-B and ADIO Leh, Tondup Tashi was also present during the launch ceremony.

DIO Leh, Punchok Paldan about the features of both the web portal and the mobile app. ADIO Tashi Tondup gave a detailed presentation on the functionality of the mobile app and web portal.

Citizens can search for labourers/workers from anywhere at any time without going anywhere to engage them in their domestic or agricultural works.

DC Leh congratulated NIC Leh for its effort in designing and developing the in-house solution in a time-bound manner and for rolling it out for the benefit of authorities and the public.

## In Conversation with Stanzin Dolkar, First woman ice hockey player

Interviewed by Stanzin Dasal

### Q. Brief us about yourself and the journey as an Ice hockey player.

I love sports and since my childhood, I used to participate in various sports at school and district level. I started playing ice hockey when I was in Class 11. It was a time when there were only 3 women Ice hockey teams in Leh including, one team of Secmol and two teams of Lalok. Since then I have played ice hockey continuously for 16 years. One strong reason for me to be consistent in this game is because I was very passionate and always wanted to see more and more girls of Ladakh play and participate in the challenge cup. This was a prime reason to establish Ladakh Women Ice Hockey Foundation (LWIHF) to encourage women players by imparting training. I was the Founding President of LWIHF.

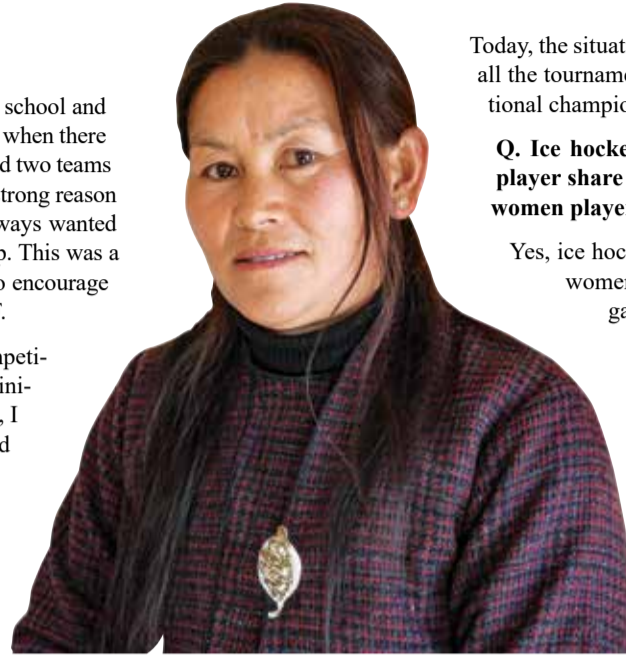
In 2007, a Swedish documentary titled 'Thin Ice' won the Silver Wolf Competition award. The film shows the love of mine for the ice hockey sport and my initiative and effort to pave way for girls to compete in championships. In 2009, I joined District Youth and Sports Services as a Physical education teacher, and in 2016; I cleared PSC and started serving as a physical education lecturer. Presently, I am working in Govt. Girls higher Secondary School as Physical Education lecturer.

### Q. How many international, national, and district tournaments you played?

In 2010, I received a special invitation from the Malaysia Ice hockey Federation through Indian Ice Hockey Federation to play with the Malaysia team in the International Malaysia tournament. I got the call because they recognized my effort to uplift women in ice hockey sports. In 2010, I participated in Ice hockey development camp organised by International Ice hockey Federation in Finland. And in 2016, I played Asian Challenge Cup at Chinese Taipei. Apart from the international games, I played many national and district ice hockey tournaments.

### Q. You have been constantly motivating women to play ice hockey from the very beginning. Share your experiences.

Like I said before, there was a time when women playing ice hockey is not given much importance. There were only 1 to 3 teams and many of the players left playing after few years because the future was bleak, not so much exposure, needed encouragement, and facilities were there. The women players used to borrow protective gear and equipment as they were not in a status to have their own. The story does not just end with this, there was also some kind of gender disparity because we have seen that the public is more enthusiastic about



### MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“I want to request all the parents to encourage your child's interest and let them pursue it wholeheartedly. Also, I would like to appeal everyone to encourage and women's ice hockey team.”

watching men's matches than the women's one. So, there was discouragement at all levels. Amidst all these there was a need to aware, motivate young girls to play and pursue the dreams. Thus, the Ladakh Women Ice hockey Foundation was formed in 2015 to encourage women ice hockey players. The foundation worked to strengthened women players, giving coaching and training to young girls and also form more teams.

Today, the situation has changed. Women players are equally given importance and almost all the tournaments are conducted. Girl's team of Ladakh represents India at the international championship but there is still a lot to be done to encourage women in Ladakh.

### Q. Ice hockey used to be a male-dominated game. You as a woman ice hockey player share with us the challenges faced by the women players and the scope for women players of Ladakh?

Yes, ice hockey was indeed more popular among men in the beginning and very few women were seen on ice surfaces playing ice hockey. It was a time when the game was played without protective gear and equipment. There were not many facilities also a short winter season to play ice hockey was a challenge to make women participate and excel in ice hockey. There was also a time when the women's team of ice hockey was not taken so seriously. Also, the number of women ice hockey teams was less which also hindered participation in every tournament. After the 2016 championship, more and more young girls were encouraged to play ice hockey.

But the situation has changed little bit now, today we have six women teams, though men teams are more than 12. The scope of winning an international championship is high for the women team as compared to the men team. This is because the women's ice hockey team is less at the international level also.

Talking about the challenges, not just women but all the ice hockey players of Ladakh face is the absence of good infrastructure and short playing season. Players of Ladakh have good potential; they will be more groomed given the needed infrastructure. At present players of Ladakh plays on a natural ice sheet which is available for two months only. Though we represent India in the international arena but to score and win the championship we need to have facilities of international level and more time to play and practice.

### Q. What is your advice to young girls who are playing or wanted to become ice hockey players?

No matter how many challenges you have to face or how difficult things get don't just quit playing. Your interest and passion for playing will take you to new heights.

Not all success comes easily, there is a struggle but you need to keep going on if you need to achieve it.

## The World of Juniors



Helen Mirren, author of the Message of the World Theatre Day 2021.

### World Theatre Day

World Theatre Day was initiated in 1961 by the International Theatre Institute (ITI). It is celebrated annually on 27th March by ITI Centres and the international theatre community. On this day, ITI host a yearly message, spoken by a chosen famous theatre performer, to share their views about the art of theatre and its future. The first World Theatre Day Message was written by Jean Cocteau in 1962.

Do you know that this message is translated into over 50 languages and printed in hundreds of newspapers? Through several institutions, this message was broadcast to all corners of the world. ITI has more than 85 centres throughout the world; it also encourages colleges, schools, theatre professionals to celebrate this day.

The author of the Message of the World Theatre Day 2021 is Helen Mirren, actress of stage, screen and television.

## SoulSpeak

P.P. Wangchuk

### Just being good is not good enough!



Come spring, and you raise your hopes for the good and the beautiful. The spring season symbolises the onset of all that is good and lovely. Nature turns the planet into a fairy land with its myriad of colours all over. And one gets a sense of joy that all is well with the world.

Having said that, this spring came into my life with a beautiful book that I had always been looking for, Roman statesman Marcus Tullius Cicero's book, 'On Good Life'. It says that life is nothing if not full of morality. Now, one has to understand this point of view of those years during the BC Era when mankind had hardly formed any opinion about good and bad, forget about philosophical writings to have a life that is purposeful and meaningful.

But Cicero had given to mankind, in those days, everything about morality and the goodness of a purposeful life. And he was very dynamic in his views. At one point in his life, he happily admitted that his thoughts had undergone drastic changes. In fact, he says that the dynamics of life are such that without change, nothing good remains good forever.

The broad picture that he book presents is that just being good is not good enough. That has to be morally good as well. A perfect moral goodness lands one directly into a world of happiness and contentment. Here, contentment does not mean that one does not do anything after sometime, and feels happy in not doing anything. It means that while one is not unhappy with what one has at any given point of time, one never stops in the pursuit of all that is good, beautiful and meaningful.


That is because the moment you give a break for a pause in life, you are as good as dead. And your 'revival' thereafter involves quite a difficult task. Life is a continuous process, and its journey ends only with our death.


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## DID YOU KNOW



 Tsokar Wetland Complex in Ladakh is listed under Ramsar sites under an international convention, meant for preserving ecological character of selected wetlands across the globe. Tsokar wetland is India's 42nd Ramsar site and the second in the UT of Ladakh. The name Tsokar refers to the white salt efflorescence on the margins of the lake caused by the evaporation of the saline waters.

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## People's Voice

By Tenzin Dajon

**Waste management is a pressing need and issue in Leh with the growing population, change in lifestyle, heavy influx of tourists, and many more. Open garbage dumping and burning is still a common method practiced. But on the other hand Municipal Committee, Leh is leaving no stone unturned to make Leh town neat and clean. Administration along with public cooperation is an utmost need to make Leh district clean. Let's read what they have to say about waste management.**



**YANGCHEN DOLMA**, Coordinator, Project Tsangda: Waste management issue is increasing even in rural and semi-urban areas. To curb this issue an initiative, 'Project Tsangda' was started in 2017 to manage the waste generated in rural areas. At present, there are seven centers established in different areas of

Leh district. The concept of the project is that it is run and managed by locals but the infrastructure was developed by the government.

Talking about Choglamsar centre, the household wastes are collected once a week and from commercial units, the wastes are collected daily. We charge ₹ 50 from households, ₹ 200 from shops. Hotels are charged according to the number of rooms. The fee charged is the income of the centre. From this limited income, we pay salary to our staffs and fuel of truck, etc. Few people hesitate to pay the user charges because we cannot collect the waste-free like Municipal Committee due to lack of fund. It may take little time to change their behavior.

The wastes collected are brought to the centre for secondary segregation because the primary segregation is done at the household level as instructed. It was quite difficult in the initial days to convince people about waste segregation at their household level, but now the scenario has changed. Wastes are segregated manually at the centre for now but we require a small segregation machine to ease the process. After segregation recyclable waste is sent for recycling and organic waste is dump into a dump pit to make manure. But dumping seems unsuccessful as it takes a very long time to get converted into

## Waste management

manure; therefore we are also in need of a machine to convert organic waste into manure as MC has.

It will be very good if we could set up a small recycling factory in Leh. Right now we sell the segregated waste at a very low rate.

Since its inception, Project Tsangda is working well with a lot of challenges and weaknesses with its limited income from the users. It will be more successful if the government starts funding it. Earlier, there was a stigma attached in the society towards sanitary workers, but now it has changed. Currently, we have 33 staff and receiving more applications from the public, which is a good sign. Project Tsangda is a successful model and can be implemented in the whole of Ladakh in the future as per requirement.



**DORJE TUNDUP**, Inspector Municipal Committee, Leh: Waste management is a serious concern globally, and Ladakh is no exception. Our foremost role is to implement the decision taken by the elected body of the Municipal Committee (MC), Leh to keep Leh city neat and clean. For this purpose, we are doing our best

at our level to maintain the hygiene of the town. We are implementing both the traditional and scientific methods to get the best results. A Solid Waste Management Plant, which has set up in Leh under the scheme UIDSSMT (Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Town) is functioning to segregate the waste generated, which ease the recycling process. The recyclable waste materials like plastics and papers are sold to scrap dealers for recycling. But waste like tattered clothes and shoes are burned in the machine called Black-Hole. The good thing about the machine Black-Hole is that it is quite environmentally friendly, as it produces very low pollution. It is based on plasma technology.

We also have a plan to use plastics waste like plastic bottles in road construction soon. Which will be game-changing to cope with the plastics issue. We all know that with time our town is expanding and rural areas near the town are becoming semi-urban areas. To cope with this, Greater Leh Master Plan is in the process to expand the Municipal Committee area of Leh, which will include Phyang, Spituk, Ranbirpur, Shey, Thiksey, and Chushot etc. Currently, the MC area

is about 60 km square. But the new MC area will be around 120 sq km. While meeting our goals for cleanup, we also come across many challenges. For example, changing the mindset of the people. It is very difficult to convince the people about their part of the responsibility. If we get public support, then it will be very easy to keep the town clean. Commercial shops also throw their garbages here and there at the end of the day, which enhance our difficulties. In addition to that, we have a shortage of staff (workforce). We are hoping that a new recruitment rule will come soon in Ladakh. At last, I want to request the public for their cooperation because the environment belongs to each one of us.



**DR. ISHAY NAMGYAL**, President MC, Leh: Ladakh is an eco-sensitive region, waste management becomes more important than any other region. So we cannot ignore the waste that is being generated here. For this purpose, MC Leh is working at a war footing zone to keep Leh's town neat and clean. It's been

two years since the elected body came to Leh, in which 13 wards are there. We are still working under the erstwhile state J&K MC Act 2000, as UT Act has not been enacted yet. A few decades earlier our waste generation was zero, because of domestication and the absence of plastics usage. Now many households have left domestication in Leh town due to which even leftover food becomes waste. In addition to that utilization of packaged products has enhanced by multiple times in Leh. During winter, Leh town generates two to three tons of waste which increased up to twelve tons per day in summer. In collaboration with LEDeG, we have started collecting dry and wet (organic) waste separately. Dry waste like plastic and paper are recycled at Skampari and the wet waste is decomposed to make manure. We had been throwing our waste at Bomb-Guard for many years and now it has become a serious issue. Now we have quantified it and around 1.72 lakh cubic meter waste is there, of which 16% are plastics and 10% are papers (gatta) etc. The good news is that within two years it will be cleared through tendering.

Waste that cannot be recycled like tattered clothes can be burned in the

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## NOTICE

We the following persons, propose to register a Non-profitable NGO under the name and Style as **'APCHI KUNFAN AMA TSOGSPA CHUSHUL' Leh UT Ladakh** with the Registrar of Societies UT Ladakh under Society Registration Act 1860.

List of Executive members of the Society:

S.No	Name	Parentage/Spouse	Residence	Designation
1	Sonam Angmo	Sonam Yangphel	Chushul	President
2	Dorjay Dolma	Skarma Raftan	Chushul	Vice-President
3	Padma Dolker	Stanzin Chosphel	Chushul	Secretary
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7	Tsering Dolker	Phunchok Samphel	Chushul	Storekeeper
8	Tsewang Lhadol	Sonam Dorje	Chushul	Member

Objection if any, in this regard may kindly be submitted to General Manager Industries, Leh UT Ladakh within a period of 21 days from the publication of the Notice.

President  
**'APCHI KUNFAN AMA TSOGSPA CHUSHUL' Leh UT Ladakh**

## Post UT status: Ladakh Police personnel waits for due promotion

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Satish Khandare, ADGP, Ladakh Police said, "The final apportionment of J&K and Ladakh has not been done after bifurcation thus there are issues. For promotion, we need clear vacancies in Ladakh Police which is not there because the final allocation between the two Union Territory is still pending. Things are under process and it will take time to get all things on track".

"As soon we get the final numbers of Ladakh Police we will start the functional promotion. Non-functional or in situ promotion was in our hand and we did promote a few of the officers", he added.

Satish Khandare further added that J&K being a

Union Territory with the legislature has some benefits.

Talking about the vacant post in Ladakh Police he informed that there are 800 posts vacant in Ladakh Police which will be filled only after the announcement of the new recruitment policy of Ladakh.

All the specialized wing of Ladakh Police such as security, CID, Traffic, SDRF are managed by the existing personnel through internal adjustment without any new recruitments. Over

burdened with work along with lack of promotion opportunities has further worsened the situation as many are going under depression.

The department is in a dire need of adequate manpower for smooth functioning.

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I, Mohd. Ali S/o Rozi Ali R/o Thang, Nubra, Leh UT Ladakh have lost my Contractor Card bearing No "B 510". Now I want to apply for the duplicate card, objection if any may be report to District Superintending Engineer PWD circle Leh within 7 days from date of the publication of this notice.

## NOTICE

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Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office, **Unit HQ 3 Inf Div C/o 56 APO** within 7 days from date of publication failing which necessary correction will be made.



## Indus Chushot Polo Club organizes polo match



Polo players during the polo match at Shagaran, Chuchot.

### Stanzin Dasal

CHUCHOT: A polo match was organised on 'Navroz', a festival that marks the beginning of a new year and the first day of spring on March 20 at Shagaran, Chuchot.

The Polo match was organised by Indus Chushot Polo Club. Animal Husbandry team beats Chushot Polo Club by scoring 6

goals against 4 goals.

Chief Guest of the occasion, Mirza Hussain, Chuchot Constituency stressed on further promotion and development of the polo game which historically and culturally plays an important part. He said organizing such a tournament will definitely help in promoting the polo game.

He informed about the assurance

of Union Sports Minister Kiran Rijiju to develop infrastructure at historical polo place Shagaran. He also seeks villagers and all stakeholder support to develop and promote Shagaran in the future.

Indus Chushot Polo Club, President, Tundup Dorjay said that the purpose of organizing the Polo match is to revive the traditional horse polo used to play at Shagaran in ancient times.

He appreciated Hill Council's contribution to developing the infrastructure at Shagaran and the personal contribution of Councilor Mirza Hussain for the development of Shagaran.

Chushot Ama Tsogspa presented a culture programme.

## First Ladakh Kisan Diwas celebrated in Leh

Experts from agriculture and allied sectors share experiences and achievements



### Tenzin Dajon

LEH: The Department of Agriculture celebrated first Ladakh Kisan Diwas 2020-21 at the NIELET Training Hall on March 17 to acknowledge and recognise farmers and their contribution to the economy and society.

Similarly, Ladakh Kisan Diwas was celebrated in different sub-divisions of Leh district, including Khaltse, Nyoma, Durbuk, Kharu and Nubra.

Chief Guest, CEC, LAHDC, Leh congratulated the farmers and other stakeholders on the first ever farmer day. He said that celebrating this day in March is more reasonable and symbolic as our agriculture activities begin after March but at national level it is celebrated on 23 December.

"Agriculture is the ultimate sustainable source of income in Ladakh. If we heavily depend on imported food items then we may face even food shortages in the future. Therefore we must give attention towards agriculture as well. At global level,

trend is changing and people are purchasing agricultural land", he added.

He also discussed about the importance of organic farming and gave assurance to help the farmers at every step.

EC, Agriculture, Stanzin Chosphe said, "Our aim is to aware the farmer about the schemes of agriculture department, so that each farmer could take the advantage of each scheme. Talking about the MODI initiative he said that it is council's flagship mission to make Ladakh an organic state. To achieve this, we are working on the ground with agriculture dept. and we are also planning to open organic shops and markets in Leh to increase the sale of our farm products. In addition to that we are also working to get market for our organic products in different parts of India like Delhi and Chandigarh."

Dr. Dorjay Namgyal, SKUAST sharing the achievement of his department said, "We have transferred many technologies to the

farmers like apricot harvest net. We taught farmers about the vermi-compost technique. We also give micro irrigation demonstration to the farmers, so they could apply in their orchard. We make Soil Health Card, with the help of agriculture department to check the fertility of the soil."

Dr. Tsering Stobdan, Sr Scientist at DIHAR talked about the doubling of farm produce in Ladakh and also emphasised on the selection of suitable fruits and vegetables to grown in Ladakh, which will enhance production.

Tashi Tsetan, Chief Agriculture Officer, Leh; Mohd. Iqbal, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Leh; Tsewang Phunchok, Chief Horticulture Officer also spoke on various issues.

The programme concluded with the distribution of certificates to the farmers. Progressive farmers shared their experience about their achievement. Krishak Award 2020 winner, Sonam Angmo and the Indus Farmers Group were felicitated by CEC Gyalson during the event.

## L-G Mathur inaugurates solar submersible carbon-neutral pump at Latoo, Kargil

Also chairs valedictory function of Skill Development Workshop, Kaushal Mela

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: A 41 HP (50 KW) solar submersible carbon-neutral pump was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor Radha Krishna Mathur on March 24 at Latoo.

The pump has a water lifting capacity at a direct head range of 130-160 meters that discharges water at 54 cubic meters per hour.

Chairman and CEC, Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan, Executive Councillor for Social Welfare Aga Syed Hassan Armaan, EC Mubarak Shah Naqvi, DC/CEO, LAHDC Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve, SSP Kargil Anayat Ali Choudhary besides district officers were present on the occasion.

L G Mathur congratulated CEC Kargil, former DC Kargil Baseer ul Haq Choudhary and KREDA for making this project successful. He further stated that with the coming up of the solar submersible pump a long pending demand of Latoo village has been fulfilled which will enhance irrigation and ease daily life in the village. Responding to the memorandum submitted by the villagers, LG said that UT Administration and the LAHDC Kargil both will do the needful to address their demands.

He said that there is no dearth of funds but the major challenge is to ensure proper utilization of these funds. He further urged the villagers to take up the responsibility to ensure judicious use, maintenance, and proper water distribution from this project.

The LG Ladakh also interacted



Lieutenant Governor Radha Krishna Mathur inaugurating A 41 HP (50 KW) solar submersible carbon-neutral pump at Latoo, Kargil.

with public delegations at Latoo village. He said that the people of Latoo village have gone through tough times and assured support from the UT Administration in addressing their issues.

CEC Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan informed that the solar water pump was taken as a pilot project for which ₹ 30 lakh was provided by the LAHDC, Kargil, and ₹20 lakh by KREDA.

The LG later chaired the valedictory session of Kaushal Mela-Skill Development Workshop organised by the Department of Technical Education and Skill Development and Information and Public Relations Department Ladakh at the Auditorium Hall, Kargil.

Expressing happiness and satisfaction on the overwhelming participation of youth in the workshop, he said that the youth are the future who has the responsibility to enhance Ladakh's economy.

It was informed that the Government of India is focusing on skill development among youth to ensure more intakes in private jobs

and entrepreneurship. Taking an example of South Korea where 94 percent of people have developed different skills, LG urged the youth to learn skills in different trades and take maximum benefits from such workshops.

He further added that the UT Administration Ladakh is looking forward to developing different job-oriented and Ladakh relevant skill development courses to make the local youth skillful. As an instance, he cited plumbing, electrician, carpentry, pashmina production, sea buckthorn production, animal and sheep husbandry sector, and other related sectors where the local youth can take private jobs and also become entrepreneurs after acquiring the necessary technical skills.

Later, LG visited Public Library in Kargil Town where the members of the Students' Education Movement of Ladakh briefed him about the various facilities which need to be developed in the library. The SEMOK delegation urged to dismantle the existing building and construct a new one to ensure more intake and facilities in the library.

## ADGP Ladakh inaugurates Police Public Archery Tournament

Ladakh Police committed to promote archery says, ADGP Khandare



### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: AS a part of 75 Years of India's Independence-Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav celebrations, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Ladakh, S S Khandare inaugurated Police Public Archery Tournament at Khree Sultan Chow Sports Stadium on March 17.

A total of 53 teams from across the Kargil district will be partic-

ipating in the 2 days tournament.

ADGP, Ladakh said that Ladakh Police is committed to promote and train the local youths in games such as Archery so that they can compete at national and international levels.

He further said that the athletes will be recruited under the patronage of Ladakh Police in the future. He further extended his best wishes to the athletes and

the participants of the tournament.

The ADGP along with the other officers also interacted with the Archery players. He said that Ladakh Police has always remained upfront in promoting traditional games of Ladakh. Archery tournaments have been organised by the Ladakh Police in Zanskar and Drass, and this tournament is a continuation of these efforts.

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machine called Black Hole, which burning capacity is 1 ton per day. Around 9% of wastes are scientifically buried in the landfill with proper guidelines.

Earlier we had MC dustbins at few places in which people throw their waste directly without waiting for MC trucks. But it's been not successful as during winter it freezes and the stray animals like

dogs and donkeys mess up the whole area. At present, to ease the segregation process, a separate vehicle for dry and wet waste is provided. Soon we are going to start a third vehicle in which only hazardous waste like - syringe will be collected.

Household wastes are collected free to encourage people's participation to keep Leh town clean, but the minimum amount is charged from the commercial units.

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