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## 34-year-old woman dies at PHC, Sakti; family alleges medical negligence

Enquiry committee states that the doctor, paramedical staff failed in their duty, and is a medical negligence



Building of the Primary Health Centre, Sakti.

Stanzin Dasal

SAKTI: A 34-year-old woman died at Primary Health Centre, Sakti on May 7, allegedly because of a delay in treatment after she complained of abdominal pain.

Uncle of the deceased, Namgyal said, "She complained of an abdominal pain around 6 am. Her family member rushed her to the PHC, Sakti. Two nurses who were on night duty were there who asked the patient about the pain and symptoms. After hearing the symptoms they just suspected her as COVID infected, and went to call a doctor. The doctor was reluctant to come out as he was sleeping. Thus, the nurses sent back the patient home and asked her to come back at 10 am. Later, around 9.30 she was in severe pain again so they took her back and before any medical help was reached out, she died there itself."

"For around 4 hours the patient was left to travel from home and PHC. If they have treated her at the very first without any delay our child might be with us today", he added.

Reportedly the sample of the patient for the COVID-19 test was taken during her second visit around 9.30 and was tested negative.

Cousin brother of the deceased, Rigzin Dorjey alleged that it is sheer negligence by the medical staff who were on duty at that time.

"Instead of making the patient wait for the doctor, they could have just asked us to take her to the SNM hospital. It's sad to see that a person loses life because of the casual attitude of some medical staff", he added.

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## Mountaineer Jigmet Tharchin successfully summits Mt. Everest



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Jigmet Tharchin from Tia village, Leh successfully climbed Mount Everest on May 12.

UT Administration and LAHDC, Leh supported him to scale Mount Everest.

Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Ravinder Kumar congratulated Jigmet Tharchin for his remarkable achievement in mountaineering by summiting Mt Everest while representing UT Ladakh for the first time in its history.

He said that his success would inspire all others youths of Ladakh to take mountaineering and other adventure sports as a profession. He extended good wishes for his future endeavours.

Jigmet Tharchin had climbed several peaks of more than 6000m before summiting Mount Everest. He has done all the basic and advanced mountaineering training courses from the Indian Institute of Mountaineering. He is a member of the Ladakh Mountain Guide Association, which has played a crucial role in his achievement. Many experienced climbers from LMGA are now attempting other major peaks in Nepal with the support of IMF.

Jigmet Tharchin acknowledged the support of Lieutenant Governor, RK Mathur; CEC Leh, Tashi Gyalson; MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal and the people of Ladakh, including his family members, friends and LMGA.

Courtesy Tsetan Angmo



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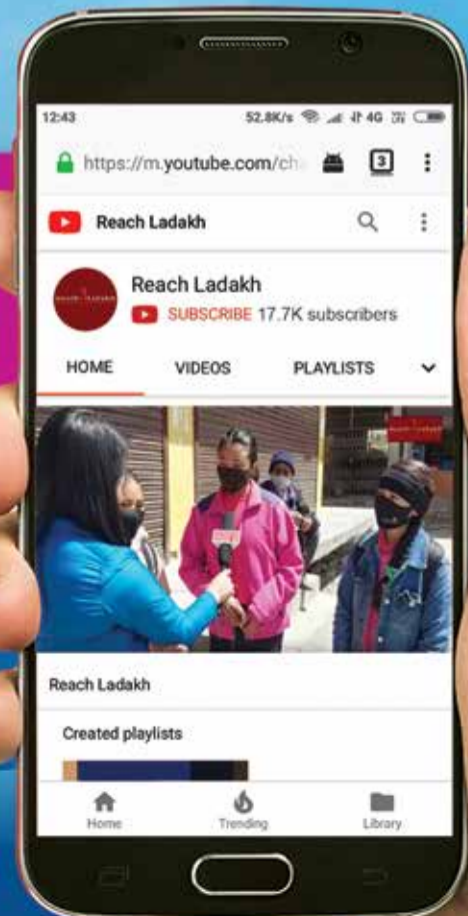
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## Chairman, DDMA, Leh issues order for strict compliance of COVID-19 norms

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse directed all the department and organisations to ensure strict compliance to screening, testing and isolation norms by the employees and the public under Section 34 of the Disaster Management Act 2005.

Action under Section 51 to 60 of Disaster Management Act 2005, Section 188 of Indian Penal Code (IPC), and other applicable laws

will be taken against any person found not complying with the instructions of the surveillance and medical teams and refusing to provide their samples.

He also directed all the concerned Executive Magistrates and Station House Officers (SHOs) to assist the Health Department.

Chairman DDMA Leh took this decision after learning about instances where government and private institution employees, who were contacts of COVID

positive cases, did not cooperate with the surveillance teams for COVID-19 sampling.

The UT, District Administration and LAHDC Leh have been making efforts to trace contacts and test individuals as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Gol.

The Administration and LAHDC, Leh appeals to the public to cooperate with the surveillance and medical teams for the same.

## Shrikant Balasaheb Suse reviews fire safety audit at SNM hospital



Chairman, DDMA Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse inspecting the fire safety equipment installed at SNM hospital.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Chairman, DDMA Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse visited SNM Hospital, Leh and reviewed the action taken on the fire safety audit of the hospital on May 13.

He inspected the fire safety equipment installed at the hospital, including fire extinguishers, hydrant system, fire alarms and fire exits and also checked their functionality/working condition on the spot.

Chairman, DDMA Leh, directed the Construction Division to re-design the fire alarm system and exit routes free from obstruction and install a full-proof fire safety mechanism at the storage room of oxygen cylinders and oxygen plant.

He also directed the Medical Superintendent of SNM Hospital to ensure decentralised storage of oxygen cylinders. Concerned officers from the construction division assured that necessary

changes suggested by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services are being made on a war footing basis.

Chairman, DDMA Leh, directed the MS to organise a refresher course for the hospital staff on handling fire safety equipment during an emergency in coordination with SDRF.

He also inspected the site for the installation of the proposed new 1000 LPM oxygen plant at SNM.

Earlier, Chairman, DDMA Leh, visited the containment zone in Thiksey village to take stock of the arrangements, including the availability of medicines and essential commodities and services, contact tracing and sampling in containment zones.

Incharge, Covid Command Centre, Leh representatives from Fire and Emergency Services Department, Leh; Assistant Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD Leh accompanied Chairman, DDMA Leh during the visit.

## Nari Niketan, Bal Ashram, Leh & Bal Ashram, Kargil, designated as Child Care Institution for COVID purpose

Children of indisposed parents suffering from Covid-19 to be supported for an interim period

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Nari Niketan and Bal Ashram in Leh district and Bal Ashram at Baroo, Kargil, have been designated as Children Care Institutions (CCIs) to support children of indisposed parents suffering from COVID-19 for an interim period.

People can inform Child Welfare Committees (CWCs) or District Child Protection Officer (DCPO), or Protection Officer (Institutional Care) if the child of any COVID-19 patient is facing

difficulty.

Nodal officials/officers have been appointed to provide the necessary support to such children. The officials are Nazir Ahmed Khan, Chairman CWC, Kargil (9419706413) and Fazil Ali, Protection Officer Non-Institutional Care, Kargil (9469723300), for Kargil district and Shala Khan, Member, Child Welfare Committee, Leh (9622173705) and Rinchen Dolker, Protection Officer, Institutional Care, Leh (8493896079), for Leh district.

As per Section 32 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015, any individual or police officer or a hospital who find a child who appears to be abandoned or lost, or is an orphan without family support, should provide the information of the child to the nearest Police Station or the Child Welfare Committee or the District Child Protection Unit or hand over the child to a Child Care Institution registered under the Act within 24 hours (excluding the time necessary for the journey).

## 34-year-old woman dies at PHC, Sakti; family alleges medical negligence

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An enquiry committee comprising, Dr. Manzoor-ul-Haq, Deputy CMO, Leh and Dr. Tashi Namgyal, District Tuberculosis Officer, Leh was constituted to enquire. The committee submitted their report to

the CMO, Leh stating that the doctor on duty and the paramedical staff failed to carry on their duties and is a medical negligence.

Later, the doctor was transferred to PHC, Nyoma and the two nurses to Chumur.

## Secretary, Social and Tribal Welfare inspects Bal Ashram, Nari Niketan Hostel in Leh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Secretary, Social and Tribal Welfare, Padma Angmo inspected Bal Ashram and Nari Niketan hostel in Leh and reviewed the arrangements at these institutions on May 6.

Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) has recently written to States and UTs to take necessary actions for the care and protection of children who have become orphans due to COVID-19.

Secretary Padma directed the Hostel Superintendents to ensure regular sanitization of the hostel and adherence to COVID SOPs. She also impressed upon the concerned officials to make requisite preparations for taking



Secretary, Social and Tribal Welfare, Padma Angmo during the inspection of Bal Ashram and Nari Niketan hostel in Leh.

in children whose parents have tested positive for COVID-19.

District Social Welfare Officer and the staff of Bal Ashram and Nari Niketan apprised Secretary Padma of the requirement of

additional human resources and equipment. Secretary Padma asked the concerned officials for a comprehensive proposal in this regard. She also visited the site for the proposed Girls Hostel and Old Age Home at Saboo Thang.

## Hill Council, Leh, targets 100% procurement of raw Pashmina in Changthang



During a meeting of procuring adequate raw Pashmina wools from Changthang region at the Council Secretariat, Leh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A meeting to discuss plans for procuring adequate raw Pashmina wool in Changthang for the year 2021-22 was convened by Executive Councillor for Animal/Sheep Husbandry, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Namgyal on May 7 at the Council Secretariat, Leh.

Looking at certain shortcomings in the past times regarding the same process, it was discussed during the meeting that the procuring process should be

strengthened and accountable at every step.

Society officials seek assistance from councillors, BDC Chairpersons, and village heads in dealing with petty issues at the village level especially during the process of procurement of raw Pashmina in the region.

EC Tashi informed the meeting that LAHDC Leh is targeting a 100% procurement of raw Pashmina in the Changthang region this year through Cooperative

Society. He added that mass awareness campaigns haven't been carried out till now due to the surge in COVID-19 cases in the district. He also stated that a Committee comprising of Councillors, BDC Chairpersons and departmental officials will be formed to conduct public awareness campaigns for procuring raw Pashmina through the Cooperative society which would benefit the locals as well as the state.

All the concerned Councillors and BDC Chairpersons suggested measures for the functionality of the societies. They assured their assistance in providing all possible support to the government in managing and making the public aware of the process and benefits.

Councillor Chushul, Nyoma, Korzok and Kungyam; BDC Chairperson of Durbuk, Nyoma, Korzok and Rong; Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies, Leh and officials of ACPCM Society attended the meeting.

## L-G Mathur flags in BRO's cycling expedition on COVID awareness & road safety

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Lieutenant Governor RK Mathur flagged in a cycling expedition undertaken by the Border Roads Organisation's (BRO) on COVID awareness and road safety on May 7 at Karzu, Leh.

The expedition, carried out by Projects VIJAYAK and HIMANK of BRO, commemorates the Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav and the 61st BRO raising day.

LG Mathur commended DG BRO and all officers of BRO on their raising day and applauded their services to the nation, and particularly to Ladakh.

L-G Mathur congratulated Captain Tarun Bhatia of Project Vijayak and Captain Raunak Bhaduria of Project Himank and commended their endurance and spirit while appreciating BRO for its noble initiative.

Brig. Arvinder Singh, Chief Engineer HQ Himank apprised the



Lieutenant Governor RK Mathur flagging in the cycling expedition undertaken by the Border Roads Organisation's (BRO) on COVID awareness and road safety.

L-G of the routes covered by the cyclists over seven days covering an approximate distance of 900 km each while sensitizing people about COVID and road safety using pamphlets and interactions.

On the occasion, LG Mathur also took stock of BRO's preparedness for COVID handling, especially in terms of handling its incoming laborers.

Brig. Singh informed LG that the organization is fully equipped with beds, doctors, paramedics, medicines, and equipment. Besides, RT-PCR testing for incoming laborers is mandatorily done before entering Ladakh,

DN Dahat, Commander 16 BRTF, and Col. A Goyat, Director HIMANK were present on the occasion.



## Secretary, Agriculture, inspects various farms, encourages agri-entrepreneurs



Secretary, Agriculture and Horticulture, Ravinder Kumar along with Chief Agriculture Officer during their visit to Agriculture Department farms and private progressive farmer units.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Secretary, Agriculture and Horticulture, Ravinder Kumar visited Agriculture Department farms and private progressive farmer units on May 13.

He inspected the mushroom cultivation and spawns production unit at the Vegetable Development Farm, Guphuks and appreciated the initiative taken by the Agriculture Department. The

concerned officials were asked to support young Agri-entrepreneurs from the region. Also, he asked the concerned officers for optimum use of farms and conduct experimental research with CSIR's assistance and involve other national institutes to develop new crop models and increase farmer income during his visit to the Fodder Development Farm at Palam.

Secretary Ravinder also visit-

ed Thiksay farm and impressed upon the concerned officials to develop Thiksay farm as a model floriculture garden. He directed the Agriculture Department officials to support floriculturists by introducing different kinds of flowers, including perennials, annual cut flower, aromatic and medicinal herbs, to help the farmers adopt the latest technology and increase their income.

He instructed the Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO), Leh, to prepare a DPR for developing departmental farms with specific priorities. The CAO, Leh was asked to prepare specific objectives for each agriculture farm and focus on new state-of-art technologies with the help of national research institutes.

Secretary Ravinder also visited the nursery unit of Tsering Dolma and Lobzang Tsering established by the Agriculture Department.

## EC Tashi Namgyal discusses plans under Changthang Development Package

Stresses to implement projects after consulting public representatives of the region

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Executive Councillor for Animal/Sheep Husbandry, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Namgyal convened a meeting with the public representatives and discussed plans under Changthang Development Package on May 6 at Council Secretariat.



Executive Councillor for Animal/Sheep Husbandry, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Namgyal convening a meeting of Changthang Development Package with public representatives at Council Secretariat.

DSHO, Leh spoke about the plans under Changthang Development Package and put forward agendas to discuss and take decisions accordingly. The meeting discussed plans such as distribution of pre-fabricated insulated sheds for nomads, pasture and fodder development in Changthang and purchase of Nomadic Kits such as tents, tarpaulin, portable toilets, gen-sets, radio, etc.

The meeting aimed to discuss plans under the developmental package in consultation with all the public representatives from the Changthang region in line with the officials of Animal and

Sheep Husbandry for a better implementation of works on the ground level. Concerned councillors and BDC Chairpersons of Changthang region put forward their concerns and suggestions.

It was also discussed that the higher incentives such as the provision of prefabricated insulated sheds for the nomads will be finalized with consultation and as per the requirements of the beneficiaries.

DSHO Leh also assured the meeting that the department will come up with samples of tents and sheds within 10-25 days to survey and analyze the dura-

bility keeping in mind the extreme climatic condition of the Changthang region.

EC Tashi stressed a suitable and proper implementation of all the schemes as well as incentives to every people of the region. He also requested concerned officials of the Sheep husbandry department to implement projects in consultation with the concerned public representatives of the region.

DSHO Leh, Councillor Chushul, Nyoma, Korzok, Kungyam and BDC Chairperson of Durbuk, Nyoma, Korzok and Rong attended the meeting.

## State Board for Wildlife Ladakh convenes second meeting

Construction of 11 defence roads covering an area of 154.08 hectares approved

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Meeting of the State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) of the Union Territory of Ladakh was held under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur on May 11.

Issues related to the rationalisation of protected area boundaries, wildlife clearance for constructing border roads, uninterrupted movement of wildlife in the landscape during and after the implementation of developmental projects, habitat fragmentation, payment of compensation, poaching cases, the menace of feral dogs and waste management, were discussed during the meeting.

The SBWL presented border



road construction proposals to Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Central Public Works Department (CPWD) and Border Roads Organisations (BRO) for wildlife clearances. The proposals were shared further for approval from the National Board for Wildlife post-clearance from the SBWL. A total of 11 defence roads covering an area of 154.08

hectares were approved in the board meeting.

Advocate Tashi Gyalsen, Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC Leh; Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, Member of Parliament, Ladakh; Umang Narula, Advisor to Hon'ble Lt. Governor; Tashi Namgyal Yakzee, Executive Councillor (Wildlife), LAHDC Leh; Mohd. Ali Chandan, Executive Councillor (Wildlife), LAHDC Kargil; Dr Pawan Kotwal, Principal Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment; Satish Khandre, Additional Director General of Police; Padma Angmo, Secretary, Social and Tribal Welfare; Preet Pal Singh, Chief Wildlife Warden and many other officials and stakeholders were present during the meeting.

## Leh, Kargil to be developed as Smart Cities

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Commissioner Secretary, Ajeet Kumar Sahu convened a meeting of the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUDD) and reviewed the status of various ongoing projects in both districts on May 11.

While reviewing the progress of preparing plans for Smart Cities, he asked the Director to ensure early hiring of UT-level PMU and also to complete the formalities of setting up of special purpose vehicle so that detail plans are prepared in a time-bound manner. The meeting was informed that the work on the Master Plan of Leh is at an advanced stage while the tender has already floated for preparing the Master Plan of Kargil town.

Ajeet Sahu asked the director to ensure early evaluation of bids and allotment of the contract for the purpose. He informed that for construction of winter-friendly bus stops at various locations in Kargil have been allotted and work will start soon whereas locations of Leh are yet to be finalized.

He also asked the director to immediately constitute a committee



Commissioner Secretary, Ajeet Kumar Sahu convening a meeting of the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUDD).

of field officers to finalize the locations and issue of tenders within the next 20 days.

Commissioner Secretary Sahu also reviewed the status of the work of treatment of the identified traffic bottleneck spots and asked the officials to get the status report from NHIDCL soon. He also reviewed the status of construction of the slaughterhouse, STP, multi-tier parking, water ATM, streetlight and the truck terminal works in both the cities. He later asked the concerned officials to get the works expedited and complete in a time-bound manner. He also issued directions for early black-topping and construction of footpaths along all the roads in both the town as it has been accorded

top priority by the UT administration.

The status of implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM), AMRUT, UIDSSMT and Swanidhi Yojana were also reviewed. He asked all concerned to achieve the targets as stipulated. The Director were asked to review the progress under these schemes with concerned executing agencies to avoid any delay.

Amit Chandel, Director, Housing and Urban Development; Executive Officers of Municipal Committee, Leh/Kargil besides the officers and officials of Secretariat attended the meeting.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting of 'Yountan Society' held

Discusses Samagra Shiksha plan for UT Ladakh



### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The 4th Executive Committee meeting of 'Yountan Society' single implementing Society for SAMAGRA Shiksha UT Ladakh was chaired by Commissioner Secretary School Education, A.K. Sahu on May 7.

Commissioner Secretary, Sahu stressed including sanitization and screening for the schools' equipment. He asked both the DCs to follow the guidelines already issued for running community classes and adopt innovative measures such as visiting teachers, student volunteers for making good of academic losses of the student during the COVID pandemic. He also stressed designating village level teacher coordinator in each habitation to be responsible for the academic progress of the students in the village and coordinate with their respective school teachers/masters.

Director School Education highlighted the pending issues with J&K and Commissioner Secretary, Sahu requested State Project Director J&K to transfer the due share of UT Ladakh (2018-

19, 2019-20) and complete the ongoing civil works in the current working season without further delay. It was also informed that out of the previous release under SAMAGRA Shiksha an amount of ₹3063.78 lakh has been released to CEOs/ Principal DIETs for proper implementation of the Scheme.

Sahu instructed the Director, School Education to constitute committees to check and verify the actual utilization of funds by the schools/ institutions. He further asked Deputy Commissioner Leh / Kargil to conduct extensive exercise by involving the community to get the actual status of out of school children by involving members of PRIs, VEC and public representatives and ensure their enrolment to the nearest schools.

Commissioner Secretary, Sahu also advised both the DCs for rationalization of Schools/ Teachers in consultation with respective LAHDCs.

The meeting was informed that this year focus of the plan is on the creation of e-content and

online classes. Commissioner Secretary, Sahu suggested incorporating preloaded e-content tablets for teachers also so that the students are benefitted from the tablets being provided under Special Development Package. He also stressed on to mobilize the DIET faculty for action research in different subjects and standard training.

The Executive Committee recommended the Annual Plan of SAMAGRA Shiksha (AWP&B) with some modifications for placing before the governing body of the 'Yountan Society'.

Mohd Mumtaz Ali, Director SED gave a detailed presentation of the proposal of the Annual Work Plan and Budget of SAMAGRA Shiksha UT of Ladakh for the year 2021-22.

V.K. Verma Deputy Sec./ Director SAMAGRA Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of School Education Govt. of India; Shrikant Balasahheb Suse, Deputy Commissioner Leh; Santosh Sukhadeve, Deputy Commissioner Kargil; Mohd Mumtaz Ali, Director School Education UT Ladakh; Deputy Secretary School Education Department; Chief Education Officer Kargil; Chief Education Officer Leh; Representative of SPD J&K; Representative of JK BOSE; Representative of the University of Ladakh; Representative of Finance Department; Representative of Planning Development and Monitoring; Mayur Khaire Consultant Vocational Education and Planning Team SAMAGRA UT Ladakh attended the meeting.



## People's Voice

By Tenzin Dajon

**Campaign to increase the enrolment of students in government schools and to impart quality education is being carried out in almost all the villages of the Ladakh region. But, there is an example of few teachers who has revived the schools which are on the verge of closing down.**

**Let's read about their initiative, the success story of government schools which are running successfully and is an inspiration to many.**



**SONAM GYALSON, National Teacher Awardee:** Government schools are the backbone of our education system as the poorest of poor child studies here. It may lack proper facilities and infrastructure, but has the best teachers, which is a good reason to talk about the revival of government schools. All the stakeholders (department, teachers and parents) are equally responsible for the conditions of govt. schools in Ladakh.

We have many examples or success story of government schools which are revived. I would like to share the story of my school, Council Model School, Sakti which started with 4-5 students and within three to four years, the number of students increased to 112. We renovated the school and started doing a survey, seeking suggestions and ideas from different schools and teachers. Making the school attractive with all needed facilities is as important as having academic excellence. We adopted some changes such as designing the classrooms with wall paintings, student creative work, learning aids etc, changed school uniforms, started exposure tours, movie screening, winter camps, free tuition, transportation facilities, campus beautification etc. The point is to make school interesting and attractive. I got supports from the education department and colleague teachers through the journey.

Many people and teachers reasons that there is a lack of children, but I would say that there are enough students in every village from

## Strengthening government schools

Zanskar to Demchok. People are forced to send their children to private schools in the towns due to the failure of the system in government schools. Even few people are migrating to Leh to educate their children by leaving their agricultural land. I have been posted to both rural and urban areas. In rural areas, there is good community participation but in urban it's lacking. Therefore, it is clear that reviving government schools in rural areas will be easier than in the town.

The teacher-student ratio in government schools is one of the most challenging factors in Ladakh. According to the Government of India norms, the ratio is 1:30, which is not applicable in Ladakh. In my opinion, the ratio of 1:20 will be more than enough. We already have well-qualified teachers, frequent PTM, proper attendance and discipline in schools will be more helpful in reviving government schools. There should be one best and quality schools in every village instead of having many schools and transportation facilities must be provided if numbers are not met.



**TUNDUP WANGYAL, Teacher:** Education is the wheel of development as the journey of a developed society or a country starts with educated people. In Ladakh, government schools are the main source of education and therefore the government has provided schools in every village with limited infrastructure and other facilities which is not satisfactory.

In my opinion parents, teachers and students are the three pillars of education. Therefore, to create a good education system cooperation of all the pillars is a must. There are many defunct schools in Ladakh because of the absence of one of the pillar. Along with parents, elected representatives also show less interest in education. So I would say everyone is responsible for the current situation of the government schools.

I would like to share about Government Cluster School, Skagam, Zanskar, which we revived in cooperation with parents, teachers, and villagers. The school was formed by clubbing the three least roll govt. schools of Skagam, Bakarsey and Hamling. Started with 9-10 students. the school has now



63 students, which is a great achievement in areas like Zanskar. The same model can be replicated in other areas of the Zanskar region by using innovative method and cooperation of teachers and villagers. In such schools, transportation facilities become very important because students have to travel hours to reach the schools.

The government has provided schools in every village to uplift the population. Therefore, if we don't take advantage of the institutions on time then the situation may worsen further because it will be difficult for the poor section of the society to get complete and quality education in future. The private institutes may provide good education but it is not affordable to many parents. Therefore educated youth, parents and villagers must play their part to revive government schools in their regions.

To revive government schools first we need to change the image of the schools so that the students could proudly say that they are studying in govt schools. For this we need to change uniforms and make it like private schools, providing transportation facilities so that they could easily reach school and must provide attractive infrastructures etc. There should be a separate teacher for each subject, which means we must end the system of all in one.

Government schools also play a very important role in preserving and promoting our culture and tradition. Students studying in the village schools also lend their hand in household chores. They learn the lifestyle, tradition and culture along with academic. A cultural gap is created when the student stays away from home and families for education. Thus, a revival of government school is of utmost importance.

## The World of Juniors



Painted by Mipham Khentsey, Student of Ladakh Public School

## DID YOU KNOW



Karanji Lake, Mysore

### International Day for Biological Diversity

The United Nations has proclaimed May 22 The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. When first created by the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly in late 1993, 29 December (the date of entry into force of the Convention of Biological Diversity), was designated The International Day for Biological Diversity.

### Largest walk-through aviary in India

Karanji Lake, Mysore, is the largest walk-through aviary (large enclosure for birds) in India. You can walk through this enclosure where the birds are all around you. It includes an artificial waterfall and has over 17 different species of birds. (Source: Better India)

### The wettest inhabited place in the world

Mawsynram, a village on the Khasi Hills, Meghalaya, receives the highest recorded average rainfall in the world. Cherrapunji, also a part of Meghalaya, holds the record for the most rainfall in the calendar year of 1861.

## SoulSpeak

P.P. Wangchuk

### Happiness is a conscious outcome



Happiness is the result of a conscious, daily decision. That is what my desk-top planner has in bold letters. Every morning when I sit down to plan the day's work, this reminder 'stares' at me as if cautioning me against doing anything during the day that will hurt myself or others.

Taking a conscious decision to do only those things that will bring some cheer at the end of the day will do us much good. It need not be something big that we can't afford. Even a little gesture like consoling a bereaved person, or, for that matter, any other small act of kindness, goes a long way in giving us a fulfilled day. Just imagine the kind of difference you would make if you keep on showing such gestures day after day.

The biggest gain is that happiness will be your 'dearest companion'. We must learn to realise early in life that happiness and contentment do not come out of big material gains but out of small acts of kindness and benevolence. Happiness happens automatically to those who want and wish happiness to others around them. Let us say you have new neighbours. They will be as good or as bad to you as you are with them.

That surely means happiness begets happiness, and it increases when you share with others. Therefore, if you want happiness, learn to make others happy through acts of love and kindness. And that costs you nothing, but the 'returns' are really big! All that is needed is to realise that nothing is more important than happiness in one's life. A state of happiness is at the root of all great things to happen in life.



Courtesy: WongWorld

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# In Conversation with Tashi Tundup, Assistant Secretary, J&K Board of School Education, Leh

*Interviewed by Stanzin Dasal*

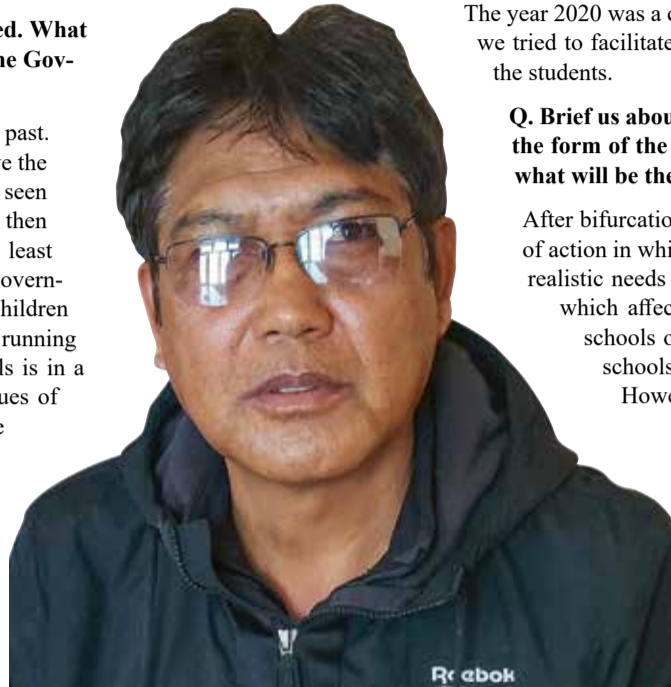
**Q. We are witnessing that most of the Govt. schools are being closed. What do you think are the reasons for it and what can be done to retain the Government School?**

The education system in Ladakh has improved a lot as compared to the past. Today no children are left out of schools and every parent ensures to give the best of education to their children. With the growing changes, we have seen that parents prefer more to enroll their children in private schools and then to other states for higher education. The government schools are the least preferred, resulting in the decreasing number of student enrollment in government schools. Many schools are compelled to shut down because of no children enrollment and most of the schools running in and around Leh town are running because of the non-local students. The situation of government schools is in a grim state and everyone is responsible for this. Earlier there were issues of infrastructure and lack of good facilities in government schools but the scenario is changed now. We have good infrastructure and the best teaching faculties in government schools. There is a need to change the mindsets of the people towards government schools and we all should work collaboratively to strengthen government schools in a real sense.

Various campaigns and drive are initiated to increase student enrollment in government schools. Also, the implementation of National Education policy 2020 will prove beneficial in strengthening government schools.

**Q. What are the various initiatives taken by the JKBOSE to facilitate the students amidst the COVID-19 pandemic?**

COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted the education sector like all other sectors. Though the online classes and new e leaning innovation has helped the studies going it was challenging to conduct the examination, result declaration etc. Amid the extended lockdown to contain the novel coronavirus in March-April 2020, JKBOSE decided to promote all the students of class 11 to the next class without any exams as conducting exams amid the outbreak of COVID-19 can lead to further spread of the virus. The annual examination was conducted in November. The examination centres were arranged with necessary heating facilities and strict COVID-19 SOP's measures and guidelines. Results are also declared and students have shown a very good performance. Some students were tested COVID-19 positive



The year 2020 was a challenging year for everyone on account of the COVID-19 pandemic but we tried to facilitate the students with all possible solutions to prevent the academic loss of the students.

**Q. Brief us about the status of the proposal for establishing a new territorial board in the form of the Ladakh Board of School Education. How beneficial would it be and what will be the challenges.**

After bifurcation, a meeting of all the stakeholders was held to decide the further course of action in which the proposal for a separate board for Ladakh was made to cater for the realistic needs of the student as per the harsh climatic and tough geographic condition which affects the academic session. Also, a proposal was given to affiliate all the schools of Ladakh with CBSE which seems not so practical because most of the schools cannot fulfil the tough criteria laid down by the CBSE in real terms.

However, certain aspects from CBSE which may suit the purpose for the establishment of a new board in Ladakh can be adopted. The proposal for establishing a new territorial board in the form of the Ladakh Board of School Education is very welcoming because there is a need to ensure a board that facilitates the student of Ladakh in the best possible way.

Series of meeting at all levels was held in which various suggestions and feedbacks were given. News is also there that the board of School Education for UT of Jammu and Kashmir shall serve the UT of Ladakh till the end of the academic year 2021-22. Serious intervention from the stakeholders and willingness in a real sense with practical implication on the ground is the need of the hour. The decision depends on the stakeholder and policymakers and I am very hopeful that the best decision will be taken to cater for the educational needs of the students.

**Q. How helpful and important would it be to develop localized study materials for schools in Ladakh?**

Developing localized study materials for schools in Ladakh is very important as it will help the students to understand the lessons in a better way. In Ladakh, we always talk about preserving our own culture, heritage, tradition and languages. All this is possible if we ingrain this knowledge right from the schools. Students will grab the knowledge better when taught in local languages. The localised textbooks will be created with more local content, and in local languages which will further enhance the knowledge of the students.

## MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“ *In the new Union Territory setup, education is the only safeguard for the bright future of Ladakh. I appeal to all the stakeholders, policymakers, elected representatives, civil societies and each one of us to strengthen the education system of Ladakh.* ”

and were not able to take the examination. To facilitate such students, a provisional admission for the next class is given. The exams will be conducted once the situation gets normal.

## Fortnight Highlights



Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson and MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal visited Khaltse and reviewed medical facilities and Covid situation on May 8.



To control the spread of COVID-19 in the region, medical staff taking samples from the passengers at Khaltse checkpoint.



Sub-divisional Magistrate, Khaltse, Tamveer Ahmed distributing essentials, including ration, kerosene oil, blankets and shawls, to 144 stranded labourers.



Chairman/CEC LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson reviewing the current situation of rising COVID-19 cases in Leh district at Council Secretariat.



Acting Sub Divisional Magistrate, Zaskar, Tsering Nurboo along with the Magistrate COVID-19 mitigation measures Talib Hussain and Incharge Police Post Zaskar ASI Nawang Stanzin conducted a surprise inspection of the quarantine centre established by the 126 RCC GREF at Kelima.



## COVID-19 Hospital, Kargil gets 500 LPM medical oxygen concentration plant



CEC, Hill Council, Kargil Feroz Ahmed Khan along with other officials during the inauguration of 500 LPM medical grade oxygen concentration plant at the dedicated COVID-19 Hospital, Kurbathang.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Chairman and Chief Executive Councilor, LAHDC, Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan inaugurated 500 LPM medical grade oxygen concentration plant at the dedicated COVID-19 Hospital, Kurbathang on May 6.

With the coming up of this second oxygen concentration plant which has been completed at a cost of ₹1.38 crores under the Special Development Package (SDP), the total oxygen generation capacity for COVID-19 Hospital Kargil has now gone up from the existing 500 LPM to 1000 LPM.

Feroz Ahmed Khan said that with the establishment of 1000 litre per minute (LPM) capacity oxygen plants, oxygen requirements at the dedicated COVID-19 Hospital Kargil are quite sufficient to meet the existing needs. Regarding preparedness to deal with the COVID-19 prevailing situation, he said that the LAHDC and District Administration, Kargil are fully geared up to fight the pandemic and

all necessary arrangements for necessary screening, testing, quarantine, and isolation of inbound travellers have been put in place besides adequate medical facilities have also been made available.

He further stated that there are an adequate number of mega and medium oxygen cylinders and concentrators and 130 bed capacity at the dedicated COVID-19 Hospital Kargil which is being enhanced to around 240 in the coming days.

While expressing gratitude to the representatives of religious and social organizations and the general public for having extended their active cooperation in containing the spread of COVID-19 in the district till now, CEC Khan urged them to give continued support to the Administration to check the spread of Coronavirus to avoid lockdowns and other strict measures.

Underlining the need to follow the quarantine norms, CEC urged the arrived travellers especially youngsters in the district not to venture out of their homes and avoid mingling with family members and friends until their test reports do not come negative.

He informed that as per experts the new strain of COVID-19 has a higher rate of transmissibility as compared to the previous ones and affects the younger generation more. He said that considering this in view, extra caution needs to be maintained to avoid any possible exigency.

Keeping in view the upcoming religious events including Jumat ul Vida, Shab e Qadr and Eid ul Fitr, CEC urged the public to minimize the religious gatherings as much as possible besides also strictly adhering to the COVID-19 SOPs to prevent the spread of Coronavirus in the district.

Meanwhile, the oxygen plant operators demanded enhancement of wages. CEC assured the operators that the matter will be actively considered for suitable follow-up.

## VC, University of Ladakh inaugurates new conference hall, laboratories at Kargil Campus

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LEH: Vice-Chancellor (VC), University of Ladakh (UoL) C Phunsog inaugurated the newly established conference hall, laboratories of the departments of Botany, Chemistry and Computer Science & IT at the Kargil Campus Khumbathang on May 1.

C Phunsog interacted with the respective coordinators and exhorted upon them for making collective and tireless efforts for the pursuit of academic excellence and higher learning.

He expressed gratitude to the Kashmir University for starting the Kargil and Leh Campuses, which gave the newly established Ladakh University a head start for beginning its academic journey. He also interacted with the student representatives and assured them to redress all their issues related to academics on a priority basis.

The Vice-Chancellor along with



Vice-Chancellor (VC), University of Ladakh (UoL) C Phunsog at the Kargil Campus, Khumbathang.

other officers and faculty members also attended the concluding ceremony of the ongoing campus plantation drive which was started on 22 April 2021. Plant saplings were planted for the beautification and promotion of a green campus.

Rector, Kargil Campus, Kaneez Fatima apprised the VC about the present academic and infrastructural status of the campus. She also highlighted the developments made during the past

several years besides a detailed overview of the current as well as the proposed future action plan.

The Rector Kargil Campus and faculty members expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar UoL, and Dean Students Welfare UoL for visiting the campus and for their assurance to address the demands and issues highlighted by the Rector as well as the student representatives.

## CEC, Kargil, reviews COVID-19 mitigation measures



Officials and stakeholders during the review meeting of the COVID-19 pandemic situation convened by CEC, Hill Council, Kargil at Conference Hall Baroo.

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KARGIL: Chairman and Chief Executive Councilor LAHDC Kargil Feroz Ahmad Khan reviewed the COVID-19 pandemic situation in the district, and discussed ways and means to further enhance the level of measures to contain the spread of the virus on May 10 at Conference Hall Baroo.

Feroz Ahmad Khan while expressing serious concern over the growing number of COVID-19 cases in the country and the grim situation as a result of the second Corona wave, underlined the need to take stringent measures to deal with the situation.

District Magistrate, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve informed that there are 235 active cases of COVID-19 in the district which is a significant number when compared to the district's overall population. He said in addition to Section 144 CrPC and night curfew, more restrictions are being imposed to prevent any possible exigency. District Administration is in all readiness to deal with the prevailing pandemic situation and all-out efforts are being made to keep the district safe from the deadly Coronavirus, he added.

He sought the cooperation of all the concerned stakeholders and the public in the proper implementation of SOPs and guidelines to break the chain of infection.

CEC expressed gratitude to the religious, political organizations, public representatives, and PRI members for their timely support to the LAHDC and District Administration, Kargil in containing the spread of the deadly Coronavirus in the district. He urged them to extend continued support in the fight against the pandemic.

Responding to the various suggestions put forth by the participants during the meeting, he assured that formal orders for starting of online classes for school students will soon be issued through the Chief Education Officer Kargil while the DIET Kargil will be assigned with the responsibility to ensure the smooth running of these classes.

Regarding the measures being taken by the administration to speed up the process of testing, DC informed that with the installation of the new RNA extractor recently, all backlogs up to 5th May 2021 have been

cleared. The RT-PCR laboratory, Kargil will now have a capacity of conducting 1500 test per day, the reports of which will be made available within 48 hours.

Chief Medical Officer, Kargil, Dr Munawar Hussain Wazir informed about the present status of the COVID-19 situation in the district, status of isolation, quarantine, oxygen generation, vaccination of beneficiaries of different age group and other aspects. He said that a total of 45,087 beneficiaries including persons above 60 years, persons of 45 years and above with co-morbidities, 45 plus persons with no co-morbidities, healthcare workers and frontline workers have been already been inoculated with the COVID-19 vaccines, adding 30717 beneficiaries have got the first dose and 14370 the second dose.

Various measures like enhancing the surveillance measures by ensuring close coordination among the field functionaries of Revenue, Police, Anganwadi Workers, PRI members, Nambardars and other stakeholders at the ground level, putting restraint on the unnecessary travelling of people outside the district, strengthening of screening of all inbound travellers, labourers at all entry points and other related aspects were discussed.

Meanwhile, the representatives of the religious and political organizations, PRI members and other stakeholders assured to extend their full support to the Administration in ensuring the strict implementation of the SOPs, guidelines and other instructions to contain the spread of COVID-19 and keep the district safe from the dangers of the deadly virus.

## EC, Tashi Namgyal visits Tangtse, reviews COVID-19 preparation



### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

TANGTSE: Executive Councillor, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee visited PHC Tangtse and reviewed the current situation and preparations for Covid-19 in the region on May 12.

It was informed that Tourism Rest House which has been converted into COVID Care Centre at Tangtse is fully equipped with 9 beds where 3 beds are with

Oxygen Concentrators and 3 beds with Oxygen Cylinders.

Dr Jigmet Wangchuk, the newly appointed BMO Tangtse informed EC Yakzee that a screening point has been set up at the hospital entry point to avoid entry of any suspected Covid patient inside the hospital. He added that Flu OPD (For Suspected Covid case) and RAT, as well as RT-PCR sampling sec-

tions, have also been set up at PHC Tangtse.

He further informed that a CB-NAAT Laboratory is under setup at Tangtse and will be soon functional for Covid sample testing in the region.

EC Tashi Yakzee was accompanied by SDM Durbuk, Nodal officers and Sarpanches of Tangtse, Durbuk and Shachukul.

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**The Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh  
Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh  
Office of Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Leh**

Requirement of **Veterinary Assistant Surgeons (6 Nos), Para-vets (6 Nos) and Dog Catcher (8 Nos)** at the Animal Birth Control Clinic, Changspa, Leh under Ladakh Feral Dog Initiative Program for a period of six months purely on contract basis.

Interested applicants shall apply to the office of Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Leh before May 25, 2021. Interview for the same shall be held on June 1, 2021 at CAHO, Office, Leh.

**For detail information contact**

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**A. Terms and conditions for outsourcing of Vets (Six Nos) purely on temporary basis**

1. The appointment of Veterinary doctors will be purely on temporary/contract basis with the department of Animal Husbandry Leh for a period of 6 MONTHS ONLY under the Leh Feral Dog initiative program (LFDI) of the department.
2. The applicant should have a valid B.V.Sc and AH degree with experience in small animal surgery.
3. A minimum of 15 de-sexing operations will be performed by each doctor in a day.
4. It will be a six working day in a week in case if there is no government/local holiday.
5. In the event of any doctor citing reasons other than Public service commission to leave the programme has to intimate at least 1 month in advance.
6. The number of surgeries performed in a day will be verified by an officer of the department every day in the evening by counting the organs of the de-sexed dogs.
7. The Officer, In-charge Animal Birth Control program will certify on monthly basis in favour of outsourced vets for according release of their salary.
8. The appointment shall be subject to the availability of the funds under the program.
9. No leave shall be available during the period.
10. Interested applicants shall apply to the office of CAHO, Leh by or before the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2021.
11. Interview for the same shall be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 at CAHO, Office, Leh at 11.00 A.M by the committee of officers framed by Director, Animal/Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries Departments UT Ladakh.

**B. Terms and conditions for outsourcing of Para Vets (Six Nos) purely on temporary basis**

1. The Para Vets will be purely on temporary/contract basis with the department of Animal Husbandry Leh for a period of 6 MONTHS ONLY under the Leh Feral Dog initiative program (LFDI).
2. The applicant should have a valid diploma from a recognised university/ training institute and preference shall be given to the candidates having experiences certificates. (Para Vets/Medical Pharmacist).
3. It will be a six working day in a week in case if there is no Government/local holiday.
4. The para vets will be liable to inform/intimate at least 2 months in advance to the Officer, Incharge Animal Birth Control programme if they willing to discontinue the program.
5. The Officer, In-charge Animal Birth Control program will certify on monthly basis in favour of outsourced para vets for according release of their salary.
6. No leave shall be available during the period.
7. The appointment shall be subject to the availability of the funds under the program.
8. Interested applicants shall apply to the office of CAHO, Leh by or before the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2021.
9. Interview for the same shall be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 at CAHO, Office, Leh at 11.00 A.M by the committee of officers framed by Director, Animal/Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries Departments UT Ladakh.

**C. Terms and conditions for outsourcing of Dog catchers (Eight Nos) purely on temporary basis**

1. The dog catchers will be purely on temporary/contract basis with the department of Animal Husbandry Leh for a period of 6 MONTHS ONLY under the Leh Feral Dog initiative program (LFDI).
2. It will be a six working day in a week in case if there is no Government/local holiday.
3. The dog catchers will be liable to inform/intimate at least 2 months in advance to the Officer, Incharge Animal Birth Control programme if they willing to discontinue the program.
4. The Officer, In-charge Animal Birth Control program will certify on monthly basis in favour of outsourced Dog catchers for according release of their salary.
5. No leave shall be available during the period.
6. The appointment shall be subject to the availability of the funds under the program.
7. The applicant should have the age of above 18 years.
8. Interested applicants shall apply to the office of CAHO, Leh before the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2021.
9. Interview for the same shall be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 at CAHO, Office, Leh at 11.00 A.M by the committee of officers framed by Director, Animal/Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries Departments UT Ladakh.

## Principal Secretary, reviews COVID-19 preparedness in Ladakh



**Reach Ladakh Correspondent**

LEH: Principal Secretary, Dr. Pawan Kotwal reviewed COVID-19 status and preparedness in the region on May 12 at the UT Secretariat.

The meeting discussed ongoing strategic interventions, future challenges and testing conducted etc.

Dr. Pawan Kotwal informed that the purpose of the meeting is to achieve better coordination and to put the resources to the optimum use. He emphasised the need for continuous caution and prevention by maintaining a two-meter distance, use of mask and hand wash.

The need for continuously upgrading and augmenting human resources, getting the right mix of testing for effective case management, contact tracing and isolation, uninterrupted oxygen supply and other medical equipment, were all discussed at

length.

He also took cognizance of the district-wise requirements of hospital beds/isolation beds which will be required to undertake emergency planning.

Principal Secretary emphasized the need to have a planned coordinated and comprehensive response to handle the challenge posed by rising cases of Covid-19.

Deputy Commissioner, Leh was asked to review and examine the existing oxygen filling plant at Chuchot and Phyang. Also, he asked to ensure round a clock power supply and maintenance of the plant.

He further added that functional level coordination should be there between the army and the civil administration and stated that facilities of the army can also be used for the public.

Deputy Commissioner, Leh in-

formed that a new oxygen plant is coming up in Nubra and it shall be commissioned by the end of this month.

Chief Medical Officer, Leh informed that they are doing 100% RT-PCR Test except for entry points where RAT tests are also being done.

Further, Dr Pawan directed the CMO to visit the Army General Hospital to check the facilities that the Army authorities have planned to dedicate for the use of the common public and to augment the resources of the UT Administration.

Army has assured to provide 20 oxygen beds at Army General Hospital in Leh and another 20 oxygen beds at Kargil.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner, Leh; Director Health, Ladakh; Chief Medical Officer, Leh and senior Army Officers from XIV Corps.

## Secretary, Power & NRE visits Igoo Martselang Hydel Project



Secretary Power and New & Renewable Energy, Ravinder Kumar during his visit to 2X1.5 MW Igoo-Martselang Hydel Project.

**Reach Ladakh Correspondent**

LEH: Secretary Power and New & Renewable Energy, Ravinder Kumar visited the 2X1.5 MW Igoo-Martselang Hydel Project on May 1 and reviewed the status and proposed works in the State Plan (CAPEX) and ongoing SDP 2021-22.

Chief Engineer, Distribution / Generation UT Ladakh, Chief Project Engineer Civil Wing, Superintending Engineer Distribu-

tion Circle, Executive Engineer, and other departmental engineers and officers were present.

Secretary Power directed Chief Project Engineer to construct a new bridge at the headworks of the Igoo-Martselang Hydel Project for which the proposal is already being prepared. He directed to strengthen the canal of the Igoo-Martselang Project so that the project gets maximum discharge for generation of

power. He also directed to make available safety equipment like life jackets, inflatable swimming tubes, ropes, and harnesses, etc at the headworks for any contingency.

Later, the secretary visited the powerhouse and reviewed the progress of the ongoing refurbishment works of the project.

Executive Engineer, Igoo-Martselang Hydel Power Station said that the refurbishment works ongoing in the State Plan will enable full capacity utilization of the power station. He further said that at present one machine is closed for refurbishment and the second machine is generating 850 KW of power under the available discharge.

Secretary further stressed upon the offices to complete the works within the scheduled period and to ensure the quality of the work as well.

## Councillor, Tsering Sangdup takes stock COVID-19 arrangement in Nubra

**Reach Ladakh Correspondent**

LEH: Councillor, Panamik, Tsering Sangdup visited Sub-District Hospital (SDH), Diskit at the behest of Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh and reviewed the preparations and arrangements to tackle the COVID-19 situation in Nubra sub-division on May 5.

A meeting was also convened with Sub-Divisional Magistrate

(SDM), Nubra; Block Development Council (BDC), Diskit and Block Medical Officer at SDH, Diskit. The councillor inquired about the difficulties faced by the paramedic staff.

BMO Dr. Diskit requested the Councillor for a separate generator, sensor-operated automatic sanitizer dispensing machine, hand gloves, laryngoscope, and

separate flu OPD shade, downing/doffing area for the COVID dedicated hospital in Nubra.

He also visited the COVID vaccination centre at the Community Hall in Diskit.

Meanwhile, 140 government employees from different departments were given the first dose of COVID-19 jab in the Nubra sub-division.





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