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Ladakh achieves 100% first dose vaccination target



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LEH: The Union Territory of Ladakh has administered the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to its entire eligible population, officials said on July 7.

The UT Administration has given the first jab of COVID-19 vaccine to the beneficiaries and has covered 100% of Health care workers (HCW), Front line workers (FLW) and 45 plus years and 18-44 years age group.

The Health and Medical Department, UT Ladakh appeals to all its residents and non-residents, including govt. employ-

ees, private employees/workers above 18 years working in different sectors and labour contractors and presently residing/working in UT Ladakh, who are yet to receive the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, to contact their nearest vaccination centre/health care centre/ healthcare workers such as ASHA /ANM to seek assistance in getting the Covid jab at the earliest.

Beneficiaries can call on the helpline numbers (Leh district: 01982-256462, Kargil district: 01985-232208) for any information and assistance.

Ladakh celebrates His Holiness Dalai Lama's 86th Birthday

His Holiness' stress on the importance of compassion and non-violence in life



Celebrating His Holiness Dalai Lama's 86th Birth Anniversary: His Eminence the 8th Choskyong Palga Rinpoche, President LBA, MP Ladakh during the cake cutting ceremony at Jivetal, Shey.

Tenzin Dajon

LEH: Ladakh wished Nobel Peace laureate His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama healthy and long life on his 86th birth anniversary.

Ladakh Buddhist Association, Chief Representative's Office and Tibetan Sonamling Settlement jointly organised a symbolic cake cutting ceremony with limited gathering amid COVID-19 pandemic at Jevetsal, Shey on July 6.

Chief Guest of the occasion, His Eminence the 8th Choskyong Palga Rinpoche said, "86 years ago on this auspicious day in the land of Tibet His Holiness was born to guide the world towards the path of compassion. We have been quite lucky as His Holiness has been visiting Ladakh on a single request almost every year and blessed by him".

Stressing on the practical implication of His Holiness teaching in our daily lives,

His Eminence Palga Rinpoche said, "People take blessings, perform prostrations, do rituals and offerings but tend to forget practical implications of the teachings in their life. We have to follow the teachings and perform in our daily lives which is more important."

In a video clip, His Holiness urged his followers to adopt non-violence and compassion as an offering on his birth anniversary. "My dear friends, on my birthday, this is my gift so please keep it in mind. I, myself committed to non-violence and compassion until my death."

Tashi Gyalson, CEC LAHDC, Leh congratulated His Holiness on behalf of the people of Ladakh. He said that His Holiness is known as the God of Compassion and a secular world leader. Many international experts call him a scientist and a spiritual leader.

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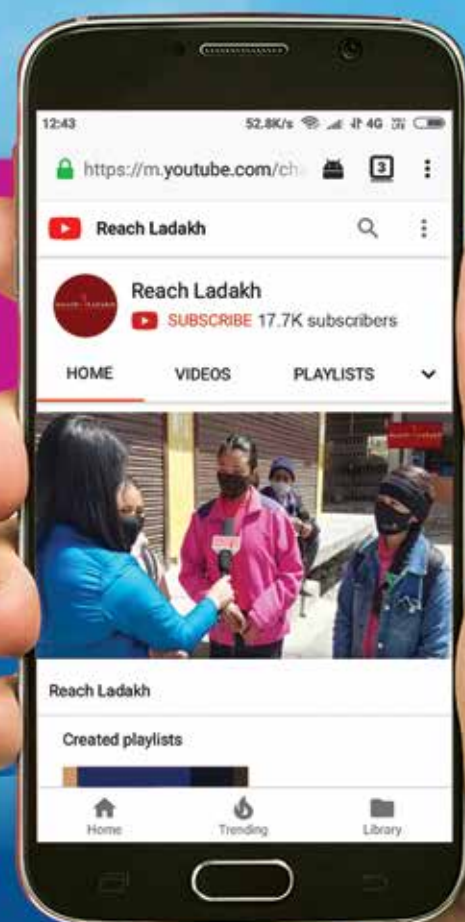


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Ladakh Administration signs Green Hydrogen Generation Pilot Project MoU with NTPC



During the signing of an MoU for establishing 1.25 MW Green Hydrogen Generation pilot projects by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Lieutenant Governor R K Mathur signed an MoU for establishing 1.25 MW Green Hydrogen Generation pilot projects by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) on July 12.

L-G Mathur stated that the mantra of Carbon Neutrality is not a passive statement but an active one that requires continuous efforts. He expressed gratitude to NTPC for initiating this project in Ladakh and said that NTPC's execution capabilities are exceptional and their entry into Ladakh is a welcome feature for achieving Ladakh's vision of becoming the first green hydrogen fuel-based state in India.

"I visualize a future where palletized hydrogen can be used in

households for health, power supply and for transportation etc.", he added.

L-G Mathur assured Ladakh administration's full cooperation in expediting their project and urged the company for early completion of the project and help Ladakh realize the PM's vision.

CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson termed the event a historic and revolutionary step towards making Ladakh Carbon Neutral. He emphasized that Ladakh has huge resources available for generating renewable energies and such steps will pave the way for a sustainable solution. He extended his gratitude to NTPC - REL, India for accepting the agreement to establish the first Green Hydrogen Technology project of the

country in Leh Ladakh.

Secretary PDD & NRE, Ravinder Kumar stated that converting hydrogen into green energy would be a great step towards clean energy and would start a new chapter in carbon neutrality in the Ladakh region.

He informed that UT Administration is working on different projects like geothermal, solar, and wind and micro-hydro sectors. He said that by combining all these sectors, it would be possible to make Ladakh a carbon-neutral region.

CEO NTPC - REL, Mohit Bhargava addressing the event expressed his gratitude to the UT administration for supporting the project and shared their commitment to the vision of carbon-neutral Ladakh. He also added that the project will be initiated at the earliest and that he looks forward to collaborations.

Earlier, Lieutenant Governor inaugurated two solar trees installed at UT Civil Secretariat by NTPC REL. The solar trees, 3.3 kWp each, are expected to generate approximately 10,000 - 12,000 units of green electricity in a year.

CEC, Leh, discusses traffic regulation issues with officials

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson discussed traffic issues in Leh district with the Police, Army, and Border Roads Organization (BRO) officials on July 8 at Council Secretariat.

SP Traffic, M Giri, apprised the officials of the traffic congestion problems in Leh town due to the sudden influx of tourists owing to the increasing number of private vehicular movement and the movement of army heavy vehicles within the periphery of the town area during daytime. He stated that Traffic Police Leh is facing several issues to regulate the usual traffic in the city during peak hours. They also sought assistance from the concerned officials present during the meeting to cooperate in easing the traffic scenario in the town.

As discussed and decided in various meetings earlier this year, CEC Leh reviewed the status of the proposal of several new bypasses to be created to decongest the traffic in Leh to divert heavy vehicles, including army convoys from the town through



CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson discussing traffic issues in Leh district with the Police, Army, and Border Roads Organization (BRO) officials at Council Secretariat.

separate routes.

He also sought assistance from the BRO officials to widen the remaining stretch of road starting from SBI Choglamsar to Jivetsal-Shey road at the Leh-Manali National Highway. He also directed ACR Leh and Tehsildar Leh to clear land encroachment issues, especially at the Choglamsar market and Zampa area. He suggested SSP Leh and the SP Traffic initiate a temporary parking facility for shopkeepers of the Choglamsar Zampa area at the parking space of Jivetsal Choglamsar as discussed earlier with consent from the concerned stakeholders. He added that this would help in decongesting traffic at the Choglamsar Zampa market area

for the time being until permanent measures are in place.

CEC Leh requested all the concerned officials present during the meeting to cooperate with the Traffic Police, Leh, to establish the new traffic regulatory measures in the district.

Sr. Superintendent of Police Leh, Rajiv Pandey; SP Traffic MR Giri; RTO Ladakh, Tsering Paldan; Station Commander, HQ 14 Corps, Brig. Arun CG; VSM; Adm. Comdt HQ 14 Corps, Col Saurabh Pandey; 16 TF/Vijayak EE(C), PK Prason; 12C 753 TL, Lt. Col. A. Pande; ACR Leh, Shabir Hussain; EO, MC Leh Stanzin Rabgaits and Tehsildar Leh, Attah Ullah attended the meeting.

ry and concerned officers were present in the meeting.

Secretary, Ravinder Kumar informed about the mass vaccination drive to control the spread of FMD in the infected areas. He said that the vaccination will start from 11 July 2021 in both Leh and Kargil districts.

The Deputy Commissioners were asked to take preventive measures and impose restrictions on the inter-district movement of

livestock till complete vaccination is achieved.

Secretary, Ravinder Kumar directed the Animal and Sheep Husbandry Department to depute medical teams to every block for early completion of the vaccination. He also appeals to the farmers to cooperate with the department and to take preventive measures till the vaccination process to effectively control FMD is completed.

New book, 'Plants of Ladakh: A Photographic Guide', released



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A book titled, 'Plants of Ladakh: A Photographic Guide' by Konchok Dorje and Phuntsog Dolma was released by Stanzin Chospel, EC Agriculture, LAHDC, Leh virtually on July 7.

The book provides a glimpse into the lives of 193 species of plants and a handful of mushroom species found in Ladakh. The authors took over two years to complete the fieldwork, visited remote places to document and study the species that they have compiled in the book.

Stanzin Chospel, EC Agriculture, LAHDC, Leh congratulated

the authors for bringing up such a book. He said that it is a matter of pride for the people of Ladakh that two local authors have produced such a brilliant book with such dedicated efforts. He further encouraged the authors to keep the book in libraries and stresses further use of the book during nature walks for school and college students.

Phuntsog Dolma narrated three stories from the field surveys in Ladakh which the authors had carried out to study the floral species in detail.

Ajay Bijoor from Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF), who are the publishers of this

book congratulated the authors and the spirit of the people of Ladakh to bring up and support such a book.

Around 85 people attended the online event. The audience put forward their suggestions and comments and congratulated the authors for their effort.

The author, Dr Konchok Dorje is a botanist, mycologist and teacher. He is presently working as Botany assistant professor at Eliezer Joldan Memorial College Leh, University of Ladakh. He has a PhD in Botany from the University of Jammu in 2014, qualified CSIR NET-JRF in Life-Science twice. He authored more than 13 research papers and 7 articles on Ethnobotany, Ethnomycology and Fungal Diversity of Ladakh. He is also the recipient of the InSc Research Excellence Award 2020. Phuntsog Dolma is a plant enthusiast, presently working as Flock Supervisor in District Sheep Husbandry Department Leh. Earlier, she worked at Nature Conservation Foundation Ladakh for more than three years. She is awarded Sanctuary Asia's Muds on Boots project 2021 for her work

CEC, Hill Council, Leh, visits Tibetan refugee settlements

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson visited all the camps of Tibetan Sonamling Refugee Settlements in Leh and addressed the grievances of the people on July 9.

Chief Representative Officer (CRO) of the Central Tibetan Administration in Leh and the district officers of Leh, including Assistant Commissioner Development Leh, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Leh, Executive Engineer (Xen) Construction Division Leh, Xen PHE Leh, Xen PDD Leh and various Assistant Executive Engineers and Junior Engineers of all the Public Works Departments accompanied CEC Leh during the day-long tour.

The Tibetan community stated that it is for the first time in their history that a chairman of LAHDC Leh has visited all the TR camps in Leh to listen to their grievances.

CEC, Tashi Gyalson reviewed grievances and listened to the demands of the residents of TR Camps based in Leh. The local representatives of respective TR camps put forth various issues and made basic demands of the concerning settlements. The main issues highlighted to the CEC included sufficient drinking water facilities, need for street lights, issuance of ration cards, private and community land issues, restoration of irrigation canals, renovation of community halls and the blacktopping of roads in the Tibetan settlement areas.

CEC Gyalson paid a visit to the monasteries of Rutok, Karma Dupgyud Choeling and Bon at TR Settlement Choglamsar. He sought blessings from the monastic abbots and listened to the grievances of the concerned monasteries. He also visited Men-Tsee-Khang Cultural Centre (Tibetan Medical & Astrology Institute) at Leh and took stock of the issues and concerns raised by the staff.

At the office of Chief Representative Officer (CRO), Choglamsar, Leh, CEC took stock of the status of Tibetan Community health care centre, Cooperative society and Community Television Network setup (Nyamdrel TV) centres based within the office compound. He took note of the outreach of the Nyamdrel TV network, especially during the COVID pandemic time, in providing online classes through the local community network to the students and appreciated the concerned of-



CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson welcomed by the children during his visit to all the camps of Tibetan Sonamling Refugee Settlements in Leh.

officials and teachers of TCV school for helping the affected students in filling the academic gap.

He evaluated the issues with an on-ground visit to the sites. He directed concerned District Officers and Executive Engineers of various departments to execute all the planned developmental works in all the Tibetan Refugee Settlements timely due to the short working season. He assured the residents of TR camps that the pending developmental works would be completed soon in a phased manner. He also assured them to take up the major concerns with the higher authorities for early redressal of the genuine issues faced by the Tibetan refugees in Leh.

Post-completion of the official tour, CEC Tashi Gyalson termed the day-long tour as successful in evaluating on-ground issues of the Tibetan Refugee Community. He stated that the Hill Council is dedicated to develop and uplift every community of the district. He expressed hope that the concerned departments would revisit and address all the issues in consultation with the residents in developing the Tibetan Refugee Settlements by providing sustainable solutions to all the main issues.

On behalf of the Tibetan refugees, CRO Leh expressed gratitude to CEC Leh for visiting the TR Camps to assess their issues. He also thanked the Local Administration and Government of India for extending their help in uplifting and supporting the Tibetan community in Ladakh.

Foot & Mouth Disease outbreak reported in Ladakh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Joint Secretary, Livestock Health, Ministry of Fisheries Animal Husbandry and Dairying, GoI, Upamanyu Basu met and discussed the outbreak of foot and mouth disease (FMD) in the region and its control measures with Secretary, Animal and Sheep Husbandry, UT Ladakh, Ravinder Kumar on July 10.

DC, Leh; DC, Kargil; Director, Animal and Sheep Husband-

University of Ladakh & G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment sign MoU for research, academic collaboration



C. Phuntsog, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ladakh signing MoU with G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Kosi, Almora for long-term research and academic collaboration between the two institutions in Ladakh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: University of Ladakh and G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Kosi, Almora signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) designed for long-term research and academic collaboration between the two institutions in Ladakh on July 13.

The MoU was signed by C. Phuntsog, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ladakh, and Er. Kireet Kumar, Director, G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Uttarakhand.

Dr Subrat Sharma, Head, Lada-

kh Regional Centre, GBP-NIHE briefed about the long-term collaboration plans for developing academic partnership between the two institutions.

C. Phuntsog highlighted the importance and need of such collaborations between various institutions of similar or inter-linked mandates and activities. Strategic partnerships between such institutions will promote interdisciplinary thinking and innovation in the field of academics and scientific research, he added.

He reiterated that both fields (ac-

ademic and scientific research) are intricately connected and should be seen through the same lens for developing a future generation who thinks rationally and scientifically in all fields of their life.

Er. Kireet Kumar highlighted the fact that G.B Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment with its Pan-Himalayan presence can provide a platform to the students, researchers, and academicians of the University of Ladakh who are interested in understanding the complexities and intricacies of the complex Himalayan ecosystem. The institute conducts interdisciplinary research in all parts of the Himalayas and thus can attract the students of Ladakh in research through various models, demonstrations, case studies, success stories and publications, he added.

Imteez Kacho, Registrar, University of Ladakh; Deskyong Namgyal, Dean, Academic Affairs; Professor Farooq Ahmad Khan; Director, Leh Campus; Dr Sonam Joldan, In-charge Centre for Himalayan and Trans-Himalayan Studies and Nawang Tundup, Assistant Registrar among others were present.

Parliamentary Standing Committee visits various institutes in Leh



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LEH: The Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports, under the Chairmanship of Dr Vinay P Sahasrabhuddhe, MP, Rajya Sabha visited Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Choglamsar on July 5.

The Committee interacted with staff, teachers and discussed the promotion of research, innovation and documentation in the institute.

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture gave a brief introduction to CIBS, its structure, history, main

objectives of the institute, staff and student strength, courses offered and the ongoing research programme. They also held an interactive session with the students and gave a patient hearing to their grievances.

The members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee later visited Druk Padma Karpo School at Shey and interacted with the school management and teachers on bringing innovations in the curriculum, pedagogy and infrastructure to develop exemplar schools. The school management apprised the Committee members of the facilities and activities in the school that

makes it a special and standout school among the rest, including dedicated classes that focus on developing interdisciplinary personalities, a pedagogy that not only focuses on academic but also on co-curricular activities by developing life skills through various experiential learning.

They later inspected the community classes at Thiksey to address the challenges faced in school education during the Covid-19 pandemic and also visited Sherap Skitsal Ling Library and Learning Centre at Thiksey and the Sindhu Ghat at Shey.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee held a meeting with the SBI Management on Educational Loan for pursuing higher studies.

Joint Secretary, UGC, Director, Department of Higher Education; Joint Secretary, School Education and Director, Department of Financial Services were present in the meeting.

First quarterly meet of Councillors, LAHDC, Leh, held

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LEH: The first quarterly review meeting of Councillors, LAHDC Leh was chaired by Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson on July 5 at Council Secretariat. Deputy Chairman, Tsering Angchuk; Executive Councillors for RDD, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee; Executive Councillors for Agriculture, Stanzin Choshpel, Leader of Opposition, Tsering Namgyal, Councillors of concerned Constituency and the Nominated Councillors attended the meeting.



The meeting discussed several issues and concerns raised by the Councillors with regards to the developmental activities and the progress of works till now. Councillors also put forth various suggestions to the Chairman and Executive Councillors on various issues and demands.

The Executive Council to address all the genuine issues at the earliest. They highlighted the need for having more such review meetings to discuss and find solutions to the concern issues with a clear vision and plans in executing developmental activities in the district.

Civil Aviation Ministry team visits Kargil Airport, explores civil airline operations

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KARGIL: To explore the possibilities for the operation of civil airline services in Kargil District, Joint Secretary Civil Aviation, Government of India, Usha Padhee along with the Secretary, Civil Aviation, Ladakh, Saugat Biswas and technical officers from Airport Authority of India, Spice Jet and Local Air Force inspected the technical feasibility for Civilian operations from the Kargil Airport on July 12.

Various landing and takeoff simulations were conducted on the Pawan Hans MI-172 aircraft. The possibility of test flying smaller jets was explored keeping the safety of civilian passengers at the forefront.

DC, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve apprised the Joint Secretary Civil Aviation GoI Usha Padhee that adequate land is available for future extension of the runway



if so required. While inspecting the technical feasibility of Kargil Airport, Captain Gurucharan Arora said that the extension of the runway will have satisfactory natural upgrading for landing as well as downgrading for the acceleration of aircraft while take off. He also said that edge lights at the runway and various other necessary arrangements need to be done.

As a result of the visit and subsequent meeting a strategy for operating civilian fixed-wing flying was worked out for bringing into execution. The Civil Aviation

team called on Lt. Governor RK Mathur later in the day.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, (ADC), Kargil, Tsering Motup; Additional (SP) Kargil Ifikhar Talib Choudhary, ACR Kargil Abdul Gaffar Zargar, Under Secretary Civil Aviation Muhammad Shabir, technical experts from Spice Jet Captain Gurucharan Arora and Bala Subramanian, members of the Airport Authority of India (AAI) Malkeet Singh and Gaurav Raghuvanshi, officers of Kargil Airport besides other concerned officers were present on the occasion.

Training on 'Forestry Interventions for Productivity Enhancement' held



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: One-day training on 'Forestry Interventions for Productivity Enhancement' for the various stakeholders of Ladakh was organised by Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla, in collaboration with National Research Institute of Sowa Rigpa, Ladakh UT, Forest department and SKUAST (K) on July 9.

Jagdish Singh, Scientist-F and Training Coordinator, HFRI Shimla detailed the training programme and thanked the National Research Institute of Sowa Rigpa, Ladakh UT Forest department and SKUAST (K) for collaborating to organize this training programme.

Dr Sandeep Sharma, Scientist-G and Group Coordinator Research, HFRI briefed about HFRI, Shimla and its mandate. He highlighted important research carried out by HFRI in Himachal Pradesh, J&K and Ladakh region.

Dr S.S. Samant, Director, HFRI, Shimla hoped that this training programme will encourage and

enlighten the participants towards forestry interventions for productivity enhancement of biodiversity, which can result in mitigating climate change impacts. Dr Samant highlighted important research carried out by HFRI in Himachal Pradesh, J&K and Ladakh region.

Dr Padma Gurmet, Director NRISR, Leh informed about Ladakh and its uniqueness in terms of its topography, vegetation and its rich resources which are highly sensitive to climate change. He talked about traditional medicinal plants for healthcare and livelihood. He stressed following the traditional medicinal healthcare system to cure various minor ailments.

Dr Sandeep Sharma spoke about Modern nursery and plantation techniques for productivity enhancement. He emphasized that scientific plantation techniques should be followed to increase the chances of survival of plantations. Dr. Vaneet Jishtu, Scientist-E, HFRI talked about the Identification and uses of medicinal plants of Cold Deserts.

Jagdish Singh spoke on the Cultivation of high value temperate medicinal plants for diversification and sustainable income generation. He also presented success stories of the institute to the farmers. He hoped that farmers will also adopt new research techniques developed by the institute to gain economic benefits.

Stanzin Landol, Technical Officer, CAZRI, Leh gave a presentation on Agroforestry practices, objectives and their benefits in the cold desert. Mohammad Ali, DFO Leh, gave a lecture on quality planting stock of important forestry species in the cold desert of Leh. Zuber Ahmed, CEO, Ladakh Organic Farmers Foundation, apprised participants about Organic farming for sustainable development and told them that organic farming is going to be a reality throughout the world soon. He narrated practical examples of his work which included the raising of medicinal plants, organic composting, mushroom cultivation and poultry.

Dr Vaneet Jishtu thanked the participants for showing interest in this training. He hoped that the collaboration between HFRI, Shimla National Research Institute of Sowa Rigpa, Ladakh UT, Forest department and SKUAST (K) will further be strengthened in the future also. Certificates were distributed by Director HFRI, for participants.

Ladakh celebrates His Holiness Dalai Lama's 86th Birthday

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He further assured the Tibetan community settling in Leh for all support from the Hill Council, Leh.

LBA President, Thupstan Chhewang requested all the Himalayan people to pray for the long life of His Holiness and freedom of Tibet. Developed nations are supporting HH and the Tibetan cause. The Senate of America has passed a law to support Tibetans and further, they had supported reincarnation of HH in favour of Tibetans then why India can't. Today the Himalayan people and the followers of HH are quite concerned about it. China has already captured and tortured Tibet and today they are at our borders causing a threat to us. Therefore India must understand the importance of Tibet."

CRO, Tsetan Angchuk said that we have suggested all the Tibetan people not to gather on this auspicious day instead they are requested to celebrate this great day in their respective houses. Condemning China he said, "We have followed all the guidelines to protect ourselves from China virus. It is very unfortunate to see the ground (Jevetsal) empty unlike before due to the virus. I hope the situation will improve soon and HH will visit Ladakh to celebrate his next birthday grandly."

President Gonpa Association, Ven. Shadup Chamba stated that China has tried to destroy the culture and heritage of Tibet by capturing but at an international level Tibetan culture and Tibetan Buddhism is booming because of HH. He is a world leader, a Nobel laureate, China can never defeat him.

Young farmers: Ladakh’s future in safe hands

By Kunzang Deachen, Chozin Palmo and Jigmet Singge

Ladakh – high on the Tibetan Plateau at the northern extreme of India – is the place we call home. The larger portion of the demography inhabited in villages, which have, for centuries, catered for their physical and emotional needs through interdependent webs of relationship with the land and community. We remember our childhood days, running through a field, picking apples and apricots freely from the orchards we came across as we play.

Significant changes took place when Ladakh was opened first for the army, then for travellers from all around the world. The region was pressured to conform to national development models and to integrate into the Indian and global economies. Government jobs and tourism offered money-making opportunities and luxurious lifestyles specially in Leh town as well as in other metropolitan cities of India. Also, the introduction of the Public Distribution System (PDS) has increased the dependency and impacted local agriculture. These changes have strongly influenced the way people think and make a living. The decline of cultivation of traditional crops, changing lifestyle and urban migration is becoming a matter of concern. As we explore in our recent short film – ‘Young Farmers in Ladakh’ – the implications of these changes for long-term cultural survival, local economic sustainability, and food security are concerning.

Like us, most young people in Ladakh have been trained in English, business and computer sciences. We do not have the full set of skills our grandparents had – like growing food, making clothes, building houses, and living in the community. Our modern “education” presupposes the availability of plentiful employment opportunities in the modern business sector, dependable imports of food from the Indian plains and beyond, urbanization and conversion of land from agriculture to buildings and infrastructure. However, we believe all these as-



sumptions are questionable in the face of existential challenges like global climate change, pandemics, and the massive disruptions to food supply chains caused by lockdowns.

Westernisation has come with a lot of glamour and promises of affluence, but today, many younger people are beginning to realise that the chase for modernity and glamour brings little more than dissatisfaction, disconnection, and feelings of addiction.

From deep within us, there is a rising desire to rebuild a connection with nature and to other people, and to live simpler, slower and more meaningful. With growing awareness of the problems with the capitalist economic system and western colonialism, many of us have a renewed appreciation of ancient ways.

We are among the growing ranks of young Ladakhi’s who are returning to Ladakh with the desire to contribute to a new form of progress for the region. Younger people like us do not want Ladakh to become like Delhi or Bangalore. We have seen behind the mirror of industrial modernity and es-

chewed consumer values in favour of a commitment to sustainability, justice, health and spiritual wellbeing. We are realising the true value of working on the land to grow food – and activity that has been the cornerstone of Ladakhi culture forever. A young farmer’s movement is emerging in Ladakh – a movement that we showcase and celebrate in our film.

“Preparing a meal with the vegetables that I picked with my own hands gives me a different level of satisfaction”, expresses Tashi Chosgon, a local entrepreneur. “My main motivation to get into farming was to encourage our youngsters and show them the importance of agriculture” explains Sonam Angmo, a pioneer of the young farmers’ movement.

In some clear ways, this movement has been strengthened by the pandemic, which made us realise the importance of the local food system for our survival. “In these few months, I’ve realised how important our traditions are. I can feel a change within me,” describes Tsetan Dolma, who runs a local food outlet selling produce and meals from her native village.

There are challenges; the engine of “development” is still pushing strongly to increase tourism and import a corporate consumer culture. But we are encouraged by the enthusiastic reaction to our film at a recent event we organised to discuss these issues. The event featured a screening of the film, a lively panel discussion, a delicious local food lunch provided by a local restaurateur, and a display of local and traditional food products. Perhaps most encouraging was the reception of the agriculture minister, who seems genuinely concerned about the loss of Ladakh’s agrarian culture and food sovereignty, and is keen to pursue a food system localisation policy agenda.

In one way, Ladakh is luckier than the rest of the world; because globalisation happened so fast, the ancient ways are not yet forgotten. At the 2019 Economics of Happiness conference in Ladakh, Keibo Oiwa from Japan lamented the fact that in his country, there are few villages to go back to, so relocalisation is much more challenging than in a place like Ladakh.

In Ladakh, we still have villages and living ancestral knowledge. Young farmers can learn from their grandparents as well as experiment with new crop varieties and organic techniques. We have been organising agriculture-related workshops for Ladakhi youth, on everything from vermicomposting to mushroom cultivation, and are planning to do more on vegetable gardening, field cultivation, reviving traditional processing techniques, and more. These workshops are a venue for invaluable intergenerational learning. Through this effort, we hope to step back from the mad rush of modernity, take stock of where we are, and rebuild a local food future based on the wisdom of our traditions.

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World Nature Conservation Day

World Nature Conservation Day is observed every year on July 28 to spread awareness about the best practices to protect the natural resources. Earth’s natural resources include air, minerals, plants, soil, water, and wildlife. Conservation is the care and protection of these resources so that they can be preserved for future generations.

“Conservation means the wise use of the earth and its resources for the lasting good of mankind” – Gifford Pinchot

Nature provides us with all the essentials for our daily needs. Due to overpopulation and human negligence we started to over-exploit our resources. If this continues, there will be no resources left for our future generations. To ensure the well-being of the present and future generations, we all must as responsible human beings participate in protecting and conserving our nature.



SoulSpeak

P.P. Wangchuk

The right and the wrong catch



Many a time, we get caught between the right and the wrong. That is because the right seems to be wrong and the wrong seems to be right. How come such things happen quite often?

The answer lies in this question! Do we lose our ability and the sense of righteousness at times? Yes, we do at times when we are tense and angry. Our mind can justify anything, and we are capable of doing any dangerous thing when we lose control over our ability and strength to differentiate between the right and the wrong.

That is why we are told not to take any hasty decision or action when we are not in our normal senses. And it is quite human not to be in one’s good senses at times. But to act dastardly at such occasions could be invariably inhuman and wrong.

Abraham Lincoln had said it very aptly: “Right is right even if no one is doing it; wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it.” So the next time you are confused, and faced with a choice, go for the one you feel you are more convinced with. In no case one should jump for the choice that would give long-term harmful consequences. That is why philosopher Saint Augustine had said: “The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just.” Generally, in any crucial situation, you will never get an easy choice. Therefore, the best choice you can go for the one of your conviction. In such cases, even if you fail, it would hurt none. Therefore, one has to have a perspective of the future and an understanding of the long-term results that could unfold many pleasant surprises. Not a very big challenge for anyone of us, I suppose.

And, finally, the punch: Wrong does not cease to be wrong because the majority believe in it. – Leo Tolstoy.

Courtesy: WongWorld
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Life’s Jeopardy



By Khwaja Afaq Radhu

The writer is student pursuing Graduation from Eliezer Joldan Memorial college Leh

There is a going by which,
Intro,s can’t be of this much,
Always I believe not even I tried
But such a word feels no right.

Can I take this world on?
Of course, I was a little too much
But to lie that I don’t cry
Every day in this world is another try.

Well, I am for a withered pie
Says who likes a burden of lies,
Rest me another fake of try,
Only if I was able, let my fate decide.

It’s the end that no one ever likes
But truth to be told,
No one has achieved anything with lies
Better I was with my bye’s
But it hurts, where there will be gone bye’s.

Now I stay or will I go
Maybe, someday there will be a foe
Understand the rise, whenever you fall
And lift the spirits in a glimpse
Maybe I am not the person you thought of
once...

In Conversation with
Jigmet Tharchin, Mountaineer

Interviewed by Tenzin Dajon

Q. Congratulation on successfully summiting Mt. Everest. Share us about the expedition.

First of all, I am grateful to Reach Ladakh for the positive exposure and for allowing my voice to be heard. Mount Everest is the ultimate mountaineering adventure, life most rewarding experience and aspiration of many mountaineers to achieve the summit. Summiting the peak is popular but the expedition cost exorbitant expenditure. Fortunately, I got support from UT Administration and LAHDC, Leh to scale the Everest. Before starting my expedition, I had to climb few peaks of low height around 4500m for acclimatization. Our team started the Everest expedition on May 8 and on 12th May, at 7:05 am I conquered the peak. There were challenges but I was quite lucky as my health remained good during the expeditions. The hardship, pain and struggle faded away when I reached the top of the world.

I express my gratitude to all the people of Ladakh, UT Administration and LAHDC for their prayers, support and motivation.

Q. Tell us about yourself. What made you get into mountaineering?

Being a village boy I used to take sheep and goats from mountain to mountain for grazing. I love and enjoy climbing mountains since my childhood. Later, when I came to Leh, I heard about the Stok Kangri and got the opportunity to climb it as a guide. I did basic course and training on mountaineering from Uttarkashi in 2014, and an Advance and search & rescue course in 2017. In the same year, I went to see the Everest base camp, which boosts my desire to summit the peak.

Summiting Everest was my childhood dream, but due to financial constraints, I couldn't make it. I participated in the Massive Everest Expedition, but my name was not on the final list. The drawbacks and failures never let me down. I approached UT Administration and LAHDC, Leh with a proposal to submit the Everest representing Ladakh. And this is how I got the opportunity and support to achieve my dream and make Ladakh proud.

Q. What kind of preparation do you need to undertake for climbing Mount Everest? How difficult and challenging it is?

First, we have to prepare ourselves both physically and mentally. We



Financial constraints were one of the most difficult parts and I think the exorbitant expenditure for the expedition is one factor that makes many climbers call off their Everest dream.

Q. Share with us your plan?

My next target is to conquer the Seven Summit, which is the highest peak of the seven continents. On 7 August I am planning to visit Russia to climb Mt. Elbrus. This year I am planning to summit the four peaks out of seven and the rest I am planning to a summit next year.

No Ladakhi has summited these peaks so far and I think it will motivate the youth of Ladakh in the field of mountaineering. Currently, I am seeking sponsors and few are ready for it. Both UT Administration and LAHDC are quite supportive of the youth and I hope they will accept my new proposal to climb the Seven Summit like my previous proposal.

Q. Brief us about the scope and potential of professional mountaineering in Ladakh.

Being a dweller of mountains we have many edges in mountaineering. We can easily be acclimatized as compare to people from the plains and can start the expedition soon. Headache and altitude sickness is very rare for us. Mountaineering is a beautiful adventure and I could see plenty of opportunities in future. There are many known and unknown peaks in Ladakh which we can promote through such expedition. Professional mountaineering has ample scopes and opportunities. One can become a guide at both the national and international levels.

Q. What advice do you have for climbers who are thinking about joining expeditions?

Work hard and follow your passion. After completing training one should not stay idle instead keep climbing and gathering information regarding mountaineering. Apart from looking for government jobs, we can also explore other opportunities and alternatives such as mountaineering where one can earn good and excel more. The youths from rural backgrounds are very active and good at mountaineering, but lacks awareness and basic knowledge. They should start their journey from guiding, where they will get the basic knowledge about mountaineering and later explore more. At my level, I will be happy to help anyone with my best.

MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“ We need to motivate and support our youth to follow their passion. Stay optimistic; utilize the time to work on yourself. ”

will come across many people who will say that climbing Everest is easy, but it is wrong. Before climbing the peak I did a lot of preparations like doing exercise, running and cycling regularly. I climbed Khardongla many times to get acclimatized at a high altitude. Running on high altitudes and frequent climbing mountains was my daily routine. Simultaneously, I was finding sponsors as well because the Everest expedition is costly.

Drass-a potential tourist destination in Ladakh!



By Amir Amanullah Aman Drass

Drass, locally called *Hembabs* ("snow land"), is the second coldest inhabited place in the world. Located at a height of 3,230 metres, 60 km west of Kargil on National Highway 1, Drass is often named as a Gateway to Ladakh and has its own historical and political importance. The valley starts from the base of the Zoji-la pass across which the 434 km Srinagar-Leh road passes. Through Zojila Pass, traders and explorers traversed the Himalayas, the world's greatest mountain range, as it lay on the route to Ladakh, Tibet, Central Asia and China. It has played critical roles in the passage of trade and cultural influences between Kashmir and Ladakh and on to Tibet and Central Asia through the centuries. It also marks the drastic transition between two contrasting environments, those of Kashmir Valley and the Ladakh plateau, within the span of an hour's drive. Drass has become famous all over the world due to the extensive electronic media coverage during the Kargil Conflict of 1999. Not just the wartime topographies and harsh cold winter months, the valley also witnesses picturesque scenic views. On summer days, the surrounding hillsides turn into green pastures covered with a variety of wildflowers. Drass is a beautiful valley surrounded by lofty mountains including famous Tiger Hill, Manman, Mamaalie, Shaailoto and Tololing with perennial Drass River running all along the valley.

The valley has the potential to attract tourists from all over the world. Places of attraction are Mushkoo Valley, Tiger Hill, Tolo-ling, Manman top, Durapati Kund, Drass War Memorial, Bhimbet Stone, Minamarg meadows, Machoi glaciers, trekking routes to Amarnatji Cave, Sanku, Tulail-Gurez.

Tiger Hill: At an elevation of 5,353 meters, Tiger Hill alias Surging Sea Hill is the highest point in the region. It is surrounded by the Tololing Range and other ridges ranging between 5,000 to 6,500 meters. Tiger hill base 5km inside the LOC throws a very attractive picture in the summer months of June, July and August.

Tololing: Tololing mountain hills are situated 6km from Drass town. The Drass war memorial is situated in the foothills of the Tololing range.

Mushkoo Valley: Mushkoo Valley is situated at an elevation of around 11,000 feet and is just eight kilometres from the main market in Drass. The inhabitants of the valley are settled on a beautiful highland surrounded by mountains and meadows. The village has a breath-



taking landscape as River Drass also flows through it. From Mushko one can also trek to Tulail in Gurez (Bandipora). The mountain slopes in the Mushko Valley are filled with wildflowers adding more charm. The villagers are mostly involved in farming and livestock rearing.

Drass War Memorial: The war memorial built by the Indian Army, located in Drass, in the foothills of the Tololing Hill has located about 5 km from the city centre across the Tiger Hill. It is located on the Srinagar-Leh National Highway. The memorial is in the memory of the soldiers and officers of the Indian Army who were martyred during the 1999 conflict between India and Pakistan known as Kargil War. The memorial has a huge epitaph with names of all the officers and soldiers who died in the war. A museum is also built in the war memorial where the captured Pakistani weapons, cloths, utensils are displayed besides 3D pictures of the war sights. Every year on 26 July Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated at the memorial.

Drupati Kund: Drupati Kund is situated in a hamlet called Pandaras, 16 km from Drass town, at an altitude of 3,300m. It is the only high altitude lake Drass region which has fascinated everyone who visited. The water reflects every hue of the sky in summers, and as the season changes the colour of this lake also changes from blue, green and white in winter. Scientists who have explored the lake believed that the water at the bottom of the lake does not freeze even on the coldest day.

Bhimbet stone: On the outskirts of Drass is a place called Bhimbet. Local legend says that the piece of rock is supposed to represent Bhim, the burly Pandava from the epic Mahabharat. It is believed that the soil surrounding the rock has healing powers.

Minamarg Meadows: Minamarg is situated on the trail leading towards Amarnath. The wonderful meadow of Minamarg rests right after Zojila. Surrounded by the dazzling *Machoi Glaciers* and brimming with lush vegetation, this region is a wondrous sight. The region holds varieties of exotic flora making it a true paradise for all nature lovers and enthusiasts.

Manman Top: One of the most important places of the region, Manman Top is located 10 kilometres from Drass and offers the most spectacular view of the entire Drass Valley and the Line of Control. A sweeping view of the surrounding mountain ranges of the great Himalayas can also be seen from here.

Laser La: The unexplored site of Laser La located about 14 kilometres from Drass is a charming hill station. The dazzling milky white water flow, Laser La glacier and the Rocky Mountains gives an enchanting sight from this region.

Adventure Tourism: The valley offers a number of small and long trek routes among including a three-day long trek to Suru valley across the sub-range separating the two valleys is a popular trek. This trek offers marvellous sightseeing opportunities. While on the trek one has to cross the Umbala pass (4500 m) offering a splendid view of meadows and flower valleys. The three-day trek to the holy cave of Amarnath is also popular among tourists.

Winter Tourism: In view of its geographical location, climate and multicultural ethnic Dard and Shina natives, Drass needs no introduction. It is much famous the world over for being the second coldest inhabited place after Siberia. Drass offers various adventure activities such as Wild Water Sports, Climbing and trekking, Archery, Horse Polo, Snow and Ice Sports, Mountain Terrain Biking, Ice Climbing etc.

Drass Polo: Drass is known to host riveting contests of polo, the favourite sport of the landlocked region. Horsemanship is a treasured tradition of the Dard natives and polo is played with zeal and fervour in Drass. International and local polo players compete in a friendly tournament conceptualised by the Lalit Suri Hospitality Group. Besides the polo is one of the most loved and played games in Drass.

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ARTO, Kargil, organises camp office at Sankoo sub-division

Around 100 participants apply for driving license test during the camp, says official



Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO), Kargil, Khadim Hussain informing participants about driving rules and road safety measures during camp office at Sankoo Sub Division.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Assistant Regional Transport Office, Kargil provided various transport-related services at doorsteps during a camp organised at Sankoo Sub Division on July 8.

Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO), Kargil, Khadim Hussain said that the aim of such camps at various subdivisions is to provide transport-related services like driving license tests, license renewal, fitness certificates, permit renewal and other allied services at the doorsteps of the general public. He further informed that such camps were previously organised by the ARTO, Kargil at Zaskar and Drass subdivisions, and in the future similar camps will be held at Shargole and Shakar Chiktan subdivisions as well.

Khadim Hussain said that around 100 participants applied for the test of driving license. He also said that proper guidelines and rules have been followed during the test for the participants to get qualified. He also interacted with the participants before the test drive and made them aware of the driving rules and road safety measures.

A meeting with the transport stakeholders of Sankoo was also held regarding the rate fixation and other related issues.

161 cases settled in National Lok Adalat, Kargil

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: A total of 161 cases out of 251 cases and an amount of Rs. 2,52,36,183 was recovered as settlement amount/fine during the National Lok Adalat held at Kargil on July 10.

Under the directions of the Executive Chairman, Ladakh Legal Services Authority, Justice Dheeraj Singh Thakur, Judge Common High Court of J&K and Ladakh, the National Lok Adalat was organised by the District Legal Services Authority, Kargil under the guidance of Chairman District Legal Services Authority, Kargil, Mohd Rafiq Chak.

Different kinds of cases including Motor Accident Claim Tribunal (MACT), matrimonial, cheque



bounce cases under NI Act, money recovery suits, labour disputes, PUS matters and other civil cases etc were resolved.

four benches were constituted out of which bench 1st was presided over by the Principal District and Sessions Judge Kargil

Mohd Rafiq Chak, 2nd bench by the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Kargil, Tsewang Phunstog, 3rd bench by Munsiff Sankoo, Moner Ahmad while 4th bench by the Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Kargil, Abdul Gaffar Zargar.

LREDA replaces battery of solar power plants at Lukung, Spangmik



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: LREDA successfully placed a new battery bank set at the Solar Power Plant in Lukung and Spangmik under the Battery Replacement Scheme of solar power plants under the Special Development Package on July 2.

The off-grid solar power plant was installed under the Ladakh Renewable Initiative Scheme of Ladakh Project 2010. Around 20 sites have been proposed for replacing Solar Power Plants batteries at a budget of Rs 5.3 crores under the Special Development Package in the current financial year 21-22.

The work at the remaining 18 sites is currently in progress and would be completed in the next two months. Replacing battery banks was proposed for areas where grid connectivity is not available.

Secretary Ravinder discusses energy efficiency, conservation plan for Ladakh



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Secretary, Power Distribution Department (PDD) & New Renewable Energy (NRE), Ravinder Kumar convened a meeting with the Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) team and Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) regarding energy efficiency and energy conservation for UT Ladakh on July 9.

The corporate-driven programme (CDP) of EESL proposed an action plan on energy efficiency and energy conservation for the Leh district. The programme includes energy-efficient appliance and LED lighting solutions for grid-connected and off-grid consumers, solar-based

LED study lamps for students and solar-based home lighting systems for off-grid consumers.

The concerned officials added that the energy-efficient outdoor lighting programme includes LED outdoor lighting solutions for urban and rural areas, solar-based LED streetlights for rural areas. Similarly, the energy-efficient space heating programme includes government schools and public offices. Energy efficiency monitoring includes government department SDA.

Secretary Ravinder and the officials discussed the proposal, including deliberations on the number of solar lamps in schools that could be initiated. He shared

that based on the data provided by the Rural Department, the number of home lighting systems for remote nomadic areas could be initiated. The concerned department would conduct a demo of the heating system in schools and dispensaries.

Secretary Ravinder directed all the departments to review and comment on the proposal submitted by EESL to add value to the programme and to share their plans and budget for the same.

Chief Engineer, Mechanical Engineering Department; Director, Rural Development Department; Director, Health Services and Medical Education; Chief Engineer, Superintending Engineer & Technical Officer, Power Distribution Department; Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, UT Ladakh; Chief Engineer, Mechanical Division, UT Ladakh; Project Director LREDA; Head Sales & PR, Head CDP, Senior Manager and PR of EESL; Project Engineer & Joint Director, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, were present in the meeting.

DC, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve, reviews District Capex Budget



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Deputy Commissioner and CEO, LAHDC, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve reviewed the status of progress achieved on various ongoing and new projects under the District Capex Budget 2021-2022 at Conference Hall, Baroo on July 12.

Deputy Commissioner instructed the concerned officers to hastily execute the projects and complete the same well before the end of the working season. He said that in cases there are

disputes about any projects the same should be brought to his notice and necessary steps are taken for a resolution to avoid bottlenecks in the execution of works on the ground level.

The officers were asked to ensure that budget should not lapse at the end of the year and maximum expenditure should be booked before the closure of the Zojila Pass. He said that disputes if any should be submitted in writing to the DC Office.

The officers of the Health De-

partment were asked to execute health projects on priority to effectively deal with any possible third wave of COVID-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, DC Santosh Sukhadeve informed that the administration is developing a website for works to ensure there is no duplicity of budget. He also instructed the Animal and Sheep Husbandry departments to ensure mass vaccination of animals affected with Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).

National Lok Adalat in Leh settles 331 cases



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A total of 331 cases were disposed of by the four benches during the National Lok Adalat held at the District Court Complex, Leh on July 10.

The four benches took up 356 cases and resolved 331 cases related to the Motor Accident Claim Tribunal (MACT), bank, matrimonial, civil, criminal compoundable cases, labour disputes, electricity matters, traffic

challans and MC Act.

The benches imposed a fine on the defaulters and collected Rs 2,75,800 whereas the settlement amount was Rs 1,03,60,436.

The four benches comprised Principal District and Session Judge, Deepak Sethi; President, Bar Association Leh, Mohammad Shafi; Chief Judicial Magistrate, Leh, Spalzes Angmo; Secretary Bar Association, Leh, Deachen Angmo; Sub Judge Leh, Phuntsog Andmo, Munsiff, Nubra, Wangail Tsering; Munsiff, Khatse, Chhemit Yourgail and Tehsildar, Khatse, Tanveer Ahmad.

NOTICE

No JC 589120N Rank NB/Sub Ishey Gyatso Unit 1st Ladakh Scouts C/o 56APO has claimed that his son's namely **Stanzin Mingur** has been wrongly entered as **Stanzin Mangur** instead of **Stanzin Mingur** and also his younger son **Jigmat Raftan** name has been wrongly entered as **Jikmat Raftan** instead of **Jigmat Raftan** in the Army record of, **Unit 1st Ladakh Scouts C/o 56APO** and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary public Leh with Certificate No. IN-LA01784298148350T to this office for making necessary correction. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office, **Unit 1st Ladakh Scouts C/o 56APO** within 7 days from date of publication failing which necessary correction will be made.

KVK Kargil organises Technology Demonstration Day, inaugurates hydroponic fodder production system



Officials of KVK Kargil demonstrating the techniques and technology of the farm during Technology Demonstration Day.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Kargil-I showcased the techniques and technology of the Kendra and inaugurated the hydroponic (soiless) fodder production system during the Technology Demonstration Day on July 8.

Principal Scientist, KVK-I, Dr Ghulam Mehdi demonstrated techniques and technology of the

farm such as resources conservation of alfa alfa for different vegetable cultivation using mulching, vegetable cultivation under drip irrigation systems with and without mulching, cultivation of baby and sweet corn with different spacing under drip irrigation, multiplication of dwarfing rootstock of apple under high tech greenhouse and nutrients standardization for soiless cultivation of high-value vegetables.

The field demonstration was followed by the inauguration and demonstration of a hydroponic fodder production machine with a capacity to produce 70-100 kilogram green fodder per day which is more nutritious than the conventional one.

Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan appreciated the KVK for organising technology demonstration day for the public representatives. He said that if the representatives are aware of such technologies, the adoption will become easier. He stressed that if all the line departments along with the public representatives work together on a common platform, the destiny of farmers will surely change in the coming years.

Dr Ghulam Mehdi briefed the CEC and other dignitaries about the problems being faced by the line departments for up-scaling the technology which can be ascertained by involving public representatives.

Underlining the importance of technology up-scaling, CEC assured that a meeting in this regard will be organized by LAHDC, Kargil where all the Councilors, BDC Chairpersons and Sarpanches will be invited. He also directed the Head KVK Kargil-I to prepare a detailed PPT on the potential of technology upscaling.

Govt. Degree College, Drass, holds webinar on investor education and awareness



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: A webinar themed, ‘Investor awareness: a key to financial well being’ was organised by the Department of Commerce, Government Degree College (GDC), Drass in collaboration with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India (MSE) and SBI Mutual Fund on July 9.

The webinar aimed to enlighten the new investors and students who are intending to invest in securities besides educating them about the securities market and making informed decisions.

Ashish Kumar, Deputy General Manager, SEBI NRO introduced SEBI, explained its key modalities, roles and the major works done. He informed the participants about different types of primary and secondary markets, public issues and enlightened the students about the investment protection measures taken by SEBI besides the dos and don’ts

of buying and selling in the securities market.

Munish Sabharwal, Senior Vice President, SBI Mutual Fund said that it is important for all of us to enjoy financial freedom. He advised the participants to start investing early and asked them to set financial goals before investing. He explained the factors which need to be evaluated before investment and said that one needs to invest in long term equity.

Khawaja Mohiuddin, Assistant President MSE spoke about the stock exchange and its role and also enlightened about depositories, clearing corporations, factors affecting the investment, and asked the participants to take into consideration these factors before investment. He also informed the participants about regulations on electronic content notes and the investor grievance redressal process.

Veene Kumari, Assistant General Manager SEBI appreciated all the speakers for educating the participants about investment in securities.

Dr Amjad Ali Abbasi, Principal, GDC Drass welcomed the speakers and the participants. He said that awareness of the share market is the need of the hour and exhorted upon the participants to take maximum benefit from the webinar so that they too become informed investors.

The webinar was hosted by Shujat Ali Mir, Assistant Professor Commerce and Mustafa Ali, Director Physical Education and Sports, GDC Drass in which more than 100 participants and faculty members participated.

NOTICE



I, Mohd Anies S/o Mohd Baqir R/o Chuchot Shamma, Leh Ladakh lost my class 12th Migration Certificate duly issued by J & K State Board of School Education Srinagar/Leh through **High Secondary School , Chuchot Shamma, Leh Ladakh** under Registration No N16500390031 under **Roll No 8105721 with Session Annual 2019**. Now I have to apply for issuance of duplicate Migration Certificate. Objection if any may be sent to the J&K State Board of School Education Srinagar/Leh within 7 days from date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE

We the following persons, propose to register a Non-profitable NGO under the name and Style as ‘**Nendum Lhari Society Urbis’ 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	Rinchan Dorjay	Punchok Samstan	Urbis	President
2	Mephram Namgial	Tashi Paljor	-do-	Vice-President
3	Jigmat Dorjay	Rigzen Dorjay	-do-	Secretary
4	Rinchen Namgail	Nawang Tsering	-do-	Joint Secretary
5	Thupstan Konchok	Phunchok Angdus	-do-	Cashier
6	Tsering Angchok	Tashi Angchok	-do-	Organiser
7	Thupstan Chotak	Tsering Angchok	-do-	Member

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President
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2	Rigzin Dorjai	S/o Tundup Sonam	Nurbooling,Skampari	Vice-President
3	Deachen Yangdol	D/o Ishey Namgyal	Lower Tukcha	General Secretary
4	Sonam Angdus	S/o Sonam Stobjais	Shey	Joint Secretary
5	Tsering Angchuk	S/o Sonam Tashi	Taknag Sakti	Treasurer
6	Lobzang Tsering	S/o Sonam Angdus	Ranbirpur	Member
7	Tsewang Spalzes	D/o Rigzin Dorjai	Nurbooling,Skampari	Member

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