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Are Ladakhis' serious about cultural identity?



Women of Ladakh with traditional attire performing folk dance at Polo ground during the Ladakh Festival celebration.

Tsering Chosdon(Chhozee)

LEH: People of Ladakh proudly call themselves Ladakhi because of the unique, rich cultural heritage and tradition of Ladakh. People are failing to keep the culture intact with new changes and modernisation.

We cannot ignore change, but we must preserve and promote our culture. People must change with time, but it should not happen at the cost of one's identity. It is the responsibility of all individuals and cultural organisations of Ladakh to play their part in preserving its culture and language.

Tswang Paljor, Deputy Secretary, Ladakh Cultural Academy, said, "We cannot ignore change and it is bound to come with time no matter how hard we try. It is up to people whether to absorb this or adapt to it. Most of us end up adapting to the change in Ladakh."

Culture is classified based on one's language, cloth and food. Our society is busy copying the trends of other places and unable to understand one's cultural roots before learning about other cultures. We are gradually losing our hold on the rich Ladakhi culture and identity, but people are not scared and doing anything to preserve it. It is important to pass down our heritage to the younger generation.

Young Ladakhis who have migrated to big metropolitan cities and other states for higher education are facing a cultural crisis. It is common to see and hear students studying outside having little knowledge about the culture of Ladakh during religious discourses. Many cannot even speak Ladakhi fluently. Speaking the Ladakhi language is a grave concern for the youth who are not fluent in

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COVID-19 impact on education: How long schools will remain closed?

Continuous and comprehensive assessments should be encouraged to understand what the children have grasped so far and where the gaps are



Tenzin Dajon

LEH: The lockdown imposed across the nation during the Covid-19 pandemic brought a massive change in the teaching and learning process. Mobiles and computers have replaced blackboards, and conventional classes have made way for online classes.

The digital platforms have proved useful for both teachers and students. While teachers have been able to teach students using WhatsApp and other social media platforms, students have access to education. But there is still a big question mark over the benefits of using digital platforms for education.

There have been relaxations in all sectors post-Covid-19 the second wave. However, the decision to keep the schools shut has given sleepless nights to the parents who are concerned about the future of their children. Experts say that closing

educational institution is a short-term solution, but its long-term impact will be unrepairable.

CEO, Leh, Chetan Dorje said, "We tried to provide the best possible education to children online in urban areas during the pandemic. We could not do the same in rural areas. Now we plan to start physical classes at the earliest as there are lots of challenges in providing online education in Ladakh due to the huge digital gap. Teachers are unable to assess students' progress and students are not satisfied with the new system."

"There have been relaxations in every sector and we are expecting the same for schools. We have started online classes in regions where mobile network is available and community classes in rural areas at a departmental level. Volunteers and govt teachers are collectively teaching the

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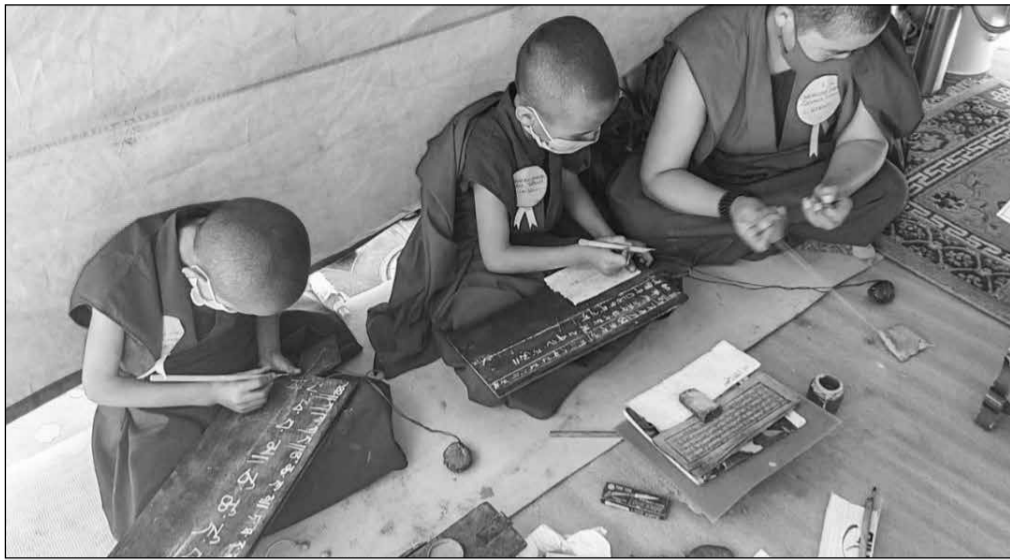
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Changchup Choeling Nunnery, Zanskar, sends message of environment protection



Young nuns of Changchup Choeling Nunnery, Zanskar writing with clay and black slate during the exhibition.

Tenzin Dajon

LEH: Nuns of Changchup Choeling Nunnery, Zangla, Zanskar organised an exhibition on cultural and environmental preservation of Ladakh at Leh main market.

The exhibition aims to aware people of the need for environmental protection and promoting one's culture and tradition. President LBA, Thupstan Chhewang, and LGA President, Ven Shadup Chamba visited the exhibition and appreciated their efforts.

Stanzin Tsepel a nun said, "At our level, we are trying our best to preserve our rich culture as well as the environment at our nunnery (Gonpa). Today we

are here from Zanskar to create awareness among the people of Ladakh especially the youth regarding the preservation of our rich culture and fragile environment. Our ancient art and old practices are fading away and with each passing day, the environment is deteriorating. Through this exhibition, we are trying to make people realize the importance of our old values and practices in this changing world."

Appealing to the gathering, a young nun said, "Our culture and environment is very unique, we are doing our best to preserve it and we hope the same from the people of Ladakh."

The most attractive part of the exhibition was the demonstration of the traditional teaching and learning system of sacred text and stone carving (Maney) which are on the verge of its extinction. The traditional way of writing with clay and black slate was also displayed which is rarely found in this modern world. The nuns also displayed papercraft, mandala making, the importance of yoga, painting, and drawing, reusing plastic bottles, etc.

The nuns also spoke about the importance of learning and speaking the local language along with other languages such as Hindi and English.

FIR against Chuchot Councillor Mirza Hussain after punching police officer

Stanzin Dasal

LEH: A First Information Report (FIR) has been registered against Councillor, Chuchot Constituency, Hill Council, Leh, Mirza Hussain at Police Station, Choglamsar.

The councillor reportedly punched an ASI rank officer on duty over a parking issue near Choglamsar Bridge. As per the report, the police officer got minor injuries. The case FIR no. 194/2021 under Section 332

(Voluntarily causing hurt to deter public servant from his duty) and Section 353(Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty) of the Indian Penal Code were charged against the BJP councillor on July 22.

Councillor Mirza Hussain did not respond to the calls for comment.

Confirming the case registration, SSP Leh Rajiv Pandey said that the Police had served notice un-

der Section 41 A CrPC (Notice of Appearance before Police Officer) to the accused Councillor for his appearance.

A similar incident happened on January 22, 2021, with Councillor Mirza Hussain. A scuffle broke out between Councillor and Ladakh police personnel. The brawl happened over a parking issue at NDS stadium where the inauguration of the Khelo India winter games archery competition was held.

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it. They mix Ladakhi, Hindi and English words.

Tsewang Paljor said: "We speak in our language on various platforms. Our youth is influenced by Hindi and English languages. For instance, if I give a speech in English, the youth will focus less on what I am saying and instead point out grammatical errors. But if I choose to speak in the local language, they would not understand most of the words. The youth would try to figure out what I said in my speech. They then try to learn new Ladakhi words."

"Language is an integral part of the culture. The culture, traditional dresses and ornaments will decay with time", he added.

The Ladakh Art, Culture and Language Department has been organising workshops, seminars, cultural shows and festivals to promote and preserve the culture of Ladakh.

There are a few Ladakhi youth who are working towards the preservation of culture. Flowering Dharma (for Education, Ethics, Culture, and Change) is one such initiative. The organisation

was conceived in 2009 through a collective effort of Ladakhi students studying in various colleges of Delhi University. The organisation aimed to keep the sense of community alive in the metropolitan city. The organisation later accommodated peers from across the country and foreign countries. Its vision is to instil virtues of compassion and ethics to preserve the culture and tradition. They aim to create a common platform to share and learn the different aspects of different cultures to strengthen the sense of shared common humanity.

Tashi Namgyal, Founding Director of Flowering Dharma, believes that the youth today realise the importance of preserving our culture.

"The best thing is that the youth I have had the opportunity to work with have a deep sense of understanding. They are willing to learn the logic and rationale behind different facets of our culture and adapt it with modern times," he added.

Culture and traditions reflect and shape values, beliefs and aspirations and define an individual's identity. It is pertinent to preserve our culture and tradition to keep our integrity as human beings.

Ashoka Mission organises super specialty medical camp in Zanskar



Super specialists and specialist doctors from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) along with members Ashoka Mission during the medical camp in Zanskar.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

ZANSKAR: A total of 1594 patients were checked during the free medical camp conducted by super specialists and specialist doctors from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences

(AIIMS) in Zanskar.

The medical camp was organised by Ashoka Mission, New Delhi in collaboration with the super-specialist and specialist doctors from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)

Out of the total patient screened, 75 patients were diagnosed with Surgical Oncology. 133 patients were treated in Neuro Surgery, 550 patients treated for Medicine, 122 patients in Gynecology, 58 for Endocrinology, 136 Pediatric, and around 520 were treated in Orthopedic related diseases.

Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Zanskar expressed gratitude to doctors from AIIMS and the General Secretary Ashoka Mission for conducting the free medical camp at Zanskar. He urged the concerned to conduct such camps in the future to provide necessary medical facilities for the patients of the Zanskar Sub Division.

Advisor Narula reviews arrangements for 74th Independence Day celebrations

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Advisor Ladakh, Umang Narula convened a review meeting for the 74th Independence Day celebration arrangements on July 24 at UT Secretariat.

Advisor Narula stressed that Independence Day will be celebrated strictly adhering to the Covid-19 protocols and directed the concerned officials to ensure that arrangements are made accordingly. It was decided that attendance for the event would be only by invitation because of COVID restrictions. The event would however be a webcast so that people could view the ceremony from their homes.

The Advisor requested the cooperation of the people of Ladakh and all stakeholders in this regard.

Advisor Narula shared that the illumination of government offices and buildings including Ladakh Bhawan in Delhi & Chandigarh, facilitation of band concert at different places of the UT, extension of an invitation to 25 Covid warriors are some of the additional features for Independence Day celebrations as



per the instructions of the Govt. of India. Besides, there would be a flypast on the occasion by the IAF.

The meeting discussed the various aspects of arrangements such as the venue of the function, programme, including flag hoisting, speeches, marching contingent and band, cultural performances, creation of pavilion, security arrangement, illumination of government offices and buildings, refreshments, public address system, preparation of invitation cards, seating arrangements and decoration, traffic arrangements, air show by Indian Air Force and setting up of control room.

He also assigned arrangement responsibilities to various de-

partments and committees as per the work requirements and instructed the concerned HODs to undertake the responsibility efficiently.

Ajeet Kumar Sahu, Commissioner/Secretary, GAD; Saugat Biswas, Divisional Commissioner, Ladakh; B S Tuti, Deputy Inspector General, Ladakh Police; Padma Angmo, Secretary, Information and Public Relations; Mehboob Ali, Secretary, Tourism and Culture, Ravinder Kumar, Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, and Srikant Suse, Deputy Commissioner, Leh; Head of Departments and other concerned officials from both Leh and Kargil attended the meeting.

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students where the network is not available. We have submitted a proposal to the government to allocate reasonable salary to the volunteers", he added.

The pandemic has crippled the economy and impacted the lives of people. However, the student community has suffered the most. Unfortunately, there is a lack of data or study to analyse the loss incurred by students in Ladakh due to the pandemic.

Stanzin Namdol, a student, said, "If we can open tourism, restaurants and markets then why can't we do the same with educational institutions by maintaining SOPs in schools and colleges? I feel that schools and colleges should open as soon as possible as a large number of students are not able to attend the class due to network issues. Screen time issues and distractions towards social media sites are also well-known".

"I am from Zanskar, and I know the reality of online classes. We don't even know the syllabus and what is being taught to us online. We have to face a lot of problems during the exam. The internet can never replace physical schooling", she added.

There are many success stories of online classes in Ladakh but the ground reality is different. Many parents had to buy smartphones for their children in the name of online classes. Access to technology has pushed many students towards a lot of screen time. This could harm their health and hamper the development of social skills.

Phunchok, a parent, said, "I think the pandemic has made the parents a teacher, as we have to be with children all the time, especially with the juniors. But we must not forget that there are many uneducated parents. What about them and their children? Online classes may be good for seniors but not for juniors. So reopening of schools is must avoid the situation from going bad to worst".

Continuous and comprehensive assessments should be encouraged to understand what the children have learned so far and also to find out the gaps.

The decision to reopen schools is uncertain due to the imminent threat of the third wave. However, there should be a concrete plan and a way out to bring teachers and students together to bridge the digital divide and improve the learning process of every child.

L-G Mathur discusses strategies, preparedness for possible 3rd wave



Lt. Governor, Radha Krishna Mathur discussing preventive strategies and control measures for a possible third wave of the pandemic.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Lt. Governor, Radha Krishna Mathur convened a meeting with officers of the administration on July 14 and discussed preventive strategies and control measures for a possible third wave of the pandemic.

Aiming to improve the immunity of the vulnerable population, LG Mathur advised the Department of Health & Medical Education to draft a plan of action where the population below 18 years of age will be provided with immunity boosters and supplements. He suggested the involvement of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa and the Social Welfare Department in this exercise.

Provision of basic devices for

monitoring the health of the children viz. pulse oxymeter, thermometer etc. at Anganwadi centres was also instructed.

For vaccination of pregnant women, Lt. Governor suggested that services of Asha and Anganwadi workers may be utilized under strict compliance with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GoI, guidelines. L-G Mathur also instructed officials to ensure biomedical devices, pediatric ventilators, pediatric drugs for neonates and infants.

To further strengthen COVID testing facilities in the Union Territory, the prospect of utilizing private laboratories and mobile vans was suggested. Expressing the need for variant

detection of the positive cases, LG Mathur instructed exploring ways to utilise the sequencing device available at the Wildlife Department of Ladakh.

He also reviewed the status of the contractual/outsourced medical staff and urged that the contract extension may be expedited.

For better monitoring and quick redressal of medical issues among the residents, LG Mathur stressed the need for surveillance at grass root level and analysis of the daily reports. He suggested involving the Panchayati Raj also to carry out this crucial exercise. The addition of Advanced & Basic Life Support ambulances, implementation of Ayushman Bharat - PM Jan Arogya Yojana & Universal Health coverage, setting up of psychiatric cells was also deliberated during the meeting.

Advisor Umang Narula; Principal Secretary, Health & Medical Education, Dr. Pawan Kotwal; Secretary, Social Welfare, Padma Angmo; Director, Health Tsering Angchok and Additional Secretary Health/MD National Health Mission, Iftiqar Ahmad attended the meeting.

First sub-committee meeting to implement New Education Policy 2020 held in Leh



During the first meeting of the Sub-Committee on Higher Education for implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in UT Ladakh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Secretary, Higher Education Department, UT-Ladakh, Padma Angmo chaired the first meeting of the Sub-Committee on Higher Education for implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in UT Ladakh on July 27.

Discussion on specific measures needed, academic & training requirements, manpower, and financial requirement, and structural reforms needed for imple-

mentation of the NEP 2020 in UT of Ladakh was carried out. Also, a discussion was held on procedural and policy changes that need to be made in achieving the objectives of NEP-2020.

Secretary, Padma Angmo shared that the Ministry of Education has sought the recommendation and action plan from the Administration of Ladakh. Furthermore, she highlighted that as per the NEP 2020 objective, the Gross enrolment ratio should be

50% by 2035 and the inclusion of Socio-economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs), for which a comprehensive action plan needs to be chalked out.

In view of discussion regarding the introduction of vocational education in Higher Education as per NEP 2020, the sub-committee decided that the constituent colleges will chalk out the possible vocational courses that can be taken up with SKUAST so that the same can be introduced in the constituent colleges in the current academic year.

The meeting was attended by Dr Dorjey Namgail, Associate Director (Research, SKUAST Ladakh); Imteeaz Kacho, Registrar, University of Ladakh; Prof Deskyong Namgyal, Dean Academic Affairs, UoL; Prof. Tashi Dawa, Principal, EJM College, Leh, and Dr Ameena Qari, Principal, Govt Degree College, Kargil.

L-G Mathur pays tribute to Kargil Martyrs on Vijay Diwas



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

DRASS: Lieutenant Governor, Radha Krishna Mathur led the 22nd anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas celebration at the Drass War Memorial on July 26.

Laying a wreath to respect martyrs, LG said that

the country is in eternal gratitude to them. He interacted with the Next of Kins (NoKs) of martyrs and presented them gifts. L-G Mathur said that the whole nation is indebted to the war heroes and their families for their supreme sacrifice and their acts of great valor and gallantry.

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat; CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan; CEC, LAHDC, Leh Advocate Tashi Gyaltson; MP, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal; GOC-in-C Northern Command, Lt General YK Joshi; AOC-in-C Western Air Command, BR Krishna; Advisor to LG Ladakh, Umang Narula; GOC 14 Corps, Lt General PGK Menon; Air Vice Marshal, T Singh; Major General Nagendra Singh, GOC 8 Mountain Division; ADGP Ladakh, S S Khandare; Deputy Commissioner, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve; SSP Kargil, Anayat Ali Choudhary besides other officers of Army, civil and police administration were present on the occasion.

First meeting of State Project Implementation Unit under National Seismic Risk Mitigation Programme held

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A meeting with the members of State Project Implementation Unit (SPIU) under National Seismic Risk Mitigation Programme NSRMP was chaired by Secretary, Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, UT Ladakh, Saugat Biswas on July 20 at UT Secretariat.

The meeting discussed the finalization of the draft Project Investment Plan (PIP) under NSRMP for UT Ladakh. A detailed presentation of the draft (PIP) under NSRMP was presented by the State Coordinator DDF- AKDM JV.

The team discussed the draft Proposal Investment Plan for finalization for enhancing overall earthquake preparedness through designing and establishing an earthquake dissemination system and enhancing the emergency responses capacity of the administration of UT Ladakh.

Project-wise cost components to enhance emergency response capacity, capacity building of



Saugat Biswas convening the meeting with the members of State Project Implementation Unit (SPIU) under National Seismic Risk Mitigation Programme.

local communities, retro-fitting building of critical infrastructure, retrofitting/ roads, bridges, helipads etc. building a state of art technological demonstration unit were also discussed.

It was informed that the Proposal Investment Plan (PIP) for entire project is spanned over a period of 3 years for 3 states and 2 UTs considered in part II under NMDA.

Raised the allocations for emergency response capacity for procurement of adequate search and rescue equipment and machinery for decentralization of various tehsils and blocks of UT Ladakh. For retrofitting roads, bridge-

es and helipads for enhancing emergency retro capacity in case of disaster were decided upon.

The meeting was attended by Prakash Chander Tanosh, Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Department; Amit Singh Chandel, Director Accounts & Treasuries; Stanzin Donsal, Senior Accounts Officer; Dorjey Angchuk, Nodal Officer, NSRMP-NDMA and Kumar Amit, Technical Consultant, IT. Besides, Prof. Amitava Ghosh, State Coordinator, DDF-AKDN; Anju Bansal, Team member, DDF-AKDN; Sudhir Malik, Head Finance, DDF-AKDN and Abhijit, Head Purchase, DDF-AKDN also attended the meeting.

Two-day workshop on implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission organised in Leh



During the launch of the two-day workshop on the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Ladakh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Two-day workshop on the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Ladakh to improve implementation and capacity building of stakeholders was held in Leh on July 22-23.

The workshop was organised by the Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department, UT Ladakh in coordination with National Jal Jeevan Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India.

On the first day, Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyaltson impressed upon the concerned officials to ensure that the mandate of JJM aims to provide quality and safe drinking water to every household, is not compromised. He urged all public representatives to monitor and supervise ongoing works under the project and resolve issues in coordination with the public and officials so that Leh can achieve its target on time.

Commissioner Secretary, PHE/I&FC, Ladakh, Ajeet Kumar Sahu gave a detailed presentation on the status of implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in UT Ladakh. He informed gathering about target and the physical progress of functional household tap connection (FHTC) coverage, 100-days campaign, financial progress, water quality

and lab status, skill development plan, greywater management plan, geo-tagging and future action plan. He stressed developing a sense of community ownership to make JJM sustainable at the village level.

Director, National Jal Jeevan Mission (NJJM), Pradeep Singh, apprised the officials of the challenges and mitigation in UT Ladakh to achieve the objectives of Jal Jeevan Mission. He emphasized the need of keeping the scheme sustainable throughout the year.

All Block Development Council Chairpersons who are heading block-level water and sanitation committee and Assistant Executive Engineers (AEEs) gave PPT presentations of their respective blocks on the current status, challenges, strategies and timeline to achieve a target of FHTCs on time.

The Third-Party Inspecting Agency (TPIA) and Implementation Support Agency also presented their progress of work in JJM in terms of quality check of ongoing works and community mobilization respectively.

Additional Secretary and Mission Director, National Jal Jeevan Mission (NJJM), Bharat Lal urged all the stakeholders to implement the scheme on a

mission mode with community partnership. He also highlighted the need of making water testing a part of the Jan Movement, strengthening the Village Water and Sanitation Committee (VWSC) and improvising hygiene culture in schools and Anganwadi through Jal Jeevan Mission.

DC, Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse highlighted the need of speeding up the execution of works on the ground without compromise on quality through active monitoring by Village Water and Sanitation Committees in their villages and shared plans of organizing similar workshops at block and village levels to increase awareness about JJM.

Later, National Jal Jeevan Mission experts gave detailed presentations on various aspects like Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities, technological solutions, best practices, contract management, Integrated Management Information System (IMIS), Internet of Things (IoT) implementation in JJM.

Member of Parliament, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal appreciated the PHE department for organizing the two-day workshop to improve implementation aspects of JJM in coordination with the active participation of public representatives and urged all to continue hard work to provide access to safe and quality drinking water to every household in Ladakh within the deadline.

Executive Councilors and Councilors, LAHDC-Leh, Block Development Council Chairpersons, officials of the PHE department and district officers actively participated in two days workshop.

People's Voice

By Tenzin Dajon & Tsering Chosdon (Chhozee)

Along with the increase in domestic tourists, several issues have come up in terms of the environment. Many of the tourists lack etiquette, throw or leave garbage anywhere causing environmental issues. Bikes and cars tend to go off route which disturbs the wildlife habitation. Ladakh is already famous among domestic tourists and stakeholders feel that Ladakh needs to be promoted in foreign countries.

Time has come to frame a visionary policy to tap opportunity as well to make the tourism sector sustainable. Let's read what they have to say about the importance of promoting quality and sustainable tourism in Ladakh.



DELEK NAMGYAL, President ALTOA: Ladakh was opened for tourism in 1974. Tourism was sustainable for the first three decades. Most importantly the tourism was not Leh centric as most of the tourists used to do adventure and trekking to rural areas due to which income distribution was in balance.

Then in the late 90s promotion of domestic tourism started which became double by 2010. In 2018, the highest number of tourists was recorded in the history of Ladakh. Around 3,27,000 tourists visited Leh.

The prediction is that after the completion of the new airport terminals then the number of tourists will double within three years around 6-7 lakhs. Therefore the environmental study and carrying capacity must be conducted for sustainable and quality tourism.

People get influence by automobiles company's ads in media and they try to fulfil their wishes in regions like Ladakh due to which off-road driving has become common. Therefore their movement must be restricted in fragile regions like Pangong etc. Promoting local taxis will not only solve the problem but will improve the quality of our tourism. In addition, it will contribute to making Ladakh carbon neutral as envisioned by our PM.

Tourism in Ladakh

We must draft a sustainable rural tourism policy to decentralise tourism. For the last 70 years, there was no tourism policy. Post UT status, ALTOA has drafted a tourism policy in collaboration with experts where we have emphasized rural and eco-tourism.

Ladakh being a tourism market, complete dependent on inbound tourism is not a solution. There should be a balance between domestic and international tourists. Like an inbound tourists, we must motivate domestic tourists to prefer trekking, homestays and to have interaction with locals. Most of the domestic tourists have a fixed itinerary like Nubra and Pangong. Though there are a very small number of quality domestic tourists which we have to tap. We must develop infrastructures in rural areas to diversify our tourism.

Instead of Delhi and Mumbai, tourism promotion must be conducted in foreign countries like the US, Europe, Middle East and Buddhist dominated countries like South East Asia, Japan and South Korea etc. It will boost foreign tourists which will improve the quality of our tourism for sure.



MUZAMMIL HUSSAIN, Founder of Roots Ladakh Travel company, Kargil: Post the new UT administration, for the tourism sector, rather than a challenge it is more of an opportunity to formulate new policies which are farsighted and sustainable in nature, which has a low impact on the ecology. The Government needs to control

the tourism of Ladakh by implying regulations and also create awareness for the travellers about the eco-sensitive region as the outsiders are not really conscious. It is moreover our responsibility to educate the people we bring. The private sector has to play an equal role in this. The issue of private cars entering in huge numbers from outside is definitely impacting the Taxi operators but I don't think we can restrict them as Ladakh is UT of India and it's a free country. One thing we can do is to look out for the number of footprints coming in every year. Therefore, we should cap the number of visitors we have every year. Bhutan for example charges a fee for private cars according to the days the tourist is visiting. Earlier they were not charging Indians but now they do. So once you start imposing such kinds of charges and once they actually have to pay, the people travelling will think twice.

If we go through the statistics of inbound tourists 10 years ago it was 60% and domestic tourists were 40% while in the past 5-8 years domestic is 60-80%. In fact, the inbound tourists have come down to 20%. In the Economies of scale when we have volume obviously we receive more profit.

Ladakh has an excessive concentration in the urban areas so the approach should be to spread out the kind of experiences that we are creating and focus more on rural tourism and homestays. Homestays are a very niche segment and 5% to 10% prefer homestays when they visit here. We need to formalize and standardize homestays to make them become part of the mainstream to experience village life. Not everybody prefers local toilets, not that we need to build English toilets but we need to improve the quality of the existing setup so that the tourists can use the amenities without any issue.



PHUNTSOG STOBGYAL, General Secretary, Taxi Union: Since its inception, the taxi union of Leh have been focusing on improving the quality of tourism. If today Ladakh tourism has an image then taxi union has played a very important role equally to other sectors in achieving it. The promotion of quality and sustainable tourism is important in keeping the fragile ecosystem intact.

Along with the short tourism season in Ladakh, the increase in the influx of tourists with their own private vehicles is impacting the income of local taxis and the fragile ecosystem. Not just this, accident cases also rises because the drivers from plain are not so experienced to drive in hilly areas and on top of it, the road infrastructure in Ladakh are not up to the mark.

Recently we have seen off-road driving on sand dunes, wetlands and chasing wildlife especially the wild asses. Many witnessed that tourists in their private cars are littering, thus polluting the environment. Such acts disturb the ecosystem and pollute the land, air and water. It will be best if we can restrict the cars from other states to in route remote areas like Pangong, Nubra valley, etc. Promoting local taxis within these areas can be the best and sustainable solution.

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The World of Juniors

Olympic Games, athletic festival that originated in ancient Greece at a site called Olympia. The games, originally named 'Olympiad', take their name from the region of Olympia in Greece. Before the 1970s the Games were officially limited to competitors with amateur status, but in the 1980s many events were opened to professional athletes. The first modern Olympics were held in Athens, Greece in 1896. The man responsible for its rebirth was a Frenchman named Baron Pierre de Coubertin, who presented the idea in 1894. His original thought was to unveil the modern games in 1900 in his native Paris, but delegates from 34 countries were so enthralled with the concept that they convinced him to move the Games up to 1896 and have Athens serve as the first host.

The first Summer Olympic Games in 1896 were held with fourteen participating countries. Then 200 of the 241 sportsmen were from Greece and there were 43 sports events held in 9 sports.



Mirabai Chanu, who clinched a silver medal in the 49kg women's weightlifting category in the Tokyo Summer Olympic Games, 2021.

DID YOU KNOW



- The idea of the Olympic torch or Olympic Flame was first inaugurated in the 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam. There was no torch relay in the ancient Olympic Games. The modern Olympic torch relay was first instituted at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin.
- The Olympic symbol expresses the activity of the Olympic Movement and represents the union of the five continents and the meeting of athletes from throughout the world at the Olympic Games.

- The 1900 Paris Olympics were the first Games which witnessed women participation in the events. But it was only in the 2012 London Olympics where every participating nation had women athletes in their contingent.
- At age 13, springboard diver Marjorie Gestring is the youngest female individual gold medalist in history, while 14-year-old Kusuo Kitamura (swimming) is the youngest male individual gold medalist.
- The first Paralympic Games took place in Rome in 1960, designed to allow war veterans a chance to compete and rehabilitate. Olympic gymnast George Eyser famously won six medals with a wooden leg in the 1904 Games.



SoulSpeak

P.P. Wangchuk

Think clear to clear your hurdles



The habit of thinking clearly enables one to have a better and happier life. Thoughts could be negative as well. Therefore, we need to have all the awareness 'tools' as to how to go about and have a clear and straight push forward.

I am reading these days a book that is entirely on the advantages of thinking straight and clear.

Written by Swiss author Rolf Dobelli, and titled The Art of Thinking Clearly, this book can be a very precious one for most of us who can't think clearly.

The author lists 99 ways that could help one think straight and see the reality. Some of them are: The need to visit cemeteries, forgetting the past, the need to keep a diary, not to cling to things, to curb your enthusiasm, to live each day as if it were your last, to never be a slave to your emotions, and to understand that everyone is good and beautiful at the top!

All these tips are self-explanatory, and hence no need to go in detail. Therefore, I would like to remind that each one of us should have self-respect (without disrespecting others), and should have confidence enough (without being overconfident) to go ahead on any mission. My point is that unless you respect yourself, you will always be feeling low and will develop a negative attitude. Plus, unless you respect yourself, you can never respect others. The point is that you should never feel that others are inferior and that you are the best. Such thinking can be nothing but a fallacy, and a temptation to your ruin.

Therefore, one should be able to realise one's potentiality without any overdue self-importance. The fact remains that you can outlive others only when you have a clear thinking of yourself as well as of others. And that needs what I always love to call the magic of imagination +realism. One without the other is a sure recipe for failure!

Courtesy: WongWorld

The writer is a New Delhi-based Editor-at-large, columnist and professional speaker

In Conversation with Tundup Dorjay Churpon, Potter

Interviewed by Tsering Chosdon (Chozee)

Q. Your work has caught quite a lot of attention offline and online. Could you tell us more about your story.

I had always shown a keen interest in drawing and painting as a child. After class 12, I pursued Bachelor in Fine Arts from Jammu, and during those student days, my seniors guided me about various options in art studies and the best colleges to pursue the courses. Thus, I decided to pursue my art and craft course at Shantiniketan in Kolkata.

Pottery is not something I inherited from my family. When I was a fine art student, I was interested in Textile art later I realized that the field is more common and many are already in the field. I want to choose something new and found that pottery was intriguing and divergent.

It gives me immense happiness to shape with my bare hands and forming something new.

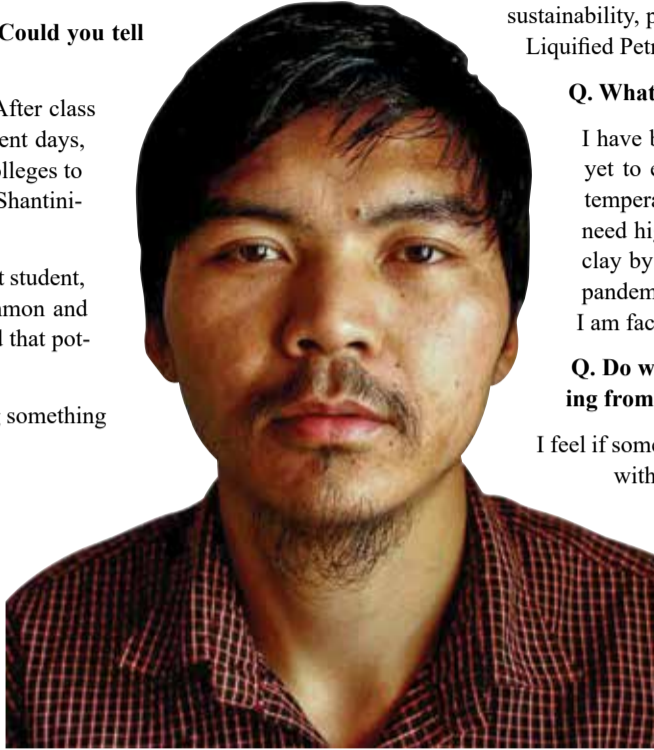
Q. The first Pottery Studio of Ladakh. How is it coming up?

The progress of my studio is a little slow because being an artist, the management skill is not up to the mark, and also I am new in the entrepreneur field. I took a loan to set up the studio which got sanctioned in December 2019. Procuring machines and other equipment was not possible since it was the winter months thus had to wait for few more months. In September 2020 I received all the machines and materials but due to the pandemic, everything got slow. Despite having the studio set up, I could not start classes and workshops because of the pandemic.

The studio has not been fully set up but I hope everything gets settle soon so that I can conduct workshops and classes.

Q. What is the scope of pottery and how sustainable is it for Ladakh?

When we start something new and different, the growth and progress will be slow but there is scope! Here when we talk of pottery, 'Zama' and 'Sangspor' are relatable to it and familiar to the locals. Traditional products like Zama are not something I want to deal with as there are so many local artisans dealing with it. The pottery world these days is trending and booming as a hobby as well as a business. In retrospect to



sustainability, pottery is eco-friendly. For the firing process (to melt the clay) we can use Liquefied Petroleum Gases (LPG) which does not harm the environment.

Q. What kind of challenges did you face or are you still facing in this field?

I have been facing challenges since I started with the studio. Local materials are yet to experiment. I get my materials from Delhi because local clay is all low temperature on which glazing process is difficult. For proper glazing process we need high-temperature clay. There are also ways to increase the low-temperature clay by mixing it with chemicals, but I haven't tried so far. Also, because of the pandemic, I cannot start my classes and workshop which is the major challenge I am facing.

Q. Do we need to do a proper course for it or we can professionalize by learning from a potter?

I feel if someone is interested in craft-based art and learns from professionals regularly without doing any proper course, there is a possibility the person might end up opening their studio. In case, a student is interested in Fine Arts courses like Visual Art then joining college and doing a proper course is very important. There are lots of theory-based studies in such art forms whereas craft-based art is more of learning physically.

Q. Pottery being a small-scale industry, how much of a task is it to market it?

I have started to get orders from few customers who initially ordered from Japan. My style of art is a natural glaze with which has a subtle color and people usually say that my work is inspired by Japanese art. My studio is based in my village Igoo which is 50km from the city and the main motive behind establishing in the village is to promote rural market (Tourism, Art and Culture). As a craft-based student, we are not taught much about marketing so I lack a lot in it. There was an Exhibition called 'Enchanting Ladakh 2021' in Delhi. That is when I got sudden support from Former Commission Secretary, Rigzin Samphel. We had a personal meeting and overnight decided to exhibit my work the very next day. I told him that I am at a developing stage and was nervous but he boosted my confidence saying that I will experience the market. Later, I realized that it was a very good exposure and an opportunity for me. I got lots of positive feedback.

MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“ I feel that we need to focus equally on rural areas for various economic activities. There is a potential in villages which needs to be explored and promoted at a various levels so that people living in rural areas get different opportunities. ”

Fortnight Highlights



Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Pankaj Mithal laid the foundation stone for the new District Court Complex at Melongthang in Leh in the presence of Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Tashi Rabstan.



Four day art classes for all age groups was organised by Artist Chemat Dorjey and Stanzin Wangail at Spindle Studio, Leh.



General Manager Engineering, Pawan Hans, P K Marken visited Padum and inspected feasibility of the site to develop a heliport at Zanskar.



The week-long folk music workshop was organised by the Ladakh Academy of Arts Culture and Languages, Leh, under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, for the children of Ladakh's musician community at Chuchoz Zangchung. A total of 30 students, including 20 boys and 10 girls took part in the workshop.



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Two-day training programme on apricot juice/jam production held in Kargil

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Two-day training programme on apricot juice and jam preparation, processing, branding, and marketing under National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) for Self Help Group (SHG) of Kargil and Sodh block was inaugurated by Director, Industries and Commerce, UT Ladakh, Moses Kunzang on June 27.

The training programme was organised by the Department of Industries and Commerce in collaboration with the Rural Development Department (RDD), Kargil under the Van Dhan Vikas Yojana.

Director, Industries and Commerce, Moses Kunzang said that the programme has been organised under Van Dhan Vikas Yojana of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in which the main component is to reach every village, provide the necessary training plus monetary help for procurement of basic utensils and support in branding and marketing of apricot products.

He further said that it is just a



Director, Industries and Commerce, UT Ladakh, Moses Kunzang interacted with the SHG workers from different villages of Sodh and Kargil block.

beginning, and in the future series of workshops will be held at the village level, and in this regard, a master trainer has been invited from Leh for imparting training to the beneficiaries. He further said that the objective is to provide maximum support to the SHG workers who carry an aptitude for enterprising.

Moses Kunzang interacted with the SHG workers from different villages of Sodh and Kargil

block and suggested them to take maximum benefits of the workshop by learning about processing, packaging, branding, and marketing of apricot products

Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD), Kargil, Ghulam Muhammad; General Manager, District Industries Center (DIC), Kargil, Iftikhar Nasim concerned officials of RDD and Industries and Commerce and SHG workers were present on the occasion.

Principal Secretary reviews implementation of SVAMITVA Scheme in Ladakh

Actual land survey to start from August 1



Principal Secretary, Revenue / Financial Commissioner (R), Dr Pawan Kotwal reviewing the progress on the implementation of the SVAMITVA Scheme.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Principal Secretary, Revenue / Financial Commissioner (R), Dr Pawan Kotwal reviewed the progress on the implementation of the SVAMITVA Scheme in the Union Territory of Ladakh on July 21.

Dr Pawan Kotwal informed that 11 locations including 5 in Leh & 6 in Kargil for setting up the (Continuously Operating Reference Station) CORS network have been finalized for conducting the survey in the Union Territory of Ladakh under the SVAMITVA scheme. The tentative locations include Leh, Gya, Pang, Kiara, Tangtse, Bodh-kharbu, Sangrah, Kargil, Arban, Zangla and Hanupatta. He further informed that the land survey would start from August 1.

Dr Pawan Kotwal informed that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Survey of India and the Administration of UT of Ladakh under the SVAMITVA scheme has been signed.

Highlighting the Svamitva Scheme, Dr Pawan informed that the scheme would provide the 'record of rights' to village household owners possessing houses in inhabited rural areas in villages which, in turn, would enable them to use their property as a financial asset for taking loans and other financial benefits from banks.

He stated that Survey of India, as the technology partner, will take steps for a survey of inhabited rural land by drone as well as the establishment of ground-based

control stations to enable a detailed spatial database of properties in rural areas.

It is expected to reduce property related disputes in rural areas and legal cases.

He further informed that a team from SOI would be visiting Ladakh in the last week of July and directed both the Deputy Commissioners to appoint the ACRs as Nodal officers.

Also, requested the Survey of India to sensitize the Tehsildars, Girdawars and Patwaris about the SVAMITVA Scheme.

Dr Pawan further directed Secretary, Panchayati Raj to implement the scheme with the support of the Panchayat, Rural Development, ACDs, BMOs, BDOs and VLWs.

The meeting was attended by Saugat Biswas, Divisional Commissioner, Ladakh; Srikant Suse, Deputy Commissioner, Kargil; Santosh Sukhadeve, Deputy Commissioner, Kargil; Col K A Grewal, Director, J&K and Ladakh G.D.C, Survey of India Jammu; Avinash Mishra, Superintending Surveyor Officer-in-charge (HQ); Phuntsog Paldan, Technical Director, NIC, Leh and Sunil Dutt Sharma, Officer Surveyor, Technical Officer.

'Project Drenmo', mitigating Human-Himalayan Brown Bear conflict



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: With the increasing Human-Himalayan Brown Bear conflict in the region of Drass, a travel company, 'Roots Ladakh' based in Kargil have been working on finding solutions for conflict mitigation under "Project Drenmo".

The project was initiated in the year 2018. Supported by the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) under Rapid Action Program, Roots Ladakh, in the first phase of the project conducted awareness and capacity building programs with the school children

and youth of the affected villages namely Mushkow and Holiyal. They sensitized the villagers about the wildlife and provided equipment such as searchlights and binoculars. A local committee of youths from the region was also formed to assist the team in their field work.

During the second phase of the project in 2020, the team installed 20 wildlife deterrent lights, a device specially designed to keep wildlife away from human habitations, in these two villages. The team has been monitoring the effectiveness of these instruments over the past

year with the help of the local youth committee to gauge its effectiveness.

Muzammil Hussain, Lead, Project Drenmo said, "Based on our observations, depredation data from the department of wildlife and the response received from the village locals, we witnessed that the measures taken are effective. However, such measures are short term as bears get used to it after a long exposure. It is important to formulate long term mitigation strategies to find a lasting solution for conflict mitigation."

The team has been working in close coordination with the Department of Wildlife Kargil.

The department appreciated the team efforts and assured to form a long term collaboration for sustained efforts in conflict mitigation and wildlife conservation.

Phase two of the Project Drenmo has come to an end. Detailed report and policy document based on the findings from the field is being prepared by the team which will be submitted to the Department of Wildlife and local administration.

Tourism in Ladakh

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There is a restriction on permits due to limited parking facilities and traffic management issues. ARTO says that if the permit increases then it will abrogate the condition. It seems illogical because on hand we are limiting the permit and on the other hand we are promoting private cars. Preference should be given to local taxis which will not only secure their livelihood but also save the environment. Unlike tourists who are visiting mostly one time, we think and care for the future so that tourists would come again to Ladakh. We educate our drivers on regular basis to

give good experience to tourists.

The geography of Ladakh is quite diverse and we can easily diversify our tourist destination if we could facilitate basic infrastructure in rural areas. To make tourism sustainable we must create an awareness among tourists regarding some do's and don't at their arrival point like airport etc. By preserving our culture, cuisine, language, the architecture we can easily promote quality tourism as most of the tourists come here for new experiences, especially the inbound tourists. If we copy their lifestyle then why would they come here?

MP Ladakh inaugurates 4 Jio mobile towers in Kargil district

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Member Parliament (MP), Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal inaugurated 4 Jio mobile towers under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) at Phoo, Yokma Kharboo, Karith, and Tacha villages under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) on July 27.

MP, Ladakh informed that 63 towers have been sanctioned all over Ladakh, out of which 25 have already been completed while another 15 are under installation process.

Councilor Shargole, Muhammad Ali Chandan, and other public representatives, PRI members of the area, officers of Jio besides other concerned officers were



Member Parliament (MP), Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal during the inauguration of 4 Jio mobile towers in various villages of Kargil district.

present on the occasion.

The public representatives of the area appraised MP Ladakh about various issues concerning their developmental needs which included the demand for installation of more mobile towers in the area and other related issues.

JTN assured them that all requisite measures will be taken for fulfillment in a phased manner.

The villagers expressed gratitude to the MP for his tireless effort in establishing much-needed 4G mobile towers in the remotest village's areas of Kargil district.

Leh District Cricket Association meets three-member committee of JKCA

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Leh District Cricket Association (LDCA) met newly formed three member committee of Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) on July 24. The members are in Leh for 2 days official visit to look after Cricket matters in Leh district.

The three member sub committee comprising Brigadier Anil Gupta, Advocate Sunil Sethi and Former Cricketer, Mithun Manhas was constituted by BCCI to look after the affairs of the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA).

LDCA, President, Padma Tamchhos along with other executives



Executives of LDCA along with three member committee of Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association in Leh.

members submitted a copy of memorandum highlighting the need of uplifting cricket in Leh. They stressed on building a full fledged cricket stadium in Leh, exploring new talented players and supporting cricketers from

Ladakh for higher tournaments.

The official assured LDCA that they will soon provide all the facilities and give proper chances to players from Leh district for upcoming tournament.

Justice Tashi Rabstan visits District Court, Leh, inspects all 3 courts



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, Common High Court of UTs of J&K and Ladakh also the Administrative Judge Leh visited the District Court Complex in Leh on July 19.

Justice Rabstan inspected all the three courts- the Principal District and Sessions Court, Chief Judicial Magistrate Court and the Court of Special Mobile Magistrate during the visit. He also inspected the functioning of the newly-inaugurated e-Seva Kendra and Vidhik Seva Kendra. A case pending before the Jammu Bench of the High Court was

filed and the next date of hearing was conveyed through the e-Seva Kendra. He impressed upon the advocates to take full advantage of these Kendras in filing cases before the High Court.

He interacted with the judicial officers of Leh district and the members of the Bar Association, Leh. He assured to address the grievances of the Bar members.

Principal District & Sessions Judge, Leh, Deepak Sethi; Chief Judicial Magistrate, Leh, Spalzes Angmo; Special Mobile Magistrate, Leh, Phustog Angmo; Special Mobile Magistrate Leh; Munsiff Nobra, Wangyal Tser-

ing; Munsiff Khaltsi, Chhemit Yourgyal; President, Bar Association Leh, Mohammad Shafi and members of the Bar and staff members were present.

Later, Justice Tashi Rabstan had a meeting with Advisor Umang Narula; Commissioner Secretary, GAD, Ajeet Kumar Sahu; Div com, Saugat Biswas; Law Secretary, Pritpal Singh; Principal Secretary, Chief justice of High court of Jammu & Kashmir & Ladakh, Rajeev Gupta.

Various issues like creation of separate cadre for subordinate judiciary for Ladakh, creation of consumer forum, anti corruption and family court at Ladakh, creation of directorate of prosecution, Munsiff court in Changthang region, law secretary to be appointed from Judicial officers on deputation basis, sanction of additional funds for high court guest house at Leh,

Official accommodation for court employees who are non locals were discussed.

CEC Feroz Khan takes stock of flash flood situation at Sangrah

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan visited Sangrah village on July 28 and took stock of the situation in the aftermath of flash floods and mudslides.



Feroz Ahmed Khan convened a review meeting of all concerned officers at Tourist Bungalow Sankoo to assess the present ground situation and the extent of damages. They also discussed the immediate short-term and long-term measures for the restoration of essential services and relief measures to the affected people.

The CEC instructed the officers of the Mechanical Department to clean the silt and stones from the stream to avoid further damage due to the diversion of the water flow. He also assured to restore the water supply and electricity in the village immediately.

The concerned departments were asked to install surface connections to supply fresh water to the affected area. NHIDCL officers were asked to clean the Kargil Zanskar Road by clearing mud and boulders as soon as possible.

CEC assured the affected villagers that compensation for all types of losses will be provided as early as possible.

In order to ensure minimum losses in long run, CEC Kargil assured to construct the stream path wide to ease the flow of water without any blockade.

Concerned district and sub-divisional officers were asked to take stock of damages due to flash floods and subsequent mudslides at Khawos Panikhar besides also taking immediate measures for restoration of essential services to the concerned population.

DC, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve instructed all the concerned district officers to remain present in

the affected villages and ensure all types of necessary services without fail. He further directed the Revenue Department to conduct an assessment of all types of losses to provide timely compensation to the affected population.

Public representatives projected demand to construct stream path, reconnection of road, construction of a wide bridge, water and electricity supply, provision of compensation for trees, pasture lands, crops, cattle, and houses.

Meanwhile, Councilor Syed Ahmad Razvi demanded to assess losses in other villages of Sankoo and Suru area where flash floods and heavy rainfall have caused damage to crops and trees.

3-month short-term training programme under PMKVY 3.0 starts in Kargil



CEC, Hill Council, Kargil, Feroz Ahmed Khan inaugurating the training.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Three months long short-term training under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0 (PMKVY 3.0) was inaugurated by CEC, Hill Council, Kargil, Feroz Ahmed Khan on July 27 at Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Kargil.

The training programme is the first skill training taken up under PMKVY since the formation of the Ladakh Skill Development Mission being conducted by the Technical Education and Skill Development Department UT Ladakh. The programme will cover different trades like fashion designing, plumbing, electrician, and self-employed tailoring.

CEC, Hill Council, Kargil said that the trades in skill development should be compatible with the job market and must have demand and scope in the market. He further said that the performance of the

trained youth should be assessed from time to time to check their results.

He said that the ITI should have a full-fledged and technically equipped building and assured to take up the issue with UT Administration.

The aim of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0 (PMKVY 3.0) is to generate livelihood opportunities for the youth trained under this scheme and to create an ecosystem for them to make informed choices on the available skilling avenues. It also aims to provide support to youth for skill training and certification and promoting sustainable skill centres for greater participation of the private sector.

Executive Councillor for ITI, Mohsin Ali said that the aim of the government in launching schemes like PMKVY is to develop skills and generate employment for the youth and the public should come forward to take full benefit from these schemes to their full potential.

Deputy Commissioner, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve said that PMKVY is significant in producing various skills among youth and generating employment. He urged the youth to take maximum benefits from these training sessions and include themselves in the category of highly skilled youth.

Superintendent ITI, Muhammad Kazim; Principal, Government Degree College, Kargil, Dr Ameena Qari; General Manager NHPC besides trainers and students were present on the occasion.

NOTICE

No 9925935 P Rank Hav Sonam Jorgias Unit 4 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56APO has claimed that his son namely **Thinless Norbu** has been wrongly entered as **Thinless Nurbu** instead of **Thinless Norbu** 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-LA0129209093374BT 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.

NOTICE

We the following persons, propose to register a Non-profitable NGO under the name and Style as **'People Action Group of Inclusion and Rights (PAGIR)' 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	Tsewang Dorje	Dorje Tsephel	Stok Leh	President
2	Morup Stanzin	Sonam Tashi	Housing Colony	Vice-President
3	Tsering Angchok	Nawang Dorje	Martselang Leh	Vice-President
4	Kunzang Dolma	Stanzin Choldan	Tiggar Nubra	General Secretary
5	Kulsum Khatoon	Ali Hussain	Chushot Gongma	Treasurer
6	Kunzes Dolma	Tsewang Tundup	Durbuk	Secretary
7	Stanzin Gurmet	Rigzen Namgyail	Rumtse Leh	Treasurer

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

President

'People Action Group of Inclusion and Rights (PAGIR)' Leh UT Ladakh

NOTICE

An Application has been received from one **BahuBali Patil S/o Surendra Patil R/o House No 244, Jain Basti Muragundi, Belgaum Karnataka-591304 A/p CISF Unit Line, Near Kali Mata Mandir, Leh UT Ladakh** to transfer the vehicle No. **JK 10B-2550** owned by **Rigzen Gurmet S/o Tundup Dorje R/o Bodh Kharbu, Kargil UT Ladakh Prop. of M/s Bodh Kharboo Adventure**. Now, it is therefore notified for general information that objection if any to the proposed transfer shall be filed in writing in the office of Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) within a period of 10 days from date of publication of this notice.

No: 2386-87 /ARTO-Leh
Date: 24-07-2021

Asstt. Regional Transport Officer
Leh Ladakh

NOTICE

No 9925873 A Rank Hav GH Hussain Unit LSRC C/o 56APO has claimed that his son namely **Mumtaz Ali** has been wrongly entered as **Mumtaz Ali Sha** instead of **Mumtaz Ali** 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-LA01772129750624T to this office for making necessary correction. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office, **Unit LSRC C/o 56APO** within 7 days from date of publication failing which necessary correction will be made.

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