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Leh observes 32nd death anniversary of martyrs Nawang, Dorjay, Stobdan



His Eminence Urgain Rinpoche offering prayer during the 32nd Martyrs Day at Martyrs Memorial Park, Skyatsags.

Stanzin Dasal

LEH: Marking 32nd Martyrs Day, rich tribute was paid to the three brave hearts 'Nawang Dorjay Stobdan' at Martyrs Memorial Park, Skyatsags on August 27.

The entire business establishment remained closed for half day.

On August 27, 1989, Nawang Rinchen from Sankar, Tsering Stobdan from Durbuk, and Tsewang Dorje from Saboo were martyred during the Union Territory agitation. The day marks an important day for the people of Ladakh to remember them and their sacrifices today as the long-pending demands of UT status got fulfilled by the Government on August 5, 2019.

Thupstan Chhewang, President LBA

stated that Martyr's day is not just an important day for a particular community but the entire people of Ladakh. He said that their sacrifices need to be remembered by every Ladakhi because they laid down their lives for a greater cause. He said that to mark the day officially in UT Ladakh a proposal will be presented before Hill Council and Lieutenant Governor R K Mathur at the earliest.

Talking about the need for constitutional safeguard for Ladakh, Thupstan Chhewang said, "Fulfillment of UT demand is very welcoming since we struggled it for so long but in this post UT status things are not what we dreamt off. The UT granted to us is incomplete, the reason being we are demanding a safe-

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Sikyong, Central Tibetan Administration, meets CEC, Hill Council, Leh



Officials of Hill Council, Leh and Central Tibetan Administration at the Council Secretariat, Leh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalsong met the newly elected Sikyong (President) of the Central Tibetan Administration, Penpa Tsering at the Council Secretariat, Leh on August 23.

Welcoming Sikyong Penpa Tsering and his team of officials, CEC, Tashi Gyalsong congratulated Penpa Tsering for taking charge as the Sikyong (President) of the 16th Kashag of Central Tibetan Administration. Both the officials had detailed

deliberations and discussed various concerns of the development of Tibetans residing in Leh Ladakh.

Sikyong Penpa Tsering extended his gratitude to Chairman, LAHDC, Leh and his team of Executive Councillors for their constant support towards the welfare of Tibetans living in Leh Ladakh. He also raised a few concerns and grievances of the Tibetans residing in Leh Ladakh.

Speaking on the occasion, CEC Tashi Gyalsong informed that the various initiatives being taken by

the LAHDC, Leh for the development of Tibetans residing in Leh Ladakh. He ensured his commitment to work for the collective development of Tibetans and the people of Leh Ladakh. He stated that the LAHDC, Leh and the UT Administration will explore and work on strengthening the Tibetan Rehabilitation Policy, 2014 to provide a uniform guideline demarcating the facilities to be extended to the Tibetan refugees living in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Executive Councillor for RDD, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee; Executive Councillor for Minority Affairs, Ghulam Mehdi Ashoor; Executive Councillor for Agriculture, Stanzin Chosphele; CRO Ladakh, Tsetan Wangchuk, President LTA, Dhondup Tsering; Director TCV, Chemi Lhundup, Secretary TR Cooperative Society, Sangpo; Incharge Health TR, Tenzin Dolker and the officials of LAHDC Leh and CTA attended the meeting today.

SNM hospital, Leh, gets first Tesla MRI machine



During the inaugural ceremony of the first-ever 1.5 Tesla MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) machine at MRI Centre, SNM Hospital Leh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The first-ever 1.5 Tesla MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) machine was inaugurated by Tashi Gyalsong, CEC, Hill Council, Leh on August 24 at MRI Centre, SNM Hospital Leh.

The machine, costing ₹12.78 crore has been donated by the Airport Authority of India (AAI) under one of their CSR initiatives in Ladakh.

CEC, Tashi Gyalsong congratulated

ed the people of Ladakh for having the first civil advanced MRI Machine at the SNM Hospital Leh and extended gratitude to the AAI for their noble support in establishing the machine. He also extended his gratitude to the former CECs of Leh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, and Gyal P Wangyal, the UT and District Administration for their timely contributions in initiating and completing the project.

Highlighting the importance

of having such crucial medical equipment in Ladakh, he stated that the MRI machine would solve the hardships faced by Ladakhi. He also thanked the medical fraternity for their tireless effort in fighting against the Covid-19 pandemic. He assured that the Hill Council, in close coordination with the District and UT Administration, would strive to provide better facilities.

Principal Secretary, Dr. Pawan Kotwal, stated that the newly established MRI machine would enhance the diagnostic capabilities of the hospital and help local patients avail of such facilities at their doorstep. He also appreciated the contribution of the medical fraternity in controlling the spread of the coronavirus in UT Ladakh.

DC Leh, Shrikant Suse, and Airport Director Leh, Malkeet Singh spoke about the importance of having a much-needed MRI machine facility in Ladakh.

Youm-e-Ashura observed with solemnity in Leh

Stanzin Dasal

LEH: Commemorating the supreme sacrifice of Imam Hussain (A.S) and his companion for mankind in the battle of Karbala, Youm-e-Ashura, the tenth day of the Muharram was observed with solemnity on August 20.

Shia Muslims beating their chest and reciting lamentation joined the mourning procession.

Sheikh Abdul Qasim, Imamia Jamad addressing the gathering said that Imam Hussain sacrificed his life not just for the Muslim people but for the entire human being. He said that the death of Imam al-Hussein is considered by the Shia community as a symbol of humanity's struggle against injustice, cruelty, and oppression.

He further stressed people understand the teaching of real Is-



Shia Muslims beating their chest and reciting lamentation during the mourning procession.

lam and walk on the path led by him to propagate, peace, brotherhood, and harmony.

Maulana Habibullah spoke about the philosophy of Karbala and paid homage to the Imam and his companion who laid their lives for equality, justice, truth, and to root out brutality and oppression.

Reiterating Imam Hussain's

life and his sacrifice, Maulana Habibullah stressed everyone to spread humanity, peace, and strength to voice against injustice.

Anjuman Imamia Youth wing under the banner of Alamar Health services also organised a blood bank camp in the main market.

Union Bank of India inaugurates new branch office in Leh



Inauguration ceremony of the new branch office of the Union Bank of India at Skara, Leh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Union Bank of India under Regional Office Amritsar opened its new branch in Leh Ladakh on August 20.

Gopal Singh Gusain- Executive Director of the Bank inaugurated the new branch office in Skara. Deputy Regional Head, Virendra Pal; Branch Head, Rinchen Dolma; Deputy Branch Head,

Stanzin Nima, and Chemet Dorjey were present. Field General Manager from Chandigarh, Jagmohan Singh, and Regional Head, Amritsar Shri Sansar Chand were virtually present.

Addressing the program, Executive Director, Gopal Singh Gusain encouraged the branch staff members and conveyed best wishes for the opening of the

new branch.

He spoke about the bank's business and urged to use the digital platform of the bank.

Gopal Singh Gusain assured the residents of Ladakh of the best services and to contribute to the development of the region. He further urged the residents of the area to contribute to the business of the bank and informed them about the efforts being made to establish another branch of the Union Bank of India around this area.

Deputy Regional Head, Virendra Paul said that Union Bank's services have always been worthwhile. The bank is committed to serve its customers.

Branch head, Rinchen Dolma also assured the best customer service.

L-G inaugurates classrooms, hostels under 'Ladakh Ignited Minds' project

34 girls and 21 boys from Ladakh are selected for residential coaching classes for medical and engineering competitive exams

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

PHYANG: L-G Mathur inaugurated the classrooms and hostels under the project 'Ladakh Ignited Minds' at the Ladakh Scout Regimental Center in Phyang on August 24.

Ladakh Ignited Minds project is an initiative of the Fire and Fury Corps of the Indian Army in collaboration with HPCL and executing partner, National Integrity & Educational Development Organization (NIEDO). The project aims to provide classes to the students preparing for Medical and Engineering competitive exams viz. JEE and NEET.

The fully residential coaching classes have selected the brightest of the students from Kargil and Leh. 1561 online applications were received and after a double tier system of tests and interviews, 34 girls and 21 boys were selected where 24 are from Kargil and 29 are from Leh.

Addressing the inaugural event, LG Mathur praised Fire and Fury Corps initiative under Lt. General PGK Menon and acknowledged their notable contribution in making available the much-needed classes for



Lt. Governor interacting with the selected students during the inauguration of classrooms, hostels under the 'Ladakh Ignited Minds' project.

competitive exams in the Union Territory.

LG Mathur stated that the data on the number of students opting for Medical and Engineering respectively under this project has given the UT administration a perspective on the requirements of various branches/streams for higher education in Ladakh. He stated that an extensive survey in this regard will be carried out by the Ladakh administration soon.

Congratulating the students enrolled, LG Mathur wished them

the best and advised them to make the most out of this golden opportunity.

Later, the Lt. Governor interacted with the students and their parents present at the event.

Dignitaries present during the event were CEC Leh, Sh. Tashi Gyalsong; GOC-in-C of the Northern Command, Lt. Gen. YK Joshi; GOC, Fire and Fury Corps. Lt. Gen. PGK Menon; faculty of the Ladakh Ignited Minds project and officials of NIEDO India.

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guard. Today Leh and Kargil are standing unitedly and raising voices for statehood demand. Unitedly we can achieve it and we will not let anyone break the unity."

Ashraf Ali Barcha, President, Anjuman Imamia said that because of the sacrifice made by the people of Ladakh and under the leadership of selfless leaders, demands and aspirations of the people of the region always got fulfilled.

"The reason for the demand of safeguard after Union Territory status is because we have been

granted an incomplete Union Territory and we must all strive together to safe our cultural identity, land, and jobs. For a better future, we need to keep aside self-interest and political gains", he added.

Ashraf Ali stressed the need to recall the sacrifices of people like Nawang, Dorjay Stobdan, and many others who laid down their life for the region and its people.

Advocate Thinles Angmo, President LBA Women wing; President, All Ladakh Gonpa Association, Venerable Shedup Chamba; LBA General Secretary and Youth wing President also spoke on the occasion.

MP chairs preparatory meeting of Zaskar Winter Sports and Tourism Festival, 2022

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

ZASKAR: MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal chaired the preparatory meeting of the Zaskar Winter Sports and Youth Festival, 2022 at Dak Bungalow, Padum on August 24.

In Charge SDM Zaskar, Tsering Nurboo; SHO Zaskar, Tsering Singe; BDC Chairperson Karsha, Lobzang Namgyal; PRI members of different villages and representatives of various sports associations and other concerned stakeholders were present during the meeting.

Jamyang Tsering Namgyal said that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss various preparations to be made for the upcoming Zaskar Winter Sports and Tourism Festival, 2022. He said that the name of the festival would

be modified as 'Zaskar Winter Sports and Tourist Festival 2022' focusing on the upcoming tourists who are expected to visit Zaskar to witness the winter festival.

After detailed discussions, it was decided that the Winter Sports and Tourism Festival shall be tentatively held in February 2022, and the programme will be finalized by the local administration within one month so that the tourists and other participants will plan their tour programme well in time. He asserted that the schedule of the events and the plan for the preparations regarding the festival should be submitted within a month so that necessary publicity and advertising can be done 3 months before the festival.

He further urged all stakeholders to extend their all-out support and cooperation to make the festival successful.

MP Ladakh stated that the activities which were not part of the previous festival shall be included in the upcoming year's festival such as short chaddar trek, snow trekking, and cross country skiing competition. He also directed the concerned officers to identify the venues for all the events including Stodh, Sham, Jungkore, and Lungnak.

The departments were asked to submit the list of sports equipment required for various winter sports during the festival so that the equipment will be made available for the participants well in time for preparation of upcoming sports competitions.

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, reviews implementation of centrally-sponsored schemes in Ladakh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Joint Secretary, Incharge of National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MOHUA), Sanjay Kumar reviewed the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes of MoHUA in UT Ladakh on August 26.

Joint Secretary, Sanjay Kumar appreciated the efforts of UT of Ladakh in the successful implementation of the PM SVANidhi scheme and advised UT Administration for early notification of Street Vending Rules. He also advised the vendors for early payment of loans which would make them eligible for doubling their credit limit.

Earlier, Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department (H&UDD), Ajeet Kumar Sahu apprised about the status and progress of various centrally sponsored schemes and the issues faced in its smooth implementation owing to lack of manpower and field-specific expertise, and the need for capacity building mechanisms and training for the officers and officials.

Director, H&UDD, Dr. Zahida Bano gave a briefing to the



Joint Secretary, Incharge of National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MOHUA), Sanjay Kumar reviewing the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes of MoHUA in UT Ladakh with concerned officers.

Joint Secretary, MoHUA about the status of NULM and its various components, such as Social Mobilisation and Institution Development (SM&ID), Employment through Skills Training and Placement (EST&P), Capacity Building and Training (CBT), Self-Employment Programme (SEP), Scheme of Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH), Support to Urban Street Vendors (SUSV) and Smart City projects being implemented in both Leh and Kargil districts of UT Ladakh.

She explained that after the formation of the new UT of Ladakh all state-level institutions are required to be set up afresh for implementing these schemes for which a necessary process has been initiated.

Joint Secretary impressed upon to complete the required formalities early to fast track the implementation. He also assured that all the issues concerning Ladakh highlighted in the meeting would be considered at MoHUA at the earliest and all support to the UT would be extended. He also advised the UT officers to collaborate with Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Centres (RCUES) for handholding and capacity building training in Ladakh.

The concerned officers were asked to set up State Mission Management Unit (SMMU) and City Mission Management Unit (CMMU) at the earliest to streamline the implementation of the schemes.

ICAR-Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research plans fishery development in Ladakh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A team of scientists from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research (DCFR), Bhimtal, Uttarakhand are in Ladakh to formulate a road map for the sustainable development of fisheries and aquaculture in the Union Territory of Ladakh, under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).

The scientific team led by Dr. Pramod Kumar Pandey, Director (ICAR-DCFR) comprised of Dr. R.S. Patiyal (Principal Scientist), Dr. Biju Sam Kamalam, and Parvaiz Ahmad Ganie (Scientists).

Ladakh is endowed with distinct coldwater resources and aquatic biodiversity which are adapted to the harsh high altitude cold arid climatic conditions prevailing in the region. Though the contribution of fisheries to food security and livelihood of the local populace is not significant at present, this sector has enormous scope to provide sustainable and remunerative employment opportunities and nutritional security.

In connection with the fisheries development planning, Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Radha Krishna Mathur convened a joint meeting of fisheries department officials and scientists. The meeting was attended by Sagar Mehra, Joint Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Government of India; Ravinder Kumar, Secretary, ASH and Fisheries, Ladakh; Dr. Pramod Kumar Pandey, Director, ICAR-DCFR; Dr. Mohammad Raza, Director, ASH and Fisheries, Ladakh and Mohammad Amin Lone, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Leh.

Lieutenant Governor emphasized capacity building, sustainable development of aquaculture, conservation of endemic aquatic biodiversity, ornamental fisheries, and strong cooperation between all the stakeholders.

Meanwhile, a stakeholders' meeting for the convergence of research and development or-



Team of scientists from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research (DCFR), Bhimtal, Uttarakhand exploring Pangong lake.

ganisations and a fish farmers and entrepreneurs meet on sustainable fish culture in Ladakh was separately organised by the Department of Animal, Sheep, and Fisheries, Ladakh. The meeting was chaired by Sagar Mehra, Joint Secretary.

Dr. Pramod Kumar Pandey, Director, ICAR-DCFR briefed about research and development initiatives of ICAR-DCFR and highlighted the aquaculture technologies, farm management practices, and biodiversity conservation priorities for sustainable development of fisheries in Ladakh.

Dr. O.P. Chourasia, Director, DRDO-DIHAR, Leh welcomed the initiatives taken by the Government of India to develop fisheries in Ladakh.

Representatives from ICAR-DCFR, Bhimtal; DRDO-DIHAR, Leh; Department of Animal, Sheep, and Fisheries, Ladakh; and ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute regional research station, Leh presented their views on the challenges, opportunities, and requirements to augment fish production through aquaculture initiatives and conservation/enhancement of the endemic fish biodiversity.

During the farmer's meet at Chuchot farm in Leh, Sagar Mehra, Dr. Pramod Kumar Pandey and the team of scientists responded to the concerns raised by the farmers and fisheries department officials. They assured to take necessary action to address challenges related to capacity building and input (seed and feed) availability, with the cooperation of the Department

of Fisheries, Ladakh.

To address each of the identified areas for fisheries development, the scientific team of ICAR-DCFR visited Pangong Lake on 21 August along with Zubair Ahmad from Ladakh Organic Farmers Foundation and documented baseline information of all the major water quality indices.

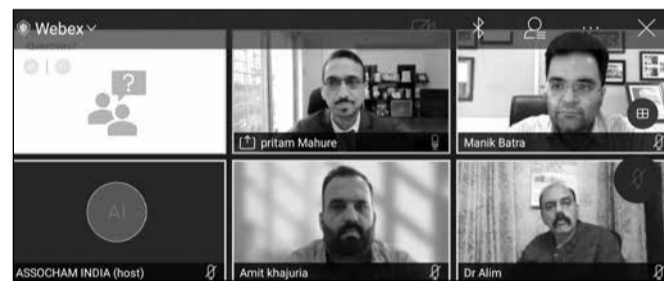
Contrary to previous reports regarding the absence of fish species in Pangong lake, the team collected fish (*Triplophysa* spp.) and aquatic invertebrate which survive in the extreme environmental conditions of this high-altitude brackish water lake.

The ICAR-DCFR scientific team plans to visit the government and private fish farms in Leh, Nubra valley, Kargil, and Drass and collect information from the fisheries department officials and farmers about the farming practices and challenges they are facing. Besides this, as part of their feasibility study, the team will also gather baseline information on the water quality conditions in the fish farms as well as the major riverine ecosystems (Indus, Zaskar, Shyok, and Suru) in Ladakh.

ICAR-Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research will prepare a realistic road map for fisheries development in Ladakh with practical solutions and location-specific strategies, which would enable the Department of Fisheries, Government of India, and Department of Animal, Sheep, and Fisheries, Ladakh to effectively boost fish production and conservation in this high altitude cold arid region, under the flagship PMMSY programme.

ASSOCHAM proposes UT-level line of credit for Ladakh Industry, by setting up of Ladakh Trade Promotion Organisation

Submits representation to Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) proposed a UT level line of credit/winter loan for Ladakh industries and setting up Ladakh Trade Promotion Organisation (LTPO) on the line of JKTPO.

A team of ASSOCHAM delegation met the parliamentary standing committee of Commerce, led by Member Parliament, V Vijaya-sai Reddy in Leh on August 28.

The delegation comprised of Gourav Mahajan, Regional Director, ASSOCHAM North, and Amit Khajuria, Assistant Director, ASSOCHAM J&K, Ladakh accompanied by Gelek Phunchok, a local young entrepreneur.

Gourav Mahajan, Regional Director, ASSOCHAM North said, "Ladakh is a place which remains shut for almost six months and the manufacturers cannot sell their products during that period. They need financial support like line of credit or winter loan for this period at a lesser rate of interest so that they can buy raw material by September-October and sell their products in the market in March-April."

"Ladakh has a lot of potential, but entrepreneurs of this newly formed UT need government's handholding and more awareness campaigns on government schemes and policies, specifically during this transition phase," he added.

ASSOCHAM also informed the committee that Ladakh has a

lot of exclusive products which need to be showcased and promoted on national and international platforms.

Amit Khajuria, Assistant Director and state Head for J&K, Ladakh said, "To promote the exclusive products from Ladakh like Pashmina, apricot, seabuckthorn, etc. Ladakh needs a dedicated Trade promotion Organisation on the Line of the J&K Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO). Such organisation can help local entrepreneurs to take the Ladakhi products to international markets."

"Most of entrepreneurs of Ladakh are first-generation entrepreneurs, the labour is not skilled, and they are lacking exposure. Government should organise some skill development programmes in Ladakh so that they can produce the best quality products at competitive rates," he added.

ASSOCHAM also suggested Subsidy/ Concession on Freight as it is a landlocked UT with very difficult terrain and most of the products are being exported and imported by air only.

SECMOL launches women leadership program

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: SECMOL launched women leadership program under Vohra Kathpalia and Wangchuk Scholarship on August 14 at EJM College.

The scholarship program aims to equip young women of Ladakh with the tools for leading change, develop greater confidence and a better understanding of leadership. It is a three years residential program to run simultaneously

with the college education of the young girls. The course is mainly designed for young girls who are currently studying in their first year of their college at EJM.

Tsering Nordon, Mentor, coordinator of the programme said, "Women around the world have changed discourse of leadership by her sheer passion and courage and have taken themselves and their community to greater

heights. This is yet to see in Ladakh where we see very low participation of women in decision making process (politics)".

The scholarship program is rooted in knowledge mentoring, holistic development, exposure and enhancing the leadership skills and will provide the girls with skills and foundation to break new ground and become agents of change in their community.

People's Voice

By Tsering Chosdon (Chhozee)

Ladakh after a Union Territory status are concern about their land, environment, job, and cultural identity, thus demanding a safeguard. On August 1, senior political and religious leaders from both districts, Leh and Kargil, reached a consensus on Statehood demand for Ladakh to put forward to the Centre. Over the years the demand of the Sixth schedule, UT with legislature and statehood has confused many people with mixed responses. Let's read what they have to say about the safeguard demand for Ladakh.



ZAKIR ZAIDI, Entrepreneur and Activist: People of Ladakh had been demanding "freedom" from Jammu And Kashmir State for over 50 years and had resorted to agitations from time to time to get there due political and economic share. There was no proper study nor did Leh and Kargil have any blueprint to react to the consequences of the formation of the Union Territory. We never specified whether we want UT with the legislature, without legislature, or statehood. This was the drawback for us for not doing a depth study. The Hill council setup is based on Bodoland so keeping the council in mind we found that the demand for the 6th schedule is a suitable option for safeguard but we overlooked the fact that the 6th schedule is applied within the state to places like Bodoland. As a year passed we realized that it does not protect everything, like financial anatomy. To pass a bill or to bring any kind of amendment the power is in the hands of the state. For example, in the case of Bodoland, the power is with their state, Assam, and if there is any fund from the centre for Bodoland the Assam government puts a hold on it because of the dysfunctional relationship between them. So for UT Ladakh to gain power and protection, statehood is more considerable. Bodoland has the 6th schedule but Public Service En-

terprises cannot be formed there. It is a district and we are a Union Territory demanding statehood so either it is state cadre or AGMUT to reserve seats for our people in job reservations. Speaking of UT with Legislature few powers again fall in the hands of the bureaucrats.

We all are aware of the regional conflict between Leh and Kargil. When Leh demanded the 6th schedule Kargil straight away rejected but never gave a reason for their rejections but just for the sake of the conflict. One of the most experienced leaders from Kargil, Karbalai Sahib had already urged for statehood way before. Both Leh and Kargil have now come together hand in hand to fight for statehood but I feel they still do not have the blueprint for it.

In statehood, bureaucracy comes under the legislative body where you can form your legislations, recruitment board, Cadre, State Language, Education policies, and so on. Your local representatives take all the decisions. After becoming a UT an approx of 5000 crore budget out of which 3000 crores were returned why? Because of bureaucratic hindrances. There was less public participation with the decision-making bodies. One of the major problems we are facing in the UT is the rift between the local body LAHDC and the bureaucrats. In the Democratic setup, the people of Ladakh should be the ones making decisions for the future, not someone who is here for such a short time or someone who does not even live here. The plans administration is imposing on this land is similar to the plains but not viable for this region. Leh and Kargil should unite and form their assembly.

Statehood demand for Ladakh

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TSERING NORDON, Activist: The future of Ladakh does not rest in the hands of few, it is the people and their voices that matter the most. The Sixth schedule with the contextual amendment of the Indian constitution in my opinion is best suited for Ladakh and its people, considering the cultural and historical background of our region. The identity tradition and culture cannot be lost in this bureaucratic step up dominated by non-locals.

We cannot replicate the policy implemented in New Delhi in Ladakh. The demand from the sixth schedule to statehood in these two years' post the bifurcation cannot be concluded with comments as for now. But one thing is for sure we are trying to bridge the gap between Leh and Kargil. It is very important to get Kargil on board. We cannot be fighting between ourselves in this fragile time.

The leaders of Ladakh have a great responsibility; they need to be very careful and certain about their demands. I am sure they do not want to see the hopes and aspirations of the common people of Ladakh lost along the way. The demand for statehood does not solve all the problems. Right now we need to prioritize local issues faced by the people and youths of Ladakh, especially job recruitment. We do not need to be a state to have a job recruitment policy.



TENZIN TSETUP, President, All Zanskar Student Association Jammu: I am happy to see that Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) have come on the same floor with the same demand. The coming of the two districts unitedly for the cause of Ladakh is historical. Though the changing stance of Apex Body from 6th Schedule then UT with the legislature and now statehood for Ladakh is a bit disappointing I hope the demand is made for the betterment of Ladakh.

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Along with the safeguard demand and issue we need to focus on the issues such as unemployment being faced by the youths of Ladakh. Though Apex Body has cleared that it will never accept the domicile law like J&K, but on the one hand there is also no solution for the rising unemployment.

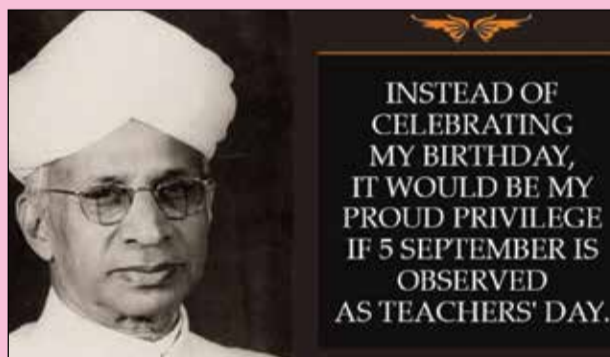
I feel that that the UT with legislature seems more suitable and practical for Ladakh. Apex Body and KDA cannot be the voice of the whole of Ladakh. Therefore more debate and discussion should be held. Apex body demand for statehood seems a decision taken in a haste manner. We should do more brainstorming for a better Ladakh.

The World of Juniors

Why do we celebrate Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's birthday on September 5?

Teachers Every year on September 5, the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan is being celebrated as Teachers' Day across the country. Radhakrishnan was born in a poor Brahmin family in Andhra Pradesh's Tiruttani in 1888. He was a bright student and through scholarships completed his studies. A great scholar, philosopher and a Bharat Ratna recipient, Radhakrishnan was the first Vice President and second President of independent India.

During his tenure as a President of India (from 1962-67), his students



and friends requested him to celebrate his birthday. He replied, "Instead of celebrating my birthday, it would be my proud privilege if September 5 is observed as Teachers' Day." Since then, his birthday has been observed as Teachers' Day. Radhakrishnan became the first Vice President of India in 1952 and took on the role of the nation's second President in 1962 until 1967.

He was awarded India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna in 1984 and the British Order of Merit in 1963. He passed away on April 17, 1975.

DID YOU KNOW



in Urdu by skilled calligraphers. (Source Better India).

- The Karni Mata Temple in Rajasthan is home to thousands of rats whom pilgrims consider to be their ancestors and worship, making it one of the strangest attractions of India and also one of the most unknown facts about India as well.

- The game of Snakes & Ladders was created by the 13th century poet saint Gyandev. It was originally called 'Mokshapat'. The ladders in the game represented virtues and the snakes indicated vices. The game was played with cowrie shells and dices. In time, the game underwent several modifications, but its meaning remained the same, i.e. good deeds take people to heaven and evil to a cycle of re-births.

- National Nutrition Week was launched by Food and Nutrition Board in 1982 and is observed throughout the country in the first week of September. The week is celebrated with an objective to raise awareness on the importance of nutrition for health which has an impact on development, productivity, economic growth and ultimately national development.
- 'The Musalman' is India's (and possibly the world's) only handwritten newspaper. Started in the year 1927 in Chennai, the newspaper is handwritten



Snakes and ladders board game

SoulSpeak

P.P. Wangchuk

Anxiety is emotions gone wild



Who on this planet does not suffer from anxiety and stress? None, for sure. Nobody can claim to be free of these two deadly and life-debilitating 'diseases'. True, they are not diseases in the true sense, but they surely are the 'starters' of all kinds of diseases.

Everybody has some problem everyday that causes some kind of anxiety and can lead to stress. But there is a huge degree difference between individuals suffering from such problems. Some of us maybe able to control our problems that cause anxiety and stress, but there could be an equal number of people who, knowingly or unknowingly, carry on in life, with all the pulls and drags of life without realising that everything in life has a solution to unburden ourselves.

Anxiety as such is good in the sense that it is a kind of warning, and compels us to do certain good things, and stops us from going off-track. The problem arises when your anxiety goes out of proportion to the level of stress. Medical knowledge tells us that constant anxiety attacks lead to gastrointestinal problems. And, once you have that, everything else goes haywire. Most of the illnesses in our body system arise out of a 'diseased' gastrointestinal system.

It is not that when there are problems in life, one should not worry. One should, but not on the worry itself but on the steps to get out of the worry by addressing the issues. Anxiety is nothing but emotions gone wild, and needs a scientific control method. Uncontrolled anxiety and stress also lead to heavy damage of our brain's nervous system, leading to memory loss and other issues.

Not to miss out a greater point: Constant stress has been proven to be the cause of loss of immune system of our body, thereby leading to a great deal of susceptibility to various kinds of illnesses.

Life's journey, to be good, needs a lot of common sense to weed out what is harmful and not needed.

Courtesy: WongWorld

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

A biased mind cannot grasp reality

By His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama

I am extremely delighted to attend this inter faith seminar on the Preservation of Religious Harmony, Coexistence and Universal Peace organised by the International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF), Ladakh group. Thank you very much for the detailed explanation of the association's history, activities, objectives and their relevance in the present century. I have nothing to add on what the speakers said earlier. But I would like to say a few things.

We are now in the twenty first century. The quality of research on both the inner and physical world has reached quite high levels, thanks to the tremendous stride in technological advancement and human intelligence. However, as some of the speakers said before, the world is also facing a lot of new problems, most of which are man-made. The root cause of these man-made problems is the inability of human beings to control their agitated minds. How to control such a state of mind is taught by the various religions of this world.

I am a religious practitioner, who follows Buddhism. More than a thousand years have passed since the great religions of the world flourished, including Buddhism. During those years, the world had witnessed a lot of conflicts, in which followers of different religions were also involved. As a religious practitioner, I acknowledge the fact that different religions of the world have provided many solutions about how to control an agitated mind. In spite of this, I still feel we have not been able to realise our full potential.

I always say that every person has the freedom to practice or not practice religion. It is all right to do either. But once you accept religion, it is important to be able to focus your mind on it and sincerely practice the teachings in your daily life. All of us can see that we tend to indulge in religious favouritism by saying, "I belong to this or that religion", rather than making effort to control our agitated minds. This misuse of religion, due to our disturbed minds, sometimes creates problems.

I know a physicist from Chile who told me that it is not appropriate for a scientist to be biased towards science because of his love and passion for it. I am a Buddhist practitioner and have a lot of faith and respect in the teachings of the Buddha. However, if I mix up my love for and attachment to Buddhism, then my mind shall be biased towards it. A biased mind, which never sees the complete picture, cannot grasp the reality. And any action that results from such a state of mind will not be in tune with reality. As such it causes a lot of problems.

According to Buddhist philosophy, happiness is the result of an enlightened mind whereas suffering is caused by a distorted mind. This is very important. A distorted mind, in contrast to an enlightened

mind, is one that is not in tune with reality.

Any issue, including political, economic and religious activities human beings pursue in this world, should be fully understood before we pass our judgement. Therefore, it is very important to know the causes. Whatever the issue, we should be able to see the complete picture. This will enable us to comprehend the whole story. The teachings offered in Buddhism are based on rationality, and I think are very fruitful.

Today, a lot of people from different religious backgrounds are present here. In every religion, there are transcendent things that are beyond the grasp of our mind and speech. For example, the concept of God in Christianity and Islam and that of wisdom truth body in Buddhism are metaphysical, which is not possible for an ordinary person like us to realise. This is a common difficulty faced by every religion. It is taught in every religion, including Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism and Islam, that the ultimate truth is driven by faith.

I want to emphasise that it is extremely important for practitioners to sincerely believe in their respective religions. Usually, I say that it is important to distinguish between "belief in one religion" and "belief in many religions". The former directly contradicts the latter. Therefore, we should resolutely resolve these contradictions. This is possible only by thinking in contextual terms. A contradiction in one context might not be the same in the other. In the context of one person, a single truth is closely associated with a single source of refuge. This is of extreme necessity. However, in the context of society or more than one person it is necessary to have different sources of refuge, religions and truths.

In the past it was not a major problem because nations remained aloof from each other with their own distinct religion. However, in today's close and inter-connected world there are many differences amongst various religions. We must obviously resolve these problems. For example, there have been a lot of religions in India for the past thousand years. Some of them were imported from outside whereas some have grown in India itself. Despite this, the fact is that these religions have been able to coexist with each other, and the principle of Ahimsa has flourished in this country. Even today, this principle has a strong bearing on every religion. This is very precious and India should take pride in it.

Ladakh has been a predominantly Buddhist area 'for so many centuries. But other religions such as Islam, Christianity, Hinduism and Sikhism have also flourished here. Although it is natural for the people of Ladakh to have attachment to and love for their own religions, yet this place has a very peaceful environment with no major problems of religious intolerance. During my maiden visit to Ladakh, I heard elderly Muslims using the phrase "community of sangha" in

their speeches. Although such phrases are not found in Islam, yet a reference of this kind invokes a lot of trust amongst the Buddhists. Therefore, people from different religious background in Ladakh are very close to each other and live in harmony.

As far as Muslims are concerned it is appropriate for them to have complete devotion to Allah while praying in mosques. This is also the same with Buddhists who are devoted to the Buddha when they pray in Buddhist temples. A society, which has many religions should also have many prophets and sources of refuge. In such a society it is very important to have harmony and respect amongst the different religions and their practitioners. We must distinguish between belief and respect. Belief refers to total faith, which you must have in your own religion. At the same time you should have respect for all other religions. This tradition of believing in one's own religion and having respect for others is in existence in Ladakh since your forefathers. Therefore you do not have to invent it. The most important thing is to preserve and promote this tradition. I would like to thank all of you for working hard regarding this and request you to continue to do so in the future.

If a harmonious relationship is established amongst societies and religious beliefs in today's multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multi-cultural world, then it will surely set a very good example for others. However, if all the sides become careless, then there is a danger of imminent problems. In a multiethnic society the biggest problem is that of between the majority and the minority. For instance, in the capital Leh, Buddhists constitute the majority of the population whereas Muslims belong to the minority community. The majority must consider the minority as their invited guests. The minority, on the other hand, should be able to sensitise with the majority. In other words, both sides should live in harmony. In order to sustain this harmony, both sides should not take lightly the sensitive issues between themselves. Indeed, the majority should pay attention to and appreciate the views and opinion of the minority. Both sides should discuss and clearly express what they think about the other's view and opinion. The minority, on the other hand, should be careful about where the sensitive issues of the majority lies and express whatever doubts they have in their minds. If problems are resolved in such a friendly manner; then both sides will gain. Suspicion of each other will only harm both communities. Therefore, it is very important to live in harmony and analyse where the opinion of the other lies. The best way to do this is to engage in dialogue, dialogue and dialogue.

Excerpts from His Holiness the Dalai Lama's address to the inter-faith seminar organised by the International Association for Religious Freedom, Ladakh Group, in Leh on 25 August 2005.

Fortnight Highlights



LBA Youth wing Kargil organised a cleanliness drive cum washing of statue (skuthus) of Maitreya Buddha (Kartse) in Sankoo.



The five-day total knee and hip replacement surgery camp was inaugurated by CEC, Hill Council, Kargil, Feroz Ahmed Khan on August 24. The surgery camp was organised by Baqriya Health Care and Research Center (BHC&RC) Kargil in collaboration with the Department of Health, LAHDC, Kargil.



One day workshop on the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) was organised by Public Works Department (PWD), Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department, Zaskar. Engineers of concerned departments, PRI members, and members of Village Water Sanitation Committee Zaskar attended the workshop.



A peace protest rally was organised by the students of CIBS supported by all Ladakh student organisations, religious leaders on August 17. Raising their demand for implementing UGC rules and regulations in CIBS, the rally started from NDS ground and culminated at the Balkhang Chowk in the Leh market.



To mark the day of martyrdom of Company Leader Late Nyima Tenzin of the 7 Vikas Regiment of the Indian Army, a symbolic ceremony was organised and hosted by Ladakh Buddhist Association. Bronze Bust Statue of Late Nyima Tenzin was unveiled by the dignitaries led by H.E Bakula Rangdol Nyima Rinpoche.

CEC, Leh, visits Korzok constituency, reviews developmental work



CEC Gyalson interacting with the concerned officials during the Korzok constituency visit.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KORZOK: CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson, EC, Rural Development Department/ Animal, and Sheep Husbandry, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee, and DC Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse visited Korzok constituency on August 20 and 21

The officials visited Chumur, Korzok, Sumdho, Sumdho Tibetan Camp, Angkung, Nomadic Residential School Puga, Thukjay Gonpa, Samad Morchen, and Kharnak Spangchen nomadic villages.

Various issues including restrictions imposed on nomads to graze their livestock on pasture lands in zero border areas, completion of road connectivity with blacktopping, telecommunication connectivity with high-speed internet, redressal of drinking water issues, land allotment issues, the up-gradation of the existing govt schools, and health centers with adequate staff in nomadic areas, up-gradation of VSATs, construction/restoration of Irrigation Canals, requirement of electricity transmission lines, renovations of community halls, renovation

required at monasteries and TR Camps, and strengthening of village-level self-help and women alliance groups were highlighted by the villagers.

CEC Gyalson directed concerned Executive Engineers of various departments to timely execute all the planned developmental works in the entire belt of Korzok Constituency. He also assured the villagers to complete all the developmental work affected due to the Covid-19 pandemic since last year in a phased manner. On their visit to Tsomo-Riri and Tsokar Lake, the officials also instructed the villagers to cooperate with the District Administration in maintaining the sanctity of the wetlands and preserve the natural ecology of the sites. They also ensured developing the sites to promote quality tourism in the adjacent areas of Tsomoriri and Tsokar lakes.

Interacting with the villagers, CEC Gyalson assured to upgrade the existing VSATs in all the villages to provide better internet connectivity, especially for school-going students to attend online classes. He also ensured providing reliable tele connec-

tivity networks in the far-off regions on priority. CEC, EC, and DC Leh also ensured implementing various initiatives in coordination with the Indian Army to help the students in remote areas get better educational facilities.

EC Tashi Yakzee informed the villagers of the Changthang Development Package and stated that the package will be crucial in developing the region and improving the lifestyles of the people residing in the remote border areas of the Changthang region. Taking note of the issues of wildlife restrictions on developmental activities, EC Tashi informed the people that senior-level meetings are in progress to discuss the rationalization and de-notification of wildlife sanctuaries in the border regions of Ladakh.

Reacting to drinking water issues, CEC, EC, and DC Leh informed the villagers that every household would get a water connection under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). He assured the villagers to complete the ongoing work within the specified timeline. He also took stock of the current status of works under JJM in a few villages. Since villagers raised the issues of existing non-functioning bore wells, CEC directed concerned Executive Engineers to identify sources and assess water quality and expedite the pending works under JJM accordingly.

Councillor Korzok Constituency, BDC Chairperson Rupsho, DSE PWD Circle Leh, BMO Nyoma, SHO Nyoma, Executive Engineers/Junior Engineers of PHE, PDD, and R&B Nyoma, village representatives led by Sarpanches, Panches, and Nam-bardars of the villages of Korzok Constituency were also present.

B2B meeting themed Ladakh: New Start, New Goals held in Leh



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Tashi Gyalson inaugurated the B2B meeting themed, 'Ladakh: New Start, New Goals' on August 25 at Hotel Grand Dragon.

The event was organised by the Ministry of Tourism and Tourism Department UT Ladakh, in association with the Adventure Tour Operators Association of

India (ATOAI).

Secretary Tourism, K Mehboob Ali Khan; Belgian Ambassador, Francois Delhaye; Finland Ambassador, Ritva Koukku-Ronde; High Commissioner Bangladesh; Mohd Imran Khan and Director Tourism, Kunzes Angmo were present.

CEC, Tashi Gyalson congratulated Tourism Department of

UT Ladakh and extended his gratitude to the Ministry of Tourism for organising such event in Ladakh, especially in the tourism sector. He informed that the majority of the Ladakhi people are dependent on the tourism sector for their livelihood.

He further added that Ladakh could not perform better last year due to the Covid-19 crisis, but progress has been made this year. He expressed hope and shared that Ladakh would prosper in the coming days.

Later, the Belgian Ambassador, Francois Delhaye and Finland Ambassador, Ritva Koukku-Ronde, interacted with the Thiksay Rinpoche, Nawang Chamba Stanzin at the Sherap Skitsal Ling Library and Learning Centre at Thiksay. They also visited the Thiksay monastery.

One-day online orientation programme for District Skill Committees of Leh & Kargil held



Padma Angmo, Secretary Technical Education & Skill Development Department while addressing the District Skill Committee online.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: National Skill Development Corporation conducted a one-day online Orientation Programme for District Skill Committees of Leh & Kargil district on August 26.

The programme covered various aspects of the skill ecosystem like leveraging data analytics for understanding the skilling landscape with special focus on Ladakh, Understanding National Occupational Standards, NCVET functions, QP approval process and development of curriculum, learning Resources Team functions, overview on Digital/ e Skills, Technology & Entrepreneurship. The NSDC

experts gave detailed presentations on each topic covered under the programme.

Padma Angmo, Secretary Technical Education & Skill Development Department while addressing the participants emphasized that the District Skill Committees have a huge role to play in the skilling activities of the district like mobilization of candidates, monitoring of the skill development activities, and particularly formulation of a comprehensive District Skill Plan of the district.

She said that this orientation programme is intended to familiarize the members of DSCs with various conceptual technical aspects related to qualifications, standards, and skill ecosystem/ framework besides leveraging data analytics for the formulation of the District Skill Development Plan. Further, she requested NSDC to extend their expertise/ support in conducting a comprehensive skill gap analysis in Ladakh.

Vandana Bhatnagar, Chief Program Officer, NSDC assured all possible support to the DSCs from the NSDC. She added that further programmes as per the requirement of DSCs will also be conducted.

Mahendra Singh Payaal, Head-RPL, Special Projects, and State Engagement NSDC, expert team of NSDC, and members of the District Skill Committee Leh/ Kargil were present in the Orientation Programme.

ICAR- National Research Centre on Yak organises awareness programme on Yak rearing

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

NYOMA: An awareness programme on scientific yak husbandry with supports to the tribal yak farmers was organised by ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak, Dirang in collaboration with Animal Husbandry Department, Ladakh on August 22 at Block Veterinary Office, Nyoma.

A total of 100 tribal farmers associated with yak rearing from different villages under Nyoma Block participated in the programme.

Dr. Tsering Ladol, Block Veterinary Officer, Nyoma welcomed the scientists from ICAR-NRCY, Dirang, and all the participants coming from different villages. Dr. D. Medhi, Principal Scientist cum Programme Coordinator, ICAR-NRC on yak spoke about the activities of the institute along with the scientific management aspects of yaks for increasing its population and improvement of their productivity to contribute towards the Prime Minister vision for doubling farmers' income.

Dr. K. Mepfhuo, Scientist from the institute spoke on hygienic aspects for clean milk production and personal hygiene for



During an awareness programme on scientific yak husbandry with supports to the tribal yak farmers at Nyoma.

the individuals with preventive measures against diseases like COVID 19 amongst the farmers. The scientific breeding strategies for increasing yak population in the country with the value addition yak products for better earning of the yak farmers was briefly described by Dr. Aneet Kour, Scientist, ICAR-NRC on yak.

Dr. Arjuman Shaheen, Veterinary Officer, Leh talked on reproductive and health management aspects and the importance of vaccination in highland animals. Following the awareness programme with Farmer Scientist meet, different technologies developed by the institute especially the silage making for mitigation of winter feed crisis in livestock and value addition of yak products were showcased.

All the participants were support-

ed with basic amenities for the yak farmers like gumboots, solar light, some basic veterinary medicines like anthelmintics, anti-diarrhoeals, and wound healers for their animals through the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) of the institute.

Dr. A. K. Rawat, Advisor, Department of Biotechnology, New Delhi; Dr. P. Chakravarty, Retired Principal Scientist, ICAR-NRCY and Dr. V. Paul, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NRCY appreciated the efforts of ICAR-NRC on Yak for the supportive measures for the benefits of the needy yak farmers engaging with yak husbandry at harsh climatic condition.

Councillors Nyoma and Korzok suggested the participants follow up the scientific management practices as advised by the scientist for the better earning.

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I Major Sushil Sherawat S/o Mahender Singh & Sushila Devi R/o Haryana lost my B Tech Degree (Mechanical) duly issued by Military College of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering from Jawahar Lal Nehru University with Degree Number 1721 and Year of passing 2014. Now I have to apply for issuance of duplicate Pass Certificates. Objection if any may be sent to the Military College of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering within 7 days from date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE

I, Tundup Gyaltsan S/o Tsering Dorje R/o Stok, Leh UT Ladakh Prop of M/s LADAKH TRAILS applying for registration with the Assistant director tourism office Leh. Any objection in this regards may file their report in writing within seven days from date of publication of this notice.

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I Major Sushil Sherawat S/o Mahender Singh & Sushila Devi R/o Haryana lost my class 10th pass certificate duly issued by Central Board of Secondary Education through Army Public School, Jalandhar Cantt under Roll 2161754 with Session Annual 2008 and also lost my 12th pass certificate issued by Central Board of Secondary Education through Army Public School, Jalandhar Cantt under Roll no. 2670817 with Session Annual 2010. Now I have to apply for issuance of duplicate Pass Certificates. Objection if any may be sent to the Army Public School, Jalandhar Cantt within 7 days from date of publication of this notice.

Apricots of Ladakh go global; Kargil exports first order to Dubai



Chairman and CEC, LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmad Khan along with the Deputy Commissioner and CEO, LAHDC, Kargil Santosh Sukhadeve flagging off the first-ever international export of Ladakhi apricot to Dubai.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Chairman and Chief Executive Councilor, LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmad Khan along with the Deputy Commissioner and CEO, LAHDC, Kargil Santosh Sukhadeve flagged off the first-ever international export of Ladakhi apricot to Dubai.

Apricot, the primary cash crop for the farmers of Kargil was for the first time exported to a foreign country. Krishak Agritech, a farmer-centric organisation that is working with farmers across the Himalayan states undertook this mammoth task to find a way to export and market for fresh Ladakhi apricots.

CEC, Feroz Ahmad Khan expressed happiness on the export of fresh local apricot, which was banned since 1986. He further said that this is an important milestone for Kargil. Krishak Agritech has taken the fruit to the Indian and international markets, with their first order of 150 kg from Dubai.

He thanked Krishak Agritech for this endeavour and assured all support to take this journey further and make this initiative a success.

Apart from paving way for local entrepreneurs, this initiative would also ensure farmers of Kargil benefit from reduced wastage and receive the real value

of their crop, he added.

Feroz Khan informed that the Apricot has recently been identified as the primary crop for Kargil under ODOC programme of the Government of India.

DC Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve hailed the maiden efforts undertaken by Krishak Agritech through their innovative, sustainable, and scalable intervention. He noted that instead of coming up with a problem, Krishak Agritech came up with a solution by understanding the possibility of export of Ladakhi apricots in all its dimensions- technology deployment, establishing logistics connect and finding markets while also keeping a strong farmer connect. He further emphasized that exporting apricots is a strategic priority for Kargil and Ladakh to contribute to the economy of UT in its full potential.

Founder Krishak Agritech Naveen Gahlawat informed that so far the organisation has exported 20 MT of fresh apricot worth Rs 30 lakh procured from more than 200 farmers of UT Ladakh, in addition to generating over 600 man-days of direct employment. He further informed that the fruit has reached Mumbai, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, and Delhi/ NCR markets.

Naveen Gahlawat also introduced the entrepreneurs from Kargil and local partners of Krishak Agritech Ghulam Mustafa, Kacho Mehboob Ali Khan and Muhammad Javed who helped the organisation to complete the novel task for this season.

Highlighting the feedback received from customers across the country, Naveen shared that today they have secured their first order to export apricots to the international market in Dubai. He stated that it comes with the help of the Department of Industries and Commerce, UT Ladakh through APEDA, and expressed gratitude to all who have helped the organisation to bring this initiative to fruition.

Director, Industries & Commerce, visits Zanskar, conducts awareness programme



Director, Industries and Commerce, UT Ladakh, Moses Kunzang at Conference Hall Dak Bungalow, Padum.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

ZANSKAR: An awareness camp on various schemes initiated by the Department of Industries and Commerce was imparted by Director, Industries and Commerce, UT Ladakh, Moses Kunzang at Conference Hall Dak Bungalow, Padum on August 21.

The Director informed that ac-

ording to PMEGP/PMFME schemes, up to 25 lakh subsidized loans will be provided to the unemployed youths who are willing to establish small-scale industries or businesses. He said that proper marketing, advertising, and packaging of yak dairy, yak wool products, sea buckthorn, and medicinal plants in the subdivision will be done

by the Industries and Commerce Department which would be instrumental in generating a source of income for the unemployed youths.

He further added that under Handicraft and Handloom sectors where at present only 4 kinds of skill training are being provided in the subdivision will be increased to 8 in the coming months. It was informed that the products of Zanskar if proved to be of good quality will also be exported to places outside Ladakh like Delhi, Mumbai, and Chennai for exhibition cum sale of these products.

The public representatives appreciated Director Industries and Commerce for personally visiting Zanskar and requested him to conduct more such training and awareness programmes in the future.

Leh remembers Late Nyima Tenzin on his first death anniversary

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

CHOGLAMSAR: Company Leader late Nyima Tenzin of the 7 Vikas Regiment of the Indian Army was remembered on his first death anniversary on August 30 at Choglamsar.

The Bronze Bust of Late Nyima Tenzin was also unveiled by the dignitaries led by H.E Bakula Rangdol Nyima Rinpoche. Late Nyima Tenzin was presented guard of honor (shok shastra) by

7 Vikas Regiment followed by a wreath-laying ceremony. The ceremony was organised by Ladakh Buddhist Association.

Company Leader late Nyima Tenzin got martyred last year at the Gurung Peak in the Kailash Range while performing his duty at Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Paying tribute to the martyr, CEC, Hill council, Leh, Tashi stated that Ladakhis are having sound sleep only because of the

army personnel guarding at the borders and feel proud to have heroes like late Nyima. He assured all possible support and assistance from the Hill Council to the family members of the late Nyima Tenzin.

President LBA, Thupstan Chhewang; CRO Leh, Tsetan Wangchuk, and GOC 14 Corps Leh Sub-Area, Major General Sumit Malhotra also addressed the gathering.



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No 9928654 K Rank L/NK Zahir Abass Unit LSRC Regt. C/o 56APO has claimed that his son namely Zahoor Abass has been wrongly entered as **Zahor Abass** instead of **Zahoor Abass** in the Army record of, **Unit LSRC Regt. C/o 56APO** and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary public Leh with Certificate No. IN-LA01945245567109T 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 Regt. C/o 56APO** within 7 days from date of publication failing which necessary correction will be made.

NOTICE

No 9927137 A Rank NK Tsering Phuntsog Unit LSRC C/o 56APO has claimed that his son namely **Thinless Gurmat** has been wrongly entered as **Thinles Gurmat** instead of **Thinless Gurmat** in the Army record of, **Unit LSRC C/o 56APO** and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary public Leh with Certificate No. IN-LA01930059824131T 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.

NOTICE

I, Rigzen Norboo S/o Tashi Murup R/o Domkhar, Leh UT Ladakh do hereby notify that I have lost my Driving License bearing Number JK-1020180000208 and I'm applying for Duplicate Driving license. Objection, if any may be conveyed to Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Leh Ladakh within 10 days from the date of publication.

NOTICE

Mohd Shafi S/o Ghulam Qadir R/o Choglamsar, Leh has applied for vanity/ Choice No. LA 02-0043 for his newly purchased car.
Vehicle type: THAR LXPMT. Chassis No. : 460189. Engine No.: 40189
If anyone wants to bid for the aforesaid Bid No. LA 02-0043, he /she shall apply in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer within a period of 7 days of the publication of this notice in newspaper, after which no claim shall be entertained and said Bid no. will be given to the said application on first come first serve basis.
No. ARTO/L/UT/2021-22/494
Date: 27-08-2021
Assistant Regional Transport Office

NOTICE

Whereas, Stanzin Jungnes F/O Padma Angmo R/O Sakti/Housing Colony, Leh district has claimed that, the date of birth of his daughter has wrongly been recorded as 23.06.2006 in the school records. But her actual date of birth is 23.06.2007.
Whereas, the father of the candidate has produced an affidavit duly verified by the Notary Leh to his Office for making necessary correction in the date of birth in the school record. This has been authenticated by Vaccine card and certificate from Municipal Committee Leh.
Hence notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this regard to this office within 7 days from the date of issue of this notice.
No. Estt-36/7672 . Date: 27-8-2021
Chief Education Officer, Leh

NOTICE

We, Rinchen Namgail S/o Lobzang Gelek, R/o Leh and Ghulam Mustafa S/o Late Ghulam Mohd ud-din R/o Saboo, Leh, Ladakh Prop of M/S Destiny Calls applying for registration with the Assistant Director, Tourism Office, Leh. Any objection in this regard may file their report in writing within seven days from date of publication of this notice.



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