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Ladakh gets Organic Farmer Facilitation Centers



Governor, Sikkim, Ganga Prasad, Lieutenant Governor, UT Ladakh RK Mathur, Tashi Gyalsong CEC, Hill Council, Leh and MP Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgyal during the inauguration of Organic Farmer Facilitation Centers.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: In Ladakh's endeavour to become a certified organic state by the year 2025, two Organic Farmer Facilitation Centers, one each in Leh and Kargil were inaugurated by Governor, Sikkim, Ganga Prasad in presence of Lieutenant Governor, UT Ladakh RK Mathur on September 4.

The event was jointly organised by Department of Agriculture, UT Ladakh, and Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SSOCA), Government of Sikkim.

CEC LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalsong; Member Parliament, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal; EC Agriculture, Leh, Stanzin Chospel; EC Agriculture, Kargil, Mohsin Ali; Administrative Secretary, Agriculture, Ravinder Kumar; Deputy Commissioner, Leh Shrikant Balasahed Suse among others were also present.

Addressing the inaugural event, the Governor of Sikkim Ganga Prasad Chaurasia lauded Ladakh's vision to embrace organic farming and assured all possible support in this field. He spoke about great potential in the organic market and stated that Ladakh has a convenient approach to Delhi with direct flight services available. Realising the benefits of developing as an organic state, the people of Sikkim are fully sensitized and are taking all possible steps to contribute, stated the Governor.

LG, UT Ladakh, RK Mathur expressed gratitude to SSOCA for their co-operation and urged the agency's continued support to UT Administration in achieving the vision as per the Prime Minister's given the mantra of Carbon Neutrality. The Mission Organic Development Ini-

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9 archers from Ladakh all set for 40th NTPC Senior National Archery Championship

The championship will be held in Jharkhand from October 1-10



Archers from Ladakh during the final selection match in Leh.

Stanzin Dasal

LEH: Nine archers from Ladakh are going to represent Ladakh in the 40th NTPC Senior (Men & Women) National (Indian Round, Compound & Recurve) Archery Championship at TATA Nagar (Jamshedpur), Jharkhand from October 1-10.

Out of the nine selected archers, 7 are from Leh and 2 from Kargil. The final selection match of the archers was organised by Ladakh Archery Association in Leh on September 13. A total of 30 archers from both Leh and Kargil participated.

Talking about the importance of archery in Ladakh, MP, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal also the President, Archery Association of Ladakh said, "Archery is an important sport in Ladakh and has

its own historical and spiritual value. In many villages, the annual archery match named 'Dartses' is organised annually. From the year 2019, the sport has been recognized as a great potential and to help and groom those young archers, Ladakh Archery Association is formed with national level affiliation".

He said that the association has been working tirelessly and because of which today youths are going to represent in the national championship. He said that with the constant effort, support, and talent of the young archers, Ladakh will also place its name in international matches.

"We are in the initial stage and our performance may not be the best in such championship but the biggest thing I feel at this time is the exposure and ex-

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First Buckwheat Flower Festival held in Leh

Aims to promote buckwheat potential & production



MP, Ladakh tasting the local cuisine during the concluding day of the buckwheat flower festival.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

SKURBUCHAN: The 1st Buckwheat Flower Festival was organised by the UT Administration Ladakh in collaboration with Skitchan Kunfun Deton Tsogspa Skurbuchan on September 11 and 12 at Skurbuchan village.

The two-day festival is part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations commemorating 75 years of India's Independence. Various dishes prepared from buckwheat and other farmer's produce were showcased.

Inaugurating the festival, Executive Councillor, Agriculture, LAHDC Leh, Stanzin Chosphele said that the Buckwheat Flower Festival has been organised to promote the importance and significance of buckwheat. He said that buckwheat has immense medicinal values and health benefits with the potential of exporting to both domestic and international markets.

He further added that the Buckwheat Flower Festival would also boost tourism in the region. He said

that the LAHDC, Leh would provide all possible support in terms of subsidies to promote the cultivation of buckwheat in the district.

On a concluding day, MP, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, was the chief guest. He stressed the need for preserving the high-value crop in the Sham and stated that he has taken up the need for experts, packaging, exporting, marketing, and making various by-products out of buckwheat with the Centre. He also emphasized the need for a primary process unit for packaging and making a variety of products from buckwheat.

JTN also promised to organise the Buckwheat Flower Festival grandly next year and appreciated Skitchan Kundun Deton Tsogspa Skurbuchan for their assistance in organising the event.

Associate Director (R&E) HMAARI, Leh, Dr. Dorjay Namgyal highlighted the importance of buckwheat as a high-value crop with nutritional and medicinal qualities. He also spoke about the Front-Line Demonstration (FLD) scheme and urged farmers to avail of its benefits.

Sub-divisional Agricultural Officer (SDAO), Leh, Shakeel-ur-Rehman, spoke on the need for protecting buckwheat in the region due to its value as one of the healthiest foods in the world.

Block Development Council (BDC) Chairman, Skurbuchan, Tashi Yangskit; Councillor, Skurbuchan, Lundup Dorjai; Chief Horticulture Officer, Leh, Tsewang Phuntsog, officials from SKUAST-KVK Leh, district officials, village representatives, and villagers were present during the occasion.

700-year-old Gomang Stupa restored in Liktsey



During the consecration ceremony of 700 years old stupa named, 'Gomang Stupa' at Liktsey village.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LIKTSY: Consecration ceremony of 700 years old stupa named, 'Gomang Stupa' was held on September 9 at Liktsey village.

The restoration work on the stupa was carried out by the villagers of Liktsey under the guidance

of His Eminence Jigmat Nawang Namgyal Rinpoche. It took more than two months to complete the restoration work.

Major General Abhinaya Rai; Executive Councillor, Rural Development Department, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee; Councillors, Thinles Norboo and Sonam

Thardos; BDC, Jigmet Yontan; HCHF, Director, Dr. Sonam Wangchuck; Ven Gyalson, Chemray chakzot, YDA President, Tsewang Dorjay and sarpaches, Nambardars of Rong Churgyut were present during the consecration ceremony.

During the day, a Singey Tsewa practice was also performed in which more than 300 practitioners participated.

Tashi Gomang Stupa commemorates the Buddha's first teachings in Banaras (Varanasi) when he explained the Four Noble Truths and the Twelve Links of Interdependence. These teachings reveal the truth of suffering, the cause of suffering, and the skillful means to bring about the cessation of suffering and the path to enlightenment.

Everest conqueror Jigmat Tharchin scales Europe's highest peak Mt Elbrus

Aims to climb 'Seven Summits', the highest peaks on seven continents

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson felicitated Mountaineer, Jigmat Tharchin on September 3 at Council Secretariat for successfully scaling Mount Elbrus, the highest peak in Europe.

Jigmat Tharchin successfully scaled Mount Elbrus on August 15 and is aiming to climb all the seven highest peaks around the globe known as the Seven Summit. LAHDC, Leh assures all-possible support to Jigmat for his future expeditions.

CEC, Tashi Gyalson said, "It is a proud moment for the entire people of UT Ladakh that Jigmat Tharchin scaled Mount Elbrus, the highest peak in Europe after a successful summit to Mount Everest the highest peak in the world earlier this year."



Jigmat Tharchin shared his experiences and the challenges he came across during the expedition. He extended his gratitude to LAHDC, Leh, and UT Administration for showing interest in his talents and helping in fulfilling his dreams to scale the highest peaks across the world.

Deputy Chairman, Executive Councillors, and Councillors extended their congratulations to Everester Jigmat on his successful summit to Mount Elbrus and wished him the best for his future expedition to Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa.

Leh remembers former CEC, late Dorjay Motup, on his 2nd death anniversary

Stanzin Dasal

LEH: Rich tribute was paid to Late Dorjay Motup, Former CEC, Hill Council, Leh on his 2nd death anniversary at his memorial park, Housing colony, Leh.

CEC, Hill Council, Leh Tashi Gyalson stated Late Dorjay Motup as one of the efficient leaders in the history of LAHDC, Leh, and reiterated his tremendous contribution to the overall development of Leh and Ladakh at large.

He said, "Dorjay Motup was truly a people's leader, a man who understands the struggle and pain of poor and needy section of the society. His desire to work for the people, the humble nature will be always remembered".

Tashi Gyalson said that effort is always done to walk on the path lead by such great leaders and work for the overall development of the region.

EC, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee talked about the work of Late Dorjay Motup at the various post. He said that his work was not just confined to the Rong valley of the Changthang region but has served the

whole district at a post of CEC, Hill Council Leh.

Tashi recalled the words of Late Dorjay Motup and his encouragement to work for the people of Ladakh wholeheartedly.

Thinles Nurboo, Councillor Kungyam constituency expressed gratitude to the Hill Council, Leh for remembering Late Dorjay Motup every year on his death anniversary. He said, "Today I as sitting councilor of Kungyam constituency came across many developmental works initiated by Late Dorjay Motup. He has been an inspiration to many youths of Changthang".

Late Dorjay Motup was not just a popular leader and admired in Rong valley only, the leader is an inspiration to the entire people of the Changthang.

Ishey Spalzung, Councillor Nyoma constituency also spoke on the occasion.

Various district officers/officials, family members and relatives of late Dorjay Motup, official staff of LAHDC Leh, and officials of BJP Ladakh attended the event.

Ladakh Administration issues Resident Certificate Order

Prescribed age limit for entry into government service also relaxed by two years

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The Administration of Union territory of Ladakh, today, issued an order to temporarily define 'Resident of Union territory of Ladakh' for the purpose of appointment to all the non-gazetted posts borne on the establishment of any Department or service of Administration of Union territory of Ladakh on September 4.

According to the Ladakh Resident Certificate Order 2021, any person who possesses a Permanent Resident Certificate issued by the competent authority in the districts of Leh and Kargil or belongs to a category of persons who would have been eligible to

be issued Permanent Resident Certificate by the competent authority in the districts of Leh and Kargil shall be eligible to receive the Resident Certificate.

The order further says that children of persons possessing a Permanent Resident Certificate or children of persons who belonged to a category of persons who would have been eligible to be issued Permanent Resident Certificate by the competent authority in the districts of Leh and Kargil shall also be eligible to receive the Resident Certificate.

The provisions of this order authorises the Tehsildar or any other officer notified by the Administration as the competent

authority to issue the Resident Certificate.

The Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh also enhanced the upper age limit for entry into government services against all posts meant for direct recruitment other than those pertaining to gazetted officers. The upper age limit has been enhanced for the reserved category candidates from 43 years to 45 years, for the general category candidates from 40 to 42 years and for the physically challenged candidates from 42 to 44 years. The order further states that this age relaxation would be a one-time exception and this relaxation shall remain in force for a period of two years

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tiative is one of the firsts in this direction.

He stated that with ongoing climate change world over, becoming Carbon Neutral is not a choice but a necessity. Further, he stressed the need for commercial-scale of production with the help of innovative technologies such as lift irrigation system to bring maximum benefits to the farmers and generate employment opportunities to the youth.

"The commercial development of the agriculture sector is vital for the economy of Ladakh, as Tourism has proven to be uncertain recently and it is best to give importance to the primary sector," stated LG Mathur.

He also highlighted the need to include sectors such as dairy, poultry, fisheries, etc. to the concept of 'organic'.

Cluster villages of Igoo, Shara, Chamshen, Partapur, and Skampuk have been awarded Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) Green certification, completing the first phase of certification. Two more phases will be completed over the next two years.

CEC LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson stressed the need for exploring sustainable projects in the agricultural sector of Ladakh. He highlighted that the youth need to explore more scope and possi-

bilities in this sector with sustainable solutions. He appreciated the contribution from the stakeholders which includes the line departments, scientific research institutes, and the governing body led by the concerned ECs in promoting and exploring various initiatives for making Ladakh the first Organic UT in the country. He also requested the scientific community and the UT Administration to recommend feasible schemes and initiatives to be introduced in the Changthang sub-division via the agricultural department to generate a new source of livelihood for the region.

MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal stated that Ladakh was facing challenges due to lack of adequate funds and resources to form such policies before becoming Union Territory. He highlighted that it was LAHDC that worked on the formation of an organic mission policy in the year 2018 to make Ladakh self-sustainable and fully organic in the future like it was before introducing and experimenting with modern technologies in the region. He stressed the need for implementing Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's initiative of having 'Vocal for Local' in this mission towards making Ladakh an Organic state in the country after Sikkim.

Director, DIHAR, OP Chaurasia, Mission Director/ Agriculture Officer, Tashi Tsetan, officers and officials from SSOCA, Agriculture Departments of Leh & Kargil were also present at the event.

Divisional Commissioner reviews winter stocking preparedness in Ladakh



Divisional Commissioner, Ladakh, Saugat Biswas reviewing the winter stocking in both Leh and Kargil district with the concerned officials.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A review meeting on winter stocking in both Leh and Kargil district for the forthcoming winter was convened by Divisional Commissioner, Ladakh, Saugat Biswas on September 10.

Divisional Commissioner, Biswas inquired about the stocking of kerosene, sugar, diesel, petrol, medicine stocking and supply equipment, essentials commodities for the winter. The concerned officials from both districts updated the status of all the essential commodities stocking.

The Cooperative Department was directed to start the process of procurement of essential supplies and to utilize the cold storage at the optimal level. He directed the Deputy Commis-

sioners of both districts to oversee the decentralised stocking of kerosene in tanks, especially in remote areas. CMO, Leh, and Kargil, apprised the Divisional Commissioner about the procurement of pharmaceutical stock in both the districts and assured that the stocking will be completed by mid-October.

Biswas urged to check the rate lists and the quality of food items in Leh & Kargil district for ensuring the supply of essential commodities to inaccessible areas. He further directed the Food and Civil Supplies Department to take a step to dispatch essential commodities to remote areas such as Zaskar at the earliest.

The officials of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corpora-

tion Limited (HPCL) were urged to provide dealerships to locals in inaccessible areas to address the issue of lack of availability of fuel.

District Forest Officer (DFO) Leh, Mohammad Ali informed that about 2600 quintals of firewood are stocked by the department in Leh for the winter. Similarly, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer (CAHO) Leh, Mohammad Iqbal apprised the Divisional Commissioner, Saugat about the steps being taken for quick procurement of fodder, feed, medicines, fish seeds, etc by the department.

Saugat Biswas also enquired about the operations of DG Sets during winter and urged the department to ensure servicing and upkeep of the DG Sets for uninterrupted supply.

The concerned officers of various departments & representatives of the Merchant Association of both the districts apprised Biswas regarding the problems they have been facing. The Merchant Association representatives were directed to work in close coordination with the office of the Deputy Commissioner and Cooperative Department for ensuring seamless supplies.

Div Com, Ladakh, reviews progress of relief & reconstruction work after flashflood in Kargil

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Divisional Commissioner also the Secretary, Disaster Management, Relief Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DMRRR), Ladakh, Saugat Biswas reviewed the progress of relief and reconstruction activities in Kargil on September 11.

Secretary DMRRR, Ladakh, Saugat Biswas enquired about the temporary and permanent restoration projects in Kargil from the concerned officials. The repair and restoration projects in the wake of the recent flash floods include schemes for crops and houses damaged due to flood, drought, irrigation khul, soil conservation, rural development, water restoration, livestock loss, Power Development Department (PDD), bridges and roads, and mechanical division.

He also asked about the ongoing work to provide relief to the affected families and the work completed to date. He also enquired about the release of funds for the completion of the work at



the earliest.

The concerned officials apprised Secretary DMRRR Ladakh of the damage caused to houses, electricity poles, foot bridges, drinking water sources and irrigation canals, livestock and relief provided to the affected families. The officials also informed about restoring electricity and link roads of the flood-affected villages of Kargil.

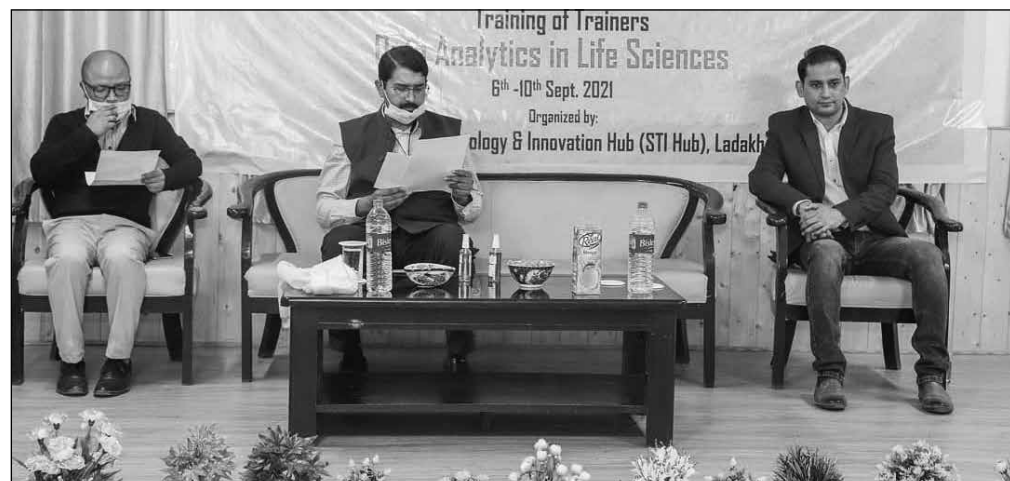
The concerned officials informed Secretary Biswas that all the temporary restoration projects have been completed successfully, while the permanent restoration projects would be completed by October 31.

Secretary DMRRR directed the concerned officials to expedite the restoration work at the earliest.

Deputy Commissioner, Kargil; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kargil; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Kargil; Superintending Engineer PWD Kargil; Assistant Commissioner Development, Kargil; Executive Engineer, R&B-II, Kargil; Executive Engineer, PHE Kargil; Executive Engineer, REW, Kargil; Executive Engineer, SSD Zaskar; Executive Engineer, SVD Sankoo and Executive Engineer, PDD, Kargil attended the meeting virtually.

IT Secretary inaugurates 5-day training on Data Analytics in Life Sciences

Also launches Science, Technology and Innovation Hub (STI) website



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A 5-day training program on advanced data analytics techniques in life sciences is organised by the DST-SEED funded Science, Technology and Innovation Hub, Ladakh at NIELET from September 6.

Secretary, Information Technology of Ladakh, Saugat Biswas inaugurated the training program and applauded the collaborative efforts of CSIR-IMTECH, NIELIT Jammu & Leh, and PGIMER Chandigarh for establishing the DST-SEED funded STI Hub in Ladakh. Saugat Biswas said that the training will be instrumental in Re-skilling, Up-skilling, and new skilling of the participant. He also launched the website of the STI Hub stihubladakh.org.

The training of the trainers' program from 6th to 10th September 2021 intends to train the participants in advanced data analytics techniques involved in life sciences. The course will help participants to handle, analyze, and interpret massive real-life datasets in life science. The expert lectures and practical sessions employ programming approaches on real datasets in Python & R, AI/ML for predictive model-

ing, and case studies.

Twenty-five researchers, scientists, and academicians participating in the training program from twelve institutions - DRDO-DIHAR, University of Ladakh, SNM Medical College Ladakh, University of Kashmir, Central University of Jammu, NITTTR, UIDAI, HNB Garhwal University, NIELIT, etc. The eminent speakers are engaged from six different institutions - IIITD, CSIR-IGIB, SKUAST, PGIMER, University of California, and UPES Dehradun.

Director CSIR-IMTECH, Sanjeev Khosla mentioned that STI Hub is an exemplary collaborative project by CSIR-IMTECH, Chandigarh, along with PGIMER, Chandigarh, NIELIT Jammu, and NIELIT, Leh. He further said that it is a collaboration wherein three organizations have come together to promote Innovation, Skill Development, Digital Healthcare with tele-diagnostics, creation of knowledge base, and awareness in Agriculture, Horticulture, and Animal Husbandry. With this, it has become the first such STI Hub in Ladakh, UT.

Director, NIELIT Jammu, DS Oberoi encouraged the partici-

pants to put forth their queries to the speakers for maximum learning during the training program.

Scientist and Controlling Officer NIELIT, Leh, Phuntsog Toldhan briefed all five days' scheduled session plans. He said that the training aims to help researchers and trainers impart their respective trainings more efficiently and effectively

Scientist at CSIR-IMTECH and Project Leader STI Hub, Chander Shekhar spoke about the infrastructure and facilities available at Hub. He said the STI Hub shall significantly boost entrepreneurship in IoT-based devices, edutech, agritech, etc. The Hub aims to actively promote ideas, engage mentors, alumni, fund providers, experts, consultants, and industry to build an empowering ecosystem through various programs and activities. Also, the STI Hub shall promote digital health and scientific knowledge among people in rural areas in agriculture, horticulture, and animal husbandry.

Secretary IT stressed on providing the information about the project to sectorial officers of Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh also.

Ladakh administration signs MoU for road improvement with Border Roads Organisation

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the UT Administration and Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for upgradation and improvement of the Road Network of Ladakh on September 2 at the UT secretariat.

The MoU was signed by Brig. Arvinder Singh, Chief Engineer, Project HIMANK, Brig. Ashish Gambhir, Chief Engineer Project VIJAYAK and P.C. Tanoch, Chief Engineer, PW(R&B) in presence of Principal Secretary, Dr. Pawan Kotwal and Lt General, Rajeev Chaudhary, VSM.

Commissioner / Secretary, PW (R&B), Ajeet Kumar Sahu informed that BRO has agreed to upgrade roads on fast track mode for which funding will be provided by the UT Administration. The UT Ladakh Administration



During the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UT Administration and Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for upgradation and improvement of the Road Network of Ladakh.

has assigned 7 projects to Border Road Organisation (BRO) considering their expertise in hilly areas to construct tunnels and roads. The MoU comprises of DPR preparation of tunnels and roads besides upgradation of 3 roads as per the required standards.

With the completion of these projects, the overall economy of the region will get a boost, especially in the tourism industry.

It was also informed that it will also ensure the safety of the local people as well as the tourists. Furthermore, it will reduce the distance and increase the influx of tourists in the Ladakh region.

This initiative will ensure the overall development of the Ladakh region in the long run. It will further enrich the relationship and coordination between BRO and UT Ladakh.

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periences the archers from Ladakh will get. The performance will be much better if all the needed exposures are provided to the archers", he added.

He also informed about the registered body named 'Sports Association of Ladakh' which is formed to uplift and promote all kinds of sports in Ladakh. The Sports Association of Ladakh will act as an umbrella under which the association of various sports will come and work for the overall development of sports in the Ladakh region.

Ravinder Kumar, Secretary, Youth Service and Sports said that archery is a major sport in Ladakh. He said that the administration is ready to help and promote sports in Ladakh also the Hill Councils of

both district is doing best at their level.

He informed about the provision of distribution archery equipment in schools and Archery Association of Ladakh to groom interested and talented archers of Ladakh.

Councilor Lobzang Sherab also the General Secretary of Ladakh Archery Association appreciated the support of the administration and MP Ladakh to uplift the archery sports in Ladakh.

Kacho Shamim, Vice President Ladakh Archery Association informed about the past selection process in which archers from Ladakh participated in the championship held in Dehradun. He said that the archers from Ladakh require exposures that are getting fulfilled by such participation and the performance will get better by every year.

Why do we celebrate Teacher's day?

Salute the spirit of teachers and their efforts and sacrifices to bring seamless learning to their students amid the pandemic



By Mansoor Hosain Beigh

In India, Teachers' Day is celebrated on September 5 every year to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who served as the First Vice-President of India and Second President of India. On September 5, 1888, Dr. Radhakrishnan was born to a Brahmin family in Tiruttani of Andhra Pradesh. He was a renowned philosopher, statesman, and teacher. Dr. Radhakrishnan was a celebrated academician. He taught at Chennai's Presidency College, Calcutta University, and served as a Vice-Chancellor of Andhra University from 1931 to 1936. In 1936, Dr. Radhakrishnan was invited to fill the chair of Spalding Professor of Eastern Religions and Ethics at Oxford which he retained for 16 years.

He was nominated multiple times for the Nobel Prize and was also graced with the Bharat Ratna award in 1954. The British Royal Order of Merit made him an honorary member in 1963.

Dr. Radhakrishnan took the office of the Second President of India in 1962, and on this day his students sought his permission to celebrate his birthday, September 5 as a special day. However, he expressed his wish not to celebrate the birthday and rather suggested that it would be an honour if this day was celebrated as Teachers' Day to recognize the contribution of teachers in society. Since 1962, India celebrates Dr. Radhakrishnan's birth anniversary as 'Teachers day', a tribute to all the teachers

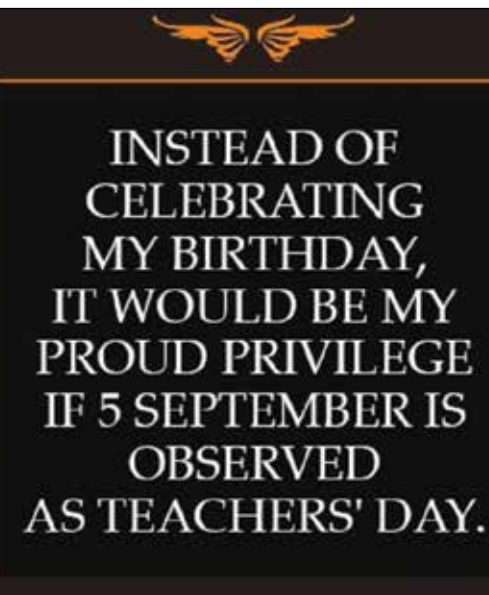
Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru once said on Radhakrishnan, "He has served his country in many capacities. But above all, he is a great teacher from who all of us have learned much and will continue to learn. It is India's peculiar privilege to have a great philosopher, a great educationist, and a great humanist as her President."



Teacher's day is a great opportunity to show love and respect and to express gratitude to all the teachers who carry a big responsibility, the job of shaping the minds of the students. They impart knowledge and skill to excel in academics, groom personality, shape careers and teach children to be better human beings. The best or a special teacher for a student is the one who cares for them understand their limitation and of course, teach well and solve their problem.

On this day, teachers are not only honored but in many schools, students dress up as a teacher for a day showing an immense love for the teaching profession. Teacher's day is not just a day to celebrate, it is time to realize the importance of being a teacher, the responsibility they hold, and to support and

encourage the entire teaching fraternity. Teachers play a pivotal role in society and apart from fun-filled activities, it is our responsibility to acknowledge and appreciate their service. All of us have been students someday and have benefitted from our teachers.



The celebration which is organised every year with zeal and enthusiasm has been kept low-key this year also due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has forced the school to shift towards online education. During these two years of the pandemic, teachers have been working on various innovations and ideas to make the online classes interesting and effective. Despite personal upheavals and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers have been steadfast in their roles as educators and mentors to ensure their students have access to uninterrupted learning.

Since youth is the future of the country, the role of a teacher becomes even more important as they aren't just molding a person to be able to stand on their feet but also shaping a nation. Teachers have to fill many roles and their experience and compassion are what make them good mentors. All of us, whether children in school or not, should say and do more to express gratitude to the dedicated women and men who choose the teaching profession.

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Teachers' Day is a reminder and a day to strengthen the bond of teachers and students. The celebration and respect should not be limited to an annual day celebration alone. The day also is an opportunity to highlight various challenges faced by the teachers. It must be used to empower the public school teacher with autonomy and support. Private school teachers today often have a tough time economically, and many have lost the enthusiasm for teaching. Teachers in most private schools are still paid less than what they deserve. The government and society need to work together to address the issues faced by them.

Since youth is the future of the country, the role of a teacher becomes even more important as they aren't just molding a person to be able to stand on their feet but also shaping a nation. Teachers have to fill many roles and their experience and compassion are what make them good mentors. All of us, whether children in school or not, should say and do more to express gratitude to the dedicated women and men who choose the teaching profession.

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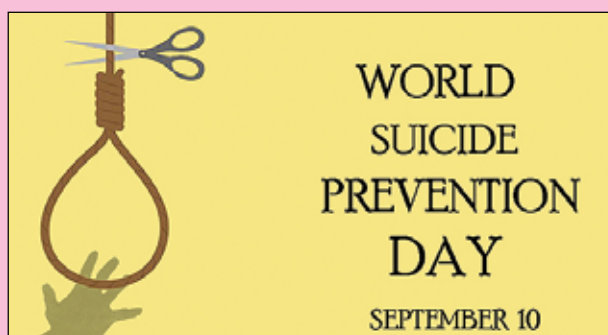
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World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD)

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), more than 700,000 people die by suicide every year. It is the fourth leading cause of death among 15-19-year-olds. To raise awareness, World Suicide Prevention Day is observed annually on September 10. The theme this year is "Creating hope through action", according to Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), to stress the importance of collective action to address this issue.

Suicide is a global phenomenon and occurs throughout the lifespan. Doctors say that suicide is preventable but for this, friends and fam-



ily are key in recognizing when the person slips into depression. While certain mental health disorders may lead to one taking the extreme step, it can also happen impulsively in a moment of crisis. Never dismiss someone who talks about suicide or dying. Do not think of it as attention seeking behaviour but remember, it can be a cry for help.

DID YOU KNOW



- The Ladakh Union Territory administration announced Snow leopard (Panther unca) as its state animal and Black-necked crane (Grus nicricollis) as its state bird.

- Snow leopards are really well camouflaged! Their long fur and less distinctive markings that seem to change shape with body movement make identifying individual snow leopards difficult compared to other big cats like tigers, leopards and

jaguars, which have more distinctive markings.

- In total, there are about 7,500 snow leopards left in the world, out of which 500 are in India. However, experts state that the population of snow leopards is between 200-300 in Ladakh alone.

- Black-necked Cranes, the alpine crane, were the last species of crane discovered and described by ornithologists in 1876 due to the remoteness of their range.

SoulSpeak

P.P. Wangchuk

Toxic thoughts burn us from within



Toxic thoughts come to your mind when you are angry, or, at times, when you laze around for long, and get spoiled for doing nothing. Both these factors are bad not only for your mind but for the entire body system as well. And that is reflected clearly in your overall personality.

It all depends on our will-power and the willingness to disallow our mind to be a devil's workshop. True, at times we get angry and toxic thoughts criss-cross our minds. In such cases, one needs to have a closer look into one's self, and do some introspection. It is not that some people get it and others don't. Each one of us is susceptible to toxic thoughts, but only some of us understand the consequences and try to realise the real and the underlying currents.

One clear source of toxic thoughts is your association with people with toxic minds. It will be amazing to see that you can, given will-power, quickly turn yourself around and be far away from such people. That is an urgent call for us to be alert and for the need to disassociate ourselves from people with toxic minds. Sooner, the better. As soon as you 'clean up' yourself from the toxic baggage/garbage, you immediately create a new 'you', more positive and right-thinking kind.

American author Christian Baloga says that we should not "pay any attention to toxic words. What people say is often a reflection of themselves, not you." Toxic people are the victims of their own immaturity and faulty ways of living; and some of them are aware that they are 'awkwardly different' from the rest of the people. They are mostly loners, and keep on fretting over trivial issues, instead of trying to find out a solution to their problems.

Therefore, it is absolute necessary that we keep ourselves away from toxic people. Doing that is loving ourselves and taking care of our dear lives!

Courtesy: WongWorld

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In Conversation with Zabir Ahmed, Farmer/ Proprietor, Ladakh Agro Products

Interviewed by Stanzin Dasal

Q. What drove you to become involved in the Integrated farming system?

The agriculture system or pattern of Ladakh can't be compared with other parts of the country. Farmers of Ladakh are on the field for almost 5 months during the peak summer months and in winters greenhouse is the only option available. I wanted to do farming in a very integrated way involving poultry, fish culture, livestock raising, and agriculture. Integrated farming is important in Ladakh keeping the geographical and climatic conditions in mind. Livestock rearing becomes immensely important along with agriculture to keep the cycle ongoing and to maintain the balance. I feel that integrated farming allows people to stay at fully functioning farms to observe work routines and activities that are undergone in the agriculture business on a day-to-day basis. Along with vegetables and other crop cultivation, I have a cow, goats, hens as livestock. I have a Black Bengal goat which is very successful in Ladakh. After September the weather starts changing and during these autumn months I prepare vermicompost and compost using the dead leaves and plants. In the winter months, green leafy vegetables are grown in a greenhouse.

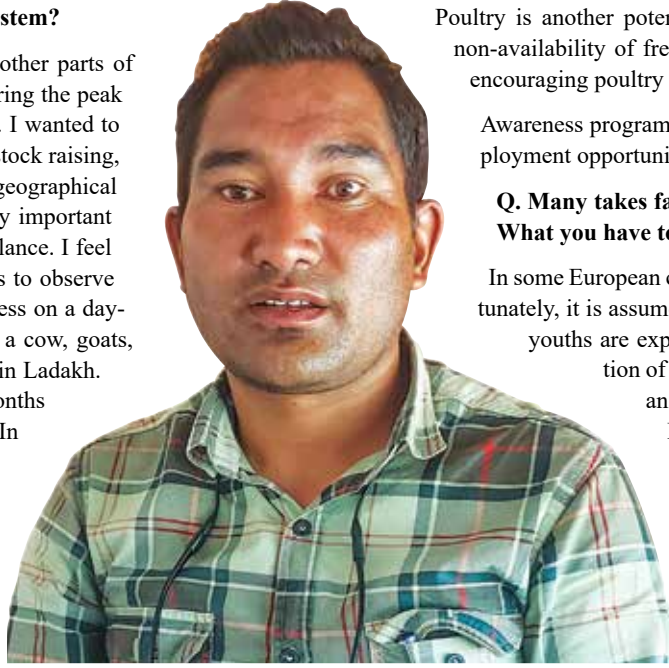
All the system is interrelated, interdependent in the integrated farming system, the waste of cows and goats are used as manures and also the poultry wastes are the best use as a manures for potato, onions, etc. Integrated farming is economically and environmentally sound.

Q. What would you say is the biggest challenge faced by the farmers of Ladakh?

Farming successfully itself is a challenge in this cold desert area and lack of market opportunities, where farmers can sell their produce directly at good rates are major challenges faced. The farm produce of Ladakh is considered best but on the other direct market opportunity is less. In this fast-growing world where everything is going digital and technology-based, farmers of Ladakh are finding it difficult to sell their produce or do proper marketing. Also, water scarcity is becoming a major challenge in various parts of Ladakh because of less snowfall and rainfall. The technology of sprinkle and drip irrigation is there but in Ladakh that also needs to be introduced in a more efficient and accessible way.

Q. Tell us about the potential of fish and poultry farming in Ladakh.

Fishery and poultry are becoming a booming business in Ladakh. Ladakh is bestowed with a large number of water bodies with clean fresh and highly oxygenated water which is suitable for trout fish culture.



Poultry is another potential sector. Ladakh remains cut off during the winter months and the non-availability of fresh eggs is a problem. The demand for fresh eggs can be easily met by encouraging poultry farming.

Awareness programs are needed from time to time to attract youth to these new types of employment opportunities.

Q. Many takes farming activity as a last option after all the employment opportunity. What you have to say and how youths can play a pivotal role in uplifting the sector.

In some European countries, farming activity is considered very respectable work. But unfortunately, it is assumed that farming is not for educated youths. Time has changed now, many youths are exploring agriculture and excelling in various fields. Today, the administration of Ladakh is planning to make Ladakh an Organic state, and youths can play an important role in bringing change and making the mission successful. Educated youths will be more informed and well acquainted with new technologies, market scopes, etc. Because of the change in temperature and new farm technologies, many new seasonal fruits and vegetables are growing in Ladakh such as watermelon, cucumber, brinjal, bottle gourd, etc. The potential of farming is growing in every way, one can earn a good amount in medicinal and aromatic plants also. Farming is a sustainable way of living and we must encourage youths to explore and earn good from farm activities.

If a youth is interested in farming but does not have land, in that case, he/ she can adopt contract farming, take land for a lease and cultivate. Secondly, support from various levels is needed to encourage more youths into this sector. This will also solve the issues of the field left uncultivated because of the urban migration.

Though farm work is not a glamorous and comfortable way of making money it is a sustainable way of living and with innovation and hard work one can earn well from it.

Q. If you had one piece of advice for young farmers, what would it be?

Agriculture tourism has seen a boost in popularity in recent years. Ladakh being a tourist destination area can also explore the agri-tourism sector to gain more income and the farm produce may also fetch better value. It is an excellent opportunity to earn and promote sustainable development.

MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“ Agri-tourism can attract a new generation of farmers, offer new opportunities for youth development in rural areas and boost the rural economy. There is a need for plans and policies on such new opportunities to diversify business opportunities and securing a feasible livelihood for farmers. ”

Trout fish is a high-quality boneless fish having great market value. Fish culture is a profitable venture. Youth needs to come forward and adopt pisciculture also as a source of income. Many schemes are available which can help the youth to excel in this sector. Adoption of recreational fisheries which includes the establishment of aquariums, supply, and breeding of aquarium fishes and angling can promote high-end tourism in Ladakh and provide employment avenues.

Fortnight Highlights



Chairman/Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson visited Taxi Union Leh protestors. The Taxi Union Leh is staging a protest against the alleged beating of a local cab driver in Kargil.



A total of 275 cases were disposed of during the National Lok Adalat comprising five benches at the District Court Complex in Leh.



National Lok Adalat was organised by the District Legal Services Authority Kargil. 189 cases were disposed off and an amount of Rs One Crore Sixty Nine Lakh and Eight Thousand Eight recovered as settlement amount/ fine was recovered as settlement amount/fine.



Three-year research trial on growing organic Sun Melon completed in DIHAR. Based on the trial results the organisation recommends large scale cultivation of Sun Melon as a cash crop in Ladakh. Cultivation practices are similar to that of watermelon, which farmers in the region have already adopted.



During the inaugural ceremony of the two day capacity building program for senior officers of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Hill Council, Leh discusses energy and waste management with fuel cell solutions



CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Tashi Gyalsen in a meeting with various stakeholders at Council Secretariat.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Tashi Gyalsen discussed energy, waste management, and plans for alternate energy solutions with fuel cells in Leh during a meeting with various stakeholders on September 6 at Council Secretariat.

A detailed discussion regarding the management of waste mate-

rials with the ideas and suggestions from different stakeholders including companies like SPAAK was carried out. SPAAK work on waste management and FCTecNrgy, an intelligent energy and smart connected solutions provider with expertise in providing fuel cell based solutions with backup power at remote, off-grid locations.

Officials from SPAAK presented their nature of works in the waste and energy management sectors and put forth various suggestions to the meeting with regards to the management of legacy waste and energy generation from waste. They also sought feedback from the officials of the Leh district present during the meeting.

The meeting also discussed measures on the development of the Horticulture sector in the region through modern-day technologies.

Deputy Chairman, Tsering Angchuk; EC Horticulture, Ghulam Mehdi Ashoor; RTO Ladakh, EO MCL, BDO Leh, and officials of SPAAK and FCTecNrgy were present.

CEC, DC, Leh, inspects Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya School, Leh



CEC, Hill Council, Leh, and DC, Leh inspecting JNV school.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Tashi Gyalsen along with DC, Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse visited Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) School, Leh and inspected the school campus including the administrative section, academic section, hostels, and common mess on September 6.

During the inspection, it was found that the current condi-

tion of the school infrastructure wasn't up to the mark. CEC and DC Leh had a separate meeting with the school administration on the current issues of the school administration and its functioning. They also deliberated upon the required infrastructural renovations required at the school hostels and buildings.

CEC Leh directed Executive Engineer of Construction Division, PWD Leh to complete

the renovation works of toilet and washrooms, to repair solar heating panels, adequate central heating system at the hostels, and proposal for construction of passive solar washrooms for both boys and girls separately in the school. He also instructed the executing agencies to report to the office of the Chairman after proper completion of the work.

DC Leh instructed the administrative officials of JNV Leh to work on proper management of the school administrative section. He directed the In-charge Vice Principal to submit timely reports to the office of the Deputy Commissioner Leh and share with them any kind of requirements of the school on time.

Principal Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) Leh, In-Charge Vice-principal, JNV Leh, and other administrative officials accompanied CEC and DC Leh during the visit.

CEC Feroz Khan discusses syllabus of Arabic subject at school level

Stresses on the formulation of syllabus according to social and cultural needs as well as global needs

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: CEC, Hill Council, Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan reviewed the syllabus of Arabic subject at school level in the district during a meeting held at the Council Secretariat on September 11.

Assistant Professor Arabic, Department University of Ladakh, Dr Abdul Aziz Nadvi besides Arabic teachers from various government schools were present during the meeting.

CEC Khan said it is observed that considering the socio-cultural needs of Ladakh and modern values uniform syllabus for Arabic subject at school level needs to be formulated as it will enhance discipline and seriousness towards the curriculum.

Feroz Khan further directed to frame a committee on teachers' level and said that a future action plan will be framed after the next meeting with Director School Education and CEO Kargil. He



Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor, Hill Council, Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan during the review meeting of the syllabus of Arabic subject at school level in the district.

further stated that the expenses on account of the drafting of the document in this regard will be borne by the LAHDC Kargil.

Resource Person, Dr Abdul Aziz Nadvi said that Arabic has great scope in global market and is equally fruitful in recruitments at national level. He added that the syllabus needs to be formulated considering the social and cultural needs of the local society as well as the global needs and further stressed that the syllabus and the system should be organized in a way that the students

get interested in the subject.

Meanwhile, the Arabic teachers' fraternity applauded the initiative taken by the CEC Kargil and said that orientation and workshops need to be organized with the teaching fraternity particularly on spoken Arabic.

Thorough deliberations and discussions were done on various aspects of the framing of revised syllabus and other aspects pertaining to the status of Arabic language in schools and the teachers shared their opinion.

DC, Leh, discusses work progress under Jal Jeevan Mission in Leh



Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse convening a meeting of District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM) under Jal Jeevan Mission with the concerned officials of Leh district.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse convened a meeting of District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM) under Jal Jeevan Mission and discussed the progress of the scheme in Leh district with the members on September 9.

DC, Leh discussed the completion of functional household tap connections (FHTCs) in villages, schools/Anganwadi Centres, and health centres, providing new connections in remote areas and updating data on the Jal Shakti portal.

He took stock of the progress of the scheme in the blocks and sub-divisions of Leh district from the concerned PHE officials. The concerned PHE offi-

cial were asked to expedite the works and resolve the issues related to land at the earliest so that the work is completed on time. He also impressed upon District Superintending Engineer, PWD Leh, to clear the pending detailed project reports.

DC Leh exhorted the concerned officials to compare the list of the schools where FHTCs have been provided with schools that are non-functional/closed. Emphasizing the need for real progress, he also instructed the PHE officials to update the data on the Jal Shakti portal so that the completed works are reflected on the portal.

He inquired about the installation of FHTCs at health centers in Mudh, Tsaga, and Lingshed. The concerned officials were asked to provide FHTCs to residential schools in remote areas of Leh district such as Puga, Hanley, Nubra, and Durbuk.

The PHE officials apprised DC Leh of the issues faced by them.

DC Leh instructed the representation from the project management unit (PMU), JJM, to ensure that the data is updated on the Jal Shakti portal on time. He also informed the DWSM members of the UT Administration's plan to soon conduct a hydrology survey in the villages of Leh district.

DSE, PWD Leh; Divisional Forest Officer, Leh; Chief Medical Officer, Leh; District Social Welfare Officer, Leh; Chief Agriculture Officer, Leh; Executive Engineer, PHE Leh; Assistant Director, Information, Leh; representatives from PMU and Implementing Support Agency (ISA).

Team FC Poyen beats RLC Baroo in district-level football tournament

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Team FC Poyen won the final match of the District Level Football Tournament organised by Football Club Baroo at Khree Sultan Cho Sports Stadium, Bi-amathang on September 9.

RLC Baroo lost the game by 1 goal. A total of 30 teams from different parts of the district participated in the tournament.

CEC, Hill Council, Kargil, Feroz Ahmed Khan congratulated the organisers for the successful conduct of the tournament and expressed optimism that the step will go a long way in generating interest among the youngsters about the game of football.

He said that the LAHDC Kargil is fully committed to provide all necessary facilities to players to upgrade their skills. He said that a good number of works for the construction of various sports-related infrastructure is going on in full swing in the dis-



trict for which adequate funds have been allocated under different schemes.

He further assured players and sports enthusiasts that people will witness drastic changes in sports-related infrastructure and facilities in the near future which will prove instrumental in the promotion of sports culture besides also providing an adequate platform to budding players to

showcase and hone their sporting skills.

Executive Councillor, Aga Syed Abass Razvi; Councillor, Baroo Minji Constituency, Sheikh Ghulam Mehdi; Former CEC Kargil, Haji Muhammad Hanifa Jan; District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Kargil, Muhammad Hussain Rehnuma besides other concerned officers were present on the occasion.

Ladakh Mountaineering & Adventure Club

Annual General body meeting of the Ladakh Mountaineering & Adventure Club was held at its office in Mentokling Guest House, Leh on September 4.

The following members were elected to constitute new executive body:

Name	Designation
Sonam Wangyal (Hero) Everester	Chairman
Rigzen Dolker Everester	Vice Chairman
Urgain Loondup	Secretary/Treasurer
Tsering Norfail	Joint Secretary
Tsering Angmo Everester	Coordinator
Rigzen Motup Kalon	Executive Board Member
E.S.Gergan	Executive Board Member

Secretary LMCA, Leh

Edu tabs under YounTab scheme distributed among students in Zanskar



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

ZANSKAR: Free educational tablets distributed by DC, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve among the students of 7th to 12th classes of the government schools of Zanskar Sub Division on September 2 at Government Higher Secondary School, Padum.

The tablets with pre-loaded educational contents have been provided to the students under the YounTab Scheme of the Department of Education UT Ladakh.

DC, Santosh Sukhadeve urged the students to make judicious use of the educational tablets which are fully loaded with educational content on different

subjects. He also appreciated volunteers for their tireless efforts and support extended to the education department for the successful conduct of the community classes which have proved a successful teaching-learning method.

A total of 301 free educational tablets have been provided so far by the Education Department Kargil in Zanskar Sub Division.

Meanwhile, certificates and medals among the winner and runners-up teams of the 3-day interschool sports tournament organised by the District Youth Services and Sports Department, Kargil under Khelo India Sports for Peace and Development. He also distributed uniform sets among the players of the participating teams.

18 schools of Zanskar block and 8 schools of Lungnaq block participated in different games including volleyball, kho kho, 200 metre race, 100 metre race, long jump, and javelin throw.

District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Muhammad Hussain Rehnuma; Chief Medical Officer, Kargil, Dr. Munawar Hussain Wazir, and other concerned officers were present on the occasion.

First District Kargil volleyball championship concludes

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Ladakh Spikers beats United Chiktan with 2/3 rounds and lifted 1st District Kargil Volleyball Championship cup at Khree Sultan Cho Sports Stadium Biamathang on September 12.

A total of 32 teams across the district participated in the championship under 19, 21 and open age group categories.

Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmad Khan appreciated the performance of the teams in the final match and hailed the hidden sporting talent of youth in the district. He further mentioned that archers from the district have been selected for next round of selection at state level and they will also participate in national level championship.

He further informed that LAHDC Kargil is developing sports infrastructure wherever there is appropriate available land. He also made mention of the infrastructure being developed at Kurbathang, Akchamal, Goma Kargil and other areas. Feroz Khan said that an international standard pavilion is being developed at Khree Sultan Cho Sports Stadium Biamathang.

He urged the private associations and clubs to come forward in supplementing the efforts of the admin-



Ladakh Spikers lifting the 1st District Kargil Volleyball Championship cup at Khree Sultan Cho Sports Stadium Biamathang.

istration for the development and promotion of different sports activities in the district. He informed that under subsidy component 75 percent of cost could be borne by the administration for procurement of equipments and uniforms for sports clubs and players.

District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Muhammad Hussain Rehnuma, members of the District Volleyball Association Kargil besides district officers and heads of sports associations were present on the occasion.

Later, the CEC and other dignitaries distributed prizes, appreciation certificates and medals among the players and other participants.

ICICI Bank donates 10 oxygen concentrators to Health Department, Kargil



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: ICICI bank donated 10 oxygen concentrators to Health Department, Kargil on September 6.

Chairman and Chief Executive Councilor, LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmad Khan hailed the efforts of the ICICI Bank for donating the concentrators and said that this humanitarian gesture will improve the COVID-19 related infrastructure in the district.

He said that the oxygen concentrators will be issued to the District Administration Kargil and Community Health Centre, Sankoo, Chiktan, and Padum.

DC, Kargil Santosh Sukhadeve; Branch Manager, ICICI Bank Kargil, Dawood Baba; Manager, Government Banking Group ICICI Bank, Hyder Bhat besides other concerned officers were present on the occasion.

Chief Justice Pankaj Mittal launches Ladakh Legal Services Authority website



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The UT Ladakh Legal Services Authority (LLSA) website was launched virtually by Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court, Justice Pankaj Mithal also the patron chief of Ladakh Legal Service Authority on September 1.

The website is launched to provide an easy way to the public and litigants to learn the aims and objectives of the Legal Services Authorities Act (LSAA) and entitled beneficiaries under

the Act besides allowing the visitors to browse information based on their choice.

It aims to provide better access to the LLSA and its activities, notices, orders, Lok Adalat, panel lawyers, Legal Aid Clinics, Legal Literacy Clubs, Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs).

Information, articles, newsletters, official announcements and achievements would be updated regularly on the website.

Executive Chairman of J&K Le-

gal Services Authority, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey; Executive Chairman, Ladakh Legal Services Authority, Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur; Chairman, High Court Legal Services Committee, Justice Tashi Rabstan; Judges of High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Javid Iqbal Wani; Advisor to Lt. Governor, UT of Ladakh, Umang Narula; Additional Director General of Police, UT of Ladakh, Satish Khandare; Member Secretary, NALSA, Ashok Jain; Registrar General, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Jawad Ahmed and other officers of registry, Administrative Secretary, Department of Law, UT of Ladakh, Preet Pal Singh, chairmen and secretaries of DLSAs Leh and Kargil attended the virtual launch.

Principal Secretary reviews implementation of flagship schemes in Ladakh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Principal Secretary, Dr. Pawan Kotwal reviewed the implementation of flagship schemes of the Government of India in UT Ladakh on September 9.

Discussion was held on the progress of various flagship schemes, including One Nation One Ration Card, distribution of food grains and pulses under PMG-KAY, single-use plastic in UTs, NHDM Tech Platform, Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), Health and Wellness Centres, Pradhan Mantri Jan Awas Yojana-Gramin, PM SVANidhi (Micro-Credit Scheme for Street Vendors, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban, Agriculture Market Reforms, National Animal Disease Control Programme, Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, digital payment for the purchase of fertilizers, developing both districts as export hubs, PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises, privatization of power distribution companies in UTs, PM Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana, BharatNet Providing Broadband Connectivity in UTs and islands development.

While reviewing the progress of UT Ladakh, Dr. Pawan Kotwal emphasized the need for ensuring coverage of all the eligible beneficiaries under the flagship schemes. He directed the concerned officials to develop a suitable review mechanism to ensure that the targeted popula-



Principal Secretary, Dr. Pawan Kotwal reviewing the implementation of flagship schemes of the Government of India in UT Ladakh.

tion avail the intended benefits.

While discussing the One Nation One Ration card scheme, Principal Secretary was informed by the concerned officials about its progress in UT Ladakh. He urged the citizens to avail the benefits of the scheme. The officials were asked to ensure its implementation and stressed the partial online monitoring system and check the status of the work.

The officials discussed the current status and the progress of the distribution of Food Grains and pulses under (PMGKAY). There was a discussion on waste management and single-use plastic in UT Ladakh. The concerned officials apprised Dr. Kotwal of the use of SUP items in all government offices and institutions, color-coded dustbin for the collection, and segregation of waste at source by the Housing and Development Department.

During the discussion on the National Digital Health Mission, Dr. Kotwal said that NDHM would bring a new revolution

in the health sector in India and improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency of health services in the country. Director Health informed about the progress of NHDM wherein Principal Secretary was informed about the status of the total health IDs generated, percent of public facilities approved, private facilities approved, public & private doctors covered.

Post-review of the flagship schemes, Dr. Kotwal discussed developing both districts as export hubs. He stated that pashmina, apricot, sea buckthorn has huge potential in Ladakh. He also asked the officials to expedite the work and submit the plan soon.

Commissioner/Secretary, Rural Development Saugat Biswas; Secretary, Animal/Husbandry/Cooperative/ Agriculture, Ravinder Kumar; Additional Secretary, Health, Iftikar Chaudary; Director, Food and Civil Supplies Department, Anil Koul; Director of Housing and Urban Development Zayeeda Bano were present in the meeting.

NOTICE

No 9926153X Ex Hav Konchok Gaydun S/o Sonam Angchok R/o Skurbuchan, Leh has claimed that his daughter name namely Chouzin Angmo has been wrongly entered as Choozen Angmo instead of Chouzin Angmo and also her Date of Birth 02-10-2003 has been wrongly entered as 02-06-2003 instead of 02-10-2003 in the Army record office, Ladakh Scouts and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary public Leh with Certificate No. IN-LA01946222792655T to this office for making necessary correction. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office, Zila Sainik Welfare Office, Leh UT Ladakh within 7 days from date of publication failing which necessary correction will be made.

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