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Daily wagers stage protest; demands regularization

Works of 32 departments in UT Ladakh suffers due to protest



Daily wagers working in various departments under the banner of All Daily Wagers Union of UT Ladakh on protest in Leh.

Stanzin Dasal

LEH: Daily wagers working in various departments under the banner of All Daily Wagers Union of UT Ladakh are in a protest demanding regularization of their services.

The work of 32 departments of UT Ladakh is badly affected following the protest of daily wagers from Leh, Kargil and Zaskar. The daily wagers also demand implementation of the Central Minimum Wages Act till their regularisation.

President, Daily wagers Union, Leh Phunchok Angchuk said, "There are around 1200 daily wagers in Leh working in a different department from last so many years. Many are working for the last 10 to 15 years and all these years we have been urging the government to take necessary steps for the regularization of services. Sadly, nobody is ready to hear our grievances".

"We tried to meet Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh with our demands and issues but permission was not granted. Today we are forced to sit on protest and shout for our rights", he added.

Working on a meagre salary of around Rs 6500 per month, the daily wagers have been performing their duty day and night in all seasons. They were working with the hope of getting regularized but many died and retired without all benefit. In this time of inflation, the wagers are finding it hard to meet their daily needs.

Sonam Stanba, a daily wager from last 15 years said, "We have been designated with our daily work despite that we are given extra work also for which we never complained and ignored. We have been doing our work sincerely but hardly anyone understands our situation."

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First Himalayan Film Festival concludes

Ladakhi Film, 'Sekool' and 'Shadey- A Forgotten Land' among the award winners



Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur lighting the lamp during the inaugural function of the First Himalayan Film Festival at Sindhu Sanskriti hall, Leh.

Tenzin Dajon

LEH: The 1st Himalayan Film Festival concluded successfully on September 28 at Sindhu Sanskriti Hall, Leh.

The five-day-long festival received 100 entries from Himalayan states/UTs. A total of 26 films were screened and 18 entry films recommended by the jury were also screened. A total of 21 films made by Ladakhi filmmakers received in the competition section were also screened. Master Class sessions with Priya Krishnaswamy, S. Nallamuthu, Nila Madhab Panda, Phontsog Ladakhi and In-Conversation sessions with Anupama Chopra, Vidhu Vinod Chopra, Nikhil Talegaonkar and Kirti Kulhari was also held.

The film festival was organised by the Administration of UT Ladakh in collaboration with the Directorate of Film Fest-

tivals and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh. The festival is a part of the celebration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' commemorating 75 years of India's Independence.

Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB), Government of India (GoI), Apurva Chandra, and renowned Filmmaker Rakesh Omprakash Mehra were the special guests on the closing ceremony. The festival concluded with the screening of the internationally acclaimed film 'Shepherdess of the Glaciers' by renowned Ladakhi filmmaker Stanzin Dorjai.

Inaugrating the film festival on September 24, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur con-

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Union MoS for Education and External Affairs felicitates national award-winning teachers in Leh

National-level winners of Kala Utsav, Maqsooma Bano and Tsering Kunsal also felicitated



Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh felicitating the national-level winners of Kala Utsav – Maqsooma Bano, Govt. High School, Kaksar.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Union Minister of State for Education and External Affairs, Dr Rajkumar Ranjan Singh visited Ladakh and felicitated the national award-winning teachers – Sonam Gyalsan, Headmaster, Middle School Taknak, Leh (2020) and Mohammad Ali Akhone, Teacher, Middle School, Karith, Kargil (2021) on September 27.

The awardee teacher shared their experiences and achievements in improving the learning of the students in Ladakh which made them eligible for the prestigious award.

Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh also felicitated the national-level winners of Kala Utsav – Maqsooma Bano, Govt. High School, Kaksar and Tsering Kunsal, Lamdon Model Senior Secondary School, Leh. Maqsooma Bano has won second place in Visual art while Tsering Kunsal holds third position in instrument traditional folk in all India level competition.

The event was organised by the Department of School Education, UT Ladakh.

Dr Singh stressed the need to use human resources to their optimum level and emphasized infrastructural development to transform the education system. Ladakh is doing extremely well, however added quality and equality is required for further strengthening of Ladakh's education system.

Lieutenant Governor RK Mathur expressed hope that the award-winning teachers will become ex-

amples for the teaching fraternity of Ladakh and the entire nation.

“They have proved that more than what one learns, it is more important how one learns. The teaching methodology adopted and the innovations brought about in imparting education can give birth to innumerable changes for the success of our students,” stated LG Mathur.

While expressing gratitude to the Minister for his presence on the occasion, LG Mathur highlighted the essence of the National Education Policy which stresses adopting a holistic approach to education.

He apprised the MoS of the initiatives being taken by the UT Administration for the development of the education sector of Ladakh while requesting help in addressing challenges arising due to Ladakh's weather and unique conditions. “While our students and teachers are bright and dedicated, we are yet to achieve the expected results and UT Administration is making all possible interventions to achieve the desired goal,” stated LG Mathur.

He requested support in CBSE affiliation for all schools at the earliest and the establishment of more central schools in Ladakh.

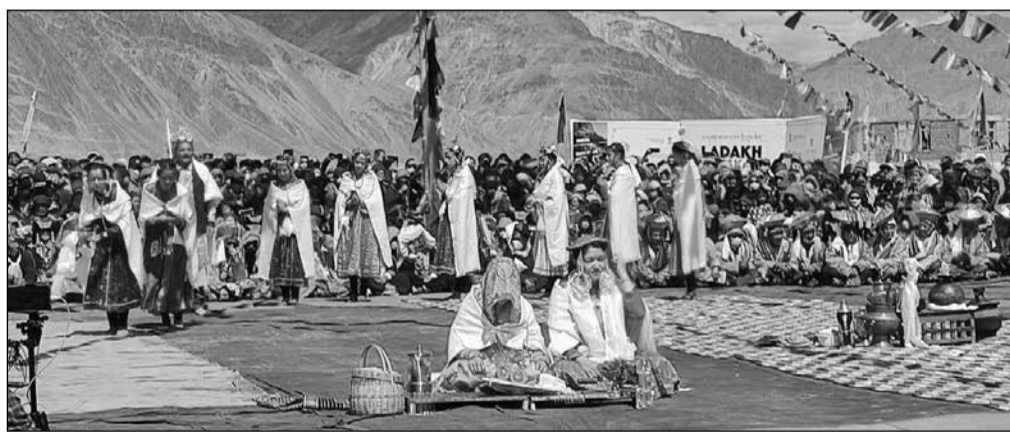
Director, School Education, Dr Safdar Ali gave a detailed presentation on the intervention being made by the department, Ladakh Vision 2050, the targets and indicators, budget, the five-year action plan for school education, the budget allocated for school education 2021-22, the challenges and issues of the education sector in Ladakh, NEP/PLA, Padhna Likhna Abhiyan (PLA), action taken to tackle the loss of access to quality education during the COVID-19 pandemic through YounTab Scheme and community classes, and training and capacity-building exercises to the teachers.

Commissioner Secretary Ajeet Kumar Sahu and EC, LAHDC Leh, Stanzin Chospel also spoke on the occasion.

Advisor Umang Narula, Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse and other district officials were present during the event.

Two days Ladakh Zanskar Festival held in Padum

A blend of cultural programme from Zanskar and Lahaul Spiti remains centre of attraction



Tenzin Dajon

ZANSKAR: Aiming to promote Zanskar as a tourist destination area, two day Ladakh Zanskar Festival was celebrated with pomp and show on September 15-16 in Padum, Zanskar.

Inaugurating the festival, CEC Feroz Ahmad Khan congratulated the Department of Tourism and Culture UT Ladakh, District Administration Kargil, and the Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (LAACL) Kargil for successfully conducting the Ladakh Zanskar Festival at a grand scale.

Stalls on ethnic food, traditional craft, traditional archery, horse and yak ride were exhibited and also a cultural programme from Zanskar and Lahaul Spiti were centre of attraction.

Feroz Ahmed Khan said, “Preservation of culture has become very important in this era, especially for Zanskar which in the coming days will be the epicentre of tourists in Ladakh. Also, the connectivity from Himachal, Leh and Kargil will make the region a trade hub as well.”

He urged local inhabitants to keep their cultural legacy intact and stated that the NH 301, Kargil Zanskar road is going to be one of the best National Highway in Ladakh. It was informed that to promote tourism in Zanskar, council have allocated separate funds for ZDA (Zanskar Development Authority) under capex budget.

Sharing the brief history of Zanskar, Secretary Tourism, Mehboob Ali Khan, said that the unique identity of Zanskar holds an important position in today's globalized world which has immense potential to attract tourists from all over the world.

EC Phunshok Tashi, said Zanskar is a brand in itself even in Europe, it does not need promotion, it only need infrastructure. He urged the UT Administration to schedule the Ladakh Zanskar Festival as an annual event on fixed dates from next year so that tourists and other interested people can plan their itinerary in advance.

DC, Santosh Sukhdeve, and Dy. Sec Culture Academy Kargil, Nazir Hussain expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, artists, and people of Zanskar for their enthusiastic participation in the festival

Department of Industry and Commerce organises local product promotional event

Ladakh is full of potential, pashmina and sea buckthorn are just a few, says Ajay Kumar Mishra

Tenzin Dajon

LEH: A two-day promotional event themed, ‘Vanijya Utsav’ was organised to promote the commercial potential of Ladakh's local products on September 21 and 22 at Hotel Grand Dragon Leh.

The event was organised by the Department of Industries and Commerce in collaboration with Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC), Ministry of Textile, GoI. Young entrepreneurs from Ladakh exhibited the local products.

Addressing the gathering, MoS Home, Ajay Kumar Mishra said, “Ladakh does not lack any sort of potential and capability. The civilization, culture and knowledge of Ladakh could teach the world many things. The presentations of pashmina and sea buckthorn are just a symbol. The land is full of opportunities along with difficulties and challenges”.

He stressed the potential of Ladakhi handloom, handicrafts and other sectors such as agriculture, renewable energy, food processing etc. He assured that under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi who has envisioned the concept ‘Vocal for Local’, Ladakh will be provided with all required support to project its potential at the national and international level.



MoS Home, Ajay Kumar Mishra along with L-G R.K Mathur inaugurating the two-day promotional event themed, ‘Vanijya Utsav’ at Hotel Grand Dragon Leh.

LG Mathur said, “In the past two years of UT we have identified what should be the developmental strategy for Ladakh. With Prime Minister's vision, we have decided to go for carbon-neutral Ladakh. We are focusing on the primary sector be it agriculture, horticulture or animals for now. We cannot focus on exploiting the mines, minerals and big industries”.

The young entrepreneurs are a big asset for Ladakh as they are very talented and professional, he added.

CEC, Tashi Gyalsan stressed on requirement of a single-window system to connect local entrepreneurs and foreign customers.

“At council level, we are establishing a stall at KBR airport, where the products of entre-

preneurs and self-help groups (SHGs) will be displayed. In addition, we are developing a park on the pattern of Delhi Haat at the heart of Leh city to display the products of remote entrepreneurs and SHGs”, he informed.

Mozes Kunsang, Director, Department of Industries and Commerce said, “Historically Ladakh used to be the part of silk route as an important entry point to Tibet, China and Central Asia. We can revive it as we have several products but for time being we are focusing on ‘one district one product’ which include pashmina, apricot and sea buckthorn.”

Advisor to LG Umang Narula; Divisional Commissioner, Saugat Biswas; Principle Secretary, Pawan Kotwal, MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal and DC Leh were present on the occasion.

First Himalayan Film Festival concludes

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gratulated UT Administration and LAHDC for organising the event. He termed cinema as one of the effective mediums to foster cultural diversity.

He spoke about the diverse culture in the Trans Himalayas starting from Ladakh to North-Eastern states. “The region has a lot to showcase and youths of the region need to be nurtured with opportunities”, he added.

He assured to give a new identity to the mountains in the film industry under his government in collaboration with the industry. The minister announced that the transmission of DD Kendra Leh programme would be extended to one hour from half an hour from October 1, 2021. He said that this will enhance the outreach of AIR and DD in the region and provide a platform to young local talents.

Anurag Thakur also spoke about the emergence of OTT as a popular entertainment platform for the people especially during the Covid-19 pandemic. He said that the OTT traffic is increasing and India has the potential to become the sub-continent of content creation. He assured to connect Ladakh with the Film & Television Institute of India (FTII) at the earliest.

‘Shershaah’ biographical war film based on Param Vir Chakra awardee Capt. Vikram Batra was screened at the opening ceremony. Makers and cast of the Bollywood movie Shershaah, including director Vishnuvardhan and lead actor Sidharth Malhotra attended the opening ceremony of the festival. The movie is being screened first time on the big screen after its release.

Lt. Governor Ladakh said that the idea of the film festival first started within the council and the UT administration decided to organise it at a grand level. He said that there is a large number of talented Ladakhis in films, photography and many creative sections. The administration is looking forward to give technical skills to them so that films from La-

dakh could reach far and wide.

He expressed happiness about the success of the festival and said that the Himalayan Film Festival should continue as an annual event and be a platform to showcase the talent of the Himalayan region. He said that for better training of Ladakh's film aspirants, the administration is working towards tying up with the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune for providing courses in Ladakh. Expressing his fondness for the Ladakhi folktale Gyalam-Kesar, LG Mathur hoped to watch it in the form of a motion picture someday.

Secretary, I&B, GoI, Apurva Chandra, appreciated the maiden attempt by the Administration of Ladakh in successfully conducting the first edition of The Himalayan Film Festival and suggested taking up the idea of organising a national level festival on short films to encourage aspiring filmmakers from smaller regions like Ladakh. He requested the Ladakh Administration to draft a film policy and provide incentives to the filmmakers to shoot in Ladakh. He assured all possible support to the filmmakers of Ladakh from the MIB.

Renowned filmmaker Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra suggested making the Himalayan Film Festival, the international Himalayan Film Festival in future. He proposed to invite interns from Ladakh to his production house and also said that he is willing to spend a month in Ladakh each year to impart skill training to aspiring filmmakers.

A short film on late Tashi Rabgias was screened during the event to felicitate the eminent scholar and historian from Ladakh. Veteran film personalities from Ladakh, including Late Tashi Rabgias, Ali Mohd, Morup Namgyal, Tsering Stanzin, Mipham Otsal, Phonsok Ladakhi and Haji Mohd Hus-sain, were felicitated.

A Ladakhi Film, ‘Sekool’ Screenwriter, Stenzin Tankong won the Best story award and film ‘Shadey- A Forgotten Land’, Editor Stanzin Gurmet Phyang receive the Best Editor award.

Department of Higher Education, Ladakh, signs Expression of Interest with IIT's

Aims to strengthen the technical education system of Ladakh



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Department of Higher Education (DoHE), Union Territory of Ladakh and the consortium of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, Bombay and Kanpur on September 22 signed an Expression of Interest (EoI) to strengthen the technical education scenario in Ladakh.

The Expression of Interest was signed in presence of Lieutenant

Governor RK Mathur. The partnership shall focus on providing innovation and entrepreneurship opportunities focused on Ladakh's ecosystem, skill development for enhancing employability, enhancing the quality of education for increasing higher education opportunities and setting up a quality engineering institution in Ladakh.

The IITs have agreed to provide

mentorship and corridor participation in achieving these ambitions.

Professor M Balakrishnan, IIT Delhi through a presentation gave an overview of the roadmap in imparting quality technical education in Ladakh.

Secretary, Higher Education, UT Ladakh was present on the occasion.

The team of directors including Professor Ramgopal Rao, IIT Delhi; Professor Subhasis Chaudhuri, IIT Bombay and Professor Abhay Karandikar, IIT Kanpur - over the past four days held meetings with stakeholders including the elected representatives, administrators, teachers and students in both districts to assess the UT's requirements.

CEC meets Agriculture Minister of Sikkim in Leh

Discusses strengthening of agriculture sector in Ladakh



CEC, Hill Council, Leh Tashi Gyalson met Minister of Agriculture Horticulture/ASH/IPR of the Government of Sikkim along with other officials in Leh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: CEC, Hill Council, Leh Tashi Gyalson met Minister of Agriculture/Horticulture/ASH/IPR of the Government of Sikkim and discussed about organic farming and ways to uplift agriculture sector in Leh on September 23.

Executive Councillor for Agriculture, LAHDC Leh, Stanzin Chosphele was also present.

CEC Tashi Gyalson expressed his gratitude to the Minister of Agriculture, Sikkim, for his visit to Ladakh. He informed the Minister about Ladakh's initiative towards becoming organic and the vital role of the Government of Sikkim in guiding and providing technical assistance to Ladakh in the agricultural sector. He added that Ladakh would work on internal introspection in this sec-

tor. He also stated that LAHDC, Leh and the UT Administration is working out several measures to encourage Ladakhi farmers to adopt organic and sustainable farming in the long run.

EC Agriculture Stanzin Chosphele stated that the Hill Council has tied up with the Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SSOCA) in exploring sustainable measures to provide good branding and market to the Organic farmers of Ladakh. He added that the Department of Agriculture, Leh, is exploring several measures and planning sustainable solutions to overcome challenges during the transition period for the farmers.

Minister of Agriculture Sikkim, LN Sharma informed about the initial challenges faced by Govt

of Sikkim in adopting organic farming. He also discussed sustainable solutions for overcoming those challenges with the help of incentives and farmer-friendly policies. He stressed the need for encouraging young entrepreneurs in the field of Agriculture and Horticulture in Ladakh.

Officials from Leh and Sikkim also shared their views and inputs on organic farming and the need for forming good policies for transforming Ladakh into a fully Organic state.

CEO Sikkim Organic Mission, Dr S Anbalagan; Mission Director MODI Ladakh, Tashi Tsetan; CEO SSOCA, Sudhir Giri; Addl. Director SSOCA, Binita Chhetri and Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Leh, Dr Mohd Iqbal, attended the meeting.

Daily wagers stage protest; demands regularization

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CEC, Hill Council, Leh Tashi Gyalson said, "Their demand is genuine and we are definitely in support of their voices. Time and again we have always raised their issues at various levels. Presently they are working on very limited wages which also needs to be reconsidered and should be paid as per the Central Government rules".

He informed that the UT Administration has put up their the case before MHA which might take some time but in the meantime wages as per the government rule should be applied.

Zarina, a daily wager said, "World is changing in 10- 20years but we the daily wagers are still in the same condition. After UT status, we were also

hopeful that things will change but unfortunately, everything is just the same. We are finding it difficult to meet our daily needs with such a small salary".

"UT administration claims that there is no dearth of funds but our salary is just the same as before", she added.

Commissioner Secretary, GAD, UT administration Ajeet Kumar Sahu refused to respond to media queries. On September 29, 2021, UT administration formed a fact-finding committee to look into various issues concerning daily wagers. Members of the committee include Commissioner Secretary, GAD, Administrative Secretary, DC, Leh & Kargil and Director accounts. The report of the committee will be submitted on October 30, 2021.

Member of National Commission for Safai Karamchhari visits Leh

Stresses on the need to execute welfare measures for safai karamchhari

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Member of National Commission for Safai Karamchhari (NCSK), Government of India, Anjna Panwar reviewed the status of safai karamchhari in Leh district with the concerned departmental officers and workers on September 28

Anjna Panwar stressed that the safai karamchhari play a vital role in the Swachh Bharat vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. She impressed upon the concerned officials to fully implement various projects started by the Central government for the welfare of the safai karamchharis in Ladakh.

At the outset, Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Leh, gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on various welfare measures undertaken by the UT Administration for safai karamchharis, including safety gears, cleaning machinery and capacity building. He also spoke on the one-of-a-kind wash facility with laundry



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and recreational rooms, Safai Suraksha Challenge, Integrated Solid Waste Management Plant, various training workshops conducted for them on source segregation, safety and hygiene, the impact of waste on health and the environment.

She appreciated the health department for conducting 100% vaccination of the safai karamchharis against Covid-19 as front-line workers at the start of the vaccination drive. She suggested regular medical check-ups for safai karamchharis.

Anjna Panwar asked them about the facilities, training and work-

ing conditions provided to them during her interaction with the safai karamchhari. She instructed them to avail loan facility provided by National Safai Karamchhari Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) to educate their children and also for other purposes.

Deputy Commissioner, Leh; Chief Medical Officer, Leh; Assistant Labour Commissioner, Leh; Deputy Superintendent of Police, Leh; District Social Welfare Officer, Leh; Executive Officer, Municipal Committee, Leh and the safai karamchharis attended the meeting.

First meeting of Wetland Authority held in Leh

Decides to identify wetlands in Ladakh using available geospatial imageries and on-ground surveys



Chushul Wetland

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The first meeting of the Wetland Authority for UT Ladakh was chaired by Advisor Ladakh, Umang Narula on September 22 at UT Secretariat.

The member-secretary of the Authority, Preet Pal Singh briefed the members about the

duties and responsibilities of the Authority as mentioned in the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017.

It was decided that wetlands in Ladakh would be identified using a combination of available geospatial imageries and on-ground surveys. The Authority empowered the Chairman of the

Authority to constitute a Technical Committee to advise the Wetlands Authority on all technical matters. Likewise, the Authority empowered the Chairman to constitute a Grievance Committee to provide a mechanism for hearing and forwarding grievances raised by the public.

The meeting was attended by Ajeet Kumar Sahu, Commissioner/Secretary, Saugat Biswas, Divisional Commissioner, Mehboob Ali Khan, Secretary, Tourism; Ravinder Kumar, Secretary Animal/Sheep Husbandry; Shrikant Balasaheb Sunde, Deputy Commissioner, Leh; Santosh Sukhadeve, Deputy Commissioner, Kargil; Dr. Khursheed Alam Khan, Scientist 'C', IRO Jammu and Dr. Vimal Hatwal, IRO Chandigarh.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari visits Zojila tunnel's Eastern Portal

The tunnel is going to be an economic corridor for Ladakh & Kashmir: says Minister

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari visited Zojila Tunnel Eastern Portal and inspected the pace of ongoing construction work on September 28.

Union MoS for Road Transport and Highways and Civil Aviation, General (Retired) Dr V.K Singh were also present.

Lieutenant Governor Ladakh, R.K Mathur and Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmad Khan in presence of the senior officers of UT Administration and officers of National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) received the minister.

Minister Nitin Gadkari said that work on the project is going on a war footing zone amid difficulties and it is going to be an economic corridor for Ladakh



and Kashmir. The Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken the decision to start the work.

We can overcome all the problems as officers of NHIDCL, security personnel, contractors, engineers and workers are working to complete the project within the stipulated timeline. We want to start the tunnel 24x7 once completed. We will complete the tunnel before the stipulated time period and effort is being made to complete it up to 2023 end.

He informed that the Union Government is spending more than 1 lakh crore rupees only for tunnels in Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir. A lot of projects are in the DPR stage.

"Within two years the scenario of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh will change. We will give more infrastructure facilities but need cooperation for land acquisition and other works. Funds are not a problem. Zojila Tunnel will be India's longest road tunnel and Asia's longest bi-directional tunnel", he further added.

People's Voice

By Tenzin Dajon & Stanzin Dasal

The new traffic plans in and around Leh town are introduced couple of months back aiming to solve the increasing traffic issues in Leh town, but people are showing dissatisfaction over the decision. One among the plans such as traffic cones and rope on one side of the road in the main market area is highly criticized by the public. Traffic police say that the ropes and traffic cones are kept to avoid parking on the roadside area which becomes a prime reason for traffic jams. But, on the other hand, people and shopkeepers fails to understand the logic. They feel that the rule adopted is to facilitate VVIP's only.

Half of the roads are left useless because of the traffic cones and ropes. Public shares the inconvenience they face and the shopkeepers complain about less business. People appeals for new alternatives and better facilities to ease everyone's life. Lets' read what they have to say about the issue?



SONAM GYALTON, Shopkeeper: Last year there was no business because of the COVID-19 lockdown and this season I was very hopeful and positive about my venture. The last few months it was good but after the new traffic plans, the pace of business got slowed down. Earlier, the portion of the road was used for parking which is paid; the facility was convenient as the customers can park their car. Nowadays we are facing a huge loss as there are very few customers. The parking at polo ground is a bit far from our restaurants, customers hardly come nowadays because there is no parking space nearby.

Traffic cones and ropes all around the market leaving half the road seem useless. The other portion of the road is left vacant with no use at all; it could have been used for paid parking instead.

Unfortunately, concerned officials state that the road is for VIP

Traffic cone fails to serve the purpose, people suffer

movement. There are many complexes nearby and we know how we are paying our shop rents. We discussed the issue with the President of the merchant association, but to date, there is no relief. If VIP movement is so important then the police can control the traffic during the movement, why barricade the road with traffic cones for 24 hours?



MOHD. IQBAL, President Merchant Association, Leh: Being president of the association I have received a lot of complaints about the barricade from shopkeepers. Due to the new traffic rule (one-way traffic), customers are not able to park their cars for a minute because of which there are fewer customers and shopkeepers are finding it difficult. Traffic police had once promised to move aside the barricades after 15th August, but they failed to do so. We have even informed it of the SSP traffic. They just told us that it is a VIP road and we cannot relax it. We have even requested them to allow parking for at least 10-15 minutes for pick and drop. Two shops near Axis Bank have already closed their shops due to the barricades, as their business was a loss.

The road near Girls school has been illogically shut, neither is it allowed for parking nor allowed for vehicle movement. The new rule is not people-friendly as it is damaging our businesses.



DR ISHEY NAMGYAL, President, Municipal Committee: On the request of traffic police we stretched the ropes from Axis bank to the end of the market. According to traffic police, people park their cars according to their wish and they told us barricading ease their job. Therefore barricades and traffic cones are there.

For general information, we have adopted a plan called Leh Vision 2030 by Hill Council, under which they have stressed on the footpath. To promote pedestrian or walkability footpath will be developed inside the current barricades near the Balkhang area. For time being

Polo ground is exclusively kept for parking purposes as the multi-tier parking space is under construction. We have requested to relocate Girls School for parking space if it is possible then the parking issue in Leh will be overcome within four years.

In addition, tourists are visiting Ladakh in their private vehicles and due to lack of route knowledge, we are experiencing more traffic jams. I think if people follow the traffic rules properly if they do not park their cars in no parking zone then barricades can be dislocated.



TASHI GYALSON, CEC, Hill Council, Leh: Regarding the new traffic rules, people did come up to me with various complaints. The number of vehicles in Leh has increased by a huge number and we have very limited parking space. There has been an issue of traffic jams in the town because people randomly park their cars on the road resulting in traffic chaos. To avoid it, the traffic plans are adopted and implemented over time.

The decision was made after a series of meeting with all the stakeholders, to ensure smooth traffic movement. It was a unanimous decision to discourage parking near roads, except for pick and drop.

Therefore to avoid road congestion, the one-way movement was introduced. Though the barricades and rope seem ugly from the beautification point of view it doesn't look nice and the traffic police are reviewing it. The issues faced by the people will be taken note of it. In the recent meeting, we are planning to give relaxation where ever possible like Axis bank premises.

Similarly, Changspa road has similar kind of problems which is caused because of ill planning. The whole planning was executed using a huge amount of funds. Unfortunately, the public has considered it. Now it is very difficult to discontinue the plan at once, a big decision need to be taken. We will review other sites as well along with the Changspa road. It may take time because of other important engagements. Ultimately we are with the people and shopkeepers of Leh.



World Tourism Day

The day is observed every year on September 27 to mark the anniversary of the adoption of the Statutes of the Organization in 1970, paving the way for the establishment of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) is a United Nations' agency responsible for the promotion of responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism.

UNWTO was established on this day in 1980 to create awareness on how tourism affects social-cultural, political and economic values globally and the role of tourism within the international community.

The theme of World Tourism Day, 2021 is 'Tourism for Inclusive



The famous Chadar trek of Ladakh which attracts thousands of tourists from all over the world. The trek on the frozen river begins from a village called Chilling from where the Zaskar River starts to freeze. Chadar trek, brings tourist to Ladakh in the harsh winter months.

Growth'. It aims to help people associated with the tourism sector in every possible way. UNWTO has urged businesses, tourists, UN agencies, member states and non-members to "celebrate tourism's unique ability to ensure that nobody is left behind as the world begins to open up again and look to the future".

DID YOU KNOW



- The Cure for Insomnia is an 87-hour-long film directed by the late John Henry Timmis IV. At the time of the film's release in 1987, it was recognized by Guinness World Records as the longest film ever created.

- The left side of your body is controlled by the right side of your brain while the right side of your body is controlled by the left side of your brain?

- Astrophysics is a branch of space science that applies the laws of physics and

chemistry to explain the birth, life and death of stars, planets, galaxies, nebulae and other objects in the universe. It has two sibling sciences, astronomy and cosmology, and the lines between them blur.

- When the weather is extremely hot or cold, snails can stay inside their shell for long periods. In some extreme cases, where there are long periods of extreme weather, snails will sleep for 3 years, although it is not very common. If you put it into perspective, a snail could spend one-third of its life sleeping.

SoulSpeak

P.P. Wangchuk

The untapped mighty mind



We have a mighty and untapped mind that is seldom used to enhance the quality of life and to have greater joy and happiness. Unfortunately, very few of us try to realise the importance of this magical mind.

It is true that the mind's power knows no outer limits. Therefore, the more you stretch it, the more it gets widened. What does that mean?

That means that we can make the mind to do any, just any limitless and challenging job. But do we do that? Not really. Only a minority of us try to stretch the mind and find out solutions for a happy and successful journey of life.

Apart from being limitless and powerful, the mind is a very obedient servant. It is highly flexible, and follows our orders to perfection without any kind of 'protestation'. That means it readily gives us the power and the means to achieve even the most impossible tasks in life. The moment you start tapping its powers, it backs you up fully right up to the winning point.

That is why Lord Buddha had this to say: "The mind is everything. What you think, you become." That means that your thoughts can very much make or mar you. It is all in your hand to go for a choice that could be beautiful or horribly messy.

Our future will be totally the outcome of our thoughts that are acted upon now. So, we can say that we can shape or reshape our own lives with our thoughts. As they say, the game of life is played and won in the mind itself.

So, to sum up, it is important to realise that a person is what his mind is. Our mind is a vast reservoir of powerful thoughts and ideas; and the more it gets, the more it wants. That is because our minds act at multi-level spheres because of which we have the saying: Each person is a mystery unto himself.

Courtesy: WongWorld

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

In Conversation with

Dorjay Angchuk, Engineer In Charge, Indian Astronomical Observatory, Indian Institute of Astrophysics

Interviewed by Stanzin Dasal

Q. Congratulations on becoming the first Indian to be inducted as Honorary Member of the International Astronomical Union. For our readers who may be unfamiliar with your work, could you please tell us a little bit about yourself?

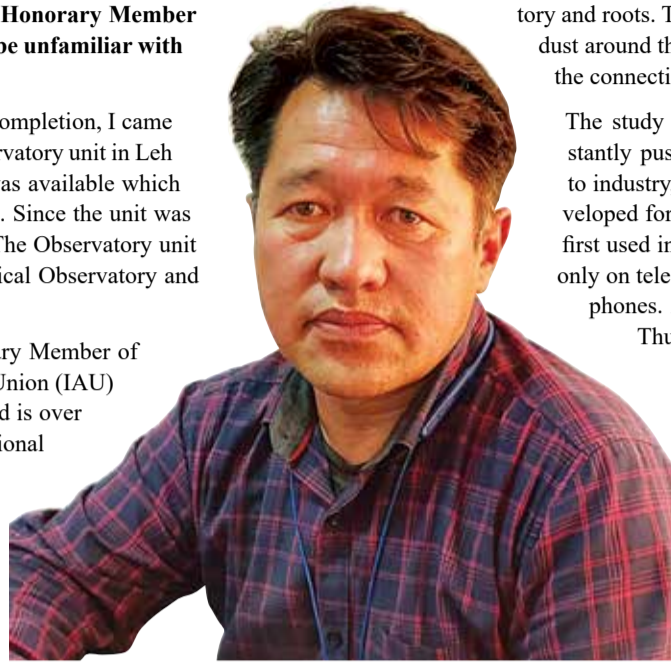
I studied Engineering at Engineering College, NIT Surat. After course completion, I came across that the Indian Astronomical Observatory is establishing an Observatory unit in Leh and are hiring people preferably locals. A post for a trainee engineer was available which was a good opportunity for a fresher like me and also the job is in Leh. Since the unit was new, I was sure that will learn a lot and experience many new things. The Observatory unit was inaugurated and it's been 23 years working with Indian Astronomical Observatory and 15 years as an Engineer In Charge.

I am privileged to become the first Indian to be inducted as an Honorary Member of the International Astronomical Union. The International Astronomical Union (IAU) is the foremost international association of professional astronomers and is over 100 years old. It has more than 13000 individual members and 82 national members, including India. In 2018, IAU decided to award honorary membership to individuals who have strengthened the development of astronomy.

Q. Brief us about Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO) Hanle. How important it is and what role it plays?

Six teams of astrophysicists from the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru were sent, to different places for viable high altitude sites for an Indian Astronomical Observatory. The sites include Tsomoriri Lake and Hanle in Ladakh; Kalpa and Kaza in Himachal Pradesh; Devastahal in Uttarakhand and Mt.Abu in Rajasthan. The team selected Hanle as the most appropriate and viable option for the observatory site. Hanle was the best site for an observatory because the village is situated at 4500 metre above sea level also the cloudless skies and low atmospheric water vapour make it one of the best sites in the world for optical, infrared, sub-millimetre, and millimetre wavelengths. Moreover, Hanle has approximately 150-180 cloud-free nights, besides over 260 nights, that are useful for observations. The region is not getting affected by monsoons, thus experiencing fewer instances of cloud cover.

At present, the observatory has 2-metre Himalayan Chandra Telescope (HCT). The telescope is being operated from Bengaluru. The observatory proves a perfect site to study stars and several experiments.



MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“ I am quite fortunate that my father didn't stress me to become a doctor like him. No job is too big or small. My simple advice to you all is that we should have a hobby along with our daily work to make our life more interesting. ”

Q. Many of us might not know the importance of Astronomy. Can you brief us about it?

In ancient days, farmers of Ladakh look to the sky and decide when to plant their crops and harvest. Likewise, astronomy was used to navigate the ocean, measure time and mark the seasons in the olden days. As one of the oldest sciences, astronomy is part of every culture's his-

tory and roots. The discovery that the basic elements that we find in stars, and the gas and dust around them, are the same elements that make up our bodies has further deepened the connection between us and the cosmos.

The study of astronomy contributes to technology, economy and society by constantly pushing for instruments, processes and software. Astronomy is transferred to industry, medicines, energy sector etc. For e.g. The sensors for image capture developed for astronomical images, known as Charge-Coupled Devices (CCDs), were first used in astronomy in 1976. Within a very few years, they had replaced film not only on telescopes but also in many people's personal cameras, webcams and mobile phones. A low-energy X-ray scanner is currently used in clinics and medicine. Thus, astronomy is part of our society.

Q. Tell us about the Hanle Dark Sky Sanctuary and why it is important.

I have spent most of the time of my service at Hanle observatory and witnessed significant changes in the place. The place has become a destination for many tourists who visit to watch stars. Along with wildlife, I feel that that the region has a good potential to attract people all over the world to witness the night skies. The dark Sky sanctuary concept is already very popular in western countries and Ladakh especially Hanle has a huge potential for Dark sky sanctuary as the sky remains clear. The declaration of the sanctuary will also benefit the villagers of Hanle.

The idea of a dark sky sanctuary is to reduce light pollution which has a negative impact on the environment. Lights have prevented us from watching the night skies. We need to avoid artificial lights for economic benefits and also to encourage seeing night skies. Dark sky sanctuaries will safeguard the pristine dark skies of Hanle and its surroundings bringing local development with the promotion of Astro-tourism.

Q. What is astrophotography about? How potential do we have in this field in Ladakh?

10 years ago, I met a very famous photographer Ajay Talvar during his visit to Hanley Observatory. He showed me beautiful images of night skies. I was stunned to see the photographs and felt that we being a local having such an opportunity to work on astrophotography are unaware of the fact. I developed a strong passion for astro-

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Fortnight Highlights



The Shangdong to Stupa conversion is an initiative by Nature Conservation Foundation NCF and concern community, to neutrilize the cruel practice of retaliation killing of predators, in the ancient times to protect the village flock and heard of Livestock owned by the households and village. Hemya is the third such initiative after Chushul and Gya.



Celebrating World Tourism day themed, 'Tourism for Inclusive Growth', Member of Parliament, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal opened Siachen Base Camp for domestic tourists.



The Himalayan Film Festival 2021: During the In-conversation session with Anupama Chopra, renowned film critique. Sharing her role as a film critic, Anupama said that it's her passion for films and story telling that keeps her going in her work. She shared that the emergence of OTT platforms is a golden period creating a space to think out of the box thus, breaking stereotypes.



A program-themed 'My Story' was organised by the Northern Region- II of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) in coordination with the Social Welfare Department of UT Ladakh. Women executives of POWERGRID and women achievers of Ladakh met and interacted with each other.



Ven. Bhikkhu Sanghasena receiving the 7th Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam World Peace Award during the 11th International Peace Conference celebration at Choglamsar, Leh.

17000 ft Foundation, SEMOK aims to strengthen education system in rural areas



Chairman/Chief Executive Councilor, LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmad Khan while inaugurating projects of 17000 ft Foundation and Students Educational Movement of Kargil (SEMOK).

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Chairman/Chief Executive Councilor, LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmad Khan during his visit to Gargardo and Darchik villages inaugurated several projects of 17000 ft Foundation and Students Educational Movement of Kargil (SEMOK) on September 27.

Executive Engineer, REW Kargil, Gulzar Hussain Munshi; Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) Kargil Nargis Banoo; District Librarian Kargil, Zahoor Ahmad; Director, 17000 ft Foundation Dawa Dorjay, President SEMOK, Ali Murtaza besides other concerned officers accompanied the CEC during the visit.

At Middle School Gargardo,

CEC inaugurated the volleyball court, solar lights, library and digital classroom sponsored by Signify Kul Jyoti CSR Project and 17000 ft Foundation. Hailing the efforts of the 17000 ft Foundation in strengthening rural education infrastructure, CEC said that as Councilor of the Silmo Constituency he is very thankful to the organisation for their noble endeavours.

CEC Feroz Khan urged the parents, students and school committee members to ensure proper maintenance and judicious usage of the new facilities. He said that the priority would be to build the fencing and levelling of the playing field. He further said the concerned department will be directed to prepare estimates so

that the construction process will be started soon.

Later, CEC also inaugurated Maulana Qadir Community Library Gargardo sponsored and prepared by SEMOK Kargil. He appreciated the work of SEMOK in the education sector and advised the members to continue to work for the benefit of the people.

Meanwhile, CEC also met various public delegations and assured them of redressal of all the issues in a phased manner. He said that major demands of his constituency as promised have been fulfilled and all-out efforts will be made to ease the life of the people.

At Government Middle School Darchiks, CEC inaugurated a digital classroom sponsored by Hero Future Energy Limited and 17000 ft Foundation.

Regarding the issue of the vacancy of teachers at the school, Physical Teacher and Class-IV employees, CEC said that the issues will be considered for suitable follow up measures. He also assured to provide a submersible pump to the school and necessary measures will also be taken for expansion of the school campus

Sports Authority of India to open its centre in Kargil

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: A review meeting on the sports activities was convened by CEC, Hill Council, Kargil, Feroz Ahmed Khan and DC, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve with the officials of Sports Authority of India (SAI) on September 22 at Tourist Facilitation Centre, Biamathang.

Director In Charge, SAI Regional Centre, Chandigarh PK Matlu expressed gratitude to the LAHDC and District Administration Kargil for allocation of 500 kanals of land at Kurbathang for the establishment of SAI Centre in Kargil. He said that the proposed work will be started by next year and informed that 100 bedded hostels each for boys and girls, multipurpose hall for all indoor games and athletic track are proposed in the project.

CEC, Feroz Khan suggested



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including Wushu and Archery sports in the SAI Centre. Feroz Khan said that once the infrastructure is developed, young players can avail the benefits of sporting activities through the SAI campus.

DC Kargil Santosh Sukhadeve said that synthetic Astroturf should be necessarily included in the campus and due consultation with the architectural team must be ensured. He also underlined the need to complete all paper

works related to the project well before the start of the next working season.

In Charge SAI Training Centre, Kargil, Ghulam Mustafa; Chief Basketball Coach In Charge, SAI Regional Centre, Chandigarh, C P Thakur; Senior Athletic Coach, SAI In Charge Training Centre, Ludhiana, Jasbir Singh; Secretary Taekwondo Association, Ladakh, Anayat Ali Shopta besides concerned officers were present during the meeting.

Buddhist Mission Charitable Trust donates dry ration to Mahabodhi Old age home



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

CHOGLAMASAR: Buddhist Mission Charitable Trust donated a truckload of ration items to Mahabodhi Maitri Geriatric Home (Old age home), MIMC Campus on September 22.

At present 33 elderly people are living at Mahabodhi old age home.

Subhash Chandra and Narinder Pal members of the Buddhist Mission Charitable Trust, Phyllaur brought the donated truck-load ration items from Phyllaur to Leh.

Ven. Bhikkhu Sanghasena, Founder-President, MIMC, Leh expressed gratitude and appreciated SL Gindha, Founder-Chairman and members of Buddhist Mission Charitable Trust Phyllaur for their goodwill gesture towards Mahabodhi Maitri Geriatric Home, Leh.

The generous donation will inspire and encourage MIMC, under the leadership of Ven. Bhikkhu Sanghasena to render even greater humanitarian services towards the helpless elderly and differently-abled persons who badly need security, comfort and love at the far end of their lives.

Chairman DDMA, Leh reviews current COVID-19 situation in Leh



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Leh, Shrikant Balasubrahmanyam Suse convened a meeting to take stock of the current situation of COVID-19 in the Leh district along with the vaccination status.

He also reviewed the COVID-19

vaccination status. At the outset, the State Surveillance Officer (SSO) and CMO Leh apprised the Chairman of the present situation of COVID-19 in the district along with the vaccination status.

Chairman DDMA Leh directed the Additional Deputy Magistrate (ADM), Leh, and all SDM

to ensure that the directions issued by the DDMA are strictly followed by all, including the agencies and organizations such as BRO/ GREF.

He also directed the Deputy Superintendent of Police (Dy SP), Leh to ensure that Covid Appropriate Behavior (CAB) is strictly enforced at all public places. He also directed to reactivate the COVID-19 enforcement squad comprising of civil and police officials to check the violations of COVID-19 protocols.

ADM Leh; SSO, IDSP; Chief Medical Officer, Leh; Dy SP, Leh and representative from Covid Command Centre, Leh attended the meeting.

International climate group conference on Carbon Neutrality held

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A conference on Carbon Neutrality related to Action towards India's low Carbon future was held virtually on September 24.

It is the programme hosted annually by Climate group, in conjunction with the UN General Assembly and the goal of the conference is a step towards making World of Net-zero Carbon emissions by 2050.

Secretary Power, UT Ladakh, Ravinder Kumar shared his views on Carbon Neutral Ladakh during the conference and explained the various activities taken by UT Ladakh Administration to achieve Carbon Neutrality in the region.

He further added that UT Administration is working on setting up of 50 MW Solar project at Leh



Conference on Carbon Neutrality related to Action towards India's low Carbon future being held virtually

& Kargil, 10 GW project at Changthang and Pang, 1MW Geothermal project at Puga, 1.25 MW Green Hydrogen Project at Leh, running of Electric vehicles etc.

KVK Kargil organises one day workshop

Aims to disseminate the idea, knowledge and proven technologies intervened by SKUAST-K Kargil



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: A workshop under external funding agency Science and Engineering Research Board for project entitled "Empowerment of tribal women in (Kargil) Ladakh region for strengthening livelihood security through training and demonstration" was organised on September 22 at Krishi Vigyan Kendra Kargil, SKUAST-K.

The workshop was organised with an aim to disseminate the idea, knowledge and proven technologies intervened by SKUAST-K Kargil to the society. The workshop's target par-

ticipants were the faculty fraternity of University of Ladakh and Government Degree College, Kargil on "Up-scaling of proven technologies" and "Project proposal writing and management".

Dr. Mohd. Medhi, Principal scientist and head KVK Kargil-1 and Dr. Faizan, Sr. Scientist MAR&ES Kargil were present.

Dr. Disket Dolkar, Principal Investigator of the project briefed the participants about the purpose of this workshop and gave detailed PowerPoint presentation on how to write a project proposal to receive grants from various external funding agencies.

Scientist of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Kargil and MAR&ES spoke on various topics of their expertise and explained the up-scaling proven technology in their field of achievement.

Dr. Faizan, Senior Scientist MAR&ES, Kargil spoke on the High density plantation of temperate fruits in details and its prospect in Kargil. Dr. Rinchan Dolkar briefed the participants about various proven Technology interventions of KVK Kargil I which left a great impact on the farming community of Kargil. Dr. Nareen Fatima Kacho gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on Oyster mushroom cultivation and spawn production with success stories of farmers which she trained and guided. Dr. Mohammad Mehdi, Head KVK Kargil gave detailed lecture on management of two serious pest (Codling moth and Gypsy moth) prevailing in the district causing mass destruction of apricot and willow.

In conversation with Dorjay Angchuk

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photography, it became my hobby and because of my job in Hanle observatory, it further blossomed.

Ladakh has access to dark skies and the clarity of the sky is such that you can click best of the images. Also with the night sky, you can get beautiful landscapes in one photograph. In the coming days, Ladakh will become a hub for astrophotography

and will also eventually boost Astro tourism.

Q. Do you have any advice that you'd like to pass on to photographers just beginning to take an interest in astrophotography?

I would say start no matter how good or bad you are with the camera. You can start with a basic camera in the beginning. Everyday practice will definitely groom you up. You will learn as you start and work on it.

Thousands participate in Arbaeen procession

Day of Arbaeen is observed to pay tribute to the sacrifice of Hussain for social justice



Mourner's beating their chest and reciting Noha in memory of Hazrat-e-Imam Hussain (A.S) during the Arbaeen procession in Kargil.

Mansoor Hosain Beigh

KARGIL: The day of Arbaeen marks forty days after the Day of Ashura, the day Hazrat Imam Hussain, grandson of Prophet Muhammad was martyred in the Battle of Karbala. Thousands of people in Kargil marked the day of Arbaeen on September 28 by remembering the story of Hussain, his family and his companions.

The largest religious congrega-

tion rally was organised by Imam Khomeini Memorial Trust Kargil (IKMT), Anjuman e Jamaat Ul Ulema Isna Ashriya, Kargil. Mourner's beating their chest and reciting Noha in memory of Hazrat-e-Imam Hussain (A.S) took part in the procession.

The processions passing through Main Bazaar Kargil via, Isna Ashriya Chowk, Lal Chowk, Khomeini Chowk concluded at Inqilab Manzil (Qatil Gha) and Hussaini Park, Kargil.

Religious scholars paid tribute to the martyrs of Karbala and said that the commemorations aim at renewing their pledge of allegiance to the teachings and ideals of Imam Hussein and his loyal companions who sacrificed their lives to safeguard the true essence of Islam. They stressed the followers to spread the message of Imam (A.S).

A special prayer for peace, prosperity and communal harmony was also held.

Later the procession concluded by observing Zeyarat Arabayeen offered by religious ulama.

Meanwhile, Chehlum-e-Hussaini has also been observed at various villages include Barsoo, Suru, Taisuru, Thangboo purtik-chay, Sangrah Maktab-E-Hyderiya, Maktab-E-Sahib Zaman Lankerchey, Saliskote, Trespore Gmpore Kanoor, Tambis with religious sanctity.

EC, Zanskar Affairs, discusses issues of religious monuments coming under road realignment of NH 301



Executive Councilor for Tourism and Zanskar Affairs, Er Punchok Tashi during a meeting on various religious monuments coming under the road alignment works construction realignment works of the Kargil Zanskar Road NH-301.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Executive Councilor for Tourism and Zanskar Affairs, Er Punchok Tashi convened a meeting to redress the issues related to various religious monuments coming under the road alignment works construction realignment works of the Kargil Zanskar Road NH-301.

Detailed deliberation and discussion on issues of various religious monuments which come under construction of NH 301 by the National Highways and Infrastructure Development

Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) and Nimo Padum Darcha (NPD) Road by 126 RCC GREF.

Zanskar Buddhist Association (ZBA) raised many issues including the dumping of debris around many walls and stupas. They suggested maintaining a distance of 10 meters space between monuments and the road.

General Manager, NHIDCL informed that 83 stupas on NH-301 need to be shifted to alternate locations. He further urged to identify land to relocate the stupas for smooth road con-

struction work. He said that if required the expenditure on account of the shifting of the stupas or mani walls shall be bear by the company.

He further added that in urban areas the land compensation will be paid 2 times more and in rural areas it shall be paid 4 times of the market value as per Govt. guidelines and the structures shall be paid as per estimates prepared by a Government executing agency.

OC GREF informed EC Tashi that the damaged stupas around Raru Muney have already been repaired. He assured that the changed names will be rectified and signboards with real names will be erected soon.

Additional Deputy Commissioner informed the meeting that the Administration has received an amount of Rs 180 crores from NHIDCL for land and structural compensation.

EC Zanskar Affairs directed the executing agency to improve the surface of the road especially from Akshow to Tungri on a priority basis, to ease commuters.

NOTICE

No JC 588804X Rank Sub Sonam Spalbar S/o Late Sonam Stobgais R/o Ney Unit 4 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56APO has claimed that his daughter's namely Padma Lhamo's Date of Birth has been wrongly entered as 25-02-1995 instead of actual and correct D.O.B 02-10-1997 and as well as his younger daughter Tsering Dolker's Date of Birth has been wrongly entered as 08-04-1998 instead of actual and correct D.O.B 01-07-1999 in the Army record of, Unit 4 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56APO and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary public Leh with Certificate No. IN-LA02102120824069T to this office for making necessary correction. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office, Unit 4 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56APO within 7 days from date of publication failing which necessary correction will be made.

Pawan Hans MI- 172 helicopters successfully lands in Silmoo

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Pawan Hans MI-172 helicopter landed successfully on the newly constructed helipad at Silmoo village on September 23.

CEC, Hill Council, Kargil Feroz Ahmad Khan extended gratitude to the UT Administration Ladakh for operationalising helicopter services in different remote locations in Kargil district including Silmoo. He said that helicopter services are crucial for Silmoo and adjoining villages especially in the winter. The village gets cut off from the rest of the world due to heavy snowfall and people particularly patients have to face a lot of problems.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Kargil, Abdul Gaffar Zargar; Executive Engineer R&B-II, Ka-



cho Mehmood Ali Khan; Nodal Officer Pawan Hans/ Civil Helipads Muhammad Hassan, pilots and crew members of Pawan Hans and public representatives of Silmoo area were present on the occasion.

ACR Kargil and the Executive Engineer R&B-II along with the pilots took stock of the expansion of the Kargil Civil Helipad where the pilots suggested con-

structing the hangar.

Successful trial landings at 5 helipads in the Kargil district including Drass, Hinaskot, Namkila-Wakha, Sapi and Kargil Civil Helipad have been successfully done in the recent past. In the coming days, trial landing will also be done on the helipads at Tangole, Rangdum, Padum-Zanskar, Lungnak, Kargyak and Matayen Meenamarg.

VC, University of Ladakh, visits GDC Nubra, lays foundation stone of college canteen & cafeteria



Vice-Chancellor, University of Ladakh, Prof SK Mehta along with college staff during his visit to Government Model Degree College, Nubra.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

NUBRA: Vice-Chancellor, University of Ladakh, Prof SK Mehta visited Government Model Degree College Nubra and laid the foundation stone of the canteen and cafeteria of the college on September 26.

The canteen and cafeteria will be constructed under RUSA for ₹23.25 lakh.

Prof Deskyong Namgail, Dean Academic Affairs / Controller of Examination; University of Ladakh and Sonam Angchuk, Assistant Director (P&S) were present.

Prof SK Mehta appreciated the role of the staff and students in organising online co-curricular activities during the COVID-19 lockdown period. He assured that the University would extend support to the college in all respect and fulfil the demands of the students at the earliest.

Dr Tsewang Motup, Principal, GDC Nubra apprised VC about the achievements and activities of the college. He requested his support and guidance to help the college achieve its full potential.

Prof Deskyong Namgyal assured the students that their degree programmes would be completed in the stipulated time under the University of Ladakh.

Students showcased a cultural programme and shared their demands with the Vice-Chancellor.

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT JAMMU
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Tsering Nabroo (Petitioner) V/S Phunchok Dojrey & ors. (Respondents)

Notice to the respondent (s):-

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Whereas in the above noted case, it has been proved to the entire satisfaction of the Hon'ble Court that the service of the respondent(s) named above cannot be effected in any ordinary manner hence proclamation is hereby issued against the above named respondent to appear before this Court on 1st Oct - 2021 at 9.30 A.M. or the next working day if 1st of October 2021 is declared holiday in person or some recognized agent failing which appropriate order will be passed.

Given under my hand seal of the Court this 17th day of September 2021 at Jammu.

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