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## Ladakh youths organise peace protest over unemployment



Youths of Ladakh during the peaceful protest rally against the rising unemployment issue in Ladakh organised by All Ladakh Unemployment Youth Association (ALUYA).

### Tenzin Dajon

LEH: All Ladakh Unemployment Youth Association (ALUYA) organised a peaceful protest rally against the rising unemployment issue in Ladakh on October 18.

The protest was supported by all student unions, the apex body, and civil societies and demanded permanent job creation, end to outsourcing and deputation services.

It's been nearly two years since the new Union Territory is formed and so far, no job opening in Ladakh forced the educated youths of Ladakh to come out on the street and shout. The much-promised UT status has created more chaos and confusion among the people. On one hand, leaders count the achievements but on the other hand, fail to address the unemployment and safeguard issue.

Tundup Tsering, President ALUYA said, "Unemployed youths of Ladakh had great expectation of job creation in the new UT set up. We did wait for months

and years for the streamline of the newly born administration but unfortunately last winter they introduced an outsourcing system through which many were recruited on a contractual basis without any transparency. The administration forced us to come on the roads and shout for our rights."

He also spoke about the need of establishing the Ladakh Public Service Commission.

"Not a single job was created in the last two years and from the statements of political leaders, it seems still uncertain.

The protest was scheduled to culminate at Leh main market but has to change the venue to Pologround at the last moment. Students alleged that the book fair in the name of Late Tashi Rabgias organised by BJP and camps for issuing Resident Certificate at tehsil office by the administration is a conspiracy to subside the protest of youths.

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## Ladakh remembers late Tashi Rabgias on his 1<sup>st</sup> death anniversary

Hill Council dedicates District Library, Leh, in the name of the late leader



Hill Council, Leh dedicating the District Library, Leh in the name of Tashi Rabgias.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Observing the first death anniversary of Late Tashi Rabgias, eminent Ladakhi scholar and renowned historian, Hill Council, Leh dedicated District Public Library, Leh in memory of Tashi Rabgias on October 28.

CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Tashi Gyalson termed late Tashi Rabgias a man of vision who focused and work for the preservation of local culture and tradition. He said that dedicating the District Public Library Leh to late Tashi Rabgias would be a small tribute to the renowned scholar from the Hill Council, Leh. He urged the people of Ladakh to utilize the library as an asset to explore and enrich the vast culture and tradition of Ladakh.

He informed that the Executive Council of the LAHDC, Leh have passed major resolutions such as, the inclusion of

Bhoti language in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution and making Bhoti language one of the official languages of the Union Territory of Ladakh. He also stated that to observe and follow the legacy of late Tashi Rabgias, his birthday will be celebrated as 'Literature day' in Leh from next year onward.

MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal also stated that Ladakhis need to remember the contributions of such eminent scholars. He added that the youth of Ladakh should revisit the rich legacy left behind by late Tashi Rabgias in the field of art, culture, and literature and enhance the literature culture with the help of prominent scholars in the present time.

Ladakh Buddhist Association Leh also organised a symbolic event to mark the 1st death anniversary of late Tashi Rab-

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## Ladakh makes its debut at Dubai Expo 2020

Showcases opportunities across sustainable infrastructure, connectivity, food processing, and tourism



Saugat Biswas, Divisional Commissioner/Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Ladakh inaugurating the 'Ladakh Week' at India Pavilion, Expo 2020 Dubai.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

DUBAI: Ladakh showcases its development and vast opportunities in the region at the India Pavilion, Expo 2020 Dubai. The Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh and FICCI kickstarted the proceedings as part of the 'Ladakh Week' on October 22 scheduled to go on till 4 November.

A series of events showcasing opportunities across focus sectors like sustainable infrastructure, connectivity, food processing, and tourism in UT Ladakh will be showcased.

Delivering the keynote address during the inaugural session 'Development after UT & Vision 2050', Saugat Biswas, Divisional Commissioner/Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Ladakh said,

"Ladakh is going to be here at the India Pavilion for the next 14 days. We want to bring Ladakh face to face with the world at the Expo 2020 Dubai."

Talking about the opportunities in the region, he said, "Ladakh became Union Territory on 31st October 2019 and since then a lot of development activities have taken place across focus sectors like sustainable infrastructure, connectivity, food processing, and tourism. Ladakh presents immense opportunities across sectors like tourism, handicraft & handloom, film destination, agriculture, horticulture & food processing, winter sports, renewable & solar energy, carbon neutrality, adventure tourism, Astro-tourism, healthcare & wellness, and

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## Ladakh police pay tributes to martyrs on Police Commemoration Day

377 police personnel lost their life serving the country this year

Tenzin Dajon

CHOGLAMSAR: Rich tribute was paid to the martyrs during the Police Commemoration day observed by Ladakh police on October 21 at Police line Choglamsar.

Family members of the martyrs from Ladakh were also invited and honoured on the occasion. UT administration officials and security forces also paid tribute to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives while serving the nation.

S.S Khandare, ADGP, Ladakh Police said, "On this day our boys had sacrificed their lives while defending the integrity of the nation at Indo-China border in 1959. It is a proud moment for the entire police force of the country. Today, we must all learn a lesson and take an oath to protect our country and society. When it comes to performing our duty we must not compromise."

He informed that every year around 1000 police personnel



Police Commemoration Day: S.S Khandare, ADGP, Ladakh Police while laying the wreath and paying tribute to the martyrs.

sacrifice their lives while performing their duty in India. This year around 377 police personnel have lost their lives while serving the nation.

Rajiv Pandey, SSP, Leh read out the names of all the 377 police personnel who lost their lives while serving the country this year. Gulzar Ahmad, Head Constable, Ladakh Police was one of them.

Kunzang Dechen, one of the Hot Spring survivors shared that

they use horses for patrolling or transportation of ration and used to sleep in open during the harsh climatic condition as no shelter was there at that time at the border. It used to take more than 15 days to reach there as road infrastructure was not good.

Police Commemoration Day is observed on October 21 every year to pay respects to the 10 policemen who were killed by Chinese troops in an ambush at Hot Springs area, Ladakh on October 21, 1959.

## Ladakh youths organise peace protest over unemployment

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Lobzang Spaldan, President LEAF, questioned Hill Council and MP Ladakh that why they have not announced it earlier. Why every activity has to coincide with the student's protest.

Thupstan Chhewang, Chairman Apex body said, "We have thanked BJP led centre government for granting us Union Territory (UT) status. We hoped for many good things but unfortunately, nearly two years are gone, and not so much has been achieved so far. Unfortunately, UT administration, Hill Council, and District Administration are trying their best to subdue the protest. As per the constitution, we have the right to protest in a democratic way to fulfill our demand."

He threatened the UT administration and Hill Council of holding a bigger protest if they fail to address the issues of students.

"We have waited and tolerated a lot therefore next time we cannot give assurance of peaceful protest. Don't let Ladakh become another Kashmir or North East", he added.

"Domicile law in line of J&K UT was rejected by Apex Body but has suggested them to determine the resident certificate based on PRC issued by the erstwhile J&K state. All this time they have delayed the recruitment process unnecessarily saying that the resident of Ladakh cant be issued based on PRC but today the Resident Certificate is issued on the reference of PRC", he added.

Ashraf Ali Barcha, President Anjuman Imamia stressed the need of having holistic development and strengthening of Ladakh's future. He said that on one hand, everyone talks about preserving and promoting the culture and identity of Ladakh and on the other hand the youths of Ladakh are getting weakened.

He asked political leaders to stop petty politics and think about the future of Ladakh in a real sense.

"Travelling in a helicopter is not the real development of Ladakh. The leaders should understand that it is the people who elect them as their voice and it is their responsibility to work for the welfare of the people", he added.

Dr. Abdul Qayum said, "We are a population of few and why we are not able to understand the issues of Ladakh, whether it is UT Administration or Hill Councils. At the onset of UT, we talked about plenty of job creation and infrastructural prosperity. But the situation is stepping from bad to worst. The work which could be fulfilled earlier is delaying more."

Stanzin Chosphe, President, Student Union Nubra said, "The protest is not only for the students but for the future safeguard of Ladakh. Nowadays many educated youth and degree holders are working in hotels and agencies due to a lack of job opportunities. We have to think that our parents send us to Delhi, Chandigarh, and Bengaluru, etc for better and higher education. What they feel when their child doesn't get a job later?"

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entrepreneurship & innovation."

He also highlighted the region's prominence as an emerging location for film shootings with Bollywood blockbusters like 3 Idiots, Shershaah being shot in Ladakh.

"Ladakh is a prime tourist destination for thrill-seekers, who can experience unparalleled adventure activities like motorcycle excursions, marathons, rafting & many more. In addition, there is a completely alternative avenue for peace & tranquility, tribal culture & lifestyle, monasteries, and exquisite food. Pashmina, the world's finest fabric

that comes from the Changthang region of Ladakh, is exported to the rest of the world and is a high-value product. Apricot and Seabuckthorn are prime produce of Ladakh and are exported internationally", he added.

The week will see various industry-specific expert sessions, roundtable discussions, and cultural performances along with special movie screenings showing documentaries on the region. During the events, various industry-specific expert sessions, roundtable discussions, etc will be organized to focus on more such themes like - Industry & Commerce, Clean energy and Carbon Neutral Ladakh, Hidden Gems of Ladakh, Astro Tourism, Sports, Adventure, and Lifestyle.

## Bank of India opens its first branch in Ladakh



BOI Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer A K Das in the presence of Field General Manager A K Jain, Zonal Manager Vasudev inaugurating the first branch of Bank of India in Leh Ladakh.

Stanzin Dasal

LEH: Bank of India opened its first branch in Ladakh. The branch was inaugurated by BOI Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer A K Das in the presence of Field General Manager A K Jain, Zonal Manager Vasudev, and others on October 22 at Skara, Leh.

With this, the bank has opened its 5,086th branch in India and abroad, which is fully computerized and digitized with an E-gallery facility to provide 24x7 services to Leh's residents. The new branch aims to boost economic activities in the region, but will also facilitate local people to various banking products like housing, education, vehicle,

and agricultural loans, and also reap the benefits of other government schemes.

Addressing the gathering, Managing Director A K Das termed the opening of the branch in Ladakh a historical moment. He said, "Though the population is small but, the business potential in Ladakh is immense. The bank will continue to provide the best-quality banking facilities to its customers and connect more people to mainstream banking with fully digitized facilities."

He further informed that for the defense and paramilitary personnel, the bank added that it has a unique salary account scheme providing free insurance cover.

The bank has reduced the interest rates for vehicle loans to 6.85% and 6.50% for housing loans.

General Manager AK Jain appealed to people's support to keep the function of the bank ongoing so that more and more people of the region avail all sorts of banking facilities.

The bank conducted a customer outreach programme, wherein it distributed loan sanction letters to various beneficiaries. This was done as a part of the bank's mission to reach a maximum number of customers in India.

Senior officials from RBI Jammu and Branch Manager Sangeeta also spoke on the occasion.

## Cultural Academy, Leh, Tashi Rabgias Memorial Foundation organise poetic symposium

Poets of Ladakh recited poetry on the life and contributions of late Tashi Rabgias



Participants of the poetic symposium at Lotsava Auditorium, Cultural Academy, Leh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Commemorating the 95th Birth Anniversary and also 1st Death Anniversary of eminent Ladakhi scholar, Late Tashi Rabgias, a poetic symposium was organised on October 25 in Lotsava Auditorium, Cultural Academy, Leh.

The poetic symposium was organised by Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (LAACL), Leh, and Tashi Rab-

gias Memorial Foundation under the aegis of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh. Noted Ladakhi writer Venerable Thupstan Paldan presided over the symposium. Thirteen prominent poets of Ladakh recited their poetry on the life and contributions of late Tashi Rabgias.

Editor, LAACL Leh, Dr. Thupstan Norboo said that late Tashi Rabgias would always be remembered as a man knowing ten

traditional knowledge systems indigenously known as 'Rig-nas-Chu'. He also highlighted the role played by late Tashi Rabgias in promoting Ladakhi language and folk songs. He urged to promote the ideals and work of late Tashi Rabgias to enrich and inspire the youths.

Venerable Thupstan Paldan said that Tashi Rabgias, despite obtaining higher Education from S.P College, Srinagar, had managed to acquire traditional knowledge of the Himalayas available in our language. This quality has added to the personality of late Tashi Rabgias. He also stressed that organising such a literary programme highlighting his contributions is appropriate to pay tribute to him.

The symposium concluded with a vote of thanks by Tashi Gyatso of Tashi Rabgias Memorial Foundation, Leh while Venerable Nawang Chinba conducted the symposium proceedings.

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gias at the Chowkhang Vihara, Leh. CEC, MP, ECs, Councillors, heads of religious organisations, and various other dignitaries attended the event. His Eminence Urgyan Rinpoche was the chief guest during the occasion.

Prominent scholars highlighted the life and achievements of Tashi Rabgias and stressed the need for preserving his legacy in modern Ladakh. They also

spoke about their experiences working with eminent scholars and the contributions of late Tashi Rabgias in the field of art, culture, and literature.

CEC Tashi Gyalsen also e-launched the 2nd edition of 'Ladags Phonya, Leh' magazine of the Department of Information and Public Relations, Leh. A short film on the living legacy of late Tashi Rabgias was screened and a group song composed by the late scholar was performed during the event at the Chowkhang Vihara Leh.

## Awareness programme on registration of antiquities held in Leh

Several antique artifacts owned by individuals and private institutions were registered



During the registration of antique artifacts, including manuscripts, rugs, vessels, and masks owned by individuals and private institutions.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: An awareness programme on registration of antiquities in the custody of individual and private institutions of Ladakh, at Archives Office, Leh was organised by the Department of Archives, Archaeology, and Museums, Leh on October 26.

The awareness programme was organised as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration.

Executive Councillor, LAHDC Leh, Stanzin Chosphele stated that such awareness programmes on registration of antiquities should be organised in the future in a decentralized manner to sensitize the custodians of antique artifacts about their im-

mense cultural and heritage value. He added that this would play a role in preserving and conserving our culture too.

It was decided during the meeting to organise block-wise registration camps in the upcoming winter months, followed by an exhibition or seminar in April-May 2022. EC Chosphele shared that such initiatives would give a boost to culture and heritage-based tourism in the region.

Appreciating the individual and private institutions, who had come to register their antique artifacts, EC Chosphele assured to provide all support in their endeavor to preserve and promote the rich culture and heritage of Ladakh. He urged them to avail of numerous schemes of the central government in this respect. He stressed that the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Council would support and provide necessary tie-ups with recognized national institutions and organisations.

Earlier, Registering Officer, Antiquities, Leh, Khadim Hussain shared that the artifacts are registered under the Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972 and spoke about the schemes and grants available for the preservation of antique artifacts.

Several antique artifacts, including manuscripts, rugs, vessels, and masks owned by individuals and private institutions, were registered at the event.

## First-ever Ladakh Bird Festival organised

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The first-ever Ladakh Bird Festival organised by the Department of Wildlife Protection, Ladakh in collaboration with the SECURE Himalaya Project commenced on October 28.

CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Tashi Gyalson extended his gratitude to the Department of Wildlife Protection for conducting the first Ladakh Bird Festival and stressed the need for encouraging Avifauna as a part of our culture. Highlighting the importance of the festival, CEC Gyalson stated that it should be a reminder for all of us to work collectively in preserving the fragile ecosystem and educate ourselves and promote the diverse biodiversity of Ladakh.

Principal Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment, Pawan Kotwal said that Ladakh has a huge biodiversity. It falls on the pathway of migratory birds and is a paradise for both birds and bird lovers. He said just as humans have highways birds have flyways. He added that we have a huge responsibility to be the custodian of the land. 'Live and Let Live' should not only be applicable for humans but should include all creation as well.

Further, he informed that according to some experts more than 350 species of birds have now been identified in Ladakh. He observed that one of the biggest



strengths of Ladakh is that its people do not hunt. Therefore, it has become a huge refuge for birds and animals alike.

Member of Parliament, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal congratulated and thanked the dignitaries, officials, and experts on behalf of the people of Ladakh for organizing the first-ever Bird Festival. He said it is the moral responsibility of all Ladakhis to protect the birds in the region.

Chief Wildlife Warden, Department of Wildlife Protection, Ladakh, Preet Pal Singh thanked the dignitaries for gracing the occasion and said, starting from today a large number of events such as panel discussions, field visits, and cultural programs would take place. He assured

all the events taking place in the next three days would be documented to enhance learning about the subject.

As part of the festival, a photo exhibition was held on birds found in Ladakh. The animated storybook 'Tashi the Explorer' was also launched on the occasion. The inaugural session was followed by a panel discussion on Emerging threats to avifauna in Ladakh, and the role of citizen science in bird monitoring and another discussion on Birds in the culture and history of Ladakh was also held.

The First Ladakh Bird Festival is being organized as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, celebration. The three-day event is taking place from 28th to 30th October 2021.

## Fire and Fury Corps organises medical camp in Leh



### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Fire and Fury Corps in collaboration with 'Bhagwan Mahavir Viklang Seva Samity', a Jaipur-based Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) organised a medical camp in Leh on October 25.

The camp was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Radha Krishna Mathur and Lieutenant General PGK Menon, General Officer Commanding, Fire and Fury Corps.

Bhagwan Mahavir Viklang Seva Samity NGO is headed by Pad-

ma Bhushan awardee, D R Mehta, Chief patron who provided their valuable services in the distribution of mobility aids for the betterment of differently-abled persons.

Over 500 medical equipment like hearing aids, crutches, wheelchairs, and self-employment tools like sewing machines were distributed to the differently-abled persons along with medical checkups of people followed by distribution of medicines.

People of Leh expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Army and the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) for the benevolent action.

## Secretary Power chairs meeting for future energy planning of Ladakh



Secretary Power & NRE, UT Ladakh, Ravinder Kumar reviewing the energy requirements of UT Ladakh with the concerned officials.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Secretary Power & NRE, UT Ladakh, Ravinder Kumar discussed and reviewed the energy requirements of UT Ladakh during a meeting with the concerned officials on October 28 at Civil Secretariat Leh.

The concerned officers were asked to make an energy plan for the next 10-15 years keeping in mind the present energy scenario, future energy demand, and supply scenario in the UT down the line of 10-15 years minimum.

Secretary, Ravinder Kumar stressed various factors such as the introduction of e-vehicles, increase in power demand in urban and rural areas due to reliable power availability, sources to meet the demands in line with Carbon Neutrality, augmentation in transmission capacity in and out of UT, Short term and long-term strategies to meet the future demands. The Secretary instructed the SECI to engage consultants to review the actual

power demand in Ladakh and also asked SECI to assure that the 50MW Solar Plant at Taru will be ready to deliver power by October 2022.

Additional CEO, RECPDCL submitted that the distribution infrastructure of the UT needs to be upgraded/augmented in line with the future increase in power demand. RECPDCL is engaged as a handholding agency to PDD Ladakh as well as PMA for the preparation of DPR and action plan for the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme. He asked RECPDCL to depute manpower for DPR Preparation based on the actual ground situation to meet the actual infrastructure demands, Addl. CEO, RECPDCL confirmed the same and committed to deploying manpower immediately.

Chief Engineer, PDD Ladakh also highlighted some of the failures in materials erected under various CSS such as V-cross arm breakage, Top pin insulator failure, bending of pole top portion,

LA failures, etc., and Addl. CEO was asked to submit a report on these failures and future remedial.

General Manager, SLTS/RE Ladakh submitted that the present SLTS has a power transmission capacity of approximately 150 MW and he informed that PG-CIL has taken up the matter for providing stability of the line by providing 15KMs of Cabling at Zojila portion and necessary reactors at Alustang. For augmentation of the transmission capacity of the line, replacing the existing ASCR conductor with HTLS conductor can be taken up. Additionally, PD LREDA submitted that at present all the solar street lightings other than in urban areas are required to be accounted for energy consumption and needs to be metered.

Secretary Power, Ravinder directed RECPDCL to prepare a comprehensive report on the Energy scenario of Ladakh based on inputs from all the stakeholders.

## National-level workshop on 'Access to Justice' held in Leh

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A national level workshop on 'Access to Justice for the marginalized in Ladakh' was organised by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Leh in collaboration with the Department of Justice (DoJ), Ministry of Law and Justice, GoI under the directions of Ladakh Legal Services Authority (LLSA) on October 28 at DC Conference Hall.

Chairman, DLSA, Deepak Sethi spoke about the role of legal services authorities and government departments in ensuring access to justice for the people of Ladakh.

Director, DoJ, Shailesh Srivastava shared about the initiatives and activities of the Department of Justice in making the Access to Justice programme a success. He added the collaboration with the state law departments and authorities is essential for achieving its goal.

Scheme Coordinator, DoJ, Ravin-



der Pare spoke about the Designing Innovative Solutions and Holistic Access to Justice in India (DISHA) scheme launched by the department, implemented for five years from 2021-2026. He added that DISHA aims to merge different Access to Justice programmes implemented by DoJ while upscaling them to the pan-India level.

Registrar, University of Ladakh spoke about the aspirations of the people of Ladakh. He stressed that all government departments should work effectively to ensure that the schemes reach the intended beneficiaries. The representative of the Social Welfare Department presented a

PowerPoint presentation on the scope of convergence in Legal Awareness and Legal Literacy. The Project Coordinator of Save the Children, Ladakh spoke on the role of NGOs in Legal Awareness and Legal Literacy.

The event also included group discussions on topics, such as Strategic Plan of Awareness and Legal Literacy through capacity building and utilization of existing workforce, possibilities of convergence among key stockholders for ensuring Access to Justice, and the use of technology for expanding the scope and delivery of Legal Literacy and Awareness.

## People's Voice

By Tenzin Dajon



**LOBZANG SPALDAN, President LEAF:** We have demanded Union Territory (UT) status for economic development, equal say, and more job opportunities. On October 31, 2021, we have completed the two years of UT status and it is sad to see that not a single

job was created till date. The much-awaited Resident certificate could have been issued a long time back but have been delayed unnecessarily. Though the process of issuing Resident certificates is started finally,

But I do not see any recruitment in the coming days as vacancies of posts will be notified by MHA. Therefore it may take a few years more.

On all platforms, we have come across speeches claiming that there is no dearth of funds in the UT but in these two years, we haven't seen that the common Ladakhi is getting all the benefits. For example, in the case of tourism, few hoteliers have got the benefit of UT administration. Both economically and socially, UT could not bring any prosperity in the life of common Ladakhi. Today one person is handling more than two departments, shortage of manpower is crystal clear. How administration can function well in such a situation.

Being from Zaskar I could see that UT administration policy is urban-centric, as we do not see any satisfactory development in backward rural areas. Opportunities are more for people living around Leh. But youth from rural areas like Nubra, Changthang, Kargil, and Zaskar do not have the same opportunity, as UT level events and workshops are limited to Leh city only. It will further deepen the income disparity in Ladakh which will be a serious issue one day.

Recently, Panchayat Account Assistant and forest guard exam was conducted and we went to Hill Council, Leh with some grievances. Only assurances with no outcome indicate that bureaucracy is an overpowering elected institution. It also seems to undermine the value of democracy.

I could not see the ideal Ladakh which we dreamt of for the last seventy years unless the power remains with the elected representatives

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of UT Ladakh, but people still under dilemma

as bureaucrats are not accountable for the economic and social welfare of common Ladakhi, they just work according to their norms. They will not think about the future of Ladakh. Therefore strengthening of political institutions is a must, which can be achieved either in the form of UT with the legislature or through statehood. But ultimate power should be in the hand of elected representatives.



**TSEWANG YOUROL, Spoke person ALUYA:** We indeed used to lack funds, jobs, and other facilities in the erstwhile state of J&K, but with the formation of UT we expected that core issues like unemployment, social development, and quality of education will improve.

More posts will create in the new setup was the expectation of all youth, unfortunately not a single was created to date. Today many degree holders are living idle in their rooms and are negatively affecting the education system in Ladakh. It is indirectly sending a message to young generations that education cannot give you livelihood. There are many issues to discuss but as a student, I will try to limit my opinion around education. It pains to learn that still most of us have to go outside Ladakh for better and higher education even after UT because of the condition of our higher institutions whether it is EJM College or CIBS.

At the school level, our education system is outdated and ineffective. In addition, the learning system in schools has gone from bad to worse after the Covid pandemic. Shutting schools for a long time is a sign of failure of the administration. The gap between rural and urban education is deepening. Therefore inclusive growth is a must to the overall development of Ladakh. Rural education should get more concern and attention as real Ladakh exists in villages. With UT status we expect that infrastructural facilities and overall education quality will improve in government schools. But the reality is that most of the students do not know how to write an application in rural areas.

Not every child is the same and can come at the same levels but Govt. is trying to convey that all youth should become an entrepreneur. Everyone has their own choice and interest, some study and excel in one

particular field to do the job they are interested in, the government should understand this. Every youth does not have the same entrepreneurial skills and needed funds. Government shows that becoming an entrepreneur in Ladakh is easy, but the reality is the opposite.

We should understand that the foundation of any developed society is education, not buildings and roads. Therefore education system needs to be improved. Safeguard for Ladakh after UT status is a must because of our unique demography fragile environment and limited resources. Therefore safeguard becomes necessary for the existence of Ladakh. Delaying in safeguard will destroy Ladakh.



**PADMA STANZIN, President SOUL:** For the time being, UT has not been able to fulfill the expectations of the people of Ladakh. People are still in confusion about whether UT has been properly set up or not. Leaders are saying that we have just taken the first

step and more time will be required for proper settlement of UT. In this way, we have to suffer more. But I think two years is enough to understand the basic problems of Ladakh. Students are suffering due to a lack of jobs and safeguard is still a mystery.

The much-hyped crores of funds for Ladakh after UT status are invisible because the life of the people is just the same as before. Moreover, the rising inflation has made their life more difficult. Constructing mega projects and organising mega-events may become necessary as a state; it may boost tourism and ease their movement. But these activities cannot benefit the common citizen.

I have been studying in Ladakh, and I feel that education has been the most neglected sector for years. Under J&K we had various problems and were quite hopeful that these problems will solve after UT. Unfortunately, UT administration has also neglected the sector. On one hand, the existing institutions are struggling through various problems like certificates, degrees, and other issues and on the other

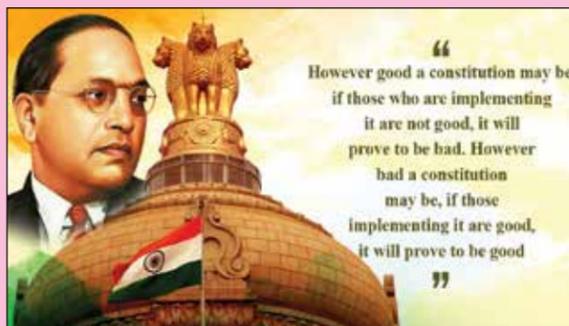
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## The World of Juniors

### Constitution Day of India

Constitution Day or Samvidhan Diwas is celebrated annually in India on 26 November. The day is also known as National Law Day, commemorating the adoption of the Constitution of India. The Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India on 26 November, 1949 and it came into effect on 26 January, 1950.

The Constituent Assembly, the body meant to draft the Constitution of India, held its first session on December 9, 1946 attended by 207 members, including nine women. Initially, the assembly had 389 members, but after independence and the partition of India, the strength was reduced to 299. The assembly took over three years to draft the constitution, spending over 114 days considering the



content of the draft alone.

The Constitution Day is celebrated as a mark of tribute to India's first Law Minister BR Ambedkar, who played a pivotal role in drafting the Indian Constitution.

It is a set of written principles and precedents of the Government of India that frames fundamental political principles, procedures, rights, directive principles, restrictions, and duties of the government and the citizens of the country. It declares India to be a sovereign, secular, socialist, and democratic republic and assures its citizens' equality, liberty, and justice.

## DID YOU KNOW



Cleopatra

- The Constituent Assembly met for 166 days for two years, 11 months, and 18 days before the Constitution of India was finally adopted. The members of the Constituent Assembly signed two hand-written copies of the document on 24 January 1950 and two days later, it became the law of the land.

- Avogadro number is denoted as  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  to define the number of particles present in a single mole of any

substance. Mole Day is observed on 23 October every year to commemorate Avogadro's number, a basic measuring unit for atoms and molecules discovered by Amedeo Avogadro, an 18th-century Italian scientist.

- Cleopatra Queen of Egypt during 50 to 30 B.C. She came into power at 12 years old and married two of her brothers during her reign. It sounds crazy today, but this was fairly common practice back then!

- The most expensive book ever purchased was sold for \$30.8 million. It was written by Leonardo Da Vinci and was bought by Bill Gates.

## SoulSpeak

P.P. Wangchuk

### On a footloose as Covid loses its sting



Covid-19 fear and curbs have kept one almost indoors for over two years. Life was reduced to an 'animalish' kind. Now that the fear has lessened to a great extent, one opted to go footloose recently. Travel makes one feel good, and life becomes 'richer' in many ways.

There are several kinds of travel. One goes places either as a tourist, or as a pilgrim, or even as a discoverer. A recent visit to Raipur in Chhattisgarh fell into the last category. Sorry to say that Raipur has nothing great for a tourist; but for pilgrims, it has plenty of places of great religious importance. A local tourist-guide had this to say that a tourist must venture out deep into the interior parts of the state like Bastar where one gets to see and understand the rare and real 'slices' of ancient India.

My curiosity was to get a grip on Raipur that had been left on my 'not-yet-discovered' list. Not that I had great hopes of having great fun-days there because of too much of news and views about the city already 'ingested'. And yet, it was quite fruitful in that one could grab the reality of India and not be that 'gung ho' about the city. When one is faced-to-face with the not-so-good and the abject poverty of most of the people there, besides the killing dust and pollution, one has to look for a new meaning in life. Here, one gets reminded of the proverbial saying that life is not at all a bed of roses. Its real shade and meaning comes out when you see it with thorns too.

The trip taught me to remind myself that one should not hope for too much of things in anything. And cities like Raipur may not be a tourist's ideal destination but it was not a waste of money, energy and time as well. Such places make one 'come down' a little to face the ground realities, and then have a journey of life accordingly.

Courtesy: WongWorld

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

# In Conversation with Kacho Ahmad Khan, State Awardee, Actor/Director

Interviewed by Stanzin Dasal

**Q. Congratulation on receiving State Award under the Theatre Artist category. Tell us about yourself and how you got interested in the world of theatre and film?**

I am from Gongma Minjee village of Kargil district and like every other village child; I grew up listening to the folklores and stories told by my late father. The way he used to tell a story made me imagine the whole scenes which have helped me in developing a creative mind. Back in those days, we used to have a tape recorder and my dad use to make me record azaan, folk songs, etc. I love to hear my recorded voice. All these beautiful small things ingrained the love for art and creativity. In school, all my classmates and teachers used to make me sing a song, and speak during morning assembly. I became much like a contractor that time, 'If anyone hesitates to speak in front of the assembly I speak on behalf and they use to give stationeries, carrot, turnip, etc. in return.

My first performance in a drama was when I was in class 10th used my creativity and made the dress as per my character. Everyone appreciated and loved it, at that moment I felt that it's a very cool thing to be in drama. When I was in Class 11th a joke from 'Ajang Jor Jor' in Leh was very famous, it used to come in audio form. One of the teachers during a scout camp offered me an opportunity to record jokes like Ajang Jor Jor. I start working on it but the jokes turns out all action-based, and it can't be narrated. I asked them that we need to change it because it's not coming out the way it is needed. The teacher asked me to write the script to shoot in video form. The video was shot and was loved by all. Time went by and I went to Delhi to pursue my higher education. The sole purpose of coming to Delhi was to study Mass communication or get into the creative line. My friends and senior asked me to pursue regular academics like every other student and with their help, I got enrolled myself in Jamia University for a BA course.

During my college days, one day I saw a poster related to music I joined the session and took part in all the activities which were fun and interesting. The word theatre was new for me but after being part of the group I came across that the theatre is drama only. I did my first street play 'Baat ka Batankghad' and played the role of a vegetable vendor. I used to listen to the call of a vegetable vendor passing my room every day and mimicked the way he used to call people to buy vegetables. I rehearsed and performed before the director, he was impressed.



### MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“No matter what you do or who you are, your part of contribution for the society is a must. Doing bit for the society selflessly will bring change.”

I was a part of Jamia Drama Theatre Club and have been actively associated with them. A friend named Mahesh asked me to fill the form of the National School of Drama. He lured me by saying that great actors named Naseeruddin Shah, Anupam Kher was alumni of NSD. Hearing that, I felt that it is something that I need to experience. I got selected in NSD in the year 2010 and graduated in the year 2013. That's how my journey in theatre started!

**Q. You are the Founder Director of the first theatre group in Kargil named RANTHAG. Brief us about its journey and the role it is playing in society.**

Ranthag is a traditional water mill used to grind wheat, barley, buckwheat, etc. I found it very interesting; it acts like a small industry where grains are refined. For e.g, you put roasted barley in it and you will get 'Ngamphey'. Inspired by it we named the theatre group Ranthag because it also plays a similar role, grooms the personality of a person, and shapes them up to become a good artist. RANTHAG stands for Regional Art and Theatre Art Group and was formed by selecting the best performers from various workshops. Ranthag awares people about the ongoing social issues, importance of culture, language, and many more.

Initially, it was difficult to attract people to the group because it was newly formed and also the acceptance of the society is low. Gradually people started accepting us because we gained the confidence of people through our work. Today, many parents ask us to enroll their children and many come voluntarily to join the group.

Over the years, we have screened many plays such as 'Sartaks', a story on divided families; 'Khongey Chi Samed' etc.

**Q. What is the status of theatre in Ladakh? How important is it to promote it?**

Talking in terms of Kargil district, 30-40 years back there used to be a group named Sadabahr Drama Club, Gulbahar Dramatic Club, etc. who used to perform but has not been successful because of some issues. And after such a huge gap we have restarted the theatre with some professionalism and most importantly ethics.

Theatre lacks support in Ladakh because those who are in theatre are straightforward, maybe that is one reason the acceptance is low. Through theatre the reality comes out most of the time, there is no hiding and many don't want all this to be shown or seen, this is why it is mostly ignored or given much importance. Nevertheless, many people such as NSD alumni, Mipham Otsal are putting all their effort for so long to promote the theatre and cultural identity of Ladakh.

To promote theatre we need to experiment and explore many new things. Screening the same thing all the time will be a bit boring, we need to bring change with modern thoughts keeping the tradition

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## Fortnight Highlights



District Administration Kargil facilitated the stranded laborers and passengers in Kargil because of snowfall. More than 300 stranded laborers and passengers have been accommodated in shelter camps with food and medical facilities.



Karma Sonam from Nature Conservation Foundation receives the NatWest Group Earth heroes inspire Award 2021. NatWest Group Erath EROES Awards, Year on year recognises extraordinary individuals/ institutions whose efforts have left a significant mark on wildlife and habitat conservation.



Special camp for issuance of resident certificates was organised during the celebration of the 'Iconic Week' in Kharu sub-division.



Deputy Commissioner Leh, Shrikant Balasheb Suse reviewed the status of ongoing works under Jal Jeevan Mission in the villages of Saspol and Nimoo block.



The Geographical Society, EJM College Leh celebrated Azadi Ka Amrut Mahautsav, to create awareness on Climate Change and Environmental Degradation in Ladakh by screening the documentary film, 'Songs of Water Spirits' directed by Nicolo Bongiorno. The film was followed by a talk and interactive session with the renowned film maker Stanzin Dorjai Gya.

## Seminar on human-wildlife co-existence held at Degree College, Zanskar



During the one-day seminar titled 'Human-Wildlife Co-existence' organized by GMDC Zanskar.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

ZANSKAR: One-day seminar titled 'Human-Wildlife Coexistence' was organised by Government Model Degree College (GMDC) Zanskar in collaboration with Wildlife Conservancy Trust India on October 27.

Around 50 students and faculty members participated in the day-long program.

Kirti Chavan, a Researcher, and conservationist associated with the trust spoke extensively about the wildlife of Zanskar. He particularly spoke about

the Himalayan Brown Bear on which he has been working for the last 4 years in Zanskar and shared valuable information about the evolutionary history, food habits, and habitat of the wildlife species and its recent conflict with humans.

Chavan said that wild animals which are specific to a region are an important heritage of nature. He focused on the importance of living in harmony with this heritage so that they continue to provide ecosystem services to the people of the area.

A nature group consisting of 12 students was also constituted on the occasion who will be trained for a practical field survey relating to plant and animal species of Zanskar by the trust.

Principal, GMDC Zanskar, Professor Nasir Shabani urged the Wildlife Conservancy Trust India to collaborate with compatible departments of the college for short-term research projects so that students and teachers can get benefit from research methodologies.

## University of Ladakh organises Fit India Freedom Run 2.0



### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: University of Ladakh (UoL) organised a Fit India Freedom Run 2.0 under Fit India Movement as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration at Leh Campus, Taru on October 25.

The staff and students of the University of Ladakh, Leh campus actively participated in the freedom

run. The participants also took a pledge to include physical activities in their daily routine.

Dean, Academic Affairs, UoL, Prof. Deskyong Namgyal flagged off the Fit India Freedom Run, which started from the Administrative Block of the campus and culminated at Gurudwara Pathar Sahib.

Deputy Director, UoL, Leh Campus, Konchok Angmo highlighted the importance of physical activities in daily life while welcoming the participants. Coordinator, Physical Education, UoL, Leh Campus, Dr. Jigmet Dachen briefed about the objectives behind organising the Freedom Run. Sports Director, UoL, Leh Campus, Lobzang Kunkhyab overall coordinated the entire programme.

## DLSA organises legal awareness camp

Legal assistance to be offered at arrest, pre-arrest, and remand stages

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Leh, organised a legal awareness

camp on Legal Assistance at Pre-Arrest, Arrest, and Remand stage on October 23 at District Police Line (DPL), Choglamsar.

Secretary, DLSA Leh, Phuntsog Angmo; Assistant Public Prosecutor (APP), Leh, Nawang Nurboo, and Senior Advocate, Gonbo Stobgyal were present as resource person. They apprised the participants regarding various provisions for arrest, pre-arrest, and remand stage and also briefed them about the provision



During the legal awareness camp on Legal Assistance at Pre-Arrest, Arrest, and Remand stage at Choglamsar.

related to legal assistance at those stages.

Later, a question-and-answer session with the participants and resource persons was also held.

The legal awareness camp was attended by Deputy Superintendent of Police, District Armed

Reserve, Leh; Station House Officers; In-charge Police Post; Sub Inspectors and Assistant Sub Inspectors posted in Leh. Police officers and officials posted outside Leh virtually participated in the programme. Several para-legal volunteers (PLVs) also attended the programme.

## In conversation with Kacho Ahmad Khan

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and culture intact. We need to understand the taste of the audience, the ongoing trend and work on it to keep the theatre alive.

**Q. We have seen your short films on social issues and awareness. How impactful do you think such films are?**

Short films on social media platforms are quite needed in today's time because of wider reach in a short time. Through theatre, it will take a lot of time but videos are much easier and simple. The moral or awareness messages carried out in speech will have less impact but the same message if shown through video will reach out to the audience more. What we see will have more effect than what we hear.

There are two reasons behind making short videos, firstly I put my views and opinion through this video, and secondly to promote Purig dialect.

**Q. What steps are needed to initiate by the UT Administration/Hill Council regarding the preservation of our culture and tradition?**

Today, we have seen various festivals and programs being organised by the UT Administration everywhere but the most unfortunate thing I have observed is that very few people are aware of such festivals. Neither the public nor the tourists are aware of it, only the VIPs and officers are present. It seems the whole idea is to entertain VIP. The artists are informed just a day or two back about such programs and asked to perform. Presenting the cultural show just for the VIPs will not keep the tradition and culture of Ladakh alive.

Artists of Ladakh have so far contributed a lot to society and they are the ones who have carried out the tradition so far.

But, there is no plan for their welfare. Many artists of Ladakh are meeting their day end by performing and have been affected a lot during the pandemic. Nobody is concerned about that.

I appeal to everyone to support all artists and we should all take responsibility to preserve our own culture and identity. UT administration should work at ground level; just doing a festival for VIPs will not help.

## Seminar on 'Legacy of Tashi Rabgyas and his contribution to Ladakhi Literature & Culture' held in Leh

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A day-long seminar themed, "Legacy of Tashi Rabgyas and his Contributions to Ladakhi Literature & Culture" was organised by Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Leh & Tashi Rabgyas Memorial Foundation under the aegis of LAHDC Leh on October 20 at the Lotsava Auditorium, Cultural Academy Leh.

The seminar was organised to commemorate the 95th Birth & 1st Death Anniversary of scholar Late Tashi Rabgyas.

Six prominent scholars/writers of Ladakh viz. Prof. Jamyang Gyaltzen, Prof. Lobzang Tsewang, Dr. Urgyan Dadul, Nawang Tsering Shaksपो, and Tsewang Dorje, Dongbos presented papers on aspects of late Tashi Rabgyas and his contribu-



During the day-long seminar themed, "Legacy of Tashi Rabgyas and his Contributions to Ladakhi Literature & Culture".

tions to the Ladakhi culture in general and literature in particular during the sessions.

Chief Guest of the occasion, Stanzin Chosphe, EC, Hill Council, Leh expressed that such literary functions and seminars need to be organised at a regular interval with the involvement of youths. This will encourage and educate

the young generation with the legacy of an eminent personality like Late Tashi Rabgyas.

Other dignitaries present during the seminar were President Ladakh Culture Forum, Mipham Otsal, and its executive members. A threadbare discussion was also held after the paper presentation of the paper readers.

## Govt Degree College, Nubra, observes International Snow Leopard Day

Students briefed about birding and the importance of keeping records of avian species



Students of GDC, Nubra sighting bird species.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Department of Sociology and Environmental Science, Government Degree College, Nubra observed International Snow Leopard Day in collaboration with Nature Conservation Foundation(NCF) as a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav cele-

bration on October 23.

Ajay Bijoor, Assistant Director, High Altitude Program, NCF gave a detailed presentation on snow leopards and how conservation activities are carried out in the snow leopard range areas of the world.

Karma Sonam, Field Coordinator, High Altitude Program, NCF, who was recently awarded Natwest Group 'Earth Hero Inspire Award 2021' shared his rich experience in conservation activities. He highlighted the programs and activities of NCF in the Ladakh region. He also briefed the students about birding and the importance of keeping records of avian species.

Later, two short documentary films, including Shangdon to Stupa and Ladakh Pashmina were screened to the audience. The students were also taken to the Tsoget wetland area for birding where few bird species were sighted. The teaching faculty and the students participated in the event.

## Ladakh Science Foundation organises 3rd Ladakh Student Conclave

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Ladakh Science Foundation organised the 3rd Ladakh student conclave at Sindhu Sanskriti Kendra, Leh on October 20.

The conclave aims to promote science and technology, education, research, and development in various fields concerning Ladakh. Scientific advocacy, science policy, and strategy planning, innovation,

career guidance, etc are also promoted by LSF.

Lieutenant Governor RK Mathur virtually graced the conclave and spoke about the capable youth of Ladakh while encouraging them to explore the vast potential in entrepreneurship avenues.

He appreciated the role of LSF in mentorship for the youth and stated that the assistance provided for availing various central government scholarships, spe-

cifically the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) which has brought benefits to the needy students of the region.

The program held guidance sessions on PMSSS, IIT-JEE, NEET coaching, careers in civil services, Aerospace & Defence sectors, overseas opportunities, start-up opportunities and entrepreneurship avenues, etc with mentors from the fields.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of UT Ladakh, but people still under dilemma

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hand, Ladakh is getting Central University. I feel the government should first strengthen the existing institutions.

Though the covid pandemic has hit us badly, it also helped us in realizing our fault. Today we can say that the strategy of UT administration in terms of education was an absolute failure. It is also unfortunate that the administration does not permit us easily to do a peaceful protest. Some results and actions are seen only after hues and cries. It seems that the UT administration is intentionally delaying the process of each demand of Ladakh, whether it is safeguard or jobs.

Before 5th August 2019, being a tribal population we thought that safeguard will be the byproduct of UT in the form of Six Schedule. Today we are not only fighting for job and land safeguard, but we are also struggling for identity safeguard. For example, neglecting the importance of CIBS and delaying the process of inclusion of the Bhoti language in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution. Our culture and language are based on Bhoti. But CIBS students say that their degree has no value, which seems to reduce the importance of Bhoti by the administration.

At last, despite many challenges, we are still hopeful that our elected representatives will find the solution.

## Leh DC reviews progress of helipad works under SDP



and Mi17 in Nyoma, Durbuk, Khaltse, Nubra subdivisions and Leh.

Executive Engineers from R&B, REW and Construction apprised DC Leh of the location-wise status of the tendering process, allotment and ongoing works. All executive agencies directed to ensure works as per the requirements and guidelines and expedite ongoing works.

Chief Planning Officer, District Superintending Engineer, PWD Circle, Assistant Commissioner Development, all Executive Engineers of PWD and REW took part in the meeting.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Deputy Commissioner, Leh Shrikant Balasaheb Suse reviewed the progress of the construction of helipad works under the Special Development

Package (SDP) virtually on October 21.

DC Leh took a location-wise review of the status of construction works of the helipad executed under SDP for the landing of B3

## Secretary Ravinder reviews work progress of Changthang Development Package, winter planning



Secretary Ravinder Kumar reviewing the work progress of Changthang Development Package, winter planning.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Administrative Secretary, Ladakh, Ravinder Kumar chaired a review meeting of departments viz., Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Horticulture, Youth Service & Sports regarding Changthang Development Package at the UT Secretariat on October 21.

The officers of the concerned de-

partment apprised Secretary regarding major works being taken under the Changthang Development Package. The secretary directed the executing agencies like CPWD and PWD to allot the work and book expenditures well on time before the end of the third quarter.

At last, the Departments have been directed to persistently follow up the works under the pack-

age and to submit the progress report regularly.

In the next round of meetings, Secretary Ravinder chaired a meeting regarding winter planning and preparation of the Co-operative and Animal/Sheep Husbandry Department.

The additional secretary and concerned officers of the Co-operative Department apprised the secretary about the current position of stocking essential commodities and planning for procurement of fresh vegetables during the winter through air cargo. He directed the officials to conduct a market assessment and prepare a demand for the essential commodities before the next meeting.

The Director Animal/Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Department submitted that stocking of animal feed and other essential commodities of the department is underway and shall be completed well on time.

## MP inaugurates 4G mobile tower at Changthang border villages



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

CHANGTHANG: Member of Parliament, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal inaugurated 4G mobile tower at Nyoma and Zero Border village Demchok

on October 24.

MP Ladakh congratulated the villagers for telecom connectivity and expressed gratitude to Prime Minister, Narendra Modi; Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Adv Tashi Gyalson, and the concerned authorities.

Demands and grievances of the villagers were also put forward and MP Ladakh assured to resolve them at the earliest.

At Nyoma, MP Ladakh was accompanied by Executive Councillor, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee; Nominated Councillor, Konchok Tsephel; Nyoma Councillor, Ishey Spalzung, and Chairperson, Block Development Council, Urgain Chodon.

Later, he also visited the Chotop Museum at Nyoma monastery.

## NOTICE

No JC811923M Rank Sub Dorjai Tondup Unit 935 IFSU C/o 99APO has claimed that his Daughter namely **Tsaywang Lhamo** has been wrongly entered as **Tsewang Lhamo** instead of **Tsaywang Lhamo** in the Army record of, **Unit 935 IFSU C/o 99APO** and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary public Leh with Certificate No. IN-LA02127693355897T to this office for making necessary correction. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office, **Unit 935 IFSU C/o 99APO** within 7 days from date of publication failing which necessary correction will be made.

## Dr. Kaneez Fatima's new book 'Sambey Motik' released

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: A collection of Ladakhi proverbs with descriptions named 'Sambey Motik' authored by Dr. Kaneez Fatima and narrated by Master Muhammad Hussain Silmo was released on October 20 at Auditorium Hall Kargil.

The function was organised by the Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (LAA-CL), Kargil. Feroz Ahmed Khan, CEC, Hill Council, Leh was the Chief Guest.

Feroz Khan appreciated the narrator and the author of the book for taking efforts in making the book a reality. He further said that Master Muhammad Hussain Silmo is an asset for us. Different scholars and cultural enthusiasts have benefitted from his expertise.

He said that Kargil is rich in

good scholars and authors. Terming the role of LAA-CL and All India Radio Kargil significant for these creative people, he said that these institutions should further extend their support to the writers, authors, and cultural activists in the future as well.

He expressed hope that the efforts of the author of the book will inspire the youths to work for the preservation and promotion of culture and heritage.

DC Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve said that as per the New Education Policy it has now become mandatory to introduce native languages at the primary level. He said that the LAHDC and District Administration Kargil are making necessary efforts to introduce these languages at the primary level in the district.

Author Dr. Kaneez Fatima sug-

gested the youths get in touch with their roots and said that this book on Ladakhi proverbs can be handy in this regard.

Prominent scholar and author, Kacho Asfandiyar Khan Faridooon gave a talk on the Culture of Purig while historian and author Muhammad Sadiq Hardasi reviewed the book, 'Sambey Motik'. Ph.D. Scholar Muhammad Ilyas Kargili also gave a virtual presentation on the theme 'A Historiography of Book Publishing in Kargil'. A talk on Tamley (Proverb) and 'rGya Hlu' was presented by Master Muhammad Hussain Silmo which was moderated by Assistant Professor Nasiruddin Khafi and author Dr. Kaneez Fatima.

Colorful cultural programmes were also presented by the artists of LAA-CL Kargil including Purig and Aryan cultural groups.

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In terms of Rule 5 of Jammu and Kashmir School Education Rules 2020 as amended from time to time, a Managing Committee comprising of the following composition is hereby approved for conducting the affairs of Siddhartha High School Stok Leh in accordance with the rules and procedures already laid down by the Government/UT Administration from time to time:-

S.No	Name	Parentage/W/O	Residence	Qual.	Occupation	Designation
1	Sh. Eshey Tundup	Sonam Tashi	Changspa Leh	M.A B.Ed	Pvt Job	Chairman
2	Dechen Wangmo	Tsering Mutup	Chamday	M.Phil B.Ed	Principal of the school	General Secretary
3	Geshe Lobzang Tsetan	Sonam Nurboo	Stok	Ph.D in Buddhist Phy	Monk	Founding Director
4	Tsering Angchok	Tsewang Nurboo	Stok	B.A	Pvt. Job	Member
5	Tsering Angdu	Karguit Chhospel	Stok	B.A	Business	Member
6	Tundup Namgail	Sonam Mutup	Stok	9th	Farmer	Member/Parent
7	Padma Ladol	Phunchok Wangail	Stok	10th	Pvt. Job	Member/Parent
8	Norlha Ngodup	Tsering Dorjee	Choglamsar	B.A B.Ed	Teacher of the school	Member
9	Rinchen Angmo	Sonam Rigzin	Changspa Leh	M.A B.ed	Teacher of the school	Member
10	Tenzin Palmo	Namgang Tashi	Choglamsar	M.A B.ed	Teacher of the school	Member

The Principal BHSS Leh, District Leh is nominated as departmental representative (Ex-Officio member) of said committee and shall submit the report quarterly to the Chief Education Officer Leh with regard to the functioning of the school.

The tenure of Managing Committee will be for a period of **three years**, unless otherwise modified by the competent authority and subject to the condition that the school management shall fulfill all the deficiencies as pointed out by the inspection team.

(Moid Mumtaz Ali) KAS 29/4/2021  
 Director,  
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