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Controversies shroud CIBS, one of Ladakh's premier educational institutes

Issues of student are being resolved, positive approaches are being done for the best of CIBS, says Additional VC Prof Baidyanath Labh



Students of CIBS during the month long protest. (Picture taken on September 12)

Tenzin Dajon

LEH: Kushok Bakula, the architect of modern Ladakh, dreamed of establishing an institution to preserve the rich culture and unique identity of Ladakh. His dreams finally came true when the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS) was instituted in 1959 to develop the personality of the students by instilling the values of Buddhist philosophy, literature and arts in them.

Six decades down the line, the situation at CIBS is different now because of the growing concerns over the proper functioning of the institution and the issues faced by students.

Students are raising their voices against the non availability of permanent registrar and examination controller, although the issue about Class 10 & 12 certificates

has been resolved.

While interacting with the Additional VC, Professor Baidyanath Labh on telephone, he said, "I am very much concern about CIBS and putting every effort to make this institution function as per the norms of UGC. The issues faced by the students are being addressed and we are finding solutions at various levels. The issue of who will sign the Degrees is being resolved for now as the Registrar of Nava Nalanda Mahavira will be signing the degrees. To get everything systematically in CIBS we need a time but at the same time we are facilitating the students with some alternate solutions".

Urgyan Tzultrim, a CIBS student, said, "It is not only CIBS students but a matter of concern for the whole of Ladakh. We

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Ministry of Home Affairs approves Rajya Sainik Board for Ladakh

Nearly 60,000 ex-servicemen, war widows, widows, serving personnel, including their dependents will be benefited



Executive members of EX servicemen League Ladakh expressing gratitude for approving Rajya Sainik Board.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A new Rajya Sainik Board for Ladakh headed by a Director was approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs on November 16.

The Rajya Sainik Board would be responsible for advising on the matters affecting the interest of the ex-servicemen, war widows, widows, and non-combatants, including serving soldiers and their dependents. The Rajya Sainik Board is the apex body under which Zila Sainik Welfare Offices Leh and Kargil will function on all matters of the welfare and resettlement of ex-servicemen. It shall also be an effective link between the Centre and the UT Administration for implementing

various policies for Sainik Welfare laid down by the Ministry of Defence. The Rajya Sainik Board will facilitate better coordination and ensure access to the welfare schemes under the Raksha Mantri Ex-servicemen Welfare Fund.

The Ladakh Scouts Regiment will accrue maximum benefit from the welfare schemes extended through the Rajya Sainik Board as the majority of ex-servicemen availing benefits belongs to Ladakh Scouts Regiment.

Approximately 60,000 ex-servicemen, war widows, widows, serving personnel, including their dependents, would benefit from the establishment of the Rajya Sainik Board Ladakh.



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CEC, Leh, attends Sustainable Mountain Development Summit in Darjeeling

Leh to host the next edition of the Summit



Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson and the former CEC, LAHDC Leh, Rigzin Spalbar during the 'Mountain Legislator's Meet' at the 10th Sustainable Mountain Development Summit (SMDS) in Darjeeling.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

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Chowna Mein, Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh was the Chief Guest.

'Mountain Legislator's Meet' is organised under the aegis of the Integrated Mountain Initiative annually, where legislators from across the mountain states deliberate on pressing issues concerning mountain states cumulatively. This year the thematic focus of the MLM of the growing plastic menace that is contributing to plastic accumulating in oceans as the global sinks for plastic waste.

Discussions at the meet involved deliberations on the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), the need to avoid the overuse of plastics, nudging change in behavior and consumer attitude, and strengthened action on plastic waste management.

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Live to Love, YDA distributes dry ration kit as COVID relief

Stanzin Dasal

LEH: Live to Love and Young Drukpa Association initiates distribution of dry ration kits to far-flung villages of Leh district as COVID-19 relief. CEC, Hill Council, Leh Tashi Gyalson along with His Eminence Thuksey Rinpoche flagged off the initiative on November 17 from Skara.

The ration kit contained 10 kg rice, 2litre refined oil, 10 kg flour, 2kg pulses, 2kg sugar, salt, tea leaves, matchbox, and sanitizers.

Tashi Gyalson appreciated the services provided by Live to Love and YDA. He said that the organisation under the leadership of His Holiness Drukpa Rinpoche and His Eminence Thuksey Rinpoche has been working for the larger interest of society.

He said, "The ration kit distribution initiative is the need of the hour because many have



CEC, Hill Council, Leh Tashi Gyalson along with His Eminence Thuksey Rinpoche flagging off the dry ration kit distribution initiative.

been affected due to COVID-19. The initiative may not solve the problem faced by the people completely but will surely give support to the people residing in far-flung villages of Leh district."

Around 2500 kits will be distributed to the people residing in far-flung villages of Sham, Nubra, and Changthang region.

Talking about the Live to Love, His Eminence Thuksey Rinpoche said that the organisa-

tion is initiated by His Holiness Drukpa Rinpoche and has been focusing on various projects, initiatives, and campaigns for the welfare of all.

"The ration kit distribution initiative as COVID relief to the far-flung villages of Leh district is one such small initiative to support the needy who are residing in villages where accessibility is challenging and have limited economic options", His Eminence added.

3-day National scientific & technical Rajbhasha seminar held at DIHAR, Leh



During the three days National Scientific and Technical Rajbhasha Seminar.

Tenzin Dajon

LEH: Three days National Scientific and Technical Rajbhasha Seminar -2021 was organised by the Defence Institute of High Altitude Research (DIHAR) from November 17-19 in Leh.

Over 85 participants from various defence-related research, development, technical and entrepreneurial, and educational organizations from Chandigarh cluster took part in the seminar.

Chief Guest of the occasion, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal said, "People of Ladakh speak Ladakhi more than Hindi but don't ignore the language completely. Being a citizen of India, we have proudly

accepted Hindi as a language".

He thanked DIHAR for taking the first initiative in Ladakh and said that it will not only benefit science but will also help in understanding science in easier way. At last he urged the participants to enjoy Ladakh by understanding the culture of Ladakh during their three day visit.

S.K Mehta, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ladakh said, "I went to foreign countries like Germany and Japan for studies. I used to amaze that they use their own language for everything. They speak in their language and even use their language in higher studies. Then I used to think that why we do not use our language

properly. So I think promotion of Hindi in India is very important because it is said that the country with rich language has a strong civilisation and culture as a by-product. Therefore we should not be ashamed of speaking Rajbhasha Hindi instead we must be proud of it. I am sure that there will be a day when the people who can't speak Hindi will be ashamed of themselves."

He further said that it is a matter of pride that all offices of DRDO are using Hindi. We have to remember that if the country lost its language then it will also lost its civilisation and culture.

Director, DIHAR, Dr O.P Chaurasia thanked the experts and scientist for their participation in the seminar. He said that following the directions of Government of India, DRDO is working to promote Hindi as a language in the field of science and technology.

He informed the audience about technical sessions on various topics including engineering and agriculture. He urged the participants to experience the high altitude of Ladakh.

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always talk about culture preservation, but many have forgotten that institutions such as CIBS have taught the culture and tradition of Ladakh. While talking about promoting our language, it is important to mention that Bhoti teachers in most of the schools of Ladakh are alumni of CIBS".

"Can we afford to neglect CIBS and talk about preservation and promotion of language, art and culture?" he questioned.

Padma Tashi, President SWC, CIBS said, " Though the issue of Class 10th and 12th certificates have been resolved after the re affiliation with Sampurnanand Sanskrit University but the students are still facing the issue while applying for scholarships and online admission because the name of the board is not available in the options."

Additional VC said that the issues of board has been taken up with the Lieutenant Governor R K Mathur and hopefully the matter will be sort.

CIBS got the status of a deemed to be a University in 2016 for five years under the de novo category by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India (Notification no. F.9-5/2001-U3(a), Date 15 January 2016).

Initially, this news met with great fervor, but students claim the problems started thereafter. Students have been staging protests on various issues faced by them at all levels from the beginning, including the demand for recognised certificates, implementation of UGC rules and regulation and the recently advertised notification for the post of Vice-Chancellor. The air of uncertainty among the students of CIBS seems not to be fading away.

On November 15, Ladakh Buddhist Association and All Ladakh Gonpa Association, along with CIBS students' representatives, met the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, R K Mathur, to discuss the issues of CIBS.

While interacting with the media, Thupstan Chhewang said, "With the appointment of additional

Vice-Chancellor, Prof Baidyanath Labh, all of us hoped that the issues of CIBS will be resolved. Unfortunately, the situation is completely different."

He reiterated that the CIBS was set up to preserve and promote the Nalanda tradition of Buddhism education in Ladakh so that one can attend the Buddhist higher studies in Ladakh without going to other regions like Bylakuppe, Dehradun, Bhutan and Tibet.

He said, "There is an order from the Supreme Court stating that the CIBS is for the preservation and protection of Nalanda Tradition. Therefore, the VC/head of the institution must be an expert /scholar in Nalanda tradition. But the notification for the post of VC has ignored important qualifications like a doctorate in Nalanda Tradition and knowledge of Bhoti language, etc."

"The plan for introducing other departments like Hindi and English in CIBS by the additional VC also looks like an effort to reduce the importance of the institution. We already have Ladakh University

and soon will have Central University for these subjects. Govt is trying to convert CIBS into a normal University which is unacceptable", he added.

The recent changes at CIBS contradict the sole purpose for which they set it up, he added.

Talking about the VC post advertisement and the introduction of Hindi and English department, Professor Baidyanath Labh said, "CIBS is a university and it has to function as per the norms of UGC. The advertisement of VC post is notified according to the norms of UGC by the Ministry, there is no personal motive in it. Secondly, the teaching of Hindi and English languages is very much specified in the objectives of the CIBS."

"The protests of the students are instigated, along with criticism we also need to understand the positive approaches initiated in CIBS", he added.

On one hand, the government announced a central university, medical colleges, engineering colleges in Ladakh, but the irony is that the existing institutes are going on with uncertainty.

Five-days Capacity Building Programme on General Financial Rules, Public Procurement held



During the Five-day training programme on GFR and Public Procurement in Leh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Five-day training programme on GFR and Public Procurement to improve the implementation and capacity building on general financial rules and public procurement commenced on November 22 in Ladakh.

The capacity building programme has been organised by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in collaboration with the General Administration Department, Union Territory of Ladakh.

Dr. Surabhi Pandey, Programme Director, IIPA, and S.N Tripathi, Director General IIPA, inaugurated the event.

The objective of the five-day training is to sensitize the participants about the changes made in the orders in GFR 2017 relating to public procurement, procurement of goods using government funds, contract management e-procurement, GeM, and budget, grant in aids, and bank guarantees.

Joint Director (Finance), ISTM, DOPT, New Del-

hi, B Dhanesh, spoke on General Financial Rules and basic principles of public procurement mentioned in general financial rules, procurement, fundamental principles of public buying, procurement process, public procurement cycle, procurement objectives, basic aims of procurement, purchase procedures, up to ₹25000, local purchase committee, ascertaining the reasonableness of rate, quality, specifications and identifying an appropriate supplier and recording the certificate by Local Purchase Committee.

Ex-Deputy Director and Faculty, ISTM DOPT, New Delhi, Nafe Singh spoke on budget preparation and implementation in Government, objectives of the government budget, budgetary process in seeking approval of Parliament, principles of Budgeting, three funds, the structure of the budget, and accounts in government, functional classification, the primary unit of appropriation, preparation of RE and BE, the budget of Ladakh during 2021-22, cash management, etc.

In Kargil, trainer Shrish Ojha gave a detailed presentation on General Financial Rules, 2017 on procurement of goods. He also discussed the model Request for Proposal (RFP) template for procurement of goods and services.

General Financial Rules (GFRs) are a compilation of rules and orders of matters of the Government of India to be followed by all while dealing with matters involving public finances. These rules and orders are treated as executive instructions to be observed by all departments and organisations under the government and specified bodies except otherwise provided for in these rules.

Advisor Narula reviews winter stocking for Ladakh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Advisor Ladakh, Umang Narula reviewed the position of winter stocking of the essential commodities in Leh and Kargil districts.

During the meeting, the item-wise stocking position of different departments, including Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Food Corporation of India (FCI), Cooperatives, Health, Power Development Department, Forest Division, Animal/ Sheep and Fisheries and the stock position of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) were discussed in detail.

It was also informed that sufficient stock of all essential items, including food grains, fuel like petrol, diesel, kerosene, hard coke and medicines, animal feed and fodder, are available with both Leh and Kargil districts.

Executive Councillor, Cooperatives, LAHDC Kargil put forth



Advisor Ladakh, Umang Narula reviewing the position of winter stocking.

a few issues regarding winter stocking which were duly noted by the concerned UT officers. Earlier, Advisor Ladakh urged all the concerned officers to ensure all the essential commodities like food grains and fuel are dispatched to the inaccessible areas like Zaskar and Lingshed in winter at the earliest and all items are well stocked up till April 2022 to overcome any unforeseen delay in road opening next year.

Advisor Ladakh directed the Deputy Commissioners to prepare a detailed distribution plan of essential commodities to ensure fair and equitable distri-

bution covering both districts. He also advised the concerned officers to form squads for regular market inspection to monitor rates and the sale of expired and rotten products.

Executive Councillor, Cooperatives, LAHDC Leh/Kargil; Secretary, FCS&CA, Ladakh; Secretary, Cooperatives, Ladakh; Chief Conservator of Forest, Ladakh; Deputy Commissioner, Leh/Kargil and the heads of various departments of both Leh/Kargil and representatives from IOCL, HPCL, Merchant Association, Leh/Kargil and Cooperative Consumer Societies, Leh were present in the meeting.

District Tobacco Control Cell, Leh, discusses agendas on tobacco control



District Tobacco Control Cell (DTCC), Leh discussing the agendas on tobacco control in the district.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: District Tobacco Control Cell (DTCC), Leh discussed the agendas on tobacco control in the district during a meeting on November 23.

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse.

The formation of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) enforcement squads at district HQ and blocks was pro-

posed in the meeting. Displaying COTPA 2003 on the district official website and action against the supply and distribution of illegal tobacco products were discussed along with the plan of COTPA to be included in the monthly crime review of the Police Department.

The Health Department authorities suggested the 'Continuation of Yellow Line' campaign and implementing tobacco-free educational institutions guidelines.

Member of DTCC also discussed action against COTPA violations, including imposing a fine of ₹ 500 under Section 4 for smoking in public, whereas for the owner, manager, or authorized officers, the fine placed will be equivalent to the number of offences in public places; a fine for advertising of cigarettes and other tobacco products that includes 1st Offence: 2 years/ ₹. 1000/ b) 2nd Offence: 5 years/ ₹ 5000 under Section 5.

Similarly, the other penalties include a fine up to ₹ 200 under Section 6 for the sale of tobacco to minors and around educational institutes; violation of the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products without specified health warnings under Section 7, 8, and 9. The fine includes Manufacture: 1st Offence: 2 years/ ₹ 5000; 2nd Offence: 5 years ₹ 10,000/ b) Selling/ Retailing: 1st Offence: 1 years/ ₹ 1000/ 2nd Offence: 2years/ ₹. 3000/.

Secretaries, UT Administration, to hold weekly press briefing

Secretary, Information, Padma Angmo, holds first press briefing

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: To ensure regular and detailed dissemination of information by the various Departments of UT Administration under the direction of Lieutenant Governor, Ladakh is initiating regular press briefing by the Administrative Secretaries.

The weekly press briefing by the Secretary would be scheduled every Thursday. Administrative Secretary, Information, Padma Angmo convened the first press briefing on November 26.

She briefed media houses on the initiatives of the Information department, such as the Advertisement Policy of Administration of UT Ladakh, 2021, Ladakh News Media Accreditation Guidelines,



During the launch of the Department of Information and Public Relations, UT Ladakh's YouTube channel.

2021, empanelment of multi-media creative agencies, and publication of district magazines.

Padma Angmo said that a regular press briefing would ensure detailed dissemination of information and would help establish a healthy rapport between the UT Administration and the media houses.

The queries and grievances

raised by the media representatives were addressed and assured to take up their issues. She emphasized balanced and objective news coverage in the media and urged to ensure that the journalistic code of ethics is not violated.

The Secretary also launched the YouTube channel of the Department of Information and Public Relations, UT Ladakh.

Secretary, Industries, launches report on Pashmina, Seabuckthorn, and apricot

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A 3-day workshop on emerging trends in Pashmina, Seabuckthorn, and Apricots as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration will be held from November 22 -24.

The workshop is organised by the Department of Industries and Commerce, UT Ladakh in collaboration with One District One Product (ODOP), Invest India. The workshop focused on the 'Craft and Design Program in Pashmina Weaving', in which a total of 22 participants were trained by a national awardee in Pashmina Kani Shawl, Fayaz Ahmad Mir.

Secretary, Saugat Biswas applauded the collaborative efforts of the Industries and Commerce Department, Ladakh and ODOP, Invest India for organising such important workshops.



During the report launches of Pashmina, Seabuckthorn, and Apricot.

While interacting with the participants, Secretary Biswas inquired about their experience of the workshop and suggestions required to take the handloom sector forward in the UT. He also directed the officers from the concerned department to procure two different looms from Kashmir. He highlighted the different aspects related to Pashmina from sourcing raw materials to the end finished product, including

spinning a finer quality of yarn, diagonal weaving technique, and creating natural dyes.

The workshop was concluded by report launches of Pashmina, Seabuckthorn, and Apricot by Secretary Industries, Saugat Biswas in presence of Deputy Commissioner Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse; Director, Industries and Commerce, Moses Kunzang.

Ladakh Administration celebrates Constitution Day



Constitution Day: Advisor Ladakh, Umang Narula along with all the Administrative Secretaries reading the Preamble to the Constitution of India at the UT Secretariat.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Commemorating the adoption of the Constitution of India, Ladakh celebrated the Constitution Day or 'Samvidhan Diwas' on November 26.

Advisor Ladakh, Umang Narula along with all the Administrative Secretaries read the Preamble to the Constitution of India at the UT Secretariat. They also took part in the celebratory function held at the Central Hall of the

Indian Parliament in New Delhi through live streaming.

On November 26, 1949, the Constitution was adopted and it came into effect on January 26, 1950. According to the Government website, The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on 19th November 2015 notified the decision of the Government of India to celebrate the 26th day of November every year as 'Constitution Day' to promote Constitution values among citizens.

The day was also observed in various sub-divisions, schools, colleges, and departments of the Ladakh region.

'Volunteer for Harvesting', experience farming activities with Local Future organisation

Locals, travelers and students join and help farmers in harvesting

By Kunzang Deachen, Jigmet Singee and Chozin Palmo

Harvesting marks the onset of autumn in most parts of Ladakh, where only limited crops adapt in this high-altitude cold desert region and are grown throughout the year. The main cereal crops are barley or wheat, while others include pulses like local lentils, peas, and mustard seed. The crops are grown in fields, fed with river/stream water descending from high mountain glaciers from the month of April onwards. Harvesting is not just the mere process of gathering the crops, but reaping the rewards of all the hardwork put in throughout the year.

Harvesting in the present day looks very different from the earlier times. Earlier it is more of a communal activity wherein the neighbors and relatives of the field owner would gather and assist the whole process. The family had to ensure that the guests cum helpers are fed well. The day would start with a couple of hours of work, before breakfast is served. Breakfast is accompanied with a lot of laughter and storytelling and the same is true for all the meals and tea breaks, before they move to the fields again. Harvesting was carried out with help of hand held sickles and every hand movement followed with a beat of a traditional song. It's more like a picnic with work. Crops were tied into small bales with a special knot which looks similar to the knot on the waistband of traditional dress, 'sulma'. The tied bales are then collected at one place for drying. After the crop dries, threshing is done with the help of animals. Every household has a special circular land earmarked, with a pole in center, where the animals, usually dzos (a yak-cow hybrid), bulls, cows, or horses are tied and made to walk around, on top of the dried crops, dislodging the dried grains from the chaff. Threshing is followed by winnowing, done with the help of wind and a long handmade wooden rake, accompanied with whistling music.



The volunteers who helped the farmer in Gya during harvesting.

Agriculture processes like harvesting sowing etc. are becoming no longer a communal activity. Earlier being dependent on each other for most work encourages cooperative social behaviors thus creating immense social harmony. Nowadays, hand held sickles have been replaced by portable chain-saw-like machines powered by gasoline, the busy schedules of neighbors and relatives compels to hire paid laborers to do all the work and threshing is done with a threshing machine, the thresher. The influx of money and machines, families becoming more independent from the society for labor seems to be bringing more of a individualistic society slowly, the repercussions of which are evident in an increasingly more self-centered approach to things.

Amidst growing changes and modernization, the old traditional way of harvesting are still practiced by many villages. One cannot be sure for how long this will persist given the rapid pace of change everywhere. A challenge for today in Ladakh is to retain, and regenerate where needed modify the beautiful and ecologically sustainable communal,

reciprocal harvest methods and ethos amidst this change.

Local Futures have been organizing 'Volunteer for Harvesting' events for the last few years. We ask locals, travelers and students to come and help farmers in villages for the harvesting. When travelers go to help a farmer in harvesting, they pay for their stay, food and also help them in the harvest. Otherwise, due to urban migration, very few villagers are available to help in harvesting, and hiring of laborers costs a lot of money. Almost all the young family members from every family live in Leh town for their kids' education or for jobs in the private and government sector. Only the elders members of the family are left in the villages to do all the household and farming chores. Many families have already left farming because of manpower shortages. Families who are still practicing farming need help to continue it. Otherwise, in the coming years, it will be difficult to find a farmer practicing traditional methods. Thus, with an aim to encourage traditional farming practices, Local Futures 'Vol-

unteer for Harvesting' project contributes a small part by helping farmers to continue their work and maintain the viability of villages. This year, we organized the 'Volunteer for Harvesting' event in Gya Village, but unlike previous years where many volunteers were foreign tourists, this year was different, because we all were young local students. This time we got some members of LSWSD (Ladakh Student Welfare Society Delhi) who volunteered with us, and for some of them it was their first time working in a field. They feel unfortunate being born and raised in a town, with no agrarian experience.

In Gya, we helped Acho Urgain (one of the progressive farmers of Ladakh) who has been experimenting in growing variety of vegetables and practicing organic farming throughout his life. Gya 80km east of Leh is a village which still values the old tradition of harvesting and can be witnessed even now with minimal use of modern methods, for example tractors for transportation. With time the practice of traditional harvesting is taken over by modern technology. Though the machines consumes less time but the appreciation and acknowledgment of our local culture is subsequently vanishing. To keep the old traditional way of living ongoing with change we organise such activity.

Along with field work we also discussed the effect of urban migration on villages, which are going to get worse if we don't reflect on it. Looking at our enthusiasm, villagers were very welcoming and patient in guiding us while working on the field. It helped us bond, understand and appreciate their lifestyle and commit to preserve the local, traditional farming system into the future.

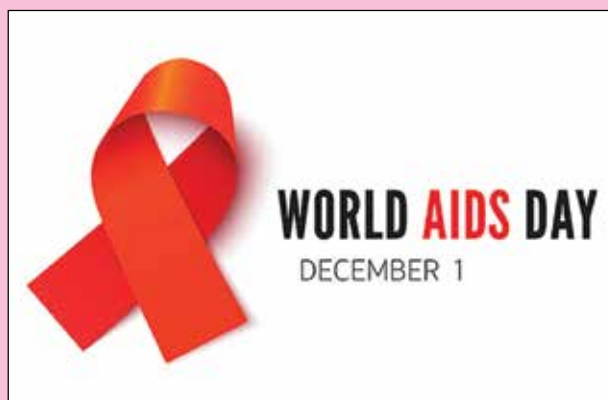
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What is World Aids Day?

On 1 December, World Aids Day is commemorated every year to raise awareness and knowledge about HIV and a call to move toward ending the HIV epidemic. Theme for the year 2021 is, "End Inequalities, End Aids." People around the world unite to show support for people living with and affected by HIV and to remember those who lost their lives to AIDS.

Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever international



day for global health. Every year, United Nations agencies, governments and civil society join together to campaign around specific themes related to HIV. The day is important because it reminds the public and government that HIV has not gone away - there is still a vital need to raise money, increase awareness and improve education. Most people wear a Red Ribbon to show solidarity with the millions living with HIV worldwide on this day.

DID YOU KNOW



- France is the world's most popular tourist destination. According to the most recent figures from UNWTO, around 89.3 million people visited the country in 2018, making it the most visited destination in the world.

- Vatican City, a city state surrounded by Rome is actually the smallest country in the world with an area of 49 hectare (121 acres) and population around 825.

- Human Rights Day is celebrated on 10 December. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted in 1948 by

the United Nation General Assembly. This day is observed to protect the fundamental human rights of all people and their basic human freedom.

- Dogs noses are like human fingerprints; each one is unique & Dolphins literally sleep with one eye open.

- A female architecture student prevented a Manhattan skyscraper from collapsing in the 1970s when she caught a massive design flaw.

- The baleen whales and the toothed whales. Baleen whales have fibrous 'baleen' plates in their mouths instead of teeth which help them filter out huge quantities of krill, plankton, and crustaceans. Toothed whales have teeth that enable them to feed on larger prey such as fish and squid.



Eiffel tower in Paris, France

SoulSpeak

P.P. Wangchuk

A trip deep into the historic past



Every time I travel out to new places, I feel richer even though my bank balance goes 'poorer'. I had many great experiences while on a visit to Aurangabad, Maharashtra, in the last few days. Aurangabad is a lovely city, with many historical and civilisational features to learn from. Apart from several historical sites, you have Bibi Ka Maqbara, a 'replica' of Taj Mahal, built in the name of Aurangzeb's wife, Dilrus Banu Begum.

But what are of greater importance and excitement are the amazing Ajanta and Ellora caves, not very far from the city. A 'must see' for an understanding of the past and its glorious history, the caves are the reflection of our ancient art and culture and their various forms in perfect harmony and glory. They depict the great beauty of our ancient architecture and rock-curving art. The Ajanta sculptures and paintings are among the finest ancient Indian art, particularly the expressive paintings that symbolise emotion through various kinds of gesture, pose and form.

While Ajanta is mainly Buddhist caves, Ellora depicts Lord Shiva and his 'linga' in all the caves. Having gone through this amazing art of beauty, one is left wondering over our rich ancient civilisation in the form of art and sculpture. Once back from the sites, there were seamless and incessant flow of images of the caves and their beauty.

Alas, the beauty and the grandeur of these sites are heavily 'eaten away' by the constant wear and tear of time. The mighty forces of nature have caused great havoc with many of these monumental works. The day does not seem to be far off when we would lose these riches of the past.

By the way, the Ajanta caves (26) date back from 2nd century BCE to 480 CE and the Ellora caves (34), featuring Hindu, Buddhist and Jain monuments, date back from the 600 to 1000 CE.

Are we willing and ready to restore them to their glory before we could become great losers forever?

Courtesy: WongWorld

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

In Conversation with Rigzin Dorjai Yarma, Project Coordinator, Live to Rescue

Interviewed by Stanzin Dasal

Q. Brief us about Stray Animal Care and Management Centre (Live to Rescue).

In the year 2014, fatal dog attack cases were reported in many parts of Leh district and the rising cases resulted in a human-animal conflict. The lives of stray dogs were under threat, many innocent animals were poisoned, thrown in a river, etc. The inhumane attitude of the people towards dogs and rising dog attack cases saddened His Holiness Gyalwang Drukpa and emphasized strongly to curb the feral dog population through Animal Birth Control and to rescue, treat, care, and shelter injured, sick, and abandoned dogs. Stray Animal Care and Management Centre came up with such aims under the guidance of His Holiness Gyalwang Drukpa and His Eminence Thuksey Rinpoche. The centre was established in Nang village and the land was donated by the villagers of Nang to His Holiness.

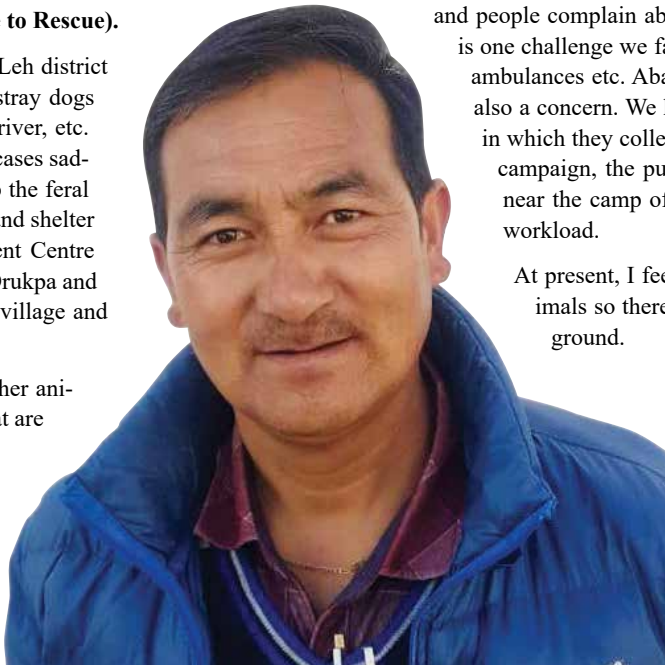
At present around 260 dogs are taken care of and apart from that 70 other animals including donkeys, horses, goats, bulls, cows, and other animals that are abandoned or injured are taken care of.

Sick, injured, and abandoned animals recommended by Vet doctors of the Animal Husbandry department are sheltered at the centre. Live to Rescue is available round the clock to attend to animals that are in distress. We have gone to Nyoma village of Changthang region, Khaltse in Sham belt to rescue animals.

The centre continues to work with the help and support of His Holiness, His Eminence, Animal Husbandry Department, Municipal Committee, Leh, and volunteers. We get a sufficient amount of feed for the animals from different parts of Ladakh, leftover food from Grand Dragon hotel, small donations from people. With everyone's help and support, we will continue to help the voiceless.

Q. Stray dog menace is one of the concerns in society. How Live to Rescue is working on reducing the dog menace?

Partnering with Hill Council, Leh, Animal Husbandry Department, Municipal Committee we are working proactively in dog population management. A clinic for animals mainly catering to animal birth control (ABC) of stray dogs has been set up in Changspa, Leh. Pre and post-operative care of the neutered dogs are taken care of at the clinic including treatment of stray dogs and animals. Also, we have a small solarised OT at the centre in Nang with a needed facility to perform the sterilization of dogs. The doctors are from the Animal Husbandry Department have supported us immensely.



and people complain about it. We have come across people who argue and start blaming which is one challenge we face while on the ground. We still need more manpower and facilities like ambulances etc. Abandoning the dogs and puppies near the centre and clinic in Changspa is also a concern. We have also witnessed that many groups carry out dog adoption campaigns in which they collect puppies from different localities and keep them for adoption. After the campaign, the puppies left are abandoned on the streets and few of them were even left near the camp of our clinic in Changspa. This is also a concern because it increases the workload.

At present, I feel that we are the only active organisation working for the welfare of animals so there will be challenges but we are striving hard and working actively on the ground.

Q. People of Ladakh are known for compassion and kindness. Are they equally compassionate for the voiceless? Share your experience.

Abandoning animals such as donkeys, bulls, and horses is a big concern. In time of need, these animals are sheltered and later when the work is done they are left on streets and roads. This is very disheartening because these abandoned animals are left out get attacked by stray dogs, hit by vehicles, and roam around in garbage piles for food. Also, in a day we come across three to four accident cases and many animals are left injured on roads. Many people refuse the ownership of abandoned animals also.

There are different people in this world; some are concerned about animals while some are least bothered.

Q. Brief us about the plans of Live to Rescue. What advice will you give to the people?

We are looking forward to aware people of animal rights and welfare especially in schools but due to COVID the programme is held up. We had a meeting with Hill Council, Leh, and CEC, Hill Council, Leh Tashi Gyalsan assured all kinds of support to keep the work ongoing. Live to Rescue aims to shelter every animal that is left abandoned. Apart from us, there is a few more organisation who are working for the welfare of animals, together we all can make the animals also live in peace and harmony.

I would like to appeal to people to be kind to animals and while feeding the stray animals kindly keep the food away from roads because it is one reason the animals are hit by the vehicles.

MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“Treat animals with love and compassion. Rush injured animals for medical help or contact us. With everyone's help and support, we can continue animal rescue and care services to all the stray animals.”

Q. What are the challenges faced by the Stray Animal Care and Management Centre.

We are working with limited resources and manpower as compared to the area size. It becomes quite challenging to reach out everywhere on time. Sometimes two accident cases are reported at the same time in different localities; in that case, it becomes difficult to reach on time

Fortnight Highlights



Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh paying tribute to the martyrs of 1962 war at Rizang La War Memorial during his visit to Eastern Ladakh.



Padma Awardees: Dr. Tsering Ladol (left) receiving Padma Bhushan awarde and Tsultrim Chonjor (top right), Chewang Motup (Bottom right) receiving Padma Shri award from the President of India.



A total of 62 swab samples for the Covid-19 test were collected from all employees/outsourcing/daily wagers at Community Health Centre (CHC), Khaltse in the Khaltse sub-division.



2nd edition of Zanskar Winter Sports Festival: Secretary Youth Services & Sports, Ravinder Kumar convenes a preliminary meeting with the concerned stakeholders.



Passang Lhawang elected as the new president of Zanskar Buddhist Association (ZBA) with all 16 votes in his favour.

Second syndicate meeting of University of Ladakh held



During the Second Syndicate Meeting of the University of Ladakh (UOL).

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The Second Syndicate Meeting of the University of Ladakh (UOL) chaired by Vice-Chancellor, UOL, Professor SK Mehta on November 20 at Leh Campus of the University of Ladakh, Taru.

Secretary, Higher Education, Ladakh, Padma Angmo, who is also the Educational Advisor of the University attended the meeting.

Information was given to the members of the Syndicate, including appointment of the new Vice-Chancellor, transfer of Satellite Campuses and posts of University of Kashmir to Univer-

sity of Ladakh, UGC recognition to the University, membership of Association of Indian Universities, installation of 100 KWP solar power plants at Kargil and Leh Campuses; Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with various Universities and other institutions, introduction of NCC as an elective course in Constituent Degree Colleges, introduction of PhD in Physical Education, Political Science and Geology, appointments on contract basis, construction activities of the University, University Outreach Programme, adoption of Government Middle School, Karith (Karith), establishment of museum at the Leh Campus, es-

establishment of Research Centres, establishment of Tribal Research Institute at the Kargil Campus, Formation of Ladakh Region Knowledge Cluster (LRKC) for connecting academics seamlessly, Governments, Research & Development Institutions and Civil Societies towards proactively encouraging innovation and knowledge dissemination, visiting/adjunct faculty, academics and sports calendar and budget under Grant-in-Aid (Revenue Component) and Special Development Package (Capital Component). These agendas were discussed and ratified by the Syndicate.

The officials discussed other issues of the University and Constituent Degree Colleges in the meeting. Members of the Syndicate appreciated the pace at which the University is developing in terms of academics and infrastructure development. The University of Ladakh was also congratulated for the formal transfer of both the campuses to it along with staff under the reorganization of J&K, UGC recognition, and AIU membership.

CEC, Leh, discusses issues, upcoming projects with Union Ministers

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

NEW DELHI: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson met Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable energy, R K Singh and Union Minister for Housing/Urban Affairs & Petroleum, Natural gas, Hardeep Singh Puri on November 24.

CEC, Leh submitted a copy of the memorandum to the Union Minister, Power, New and Renewable energy. The memorandum highlights various issues including, connecting Changthang region (Nyoma and Durbuk block) with National Power Grid, provision of around 50 MW of additional power from National Grid for UT Ladakh during winters (Nov-April), Im-

plementation of Ring Network system in Leh as well as Smart Metering and Smart Grid system in UT Ladakh and release of balance CFA for MHP projects under the Ladakh Renewable Energy initiative.

Under the New and Renewable Energy sector, the memorandum highlights, solarised water lifting in several villages of Leh district under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha even Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) Scheme, major concerns regarding the upcoming 10 GW Solar Power Project at Pang, Changthang, provisions such as environmental/social impact assessment of the project, livelihood security, transparent solar panel as an option, recycling plants for waste man-

agement, skill-based training for locals, and technical/non-technical job reservation for locals in the project.

Minister, RK Singh assured to address all the major concerns at the earliest.

With the Union Minister for Housing/Urban Affairs & Petroleum, Natural gas, Hardeep Singh Puri, CEC, Leh discussed issues related to the management of Solid and Liquid waste management and the overall water-lifting scheme for 24*7 drinking water provision in Leh town and adjoining areas.

He also discussed the Leh Bhanwan project in New Delhi with the Union Minister.

Review meeting on Tourism Vision for Ladakh draft held in Leh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk discussed the Tourism Vision Document for UT Ladakh drafted by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India with the Executive Councilors and Councilors of LAHDC Leh on November 26.

Assistant Director, Tourism De-

partment Leh, Internal Audit Officer, LAHDC Leh, presidents of All Ladakh Hotel and Guest House Association Leh, and All Ladakh Tour Operator Association Leh attended the meeting.

The meeting discussed several concerns with regards to the proposed Tourism Vision Document for Ladakh prepared by the Min-

istry of Tourism, Government of India. All the officials and stakeholders shared their suggestions and feedback after examining the vision document.

Dy. Chairman, Angchuk took note of all the feedbacks and informed the meeting that he will compile all the points for further submission to the Ministry.

Capacity building workshop for contractors held in Leh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A one-day workshop on Jal Jeevan Mission in Ladakh to improve the implementation and capacity building of executing agencies/contractors, implementation support agencies (ISAs), and third-party monitors (TPMs) was held on November 18.

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

Water quality expert Parikh Shukla and water supply expert TS Babu from Ernst & Young LLP spoke on JJM, its objective, components, the current status of implementation of JJM in Leh district, planning and execution approach in DPRs.

They informed the contractor about the salient features of bid documents, operation and maintenance mechanism, health



During the one-day workshop on Jal Jeevan Mission in Ladakh.

safety, and environment while executing the project work and taking safety measures against COVID-19.

Associate Vice President, Social Infrastructure, Ernst & Young LLP, Prateek Gupta, inquired about the problems faced by the contractors, ISAs and TPMs while implementing the JJM scheme in Ladakh.

Chief Engineer, MED, Farid Chaudhary highlighted the importance of conducting such workshops and also spoke about the

problems faced by the stakeholders. He also spoke on the long-term benefits of JJM in the region.

Consultant, NJJM, DS Dhapola gave a detailed presentation on the role of ISAs. He highlighted the importance of ISAs in implementing JJM. Ramesh Rana Singh from NJJM gave a detailed presentation on the role of TPMs and explained the scope of TPM, the responsibilities of ISAs, and the issues faced by them.

Chief Engineer PHE/I&FC, Ved Prakash, spoke on the issues faced by the contractors.

Army organises medical camp in Phobrang



During the medical camp organised by Parashu Brigade in Phobrang village.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

PHOBANG: Parashu Brigade under the aegis of Fire & Fury Corps organised a medical and veterinary camp in the remote villages of Phobrang & Urugo near Pangong lake at an altitude of 14,200 feet on November 19.

The camp was an effort towards confidence-building in far-flung areas near LAC by the Indian Army under Op Sadbhavana.

The medical team of Parashu Healers including 3 doctors and 1 veterinary assistant carried out a medical check-up of 62 males, 57 females, 26 children, 48 senior citizens & 5 livestock.

The villagers appreciated the Indian Army initiative.

Religious scholar Sheikh Hassan Waieze passes away

Mansoor Hosain Beigh

KARGIL: Sheikh Haasan Waieze, religious scholar and member of Ulema Council, Anjuman e Jamiat Ulema Isna Ashariya Kargil (AJUIAK) passed away after a brief illness at his residence in Poyen, Kargil on November 20.

Sheikh Hassan Waieze pursued his basic education from the Islamic School of Ayatullah Sheikh Mohammad Ali Brolmo Najafi and after that went for higher studies to Najaf Ashraf where he learned Higher Islamic Studies and returned to his home place for disseminating Islamic teachings and learning. He was a member of Anjuman e Jamiat Ulema Isna Ashariya Kargil (AJUIAK), Ladakh, and also offered his service as a teacher at Hozia Ilmiya Kargil. He was also the Imam Jumma and Qazi, Kargil and in his last year, he remained as trustee (Mutawalli) of AJUIAK Ladakh.



President, AJUIAK Ladakh, Shiekh Nazir Mehdi Mohammadi offered the Nimaz E Janaza. Sheikh Waieze was laid to rest at his ancestral cemetery at Hunderman, Kargil.

Religious, political, and people from all walks of life condoled the sudden demise of Sheikh Hassan Waieze. They also prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

NOTICE

Whereas Eshey Dorjee F/o Padma Youdol R/o Shenam, **Leh UT Ladakh** has lost the Birth Certificate of his daughter which is issued by Registrar Birth & Death, Municipal Committee Leh with Registration No. 17699 and Date of Birth 29th December 1996 and now he has applied for issuance of duplicate Birth Certificate in lieu of lost documents. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office of **Registrar Birth & Death, Municipal Committee Leh** within 7 days from date of publication failing which new Birth Certificate will be issued accordingly.

**Registrar Birth & Death,
Municipal Committee Leh**

NOTICE

Tsewang Norboo S/o Phunchok Stobdan R/o Liker, Leh Ladakh has claimed that his wife namely Phunchok Dolma has been wrongly entered as **Punchok Dolma** instead of **Phunchok Dolma** in the service book and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary public Leh with Certificate No. IN-LA0238256351166T to this office for making necessary correction. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in the concerned office within 7 days from date of publication failing which necessary correction will be made.

NOTICE

No JC588837H, Rank Sub Lobzang Rinchen S/o Chhetan Dorje Unit 4 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56APO has claimed that his wife namely **Yangchan Lamo** has been wrongly entered as **Yangchen Lamo** instead of **Yangchan Lamo** 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-LA02351495874583T 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.

Labour Department, Kargil, organises awareness programme on labour welfare schemes



Assistant Commissioner Labour (ALC), Kargil, Raziya Khatoon interacting with the BRO labourers working with road projects in Kargil.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: A day-long awareness programme on labour welfare schemes for public representatives and PRI members was held on November 23 at Shakar Chiktan.

The awareness camp was organised by the Department of Labour, Kargil as a part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration. BDC Chairperson, Syeda Bano, Sarpanchs, Panchs,

Naib Sarpanchs, Nambardars besides the sub-divisional officers attended.

Assistant Commissioner Labour (ALC), Kargil, Raziya Khatoon briefed the participants about various labour welfare schemes like scholarships, medical assistance, disability assistance, and other allied schemes. She also enlightened in detail about the registration of unorganized workers on the E-Shram Portal, its benefits, documents required,

and the process of registration on the portal.

She also spoke about the labour laws and labour rights under various acts like the Payment of Wages Act and the Equal Remuneration Act. This was followed by a brainstorming session wherein various questions put forth by the public representatives and PRI members were responded to by the ALC Kargil. She also thanked the public representatives for sparing time to attend the programme and urged them to spread the message so that maximum labourers get themselves registered with the Labour Department to avail benefits.

Public representatives expressed gratitude to the Department of Labour for organizing the awareness programme.

ALC Kargil also interacted with the BRO labourers working with road projects and imparted different labour friendly schemes.

Chairman, DDMA, Leh, reviews recent surge in COVID-19 cases

Directs officials to strictly enforce COVID guidelines

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Deputy Commissioner/Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse reviewed the recent surge in Covid-19 cases in Leh district during a meeting with the concerned officials on November 15.

Chairman DDMA, Leh directed all magistrates to coordinate with police and the medical staff for contact tracing, treatment, testing, effective quarantine, and isolation of affected cases. He also directed them to involve local public representatives for effective surveillance and monitoring of positive cases.

As per the latest COVID SOPs issued by Ladakh Disaster Management Authority, social/ religious/ academic/ entertainment/ educational/ cultural/sports/re-

ligious gathering/political functions and other congregations would be permitted outside the containment zones up to a ceiling of 25 persons only or 50% of the hall capacity, whichever is less in case of indoor spaces. Such gatherings would be permitted up to a ceiling of 50 persons or 50% of the capacity of the space with social distancing, whichever is less in case of open space, only with the prior permission of office the District Magistrate, Leh. Wearing face masks, maintaining social distancing, provision of thermal scanning and use of hand wash or sanitizer would be mandatory. These gatherings shall also be monitored and in case of violation of physical distancing and mask usage norms, necessary enforcement, and penal actions will be taken by magistrates/police and special Covid squads.

As a matter of abundant caution, no mass gatherings will be allowed in areas identified as containment zones. Marriages (attended by up to 50 persons) and funerals/last rites (attended by up to 20 persons) will be allowed outside the containment zone with the prior permission of the office of District Magistrate Leh.

Chairman DDMA Leh further impressed upon the officials to ensure that these guidelines issued by the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) are strictly enforced in the district. He added that all protocols issued by State Executive Committee (SEC), Ladakh Disaster Management Authority (LDMA) should be strictly adhered to.

He further appealed to the public to always follow Covid Appropriate Behaviour.

Additional Secretary, MHA, reviews preparation of pending LAHDC's accounts

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Additional Secretary/Finance Advisor, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India (GoI) convened a review meeting on the preparation of the accounts of the LAHDC, Leh and Kargil district pending for the last 25 years.

Advisor Ladakh Umang Narula was present during the meeting.

Additional Secretary, MHA was informed that the Finance Department of UT Ladakh has started a weekly monitoring system to review the accounts preparation of LAHDCs post the serious observation in the CAG report on non-submission of accounts since the inception of the LAHDCs. Additional Secretary also asked for submission of a sectoral-wise breakup of the current year's budgetary allocation and



During the review meeting on the preparation of the accounts of the LAHDC, Leh and Kargil district.

estimated expenditures incurred.

The Chief Controllers of Finance (CCF) of LAHDCs of Leh and Kargil presented a detailed report on the progress of their work in preparing the pending accounts. They also informed about the various shortcomings and issues faced by them in this process.

It was decided in the meeting that the prepared accounts would be sent to the office of the Jammu

and Kashmir Accountant General on the concurred deadlines starting from November, 2021.

Deputy Commissioner/Chief Executive Officer were urged to monitor the booking of expenditure under different works on a regular basis to ensure that allotted budgets are timely expended and not wait for the month of March, in view of restriction on expenditure booking in the last month of the financial year.

District Police, Leh, confiscate illegal liquor, 3 held

Around 304 bottles of liquor seized



Inspector Rigzin Gurmet and Inspector Mohd Yousuf addressing the media on illicit liquor.

Tenzin Dajon

LEH: District Police Leh recovered around 304 bottles of illicit liquor from two different locations around Leh town on November 26.

Three women namely Phurpa Dolma, Sunita Kesi, and Kesang Dolma resident of Nepal were arrested. The case was registered

under FIR No. 264 under section 48A Excise Act.

Inspector Mohd. Yousuf, SHO, Leh informed about the operation launched by Leh Police against illegal liquor. He said that the people involved in such a case used to stock the bottles when it is available in wine shops and sell them charging

double the price when there is a shortage of liquor in the market.

He also informed that police have a separate monitoring cell in the district with source and come into action whenever such information is received. Talking about the conviction rate he said in such cases it remains 99 percent because the matters are solved by fine or whatever the punishment stated as per law.

Earlier on November 2 police seized 312 bottles of illegal liquor from Choglamsar and 270 from Spituk. The case was registered under FIR no. 255 under section 48A Excise Act. The cases are under trial.

Inspector Yousuf further added that the police are patrolling day and night to ensure peace and security.

NOTICE

An application has been received from Stanzin Mutup S/o Tsewang Phuntsog R/o Skurbuchan Leh, Ladakh owner of vehicle no. LA02 1533 for issuance of duplicate Registration Certificate of the above said vehicle in lieu of the lost documents. Also, he has lost his driving license bearing no. JK-1020160018531 and is applying for duplicate driving license.

Now, it is therefore notified for the general public information that objection if any shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer ARTO/RTO within a period of 7 days from date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE

We the following persons, propose to register a Non-profitable NGO under the name and Style as 'Ex Ibex Lotsava Welfare Society Mangu' Leh UT Ladakh with the Registrar of Societies UT Ladakh under Society Registration Act 1860.

List of Executive members of the Society:

S.No	Name	Parentage/Spouse	Residence	Designation
1	Tashi Rinchen	Ishey Stobdan	Mangu	President
2	Phunchok Namgial	Lobzang Tundup	Mangu	Vice-President
3	Stanzin Noryang	Skarma Yountan	Mangu	General Secretary
4	Tsewang Nurboo	Dorjay Tsering	Mangu	Joint Secretary
5	Mifam Wangboo	Phunchok Gyalton	Mangu	Cashier/Treasurer
6	Sonam Jorgais	Ishey Stobdan	Mangu	Organiser
7	Sonam Nurboo	Tsewang Norboo	Mangu	Member
8	Tsering Angchok	Tsering Norphel	Mangu	Member

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

President

'Ex Ibex Lotsava Welfare Society Mangu' Leh UT Ladakh

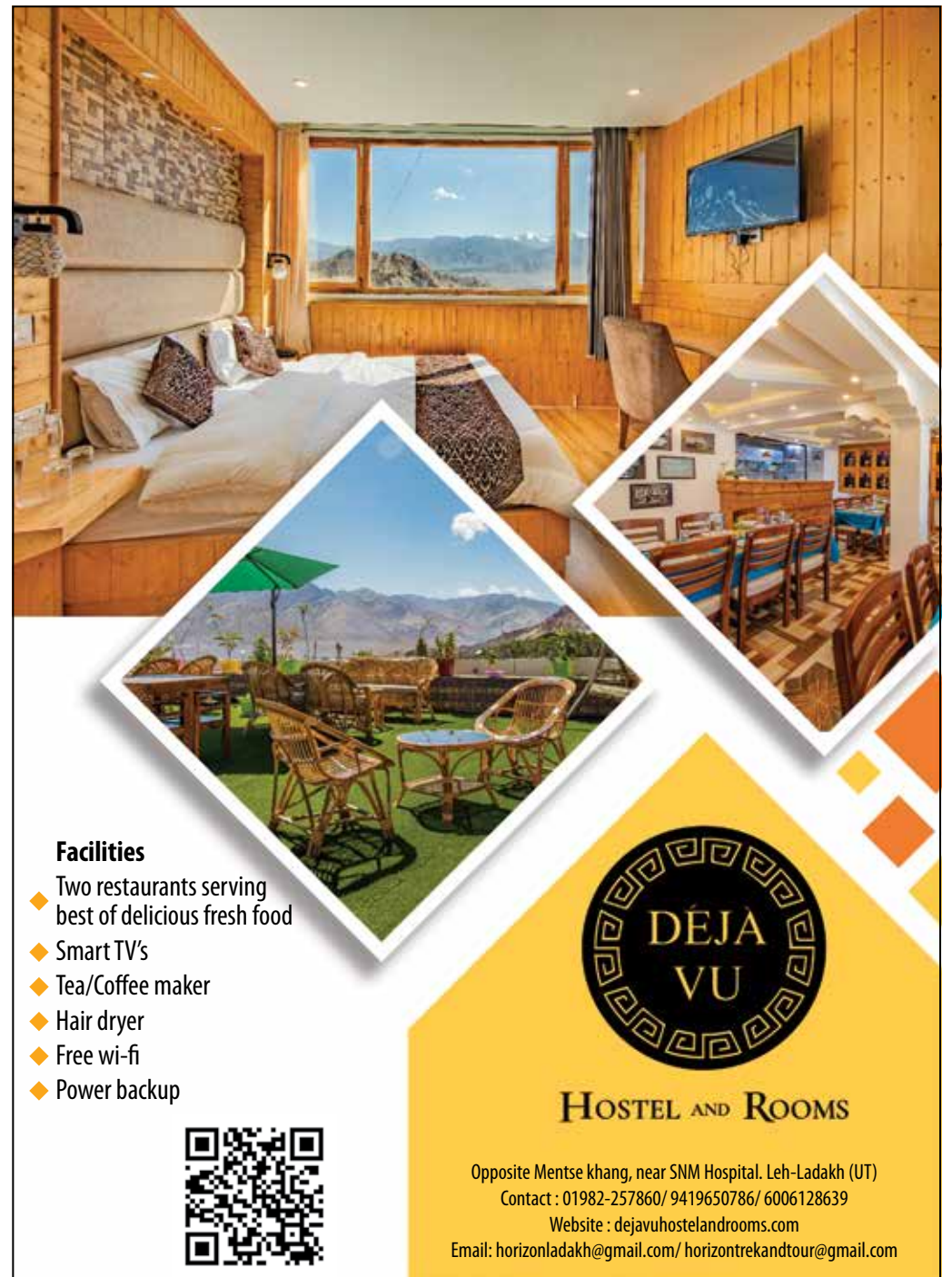
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