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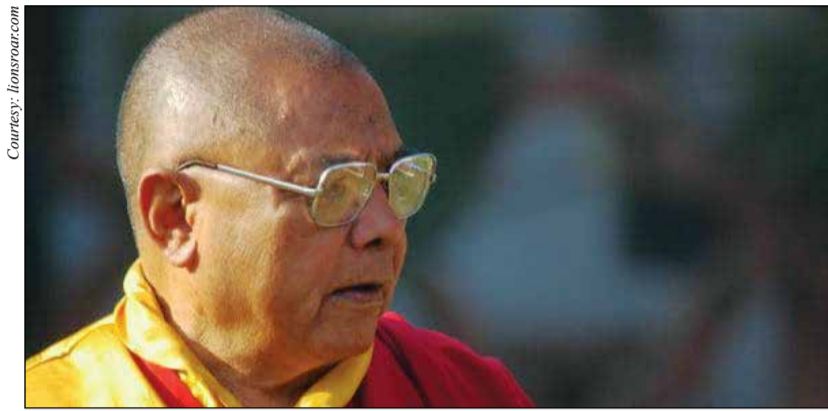
## Lama Lobzang: The monk who made medical facilities accessible to Ladakh

*He has brought super-specialist doctors to Ladakh every year, and the patients are treated free of cost*

Stanzin Dasal

LEH: Ven. Lama Lobzang is a living legend, a remarkable Buddhist monk who has devoted nearly six decades of his life, unleashing all his Buddhist teachings, training and power of compassion to bring humanitarian aid and services for the welfare of the people. His life journey began in the Kau family of Leh in the year 1931 and very early in his life, he became a monk and lived a monastic life in Sankar monastery. In 1951, the 19th Kushok Bakula Rinpoche sent him to Sarnath to pursue formal education and he was ordained as Buddhist monk in the year 1952 at the age of 21 in Tibet.

In his lifetime, Lama Lobzang embodies not only power of selfless service and eternal power of compassion that can be vouched by thousands of people in the region of Ladakh who received his benevolent efforts to bring essential medical services to the remotest possible areas and people. His act of compassion extended from Ladakh to Delhi as he has assisted thousands of patients to be brought into Delhi and receive world class treatment in prestigious hospitals like AIIMS, Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, and Safdarjung Hospital. For this reason, Lama Lobzang, lovingly, respectfully and with great reverence is called 'Mey lay' by the people of Ladakh. His indomitable spirit of compassion made him work till the age of 90 taking patients personally for varied treatments and making both medical care and stay for each patient a jour-



Ven. Lama Lobzang.

ney of healing, love and empathy.

Tashi Angchuk, who has been working with the Ven. Lama Lobzang for the last 27 years said, "Ladakh is blessed to have a personality like 'Mey Lay' among us. He has helped patients from different backgrounds as his own family and helped them to get treated by the renowned doctors of AIIMS. His dedication and love for the people inspired us to work and help the needy."

"Not just to the people of Ladakh, Ven. Lama Lobzang has helped the people of the entire Himalayan region", he added.

For the last three decades, Asoka Mission headed by Venerable Lama Lobzang has been organizing medical camps in Ladakh on an annual basis and he has been instrumental in bringing super specialist doctors with their team who treat the patient free of cost thereby spreading the

spirit of compassion. Even the management of medical camps is carefully structured in a manner whereby the cases of old patients are followed up, the new cases are diagnosed and depending on the need some even get operated on in Leh or the place where camp is organized. This is done to save huge expenditure and time for the general public. In the year 2021, Ashoka Mission for the first time even during the pandemic gathered all its resources to organize a medical camp in the remote region of Zaskar bringing into close ambit help for people who needed it the most.

Tashi Motup Kau, General Secretary, Asoka Mission said, "Ven. Lama Lobzang has spent his lifetime in complete devotion to provide support to his people in Ladakh and I admire the attention, he gave to bring medical aid and assistance to his people who required

medical treatment due to extremities of the region. It was his relentless dedication of nearly four decades, building medical network of specialist doctors and surgeons, who inspired by his innate Buddhist nature joined him in this arduous task of providing medical care to all those people who earlier neither had access nor knowledge how to seek appropriate medical treatment both in Ladakh and Delhi. Over a period of time, he successfully established a system of taking doctors from Delhi to Ladakh and bringing those patients to Delhi who required specialized treatment by arranging for their transport, stay and treatment. With the result that by now scores of people have been treated for serious and life-threatening ailments like cancer, brain tumour, kidney transplant, heart related issues, liver and gastrointestinal diseases to name a few amongst so many others. I am witness to his meditative like focus, attention and disciplined attitude towards providing medical aid to his people as this was an arduous task that entailed lot of work along with emotional empathy and sensitivity. I have now taken up this responsibility to carry forward his work with same zeal and dedication that he inspired and inculcated in me for the people of Ladakh."

Lama Lobzang has spent his life embedded deeply in firm faith and belief in Buddhist values and teachings and has worked tirelessly for reviving Buddhism

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## CEC, Kargil, unfurls national flag on 73rd Republic Day



Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan after unfurling the national flag during the 73rd Republic day celebration in Kargil.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan unfurled the national flag during the 73rd Republic day celebration at Khree Sultan Chow sports stadium.

Congratulating the people on Republic Day, CEC Khan recalled the contributions of the makers of the Indian Constitution and the supreme sacrifices of national heroes who laid down their lives for the country. He hailed the services of the Army, paramilitary forces, and police in guarding the frontiers in harsh conditions and for maintaining peace, order, and internal security in the country.

Reiterating the sacrifices of leaders for the future of the nation, he said that the biggest tribute to them is if we can work on the principles of peace and justice for the development of the country.

While highlighting the achievements, development activities, and plans in the

district, CEC said that LAHDC Kargil is fully committed to the overall development of the district in all sectors, and in this regard, several important initiatives have been taken up. He also informed that under LAHDC, Kargil, several developmental measures have been taken up in many departments like health, PWD, Tourism, Sports, Rural Development, and various works are undergoing in these departments.

He said that the education sector was affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and despite that, the educational activities continued in the district with every possible measure. He said that at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, radio, TV, and social media were used as a medium of education and special education programs were organized for students. Khan informed that ICT labs, smart classes have been established in 54 government schools to impart quali-

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## 73rd Republic day celebration: LG Mathur unfurls national flag in Leh

Administration making continuous efforts to empower elected bodies: L-G



L-G Mathur inspecting the parade contingents during the 73rd Republic day celebration.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Unfurling and saluting the national flag, Leh celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at Pologround.

The day progressed with the parades of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Ladakh Police, IRP-25 Battalion of Ladakh Police, National Cadet Corps (NCC), ex-Servicemen of Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre, and band parties.

Addressing the gathering, Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur said that the Administration is making a continuous effort to empower elected bodies to exercise their powers as per the law and the constitution so that they can become a prime mover for the development

of Ladakh. He said that the administration is committed to making elected bodies equal partners in the planning process of the development of Ladakh, including preparing Ladakh Vision 2050, preparing a roadmap for the development through Development Conclaves, and organising continuous training for the Ladakh elected representatives.

LG Mathur also stated that UT Administration is improving infrastructure for the smooth function of the gram panchayat and Block Development Councils and strengthening the capability of the Councils by increasing their manpower.

"The number of elected representatives, including both the Councils, Municipal

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## Three arrested for extorting money

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Three accused namely Rigzen Dorjay R/o Lingshed ; Manish KC R/o Nepal and Jatin Sharma R/o Jammu arrested in charge of money extortion from a local youth in Leh.

A case FIR No 03/2022 U/S 364A, 392,394, 506/IPC was registered.

On January 16, Police post-Housing Colony Leh received a complaint from a person namely Padma Angchuk R/o Heniskot labour by a profession that on 14 January, three unknown persons abducted him and his friend from New Bus Stand Leh in a Santro car and took them to Skampari area and extorted an amount of Rs 16000 from him.

The victim came to Leh for purchasing some household items and on reaching Leh he met his friend namely Lobzang Takpa of Zanskar at Skalzangling, who is also a labour by profession. They both went to New Bus Stand Leh to have some food in a restaurant and after having food, the duo were searching for a hotel room near bus stand for night stay as the complainant as well as his friend didn't have any accommodation here in Leh. As



Three accused namely Rigzen Dorjay R/o Lingshed ; Manish KC R/o Nepal and Jatin Sharma R/o Jammu.

they were searching for a room, the duo encountered the accused namely Rigzen Dorjay and his accomplice Manish KC who told them that they will arrange a better room for night stay and then forcefully took them in their santro car driven by Manish KC. They took them to Skampari area where they were joined by their third accomplice namely Jatin Sharma. The trio threatened them and extorted Rs 16000/- cash from complainant Padma Angchuk. They beat the victims with fists and blows and threatened them with dire consequences if they inform police or anybody else.

Based on the complaint, District Police, Leh investigated and based on body description and

their attire provided by the victims, different police search parties were sent and succeeded in arresting all the three accused who committed this heinous crime.

The trio confessed their involvement in committing the crime and on their confessions and disclosure Rs, 9600 (nine thousand six hundred) has been recovered by police along with the white colour Santro car bearing registration No DL 2CAD.8190. Further investigation is going on for involvement of these accused persons in any other criminal activities.

District Police appeals public to inform police or Dial 112 without any hesitation if such incidents happen with them.

## Cybercrime unit Leh, cracks online fraud case in 3 days

Stanzin Dasal

LEH: Timely reporting of the online bank fraud to the cyber-crime unit Leh proved to be a savior for one victim, who got back the lost amount

Cyber Crime unit Leh received a complaint from Tashi Samstan R/o Zanskar on January 10 regarding the fraudulent transfer of ₹ 56,991/- from his SBI Account through the Yono SBI app.

Tashi Samstan said, "I was getting some technical issues while using Yono SBI App and contacted customer care number of Yono SBI. I copied the customer care number from google and followed the instruction of customer care. They transferred the call and as per instruction, I downloaded the AnyDesk application after that I got to know that my amount has been lost. I registered my complaint to the cybercrime cell, Leh and within 3 days I got my lost amount."

He expressed his gratitude to the team of the cyber-crime unit, Leh Ladakh Police for the im-



The team of SIT Cybercrime unit, Leh during the Press Conference.

mediate action and retrieving the amount.

Talking about the case during a press conference on January 14, Stanzin Paljor, Inspector, SIT Cybercrime unit, Leh said, "We started working as soon we received the complaint. As per the instruction given by the fake customer service, the victim installed the AnyDesk application which enables the other person to share the mobile/ desktop screen through which the fraudulent hacked the device and withdrew the money."

"I appeal to everyone not to install suspicious application,

share OTP, pin, password get the customer care number of banks from google, etc. If anyone falls victim to such frauds or scams immediately report to the cybercrime unit of District Police Leh", he added.

The Cyber fraud case was solved by a team of cyber-crime unit investigation officers headed by Inspector Stanzin Paljor, PSI Mehdi Khan, PSI Ileyas under the close supervision of SSP Leh, PD Nitya IPS.

Whosoever falls prey to such fraud can contact 01982-252200 OR Dial 112 or visit the nearest police unit for immediate action.

## CEC, Kargil, unfurls national flag on 73<sup>rd</sup> Republic Day

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ty education to the students. Apart from that 8,650 free tablets were distributed among students of 7th to 12th classes to help them attend the online classes, which created a positive impact.

CEC said to continue classes during the pandemic situation, community classes were started in the district during which volunteers took an active part in the community classes. He said classes were started in 488 villages/Mohallas in which 2,119 volunteers and 1,810 teachers imparted education to students. 18,673 students were benefitted from the community classes.

He said that education has been a top priority of LAHDC Kargil during the Covid-19 pandemic and Rs 2 Crores has been allotted for winter tuition for Kargil adding that winter tuition has been started in 150 centers in the district. He said for the convenience of students, 6 buses were bought under the SDP scheme.

Regarding unemployment, CEC said every effort will be made to fill the vacancies in various government departments and this process will start soon. He said that unemployed youth will be provided better employment opportunities in various departments.

Khan said recently 53 vacant posts of Account Assistant have been filled and this recruitment is the example of the transparent recruitment process. He thanked employees of the Employment Department, especially Deputy Commissioner Kargil, for completing this recruitment process in a time-bound manner.

Talking about the health sector, CEC said they are constantly monitoring the Covid-19 and have fast-tracked the vaccination drive for students of 15-18 years of age. Doctors, paramedical, staff, frontlines workers, and people above 60 years of age have been inoculated the booster doses of vaccine.

He said to provide quality health care services to patients, 6 critical care and 17 transport ambulances have been kept available at different places. Given the third Covid-19 wave they have planted 6 oxygen plants in the district having an oxygen generation capacity of 100-1000 LPM.

Feroz Ahmed Khan said under PWD CRF the construction work of roads at the cost of Rs 120 crore

is undergoing in the district, while under PMGSY Rs 220 crores have been sanctioned for 23 new schemes on which work has been started. He also said that a total of Rs 50 crore and 43 lakhs has been spent on 23 various road construction works, and under the SDP scheme 21 new bridges are at the completion stage. Similarly, Rs 15 crores and 39 lakhs have been spent on the construction of bridges at places of the district including Thuluspursa, Padum, Lgnak, Parichumik, Akhchamal, and Karkitchu and work has been completed. Rs 29 crores has been spent on macadamization of 48 kilometer long roads and the work has been completed. He also said in the interiors of the district, complete macadamization of roads has been achieved.

Regarding Kargil-Zanskar national highway (NH 301), CEC said the construction work of road widening is going on at war-footing basis for which Rs 800 crores have been sanctioned.

To provide clean drinking water to every household of the district under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), PHE Department has got Rs 350 crores. Till date, 145 functional household taps have been provided at different places. As of now Rs 31 crores has been spent on the same scheme.

He also highlighted several developmental works carried out in the agriculture and horticulture department, road projects under the various scheme, development of helipads skill development, sports, etc.

CEC congratulated Akhon Asgar Ali Basharat who has been honoured with the Padma Shri award in the field of education and literature. He also congratulated DSP Muhammad Aslam for receiving Police President Medal, the state awardees, especially Master Muhammad Hussain, Tashi Tundup, and Mustafa Kamal.

On behalf of Hill Council Kargil, Khan thanked the UT administration, especially the Lieutenant Governor Ladakh, RK Mathur for his support and co-operation for the overall development of the Kargil district. He also thanked district officers especially Deputy Commissioner and CEO LAHDC Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve, SSP Anayat Choudhary, and other district officers for their continuous hard work and support.

Meanwhile, colorful cultural programs were also presented by the artists of Ladakh Cultural Academy Kargil.

## 73<sup>rd</sup> Republic day celebration: LG Mathur unfurls national flag in Leh

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Councils, and Panchayati Raj Institutions, is above 1,700. We are trying to strengthen the Grassroots democracy in Ladakh with their help. I am sure that the strengthening of the Grassroots democracy and their collective decisions would provide the road-map for the development of Ladakh," he added.

He highlighted the achievements of the Administration in various sectors such as health, education, power, infrastructure, telecommunications, tourism, and sports. He also spoke on the issue of employment in Ladakh and stated that around 500-550 jobs have been provided through Hill Councils after the formation of UT and more than 600 jobs were provided through outsourcing. He said that the government-sanctioned posts are not being filled through outsourcing nor it is possible.

## Lama Lobzang: The monk who made medical facilities accessible to Ladakh

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and Buddhist heritage sites all over the world. His focused to map out Buddhism on the global stage, to preserve Buddhist heritage sites and to share Buddhist knowledge as well as to promote Buddhist values, and represent a united front of Buddhism for meaningful global discourse, he has founded the international umbrella body- International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) in the year 2010. IBC is a global body of Buddhist organizations. The organization was formally registered on November 2, 2012 and under its umbrella Lama Lobzang attended more than 40 international conferences and was instrumental in the organization of around 21 conferences both at the national and international levels.

Tashi Motup said, "I have seen Ven. Lama Lobzang a monk by choice, training and discipline toiling tirelessly to seek appropriate path to uplift the society by first expanding education facilities in the region to gradually gravitating towards providing societal welfare in more expansive manner. His unique approach based on his integrated Buddhist learning was duly acknowledged by the Government of India when he was appointed in the Minority Commission to provide same guidance and direction for the upliftment of Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe community in a more focused and planned manner."

To give more concrete shape to his societal welfare efforts, he was appointed at various positions in the government organization as well as NGO's. He served as a Member, High Powered Panel on

Stating that the youth in Ladakh is among the best and brightest in the country, LG Mathur said that Ladakhi youth have the scope to set up enterprises in the primary sector through entrepreneurship. He stated that Ladakhi youth are working in various fields such as sea buckthorn production and pashmina and also establishing new units.

LG Mathur also appealed to the public to actively take part in the Jal Jeevan Mission to help achieve the target of providing functional household tap connections (FHTCs) to the entire Ladakh by 15 August 2022. He shared that about 30% of households have been provided with FHTCs in different villages of Ladakh to date.

Cultural troupes of Ladakh Academy of Art Culture and Languages (LAACL) from Leh and Kargil districts performed songs and dances.

Minorities, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (1980-1983); Member (non-statutory), National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Ministry of Home Affairs/Welfare, Government of India (1984-1992). He also served as a member, (Constitutional) National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (1995 – 1998, and 1998 to 2001); Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Government of India (2004 – 2007).

To understand the situation at the ground level and to directly connect with the people during his tenure as a member of the National Commission for Scheduled castes and Tribes he undertook two padayatras, one for 37 days from Delhi to Lucknow covering 10 districts and a distance of 740 km and the other for 14 days from Nasik to Pune covering three districts at a distance of 280 km. The pad yatra helped him to observe study and understand minutely the problems faced by these communities. His relentless efforts assisted in the declaration of indigenous people of Ladakh as Schedule Tribe, uplifting the SC, ST, and other weaker sections of the society to a life of dignity, honour and equality.

The need of the hour is to give recognition to all the toiling efforts Ven. Lama Lobzang and his lifelong work to elevate the sufferings of people, minorities and to the greater cause of Buddhism. This will inspire scores of people to follow in his footsteps and especially to the youth of Ladakh that looks up to him as their true teacher, guide and mentor whose values need to be emulated and become a source of aspiration and inspiration.

## Training for Ladakh officials on Jal Jeevan Mission held

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: 30% of rural Ladakh households are getting water supply through taps under Jal Jeevan Mission.

All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIIILSG) which is an empanelled agency (KRC) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, conducted the first training programme for the engineers and officers of UT Ladakh on January 20.

Commissioner Secretary, Ajeet Kumar Sahu congratulated the officials on the successful implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission in Ladakh and further lauded their efforts to encourage community participation, changing the initial inhibitions of the people towards JJM. He reiterated that JJM is not a scheme but a 'People's Movement' wherein community participation is the



Commissioner Secretary, Ajeet Kumar Sahu.

key. He expressed his pleasure on the fact that Ladakh strongly believes in 'Community Participation' and that no major complaint has been registered regarding the implementation of the scheme so far. He further added that handing over the powers, functionalities, funds, and functions to the community will be the biggest achievement and ensure the success of the scheme.

He further thanked the AIIILSG for organizing the programme and stated that the whole scheme should be conceptualized keep-

ing the suitability for community management in mind, and urged the officials to reassess their work and prepare additional DPRs accordingly with the support of the Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department.

Through Jal Jeevan Mission, the Administration has resolved to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual tap connections, even in sub-zero temperatures, by 2022 in rural Ladakh. More than 12 villages comprising remote villages like Dipling and Umla have now become 'Har Ghar Jal' by achieving 100% tap water connection. Now the residents of these villages don't have to travel long distances to fetch water and have a water supply at their doorstep.

The programme was hosted by Abhishek Pandey (AIIILSG) and an overview of the training was provided by Dr. Bhakti Devi, Trainer, AIIILSG.

## Councillors, LAHDC, Leh, stopped from entering VIP gate during Republic day celebration

If this continues then we will think of celebrating the event separately in the future, say councillors

Tenzin Dajon

LEH: Councillors of LAHDC Leh stopped at VIP gate during the 73rd Republic day celebration at Pologround.

Addressing a press conference, Konchok Stanzin, Councillor, Chushul constituency condemn the incident and demanded a thorough investigation on the lapses and to issue the warrant of precedence at the earliest.

He said, "Like every year we received the invitation and along with my fellow councillors went in a district garage vehicle. We were not allowed to enter the gate and it has happened for the first time in the history of Hill Council since its inception in 1995. The administration is disrespecting the LAHDC and its councillors. Ladakh has only two public institutions in the form of Hill Council Leh and Kargil. So it is very unfortunate and we condemn it."

"The same card is distributed from Lt Governor to councillors and seating arrangement was done according to it. So it seems that they are intentionally trying

to undermine the council. It is high time, and LG must define the status of councillors, the Warrant of Precedence must be brought soon to avoid such incidents in the future. We have also requested CEC to take up the case seriously and strongly" he added.

Lobzang Sherap, Councillor Khatse constituency said, "If they have invited us to insult then we would not have attended the event at all. If this attitude remains the same, then we will think of celebrating the event separately (be it Independence Day to Republic Day) at NDS ground with the public of the district".

"If this was not intentional then why we were not allowed to enter even after showing the invitation card? It seems that police and other departments must be trained about the status of Sarpanch, BDC, and Councillors", he said.

Other councillors also condemned the incident and alleged that the Council is undermined by the UT administration.

Interacting with the media Tashi Gyalson, CEC LAHDC Leh called

the incident unfortunate. He said that the matter has been discussed with the Lieutenant Governor for an immediate inquiry.

He stressed the need for Warrant of Precedence and said, "It has become a serious matter now and we expect that Lt. Governor will soon define the status of the councillors. Though it is a failure of UT administration, the Governor has assured me to complete the process soon."

"The whole incident looks like a conspiracy to defame the council. It is the responsibility of each soul in Ladakh to protect the council and we will adopt a zero-tolerance policy with whosoever try to undermine the council and strict action will be taken against them", he added.

District police Leh issued a press release stating that the incident happened due to miscommunication and the matter couldn't get solved and the councillors left the venue. An inquiry has been initiated at the district police level and strict action will be taken against the person responsible.

## Meeting on controlling codling moth menace in Ladakh held

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Secretary Agriculture/Horticulture, UT Ladakh, Ravinder Kumar chaired a meeting regarding the launch of the Codling Moth Control Programme and area expansion for the horticulture sector in UT Ladakh.

The meeting commenced with the Secretary, Horticulture reviewing previous works and feedback from the Research institutes and Department regarding work done in controlling the menace of codling moth in Ladakh.

The Secretary was apprised that the SKUAST-K and DIHAR in collaboration with the Horticulture Department have already initiated a pilot programme to control the codling moth using organic methods. Further, the Horticulture Department, UT Ladakh, shall organize training for the departmental staff and skilled farmers to be trained in DIHAR before the program's launch and form a task force to launch the programme on mission mode.

The Chief Horticulture Officer, Leh has submitted that all the tools and items have been procured under the codling moth control and orchard sanitization programme which shall be distributed amongst the progressive farmers after imparting proper training.

Secretary directed the Horticulture Department Leh and Kargil to prepare an action plan for the upcoming season in coordination with the concerned research institutes for the timely launch of the programme. The Department in collaboration with the research institute has also been instructed to pre-



Secretary, Agriculture/Horticulture, UT Ladakh, Ravinder Kumar chairing a meeting regarding the launch of the Codling Moth Control Programme.

pare short video clips and pamphlets for distribution amongst the farmers and make them aware of the seriousness of the codling moth issue as well as the importance of organic farming.

The exporters have conveyed that codling moth is affecting the market value of the product and the problem needs to be addressed at the earliest to establish the brand Ladakh at the national and international level. For area expansion and engaging local youths into the sector, the Department has been asked to include the tissue culture to produce mass sapling on priority, micro-irrigation system, and exposure/training to the departmental technicians and progressive farmers.

The meeting was attended by Director DIHAR, Dr. Namgyal; Associate Director, SKUAST-K Leh; Chief Horticulture Officer, Leh, and Kargil; Senior scientist and scientist from DIHAR and SKUAST and entrepreneurs/exporters.

## Deputy Chairman reviews transfer of teachers, implementation of National Education Policy



Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk discussing education-related matters with the district officers.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk discussed measures regarding the general transfer of teachers in the Government Schools of Leh district, National Education Policy (NEP), and its proper implementation in the district.

The officials apprised Dy Chairman about the status of various developmental works being carried out in the education sector in Leh.

Dy Chairman emphasized rationalizing the transfer of teachers based on the requirement for the availability of subject teachers in the schools. He directed the officials to prepare a report in this regard and

complete the process of teacher transfer before the opening of government schools after the winter vacation in the Leh district this year.

He discussed the need for preparing hostels and transportation facilities for the students. The officials were asked to prepare a model for upgrading school infrastructures along with hostels.

Dy Chairman Angchuk stressed achieving the target of 100 percent literacy rate in Leh and highlighted the need for introducing skill-developing and vocational courses in line with the 'Padhna Likhna Abhiyan' scheme by the Government of India. Further, a phase-wise development to bring quality education which would also make students closer to their native culture and upbringing of a global vision in every student was also emphasized by the Dy Chairman.

The officials present during the meeting were Chief Education Officer, Leh; Dy Chief Education Officer, Kharu; Zonal Education Officer, Leh; Principal, Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School, Leh, and Principal, Govt. Higher Secondary School, Khatse.

## First meeting of Ladakh Biodiversity Council held

Establishment of Biodiversity Management Committee & preparation of People's Biodiversity Register is must: Advisor Narula



During the first meeting of the Ladakh Biodiversity Council.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The first meeting of the Ladakh Biodiversity Council (LBC) was chaired by the Umang Narula, IAS, Advisor to Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Ladakh on January 19.

Preet Pal Singh, IFS, member-secretary of the Council presented the agenda items.

Emphasising the role of the Council in the preservation and conservation of the rich biodiversity of Ladakh, the Advisor desired that the establishment of BMCs and preparation of the People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) should be accorded highest priority.

The Council was informed that at Panchayat level, 45 out of 95 BMCs in Leh district and 55 out of 98 BMCs in Kargil district had been constituted. In this context, the Advisor directed Secretary Rural Development to complete the constitution of the remaining BMCs within the next 15 days. It was also decided that the two Municipal level BMCs for Leh and Kargil municipalities should be constituted by the end of this month.

The Council decided that an order will be passed by the Secretary Rural Development to

nominate Panchayat Secretary as BMC Secretary and District Panchayat Officers, Leh and Kargil as Nodal officers for Leh and Kargil districts, respectively. It was also decided that an orientation workshop would be held for the aforesaid nominated officers regarding their role and responsibilities.

The Council also approved the constitution of a committee headed by Dr Padma Gurmet, National Institute of Sowa Rigpa, Leh, to identify the potential floral species for State Flower and State Tree of UT Ladakh. This committee would consult various stakeholders and present its report to the Council.

The matter regarding hiring of staff, including Programme Coordinator, Technical Assistant and Office Assistant, for ensuring smooth functioning of the Council, was also discussed. It was decided that Technical Support Groups (TSGs) would be constituted to assist the BMC in formulating PBRs.

Principal Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment, Dr Pawan Kotwal requested the Council members to furnish their suggestions regarding expert members who could be members of the TSGs and stated that these bod-

ies could include locals with in-depth knowledge of their biodiversity and students working in related fields.

During the meeting, the Council also approved the proposal that the office of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Department of Wildlife Protection, UT Ladakh, would be designated as the office for the LBC.

Tania Bhattacharya, CEO, The Celestial Earth gave a presentation on the proposed State Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. Regarding the draft presented, the Council desired that all stakeholders and Administrative Secretaries be consulted for inputs and suggestions for preparing the Action Plan.

The meeting of the council was attended by Principal Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment, Dr Pawan Kotwal; Secretary, Rural Development Department, Saugat Biswas; Chief Wildlife Warden/Member Secretary, Ladakh Biodiversity Council, Preet Pal Singh; OSD to Advisor to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Ladakh, Mohd Taqi; Director, Defence Institute of High Altitude Research, Dr Om Prakash Chaurasia; National Research of Sowa Rigpa, Leh, Dr Padma Gurmet; Head, Ladakh Regional Centre, GBPNHIE, Leh, Dr Subrat Sharma; HOD, Zoology Department, Degree College, Kargil, Dr Javed Iqbal; Senior Programme Manager, Snow Leopard Conservancy India Trust, Jigmet Dadul; Project Associate, SECURE Himalaya, UNDP, Leh, Stanzin Namdol and representatives of The Celestial Earth.



## Administration to start listing of heritage sites, preparation of village history of UT Ladakh

It will be a repository of Ladakh's past and future generations will be benefitted: Secretary, Mehboob Ali Khan



Secretary, Tourism & Culture, Kacho Mehboob Ali Khan chairing a meeting regarding the listing of historical/heritage sites and preparation & documentation of the history of villages of UT Ladakh.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Secretary, Tourism & Culture, Kacho Mehboob Ali Khan chaired a meeting regarding the listing of historical/heritage sites and preparation & documentation of the history of villages of UT Ladakh.

Secretary, Kacho Mehboob said that the exercise will be unique and one of its kind in the country to list and document a UT's heritage sites and the history of its villages. This will become a repository of Ladakh's past and the current & future generations will benefit, which will encourage every history lover to further, explore and do research on Ladakh's heritage and its history.

He said that the joint efforts of

the departments of Tourism, Culture, Rural Development (RD), Panchayats with the technical assistance of the National Informatics Centre (NIC), (Leh/Kargil) and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Leh with utmost professionalism will be a historical initiative for preservation, restoration and promotion of heritage sites and in preparing a historical footprint of the villages of Ladakh.

The Director, RDD will form Sub-Committees for each village involving locals who have better knowledge of the history of their respective villages so that, as far as possible, authentic history of the villages can be prepared and documented. He also stated that after due consultation with do-

main expert appropriate committee at Block-level will be formed to verify and refine the list of heritage sites/village history prepared by the Committees/Sub-Committees.

The Secretary requested the BDCs to ensure active participation of the Panchayats & villagers in this important exercise.

It was informed that for the listing of historical/heritage sites a mobile "App" has been prepared by the NIC (Leh/Kargil) in collaboration with the Archives (Antiquities) Department, Ladakh, and ASI, Leh. A live demonstration of the "App" was also made by DIO, NIC (Leh/Kargil). The workshop will be conducted to give hands-on training on listing of heritage sites on the "App" to the Panchayat Secretaries (one Member of each Committee) on 15th January at Leh & Kargil.

The training will be followed by a week for trial uploading of listing of heritage site information on the "App" and thereafter, the Committees/Sub-Committees will start the exercise of listing of heritage sites and preparation of village history. The Secretary urged the Committees/Sub-Committees, BDCs, etc. to make this exercise/project a successful cooperative effort.

## Ladakh Women Ice Hockey team win 9<sup>th</sup> IHAI National Women Ice Hockey championship

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Women Ice Hockey team of UT Ladakh won the 9th IHAI National Women Ice Hockey Championship, held at Kaza, Himachal Pradesh from January 15 to 20.

A total of six women ice hockey teams from Delhi, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, I.T.B.P, and Telangana participated in the National Championship. A total of 20 players from UT Ladakh participated.

The Championship was organised by the Ice Hockey Association of India.

Lt. Governor, R.K. Mathur and Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department, UT Ladakh congratulated the team for winning the championship and bringing laurel to the UT of Ladakh.



Women Ice Hockey team of UT Ladakh winner of the 9th IHAI National Women Ice Hockey Championship.

Moreover, a group of 40 women players-20 from Leh and 20 players from Kargil also attended the 30 days Ice Hockey Developmental Camp at Kaza Himachal Pradesh.

## L-G awards commendation certificate to 10 BRO personnel

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, R.K. Mathur awarded 10 BRO personnel with the first-ever "Commendation Certificate" to recognize their extraordinary contribution towards the creation and maintenance of infrastructure for the defence forces and civil population residing in the Union territory of Ladakh while serving with Project Vijayak and Himank.

The commendation certificates have been granted on the occasion of 73rd Republic Day on January 26, 2022. The persons are Project Vijayak - AE (Civ) Ramesh K; JE (Civ) Lakhan

Kumar Singh; JE (Civ) Avinash Chandra; MSWMason Pawan Sharma; CP Maz Tundup Dorjey, and from Project Himank - JE (Civ) Vineet Kumar Singh; JE (Civ) Diwakar Kumar; SS Sonu Kumar Singh; DVRMT-II Narsude Devendra Limbaji; Veh Mech Lovedeep.

The persons selected for the commendation have been chosen from the entire spectrum of two Projects Himank and Vijayak of BRO to include officers and other ranks, all who have contributed their best towards achieving common objectives, irrespective of their position and completely regardless of their own comforts.

This would indeed go a long way in further motivating BRO personnel to give their utmost towards the overall development and prosperity of Ladakh region.

BRO is a premier organization constructing and maintaining infrastructure in the most challenging terrain of India, playing a pivotal role in the development of the country. BRO is entrusted with creating and maintaining strategic roads in Ladakh, including the important Umlingla, Changla, Khardungla, Zojila, Lachungla, Namkila, Hambotlingla, and Fotula Passes and has endeared itself to the local population with its commitment and dedication.



### World Wetlands Day

World Wetlands Day, celebrated annually on 2nd February, aims to raise global awareness about the vital role of wetlands for people and planet. This day also marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar.

A call to take action for wetlands is the focus of this year's campaign. It's an appeal to invest financial, human and political capital to save the world's wetlands from disappearing and to restore those we have degraded. 2 February 2022 is the first year that World Wetlands Day will be observed as a United Nations international day, following its adoption by the General Assembly on 30 August 2021 in a resolution co-sponsored by 75 member states.



Tso Kar Wetland Complex added as 42nd Ramsar site, the second one in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Wetlands Action for People and Nature is the theme in 2022 highlighting the importance of actions to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands for humans and planetary health.

The World Wetlands Day awareness campaign is organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands. Contracting Parties of the Convention on Wetlands have been celebrating World Wetlands Day since 1997, when it was first established.

## DID YOU KNOW



Don Juan pond, Antarctica

- The Tso Kar Basin is a high-altitude wetland complex, which includes two connected lakes, the freshwater Startsapuk Tso and the larger hypersaline Tso Kar.

- The space is completely silent as there is no atmosphere in space which means that sound has no medium or way to travel to be heard. Venus is the hottest planet in the solar system and has an average surface temperature around 450 degree celsius.

- Don Juan Pond is a small, ankle-deep lake located in the McMurdo Dry Valleys of Antarctica, nestled in Wright Valley between the Asgard Mountain Range and the Olympus Mountain Range. With a salinity level of over 40%, it is the saltiest known body of water on earth. The pond is 18 times saltier than the ocean, or twice as salty as the Dead Sea.

- Shakespeare wrote some of the most beloved and revered pieces of literature the world has ever known, but in order to craft his plays and poems, he sometimes resorted to making up his own words. In fact, The Bard is said to have come up with more than 1,700 words including moonbeam, laughable, eyeball, bump, puking, champion, bedroom, excitement, and zany.

## SoulSpeak

P.P. Wangchuk

### The importance of keeping a diary



This is a topic I write and lecture on, quite often. The best way to improve your writing skill and streamlining your thought process is to get into the habit of daily journaling.

I confess that I did not do any diary writing because I had no one who could advise me on those lines. But I was lucky that I got to handle my college and university journals. Also true that my degree course in mass communication helped me a lot. More than the art of writing, I gained confidence in myself. That was, of course, mainly because of my teachers who encouraged me and reposed their faith in me.

Why should one start journaling? Simple: It 'nudges' one to write on one's daily experiences. To begin with, it may sound funny and nonsensical. But over a month or so into it, one develops a sort of taste in writing. Writing what? Anything, from the day's experiences to observations and comments.

One thing that a beginner must keep in mind is that one should not bother about what and how to write. It is not for beginners to think much before writing, and not at all on profound issues. Just write whatever comes to mind. Never bother about grammar and your narrative skill. Complete a few paras to begin with, and later, one can have a relook at one's writings. Believe me, there will be a noticeable improvement every day, and that will be a great boost to one's confidence and the itch to write.

Many of the great diarists like Nelson Mandela, Samuel Pepys, Anne Frank and Robert Falcon Scott had become great authors only because of their diaries. They were meticulous about recording their experiences in black and white, come what may. And, today, their books are read as masterpieces.

You too stand a good chance! Try now and here. Tomorrow never comes. Why? Because most of us are good only at postponing things for a mythical tomorrow!

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# In Conversation with Dr. Sonam Yangzes, Assistant Professor, Ophthalmology, Advanced Eye Centre, PGI

Interviewed by Tenzin Dajon

**Q. Brief us about yourself?**

I studied till class 8th from Moravian Mission School, 10th from Lamdon Model Senior Secondary school, Leh, and 12th from Mount Carmel School, New Delhi. I graduated (MBBS) from University College of Medical Sciences, Delhi, followed by MS Ophthalmology from PGIMER Chandigarh, and Senior Residency (Cornea, cataract & refractive surgery) from PGIMER. I did private practice for 2 years in Chandigarh and presently working as Assistant Professor at Advanced Eye Centre, PGIMER Chandigarh. I have a particular interest in research and have published articles in various national and international journals.

**Q. Many Ladakhi's visit PGI for eye treatment. What kind of eye problem is common?**

Cataract is the most common problem people face in Ladakh and globally. This eyesight problem is commonly associated with aging like the hair turns grey after a certain age, the lens also undergoes discoloration and loses its transparency. In Ladakh, older people with cataracts often neglect it despite vision issues. We can operate it to improve the vision. Ladakh is a high-altitude region; the climatic condition is dry, windy, and cold, because of which the problem of dry eyes is widespread. Excessive ultraviolet exposure causes eye problems like Pinguecula and Pterygium. Pterygium is a growth of the conjunctiva or mucous membrane that covers the white part of the eye over the cornea. These are the common problem found in Ladakhis, and all can be treated.

Apart from these problems, Glaucoma is another condition in which the vision of the eyes keeps declining and is not detected at an early stage. Due to lack of awareness or screening, they often get late for treatment. Therefore, visiting a doctor is a must to detect Glaucoma on time. In this case, before an operation, medicine is advised first. Generally, the chances of Glaucoma are after 50 years. Still, it may also appear in children in case of congenital pathology, injury, surgery, etc. If there is a history of parents and grandparents (family history) suffering from Glaucoma/ eye pressure issues, then it is my request to visit a doctor for screening. Timely screening can prevent blindness or the need for surgery later.

An injured and damaged retina can also be operated upon, but if it remains neglected for a long time, then it becomes difficult for operation. There is a nerve called the optic nerve; if it dries up (atrophy)



patients with diabetes for more than a year should undergo screening of their eyes by an ophthalmologist regularly.

**Q. We heard about the successful eye transplant surgery from Ladakh. Brief us about eye transplant surgery.**

The cornea is a transparent layer in front of the iris; it is a delicate structure. Therefore a slight cut or injury can create a permanent scar on it. But the good thing is that it can be transplanted by removing it (the whitish part), and then the patient can see again.

We should collect the organ within two hours for cornea transplantation, ideally considered best, but we can collect it even after 6-12 hours of patient death. An effort is always made to collect the organ as soon as possible, to preserve it in time.

Later, tissue is transferred to the laboratory, where we clean and assess the tissue to check the quality of the donated organ. Through the machine, the quality assessment is done. After that, we grade the organ and preserve the tissue in the preservative solution. Once the tissue is maintained it can be used within 48 hours to two weeks depending upon the solution, also known as preservative media.

A few years ago, a patient from Bogdang visited us with a vision issue. We registered the person in the cornea unit at once, later the patient got the cornea, and we transplanted the cornea resulting in improvement in the patient's vision. Though Eye banking is not evolved in Ladakh, it is my humble request to the people of Ladakh to pledge for organ donation after their death, which will benefit others after your death. After cornea transplantation, there is a chance to give vision to 2 blind people. At present, we do not have any data on Ladakhi patients that require cornea. For instance, Sri Lanka, a small country, has a robust eye bank program that provides cornea to its population and exports eyes to foreign countries for the needy. Being a Buddhist country, Sri Lanka believes in *Lus Chinba* (organ donation) and practice it in their life. Therefore, if Sri Lanka can give vision to millions, then why can't we?

**Q. How can we correct eye alignment problems in children?**

Many children in Ladakh have the problem of squint and refractive error. Therefore, I request the parents to bring their kids to the hospital early. Suppose they notice any abnormality in their vision

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**MESSAGE TO THE READERS**

“Due to the pandemic, children depend on phones and laptops for online classes. Recent studies in the literature have shown that an increasing number of children in Asia suffer from myopia (minus power) due to increased screen time. Therefore students must try to reduce their screen time and engage themselves in other physical activities.”

either due to injury or brain tumors, it becomes difficult to cure, but timely detection can make it treatable. Nowadays, diabetic retinopathy is commonly found among Ladakhis, as in the last 15 years, diabetes and Blood pressure cases in Ladakh have increased due to lifestyle changes. Cataracts occur earlier in diabetic or sugar patients. Like Glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy can also be screened. Therefore,

**Fortnight Highlights**



District Election Officer/ DC, Leh Shrikant Balasaheb Suse distributing the election card to the newly registered voters during the celebration of 12th National Voters' Day, themed 'Making Election Inclusive, Accessible & Participative'.



The Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalsen convened a comprehensive meeting to review the public health preparedness for COVID-19 in Leh district.



Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk reviewed the progress of educational schemes and respective grants in the schools with the Zonal Education Officers (ZEOs) of Leh district.



73rd Republic Day celebration: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalsen unfurling the national flag at the Council Secretariat.



73rd Republic Day celebration: DC/CEO, LAHDC Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse unfurling the National flag at DC office Complex Leh.



## CEC Feroz Khan reviews COVID-19 situation in Kargil

Directs Health department to increase contact tracing, surveillance



CEC, Hill Council, Kargil, Feroz Ahmed Khan reviewing the COVID-19 situation of Kargil district with district officers.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: CEC, Hill Council, Kargil, Feroz Ahmed Khan reviewed the COVID-19 situation of Kargil district during a meeting with district officers on January 27 at Council Secretariat.

Discussion and deliberations were held to restrict the upsurge of COVID-19 cases in the district.

DC/CEO Santosh Sukhadeve directed CMO Kargil and other health officers to speed up contact tracing, surveillance, and focus on all public places. He directed CMO and District Surveillance Officer to propose setting up localized containment zones as per guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

CEC Khan urged the general public to follow the COVID-19 SOPs properly which includes wearing face masks, maintaining social distance, and avoiding unnecessary travel. He also said that fines shall be imposed upon people who don't follow COVID-19 SOPs in addition to action against the defaulters. He added that the local magistrate shall be on duty with the surveillance team.

Meanwhile, as a precautionary measure unvaccinated students shall not be allowed to attend classes in winter tuition/coaching centers from 31 January 2022. He said that the situation would be reviewed after a week and required actions shall be taken accordingly.

## Kargil DC reviews progress of Jal Jeevan Mission

Stresses 100 percent FHTC coverage by July 15, 2022

KARGIL: Deputy Commissioner and CEO, LAHDC, Kargil Santosh Sukhadeve reviewed the progress of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the district with the officers on January 29.

Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of work and progress of Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) for providing safe and adequate drinking water under the JJM scheme in the district. He emphasized that 100 percent FHTC coverage under the JJM has to be achieved by July 15, 2022.

He also appealed people of Kargil to help the administration in achieving 100 percent FHTC target and make it a Jan Abhiyan so that safe and assured drinking water is provided to every rural household on priority.

He also inquired from the engineers about the pending DPR allotments and directed them to complete the pending allotments



Deputy Commissioner and CEO, LAHDC, Kargil Santosh Sukhadeve reviewing the progress of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the district with the officers.

by February 15, 2022. The engineers were asked to inform him in case any contractor doesn't work so that erring can be black-listed. He also asked them to submit a detailed action plan within a week's time.

DC Santosh instructed the Superintending Engineer, Executive Engineer and third party inspection agency to visit JJM Pashkum and Kaksar site physically in order to witness the issues occurring related to the implementation of JJM. All the AEEs were asked to submit details about the number of villages, no. of habita-

tions to be covered, no. of DPRs made so far, no of tendered and allotted DPR, reason of pending DPRs (if any DPR is pending), no of schools and Anganwadi centres, number of pipes available, no of pipes required and the action plan must be submitted as soon as possible. Further, the CPO was asked to prepare a list of district officers who can be made incharges of various villages for monitoring the progress and resolve the issues, if any.

The concerned officers informed about the fully equipped Water Testing Laboratory.

## DC, Kargil, chairs review meeting of CAPEX budget 2022-23



DC, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve reviewing the CAPEX budget 2022-23 with district officers.

KARGIL: DC, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve convened a review meeting of the CAPEX budget 2022-23.

He took a detailed overview from district officers

of the respective departments about the tendering process initiated for the ongoing schemes under CAPEX budget 2022-23.

The officers were asked to submit a revised administrative approval for the CAPEX budget at the earliest and complete the tendering process before February. He directed all the officers to complete the remaining ongoing developmental works before the closure of the financial year and stressed upon the officers to achieve 100 percent achievement of expenditure this year.

The Deputy Commissioner also directed officers to start developing ideas for the incorporation of new schemes and projects in the next financial year.

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like bringing books/ toys too close while reading etc. Then this is the right time to seek a doctor. Because most of the squint issues can be solved by only putting on glasses without surgery. Parents must ensure that their kids put on spectacles all the time after a check-up. Squints are of different types; in some cases, one eye remains lazy, where we advise patching the better eye. Surgery remains the last option.

### Q. How beneficial is it to avail Ayushman Bharat health card for eye treatment?

There is a massive benefit in holding an Ayushman

Bharat health card, especially in a government hospital. Few private hospitals also accept it. Under Ayushman Bharat, patients are treated free of cost, though the paperwork remains more. Therefore attendant is a must with the patient. I request the people of Ladakh to carry the card whenever you are referred to hospitals like PGI and AIIMS. It will benefit you from operation to medications.

With the help and guidance of Ven. Lama Lobzang every year, super specialists from AIIMS conduct a medical camp in Ladakh. Similarly, I feel that we can organize a PGI level eye camp in Ladakh where we can do screening for diabetes, Glaucoma, and Cataracts, and timely treatment can be advised.

## Police-public interaction meeting held at Khaltse

Women in distress can avail of women help desk service without any hesitation: SSP

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KHALTSE: District Police Leh conducted a Police-Public interaction meeting at Police post-Khaltse on January 14. The meeting was chaired by SSP Leh, PD Nitya IPS.

DySP Hqr Leh, Subdivision officers, SDM, BMO, Tehsildar, and I/C PP Khaltse, Sarpanchs, Panchs, Nambardars, Women alliance members, and many others were present.

Various issues of public importance related to police and civil administration were highlighted. SSP Leh assured that their genuine grievances will be resolved on priority and every possible help will be provided to the people of the area and issues related to civil administration will be taken up with concerned departments for their early redressal. She sought cooperation from the participants in maintaining peace & stability in the area, besides eradicating various social evils especially drug menace, crime against women and children, and other social crimes emerging in the society.



Police-Public interaction meeting chaired by SSP Leh, PD Nitya IPS at Police post-Khaltse.

She also urged women to use the service of women help desks established at all police stations and police posts of Leh exclusively for the women in distress and use dial 112 for lodging any complaint without any hesitation.

The participants were also sensitized about the spike of Covid-19 cases in the district and were requested to spread awareness among masses to follow Covid Appropriate Behaviour.

The participants in the meeting especially women mem-

bers expressed their gratitude and appreciation to SSP Leh for conducting a police-public interaction meeting at Khaltse Sub-division and assured their full cooperation to district police Leh in tackling social evils.

Later, SSP Leh checked the screening point at Khaltse TCP and directed the concerned officer/officers from police and civil administration to effectively conduct the screening of passengers and drivers to contain further spread of Covid 19 cases.

## Investiture ceremony for 1<sup>st</sup> State Award postponed

Award amount transferred to the bank accounts of awardees

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: In the wake of the rising coronavirus cases, 1st State award Investiture ceremony is to be held now in February 2022, which was scheduled to take place in Dec 2021-Jan 2022.

January 26, 2021, 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic day celebration, 16 individuals and organizations were announced with 1<sup>st</sup> State Awards for UT of Ladakh. Administration has institutionalized the State Awards last year for recognizing the contribution of individuals as well as of organisations for their outstanding works in the field of Bravery, Literature, Art & Craft, Social Reforms, Empowerment, Environment Protection, Public Service, Sports, Entrepreneurship & Progressive Farming and Teach-

ing & Academics. The process of recommendations for conferment of State Awards was also notified. The final selection of awardees is made by the Lt. Governor on the recommendation of the UT Level Selection Committee.

Medal and citations would be conferred upon the State Awardees during the ceremony, while, the cash prize of Rs. 51,000/- (Rupees Fifty-one thousand only) has been credited in the bank accounts of all the 2021 State Awardees.

The award consists of a medal of 25 gms 18-carat gold, Rs.51,000/- and a citation. The medal is minted at the Government of India Mint at Mumbai and displays twin state birds i.e. Black Necked Crane, category of the award, and

name of the awardee besides national emblem.

For the state awards of 2022, the applications were accepted till 31st October 2021 and the selection of the state awardees is at the final stage. After approval of the competent authority awards will be announced on the occasion of Republic Day function 2022.

The State Awards are an effort of the UT Administration of Ladakh to recognize the outstanding rich & exemplary work in various fields; be it promotion, conservation of Ladakhi culture, music and dying art or inspiring budding sportspersons to excel further or recognizing the integrity zeal & commitment of a public servant who has contributed in the development of Ladakh.

## Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurates Doppler Weather Radar at Leh

L-G makes request to install Doppler Weather Radar at Kargil also



### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Celebrating 147th Foundation Day of India Meteorological Department (IMD) in New Delhi, four Doppler Weather Radars each in Leh, Mumbai, Delhi and Chennai was inaugurated by Minister of State (Independent Charge), Earth Sciences, Dr Jitendra Singh on January 15.

Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur virtually attended the inauguration of the four Doppler Weather Radars and thanked MoS Dr Jitendra Singh and IMD for providing the facility of Doppler Weather Radar at Leh. R K Mathur stated that

the radar and the establishment of a Meteorological Centre at Leh would provide great service to the people of Ladakh.

He stressed the need for decentralised and detailed information for every valley due to the different weather patterns in each valley of Ladakh. He also urged the need for decentralised weather information covering at least the major aviation routes in Ladakh and timely input by IMD for internal flying of fixed-wing planes or helicopters within Ladakh. He also highlighted the need for more weather forecasts, especially in cases of travel to areas such as Nubra, Kargil and Drass in helicopters.

L-G further informed the confidence, the people of Ladakh have in the weather-related information provided by IMD and appreciated the weather predictions made by IMD in a cold desert and fragile eco-sensitive zone such as Ladakh. He also sought support from MoS Dr Jitendra and IMD to provide more decentralised weather information about Kargil where the construction of the Zoji La tunnel is currently underway. He also requested MoS Dr Jitendra Singh to install a Doppler Weather Radar at Kargil as the Srinagar-Kargil road would become an all-weather land route in the coming years.



### EC, Animal/Sheep and DC, Leh, visits villages of Changthang

Took stock of functioning of FHTCs and distributes 222 quintals of subsidized concentrated livestock feed

**Reach Ladakh Correspondent**

LEH: Executive Councillor, Sheep/Animal, Tashi Namgail Yakzee along with Deputy Commissioner/CEO LAHDC, Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse visited Mudh, Dungti, Kuyul, Katley, Tsaga and villages of Nyoma sub-division on January 12 and 13.

DC Leh took stock of the proper functioning of Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) provided to the villagers under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). Also, he interacted with the villagers to get their firsthand experience on the success and maintenance of the water taps during the harsh winter months which otherwise freezes due to extreme winter weather conditions.

After making an assessment and taking into consideration the lean grazing season, a total of 222 quintals of subsidized concentrated livestock feed procured under subsidy head of District budget were distributed among the sheep/goat livestock



Executive Councillor, Sheep/Animal, Tashi Namgail Yakzee, Deputy Commissioner/CEO LAHDC, Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse along with Councillor Nyoma, and Chairman, BDC, Nyoma.

herder of Skagzung/Dungti and Kuyul villages.

He also stopped by the Rebos at different sites to enquire about their welfare and distributed essential provisions packages to few needy households.

Councillor Nyoma, Ishay Spal-zang; Chairman, BDC, Nyoma, Urgain Chodon; District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Dr Tundup Namgail; Assistant Director, SHD, Nyoma, Dr Changchup Dorje and field officers of the PHE department were present.

### SDM, Shakar Chiktan, inspects health care centres

**Reach Ladakh Correspondent**

KARGIL: SDM, Shakar Chiktan, Muhammad Sharif along with other officials inspected medical centers and reviewed measures to be taken to contain the spread of a new variant (Omicron) of Covid-19 on January 28.

The SDM along with BMO, Shakar Chiktan, Dr. Zohra Batul conducted an extensive three days tour of the Tehsil from Hinaskot to Lamsoo Sandoo and from Khagral to Kukshow. The tour was conducted as per the pre-circulated schedules and was attended by the respective Duty Magistrates, surveillance team of Covid-19, Sarpanches, Panches, and Lambardars.

The SDM addressed the health-related problems being



faced by the staff and public at the health centres.

He stressed upon the public to adhere to all the SOPs of Covid-19 issued by the administration and follow the same in letter and spirit to contain the pandemic. They warned that if the SOPs are not followed legal action shall be ini-

tiated against the defaulters.

The BMO and SDM stressed upon the public to extend their full cooperation to the Health Department in conducting COVID-19 sampling, generation of health ID card, vaccination, and Ayushman Bharat (Golden Card).

## NOTICE

We the following persons, propose to register a Non-profitable NGO under the name and Style as **'LINGSHED GONPA CULTURAL AND WELFARE SOCIETY' 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            | Residence      | Designation       |
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| 1    | Ven. Tsewang Jorgyas  | S/o Phuntsok Norboo  | Skyompata, Leh | President         |
| 2    | Ven. Lobzang Stanzin  | S/o Kunga Chostan    | Lingshed, Leh  | Vice-President    |
| 3    | Ven. Stanzin Padma    | S/o Phuntsog Namgail | Lingshed, Leh  | General Secretary |
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| 5    | Ven. Stanzin Choldan  | S/o Lobzang Stanzin  | Lingshed, Leh  | Cashier           |
| 6    | Ven. Stanzin Lektsoqs | S/o Tashi Gyalpo     | Lingshed, Leh  | Convener          |
| 7    | Ven. Stanzin Gonbo    | S/o Skarma Yangfail  | Lingshed, Leh  | Chief Organizer   |

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

**'LINGSHED GONPA CULTURAL AND WELFARE SOCIETY' Leh UT Ladakh**

## NOTICE

An application has been received from one Ishey Lundup S/o Dorjay Phunchok R/o Stok UT Ladakh to transfer the vehicle no. JK10 A3045 owned by Kefayed Ali S/o Mohd Hussain R/o Shey UT Ladakh. Now it is therefore notified for general information that objection if any to the proposed transfer shall be filed in writing in the office of Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) within a period of 10 days from date of publication of this notice.

No. ARTO/UT/L/2022/2769-70

Asstt. Regional Transport Officer

Date: 29-01-22.

Leh-Ladakh

## NOTICE

**No 9925812H Rank Hav Stanzin Khanrap Unit 2 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56APO** has claimed that his daughter name Tsewang Dolma **Date of Birth 23-03-2008 has been wrongly entered as 23-03-2006 in the Army record office, Ladakh Scouts and produced an affidavit duly** verified by Judicial Magistrate, Nubra with Certificate No. IN-LA02495101952036T to this office for making necessary correction. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office, **Unit 2 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56APO** within 7 days from date of publication failing which necessary correction will be made.

## NOTICE

An application has been received from M/s Overland Bikers Leh, Ladakh owner of Bike no. JK10A 6707 for issuance of duplicate Registration Certificate of the above said vehicle in lieu of the lost documents. 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 within a period of 7 days from date of publication of this notice.

## NOTICE

Whereas, I Sakhwat Hussain Shah, S/o Safdar Hussain Shah resident of Tehsil Mendar Ponch, Jammu UT J&K has claimed that his elder daughter name has been wrongly entered as Salma Kousar instead of Salma Kazmi as well as her date of birth wrongly entered as 01-04-2006 instead of 10-08-2006 and also his younger son namely Saklan Kazmi name has been wrongly entered as Saklan Hussain instead of Saklan Kazmi and also his date of birth wrongly entered as 06-04-2008 instead of 01-06-2010. Both Salma Kousar and Salma Kazmi is same person. Also Saklan Kazmi and Saklan Hussain is same person.

## NOTICE

I, Sakhwat Hussain Shah S/O Safdar Hussain Shah Resident of Tehsil Mendar Ponch, Jammu UT J&K was married to Sazia Kosar (My First Wife) who was expired on 07-20-2013 and I, got married again with namely Shahnaz Akhter (My Second Wife) on 19-02-2015 with local Muslim rites (Nikha) and custom with our will and consent.

## TENDER NOTICE

### Tender Notice for Wet Canteen/ Shop in Unit area of 1801 Pioneer Unit

1. Tender/ Quotation are invited from prospective bidders for allotment of wet canteen in 1801 Pioneer Unit based on priority as decided by IHQ of MoD (Army) and rebate offered.
2. Detail terms and conditions to be obtained from 1801 Pioneer Unit (Mobile No. 7087353606), before submission of Tender/Quotation.
3. Interested bidders may submit Quotation on their letter head by 1700 hrs on 21 February, 2022 along with a Bank Guarantees/ Bank Draft/ Postal Order of Rs 5000/- (Refundable).





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