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International Mother Language day: Ladakh Cultural Academy organises poetic symposium



During the celebration of the International Mother Language day organised by Ladakh Academy of Art Culture and Languages (LAACL) Kargil.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (LAACL), Leh and Kargil organised a poetic symposium on the occasion of International Mother Language Day on February 21.

In Kargil, poets representing Balti, Shina, Purgi, Brokskat, Dardi, Ladakhi, and Urdu languages presented their poems. While in Kargil, a total of 16 poets across Nubra, Changthang and Sham regions of the Leh district participated in the symposium.

President, Culture and Language Welfare Society, Ladakh, Dr Tsewang Yangjor who is also an Assistant Professor in the Department of Bhoti Language, CIBS, Leh chaired the symposium. He expressed happiness over the observance of such an important day by providing a platform to the writers and poets to showcase and nurture their poetry skills.

He urged the youth to learn and use our own rich and complete language which forms the identity and root of all other cultural aspects. He added that maximum usage and adoration of mother language is key to its promotion.

In Kargil, MP Ladakh congratulated Padma Shri awardee for getting the prestigious award in the field of education and literature and appreciated his contribution in preserving and promoting Balti language and culture.

He said that it is an honor for the entire Ladakh region and an inspiration for budding writers and researchers.

He also congratulated LAACL Kargil, writers and poets of different languages of Kargil for organizing the program. Stressing on the promotion of local identities of Kargil, he said the UT Administration is fully committed to preserve local languages and culture.

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Hill Council, Leh, launches 'Kunsnnyoms' scheme

Distributes subsidized assistive aids to differently-abled persons



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Hill Council Leh, under its subsidised schemes, has initiated the 'Kunsnnyoms' scheme through the Department of Social Welfare, Leh which aims to provide assistive devices/technologies to people with differently able (PwDs) at a 90% subsidised rate.

A symbolic program was organised by the Department of Social Welfare, Leh in which the Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson presided over as the chief guest. Dy Chairman, Executive Councillors of LAHDC Leh, DC/CEO LAHDC Leh, and the Councillors of Chushul, Chuchot, Sakti, Skurbuchan constituencies of LAHDC Leh were present during the meeting.

District Social Welfare Officer, Leh, Tashi Chondol threw light on the initiative and extended gratitude to the Hill Council for keeping a separate budget in the last financial year for the department in purchasing these assistive technologies/devices.

Dy Chairman, Tsering Angchuk who's also the Executive Councillor for Social Welfare Department, stressed the need for equal and independent participation

from the differently-abled persons in the mainstream society. He also stated that the vision behind the Kunsnnyoms scheme is to create an inclusive and accessible society in Ladakh. He further added that the department under the guidance of the Hill Council, Leh has been working efficiently towards empowering left out sections of the society by providing the required technologies and modern-day devices.

CEC Tashi Gyalson emphasised that LAHDC Leh has always been at the forefront to implement programs, schemes, and policies for differently-abled people. He added that the present government at the Hill Council Leh is making all possible efforts to bring equality and justice through these kinds of affirmative action/schemes to such beneficiaries.

Representatives from the beneficiaries also extended their gratitude to the Hill Council and District Administration, Leh for helping the differently-abled persons of Leh through its subsidized scheme 'Kunsnnyoms'.

Motorised Tricycles, Motorised wheelchairs, and hearing aids were distributed to the beneficiaries.

Week-long science festival begins in Leh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Week-long Science festival begins in Leh. CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Tashi Gyalson inaugurated the festival on February 22 at EJM college.

Ministry of Culture & the Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA), GoI, under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, have celebrating the week as the glorious week dedicated to science and technology - Vigyan Sarvatre Pujyate (science is revered all over).

CEC, Tashi Gyalson expressed gratitude to Prime Minister, Narendra Modi for giving Ladakh a new identity as a Union Territory, with this Ladakh is proudly participating along with other states in the science festival with its new identity. He exhorted the need of sustainable development in Ladakh, supported by science and technology, given the global warming and environmental issues. He also assured of the Councils support for innovations in building a new Ladakh based on sustainable development.

Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk highlighted the objectives of the Science Festival and spoke about the legacy of scientific knowledge in making India self-reliant. He informed that various schools and institutes are engaged in the festival for the maximum learning of the learners.

Vice-Chancellor, University of Ladakh, Dr SK Mehta spoke about the importance of science in today's world. He emphasized on preserving the vast traditional knowledge system of Lada-



CEC, Tashi Gyalson addressing during the inaugural of science festival at EJM College, Leh.

kh through science and its innovations. VC Mehta shared the various initiatives taken by the University of Ladakh for the advancement of science in Ladakh. He encouraged the students of Ladakh to participate in scientific knowledge and research.

Member of Parliament, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal congratulated the organizing committee and the institutes for raising the scientific temper of Ladakh. He emphasized on popularizing science among the people of Ladakh and hoped that science would bring peace and prosperity to Ladakh.

DC, Leh, reviews registration of Unique Disability IDs

All eligible beneficiaries to be covered by March 31



Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse reviewing the issuance of Unique disability IDs in Leh district with the concerned officers.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse convened a review meeting regarding issuance of Unique disability IDs in Leh district on February 20.

Chief Medical Officer, Leh Motup Dorje apprised about the portal developed by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (www.swavlambancard.gov.in) where eligible beneficiaries can apply.

All SDMs were asked to submit calendar of camps scheduled to be held from next week in coordination with Health and Social Welfare Departments.

DC, Leh directed all concerned to give wide publicity to schedule of camps in advance through media, PRI members/public representatives, NGOs. He directed health department to immediately clear pendency of applications which have been already registered by bene-

ficiaries.

He also stressed on weekly monitoring the progress achieved and to ensure 100% saturation by 31st of March. Emphasis was made to publicise self-registration to get UDIDs which can be done by the existing disability card holders by visiting to the website www.swavlambancard.gov.in.

By having UDID, beneficiaries will not need to make multiple copies of documents, maintain, and carry multiple documents as the card will capture all the necessary details which can be decoded with the help of a reader. The UDID card will be the single document of identification, verification of the disabled for availing various benefits in future. The card will also help in stream-lining the tracking of the physical and financial progress of beneficiary at all levels of hierarchy of implementation - from village level, block level, district level, state level and national level.

DIC, Leh, organises awareness camp on Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises scheme



During the awareness camp regarding the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: District Industries Centre, Leh organised an awareness camp regarding the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme at Chuchot Yokma and Chuchot Gongma Community hall on February 23.

The awareness camp was attended by the Self Help Group (SHG) members from adjoining villages such as Chuchot Shamma, Chuchot Gongma, Chuchot Yokma, Stok, Thiksey, Matho, Shey and Stakna and other interested participants.

Industrial Promotion Officer (IPO), Leh, Mohd Zakirya informed the participants about the significance of the PMFME scheme. He informed that the centrally launched PMFME scheme provides loans at subsidized rates

to beneficiaries interested in establishing food processing units for livelihood sustenance and income generation.

He spoke about the support provided to SHGs undertaking food processing activities in terms of seed capital of ₹40,000 per member of SHG, support to individual SHG member as a single unit of food processing industry with credit linked grant of 35% with the maximum amount being ₹10 lakh. He also informed about the support for capital investment given to SHG at the federation level with a 35% credit-linked grant. He also spoke about the procedure, criteria and relevant documents required for its application.

IPO Leh also informed about the assistance and hand-holding support provided by the District In-

dustries Centre to the interested applicants and the various training provided to help and guide them at each level. He spoke about the importance of registering food processing enterprises, branding and marketing aspects to enhance the salability of the food products.

Mentioning seabuckthorn as One District One Product (ODOP) of Leh district, he urged for establishing sea buckthorn-based food product unit under the scheme and additionally informed that existing units are also eligible to take credit-linked grant at 35% subsidy under the PMFME scheme.

Lead District Manager (LDM), Leh also assured to provide required assistance and support in availing benefits of PMFME scheme.

Medical, Aadhar enrollment camps for children in street situations held in Leh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Painting competition and mathematics activity for Children in Street Situations (CiSS) on February 24 at Shenam Community Hall. Medical and Aadhaar enrolment camp was also held for the street children.

The programme was held as a part of the exercise to identify and rehabilitate street children in Ladakh. 26 children in street situations were present during the event along with their mothers.

An educational activity exhibition and cultural programme by Children in Street Situations (CiSS) were also presented. Children were handed over 'educational prize kits' comprising of drawing books, colouring pencils, and toys for the painting competition by Mission Director, ICPS and Additional District Commissioner, Leh, Sonam Chosjor.

Mission Director ICPS, Ladakh, Kunzes Angmo stated that preparation and follow up of the



During the Medical and Aadhaar enrolment camp for the street children.

Individual Care Plan (ICP) for each CiSS was of utmost importance for their proper and timely rehabilitation. She stated that it was the mandate of Child Protection Services (CPS) to continue the process of identifying more CiSS in the district and to duly follow the guidelines set out by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCP-CR) and the other extant rules and regulations for the same.

District Child Protection Officer, Leh, Tashi Chosdol gave the welcome address. Counsellor, District Child Protection Unit,

Leh, Dechen Angmo Paldan gave a detailed presentation on the regulations related to CiSS and the Individual Care Plan (ICP) prepared for each child for their rehabilitation. Programme Officer, State Child Protection Society, Ladakh, Razia Batool also gave a detailed presentation on the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), its structure and other key provisions. Member Juvenile Justice Board, Abdul Rahim conducted the event and Chairman, CWC, Nema Stanzin concluded the event with the vote of thanks.

International Mother Language day: Ladakh Culture Academy organises poetic symposium

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Various inclusive policies have been framed and in near future, many pragmatic steps will take for the preservation of cultures and identities of Ladakh.

Editor, LAACL Leh, Dr Thupstan Norboo highlighted the importance of observing International Mother Language Day. He said that mother tongue has a tremendous impact on an individual's personality and also helps improve other critical thinking skills. He added that mother language can be used

as a meaningful learning tool.

Further, he said that poetry is seen as a powerful tool to bring awareness and it can inspire youth to incline towards learning indigenous language. Therefore, the young and budding poets should lead in bringing cultural transformation through their poetries.

Representative of LAACL Kargil was asked to furnish suggestions for policy framing regarding preservation and promotions of languages and culture.

13 teams participates in Ice Wall Climbing Competition in Leh

Events like ice climbing, snow & ice sculpture can help Ladakh become top winter destination for tourists: LG Mathur

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The two days Ice wall climbing competition-2022 organised by North-West Frontier ITBP, Leh in collaboration with Ladakh Mountaineering Guide Association (LMGA) inaugurated on February 26 at Gangles.

Chief guest of the occasion, Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur congratulated ITBP and LGMA for taking the initiative. He stressed the need for a collective effort from all organisations, including armed forces and civilians, to organise this event at a grand scale.

Around 106 participants are taking part in this ice wall climbing competition. R K Mathur expressed hope to see international participants taking part in the event and also participants from Ladakh at the Winter Olympics.

LG Mathur said that events such as skiing, ropeway, snow sculpture, walking and marathon on ice have the potential to make Ladakh a top winter destination for tourists. He also stated that



During the inaugural ceremony of the two days Ice wall climbing competition-2022 at Gangles.

the adventure activities taken up by Ladakh Police and ITBP such as Chadar trek and rafting will strengthen their capacities to serve the people of Ladakh and help tourists. He stressed on the need for comprehensive infrastructure to make adventure sports safe, attractive and popular among tourists. This may include safety of sports, medical help, medical evacuation, etc.

Inspector General, North-West Frontier of ITBP, Lhari Dorjee Lhatoo stated that the objective

of the competition is to attract international participants and also to prepare athletes who could represent India at the Winter Olympics. He further stated that these events would boost winter tourism and enable Ladakh to become a hub for winter activities.

The ITBP and LMGA teams gave a demonstration of ice wall climbing and medical rescue. 13 teams are taking part in the two-day competition in which lead and speed events would be held.

School health program to start in Kargil from March

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: DC, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve also the Chairman, School Health Program (SHP) directed to embark on school health program from March 1 at the district level.

As per the program, nominated teachers from all the blocks will be trained on various health issues. The teachers will further train other teachers in their respective blocks. The teachers will accordingly teach the children at school in weekly orientation regarding drugs abuse, healthy diet, and personal hygiene and limiting the use of mobile phones.

When the children get awareness in schools, they function as messengers to their families and communities to spread the message of these health issues.

The meeting was attended by members of the



DC, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve during the school health program meeting.

School Health Program including Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Dr Munawar Hussain Wazir; Nodal Officer, SHP, Dr Abass Jalil, Chief Education Officer and Principal DIET.

Secretary, Rural Development Department, reviews progress on MGNREGA



Secretary Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department, UT Ladakh, Saugat Biswas reviewing the progress and status of the implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Secretary Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department, UT Ladakh, Saugat Biswas reviewed the progress and status of the implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the Union Territory.

The Officer on Special Duty to the Secretary Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department, Zakir Hussain gave a detailed presentation highlighting

the status of various parameters under MGNREGA.

Secretary Biswas, while reviewing the progress on various parameters of MGNREGA such as generation of man-days, verification of job cards, timely payment to the workers, processing of fund transfer order, regeneration of rejected transaction, Aadhar seeding status, total coverage under MGNREGA, etc. directed the Block Development Officers, Assistant Commissioners Development and the Director

Rural Development to improve the progress on these parameters within 15 days. He also directed the Block Development Officers to process the fund transfer orders for timely payment to the workers within the mandatory timeline of eight days failing which, delay compensation as mandated under MGNREGA shall be recovered from the concerned Block Development Officers.

Further, Secretary Biswas stressed upon the officers of the concerned departments to improve the progress on uploading of Geographical information system based planning, Geo-tagging of the works, and registration of devices for national mobile monitoring system.

The meeting was attended by Director, Rural Development, Assistant Commissioners Development, Block Development Officers, and Social Audit Coordinators.

Is discontent brewing in the new administrative set-up in Ladakh?



Nawang Tsering Shakpo

Historically, Ladakh was a kingdom all the way from the 10th century up to the period of occupation by the Dogra General Zorawar Singh, who annexed the region to the dominion of Maharaja Gulab Singh of Jammu in 1834. Otherwise, during the reign of the successive kings of Ladakh, which lasted for about eight hundred years, the peace-loving Ladakhis carried on a relatively isolated existence. However, on a number of occasions, invaders from Central Asia, West Asia, and Tibet entered the region and instead of occupying the region transformed the region into a meeting point of Central Asian traders. A good number of travellers and explorers entered the region and wrote books on their experiences. One described the region as “Where Three Empires Meet” and gave good details of the lifestyle of the people and the region’s geography. And with the passage of time, Ladakh became part of the Union of India, placing it under the administrative jurisdiction of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir in 1947. With the abolition of the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir and the revocation of article 370 on August 5, 2019, Ladakh emerged as the 8th Union Territory of India.

If I talk about pre-independence Ladakh’s political and administrative setup, the Dogras described the region as the Ladakh Wazarat, governed by a wazir. Under the Ladakh Wazarat, the region was composed of three tehsils namely Skardu, the present capital of what we call Baltistan in Pakistan, Kargil and Leh the present two districts of Union Territory of Ladakh.

Up to 1947, each tehsil had less than one lakh of population and even after more than 70 years, the population of Leh and Kargil has remained below three lakhs, which is good for the region like Ladakh, where vegetation is sparse, surrounded by high barren mountain passes and very little water for farmland. On this point, it is worth noting the observation made by Major M.L.A. Gomperts in his book, Magic Ladakh: “Ladakh is very much a self-supporting country and produces everything or nearly everything it wants except tea, which is the staple drink of the country.” Similarly, an interesting Kashmiri proverb says that “Ladakhis eat sattu (roasted barley flour), wear pattu (woollen clothing) and ride tattu (ponies)”.

In olden times persons interested in obtaining higher education in Buddhist religion and philosophy would look to Tibet for spiritual guidance and would undertake the arduous journey on foot.



Peace protest rally lead by Ladakh student associations under the banner of Student Organisation for Unified Ladakh on February 10, 2020.

Now in the Union Territory of Ladakh, the region is making speedy progress in the fields of infrastructure development and modern education. But there is also brewing a sense of discontent among the educated youth of Ladakh with the abolition of article 370, and the failure to place Ladakh under the purview of the 6th Schedule of the Indian Constitution. If granted, this would give job protection, land safeguard and many other reservations to the locals.

On one hand in the Union Territory of Ladakh, there are two functioning autonomous hill councils with a total strength of 60 councillors, out of which 10 have the status of minister. And on the other hand, religious, political, social, and student organisations think that in the absence of any legislative power with the hill council, the two autonomous hill councils are not meeting the expectations of the local people, hence these organizations are on the verge of spearheading an agitation to seek statehood for Ladakh, as well as constitutional

safeguards under the Sixth Schedule, or similar-like status, two Lok Sabha and one Rajya Sabha seats, and the filling of 10,000 to 12,000 vacancies in the government departments.

Finally, my own interest in this New Union Territory of Ladakh is to have an official language, which in reality can protect and safeguard the centuries-old customs, cultural legacies, folklore, and the history of Ladakh. It is an established fact that unless or until a region or a state protects local languages and culture, all this talk will prove futile. We see this challenge across the Himalayan region, where the dominant culture and civilization were related to the Mahayana Buddhist culture and civilization. What I personally see now is that a general consensus is emerging in the new Union Territory that the Ladakhi language should be the official language. This could unite the community and followers of different faiths and contribute to making Ladakhi society a vibrant one..

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P.P. Wangchuk

Life’s many shades and your approach

The best thing that one can learn on the journey of life is to realise that one has to go through the grill of ‘fire and fury’, and that nothing great comes one’s way easily. Life itself is a big, difficult and lengthy test, and those who can endure it and come out unscathed are those whom we call ‘successful people.’ Many of us don’t even get ready to get ‘grilled’, and, instead, prefer to have the comfort of a ‘vegetative’ life. Some of us realise that only at the fag-end of life, and that could be too late to go for anything substantial and meaningful.

One gets many chances to succeed in life, and there are also occasions when one fails to get one’s goal. Learn to understand that that does not matter. All that is needed is that you give a retry. One may not realise but it is a proven fact that no effort goes unrewarded. Your ‘unrewarded’ efforts would help you surely in life, with or without your knowledge.

That is why American commentator Eric Harwell says: “It is time to say goodbye, but ‘goodbyes’ are sad, and I would rather say hello, hello to a new adventure.” The point here is that one has to take difficulties as challenges, and understand ‘failure’ as a blessing in disguise. No great person in history could get their greatness overnight. Theirs’ was a struggle of great ups and downs. They knew that those hurdles were nothing but the stepping-stones to success. And, once one realises that, one gets onto the success track.

I remind myself, quite often, of New Zealand cricketer Kate Anderson’s words of wisdom: “Think of each failure, heartache, and each loss in life as a lesson in courage and resilience.” This means that the track of life is made up of both failures and success, and that failures make success easier.

Therefore, the lesson is: Don’t hang onto failures, let go of them, and march on.

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In Conversation with Padma Shri Awardee, Tsering Namgyal, Wood Carver

Interviewed by Tenzin Dajon

Q. Congratulation on receiving Padma Shri award. Share with us about your life and work?

I am from Wanla and worked as a carpenter initially. Since there were not so many woodcarvers in Ladakh at that time, I decided to learn wood carving along with carpentry work. Observing and copying the old wooden arts and designs, I learned the art by myself. Also, I got an opportunity to work and learn wood carving from Ajang Lundup in Likir under whom I stayed for one year.

In the year 1988-89, I shifted to Leh town and focused on wood carving. There was a huge demand and got so engaged with work that I didn't get time to go back to the village, thus leaving the carpentry work. I worked in more than 25 monasteries all over Ladakh such as Chemdey, Hemis, Thiksey, Shey Naro photang, Jevetsal, Sankar, Phyang, Likir, Tingmosgang and Bodh Kharbu. Made wooden interior designs of monasteries, statue case/ frames, scripture cases, thrones and seats of high lamas etc. Also, I made all the interior wooden arts in the Chowkhang Vihara which took almost a year to complete. In the year 2019, I also worked in Vietnam monastery for almost nine months.

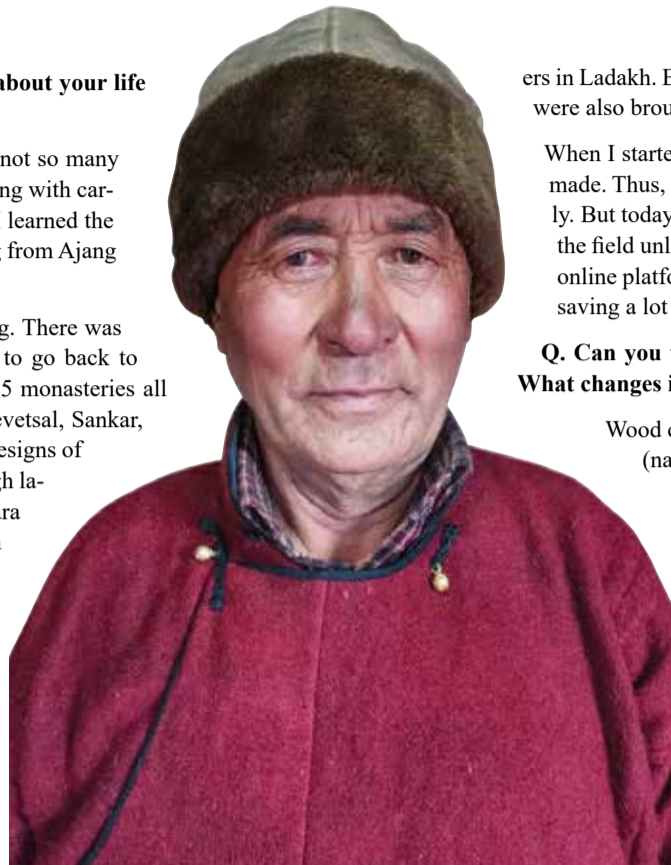
It has been more than 20 years now working as a woodcarver. Despite having a primary school in the village, I did not get an opportunity to go to school because back in those days' education was not given so much importance. Parents used to engage their children mostly in agricultural and household activities. But I know how to read religious scriptures very well because my grandfather taught me Bhoti.

Q. How are you feeling as a Padma awardee?

I neither was aware of the award nor hoped for such recognition. I received a call on 26 January from Delhi and they asked my name and told me to hear the news in the evening. I feel happy and honoured and express my gratitude to the government of India for recognising my work. I believe that it is a blessing I receive after serving the monasteries in Ladakh for years and the result of my hard work.

Q. Can you tell us about wood carving in Ladakh?

The beautiful arts on the wooden pillars of the majestic Leh Palace and other old monasteries tell us that there were excellent woodcar-



MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“Youths of Ladakh should come forward and adopt art as a profession because if we fail to carry it forward we will not just lose the part of our culture but this lucrative market to the non locals.”

ers in Ladakh. But I think there had been very few woodcarvers in the past. Few small arts were also brought from Tibet and China, which clears the shortage of artists in Ladakh.

When I started the journey of wood carving there was a lack of tools as it was all self-made. Thus, a lot of time was taken to complete a project. All the work is done manually. But today it has improved and progressed a lot. Now there are many good artists in the field unlike before. Except for a few many tools are also available in the market or online platforms. Today we use machine tools for cutting and grinding purposes, thus, saving a lot of time. But I prefer using self-made tools for some designs.

Q. Can you tell us the potential and challenges of wood carving art in Ladakh? What changes in needed to promote it further.

Wood carving art is an important part of our culture, as designs like Phagnatukul (name of a wood carving design) over doors and windows in houses and monasteries are the identity of Ladakh's architecture. Because of the mushrooming hotels and guest houses in Ladakh the demand for wood carving is also growing. But the challenging part is to complete the projects on time as wood carving is quite laborious and time-consuming as it needs precision while carving. Also, arranging them according to the drawing and measurement is quite challenging.

I would say that youth must also explore other wooden arts like statue carving (wooden sculpture), for example ThunPa Pun Ji (Four Harmonious Friends) etc. Along with this, they must also learn the drawing and painting part to ease their work. It is good to use modern tools, but we should not forget that handmade arts have more value and demand especially among foreigners.

Q. How many students you have trained so far and are the youths taking interest in this art?

If we talk about interest in youth, I think the response is a mix as some are doing well but some leaves it in between. I have many students, and few are very good, even better than me. But few have left the training mid-way thinking that what is there in the wood carving. I have trained around more than twenty students. I could not train enough trainees as I have to travel from monastery to monastery. Therefore, I could not open a centre here even after getting suggestions from many.

Training programme under Jal Jeevan Mission for UT Ladakh officials held



Participants of two-day (level 2) training programme organized by the All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIILSG) for UT Ladakh officials, under the National Jal Jeevan Mission.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A two-day (level 2) training programme was organized by the All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIILSG) for UT Ladakh officials, under the National Jal Jeevan Mission on February 21 and 22.

The objective of the training was to understand the reason behind incorporating a participatory approach in the planning, implementation, operation, and maintenance of the Rural Drinking Water Supply (RDWS) project; to learn how to apply and implement the methods and tools to incorporate a participatory approach at the various stages of RDWS projects; equip the officials with frameworks and tools that they can use to monitor the performance of planning, and implementation and operation and maintenance of RDWS projects.

During the training, the participants took part in group activities, brainstormed, and exchanged ideas to seek solutions for the challenges they faced and the role of the community in making Jal Jeevan Mission a success.

“We talked about where exactly the Ladakhi engineers need the participation of the community.

We understood the technical solutions that the engineers have, it is a low-cost solution for dealing with freezing pipes in winter. Their solution works provided the community at a property level, cooperates in doing their action. If the community doesn't do their action, it is a risk to the network. As this is the lowest cost option” said resource person and AIILSG official, Dr. Bhakti Devi.

As part of the training, the participants discussed various technical solutions depending on the source of the water. They said if the source of water is a surface water stream, then the solution is to do ‘bleeding’. The bleeding process involves that water is used conservatively and it also requires the community to keep their tap open and running during the winter months because this prevents the tap water from freezing. Other alternative solutions where the community can put localized insulation were explored. The roles and respon-

sibilities of the village water sanitation committee and their partnership in making the Jal Jeevan mission successful were also discussed in detail.

“This training was very beneficial. A lot of times we face challenges due to a lack of public awareness, it's helpful to educate the public” said one of the participants, Junior engineer, PHE Department, Nikhat.

Another participant said that the training was important and beneficial because the resource persons shared their experiences and guided the participants. He said that he felt inspired to adopt the solutions discussed and use them in the villages.

Dr. Bhakti Devi said that the Jal Jeevan Mission was a unique and very well-resourced programme. She added that because Jal Jeevan Mission has done such good planning, designing, resourcing, budgeting for training, and budgeting for digital monitoring, the onus is on the local people on how well they can deliver.

“There is a very good chance of Ladakh very successfully delivering and becoming a role model example. They have completed village action plans, have completed Detailed Project Reports, and are already tendered. I think it's a very good opportunity and I feel Ladakh is well on its way.” said Dr. Bhakti Devi.

As part of the training, the participants also went on a field visit to Phey village.

L-G Mathur chairs 1st UT Level DISHA meeting



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The first UT Level District Development and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting was chaired by L-G R K Mathur on February 23 at Raj Niwas. The Committee has been set up to review 41 central schemes being implemented in rural areas.

Speaking to the members of the DISHA Committee members, LG Mathur emphasised on planning to avoid duplication of work under different schemes, early issuance of utilisation certificate, the convergence of various schemes and the need for documentation and publicity of various centrally sponsored schemes.

He stressed on the need for connectivity of all feasible households through the national grid and coverage of all inhabited areas in Ladakh through telecommunication.

LG Mathur pointed out three areas that need special focus and attention, viz. Jal Jeevan Mission, cleanliness and livelihood schemes. He reiterated that all

the rural households should be connected with functional household tap connections (FHTCs) by 15th August this year. He also stated that a comprehensive approach is needed for keeping Ladakh clean. LG Mathur also stressed the need to focus on livelihood and self-employment generations schemes with more focus on women, minorities and handicapped persons. He also asked both the DCs to include self-generation schemes while preparing the annual plan and electrifying all possible educational and health institutions by June 2022.

LG Mathur requested both the CECs of Hill Councils and MP Ladakh to consider developing schemes that would deliver livelihood, particularly to the young people women, minorities and handicapped persons.

Earlier, CECs of both Hill Councils, Adv Tashi Gyalson and Feroz Ahmad Khan, respectively, spoke about various challenges and issues related to centrally-sponsored schemes,

especially Central Road and Infrastructure Fund (CRIF), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Samagra Shiksha Scheme, MNREGA and Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP).

Member of Parliament, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, also apprised LG Mathur of a large number of issues that he had come across while holding regular DISHA meetings in Leh and Kargil. He highlighted the need to implement some centrally-sponsored schemes that are yet to be introduced in Ladakh.

Advisor Umang Narula, Principal Secretary, Dr Pawan Kotwal; Commissioner Secretary, Ajeet Kumar Sahu and Commissioner Secretary, Saugat Biswas also spoke during the meeting.

Earlier, DC Leh Shrikant Suse and DC Kargil Santosh Sukhdev gave detailed presentations on the achievements and issues faced by them while implementing centrally-sponsored schemes.

University of Ladakh V-C visits Kargil campus



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Prof. S.K. Mehta, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ladakh (UoL) visited Kargil Campus and interacted with Director Kaneez Fatima and staff of the campus.

Prof. Mehta deliberated on the importance of judicious utilization of time and asked faculty members to come up with major and minor projects besides regular teaching. He assured full support to the director and faculty in every endeavour.

He also visited the proposed site of Sanko College and buildings at higher secondary and high school where college can be started from 2022-23 academic session. Prof. Mehta expressed his discontent with the college site because of rocky and hilly nature.

He said all efforts shall be put forth to start the session at GDC Kargil, satellite campus Sankoo adding that initially, basic science and humanities subjects can be introduced.

Student delegation called upon Prof. Mehta with their demand to conduct the examination in online/open book mode. After detailed discussion and deliberation, the students were convinced that it is not suitable for students of UoL for open book/online examination.

VC advised the students to revert to studies and assured them the varsity will look into genuine issues and will take care of their demands in fast track manner. He emphasized that all of us should work in making UoL one of the best institutions.

LADAKH POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT (Amendment) RULES, 2021

PHASING OUT SINGLE USE PLASTICS

What not to be used?

As per amendment PWN Rules notified by MoEF&CC on August 2021 following Single use items are restricted.

- Polystyrene [Thermocol] for decoration
- Packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, and cigarette packets, ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks,
- Ice-cream sticks
- Plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straw, trays, wrapping, stirrers
- Plastic or PVC banners less than 100 micron.

Compostable Plastics:

"compostable plastics" mean plastic that undergoes degradation by biological processes during composting to yield CO₂, water, inorganic compounds and biomass at a rate consistent with other known compostable materials, excluding conventional petro-based plastics, and does not leave visible, distinguishable or toxic residue. It is one of the alternatives of plastics. To encourage compostable plastics, CPCB has prepared a Standard operating procedure (SOP) for issuing of certificate to the manufacturers and seller of compostable plastics.

What is to be used?

Calton bags: Natural cloth can replace plastic bags. Sustainable clothing made from organic cotton, wool, hemp, or bamboo won't shed plastic fibers when washed.

Bamboo: This fast-growing renewable resource can replace plastic in items like tableware and drinking straws. It is lightweight, durable, and compostable.

Wooden items: A renewable resource, wood from sustainably-managed forests can replace plastic in household items like cleaning brushes, kitchen utensils, and cutting boards.

Pottery and Other Ceramics: pottery and other fired ceramics offer a stable, waterproof alternative that's good for food storage and tableware. Look for non-toxic glazes.

Penalty on use and littering of SUP items:

Spot fine on waste generators Rs.500/-
Spot fine on institutional waste generators Rs.5000/-

Who impose the Fine?

- The State Pollution Control Board and Pollution Control Committee impose fine on defaulter producer of Single Use Plastic.
- Local Bodies impose fine on Retailer, Seller & User of Single Use Plastic.
- Fines imposed in accordance with Guidelines for EC assessment prepared by CPCB.

What we can do?

- Do not use SUP and Lead by Example
- Ask your friends and family to join you in this drive
- Speak to City Council regarding awareness of uses plastic.

Issued by : LADAKH POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, has amended the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, which prohibits identified single use plastic items which have low utility and high littering potential. The Rules also provides for effective implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility.

The manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of following single-use plastic items, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities shall be prohibited with effect from the 1st July, 2022: -

Ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene [Thermocol] for decoration; plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straw, trays, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, and cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 micron, stirrers.

In order to stop littering due to light weight plastic carry bags, with effect from 30th September, 2021, the thickness of plastic carry bags has been increased from fifty microns to seventy-five microns and to one hundred and twenty microns with effect from the 31st December, 2022. This will also allow reuse of plastic carry due to increase in thickness.

Penalty on use and littering of Single Use Plastic items:

Spot fine on waste generators are Rs. 500/-

Spot fine on institutional waste generators Rs. 5000/-

MP convenes DISHA meeting in Kargil

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal also the Chairman, DISHA chaired a meeting of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DDMC) on February 21 and reviewed the progress on implementation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Kargil district.

JTN reviewed sector and department-wise physical and financial progress on various developmental works being executed under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and UT-based schemes. He inquired about various sectors of the district including PM Gramin Sadak Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY), National Health Mission (NHM), and PM Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).

He also reviewed the financial and physical achievements of all the centrally sponsored schemes under implementation by various executing agencies in the



MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal chairing the meeting of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee.

district.

The major heads discussed in the meeting are Central Road Funds, PMGSY projects, Atal Mission Rejuvenation Urban Transformation (AMRUT), JJM, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Urban Development, Education, Health, Social Welfare, Integrated Child Development Scheme, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gramin Jyoti Yojna, Agriculture, Horticulture, and Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana.

The concerned officers of the education and health department were asked to electrify the institutions under them in coordination with the Power Development Department (PDD).

JTN also instructed the concerned officers to execute JJM projects and ensure it is functional in the winter season. He further enquired about the experience of JJM projects in winter season.

While discussing the Mid-Day Meal Scheme of the Education Department, he instructed to make the food suitable as per local topography and give preference to the ethnic foods.

During the meeting, District Officers appraised him and other members on progress made in different projects. CMO Kargil informed that six trained Amchis have been hired on need basis under Covid-19 emergency.

MP reviews implementation of various central sponsored schemes



Jamyang Tsering Namgyal chairing the meeting of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA).

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Jamyang Tsering Namgyal chaired a meeting of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) and reviewed the progress on implementation of various Central Sponsored Scheme in Leh district on February 18.

Chairman Disha, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal reviewed the sector-wise physical and financial progress on various developmental works being executed under various Centrally Sponsored schemes and UT based schemes.

Detailed deliberation was held on various schemes being implemented under different sectors of the district including Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDUGKY), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, National Social Assistance Programme, Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (PMAY), Pradhan Mantri Awaz

Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana Integrated watershed management programme (PMKSY-IWMP), Digital India Land Record Modernization Programme (DIL-RMP), Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY), Smart City Mission, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) etc.

CPO, Leh gave a PowerPoint presentation on the achievement and progress made under different centrally sponsored schemes by different departments in the Leh district.

While reviewing the implementation of key schemes like Jal Jeevan Mission, PM KISSAN, Din Dayal Upadhyay Gramin Jyoti Yojana, Swachh Bharat Mission etc which comes under different departments like Rural, Education, Health, PWD, Social Welfare, Labor Department, Power

Development Department etc. He addressed the officers that the aim of holding the DISHA meeting is to identify any impediments in the smooth implementation of schemes so that effective solutions can be worked out.

He directed the concerned officers of the department to ensure 100% coverage of beneficiaries under different schemes.

The concerned officers were asked to identify the problems they had been facing in every sector like healthcare, education, roads and submit it to him as well as to CEC & DC Leh.

JTN directed the HOD of Agriculture Department to expedite the pace of work and asked to be more focus and target-oriented so that the performance of the department is more. He also directed the Chief Agriculture Officer to call upon different departments which are related to DISHA and submit the list as soon as possible. Emphasized were made on working in collaboration with different departments so that the repetition of work is excluded.



ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS ON LEASE AT SHOPPING COMPLEX : LADAKH SCOUTS REGIMENTAL CENTRE

LADAKH SCOUTS Regt Centre invites application for allotment of following shops at shopping complex, LADAKH SCOUTS Regt Centre, Gupuks, Leh.

S/ No	Shops	Remarks
(a)	Grocery Shop	
(b)	Unit Non CSD Shop	
(c)	Books & Stationery	
(d)	Photo Studio (Incl Xerox)	
(e)	Garment/Clothing Shop	
(f)	Gift/Fancy Shop	
(g)	Bakery	
(h)	Beauty Parlour	
(i)	Barber Shop	
(j)	Mob/ DTH (repair & recharge)	
(k)	Crockery and utensil shop	
(l)	Dry Fruit shop	
(m)	Eqpt Repair Shop	
(n)	Steel Box Shop (Incl repairing)	
(o)	Veg & Fruit Shop	
(p)	Frozen Fruit	
(q)	All in one store	
(r)	Fruit & Juice Shop	

Allotment of Shops. The shops will be allotted by a Board of Officers convened by the Commandant LADAKH SCOUTS Regt Centre. Following will be considered while allotting the shops:

- Highest bidder in auction process
- Rebate Offered
- Priority for allotment as given in succeeding paras

Priority/ reservation for allotment. Shops will be allotted in the following order of priority:

S/ No	Category	Priority
Category-I (Defence Personnel)		
(a)	War widows/ Widows of Defence personnel on duty	I
(b)	Disable Soldier	II
(c)	Ex Servicemen	III
(d)	Spouse/ Widow of ESM	IV
Category-II Govt Agency & Civilian)		
(e)	Govt Agencies	V
(f)	Civilian	VI

Note :- In case of unfilled vacancy Cat-I, the unfilled/ balance shops shall be considered to be given to Cat-II mentioned above.

The following documents is required to submit along with application form for verification (copy attached) :

- Discharge Book
- PPO
- Retired Veteran Identity Card
- Experience Certificate (If any)
- Diploma Certificate (In case of Mob repair shop)
- Documents for Civilian:
 - PAN Card
 - AADHAR card
 - Residential Certificate
 - TAN Registration Certificate
 - Police Verification Certificate

Name/Designation of the contact personnel

Harjas Singh Gill. Capt Member 1

Ladakh Souts Regt Centre . Pin 910368 C/o 56APO

Last date to submission of application is 15 April, 2022.

Sample application form APPLICATION FORM FOR ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS

- Name of Applicant (In full): _____
(Army No Rank & Name) _____
- Name of Husband (if war widow): _____
- Unit/ Regiment : _____
- Date of Birth and Age (As on 01 Nov 2018): _____
- Present Address : _____
- Permanent Address: _____
- Tele No and Mail Address : _____
- Pan No : _____
- Bank Details : _____
- Documents enclosed:
 - Discharge Book
 - Pension Pay Order
 - Experience Certificate (If any)
 - Diploma Certificate (in case of electric repairs shops)
 - Education Certificate
 - Bank Pass Book
 - IT Returns for Last 3 Yrs
 - TIN /GSTAN/ PAN No & Sales Tax deposition in the name of his/ her firm
 - FSSAI certificate deals with food product

11. I have read the instructions attached as Annexure and will be abide by them in application and spirit.

Dated : _____ 2022

(Signature of Applicant)

NOTICE



I, Tenzin Tsephel D/o Nyima Tender & Tsering Chozom, Date of birth 28-11-1983 R/o Tibetan Settlement house No 42, Camp No 02, Choglamsar Leh UT Ladakh 194101, do hereby notify that my name has been wrongly entered as Tenzin Tsepal instead of Tenzin Tsephel and also my Father's name has been wrongly entered as Nyima Tendar instead of actual and correct name which is Nyima Tender in my passport bearing Number Y0075548, date of issue 16-06-2009 having validity upto 15-06-2019 and I'm applying for corrections in my passport detail. Objection, if any may be conveyed to Regional Passport office Boulevard Road near Nehru Park, Srinagar within 7 days from the date of publication.

NOTICE

No. 9927535F Rank Hav Tsewang Nurboo Unit 3 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56 APO S/o Rigzin Dorjay R/o Village Zanskar Shamuling, District Kargil UT Ladakh has claimed that his **daughter namely Stanzin Tsespal gender has been wrongly entered as Male instead of Female** in the Army record of **Unit 3 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56 APO** and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary public Leh with Certificate No. IN-LA02722236716065U to this office for making necessary correction.

Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office, Unit 3 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56 APO within 7 days from the date of publication failing which necessary correction be made.

NOTICE

I, Tsetan Dolma D/o Tsewang Namgail R/o Skindiyang, Leh UT Ladakh Prop M/S Ladakh Family Tour & Travel Agency has applied for the change in Name and style of the Travel Agency of M/S Ladakh Family Tour & Travel Agency to M/S Her Himalaya. If anyone has objection please contact Assistant Director Tourism Leh within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE

No 947020379 Rank Hav Nawang Yountan North West Frontier HQ, ITBP S/o Phunchok Rabgais has claimed that his name **Nawang Yountan** has been wrongly entered as **Nawang Yontan** instead of **Nawang Yountan** in the **Service record of, North West Frontier HQ, ITBP** and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary public Leh with Certificate No. IN-LA02729694040942U to this office for making necessary correction. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office, **North West Frontier HQ, ITBP** within 7 days from date of publication failing which necessary correction will be made.

Team Chiktan wins 1st BDC Ice Hockey Cup

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

CHIKTAN: 1st BDC Cup Inter Panchayats (Rolling Trophy) Sub Junior (under 16) Ice Hockey Tournament concluded on February 22 in Samrah Chiktan. Team Chiktan won the match beating Samrah team by 3 goals.

The tournament was organized by Panchayat Halqa Samrah in collaboration with Kargil Ice and Snow Sports Club, United Samrah Club and Shakar Chiktan Winter Games Association. A total of eight teams participated in the tournament.

Executive Councillor for Health, Mohsin Ali was the chief guest while Incharge SDM and Tehsildar Shakar Chiktan, Kacho Asgar Ali Khan was the guest of honor.

EC Mohsin extended his gratitude to organizers for their initiative towards promoting winter sports. He said LAHDC Kargil is committed to providing financial assistance to players and students who want to achieve their goals in their respective fields. He urged the players to participate with the spirit of team coordination and sportsmanship.

Mohsin Ali also advised the players to strive for developing sportsman spirit which teaches them to accept victory or defeat in a graceful manner. He also advised players to focus on regular practice in Ice Hockey so that they can excel in the game and bring laurels to Kargil and the entire Ladakh region.

EC said in the past two years, winter sports are getting popular and athletes have displayed their sporting skills at various national events and brought laurels not only to Kargil but for the entire



Players of the 1st BDC Cup Inter Panchayats (Rolling Trophy) Sub Junior (under 16) Ice Hockey Tournament.

Ladakh region. He asked players to take maximum benefits under sports through subsidy components under the concerned departments.

Incharge SDM Kacho Asgar Ali Khan expressed gratitude over the participation of a large number of youth across Shakar Chiktan in the tournament and congratulated the organizers.

He assured that the sub-divisional administration will provide the best possible facilities to the teams from Shakar Chiktan who will participate in the upcoming district and UT level tournaments.

Chairperson, BDC Shakar Chiktan, Syeedya Banoo said she is committed to promoting winter games in the sub-division and assured that Rs 5 lakhs has been allocated for next year for organizing the tournament.

She expressed gratitude to the organizing committee and the sponsors for providing Jersey for the ice hockey players.

NOTICE

I, Jigmet Lachet W/o No. 9925922X Rank Hav Jigmet Gyatso R/o Gya, Leh UT Ladakh has changed my name from Jigmat Lachat to Jigmet Lachet as per my husband service record document and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary Public, Leh with Certificate No. IN- LA02731466320404U on February 21, 2022.



The Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh
Department of Social & Tribal Welfare



UNIQUE DISABILITY ID (UDID)



- The UDID card will be the single document of identification, verification of the disabled for availing various benefits
- Persons with disabilities will not need to make multiple copies of documents, maintain, and carry multiple documents
- The card will capture all the necessary details which can be decoded with the help of a reader
- It will help in tracking physical and financial progress of beneficiaries at all levels– from the village, Block, District, State and National level
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- Enrolment /Application Registration number will be generated for the application submitted successfully.
- SMS confirmation will be sent to the applicant with the enrolment/application registration number.
- Applicants who do not have Disability Certificate will receive SMS with date and time to visit the nearest CMO office for assessment.
- SMS confirmation will be sent to the applicant with the allocation of UDID number.
- The status of the application can be checked online by enrolment/application registration number.
- The Disability Certificate /UDID Card will be generated online after assessment and verification.

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