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Correction

In Conversation with Padma Shri awardee Tsering Namgyal published in March 1-15, Volume 10, Issue 4 it has been misstated that he has worked and learned wood carving from Ajang Lundup in Likir due to an error. The correct statement is that he has worked under Tsering Stobdan from Wanla for a year.



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SECMOL launches women leadership programme

Ramon Magsaysay awardee, Sonam Wangchuk, donates ₹ 1 crore to carry out women empowerment initiatives in Ladakh

Stanzin Dasal

PHEY: The formal induction of SECMOL's first cohort of young women in the Women Leadership programme was held on March 6 at SECMOL Campus Leh.

Founder SECMOL, Sonam Wangchuk stated that women's role and rights in Ladakh is good compared to the rest other parts of the country but when it comes to policy and decision making, women in Ladakh are lacking behind. Citing the example of Hill Council, he said that since inception there were no elected women representatives. He stressed the importance of understanding the loophole which is blocking the way of women to lead specially in politics.

Sonam Wangchuk donated ₹ 1 crore (earned from his corporate engagement with an Ed Tech Co) to carry out women empowerment initiatives in Leh and Kargil.

Briefing about the Women Leadership Programme, Mentor, Tsering Nordon said that the programme is going on in collaboration with Eliezer Joldan Memorial College, Leh to groom and shape women for their active participation in politics. It will be a three years programme which will be carried out with



During the launch of SECMOL's women leadership programme

their academic year simultaneously. The first two years will be more about learning and understanding culture, history, the tradition of not just about Ladakh but about the rest of the world and in the 3rd year, practical application will be taught.

A panel was formed to scrutinize the form filled by the students of EJM College and selected 10 girls for the programme by the experts. The selected 10 young girls for Women Leadership Programme namely, Zakiya Bano from Staktsekhong, Chiktan; Stanzin Chotso from Zanskar; Skarma Angmo from Nubra; Padma Lamo from Zanskar; Angmo Sherpa from Nepal; Zomskit Dolma from Gya; Rigzin Angmo from

Kukshow; Sonam Angmo from Wakha; Stanzin Youtso from Zanskar, Phey and Sonam Angmo from Nubra shared their experiences and interest to serve the society.

"The idea is to empower, encourage and engage a woman in such a way so that she can bring forward more into the field and the chain of such women will bring change", Nordon added.

Former MP, Thupstan Chhewang presently serving as President, LBA welcomed the initiative and said that in the years Ladakh will see more women leaders in every field.

Rinchen Lhamo, Member, National Commission for Minorities expressed

gratitude to team SECMOL lead by Sonam Wangchuk, Ramon Magsaysay awardee for coming up with such great initiative.

She also shared her experiences and encourages women to be bold and vocal in every field.

Geetanjali, CEO of, Himalayan Institute of Alternative Learning said, "Past was the rule of mind, age of rationalization and masculine approach where we have seen wars, exploitation etc. Now we are moving towards the age of the future which is the spiritual age, the rule of the heart where women can play a very important role because the dominion approach will be replaced by empathy and enabling others to grow. Future leadership is different and the feminine power of the country must come forward."

In recognition of the outstanding leadership skills, women from different walks of life were honoured and felicitated.

Konchok Angmo, Director, University of Ladakh; Thinles Angmo, Advocate; Yangchan Dolma (Ama Chocho); Dr. Yangchana Dolma, Nominated Councillor for women, Hill Council, Leh, Advocate Eshey Lamo; Rinchen Dolkar, State President, BJP Mahila Morcha and many other women also spoke on the occasion.

International Women's Day: Delhi Commission for Women honours Kung Fu Nuns

Awarded for their extraordinary achievements in the field of women empowerment, disaster relief, and environmental conservation and breaking societal barriers



Kung Fu Nuns receiving International Women's Day Award from Delhi Commission for Women at Stein Auditorium, Delhi.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

NEW DELHI: Delhi Commission for Women honoured Kung Fu Nuns with the International Women's Day Award in a ceremony at Stein Auditorium, Delhi on March 8.

The nuns were awarded for their extraordinary achievements in the field of women empowerment, disaster relief, environmental conservation and breaking societal barriers.

PP Dhal, Member Secretary, Delhi Commission for Women (DCW); Rashmi Singh, Director WCD; Swati Malwal, Chairperson DCW; Ram Niwas Goel, Speaker of the Delhi Legislative Assembly; Rakhi Birla, Deputy Speaker of Delhi Legislative Assembly and Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal were present.

Jigmet Yangchan Ghamo, Kung Fu Nuns said, "We are honoured to be recognised for our efforts, and this award will help us spread our message of empowerment and further strengthen our mission to help women and girls to be their heroes."

In 2016, the Delhi Commission for Women established the 'International Women's Day Awards' to honour inspirational people who have displayed untiring commitment towards the cause of

women and girls.

The Kung Fu Nuns teach martial arts to promote self-defence to young girls in their communities, where reporting violence against women is a rarity. Their 5,200-kilometres "Bicycle Yatra for Peace" from Nepal to Ladakh, India, took over three months, as they stopped in hundreds of villages for environmental education and to speak out against human trafficking. After the catastrophic Himalayan earthquakes of 2015, they refused evacuation to deliver critical aid to neglected regions. They run free health clinics, and to date, the nuns have helped restore sight to over 1,500 Himalayans. They also respond to calls for emergency animal rescue and have removed thousands of pounds of plastic litter.

The Kung Fu Nuns were Vaclav Havel Humanitarian Prize finalists in 2021, Asia Society's Game Changers recipients in 2019 and Atlantic Council's Unsung Heroes in 2020. Last year, UNESCO International Centre for Martial Arts conferred their Martial Arts' Education Prize to the Kung Fu Nuns. In 2012, they performed in London before the Olympics, United Kingdom. Since then, they have performed in many places for thousands of people, and their exhibitions draw hundreds of thousands of spectators to their performances.

Women organisations in Ladakh celebrates International Women's Day

Women need equality from Home to Hill Council: Nilza Angmo, Dy. SP, Leh



International Women's Day : Women's ice hockey team was felicitated for their excellent performance at the national level tournament in Kaza, Himachal Pradesh.

Tenzin Dajon

LEH: Cultural Academy, Leh in collaboration with Ladakh Women's Alliance, Women wings of LBA, Anjuman Imamia, Anjuman Moin ul Islam and Christian Association, Leh celebrated International Women's Day, themed, 'Role of Women in Preserving Ladakhi Culture' at Imamia complex, Leh on March 8.

The women's ice hockey team was felicitated for their excellent performance at the national level tournament in Kaza, Himachal Pradesh.

Addressing the women, chief guest, Nilza Angmo, Dy. SP, Leh said, "Generally we say that women in Ladakh have no problems since there is no issue like dowry, infanticides and women trafficking in Ladakh. But there are many other problems which we fail to highlight. Silent ailments like cancer are more dangerous than general diseases. Similarly invisible problems are more dangerous than visible ones. By gathering on such platforms we can identify these hideout problems. If we look into history, women were not so empowered. For instance, women did lack higher positions in monastic education. Today there is neither roads after the name of women nor statues of women in Ladakh which poses a question on the gender equality in Ladakh".

"Gathering all religious women's bodies

on one platform is itself a huge step, and in the future, we need to bring manifestoes like a political party to solve the issues within a time frame. Women need equality from Home to Hill Council", she added.

Tsewang Paljor, Deputy Secretary, Cultural Academy, Leh said, "Though the international theme of the day is 'Break The Bias' I insisted organisers give us permission to keep the theme according to us ie "Roles of Women in Preserving Ladakhi Culture" because a cultured society always leads towards harmony and happiness. Through the theme, we have also tried to send a message to the future mothers of Ladakh to continue the traits of our mothers which is full of culture, full of manners, though it may lack formal education, they have all the necessary education to lead a beautiful life".

"Now no young woman of Ladakh will remain deprived of education, but if she could adore the ornaments of culture along with her education, then she will be a moon among stars. But if she lacks the ornaments then I feel whether she will be able to do justice with her position", he added.

Tsering Chondol, President Women's Alliance, Ayesha Malo, President, Anjuman Moin ul Islam, Women Wing and Thinles Angmo, President LBA, Women Wing also spoke on the occasion.

All Government schools in Ladakh get affiliated to CBSE

40 teachers from Ladakh will be sent to Delhi to attend a three-day teachers' training programme



Commissioner Secretary, UT Ladakh, A.K. Sahu.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: School Education Department, UT Ladakh got affiliated to the Central Board of School Education. Previously the Education Department was affiliated to the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE).

Terming the move as the beginning of a new era, Commissioner Secretary, UT Ladakh, A.K. Sahu

said that it will be beneficial for the students of Ladakh, as their participation at national level examinations will increase. He said that the NCERT books are prepared after a lot of research, which lays a strong foundation in students and gives them an edge when preparing for competitive exams.

Further, the Commissioner Secretary said that the CBSE syllabus provides variations and gives

a lot of flexibility to the students wherein a student can opt for the simpler version of the same subject. He urged the Headmasters and Principals to guide the students when selecting a subject.

An online orientation programme was organized by CBSE headquarter in New Delhi, for the Headmasters and School Principals of Ladakh. In the webinar, the participants were briefed about the affiliation and the examination process; academic teaching & learning process, and Information Technology interventions. This year, 40 teachers from Ladakh will be sent to Delhi to attend a three-day, Training of Teachers programme (TOT).

All the government school students in UT Ladakh will shift to CBSE mode this year, except students of classes 10 and 12 who will have to appear in the JKBOSE examination as their enrolment was already done.

Ministry of Rural Development launches National Generic Document Registration System in Ladakh

The project is the next step in Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Ministry of Rural Development virtually launched the National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS) in Ladakh on March 11.

Union Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh and Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur were present during the launch ceremony. The project is the next step in Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP).

LG Mathur thanked the Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj and the Department of Land Resources for their support and the smooth functioning of all schemes, including SVAMITVA. He stated that replacing the old system with a new international-standard system will benefit Ladakh.

Terming the introduction of NGDRS and SVAMITVA as timely in Ladakh, LG Mathur stated



During the launch of the National Generic Document Registration System in Ladakh by the Ministry of Rural Development.

that the SVAMITVA scheme would be expanded to cover the entire Ladakh and also shared that the target is to complete all works related to the implementation of both these schemes within two years.

He also shared that Ladakh has 14 registration offices, including two registrars and 12 sub-registrars offices (SROs). It was also informed that training was provided by the Administration to all the concerned officials, lawyers and deed writers, etc.

Principal/Secretary, Dr Pawan Kotwal gave a detailed presentation on the e-Governance initia-

tive of the Government of India that aims at 'One Nation One Software' and shared the features, document registration system and the benefits of NGDRS.

Minister of State for Rural Development, Faggan Singh Kulaste; Minister of State for Rural Development, Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti and Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, Kapil Moreshwar Patil, also spoke on the occasion and termed the project as a revolutionary initiative by the Prime Minister of India and also appreciated the efforts of the government to bring transparency in property records.

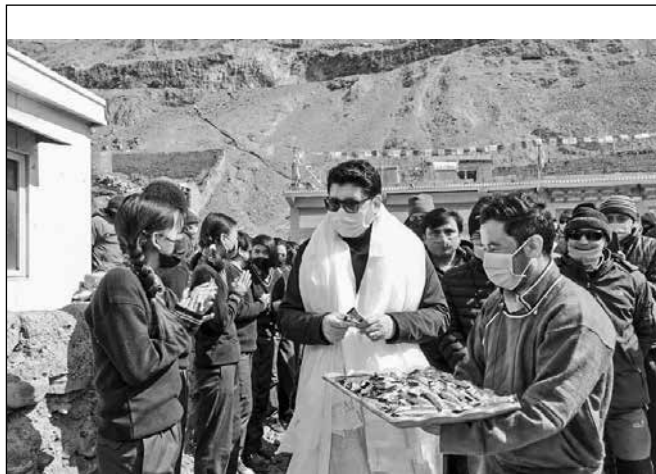
Schools reopen in Leh after long COVID-19 break

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: After a long COVID-19 break, schools in Leh reopen on March 7. A programme themed, 'Back to School' have been organised across the district.

Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson visited Govt. High School, Wanla and Govt. Higher Secondary School, Khaltse where he attended the welcome ceremony organised for the students and teachers.

CEC Gyalson congratulated students, teachers and parents for the re-opening of schools after two years of the Covid pandemic period. While addressing the gathering, he stated that Hill Council, UT Administration made its best efforts during the pandemic in assisting the students by organising community classes and suitable schemes like providing educational tablets for free accessible education to all. He urges students to study well and also requested the teachers and the parents to help the school administration in covering up the issues faced during the pandemic period. He further instructed the authorities to constitute School Management Committee to look after the welfare of the students, and teachers.



Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson during the school reopening programme.

BDC Chairperson, Singay Lalok & BDO Khaltse/Singay Lalok also congratulated the students and appreciated the cooperation from the students and villagers in properly maintaining SOPs laid down by the Administration during the pandemic period.

Welcoming the students, Principal/Head Masters of the schools requested concerned parents and the govt. officials to assist them in regaining the momentum of the academic session post-Covid. They also informed the gathering of various meritorious achievements in academics and other activities by the students

during the pandemic.

CEC Tashi Gyalson also handed over LED TVs to the hostels of the residential Govt. High School, Wanla and Higher Secondary School, Khaltse which have been procured and distributed under the CEC Discretionary Grant.

The villagers and the school administration raised various grievances with regards to the school's infrastructural issues and required modern-day facilities. Taking note of the issues, CEC Gyalson assured them to address all the grievances at the earliest possible.

Reservation for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) in direct recruitment in civil posts and services in Ladakh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Persons belonging to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) who are not covered under the scheme of reservation for SCs, STs and ALCs shall get 10% reservation in direct recruitment in civil posts and services under the Administration of Union territory of Ladakh. The 10% reservation for EWS is governed by the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Rules, 2005 and its subsequent amendments.

The criteria of income and as-

sets to deduce the Economically Weaker Section has been defined under clause (ix)1 of Rule 2 of the Rules for Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs). The benefit of reservation under EWS can be availed upon production of an Income and Asset Certificate issued by a Competent Authority. The Competent Authority shall scrutinize the application and conduct such enquiries as may be necessary for verification of the details of the applicant with regard to the eligibility of the applicant for the

certificate claimed by him/her. As per Rule 183 of the Rules, the Competent Authority to issue EWS certificate includes District Magistrate; Additional District Magistrate; Sub-Divisional Magistrate and Tehsildar.

As per the Rules, the forms for application for issuance of Income and Asset Certificate to be produced by the Economically Weaker Section shall be as per Form VII-A and Form XIV-A. The forms and detailed information are available at: <https://ladakh.nic.in/>

UT administration signs MoU with BECIL to set up community radio network in Ladakh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

NEW DELHI: The Administration of UT Ladakh signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Broadcast Engineering Consultant India Ltd. (BECIL) to set up a community radio network in Ladakh.

Secretary, Information Technology Department, Saugat Biswas and Chairman & Managing Director, BECIL, George Kuruvilla, signed the MoU in presence of the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur.

Two main studios and 29 Relay Centers will be established in Leh and Kargil.

The community radio network will be spread in Ladakh over 6,000 sq km to provide a communication



network for educational purposes and its utilisation in case of a natural disaster.

Commissioner/ Secretary, School Education Department, Ladakh, Ajeet Kumar Sahu; AGM, BECIL, Khuswinder Singh Bhatia and IT Consultant, IT Department, Ladakh, Kumar Amit participated in the event.

Review meeting on implementation of National Education Policy held

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: CEC, Hill Council, Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan also the Chairman of District Level Task Force reviewed the functioning and implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) on March 10.

A thorough discussion was held on different aspects of the implementation of the NEP in the Kargil district which focused on the academic career of students.

CEC Khan said that implementation of the NEP in the district is a vital task assigned to LAHDC Kargil by the UT Administration and all measures need to be taken for its early execution. He said efforts will be made while coordination between the concerned agencies is vital for which a committee or cell will be framed at the earliest and a nodal officer will be appointed for that. A committee will be also framed for the implementation of local languages.

He said that DIET has a vital role in the implementation of tasks related to the NEP and in this regard, the concerned agency should explore all possibil-

ities in the proper execution of NEP in the district. He said that the mother tongue should be focussed on priority besides there is an urgency to produce literature in local vernacular languages and dialects.

Regarding the establishment of a school for special students, Khan ordered to prepare necessary documents and assured early redressal of the same.

DC, Kargil Santosh Sukhadeve said that selection of local languages to prepare the curriculum is essential, moreover considering the employability constraints, English and Hindi should be equally explored.

The Deputy Commissioner said whatever policies will be framed, future generations and students should get benefits from it. He said apart from it short, medium and long-term goals must be identified for the implementation of NEP in Kargil.

He suggested monthly review meetings to check the status of implementation of NEP and stressed coordination between agencies working with NEP.

Director Kargil Campus, UOL, Kaneez Fatima said that foundational literacy and numeracy should be focussed while grass-root level assessment and consultation must be done on priority.

Fatima said that local teachers must be engaged and the committee should thoroughly read different aspects of the NEP and other educational policies.

Sajjad Aga on behalf of the Education Department in a presentation on the implementation of NEP in Kargil highlighted various issues and objectives which were discussed at length including class hierarchy, integration of ICDS centres and schools, foundational literacy, reforms in the school curriculum, vocational education, multilingualism, power of language, teacher training, school governance and other issues were discussed.

Language experts of Shina, Balti and Purgi also shared their valuable suggestions and concerns besides concerned district officers (members) also gave their opinions and suggestions on the subject.

In quest for freedom: Remembering the martyrs on Tibetan Uprising Day

By Gyurmey Tsering

"What do we want? We want freedom", "Yaadkaro, Yaadkaro, 1962 Yaadkaro", "Chole puri tel mein, Cheen ka neta jail mein", "Long Live His Holiness the Dalai Lama" these are the few slogans, out of many, which we had learnt in school and used enthusiastically during Tibetan's protest against our invaders. One such important day falls on 10th March every year, which we Tibetans commemorate as the "Tibetan Uprising Day". When I was in school, I never felt the importance of "10th March" in my life, although I knew it was one of the most important days in the history of Tibet. Many Tibetans lost their life for the sake of our country and specifically to protect H.H. The 14th Dalai Lama. I remember my teacher telling me that the uprising went on continuously for 13 days in Lhasa and resulted in the loss of almost 2000 innocent Tibetan lives. However, these stories still didn't do anything to awaken my patriotism.

I was in school, when in 1998, Pawo Thupten Ngodup self-immolated himself in Dharamsala and sacrificed his precious life, just to bring Tibet's issue on the international platform. I was there when he was cremated and his sacrifice brought tears to thousands of eyes. At that time, I was moved for a bit. Time passed by and I entered the real world and all these memories of the school days were left behind. The first few years of the real world taught me what I had not learnt in my 13 years of school. I learnt what it was like to be a refugee and what it was like to live without any identity of your own. I realized I was living my life on a borrowed identity that was actually given by someone else. I had to thank H.H. the Dalai Lama, the Tibetan Government in Exile, and of course the Government of India for that.

I can never forget the day I went to renew my Registration Certificate (RC). The fact that unlike most of the people, I did not possess a passport put me in a different league, wherein I was made to feel as if I belonged to a different species altogether. I was someone, who did not have a permanent address, which I could call my home. However, at the same time the sense of gratitude towards the Indian Government dawned upon me, for whatever identity I had to show for was all because of them.

The aggressive moves by the Chinese Army on the Eastern Ladakh Borders recently, once again brought back, for us Tibetans settled in Ladakh, especially in the border areas, the memories of 1959, when the Chinese Army came knocking on our doors, forcing us to flee our homes forever.

It is instances like these, which have really given me a good lesson



and played a very crucial role in my life to bring my lost country close to my heart. It has made me realize what the Chinese have stolen from us, and what I have lost as a Tibetan. In other terms, these have taught me the real value of "10th March" and why we all Tibetans need to understand the significance of this date. It has made me realize that the date reminds us not to forget what the Chinese took away from us and what they still continue to take away from us, i.e., our culture, our tradition, our religion and ultimately our identity. It reminds us of the need to keep the 'Flame of Tibet' burning at all cost. Moreover, the date also reminds us of the need to express our gratitude to the Government of India and its people for the warmth and care they have extended to us for all these years.

I know I am not so brave like all those martyrs and self-immolators

and I can't match all of them in terms of patriotism, but at least I can give all of them and my nation a true respect from now on. Therefore, I always look forward to this day so that I can wholeheartedly take part in it and remember all the heroes who laid down their life for the honor and glory of our country.

Today, on the occasion of the "Uprising Day", as we remember all those brave hearts, who sacrificed their life for our cause, we have to promise ourselves that we shall continue to keep the "Flame of Tibet" burning. We have to rise together and fight for our culture, our tradition, our religion and ultimately our identity.

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The dynamics of nature and life



One of the key reasons for a boring, stagnant and failure in life is having an adamant attitude. A lot of things in the form of small or big changes happen every day. The dynamics of life are so strong and fast that one who prefers to give them a 'slip' knowingly or unknowingly gets nowhere towards the good things of life.

That is why our wise men throughout history had said that not heeding to the call of the times and its dynamics is reducing yourself to a log, fallen and dead. Adaptability is the word that each one of us should realise, and try to 'fall in line', so to speak.

Why do we say that life is nothing but a long journey of many vicissitudes? These 'ups and downs' are the consequences of the changing nature of time, inevitable but quite natural. No one can give a halt to the dynamics of nature. Therefore, the only way to go is to go along with the wind and make the best use of it.

American writer Napoleon Hill had a principle which he had labelled on his mind, and he not only practised on the principle but made a repeated call upon others too to follow it. The principle was: "In every adversity, there is a seed of an equivalent or greater benefit." He loved to embrace the dynamics of change and went through all the turbulences of life with a winning attitude. As a result, he could become what he wanted: One of the greatest writers who inspired millions of people in having a happy and prosperous life.

Therefore, the point I am trying to drive home is that one should try to be flexible and not adamant. Nothing in life can be achieved by not experimenting and figuring out the so-called 'other and alternative ways' when one comes to a dead end. And, if you don't help yourself, no one will..

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In Conversation with
Rinchen Lamo, Member, National Commission for Minorities

Interviewed by Stanzin Dasal

Q. Congratulations on being appointed as a Member, National Commission for Minorities. Brief us about your work and what are your plans and priority?

National Commission for Minorities consists of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and six members each from Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsi and Jain communities. Starting from the year 1978, Kushok Bakula Rinpoche served as a member of the commission for around 10 years. Later, Ladakhi's including Lama Chosphele Zotpa (2006-2009); Spalzes Angmo (2009-2012) and Tsering Namgyal (2013-2016) served as a Member of Minority Commission.

The commission evaluates the development of minorities under the Union and States, monitors working of the safeguards for minorities provided in the Constitution and in laws enacted by Parliament and the state legislatures, ensures that the Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities is implemented and the programmes for minority communities are actually functioning, makes recommendations for the effective implementation of safeguards for the protection of the interests of minorities by the central or state government etc.

There are end numbers of schemes introduced by the Government for the welfare of minorities and my first plan is to make all these schemes reach to the every beneficiary of both Leh and Kargil district. Also, to implement all the plans and proposals made for the benefits of minorities in UT Ladakh.

Q. Share us about various schemes for the welfare of minorities.

Govt. of India has introduced various schemes for education, economic empowerment and infrastructure development. There are scholarship schemes for the pre and post matric students, pension schemes for senior citizen, widow, specially abled person etc. Likewise there are many other schemes which are introduced time to time. It is true that many people are unable to avail benefits from such schemes because of the lack of awareness. During my meeting with the stakeholders and officers in both the district I stressed upon making people aware of such benefits and facilities so that maximum will be benefitted. I as a member of commission will definitely ensure that all the schemes are implemented on ground and all the people leaving in remote far flung areas are well aware of such schemes.



MESSAGE TO THE READERS
“Time has come to motivate and support women to take part in politics actively. Equal representation of both men and women in Hill Council is must.”

Q. One of the functions of National Commission for Minorities is to make recommendations for the effective implementation of safeguards for the protection of the interests of minorities by the central or state government. Ladakh after the Union Territory status, people are demanding safeguard for land, job, culture and identity. What is your stand on this demand?

After Union Territory status, there are lot of concerns and confusions among the people and it is understood and well stated that Ladakh needs safeguard. I feel that we are still not sure what we are demanding in the name of safeguard. At one point of time we demanded inclusion of Ladakh under sixth schedule of the Indian constitution and now we are demanding statehood for Ladakh. Coming together of Apex and KDA demanding statehood for Ladakh itself is confusing because the members of KDA are the one who demands restoration of J&K state and Article 370. All of these are contradicting and could be a reason for the delay in granting safeguard for Ladakh.

It took nearly 70 years to get Union Territory status demand fulfilled and before demanding anything we need to analyze and understand. Demanding statehood is not wrong but we have to check whether it is right to demand it or not for Ladakh. For state there are many criteria, such as source of revenue to run a state, can Ladakh fulfill it? We need to brainstorm and decide what is best for Ladakh.

I am in support of the safeguard for Ladakh and will work for it.

Q. Though women in Ladakh are excelling and leading in various fields but their participation in policy and decision making is almost absent. What you have to say about it?

Without women participation in policy and decision making the development of a society or a region seems incomplete. A women can understand the grievances and issues of a women better. In Hill Councils we don't have women elected representative so far, only one nominated seat is available. I have been always raising and will strive for 33 percent women reservation seat in Hill Council like in other states of India so that we can have women say also.

The misconception about women cannot lead needs to be changed because it is a woman who runs a family or a home in a more efficient way. When a woman can balance her profession and family work then

L-G Mathur reviews telecommunication issues of Ladakh



L-G Mathur reviewing the telecommunications-related issues and concerns in Ladakh at Ladakh Bhawan in New Delhi.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur convened a meeting to review telecommunications-related issues and concerns in Ladakh at Ladakh Bhawan in New Delhi on March 11.

Administrator USOF, Department of Telecommunications; Secretary, IT Department, Saugat Biswas; Chairman & Managing Director, BSNL; Chairman & Managing Director, BBNL; Chairman & Managing Director, PGCIL; CGM (Planning & Coordination), BBNL; General Manager, BSNL Ladakh; Managing Director & CEO, Bharti Airtel; Managing Director, Reliance Jio; Director (North), Reliance Jio; CEO, Vindhya Telelinks Ltd (VTL); President, Vindhya Telelinks Ltd, attended the meeting.

LG Mathur reviewed the progress on the National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) scheme for connecting all the 193 Gram panchayats through fibre as Gram panchayats are currently on VSAT-based systems. He also discussed the issue of the low bandwidth of VSATs installed by

the BharatNet project that is impacting the public and students from making the most of this facility and the need for its quick redressal.

Mathur stressed OFC-based connectivity under BharatNet project and discussed the way forward with BSNL, BBNL and USOF in this regard.

Deputy Director-General, Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) shared that Ladakh may be considered for connecting the villages based on PPP (public-private partnership) model and work may be allotted in this fiscal year.

Jio informed that all their cell phone towers on VSATs are being upgraded to OFC-based connectivity thereby upgrading them to the 4G platform.

LG Mathur also highlighted the need for BSNL to build redundancy in their fibre network to improve the reliability of their connection. General Manager, BSNL, informed that the work of laying OFC on the Drass to Kargil route is currently in progress.

He also reviewed the proposal for a comprehensive telecom

coverage plan for Ladakh, including offering assets available with telecommunication service providers (TSPs)/Infrastructure Providers (IPs) such as VTL on lease to telecom service providers such as BSNL for expanding their telecommunication infrastructure.

LG Mathur took stock of the provision of providing mobile services to remote and difficult uncovered areas and also those areas along the National Highways and tourists routes in Ladakh under USOF. He appreciated the work carried out by Jio to connect the difficult areas in Ladakh under USOF, particularly at Demchok.

The status of installing VSATs at various DSPT sites and the status of VSATs installed under NOFN in Leh and Kargil was also reviewed.

LG Mathur discussed the upgradation of BSNL 2G mobile towers to 4G to improve internet connectivity in Ladakh. Deputy Director-General, USOF, said that the upgradation of 2G to 4G connectivity of BSNL, Jio and Airtel would be considered in the existing tender.

Representatives from Airtel shared updates on the installation of Airtel towers in border areas and the issues faced by them. LG Mathur assured to provide all necessary support for providing mobile towers and digital connectivity in all parts of Ladakh.

Training cum-demonstration programme for fish farmers/officials of Fisheries Department, Leh, held

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: One-day training cum demonstration programme for fish farmers/officials of Fisheries Department, Leh was organized by ICAR - Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research (DCFR), Bhimtal, Uttarakhand, in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries, Leh at Chuchot Shamma on March 5.

The subject of the training was Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS) based on Rainbow Trout hatchery and nursery management in high altitudes.

Secretary, Animal & Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries, UT Ladakh, Ravinder Kumar inaugurated an aqua garden set-up by DCFR at the private farm of Zubair Ahmad, a progressive fish farmer of Leh, for the rearing of ornamental fish which can be a pioneering step towards culture and breeding of ornamental fishes in Ladakh.

The set-up and operation of the RAS hatchery-nursery system at Zubair's farm were briefed by DCFR scientists. 50000 No's of rainbow trout eyed ova has been placed in this newly established RAS for hatching on an experimental basis in addition to approx. 5000 first feeding alevins produced from the first trial batch.

Principal Scientist, DCFR, Dr. R.S. Patiwal highlighted the steps taken by DCFR for technology transfer for best management practices in



RAS based hatchery and nurseries in Ladakh. He also emphasized the best management practices and usage of an improved variety of trout feed and seed.

The Secretary distributed kits among the fish farmers for water analysis and record-keeping notebooks prepared by DCFR for proper recording of various parameters of aquaculture. He appreciated the efforts of DCFR in providing technology and training to intensive fish culture in Ladakh and further informed that the department is going to sign MOU with DCFR in near future for technology transfer and standardization of technology with the fisheries department.

He also promised to extend the fullest support to the research institute for framing a road map for aquaculture development and conservation of fish fauna in UT Ladakh. DCFR is in the process of formulation of a road map for which stakeholders meeting is being conducted shortly.

Assistant Director, Fisheries Leh welcomed the guests and gave brief information about the var-

ious activities of the fisheries department in Leh district and the efforts department is making in promoting and handholding of fish farmers and entrepreneurs. He also thanked DCFR for providing assistance and training both to the fish farmers and officials of the fisheries department in aquaculture management.

Scientists from DCFR gave detailed training to the participants on feed, seed and water quality management for profitable rainbow trout culture.

Later the Secretary visited the government fish farm and hatchery at Chuchot Shamma and took stock of the ongoing hatching process in the trout hatchery.

Assistant Director Fisheries, Leh briefed about the successful hatching of 50000 hatchlings and import of 50000 No's of fertilized trout fish eggs in eyed ova stage from DCFR, Bhimtal, Uttarakhand. Secretary expressed his satisfaction over the working of department and hard work put on by the staff and congratulated them on successful breeding process.

L-G Mathur visits Tarchit Phu



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

TARCHIT: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur visited ice stupa at Tarchit Phu in Rong-Churgyud and also interacted with the villagers on March 2.

LG Mathur appreciated Deachen Zangpo, Jigmet Chozang and Rinchen Angchuk- the group from Tarchit that built the 150 ft high Ice Stupa. LG Mathur also visited the Draphugs (meditation cave) in the village.

Councillor, Kungyam Constituency, Thinles Nurboo, requested construction of ice hockey rinks in all villages of Rong and the declaration of Rong-Churgyud Changthang as a special tourism zone for the promotion and de-

velopment of the Rong area.

Nambardar, Tarchit, Tsewang Namgyal requested for conducting a feasibility study to explore the potential of tourism activities such as trekking and hiking, the rich heritage and spiritual history of the village, rock climbing and camping sites in Tarchit. He also requested for homestay amenities, construction of an ice hockey rink at Tarchit Phu, establishing a cultural centre, library/tourist facility centre and construction of a helipad at Tarchit Phu.

Sarpanch, Hemya, Phuntsog Nurboo shared the issues faced by the people in the Rong-Churgyud area, viz. the need for 4G mobile network in Tarchit Phu and Hemya village for internet

facility, relocation of block head-quarter to Hemya, upgradation of infrastructure and construction of library complex, play area and science lab at Government Middle School in Tarchit and Hemya, construction of solarised quarters for doctors at Primary Health Centre (PHC) in Hemya, putting up chain link fence to protect agricultural fields from wild animals and motorable bridge at Hemya Farka, etc.

The Self-Help Group (SHG) of Ama Tsogspa requested for handicraft equipment, trainings to the members of the SHG and the provision of direct selling of their products to derive maximum value.

LG Mathur inquired about the construction of the road under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), the stocking of medicines at PHC Hemya and the progress of Jal Jeevan Mission work in the village.

SDM Nyoma, health officials, villagers and other district officials were present on the occasion.

Nehru Yuva Kendra organises Neighbourhood Youth Parliament in Leh



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: A district-level Neighbourhood Youth Parliament themed, 'Be the voice of New India and find solutions and contribute to policy' was organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Leh, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, GoI in collaboration with Kendriya Vidyalaya, Leh on March 11.

The Youth Parliament was organised under the aegis of 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate the 75th Independence of the Republic of India.

Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Ravinder Kumar and Deputy Commissioner, Leh presided over the function in presence of Councillor Chuchot, Mirza Hussain.

Secretary Ravinder appreciated the organising committee and advised the youth to take maximum benefits of the platform to realise their leadership potential. He lauded the role of youth in various national programmes like Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Fit India Movement and others. He advised the youth to take maximum benefits of the National Youth Policy and always give their best effort in achieving their specific target leading to the development of the nation.

DC, Leh Shrikant Suse expressed his gratitude to the youth for their cooperation in controlling Covid-19 cases leading to the grand celebration of the youth parliament. He lauded the achievement of the youths, especially winning the national ice hockey championship in Kaza Himachal Pradesh. Furthermore, he informed the youths about various initiatives like Rewa Scheme for the youth. He also encouraged them to apply for the Staff Selection Commission Examination (SSC) coaching classes for the upcoming recruitment exams in UT Ladakh.

Councillor, Mirza Hussain encouraged the youth to participate in different competitions for realising their leadership potential. He advised the youth to take full benefits of their voting rights in bringing quality leadership and contributing towards the development of the country.

Earlier, Deputy Director, Tajamul Ara spoke on the objectives of the programme. She motivated the youth to register themselves for maximum participation in the National Voter Awareness Contest organised by the Election Commission of India on their official webpage. The programme continued with different speeches on youth empowerment followed by cultural performances.

Memento was presented to DC Leh for his immense contribution in controlling Covid-19 in the Leh district. Similarly, a memento was also presented to Councillor, Chuchot, Mirza Hussain and other officials as well. Prizes were also distributed to the participants during the programme.

Principal, Kendra Vidyalaya, Phunchok Wangyal presented the vote of thanks.

In Conversation with Rinchen Lamo

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why many of the people feels that she cannot lead. Women decision power cannot be compared with men because they have more clarity, understanding and patience to deal situations. Today, women are taking part in politics which is a good sign and I feel that more and more women should be encouraged and supported to lead.

Q. Caste based discrimination is one of the major issues faced in the society of Ladakh. What you will say about it and how important is it to change this evil practices.

Fundamental Rights are guaranteed to all persons by the constitution of India without any discrimination of caste, religion, sex etc. These rights entitle an individual to live life with dignity. Article 15 states that

the state shall not discriminate against any citizen on grounds only of race, religion, caste, sex, and place of birth. Still if we practice such discrimination we are going against the law and there is a punishment as per law. Not even it is illegal but is against the very spirit of Buddhism. If anyone in the society faces such discrimination, they can report it to the National Commission for Minorities. Many feels insecure to go to court or any other institutions with their grievances but National Commission for Minorities can be easily accessed. The commission will serve notice to the one against whom the complain is made failing to which he / she will be summoned and necessary action as per law will be recommended.

Situation is changing now and I feel that the religious organisation, social activist, educated youths can play a vital role in bringing change.

Ayu Lhamo passes away at 95

Nawang Tsering Shakspo

SABOO: Last rite of Ayu Lhamo (Sonam Zangmo) was performed on March 8. She passed away at an age of 95.

Tashi Gyalton, CEC, Hill Council, Leh; Chering Dorje Lakruk, Vice-President, Ladakh Buddhist Association, religious leaders and people from all walks of life paid tribute to the departed soul.

Ayu Lhamo was a spiritually elevated lady of perfection, who would resolve human problems through her spiritually elevated mediums called Buddhist Shaman or oracle tradition, which remained an attraction to both local and western tourists com-



ing to Ladakh.

Nawang Tsering Shakspo, Director, Centre for Research on Ladakh and the producer of a film called, Oracles and demons of Ladakh, said that Ayu-Lhamo, was the torchbearer of Oracle tradition in Ladakh since the region opened for world tourism

in the year 1974. In the past, extensive studies were carried out by scholars on the life and legacy of her tradition and obtained doctorate degrees and produced dozens of articles. They said that her passing away is a great loss to the believer in the healing of humankind through a spiritually elevated medium called Lhamo or Lhaba.

Ayu-Lhamo served the people of Ladakh through her elevated spiritual medium for about five decades and she remained a focal point for many who looked at Ladakh as a spiritually elevated region, where the traditional Buddhism ethos still persists in people's way of life.

EJM College, Leh, celebrates International Women's day

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: College Student Council along with the College Gender Sensitization Committee- (GS-CASH) celebrated International Women's Day on March 8 at Eliezer Joldan Memorial College.



During the celebration of International Women's Day in EJM College, Leh.

Female students of Eliezer Joldan Memorial College who had made a mark in varied fields were felicitated and also aware of Gender sensitization and Gender equality.

Congratulating everyone on International Women's Day, Principal, Eliezer Joldan Memorial College Leh, Prof. Tashi Ldawa stressed the importance of women's empowerment and urged all students to promote gender sensitization.

College faculties presented their

views on gender sensitivity and women's emancipation. Sonam Angmo, Assistant Professor, English, Convener- EJM GS-CASH) spoke on 'Gender reflections in Society', and highlighted the need for gender awareness and gender equality. Dr. Sonam Wangmo, Assistant Professor, EVS, shared her views on 'Women and Environment' and underlined the contribution of women in different fields, Hajira Bano, Assistant Professor, Mass

Communication & Journalism spoke about the status of Ladakhi women and the role of media in women empowerment.

Melodic song renditions and traditional dance were performed by the students of EJM College, Leh. The day ended with a felicitation ceremony to the young female student achievers of EJM College Leh who had made a mark in diverse fields from NSS, culture to sporting events etc.

3rd Ladakh Ice-Climbing festival concludes



During the concluding day of the 3rd Ice climbing festival in Gangles, Leh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The third edition of the Ladakh Ice-Climbing festival organised by the Ladakh Mountain Guide Association was concluded on March 5 in Gangles.

Chief Guest of the occasion, Tashi Gyalson, CEC, Hill Council, Leh praised the entire organising team for the initiative in creating the artificial glacier, promoting and encouraging the

youth of Leh to participate in such winter adventure sports. He highlighted the importance of artificial glaciers for the sustainability of Ladakh's fragile ecosystem and added that this sport has the potential to boost winter tourism in Ladakh.

CEC said that LAHDC Leh would extend all possible support in the promotion of winter sport throughout the region.

All the supporters and the organising team were felicitated by CEC Tashi Gyalson.

President, Ladakh Mountain Guide Association highlighted the motive behind organising such adventure sports.

Talking about the contribution of LMGA in organising the Ice-climbing festival, he said that such activities will also create opportunities in the future career-wise. He also spoke on the requirement of travel insurance for mountaineering and hiking expeditions. He said that the idea brings forth the aim to promote winter tourism in Ladakh and the need for nurturing more young talents from Ladakh in winter adventure sports.

DYSSO, Leh, Tsering Tashi; Founder SECMOL, Sonam Wangchuk, President ALGHA, President ALTOA, President Leh Phu-Dho and many other dignitaries were present.

Kargil-Zaskar highway reopens for traffic

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

ZANSKAR: After the clearance of heavy accumulation of snow avalanches on the Kargil-Zaskar national highway, the road was reopened for vehicular movement on March 12.

Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Sankoo, Ghulam Mo-hiuddin Wani said due to heavy avalanches at different places on the highway, traffic movement was halted for few days.

He said due to the efforts of the

concerned departments, now the highway has been cleared from the snow avalanches and today 34 light LMVs carrying 259 passengers including women and children crossed Penzila pass from Zaskar towards Kargil.

1st Ladakh Cross Country Athletics Championship concludes in Kargil

Selected athletes to participate in Cross-Country Race at Nagaland



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Around 287 athletes participated while 24 were selected as position holders in the 1st Ladakh Cross Country Athletics Championship on March 10 in Kargil.

The race is aimed to select athletes for the Cross Country Race National level at Mohima Nagaland which will be held on March 26, 2022.

The race was organized by the Department of District Youth Services and Sports, Kargil in association with the Athletics Association of Ladakh. The race began in the morning from Gramthang to Khri Sultan Cho Stadium, Biamathang for different categories like 2 km, 4 km, 6 km, 8 km and 10 km for both boys and girls under different age groups.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Abdul Ghafar Zargar flagged off the athletes for the race from different locations.

EC Mohsin Ali said that there is no dearth of talent among the youth in Ladakh but need timely opportunity to express their talent. He said after Ladakh became UT, youth have got opportunities to show their talent in different fields.

NOTICE

No 9927622P Ex NK Thenles Dorjay S/o Tashi Lundup R/o Nubra, Leh UT Ladakh has claimed that his son name namely **Thukstan Gyaltsen** has been wrongly entered as **Thuskstan Gyaltsen** instead of **Thukstan Gyaltsen** in the Army record office, Ladakh Scouts and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary public Leh with Certificate No. IN-LA02791843318563U to this office for making necessary correction. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office, **Zila Sainik Welfare Office, Leh UT Ladakh** within 7 days from date of publication failing which necessary correction will be made.

NOTICE

Whereas Tenzin Tsoknyi S/o Taga and Nangsa Dolma has claimed that his Date of Birth has been wrongly entered as 05-03-1984 in his Final Marks Statement of the Smanpa Kachupa (Bachelor of Sowa Rigpa's Medicine and Surgery) duly issued by CIBS, Leh UT Ladakh under Adm No. 3620 with Year 2018 instead of actual & correct D.O.B 03-05-1984. Hence, notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any may be sent to the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Choglamsar, Leh within 7 days from date of publication of this notice.

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L-G Mathur meets Principal Scientific Adviser, discusses the promotion of geo-tourism in Ladakh

Also discusses Dark Sky Sanctuary, solar lift irrigation & installation of mobile towers in Ladakh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur met Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA), K Vijay Raghavan on March 10 and discussed the promotion of geo-tourism in Ladakh.

LG Mathur stressed the need for the declaration of Dark Sky Sanctuary within the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary and inquired about the process and legal protection through the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Science. He also discussed the possibility of linking up telescopes with the internet to enable viewing from anywhere in the world.

He thanked PSA Vijay Raghavan for the astronomy labs and sought assistance to train the teachers. PSA Vijay Raghavan agreed to provide training to the teachers.

During the discussion on promoting geo-tourism in Ladakh, PSA Raghavan stressed the need for engaging geologists and linking geology and micro-biology with tourism. LG Mathur informed

that the Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS) has identified a location in Ladakh for the basic development of the area, such as observation platforms/decks and stairs. He also shared the potential of geo-tourism in Ladakh, especially colourful rocks and the popularity of Lamayuru among tourists as the moonland.

PSA Raghavan assured to associate top scientists conversant with the Himalayan region and to provide all necessary support.

LG Mathur also raised the issue of solar-lift irrigation in areas at high altitudes in Ladakh and the plan to install a large number of solar lifts this year. he also discussed the setting up of a pilot 1 MW solar-cum-hydrogen generation project with the help of NTPC in Ladakh to look for locally self-sufficient and low-cost solutions to minimise the need for diesel and petrol.

While discussing the need to set up 150 more mobile towers in areas with fewer inhabitants, LG Mathur inquired about low-cost solutions to provide digital connectivity for all.

Siachen Ice hockey tournament held in Nubra



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

NUBRA: Siachen Ice hockey challenge under Operation Sadhbhavna was organised by 3 Ladakh Scouts under the aegis of Siachen Brigade, Partapur in Diskit

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Traffic Police organises interaction-cum-awareness programme in Leh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Traffic Police organised an interaction-cum-traffic awareness programme at the conference hall, Municipal Committee Leh on March 5 under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Presidents of various transport associations, such as Taxi Union, Truck Union, Van Union, Bike Union, Mazda Bus, Mini Truck Union, drivers and Traffic Police officers/officials participated in the programme.

Superintendent of Police, Traffic, UT Ladakh, Mohd Rafi Giri sought the cooperation of all the transport unions for adhering to traffic rules and regulations, especially for wrong parking, use of mobile phone while driving, drunk driving, over speeding and so on.

Adding that the tourist season is soon to commence, SP Traffic stressed that the tourists should get a positive impression from the transporters of Ladakh. He emphasised that all transport unions should start counselling and awareness programmes for their drivers focusing on tourist and



Superintendent of Police, Traffic, UT Ladakh, Mohd Rafi Giri during the interaction-cum- traffic awareness programme.

passenger-friendly behaviour.

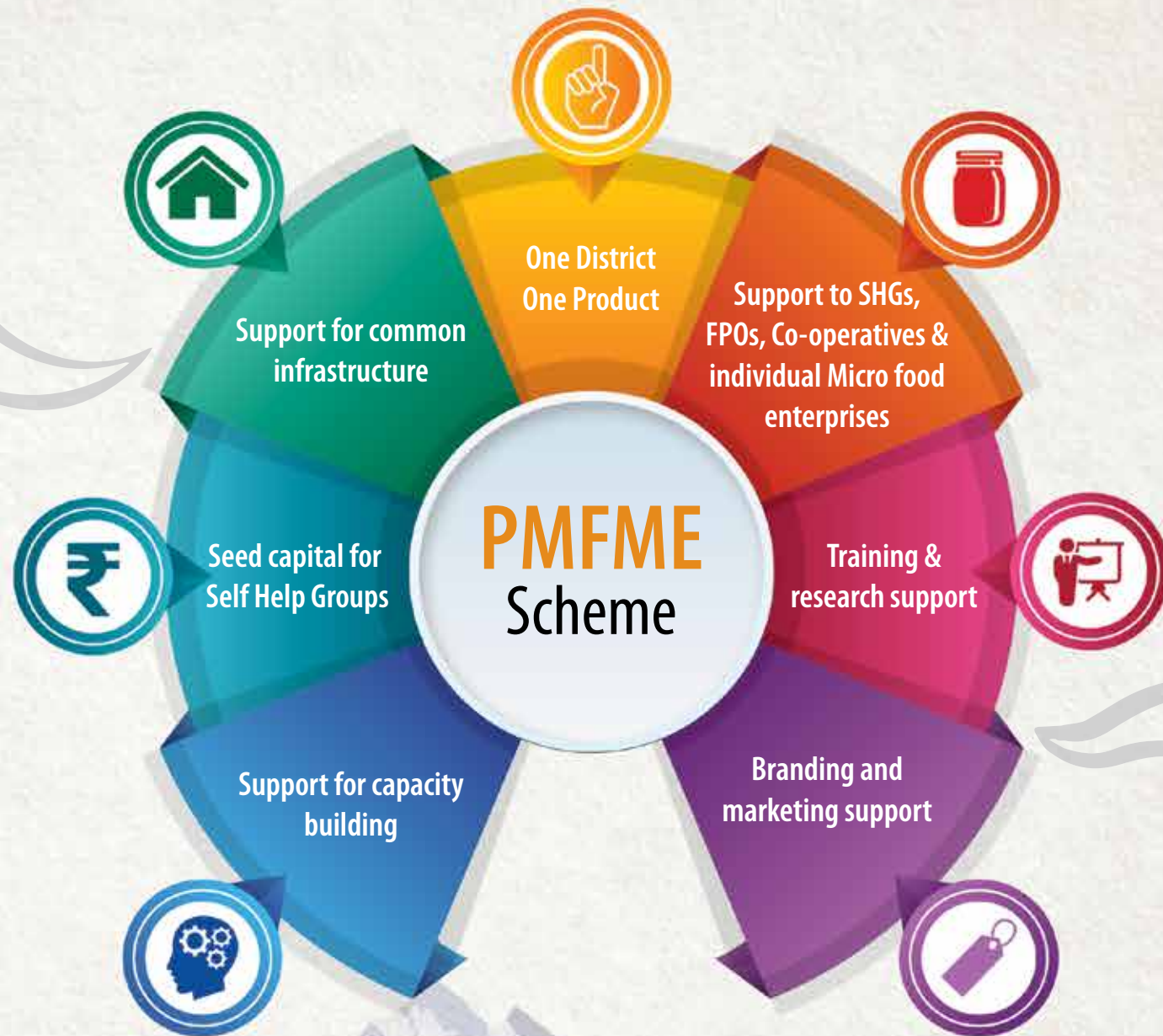
Traffic Inspector, Jameel-ur-Rehman administered the oath of adhering to traffic rules to all the participants. Traffic Sub-Inspector, Mohd Shafi presented the vote of thanks.

Traffic awareness pamphlets were also distributed to the participants and also among drivers and commuters at Leh Gate and Petrol Pump.



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