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# Leh celebrates 33rd birth anniversary of 11th Panchen Lama

*Abducted by China 27 years ago, the whereabouts of the 11th Panchen Lama still clueless*

## Thinles Meagur

LEH: The 33rd birth anniversary Gedhun Choeyki Nyima, the 11th Panchen Lama was celebrated at Chowkhang Vihara, Leh on April 25.

The celebration began with prayers, offering of Mandala and lighting of holy lamp and cake cutting ceremony.

His Eminence Thiksey Khenpo Rinpoche; His Eminence Palga Rinpoche; MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Tashi Gyalson; Chief Representative Officer, Dhondup Tashi; President LBA, Thupstan Chhewang, President, LGA, Ven Shedup Chamba and many other dignitaries were present during the occasion.

Gedhun Choeyki Nyima was born on 25th April 1989 in Lhari, Tibet, and was recognized and announced as the 11th Panchen Lama by the 14th Dalai Lama on 14th May 1995. Three days later on 17th, May 1995, the 6 years old Panchen Lama was kidnapped by the Chinese Government, installing another boy in his place. Gedhun Choeyki Nyima remains forcibly detained by the Chinese Government, along with his family, in an undisclosed location since 1995. He was for years considered the world's youngest political prisoner.



His Eminence Thiksey Khenpo Rinpoche along with His Eminence Palga Rinpoche cutting the cake during the 33rd Birth anniversary celebration of the 11th Panchen Lama at Chowkhang Vihara, Leh.

MP Ladakh criticised Chinese authorities for kidnapping the 11th Panchen Lama at just six years old. He said that this greatly hurt the sentiments of billions of people worldwide and one should severely condemn such acts.

"Many years have passed without even seeing a photo of the great Panchen Lama and how long will we resist such injustice", he added.

Talking about China's State Religious Affairs Bureau Order No. 5 he said, "order no. 5 states that the reincarnation would be subject to approval by the atheist, communist regime. Reincarnation Application must be filed by all Buddhist temples in that country before they are allowed to recognize individuals as tulkus or reincarnation of lamas."

During the occasion, His eminence

Thiksey Khenpo Rinpoche gave away prizes to the winner of Bhoti handwriting competition participated by around 714 students in which first prize was secured by Jigmet Deachen Donmey of the Tibetan SOS school Choglamsar.

Dhondup Tashi, CRO Sonamling Tibetan Settlement Leh expressed his grief over two major issues. "First we did not know the whereabouts of 11th Panchen Lama after 33 long years and secondly we are unable to hear his voice, thus being deprived of his teachings". But he still wishes for the well-being of the great Panchen Lama.

LBA President, Thupstan Tsewang said, "2021 was the first time we started celebrating Panchen lama's birthday and was unanimously decided that from next year it will be celebrated at the Leh Chowkhang Vihara."

He said that the abduction of Panchen Lama by the Chinese is not only a huge loss for Buddhists but is also a loss to the entire humanitarian organization in the world.

Other speakers and students from various schools addressed the gathering and highlighted the life and history of the 11th Panchen Lama. Cultural songs were also presented during the occasion.

## Agriculture department of Ladakh receives Prime Minister Award for Excellence in Public Administration



Secretary (Agriculture), UT Ladakh, Ravinder Kumar taking the award on behalf of the Department from PM Narendra Modi.

## Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Department of Agriculture, UT Ladakh has been awarded the Prime Minister Award for Excellence in Public Administration (Category: Innovation State) for the Ladakh Greenhouse project.

The award was presented by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi at a function held at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi on April 21, on the occasion of Civil Services Day.

Secretary (Agriculture), UT Ladakh, Ravinder Kumar has received the award on behalf of the Department, which consists of a trophy, citation and a cash award of ₹ 20 lakh for the implementation of the project. The Ladakh Greenhouse technology was developed by the DIHAR (DRDO) Leh and the technology was transferred to the Department of Agriculture UT Ladakh in 2019. Thereafter, it was implemented by the Agriculture Department in Leh and Kargil districts.

The Ladakh Green House Project was selected amongst 2253 nominations, received under different categories, after clearing three stages of scrutiny and verification by the experts at various levels. A film on the innovative Ladakh Green House project was also screened before the presentation of the award. An exhibition was also held for the selected innovations and projects.

Tashi Tsetan, Chief Agriculture Officer Leh, Dr Tsering Stobdan, Senior Scien-

tist, DRDO, DIHAR, Leh, and Dr. Stanzin Thakchos, OSD were present.

Secretary Agriculture appreciated the role of officials of the Agriculture Department and DIHAR (DRDO) Leh for their hard work, dedication and consistent support. He also congratulated the whole farmer community for adopting the new technology.

Farmers in Ladakh have already started to reap the benefit of the innovative Ladakh Greenhouse project. 315 greenhouses have already been completed and 1000 such greenhouses will be completed by Dec 2022 with 75% financial assistance from the Agriculture Department in Leh and Kargil. This project would help in meeting winter vegetable shortage and meeting micronutrient deficiency in the population.

This project is solar passive, and organic and uses water conservation techniques. Apart from increasing profit for farmers, it would help in giving new self-employment opportunities to young Agri- entrepreneurs. Ladakh greenhouse would be a step towards Carbon Neutral Ladakh as envisioned by the Prime Minister of India.

The Department of Agriculture, UT Ladakh is envisaging taking the Ladakh Greenhouse Project on a large commercial scale by supporting the interested and emerging agri-entrepreneurs in the days to come in corroboration with project MODI of converting UT of Ladakh into an organic state by 2025.

## Press Club, Leh, organises debate on 'Safeguard demand for Ladakh'



## Stanzin Dasal

LEH: Press Club Leh organised a debate, themed, 'Safeguard demand for Ladakh' on April 23 at Pologround, Leh.

Thupstan Chhewang, Chairman, Apex Body; Representative of Bharatiya Janata Party, Leh, Dr. Skalzang Dorjey; Tundup Nurboo Cheetah from Congress and Convenor, Aam Aadmi Party, Tsering Phuntsog joined the debate. MP, Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgyal and Representatives from Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) were unable to attend.

Thupstan Chhewang in his address stressed the need of safeguard demand for Ladakh and said that the Apex body stands firm on the demand and there is no confusion.

"Ladakh needs statehood along with constitutional safeguard sixth schedule", he added.

Reiterating the effort and struggle of the Ladakh Buddhist Association to lead the UT demand movement in Ladakh, Dr Skalzang Dorjey said that the LBA stressed only on Union Territory status

for Ladakh from the very beginning.

"In between, there were around 2 rallies in which the UT with the legislature for Ladakh was put forward other than that the demand was just UT status. Today after UT status, there are developments taking place in every part of the region and Hill Council is also taking care of the affairs in the UT set up", he added.

Tundup Nurboo Cheetah, Representative of Congress party spoke about the importance of the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution and how it is relevant to Ladakh. He said that Ladakh at this juncture needs safeguard and the people of Ladakh should unitedly work towards it.

Tsering Phuntsog, Convenor, AAP said, "After Union Territory status Ladakh deserves so many things which are still pending. Ladakh being a tribal population truly deserves the sixth schedule but the present government is reluctant to accept our demand."

People from different walks of life and student asked the question to the panelist.

## Cultural Academy, Leh, organises literary seminar and symposium



Member of Parliament, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal inaugurating the two days literary seminar and symposium themed, 'Development of Literature in Ladakh' at Hotel Zen Ladakh.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Two-day literary seminar and symposium themed, 'Development of Literature in Ladakh' started on April 29 at Hotel Zen Ladakh.

The day was organised by Academy of Arts, Culture & Languages, Leh. Two books titled Ri-Mos-bSad (Sketch Says) authored by Ven Thupstan Paldan and Ladakh Review Vol.8 published by Nawang Tsering Shaksपो were released during the seminar as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Chief Guest of the occasion, Member of Parliament, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal thanked everyone for organising such seminars and also highlighted measures to preserve the traditional history, art, culture and language. He also emphasized on inclusion of certain important historical aspects in the school syllabus so that the upcoming generation will be more aware of their lineage.

Five prominent scholars/writers of Ladakh including Dr Jamyang Gyalson, Ven Thupstan Paldan, Dr Nawang Tsering, Dr Lobzang

Tsewang and Stanzin Mingur presented papers on various topics on the Development of Bhoti Language and Literature in Ladakh.

Executive Councillor for Art & Culture, LAHDC Leh, Stanzin Chosphele expressed that this kind of literacy function and seminars need to be organised at regular intervals with the involvement of youths. He added that this will encourage and educate the young generation. He also informed the gathering regarding the plans and vision of the current Hill Council to strengthen and preserve the local culture, tradition and languages.

A threadbare discussion and interaction session was also held at the seminar.

The second half of the seminar started with a poetry session, several scholars/poets including Khanpo Konchok Namtak; Tashi Lanzes; Stanzin Lamo; Konchok Tsetan; Rinchen Dadul; Tsering Dorjee; Tsering Dolker; Stanzin Tsetan and Tsering Tashi participated in the seminar.

## Super-specialist doctors from AIIMS, Delhi, felicitated

Ladakh hopes for continued support from AIIMS in providing medical services, says LG

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: UT Administration and Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh, along with District Administration, Leh felicitated 30 super-specialist doctors from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, who are in Leh for a Super Specialist Mega Medical Camp at Sonam Nurboo Memorial (SNM) Hospital from April 25 to 29.

Ashoka Mission led by Ven Lama Lobzang facilitated the medical camp.

Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur appreciated AIIMS Delhi and Ashoka Mission for providing this opportunity to the people of Ladakh. He stated that Ladakh is fortunate to have a long association with AIIMS and requested continued association with the Institute for the benefit of the people of Ladakh. He thanked the super-specialist doctors from AIIMS led by the Head of Gastroenterology, Dr Anoop Saraya for their service.



Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur felicitating the super-specialist doctors from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.

Dr Anoop Saraya from AIIMS Delhi also shared the experiences of working with the super-specialist doctors in Ladakh and the diseases prevalent among the people of Ladakh.

Chief Executive Councillor (CEC), LAHDC Leh, Adv Tashi Gyalson; Member of Parliament, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal; Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk; all the three Executive Councillors of

LAHDC Leh, Advisor Umang Narula, Principal Secretary, Dr Pawan Kotwal; Administrative Secretary, Ravinder Kumar; Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse; Director Health Services, Ladakh, Dr Motup Dorje; Chief Medical Officer, Dr Nurzin Angmo; General Secretary, Ashoka Mission, Tashi Motup; medical staff and district officials were present during the event.

## Delegation of Ladakh Cultural Forum meets CEC, Leh

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Delegation of Ladakh Cultural Forum led by Acting President, Ven.Lobzang Nyantak met Chairman/CEC, Hill Council, Leh Tashi Gyalson on April 20.

Ladakh Cultural Forum welcomed Hill Council Leh's initiative of celebrating Bhoti language day starting this year and also highlighted suggestive measures to preserve the traditional art, culture, and language of Ladakh. The members of Ladakh Cultural Forum also raised their concerns and put forth various issues and the need for having a good policy on heritage preservation, promotion of literary art



During the meeting of Ladakh Cultural Forum with CEC, Hill Council, Leh.

and culture at school levels, and the need for strengthening musical art in the region.

CEC Tashi Gyalson informed the delegation of the plans and vision of the Hill Council to strengthen local culture, tradition, and lan-

guages. He further added that the Hill Council is dedicated to preserve traditional heritage, and promote art and culture in the region. He also assured to look into the issues raised by the delegation and try to address them at the earliest possible.

## Founder LEHO, Dr. Deen, meets LG Mathur

Shares proposal to establish Ladakh as eco-tourism destination



Founder, Ladakh Environment and Health Organisation (LEHO), Dr. Mohammed Deen with Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur at Raj Niwas.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Founder, Ladakh Environment and Health Organisation (LEHO), Dr. Mohammed Deen submitted a proposal to establish Ladakh as a sustainable, carbon-neutral, self-reliant, inclusive and high-value eco-tourism destination to Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur on April 27 at Raj Niwas.

Dr Deen shared the Ladakh eco-tourism policy framework to achieve sustainable tourism development in the region. He informed that the objective of the policy is to enhance rural livelihood, provide incentives to

local communities to prevent migration from villages and bring all stakeholders on a common platform to empower them and strengthen institutional structures, partnerships and collaborations.

Dr Deen stressed on the need to develop and promote homestays as a part of the eco-tourism policy. He stated about 15 homestays established by LEHO in different villages, including Takmachik, Shara and Likir. He informed about the potential of eco-tourism and homestays in Ladakh due to its unique geography, environment and culture.

LG Mathur stressed on the need to adopt sustainable practices and right approach for the development of Ladakh. He stated that the Administration would make efforts to get all the stakeholders on board. Founder LEHO suggested eco-tourism policy may be discussed in a workshop in this regard. LG Mathur appreciated LEHO's effort for drafting the eco-tourism policy framework.

Another delegation from Make My Trip (MMT) led by Founder of Wisdom Himalayan Voyages Pvt. Ltd, Stany Wangchok, shared their plan to tie up with homestays in Ladakh to facilitate local tourism and encourage entrepreneurs. They informed about their plan to provide training to the homestay owners to handle guests professionally. They requested for facilitation and assistance from the Administration. LG Mathur stressed on the need to provide an experience of local culture and traditions, including local food, to the tourists.

## Indian Institute of Management, Jammu, proposes to establish its off-campus in Ladakh

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A delegation led by Director, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Jammu, Prof B.S Sahay met Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh on April 28.

The delegation apprised CEC Gyalson of their proposal to start an Off-Campus of IIM Jammu in Ladakh to promote the growth and development of UT Ladakh by taking initiatives in the areas of Incubation and Entrepreneurship, Skill Development, Executive Education, Advisory Services, etc.

CEC Gyalson expressed his concern over local students migrating to different cities outside Ladakh and studying in premiere



Delegation led by Director, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Jammu, Prof B.S Sahay with Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh.

professional institutes amid various challenges. He stated that having such institutes in Ladakh would overcome such challenges and help youth to enhance professional and develop entrepreneurship skills. He also stated

that having professional skill training institutes like IIM with programmes suitable to the local environment and economic activities would gradually help in building more opportunities for the youth.

## Workshop on research and academic writing for teachers held



During the one-day workshop on Action research and academic writing for the teachers of the DIET and Education Department.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: One-day workshop on Action research and academic writing for the teachers of the DIET and Education Department was held at DIET Leh on April 25.

The workshop was organised by the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Leh in collaboration with the University of Ladakh (UoL).

Inaugurating the workshop, Professor SK Mehta, Vice-Chancel-

lor, University of Ladakh appreciated the Education Department and stated that the spirit in which this workshop has been initiated in Ladakh is being taken up because of the high priority of the Education Department. He also stressed the importance of research.

Dr Safdar Ali, Director, School Education expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor for his continued support to the Education Department of Ladakh. He stated

that this kind of workshop will help the workforce of the Education Department.

Principal DIET, Tsetan Dorje briefed about the progress report of DIET.

Director, University of Ladakh, Leh Campus, Konchok Angmo spoke on the importance of National Education Policy 2020 and in which research has been highlighted. She added that this is the first initiative in UT Ladakh regarding research and appreciated Vice Chancellor's initiative in this program.

Dr Sonam Joldan, Assistant Professor, Pol Science, UoL spoke on Ethics in Social Science Research; Dr Jigmat Dachen, Assistant Professor Physical Education, UoL spoke on Experiment Design & Introduction to Statics & Dr Rakesh Chandra, Assistant Professor Geology, UoL spoke on Time Management for Planning Research Methodology.

# Ladakh's fragile ecosystem



By Tonyot Gyaltsen

The Union Territory of Ladakh, situated in the north-western part of the Himalayas, is known for its distinct climatic conditions, unique culture and traditions. The region is home to a variety of exotic flora and fauna with some rare and endangered species of animals and birds. It is also known for its different kinds of plant species, with over 1000 vascular plants, which are of great value for scientific and medicinal purposes. Despite its thin air and high aridity, Ladakh has more than 34 species of mammals, more than 320 species of birds and over 10 species of reptiles.

Besides, there is a huge scope for generating clean and renewable energy as Ladakh is blessed with an abundance of sunlight throughout the year. It is reported that there is a potential of producing 33 GW of renewable energy from solar, and hydroelectricity through the use of the Indus and the Suru rivers and their tributaries. Because of such renewable energy resources, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had envisioned and declared the region to become carbon-neutral in his Independence Day speech, 2020.

However, it is being increasingly felt by the local habitants of the region and various experts that the ecological scenario in Ladakh is becoming fragile. The region is predominantly a cold desert having an arid climate with little or negligible rainfall where the availability of water is precious and scarce. Thus, the people are relying heavily on glacier water in the higher altitudes, which melts during the spring season. This water, which passes through streams, (known as 'tokpos') is used by the villagers for irrigation and horticulture purposes.

Traditionally, Ladakhi people have been making efficient use of natural resources through various modes of conservation methods. For effective management and smooth distribution of water for irrigation, there is a responsibility assigned to 'Churpon', known as 'Water Captain' in each village. In the good old days, the way of life of the people was simple and in harmony with nature. People were contented and their needs were fulfilled by the optimal use of available natural resources. A classic case is the local compost toilet 'Ldecho' which is used by the local people. These toilets are environmentally benign and consume no water. The byproduct of this human excreta waste is composed and turned into organic manure which is later used for enhancing agriculture and horticulture in the region. But with time, the people have started switching over to western-style toilets which

consume large quantities of water. Thus, it puts a strain on the already scarce water resources.

Due to its pristine natural beauty, Ladakh has become a major tourist destination. Over the past two decades, there has been a huge influx of tourists to explore various places. The tourism industry has boosted the local economy by augmenting speedy development and has raised the standard of living of the local people. Now, tourism is the backbone of the economy with a substantial portion of the population engaging in this sector for livelihood. A lot of construction activities for hotels and resorts are going on for catering to the needs of increasing tourist footfalls. Digging of bore-wells is resorted to by hoteliers and local households in the town areas for drinking water and other purposes. And this has led to the depletion of the groundwater table.

But, with time, as happened with towns all over India, urbanization also has taken place in the region. With the region becoming a separate Union Territory, new avenues and opportunities have opened up. Developmental activities and ramping up of infrastructure have followed. Rapid material development is indeed necessary for improving the amenities and quality of life of the native people, but it has its flip side too. Unprecedented developmental activities and the reality of climate change and global warming are harming the nature, wildlife and ecology of the region.

Waste management is another pressing issue faced by the people of the region. Littering of waste, solid waste, in particular, is a source of concern as there is no proper system in place for the disposal of garbage and plastic waste in an efficient way. The rise of consumerism in society and the mushrooming of outsiders to the region for leisure and holidays are taking a toll on the environment. People visiting popular tourist spots recklessly litter plastic bottles and other trash with little sensitivity to the place. Moreover, some of these major tourist places, which are located near Pangong Lake, Tsomoriri, Tsokar etc., are wetlands of national and international importance. They are also included in the Ramsar Convention for wetlands. Hence, the preservation of these marshlands and wetlands is extremely critical to the survival of rare migratory birds like the Black-Necked Cranes 'State Bird' (listed as near-threatened under IUCN) and other wildlife found in these places. Protection of these places is also important from the biodiversity point of view to maintain ecological balance. Therefore, there is a need for collaboration of govt., the local authorities and the local people in chalking out some innovative solutions for the protection of the environment of Ladakh. The onus also lies on the tourists to be more responsible and sensitive to the place by not littering plastic and other wastages.

The permission of trekking routes in the vicinity of Snow Leopards 'State Animal' (Listed as vulnerable under IUCN) corridors in the Hemis National Park, Rumbak and SkyuMarkha Valley are affecting the smooth movement of the wild animal (known as 'Shan' in Ladakhi). Therefore, permits for adventure tourism in these places need to be regulated with proper assessment and mitigation measures. It is important to note that the promotion of 'Home Stays' in the nearby villages is to be welcomed and initiated rather than opting for big and swanky hotels for resting and lodging travellers, backpackers and other adventurous people. The popularization of 'Home Stays' will help in better interaction between the visitors and the locals regarding the local culture and the environmental sustainability. It will also help in empowering women as most of these 'Home Stays' in Ladakh are managed and run by women members of households.

## A Ray of Hope

As they say, "To every dark cloud, there is a silver lining." An important initiative was taken by a Leh-based, local civil society group called 'Ama Tsogspa', known as Women Alliance of Ladakh (WAL). This group was founded in 1994 with the twin objective of raising the status of rural women and strengthening local culture and agriculture. Besides, they also run active campaigns for the preservation of the environment. In 1998, the group launched a major campaign for a ban on the use of plastic in Leh. Their efforts paid off as the use of plastic by shopkeepers and other business enterprises is banned in Leh and other adjoining areas.

The melting of glaciers is a global issue affecting millions of lives. In Ladakh, many villagers have abandoned their habitation and practice of agriculture and have migrated to Leh town in search of alternate livelihood. To address this problem, an innovative scientific idea was found by a local engineer, and education reformist, Sonam Wangchuk. He conceived the idea of inventing an artificial glacier known as 'Ice Stupa' for giving hope and a solution to the issue of vanishing glaciers. These artificial glaciers store water in the form of ice in the winter months, and in the spring season, when the ice slowly gets melted, the water is used for irrigation purposes.

Thus, the key issue is to strike a delicate balance between achieving economic development and preserving the fragile environment and ecology of Ladakh. Not to be seen as an antithesis to each other but to strive towards harmoniously finding a middle ground.

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## Should Juniper be State tree of Ladakh?



By Jigmet Namgial

Juniper is a beautiful evergreen tree found mainly in the higher altitudes (approximately 2800 m to 3600m above mean sea level) of temperate regions. In India, it is found in higher regions of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Lahaul, Spiti and Kinnaur of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. According to a research paper written by Dorjey and Maurya (2021), Juniper is found in Dha-Bema, Hanu-yokma, Skurbuchan, Hunu-pata, Wanla, Chilling-Sumda and some parts of Nubra valley of Leh district and evenly distributed in different parts of Kargil district.

As far as the taxonomical classification of the tree is concerned, there are many species of Juniper. The one which is found in Ladakh is mainly *Juniperus polycarpus* (Synonym *Juniperus macropoda*) locally known as 'Shukpa'. It has different common names such as Himalayan pencil cedar and Juniper. The tree is a conifer (Gymnosperm) and belongs to the family Cupressaceae.

The declaration of the black-necked crane and snow leopard as the state bird and animal of Ladakh gave a different feeling altogether and being a forestry student, I was eagerly waiting for the news regarding the declaration of the state tree but sadly I didn't get any. Is now the time to have our state tree? And if yes, then which tree?

Ladakh is a cold desert, the environmental conditions are very harsh and only a handful of tree species could survive. Some of the trees are poplar, salix, apricot, walnut, juniper etc. In my opinion, among all the listed trees, Juniper represents the best picture of Ladakh because it is a tree which is growing in a very harsh habitat but is still green and beautiful.

Juniper should be the state tree of Ladakh because of the following reasons:

**Sacred tree:** Juniper is considered sacred by the Buddhist population of Ladakh and as told by some Muslim old people from Leh, the tree has got some cultural importance among the Muslim population too. Therefore, the tree is significant to the local population.

**Conservation of Juniper:** Over-exploitation of juniper trees by locals for performing religious ceremonies, low percentage of regeneration, the problem regarding germination of seeds and destruction of the new regenerating seedling by wild animals, the population of Juniper trees in the region is declining on a very high rate and we might lose its population in Ladakh in coming one to two decades. Declaration



of juniper as the state tree will increase the popularity of the tree more among the local population and will surely strengthen the conservation efforts.

**Evergreen tree:** All the trees of the region are deciduous (leafless in winters) in nature except Juniper which remains green throughout the year. It will add more scenic beauty to the beautiful landscape of Ladakh when planted on large scale in the areas suitable for its growth.

**Increasing the green cover:** The goal of every Indian state is to have 33% of its total geographical area under forest. Ladakh sadly has only approximately 1% of its total geographical area under them. Therefore, taking Juniper plantation on a large scale will help in increasing the green cover of Union Territory (though plantation of any tree will help in increasing the green cover). For successful plantation of Juniper in different parts of Ladakh, there is a need for studies regarding the climatic and environmental conditions optimum for its growth, availability of proper nursery for supplying the planting stock for plantation and presence of responsible manpower.

I am just a student expressing my opinion but the real responsibility lies with the authorities of both Hill Councils, the administration of UT Ladakh and the concerned departments. It is up to them to select the most appropriate tree species which best represents Ladakh. I am hopeful that my small effort in writing this article will surely have a positive result and Ladakh will get its state tree very soon.

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## SoulSpeak

P.P. Wangchuk

### Even the best can be better



As long as you are on this planet, there is always a better goal to be achieved. And, remember, even the best of things can be better. Yes, nothing is perfect in life. The more you strive with honesty and consistency, the more you move towards that imaginary perfection. So, be happy with whatever you have achieved, but never stop crossing new milestones.

In other words, our struggle has to be an endless mission until we bid adieu forever. And it is always better to depart with a smile of satisfaction over your achievements. Those of us who refuse to struggle enough to make any mark in life can't have that kind of satisfaction at the end of their sojourn on this earth.

Actually, all great men had believed that they could do better and be better-placed in life. And it was that mindset that got them a place in history for us to emulate. They 'killed' their fear of losing and preferred to avoid the comfort of 'doing-nothing.' As a result, they did the best they could, and yet were 'hungry' for the next 'better'.

To do all this, one has to have an open and positive mind. Let's recall this: "What happens if the world ends?" That was Freddie in 'The Apocalypse of Elena Mendoza', and she got this reply: "Maybe, it already has, and this is it. Now we have the opportunity to start over and try to do better this time around." That is it. The crux of the matter is that when you step up the quality of life, the 'game of life' too gets jerked up to a higher level.

Of course, we need to know the best ways of living a good life that never has any 'stop' anywhere on the long and arduous way. Perhaps, it was this in mind when Ghanaian author Lailah Gifty Akita had said: "A man will do better if he knew the best ways of living." Even the idea of death makes such people smile!

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**In Conversation with**

**Dr. Subhrat Sharma**, Scientist F, Centre Head, G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment Ladakh

*Interviewed by Stanzin Dasal*

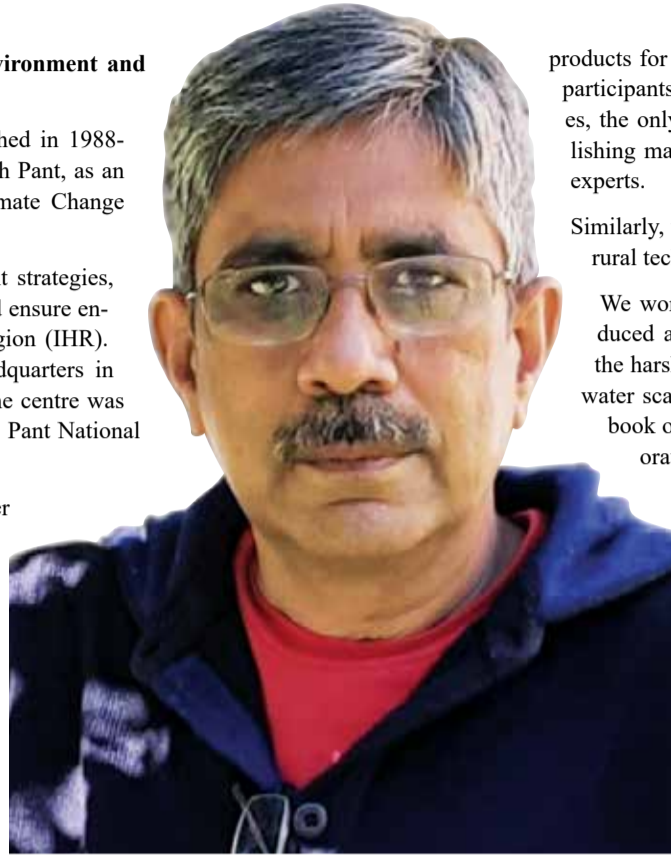
**Q. Brief us about G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and what are the various initiatives taken by the institute in Ladakh.**

G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment was established in 1988-89, during the birth centenary year of Bharat Ratna Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant, as an autonomous Institute of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India. The institute's

job is to advance scientific knowledge, evolve integrated management strategies, demonstrate their efficacy for the conservation of natural resources, and ensure environmentally sound development in the entire Indian Himalayan Region (IHR). GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment with its headquarters in Almora district, Uttarakhand has several regional centres. In Ladakh, the centre was established in December 2019 and is the newest regional centre of GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment.

After several meetings with the officials of UT administration and as per the direction of the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh we planned our focal areas of activities. A five-day summit themed, 'Ladakh Sustainable Development Summit' was organised in collaboration with the UT Administration of Ladakh. Around 80 people from various backgrounds including, scientists, policymakers, public representatives and experts participated in the summit. Discussion and deliberation were held to draft an action plan for tourism and disaster. Since we were newly established, the summit also became a learning stage to understand Ladakh and plan effectively and efficiently. Before we take the next step and start any further COVID-19 pandemic hampered all the work, but the time was utilised well to study the region, its need, challenges and strategies and development.

As the situation started getting better we met Executive Councillor, Hill Council, Leh, Stanzin Chosphele and start working with the local bodies and women's self-help groups. We organise a training programme in tailoring as suggested by the interested candidate. The participatory model training programme helps us to learn that people in Ladakh are very enthusiastic about learning and doing new things. As per the institute mandate, we developed a strategy for natural resource development to strengthen Women Self Help Groups. We tried to introduce local resources, new techniques and value addition of the



products for which an expert has been called to impart training. The training helped participants explore new markets and values. Ladakh has huge potential and resources, the only thing needed is a value addition to the products, branding, and establishing market linkages which we are trying to introduce to the locals by inviting experts.

Similarly, we tried to develop strategies for extending cultivation through low-cost rural technologies for adoption by the common man.

We worked on mushroom cultivation by simplifying the techniques and introduced a low-cost portable polyhouse on a crop field which lies vacant during the harsh winter. Similarly, we also extended support to villagers who are facing water scarcity, and in collaboration with the wildlife department and WCBCL, a book on Birds of Ladakh is published which will serve as a field guide. Collaborative activities are also going on with Ladakh University on research and many others.

**Q. Tell us about the advantages and disadvantages of climate change in Ladakh.**

Climate change leads to the rising frequency of the disastrous event, changes in distribution and rising magnitude of the disaster. We have witnessed frequent flash floods in several areas and fortunately Ladakh being a low-density area the chances of loss of life are reduced. Similarly, the precipitation regime is changing and winter in Ladakh is getting warmer. This might not affect humans a lot but is affecting orchards of apples and apricot. Weather conditions during flowering, pollination and subsequent fruit growth determine the production quantity and quality. Under the changing climatic situations, an existing fungal pathogen, bacteria, and viruses may cause more damage.

Water scarcity is already being witnessed in various parts of Ladakh which is also because of climate change. Change of natural habitat due to climate change can also be a concern; this might not be witnessed in a short time because it's a long process. Changing of natural habitat can directly impact the nomadic communities because the grazing land will shrink.

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**MESSAGE TO THE READERS**

*“There are choices we can make in our day-to-day life to lessen our personal impact on the environment. Reduce carbon footprint and make a sustainable future. The power to protect and restore nature now and for the next generation is in our hands.”*

**Fortnight Highlights**



The Department of Environmental Science, Eco club, Green Club and NSS wing of Eliezer Joldan Memorial College, Leh celebrated Earth Day.



Three truckloads of farmyard manure (Rigpa) purchased from Changthang region by the Cooperative Department, Leh was flagged-off to Nubra region by the Executive Councillor, Cooperative, Stanzin Chosphele from Pashmina Dehairing Plant, Leh



The Cooperative Department, Khalitse organised a cooperative movement and awareness camp, under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations at Tingmosgang village.



Chairman/Chief Executive Councillor (CEC), LAHDC, Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan chaired the General Council Meeting of LAHDC Kargil and approved ₹233.23 crores under Capex besides ₹25 crores approximately under subsidy component for annual district plan for Kargil.



The first ever Voiceover and dubbing training course by Ladakh Skill Development Mission in collaboration with the Film & Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune commenced on April 19 at the All India Radio Studio, Leh. Renowned Voice artist and actor, Uday Sabnis is the Course Director/Trainer for the ten days course for selected 20 trainees.

## Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs to get cremation ground in Kargil

CEC identifies 1 kanal land at upper plateau, Kurbathang



CEC, Kargil along with other officials identifying land to build cremation ground.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Chairman /CEC, Hill Council, Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan identified 1 kanal land to construct cremation ground for the Buddhist, Hindu and Sikh

communities at the upper plateau, Kurbathang on April 26.

CEC along with Executive Councillor for Tourism and Zanskar Affairs, Phuntsog Tashi; Deputy Commissioner/ CEO,

Santosh Sukhadeve, and Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Abdul Ghaffar Zargar visited the upper Plateau Kurbathang and identified the land near the Marathon Army Line.

Feroz Ahmed Khan asked DC, Kargil to prepare the allotment process and also direct the Chief Executive Officer, KDA to prepare an estimate for the construction of the wall, gate and two platforms.

CEC Khan also identified land for a common graveyard at Kurbathang upper plateau near Choskore road.

## Kisan Mela under Kisan Bhagidari Prathmikta Hamari Campaign held in Leh



Farmers during the Kisan Mela organised by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Leh in collaboration with the Agriculture Department, Leh at KVK, Stakna.

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STAKNA: Kisan Bhagidari Prathmikta Hamari Campaign, being held at KVKs across the country under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Leh in collaboration with the Agriculture Department, Leh also organised a Kisan Mela, at KVK, Stakna on April 26.

Chief Guest Executive Councillor for Agriculture, Stanzin Chosphel lauded the efforts of both the KVK Leh and Agriculture Department, Leh for organising the event. He advised the farmers/ participants to benefit from such Kisan Melas and urged them to learn a practice/trade from the melas and implement them.

Highlighting the initiatives of making Ladakh an organic state, EC Chosphel added that vermi-

compost and compost have huge business potential. He appealed to the youths to participate in agriculture and allied sectors as its entrepreneurial opportunities are immense. He added that the concept of integrated farming and the scope of floriculture should be revived and explored.

Senior Scientist/Head, KVK Leh, Dr Feroz-Din-Shiekh shared that the Kisan Bhagidari Prathmikta Hamari campaign stresses prioritising the role and participation of the farmers and collaboratively resolving their issues by all the line departments. He also highlighted the various schemes, training and programmes undertaken by the KVK Leh for farmers' welfare and benefit.

Similarly, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Leh and District

Agriculture Officer, Leh gave detailed insights about the different initiatives, schemes, and subsidized loans provided by their departments which could be availed of by the farmers.

The day-long event also had various exhibition stalls displaying products, by-products and services from agriculture and its allied sectors. Progressive farmers from different blocks were felicitated by the Agriculture Department, Leh, under the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) scheme, for their commendable work in Ladakh Greenhouse and Vermicompost.

Likewise, various farmers from different villages who participated in skill development training at KVK, Leh were also felicitated on the occasion.

Senior Scientists, officers and representatives from the Defence Institute of High-Altitude Research (DIHAR), High Mountain Arid Agriculture Research Institute (HMAARI), Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) and GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, besides other officers of concerned departments and progressive farmers from different blocks of the districts, participated in the event.

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The change in the agriculture pattern of Ladakh such as growing cash crops is said to be the advantage of climate change but I feel this is because of new techniques, scientific approaches and exploring new things.

**Q. How important is it to make value addition and marketing of the local products of Ladakh? How much scope and potential do we have and what more can be explored?**

In the case of Ladakh, I will say that there is a need to realize the potential instead of exploring. Buckwheat cultivated in Ladakh has an enormous value in metropolitan cities. When we say Organic there are two things; organic certification and cultivation practice. For organic certification, a proper mechanism is needed from farm level to market level. The organic cultivation practice is generally seen and practised in Ladakh. Selling the product just with a tag of organically cultivated without certification will also fetch a good price.

One must feel proud of a product and realize its value. Value addition to products, branding, and establishing market linkages is needed to be fulfilled. Administration support is needed to compete with other products. A mechanism is needed to strengthen the local resources and involve private partners.

**Q. Since we see a shortage of water in the farming season everywhere, what can be the alternative solution to overcome these problems?**

Water shortage is a concern in Ladakh and people need to modify their practices as per their needs. Water augmentation and technology are necessary to overcome the crisis. Irrigation methods need to be introduced for making the best use of the water. Water conservation and water-efficient irrigation methods such as drip irrigation sprinkle irrigation is needed. I feel govt should introduce such schemes to make them cost-effective because such irrigation method is costly.

**Q. There is a saying that Ladakh being a cold desert excessive tree plantation will have a negative impact. What do you have to say about it?**

If we say that we are turning Ladakh green then I feel that we are getting wrong. Ladakh's environment and topography are different from the rest of the country. The barren rugged mountain is the beauty of the land and is the one which attracts people from different parts of the world. Trees are grown and available where a good amount of soil and water is. Planting trees as per your need is different but a massive plantation drive to turn Ladakh green will not be right because in my opinion, we are changing the natural environment.

## L-G discusses creation of UoL's endowment fund

Contributes part of his salary to the fund



Lieutenant Governor, RK Mathur convened a meeting with Vice-Chancellor, UoL, Prof SK Mehta and Commissioner/Secretary, Higher Education, Padma Angmo.

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LEH: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur convened a meeting with Vice-Chancellor, UoL, Prof SK Mehta; Commissioner/Secretary, Higher Education, Padma Angmo and Registrar, UoL, Imteaz Kacho on April 19 at Raj Niwas and discussed the creation of an endowment fund by the University of Ladakh (UoL).

VC UoL Prof SK Mehta briefed about the creation of an endowment fund with the help of donations to enable UoL to engage in long-term planning for critical projects in a sustainable manner. He informed that the endowment fund would enable UoL to build new infrastructure and undertake developmental activities.

The endowment fund would be utilised to provide financial help to needy students, encourage academic and all-around excellence through various scholarships, fund technical projects on campus and travel

support, sponsor fellowship for research works, etc.

Prof SK Mehta further apprised that interested persons may contribute and donate through various payment options to enable the University to achieve its goal to become a world-class institution.

LG Mathur suggested that UoL may utilise the fund for organising various cultural exchange programmes for the benefit of the students. He suggested that the VC UoL may frame guidelines for the proper utilisation of the endowment funds.

He also reviewed the performances and enrolment of students in different government colleges in Leh and Kargil. He emphasised the need to strive for excellence in certain subjects, particularly those such as courses on petroglyphs, glaciology, etc. that can attract students from all over the world. He stressed the need to implement all the UGC guidelines in all the colleges of Ladakh.

LG Mathur contributed a part of his salary to the UoL's endowment fund.

Commissioner/Secretary Padma Angmo informed that National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has agreed to conduct a workshop for the teaching staff in all colleges to enable them to teach skill-based subjects and extra-curricular activities to students to make them employable.

LG Mathur stated that extra-curricular activities at graduation level may be encouraged to lay a strong foundation for the students of Ladakh. He also suggested that students may be provided with counselling while choosing subjects for their graduation courses.

## NISR, Leh, participates in first-ever Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit

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GANDHINAGAR: A team from the National Institute of Sowa Rigpa, Leh headed by Dr. Padma Gurmet, Director is participating in the first-ever Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit themed 'Invest in Ayush for a vibrant, healthy future' which is being held at Gandhinagar (Gujarat) from April 20 to 22.

The event was inaugurated by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, and Director-General, World Health Organization, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. This is for the first time that such a summit is being organised for global investment and innovation in Ayush.

Ayush related organizations from across the country as well as from foreign countries are participating in this summit. National Institute of Sowa Rigpa, Leh is organising an exhibition and Sowa Rigpa free medical camp.



Dr Padma Gurmet. Right: Stalls of Sowa Rigpa during the first-ever Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit.

Dr. Padma Gurmet said that the National Institute of Sowa Rigpa, Leh has got an opportunity to participate in such an international event which is a milestone for the preservation, promotion and global investment and innovation of the Sowa Rigpa system of medicine.

## KVK, Kargil, organises Kisan Mela

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Under Kissan Bhagidari Prathmikta Hamari Campaign, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kargil organised Kisan Mela themed, 'Kargil Apricot: The Identity and Power of Desert' on April 26 at auditorium hall, Agriculture Department Kurbathang.

The KVK observed the event in collaboration with Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and other concerned departments.

Executive Councillor for Agri-

culture, Mohsin Ali congratulated the organisers for conducting the event and suggested farmers practice extensive farming practices to benefit the maximum population in the district.

He further urged the farmers to take maximum benefits from the government-sponsored schemes and directed the concerned departments to provide required equipment and facilities to farmers on time.

Chief Scientist KVK Kargil, Dr Muhammad Mehdi said that

program is observed across the country to aware farmers of the best practices and innovations in the farming sector. He urged the farmers to practice organic farming to maintain the quality of the soil.

Chief Agriculture Officer, Kargil, Kacho Muhammad Ali Khan; Chief Horticulture Officer, Ali Reza and Senior Scientist KVK Nasreen Kacho gave insight about the best agriculture and horticulture practices to the farmers.

## NOTICE

An application has been received from one **Krishna Kumar Patel S/o Ram Dheeraj Patel R/o District Basti Uttar Pradesh** to transfer the vehicle **No. JK 10 A7811** owned by **Rigzin Nurboo S/o Sonam Stobdan R/o Temisgam UT Ladakh**. Now, it is therefore notified for general information that objection if any to the proposed transfer shall be filed in writing in the office of Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) within a period of 10 days from date of publication of this notice.

No: ARTO/ UT/L/2852-53  
Date: 29-04-22

Asstt. Regional Transport Officer  
Leh Ladakh

## Sarhad Kargil International Marathon 2022 to be held on September 19

Training program ahead of the marathon conducted for physical education teachers of schools and colleges in Kargil

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Sarhad Kargil International Marathon (SKIM) 2022 organised by Sarhad NGO, Pune and Ladakh Police in association with LAHDC, Kargil and District Administration, Kargil will be held on September 19.

A training program ahead of the marathon was held at auditorium hall Kargil on April 15.

EC Works, LAHDC Kargil, Aga Syed Abass Razvi thanked Sarhad Pune for organizing the SKIM 2021. He said that the marathon is aimed to promote sports in Kargil and take it to the next level. Razvi said LAHDC Kargil is committed to promoting sports in the district saying that there is no dearth of talent but youth only need training and guidance. He said that LAHDC will extend all the support to Sarhad for future marathons.

The training program which was part of a series of training ses-



Guests and participants after the training program of Sarhad Kargil International Marathon.

sions was held for physical education teachers of schools and colleges in the Kargil district.

Race Director of Marathon, Vasant Gokhalae said that the program was aimed to train the teachers so that they can impart the same training to the students at their respective schools.

“We have already held online training sessions and today was the offline session. The virtual training will continue until September,” he said.

Earlier, the participating teach-

ers were given a questionnaire about the training which they were asked to answer during the program. In the session, Muhammad Aliyas, Kalbi Hussain and Ibtikar Hussain got first, second and third positions respectively.

Naib Tehsildar (Magistrate 1st class), Mohd Hassan; ZPEO Kargil, M Ibrahim; General Secretary Olympic Association, Kargil, Mehraj-Ud-In Shah, Marathon's technical director Sumant Waikar besides officials of DYSSO Kargil were present.

## One day orientation class for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Test held



Students during the One day Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Test (JNVST) orientation class at Saliskote, Kargil.

Mansoor Hosain Beigh

KARGIL: One day Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Test (JNVST) orientation class for the aspirants of village Saliskote was organised by Hazrat Ali Akbar(A.S) Library Loungjuk (Saliskote) Kargil on April 24.

Chairman Hazrat Ali Akbar(A.S) Library, Haji Mohd Shar-meelawelcomed all the aspirants to the class.

The orientation class was classified into three sessions, each of two hours. In the first session, the aspirants were given intro-

duction about the exam where subject experts introduced to the aspirants a thorough details about the paper and OMR sheet on how to fill the OMR sheet and how to read and approach the questions. In second session, the subject experts solved questions to the aspirants based on previous years pattern of question papers and in the last session, the aspirants were given mock test by issuing the actual OMR sheet being provided to aspirants in the exam hall and questions based on the latest trends.

The subject experts and organizers of HAAL observed many points during the entire program which need to redress. They pledged to do the needful to the aspirants in future.

## Kargil observes martyrdom anniversary of Harzat- E-Imam, Ali



Martyrdom anniversary of Harzat- E-Imam, Ali: During the congregation rally organised by Imam Khomeini Memorial Trust(IKMT), and Anjuman-e-Jamiat Ul Ulama Isna Asharia in Kargil.

Mansoor Hosain Beigh

KARGIL: Martyrdom anniversary of the first Shia Imam, Harzat-e-Imam Ali (A.S) was observed in Kargil on April 23.

The congregation rally was organised by Imam Khomeini Memorial Trust(IKMT), and Anjuman-e-Jamiat Ul Ulama Isna Asharia in Kargil. Thousands of people participated in the procession. The mourners in black clads, beating their chests and reciting lamentations remembered the greatest martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Ali (A.S)

Religious scholars paying tributes to the martyrs of Karbala, the mourners said these

commemorations are aimed at renewing their pledge of allegiance to the teachings and ideals of Imam Hussain and his loyal companions who sacrificed their lives to safeguard the true essence of Islam.

The administration has made all arrangements for the smooth conduct of the processions, which include sanitation, health camps, ambulance services etc.

Meanwhile, another congregation were witnessed in Sankoo organized by Anjuman-e-Sahib Zaman, Sankoo. The mourning procession was taken out from Imam Barah Zenabiya thang which after passing through

Main market Sankoo and concluded at Mani Sports Stadium Sankoo.

Hujatul islam wamislimmen Sheikh Sadiq Balagee chairman of Anjuman-e-sahib zaman Sankoo(Suru)elaborated on the philosophy practice by Harzat Imam Hussain (AS) and urges people to mould their lives around this philosophy.

The day was commemorated in different other parts of the district.

On the 19th of Ramazan 40 AH (27 January AD 661), Imam Ali was struck on the head with a poison-coated sword during the morning prayers in the Great Mosque of Kufa. He passed away two days later. The night preceding Imam Ali's martyrdom is considered to be one of the threefold Qadr (Destiny) Nights, when the Holy Quran was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) more than 14 centuries ago.

Muslims hold night-long vigils on Qadr Nights, reciting the Holy Quran and praying until dawn.

## NOTICE

An application has been received from one **Tsering Phunchok S/o Ishey Dorje R/o Stok UT Ladakh** to transfer the vehicle **No. JK 10 A2486** owned by **Tashi Tsephal S/o Sonam Nurboo R/o Nimmo, Leh UT Ladakh**. Now, it is therefore notified for general information that objection if any to the proposed transfer shall be filed in writing in the office of Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) within a period of 10 days from date of publication of this notice.

No: ARTO/ UT/L/2022/2845  
Date: 23-04-22

Asstt. Regional Transport Officer  
Leh Ladakh

## NOTICE

I, **Imran Khan S/o Late Ahadullah R/o Zangsti, Leh UT Ladakh Prop M/s Coffee Culture** has applied for the change in Name and style of the Coffee Shop as **M/s Coffee Culture** to **M/s Montagne by Coffee Culture**. If anyone has objection please contact Assistant Director Tourism Leh within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

## 3 INF ORD UNIT, LEH

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No: ARTO/ UT/L/2022-23/2848-49  
Date: 26-04-22

Asstt. Regional Transport Officer  
Leh Ladakh

## NOTICE

Whereas **Lhamo Dekey W/o Late Ex SFF No 54556 Passang Tsering Unit Vikas R/o T.R settlement Camp No 6, House No 64, Sonamling, District Leh, UT Ladakh** that her name has been wrongly been entered as **Tsetan Chhoden** instead of **Lhamo Dekey** in the Army record of, **Vikas** and produced an affidavit with e-Stamp Certificate No:- IN-LA03055230049052U duly verified by The Public Notary Leh to this office for making necessary correction. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office, **Dapon Rupon's Office Hq Estt No 22 C/o 56 Apo** within 7 days from date of publication failing which necessary correction will be made.

## NOTICE

An application has been received from **Tsering Stanzin S/o Sonam Chosgail R/o Kuyul, Leh, Ladakh** owner of vehicle no. **JK10-1983** for issuance of duplicate Registration Certificate and Permit certificate of the above said vehicle in lieu of the lost documents. Now, it is therefore notified for the general public information that objection if any shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer ARTO within a period of 7 days from date of publication of this notice.



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