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## **10-days Ling-Gon Yarchos Chenmo held in Lingshed**

#### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LINGSHED: The 10-day long Ling-Gon Yarchos Chenmo concluded at Lingshed Monastery on August 10. His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama presided as chief guest.

Yarchos Chenmo was organised and initiated every year after the recommendation of His Holiness to make people understand the religious education, moral education and to promote inter-religious harmony in Ladakh.

On August 1, the 10 days long Yarchos Chenmo was inaugurated. His Eminence Thiksey Khanpo Rinpoche stressed on the importance of having the thought of human being first for a peaceful world. Thiksay Rinpoche urged to treat everyone equally irrespective of any background or class they come from.



He further added that every religion talks about Peace, Love and compassion and we should act for the benefit of all sentient beings.

From August 2 to 7 classes on various topics, debate, discussions, and lesson from various topics by different experts were held. Children from different schools participated. From August 8 and 9, seminar on "The value of Social harmony and En-

vironment" was held.

Venerable Rinpoches, monks and nuns, Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson, dignitaries from CTA Dharamshala, President Anjuman Moin-Ul-Islam, President Christian Association Leh, President LBA Sham, President LBA Women wing, sub-divisional officials led by SDM Khaltse and many other dignitaries were present.

## First Children Theatre Festival concludes

11 schools participated in the 12-day long festival



During the concluding ceremony of the 12-day-long children's theatre festival.

#### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The first Theatre Festival successfully concluded on August 12 at Lotsawa Auditorium. Students from various schools participated in the 12-day event that commenced on August 1.

Secretary Tourism & Culture, Kacho Mehboob Ali was the chief guest. He expressed happiness for being a part of the theatre and meeting famous theatre artists and young talented students of Ladakh. He highlighted the importance of parents and teachers in implementing the Theatre in Education (TiE) system.

Chief Education Officer, Leh, SD Namgyal expressed gratitude to the Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages for supporting the Education Department in organising the Children Theatre Festival for the first time in Ladakh. He thanked the 11 participating schools, teachers, mentors, theatre professionals, and the children for making the Children Theatre Festival successful.

Sonam Stobgais, NSD theatre artist thanked LAACL and Education Department for taking this initiative and requested the Secretary of Tourism and Culture establish a proper Auditorium in Ladakh.

Mipham Otsal, Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee called theatre a complete subject and stressed the need to include it in the education system in Ladakh.

Padma Shree awardee Murup Namgyal congratulated the students who participated in the Children Theatre Festival and performed skits on various issues prevalent in society such as drug abuse, misuse of money, pros and cons of mobile and internet, etc.

Meanwhile, certificates and prizes were distributed among the winners and participants during the concluding ceremony. Melaras-pe-Namthar performed by students by Druk Padma Karpo School won the first prize of Rs 10,000/. Similarly, Teng-Sang-Naslugs by Govt. Higher Secondary School, Housing Colony claimed the second prize of Rs 8000/ whereas Tus-ki- Gurja by Boys Hr. Secondary School, Leh won the third prize of Rs. 5000/.

A short skit on the importance of theatre was performed by theatre professionals- Deachen Barzi, Deachen Jigsten, Yangchan Sukhman, and Tsering Yangchan under the guidance and support of Sonam Stobgais during the event.

# Full dress rehearsals for Independence Day celebration take place at Polo Ground Leh



#### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LINGSHED: A full dress rehearsal for the 75th Independence Day was conducted at the Polo Ground in Leh on August 13. Divisional Commissioner, Saugat Biswas, presided over the parade and hoisted the National flag.

The full-dress rehearsal ceremony comprised marching con-

tingent from all the belt forces, including ex-servicemen Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre (LSRC), band parties, NCC contingent from Leh and Kargil and marching contingents from different schools of both districts. For the first time, marching contingent of Commando forces and Canine squad of Ladakh Police participated in the march past.

Ladakh Academy of Art Culture and Languages (LAACL) has invited cultural performers from Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir to participate in the Independence Day celebration at Leh. Apart from this, students from different schools presented enthralling cultural performances.

Meanwhile, full-dress rehearsals were also conducted at Khaltse and Nubra sub-divisions. Tehsildar, Khaltse, Tanveer Ahmed and Sub Inspector, Diskit, Nubra, Stanzin Leksmon presided over the parade at the respective sub-divisions where marching contingents of Ladakh Police and different schools participated.

# HH Dalai Lama honoured with 6th Ladakh dPal rNgam Duston award

#### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh celebrated 6th Ladakh dPal rN-gam Duston, themed 'The Glory of Ltsangpo Singe Khababs' with great fervor on the occasion of UT Ladakh Declaration Day on August 5 at Sindhu Ghat.

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama was honoured with the 6th Ladakh dPal rNgam Duston award for his immense contribution to humanity and especially to Ladakh.

Expressing his gratitude to the people of Ladakh for awarding, His Holiness said he was greatly pleased with the receptions and devotions received from the Ladakhis while promising similar visits in the future.

His Holiness reiterated oneness in the message of all religions and expressed his commitment to the promotion of peace and compassion. Apart from the promotion of universal peace, His Holiness conveyed dedicated efforts in mitigating the effects of global warming through advocacy while stressing the essentiality of preserving greeneries for future generations. Meanwhile, he lauded the Ladakhis for their effort in increasing tree plantation and maintaining the ecosystem.

He advised students to study well and Buddhist followers to wholeheartedly study and practice the teachings of Buddha.



Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson expressed his heartfelt gratitude to His Holiness for accepting the Ladakh dPal rNgam Duston award and raising the stature and prestige of Ladakh and the award itself. He also highlighted the reasons for the selection of the theme focusing on the glory of the Indus River.

"It was also an attempt to raise awareness among all regarding the ecologically fragile environment of Ladakh and the need to act sustainably", added CEC Gyalson.

MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal said that Ladakh is blessed to have the opportunity to bestow the highest award of Ladakh to His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama on the auspicious occasion of Ladakh dPal rNgam Duston 2022.

Advisor UT Ladakh, Umang Narula shared that dPal rNgam Duston marks the celebration of the remarkable contribution and achievement of the heroes of Ladakh and seeks to instill a sense of pride in the younger generation.

On the occasion, various cultural performances, a cleanliness drive from Kharu to Sindhu Ghat by the ALTOA, and a painting competition among other things were organised.

His Holiness Galden Tripa Rinpoche; His Eminence Thiksey Rinpoche; HE Thuksey Rinpoche; HE Urgain Rinpoche; HE Khamtak Rinpoche; HE Khilkhang Rinpoche; previous recipients of Ladakh dPal rNgam Duston awards; Executive Councillors and Councillors of LAHDC Leh; Secretaries and officers of UT Ladakh Administration; Officers and officials of District Administration; Block Development Council Chairpersons, Prominent political leaders; Heads of various socio-religious organisations; Sarpanches; Nambardars and students from different schools attended the occasion.

# Leh observes Youm e Ashura with solemnity, reverence



Shia Muslim during Muharram procession in Leh.

#### Stanzin Dasal

LEH: 'Youm-e-Ashura', the 10th day of the Islamic month Moharram observed with due solemnity, somberness, and mourning in remembrance of the martyrdom of Prophet Mohammed's grandson, Imam Hussain, his family, and companions in the battle of Karbala in 680 AD.

Thousands of Shia Muslims took part in the procession commenced from Jamia Masjid Chutey Rantak and concluded at Imam Bargah Leh.

Muharram marks the holy day of Ashura. Imam Hussain Ali, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad was killed on this day during the battle of Karbala by the soldiers of the Caliph Yazid in 680 AD. The death of Imam al-Hussein is considered by the Shia community as a symbol of humanity's struggle against injustice, cruelty, and oppression.

Sheikh Zainul Abidin, President, Majlis-e-ulema said, "The sacrifice of Imam Hussain in the battle of Karbala was not only for Islam but for the entire humanity sake and justice. Imam Hussain preaches to everyone to live in peace, harmony, and brotherhood and we should all strive to walk on the path led by him."

Talking about developing and maintaining peace and harmony in Ladakh Sheikh Zainul Abidin said that every religion preaches peace and brotherhood and everyone should leave their differences aside and stand united for the development of Ladakh and making the region a peaceful and happy place to live in.

Anjuman Imamia Youth wing under the banner of Alamdar Health services also organised a blood bank camp in the main market.

In Chuchot, the Anjuman Ima-

mia women wing also organised a procession starting from Khomeini Chowk and culminated at Imam Bargah, Chuchot Gongma.

Shia women beating their chests and reciting lamentation joined the mourning procession.

Nasreen Fatima, President, Anjuman Imamia Women wing said that it is for the first time the procession is being taken out by women in Chuchot.

"The day is not just an important day for the Shia community only, it is equally important to every human being because Imam Hussain sacrificed his life for the sake of humanity and Justice. The day preaches triumph of good over bad and justice over injustice", she added.

Muharram rituals are aimed at remembering the great sacrifices of Imam Hussain and his followers, who refused to bow to tyrannical authority.

# Ladakh celebrates 8<sup>th</sup> National Handloom Day

products of Ladakh on Hand-

loom Day. He expressed opti-

mism about the future scope of

product variations and advance

development in the products of

Ladakh with all the training be-

ing taken up with the leading in-

EC Ghulam Mehdi Ashoor in

his address said that the LAHDC

is very hopeful for the increase

in the financial income of all the

artisans, entrepreneurs, and oth-

er dealings with the hand-woven

products of Ladakh. He also in-

formed that the handloom and

handicrafts are two sectors that

have the potential to provide

enough employment opportuni-

ties to the local youth of Ladakh.

He urged youths to take maxi-

mum benefits of all the schemes

to generate employment for

themselves and others. He stated

that handloom has been an inte-

gral part of Ladakhi tradition and

with the right hand-holding and

encouragement, this sector holds

stitutes of India.



During the inauguration of the week-long Handloom and Handicraft exhibition on the occasion of 8th National Handlooms Day in Leh.

#### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Week-long Handloom and Handicraft exhibition on the occasion of 8th National Handlooms Day as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was inaugurated by CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Tashi Gyalson on August 8.

The exhibition provided a platform to over 30 participants in Leh, where local artisans, crafts persons, and entrepreneurs showcased their handmade prod-

Executive Councilor Handloom LAHDC Leh Ghulam Mehdi Ashoor, Commissioner/Secretary Industries & Commerce, UT - Ladakh Saugat Biswas, Deputy Commissioner Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse, artisans, and entrepreneurs were present on the occasion.

CEC Tashi Gyalson appreciated the initiative taken by the Industries and Commerce department for exhibiting the handcrafted the great economic potential to make Ladakh prosper.

Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Saugat Biswas added that special emphasis is being given to marketing of products such as Pashmina, Yak wool, Camel wool, etc. Improvement in the quality and design of the products is the special emphasis that's being taken up by the administration and already in comparison to last year's products; he could see a major up-gradation in the product's exhibited. Further, he mentioned that he hoped for the artisans to continue their hard work for taking Ladakh's handmade products to achieve established goals on national and international levels.

Joint Director, Handloom & Handicraft UT-Ladakh, Lakshay Singhal in his introductory remarks said that National Handloom Day is celebrated to honor the weavers' community & acknowledge their contribution to society. The aim of celebrating National Handloom day is to protect the rich heritage of Ladakh and to empower the weavers/ artisans who are majorly women of the sector.

Superintendent, Handloom Department Dr. Tsering Motup said that UT Ladakh is celebrating Handlooms Day for the second time and is hopeful for reaching heights with the initiatives taken by the Government of India.

# Information Department, Leh, organises workshop for local journalists

#### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

Leh: Department of Information and Public Relations, Leh organised a capacity-building workshop for local Journalists and staff of the Information Department, Leh on August 12.

Ramesh Ramachandran from DD India, Jatin Nagpal and Tithi Sharma-both representatives from Meta (earlier known as Facebook) and Sunetro Ghosal, the Founding Editor of Stawa Magazine were the resource persons for the one-day workshop.

Executive Councillor, Information, LAHDC Leh, Stanzin Chospel asked the media persons from Leh to avail full benefit from the workshop and expressed hope to see such workshops in the future.

Commissioner/Secretary, Information, Padma Angmo shared that the aim of the workshop is to build the capacity of local journalists with the help of experts from different fields of journalism. She also shared that other such workshop would be organised in the future for local journalists and highlighted the importance of fact-based and ethical journalism.

Ramesh Ramachandran from DD India spoke on 'Recalling the Principles of Journalism.' He gave a detailed presentation on the principles of journalism, including the techniques. He talked in detail about the measures to counter fake news.

Referring to responsibilities of journalists, he stated that journalists should perform their professional duties with utmost dedication and in compliance with journalistic ethics. Jatin Nagpal, the representative from Meta gave a presentation on safety of journalists and video-based practices. He briefed the participants about other tools like comment moderation, ICFJ Digital Security Courses and journalist safety

Tithi Sharma, also from Meta gave a presentation on video-based practices with a focus on the process to creating reels. She called reels a platform to increase audience on social media. Sunetro Ghoshal, Founding Editor, Stawa Magazine, spoke on journalism in Ladakh and the importance of ethics.

Joint Director, Information Department, Imteeaz Kacho said that the first-of-its-kind workshop organised by Information Department for the local journalist would be a continuous process. He also thanked the resource persons and journalists for attending the workshop.

Assistant Director of Information Department, Dr Tundup Namgail, welcomed the guests and shared that the objective of the workshop is to build the capacity of local journalists. Also, he said that a vibrant local media has a role to play in social cohesion and has an integrating role.

There was also an interactive session between the participants and resource persons. The participants thanked the Information Department, Leh for organising the workshop.

## **224** villages of Ladakh to get 4G mobile services

MP JTN thanks PM Modi and Telecom Minister for project approval

#### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

New Delhi: 224 villages of Ladakh to get 4G infrastructure. Minister of Communications & Electronics, Information Technology, and Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw handed over the list to the Ladakh MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal on August 7.

The Union Cabinet approved a ₹230 crore telecom project to provide 4G mobile services in 224 uncovered villages in remote and difficult areas in the Union Territory of Ladakh and in addition, 164 villages having only 2G/3G connectivity shall be upgraded to 4G. Central Government will invest ₹1 Crore on average in each of these 224 villages to build 4G infrastructure.



Minister of Communications & Electronics, Information Technology and Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw handing over the list to Ladakh MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal.

MP Ladakh extended gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnav for fulfilling the requirements of Ladakh on a priority basis.

MP JTN said that realizing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Digital India ensuring digital inclusion and connectivity for all is an integral part of the 'Antyodaya' vision of the Government, Union Cabinet under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi had approved the project for saturation of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages across the country including 107 for Kargil and 16 for Zanskar and 101 for Leh district.

Earlier MP JTN got 73 Jio Tower under Universal Service Obligation Funding (USOF) of Govt. of India sanctioned. As of date Ladakh has 504 towers on air including 170 towers of Jio, Airtel and BSNL installed after 2019.

# **UT Ladakh exports first batch of Lilium** flower to Delhi



#### Morup Stanzin

LEH: Ladakh exports the first batch of Lilium flower to the New Delhi market on August 11.

Ravinder Kumar, Secretary, Agriculture, and Executive Councillor, Stanzin Chospel, LAHDC Leh in presence of Chief Agriculture Officer Tashi Tsetan, Chief Horticulture Officer, Tsewang Phunchok flagged off the first Lilium consignment from Kushok Bakula Rinpoche airport. The consignment consists of approximately 800 flowers sticks which were shipped to Mandi of New Delhi

Women self-help groups from Sankar and Phey and entrepreneurs from Choglamsar, Sankar, and Spituk villages were also present.

Young entrepreneur Dr. Rigzin Tsewang who had done his Ph.D. degree in floriculture studied for 2 years on floriculture in Ladakh. His experiment on floriculture was supported by CSIR-IHBT PALAMPUR Himachal Pradesh off-season months and can reap and the Department of Industries good benefits. and Commerce UT LADAKH. After completing the study, the first batch of Lilium flower consignments was sent to New Delhi from Leh Ladakh through Stork Cargo.

After the successful export of apricot and apples, floriculture is another sector of horticulture that has immense potential in Ladakh. Ladakh is blessed with its unique climatic conditions which are more suitable for bulbous flower crops and flowers, especially Lilium, gladiolus and others have a very good scope. Flowers like Lilium are grown as off-season crops in Ladakh when major markets like New Delhi are devoid of this flower during June, July, and August. Ladakh can contribute a good number of these flowers and can fill this demand gap during these

Such initiatives will certainly encourage other young entrepreneurs in the horticulture sector in Ladakh which can uplift the living standards of young entrepreneurs and women self-help groups to even greater heights. But the floriculture sector is at a nascent stage, it needs a very good support system from the UT government as well to realize its full potential. Free or nominal air freight charges for flower crops and other agricultural products along with distributing high-value planting materials to farmers can be considered by the government which would ultimately benefit the farming community and Ladakh as a whole.

# LG Mathur launches Har Ghar Tiranga campaign in Ladakh

#### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

New Delhi: Launching the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur hoisted the national flag at Leh Palace on August 13.

LG Mathur stated that the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign in Ladakh has commenced with hoisting the national flag at Leh Palace. He stated that the Administration and the Hill Councils have made efforts to make this campaign successful. He also lauded the response of the people of Ladakh by hoisting the national flag at



offices, markets and homes.

LG Mathur appealed everyone to make the 75th Year of Indepen-

dence memorable and also make the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign starting from August 13 till August 15 successful.

# 1st Ladakh AgriTech Mela held in Leh

inaugurated at the office of NIEL-

IT Leh. STI Hub is a collabora-

tive project by CSIR-IMTECH

Chandigarh, PGIMER Chandi-

garh, and NIELIT Leh to facil-

itate economic development by

supporting and nurturing young

innovators to establish small, me-

EC Agriculture, LAHDC Leh,

Stanzin Chosphel highlighted

the need for conducting such

an innovative fair for the pro-

gressive farmers of Ladakh. He

stated that it is an opportunity

for the farmers, young entrepre-

neurs, and students as well as the

general public to participate in

sharing innovative knowledge

on a single platform. He stressed

the importance of utilizing mod-

ern-day technologies for agricul-

tural practices in Ladakh while

highlighting the success story of

Scientists from various labs of

CSIR, SKUAST, and Krishi Vi-

gyan Kendras exhibited the tech-

nologies and scientific interven-

tions for promoting sustainable

agriculture in the Ladakh region.

Ladakh Green House.

dium - business enterprises.



During the first Ladakh AgriTech Mela in Leh.

#### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The first Ladakh AgriTech Mela themed "Innovative Farming" was organised by STI HUB Ladakh in collaboration with LAHDC Leh, CSIR-IMTECH Chandigarh, and NIELIT Leh held for two days on August 10 and 11.

The AgriTech mela aimed to create awareness among the farmers of Ladakh about the latest innovations in agriculture, irrigation techniques, water management, post-harvest techniques, value addition methods, and livestock management.

More than 50 stalls were installed for the exhibitors from the Agriculture Departments, Agri Industry, Startups, Research Institutions, MSMEs, NGOs, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Progressive Farmers, and Local vendors

Lt. Governor, Ladakh, RK Mathur inaugurated the function virtually.

On August 10, Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) were

across India and Ladakh region participated to demonstrate the latest agriculture techniques like hydroponics, micro-irrigation, drip irrigation, vertical farming, poly houses, greenhouses, organic farming, bio-fertilizers and pesticides, various methods of value-addition and packaging materials.

Also, industries & NGOs from

The AgriTech mela presented a unique knowledge-sharing platform for progressive farmers and scientists. More than one thousand farmers attended the mela and participated in the event.

Scientists demonstrated the latest techniques in rural technology farms to the farmers. Also, students from various colleges and schools in the Ladakh region visited the AgriTech mela.

Executive Councillor, Agriculture, Stanzin Chosphel, and Director, CSIR-IMTECH, Dr. Sanjeev Khosla held a round of discussions with the participating scientists and industry representatives in the STI Hub seminar hall.

Scientist CSIR-IMTECH, Chander Shekhar who is also the Project In-charge STI Hub and Director In-Charge, NIELIT Leh, Phuntsog Toldhan conveyed thanks to LAHDC Leh, UT Administration, CSIR, SKUAST, University of Ladakh, GBP-NIHE, KVKs, DRDO, ICAR, NISR, NGOs, MSMEs, and cooperative clusters.

# **Ladakh Education Fair 2022' to be held on August 19-20 in Government Degree College**

Focus on scholarship, career guidance, skill opportunities & apprenticeship

#### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Higher Education Department in collaboration with the University of Ladakh and Ladakh Skill Development Mission is organising the first ever 'Ladakh Education Fair' on August 19-20 at EJM Leh, GDC Kargil, GDC Nubra, GDC Drass, and GDC Zanskar.

The Ladakh Education Fair is supported by the Department of Information & Public Relations UT Ladakh.

'Ladakh Education Fair 2022' targets the students of Higher Secondary Schools of Class X-XII and their parents, students of ITIs, Polytechnic Colleges besides students of colleges itself and shall offer counseling on the choice of subjects, career guidance, apprise students about various scholarship schemes of GoI and Ladakh Administration and facilitate them for applying for the Scholarships besides exposing students to skilling and apprenticeship opportunities. Free Psychometric Tests for students and Career Counselling is also available at the Ladakh Education Fair.

The information regarding various scholarships offered by the Ministry of Minority Affairs and

Ministry of Tribal Affairs shall be shared with the students by the officers of the Social & Tribal Welfare Department. AICTE shall interact with students on the Prime Minister Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) and respond to their queries. Banks shall also disseminate information about various education loans that can be availed by students.

On the topic of choosing the subject in Higher education, the employability with the choice of subject, and career guidance, there shall be interactive sessions with senior faculty of the University of Ladakh and its constituent Colleges, experts from the field of education, defense, health services, Administration, successful professionals from the field of Performing Arts, Films, Journalism, Wildlife conservation. Successful entrepreneurs will share their journey, experiences, and learnings with the youth.

Sector Skill Councils, participating in the Fair shall demonstrate skill opportunities that can be offered in Colleges and Industrial Training Institutes, ITIs. Paints and Coating Sector Skill Council, Handicrafts and Carpet Sector Skill Council, Food Industry

Capacity and Skill Initiative, Apparel, made-Ups & Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council, Beauty & Wellness Sector Skill Council, Media & Entertainment Sector Skill Council, and Skill Council for Green Jobs are participating in the Fair.

The Sector Skill Councils shall register students for different Skill Development Programmes and accordingly plan their Skill development programmes in Colleges and Schools. An expected outcome of the Ladakh Education Fair is a tripartite agreement between the University of Ladakh, Sector Skill Council, and Ladakh Skill Development Mission to introduce credit-based Skill Courses in all Colleges as envisaged in the National Education Policy 2020. Ex-Servicemen have also been specifically invited to the fair to expose them to the plethora of skilling opportunities available.

The Fair shall also get together Establishments that have to offer Apprenticeships to students as per the Apprenticeship Act 1961. PSUs and Banks have been specifically invited to the fair to make students aware of various Apprenticeship opportunities that they can offer to the youth of Ladakh.



#### **Independence Day**

The Independence Day is celebrated on August 15 every year to commemorate India's freedom from the British rule in 1947. After independence, India became the world's largest democracy after the UK Parliament passed the Indian Independence Act, 1947, transferring legislative sovereignty to the Indian Constituent Assembly.

It also marks the anniversary of the partition of the subcontinent into two countries, India and Pakistan, which occurred at midnight on August 14–15, 1947. (In Pakistan, Independence Day is celebrated on August 14.)

On the eve of India's independence, Jawaharlal Nehru, the then Prime minister, had said in his 'Tryst with destiny' speech: "At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake



to life and freedom."

India's struggle for independence started in 1857 with the Sepoy Mutiny in Meerut and it gained momentum after the First World War. In 20th century, under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian National Congress (INC) and other political organisations launched a countrywide independence movement and revolt against the oppressive British rule. During the Second World War in 1942, the Indian Congress launched the Quit India Movement demanding an end to the British rule which prompted colonial rulers detaining many campaigners, nationalists, and ministers including Gandhi.

During the partition of India in 1947, violent riots, mass casualties, and displacement of nearly 15 million people took place amid religious violence.

# SoulSpeak

P.P. Wangchuk

### Lobzang Rampa and the third eye



Many of you may recollect having read *The Third Eye* by Lobzang Rampa; and like any other reader, you too were greatly fascinated. I am no exception. It was during my early younger days when I had picked up the habit of reading. The book is all about a monk's 'unbelievable' account of growing up in Tibet. With paranormal and occult themes, it became such a selling sensation in 1956 that the hunger for more such

books went unabated.

But the pertinent point here is: Was there really a monk called Lobzang Rampa? No, nowhere. The world knows that it was the work of an 'imposter' who thought only a monk could act and play the life of Lobzang Rampa. The imposter was Cyril Henry Hoskin, and he had never ventured anywhere near England. It did not take much of a time for 'Lobzang Rampa' to be exposed. In his own words, as the story goes, the spirit of a Tibetan monk had completely possessed him and he could not but live and act a monk's life.

Many critics had high praise for the book for its literary and art value. Fiction, after all, is nothing to do with factual phenomenon, and that it is the 'outpouring' of wild imagination into black and white. And yet, nobody can deny that fiction does relate to life, and critics do agree to call it the 'mirror of life'.

For that matter, books not only 'energise' your mind as *The Third Eye* does, they also teach you quite a few lessons to be borne in mind and take care of your ways of life in a manner that makes it worth living for. Life's journey would be so boring and tiring if one's mind is restricted only to the factual faculty. Life comes up alive when its wild imaginative powers get wings to soar to keep us cheered up and aspiring and aiming for the greater goals of life. Only a 'gone-wild' mind can face this challenge!

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The 1st stamp of independent India

- The Prime Minister hoists the National Flag on Independence Day, whereas the President unfurls it on the Republic Day.
- The 1st Stamp of Independent India was issued on 21 Nov 1947 and depicted the Indian Flag with the patriots' slogan, 'Jai Hind'. It was valued at three & one-half annas
- Balbir Singh Sr's world record for most goals scored by an individual in the men's hockey final of the Olympics still

remains unbeaten. It is said; he always used to keep Tiranga by his side for inspiration & motivation.

- On 15th Aug 1947 at 10:30 am India witnessed history in the making. It was the day the British flag was lowered by Louis Mountbatten, giving way to the Indian National Flag, which was raised for the first time on the flag mast at the
- In July 1947, the Flag Committee chose Ashoka's Dharma Chakra as a symbol on the flag for the reason that amongst all the chakras that came to their mind the "Sarnath Chakra" was the most striking & artistic.

#### In Conversation with

# Rigzin Dolker, Everester

#### Interviewed by Stanzin Dasal

You are the first woman Everester from the Nubra region. Tell us about yourself and your journey of Mountaineering.

I am from Tertsey village of Nubra valley. I did my schooling at Moravian Mission School, Leh, and Army Public School, Phyang. I pursued my higher secondary at Army Public School, Dakshai. I was interested more in sports and fine arts. During my college days in Chandigarh, I joined NCC because I wanted to become an army officer.

Mountaineering came into my life without any plans. It was after joining NCC, that a campaign for the selection of girls for mountaineering came up. At that moment I have no idea that the selection is made to climb Mount Everest. Many told me that I will achieve nothing after climbing mountains etc. but there was this inner call that pulled me towards mountaineering. Without thinking much and I did what my heart says.

All India trials at 25 selected hubs were carried out and 100 girl cadets were nominated to undergo the customized mountaineering course at the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI), Darjeeling, from January 7 to February 3, 2014.

Based on their performance, 40 girl cadets were selected for the first pre-Everest expedition. Pre-Everest Expedition to Mount Deo-Tibba at 19,688 feet near Manali in Himachal Pradesh was conducted for 40 cadets in April and May 2015. A total of 15 cadets were selected for the next phase based on their performance. In August 2015, the team set off on the second pre-Everest expedition to Mount Trishul at 23,360 feet and helped in selecting 10 girl cadets for the final Everest expedition. The culmination of pre-expedition activities was winter training at the Siachen Base Camp from January 11 to 31 2015. The training camps exposed the team to extreme cold conditions and further refined ice craft skills.

40 cadets took part in the pre-Everest expedition to Mount Deo-Tibba at 19,688 feet near Manali in 2015. 15 cadets were selected for the next phase based on their performance. 10 cadets were selected for the final Everest expedition. On March 9, 2016, Minister of State for Defence Rao Inderjit Singh flagged off the first-ever all-girls National Cadet Corps (NCC) Mount Everest expedition from New Delhi.

At present, I am working with Indian Mountaineering Foundation and



#### Message to the readers

Women should keep going forward and keep achieving newer heights. There will be obstacles, don't stop just walk ahead with full confidence.

as a Vice Chairman of Ladakh Mountaineering and Adventure Club. I am also a member of the Ladakh Mountain Guide Association and Advisor, Ladakh Paragliding.

#### Q. Was it an easy decision for you to make? How did your family react to it?

I never knew that I will be one among the 10 girls for the First-ever all-girls National Cadet Corps (NCC) Mount Everest expedition in 2016. I was confused initially when the first selection trial came out because I was participating in a Fine Arts competition. At that time I got different opinions and suggestions from people which confused me more. Then, I thought that Mountaineering and Everest Expedition is different than participating in Fine arts. Thus, I chose to climb Everest.

After completing my training at Siachen Base Camp, I told my mom that I got selected for the Everest expedition and have to go,

she cried a lot and was not willing to send me because she feared that I won't come back.

My decision was right and everyone is proud and happy about my achievements. In 2017 on Republic day, I received a State award for mountaineering under the category Award for Outstanding Sports Persons.

# Q. Share with us your Everest expedition experience. How challenging it was?

When I first started there were so many things in my mind because I chose mountaineering leaving my academic career in between, convincing my mom, and ignoring so many suggestions and critiques of many people. But all these thoughts on one hand were good as they strengthened me to move on without giving up. Along with physical strength, mental strength also plays an important role. At one point in time, I felt like giving up seeing dead bodies in various places along the Everest routes. But then again I pulled myself back and determined to move forward along with my team.

Coming from a mountainous region we adapt to so many situations. E.g. many of my team members during expeditions face oxygen level issue and takes time to acclimatize but we Ladakhis don't face that many issues which is always a plus point for us. The vigor-

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# **Fortnight Highlights**



Children participants in the Muharram procession organised by Anjuman Imamia women wing at Chuchot Gongma.



His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama during the concluding day of 10-day long Ling-Gon Yarchos Chenmo at Lingshed monastery.



Officials convening a review meeting to discuss the way forward for the conduct of the Nomadic festival. The festival would commence on August 20 and 21 in Chibra, Kargyam, Changthang region.



Cycling Expedition team of Parashu Warriors cycled from Tangtse to Chushul. The cycling expedition aims to encourage cycling team and pay homage to fallen heroes.



Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Tourism Department Kargil and Ladakh Academy of Art Culture and Languages, Kargil organised an event in context with Har Ghar Tiranga campaign at border village Hundurman Kargil.

#### Discussion on rationalization of Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary held



During the stakeholder consultation workshop for local institutions and community representatives from the Changthang region.

#### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The Wildlife Institute of India organised a stakeholder consultation workshop for local institutions and community representatives from the Changthang region on August 5 at the Conference Hall of the Hospitality and Protocol Office, Leh.

The Institute is providing technical support to the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh in the rationalization of Changthang and Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuaries, by assessing the wildlife values and land tenure in these regions.

The project team from the Institute shared identified High Priority High Conservation Value Areas of social-ecological importance in the Changthang region with local communities and listed agreeable concerns in the rationalization and zonation planning.

Executive Councillor, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee chaired the workshop and encouraged the partici-

pants to share their concerns during the workshop, noting the need for development in the villages.

Chief Wildlife Warden, UT Ladakh, Sajad H Mufti emphasized the importance of maintaining a balance between increasing needs for development and conservation of the natural heritage of the region.

Dr. S Sathyakumar, Dr. Bilal Habib, and Dr. Salvador Lyngdoh, Scientists from the Wildlife Institute of India shared the results of work conducted by the researchers' team on the areas important for wildlife conservation, and ecosystem services, and for meeting local communities' sustenance and cultural needs, in Changthang.

The representatives of local communities participated actively in the workshop, shared their concerns relating to a location within a wildlife sanctuary, and spoke about issues about wildlife management and development challenges in the region. They also noted the importance of these villages in the nation's defence due to their strategic location closer to the international border.

The workshop was attended by 49 participants which included councillors from Nyoma, Korzok, Rong, and Chushul, BDCs from Durbuk, Korzok, Nyoma, and Rong, and Sarpanch and gobas from Hanley, Kargyam, Panguk, Parma, Korzok, Koyul, Lukung, Merak, Chushul, Demjok, Durbuk, Mudh, Nyoma, Phobrang, Rockchen, Samadh, Rong, Rongo, Sumdo, and Tangtse villages.

# Workshop on integrating teaching learning and digital education in higher education pre and post Covid-19 held

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NUBRA: A day-long interactive workshop themed, 'Integrating teaching learning and digital education in higher education pre and post Covid-19' was held at Government Degree College (GDC), Nubra on August 12.

The workshop was organised by the Seminar and Debate Committee of GDC Nubra in collaboration with IIT Jammu.

A five-member team led by Dr Sayanthan Mandal of the Humanities Department of IIT Jammu visited the college.

Discussion and interaction on



During the day-long interactive workshop at Government Degree College (GDC), Nubra.

the topic 'Integrating teaching learning and digital education in higher education pre and post Covid-19' took place between the faculty and the college students in two parallel sessions. Various challenges and problems

faced by the faculty and the students during the pandemic were discussed.

The session also deliberated the possible solutions and personal experiences of each faculty and student.

#### CEC Feroz Khan assesses development works under JJM, KREDA in Zanskar



CEC, LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmed Khan along with other officials assessing development works in Zanskar.

#### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

ZANSKAR: CEC, LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmed Khan on the second day of his tour to the Zanskar subdivision visited various villages and assessed development works under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and Kargil Renewable Energy and Development Authority (KREDA) on August 11.

Executive Councillor for Tourism, RD and Zanskar Affairs, Er Phunsok Tashi; Deputy Commissioner and CEO, LAHDC, Kargil Santosh Sukhadeve; SSP Kargil Anayat Ali Chowdhary; Councillor in LAHDC Kargil, Stanzin Lakpa; Executive Engineer PDD Altaf Hussain besides other concerned officers accompanied the CEC during the tour.

At Raroo village, CEC took an assessment of ongoing construction work on Micro Hydel Project Station Raroo constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 26 crores under the Ladakh Renewable Energy Initiative Programme under the supervision of KREDA.

Project Director, KREDA, Kacho Ahmad Ali Khan gave detailed information about the different achievements of the project.

Feroz Khan stressed that the project is vital for the energy needs of the people of Zanskar. He directed to installation of machinery and other civil works before the end of September 2022 and stressed completing the works before the end of the current working season.

Later, the CEC along with the dignitaries also visited various villages and sites to take an assessment of works undergoing in JJM.

CEC Khan visited Monay Gompa and Bardan village. At Bardan, he was informed that SR Tank is completed, and further distribution line and testing have also been completed.

Taking the assessment of major JJM works at Padum-Cha, the CEC was informed that the collection chamber and SR tanks carrying a water capacity of 60,000 gallons are undergoing, further the project is vital for the whole Padum town as it will suffice the demands of the town and can be used for irrigation purposes as well.

He also visited Sheila village where he was informed that water distribution under JJM in the village is successfully undergoing.

Khan was satisfied over the works and directed to speed up the remaining works to complete the targets before the stipulated timeline. He also directed to ensure round-the-year quality drinking water supply for the dwellers of the Zanskar subdivision.

# Meeting on 'Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan' program held in Kargil



DC, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve chairing a meeting to conduct Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) program with concerned officers.

#### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: DC, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve chaired a meeting to conduct Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) program, pledge against drugs as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in educational institutions in the district on August 6.

Discussions and deliberations were followed regarding the different aspects of successfully conducting the campaign in the district

DC Santosh informed that the

program will be conducted on August 12 as per the mandate of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. He said that a country-wide pledge against drug abuse will be held and Kargil will also follow it besides all colleges and schools should participate in the pledge drive.

He further added to set up student activity clubs to popularise "Say No to Drugs" in all schools and colleges. Further, he directed to ensure the display of backdrop for the pledge and also asked the concerned to organize debate competitions, essay writing, and painting events on the said theme in colleges and schools.

DC, Kargil expected collaborative efforts from all concerned departments and directed that measures should be implemented to make the campaign against drugs successful.

### Youm-e-Ashura observed at Sankoo with religious fervour

#### Mansoor Hosan Beigh

SANKOO: Observing on 10th of Muharram, processions under the supervision of Anjuman-e-Sahib Zama& Markaz-e-Tabliga Imam Raza was taken out in Sankoo on August 9.

The day marks the martyrdom of Prophet Muhammad's (SAW) grandson, Imam Hussein (AS), and his faithful companions in the battle of Karbala 1400 years ago.

Thousands of mourners took out Azadari procession with Alam-e-Hussain reciting nouha and beating their chest.

Religious scholars said that Imam Hussain offered supreme sacrifice and stood against tyranny.

The day was also observed at village GMpore Kargil with great religious fervor.

Addressing at Maktab-E-Shaib



Zaman, Lankerchey, Akhoon Mohmmad Hussain stressed the teachings of Imam Hussain and said, Ashura symbolized the struggle against cruelty, injustice, and tyranny of Yazeed.

He also paid tribute to the martyrs of Karbala and prayed for peace and communal harmony in the region as well as in the world.

Youm-e-Ashura processions were also carried out in various villages of Sankoo subdivision including at Anjuman-E-Sahib Zaman Lankerchey, Trespone, Saliskote Kanoor Tambis, Sankoo Barsoo, Taisuru, Suru, etc.

Religious scholars threw light on the philosophy of Karbala and termed Karbala as a mission for humanism to establish peace and prosperity in the world. They also said that Karbala gives a message to entire humanity that whenever truth or rightness is being suppressed and evil or falsehood is promoted.

The congregations concluded by observing Zeyarat-e- Ashura.

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ous training and pre-Everest expedition helped me a lot. The training has made us so stronger that it helped us to do the Everest expedition smoothly.

# Q. Any moment or incident during the expedition that is still on your mind.

When my mother got emotional and tried to stop me from going on the Everest expedition is something that I can't forget. Also, before reaching the top of Everest, around 20 steps before, I was exhausted and tired, the blister on my feet was also troubling and I can't take off my shoes also, that time I fell asleep for a while. I felt someone waking me up at that time which I am not able to erase from my mind.

# Q. What do you have to say about mountaineering potential in Ladakh and what needs to be done to promote it?

Ladkh being a mountainous region there is ample scope and opportunities. Children of Ladakh are born and grew up in these mountains and I guess the mountains are in our genes. Today, in Ladakh we have 114 open peaks and there are many which are unexplored. There is an utmost need for the Mountaineering institute in Ladakh which will not only boost adventure tourism in Ladakh but will

encourage many locals to pursue the course professionally. Ladakh is blessed to have various ranges of peaks to carry out the course in one place. We can do a glacier course at Stok Kangri, basic climbing at Shey, etc.

At present, there are some associations like Ladakh Mountain Guide Associations, Ladakh Mountain-eering, and Adventure Club who are working towards the promotion of mountaineering and we are very hopeful that in the coming days we will also have a mountaineering institute.

# Q.Any advice for all those women trying to go mountaineering?

Many say that adventure is for men and women can't do it. When I chose mountaineering, I was often told, "What you will achieve climbing a mountain? You have to get married and have children, mountaineering is not meant for girls." But, I say there is nothing a woman can't do, even after getting married if she chooses not to climb a mountain, she can work as an instructor in institutes. The basic thing is to always set a goal for yourself, and work towards it. There will be challenges and obstacles but never give up. There will be extreme pain, but only when you come out of that pain, will you achieve success.

## **Exhibition, culture program on Dard Aryans of Ladakh held**



#### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

New Delhi: Celebrating 75 years of India's independence, an exhibition and cultural event on Dard Aryans of Ladakh was held at Indira Gandhi National centre for the arts (IGNCA).

The exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. Sachchadanand Joshi, Member Secretary, IGNCA on August 2. The exhibition features photographs of the Dard Aryan Valley, Ladakh, depicting landscapes, rock art, architecture, and their colourful lifestyle. The exhibition is open to the public from August 3 to 11.

Jaya Jaitly was a special guest on the occasion. Prof. Ramesh C Gaur, HOD, Kalanidhi, Prof. Achal Pandey, HOD, Conservation, and Prof. Richa Kamboj HOD, Kaladarshana graced the occasion along with the faculty and staff of IGNCA.

A cultural evening was hosted by the prestigious National School of Drama, New Delhi.

Virendra Bangroo gave an overview of the socio-historic and socio-cultural heritage of the Dard Aryans. He is a scholar at IGNCA has traversed the length and breadth of the Himalayas and

works with the ethnic communities at the ground level.

Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary, IGNCA, applauded the Dard Aryan for safeguarding their distinctive cultural traditions despite the region's challenging climatic circumstances.

In January 2019, Arya Utsav was held at IGNCA which highlighted the cultural traditions of Ladakh's Dard Aryans. The festival featured cultural programs, documentary screenings about Dard Aryans, public lectures, and a one-day seminar on Ladakh's Dard Aryans. The event was curated and coordinated by Virendra Bangroo.

Also, for the 1st time, an academic seminar was organised by IGNCA in Delhi. Young scholars from Aryan valley, Ladakh attended the seminar. Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) also hosted an exhibition in 2019, during the university's Golden Jubilee celebrations.

# EC Tashi inaugurates modern community hall in Zanskar



Villagers of Ufti, Zanskar in newly inaugurated community hall.

#### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

Zanskar: Executive Councilor Tourism, RD and Zanskar Affairs, Er Punchok Tashi inaugurated the first-ever modern multipurpose community hall having facilities of a kitchen, store, and guest room at Ufti Zanskar on August 9.

The multipurpose hall was constructed under the District Capex budget at a cost of ₹50 Lakh. The villagers of Ufti headed by Sar-

panch Lobzang Dolma thanked the EC and District Administration for making the hall functional.

Later, the EC visited Ubarak village of Zanskar to inspect flood-affected areas. He was accompanied by SDM Zanskar Sonam Dorjay, BDO Zanskar, and engineers of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.

EC Tashi directed SDM, BDO Zanskar to restore the required

irrigation khuls and roads. He also directed the construction of a temporary footbridge on Nallah between Ubarak and Rakzam.

Later, the EC along with BDO Zanskar visited the site proposed for a cremation ground for the general public at Munskit Chumik. He directed the Rural Development Department to construct the compound wall and other required facilities demarcated by the Revenue Department for the ground.

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# Seminar on ill effects of tobacco held at GDC Kargil

#### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Celebrating Azad Ka Amrit Mahotsav, under 'Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan', a seminar on 'Ill Effects of Tobacco' was organised on August 12 at Govt. Degree College Kargil.

The seminar started with a pledge by all the participants.

Dr. Fatima Nisa in her address presented a detailed scenario of drug addiction concerning district Kargil. She also elaborated on different kinds of drugs and other illicit substances being used in the district.

Principal GDC Kargil highlight-



ed the menace of tobacco consumption and urged the students to refrain from such bad habits. Syed Hassan Shah, Psychologist, DH Kargil elaborated on the various phases of addictions and the differences between use, abuse, and addiction. Dr. Javed M Iqbal, Senior Assistant Professor emphasized the importance of freeing educational institutions from tobacco

### 5-day workshop on documentation of Zanskari language held



#### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

Zanskar: Govt. Model Degree College (GMDC) Zanskar organised a 5-day training workshop on documentation of the Zanskari language from August 4 to 8 with infrastructural support from the college and financial support from Endangered Language Fund (ELF).

The workshop was aimed to train Zanskari community members, targeting particularly the under-graduate students of GMDC to document their under-researched and lesser-known language as part of local capacity building.

Maaz Ahmad Shaikh, a graduate research scholar in Linguistics at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada undertook the entire training in the workshop for all five days.

The students were trained to use recording equipment, particularly audio and video recording with a professional recorder. They were taught how to introduce themselves to the speaker, obtain oral consent from them, take their details before the recording, and fill consent form once a recording is completed.

This was followed by hands-on experience recording the speaker Tsewang Gailsten, Assistant Professor of Political Science, GMDC, narrating short poetry in his Brokskat language along with taking his consent on the same.

Maaz Shaikh briefed the students about the methodology required for metadata preparation and archiving of the recordings and other collected materials. He also showed his previously deposited language collections of Azamgarhi and Bhojpuri languages at the Computational Resources of South Asian Languages (CoRSAL) archive of the University of North Texas (UNT) Digital Library.

A lecture on Phonetics and Phonology— was also held. Shaikh explained the consonants in the International Phonetic Alphabet chart in detail and also described the consonant inventory of Zanskari. Vowels in the IPA chart were also studied. It was followed by a discussion on the oral and nasalized vowels found in the Zanskari language.

The speaker also taught students the concept of a syllable, its structure, and its importance in analyzing the sound system of Tibetic languages, including Zanskari.

A comparative analysis of the sound patterns of the Western Tibetic languages, particularly Zanskari, Balti, Purik, and Leh Ladakhi was also presented while simultaneously reflecting on the Classical Tibetan spellings.

A field trip to the nearby Sani village was also organised where students got a hands-on experience

with whatever they learned in language documentation.

The project team, led by the researcher and a few faculty members of GMDC, along with Prof. Tadeusz Slupski from Warsaw, Poland, visited the house of Stanzin Choszin, a B.Sc. student at GMDC from Sani village, for data collection, where the speech of her parents was recorded following the best practices in documentary linguistics.

They were divided into three groups, out of which one of the groups led by the researcher went to document Kesar Saga from Tashi Zangmo. She is one of the very rare Zanskari people left who could narrate the complete saga of King Kesar of Ling. She told the group that the whole narration could take up to three days.

On the last day, students were taught consonants and vowels of Zangskari, which was beneficial for good transcriptions of the recordings. Later on, basic morphology was taught to the students, along with a brief discussion on morpho-phonemic analysis. A small group of about seven students was trained to use SayMore for metadata management and transcription and translation.

The students were awarded certificates of participation.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Maaz Shaikh, Dr. Jamphel Sheyan, and Nasir Shabani on the custody of the equipment and devices. Shaikh also donated several books on linguistics and Tibetic languages to the College Library.

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