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## Grazing land is now buffer zone, rues village heads bordering LAC

Skarma Delegs Namgail & Stanzin Dasal

LEH: Public representatives of villages and Councillor Chushul constituency said that the traditional grazing land of nomads has been turned into a 'buffer zone' during the India-China disengagement in eastern Ladakh.

Nambardar of Phobrang village, Konchok Stobgais said, "We never expected that we will lose our traditional grazing land rather we kept on expecting that the Modi Govt. will develop and increase the pastureland for nomads so that they can rear pashmina goats and increase the supply of world-famous Pashmina wool. In the world, Ladakh is the only competitor to China for the production of quality pashmina wools, and with the loss of grazing land we might lose the opportunity to compete also".

"Pashmina goats need to be reared within the 12 km radius daily for their nutrition fulfillment, stall feeding is not an option at all. Livestock is the only source of income a single family in the village breed almost 300-400 goats which require a big field for their grazing. The supplement provided by the government is not enough to sustain the livelihood. We had a hope to make Indian Pashmina flourish in the international market, which now seems to come to an end", he added.

He said that the people of the region expected the govt. will develop and boost wildlife tourism because the areas like Changchenmo are the hotspots of rare wildlife species like Dong( wild yak),



Public representatives and Councillor Chushul constituency addressing the press conference on grazing land issue in Leh.

mountain sheep known as Argali, Chiru (Tibetan antelope), etc but the reality looks very different.

"Earlier we were restricted by the army to take our livestock for grazing today even they are restricted to stay there. It's an irony. Government agencies ask us to show land records or papers; we do not possess them and I want to clarify that there is no paper even in India or China also that's why all the issue is arising. Not having the paper doesn't mean that the land is not ours. The elders share memories and lived on the land for ages. The only evidence of the land is the people or nomads who have been residing there from generation to generation".

He said that government should take the locals into confidence before any decision because, in the end, the locals suffer.

People find the major development proj-

ects and funds to develop Pashmina useless because they say that if there is no pastureland and grazing ground to rear the Pashmina goat then what is the use of the project, schemes, and funds?

Pashmina-producing goats are the most important source of income for the nomads living in the Changthang region. The world's finest and most expensive wool is not just important to the nomad's livelihood but to revitalize the economy of Ladakh. Loss of grazing land has become a matter of concern to the people residing because they feel there will be difficulties to rear the goats and also the pain of losing ancestral land.

In Phobrang there are 113 households comprising 615 people sustaining in a 600 sq km area. The village head demands alternate land of around 600 sq km if they are not giving them access to grazing land. They call the land barren

but the barren land is very important for the livestock, he added.

Councillor, Chushul constituency, Konchok Stanzin stated that the area of the buffer zone has spread to such a great distance that the traditional grazing land of the nomads has been declared under buffer zone and because of this the winter and summer grazing area has shrunk drastically.

He said that the nomads in the area are provided with huts so that they do not have to move during the grazing period but during this disengagement, they were even asked to move their huts from the area.

We made it very clear and took our stand not to move from there, he added.

Konchok said, "We have tried to take the issue to the higher authorities but got no response. We request the Govt. to look into the matter because the only livelihood of our people is livestock which is going to be severely affected if the grazing lands are continuously converted into a Buffer zone."

Tsering Angchuk, Former Councillor Chushul constituency spoke about the villagers' role in helping the army deployed at the borders and the voluntary work they did during the time of emergency.

He also gave certain instances of the land where the nomads are not allowed to go.

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## The Lotus fails again to bloom in Temisgam

Strong election campaign by MP and CEC fails to create any impact on ground



Stanzin Dasal

LEH: The Congress retained the Temisgam seat in a by-election held recently for the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Council, Leh, defeating the BJP with a margin of 273 votes. Of the total 1467 votes cast, the Congress secured 861 votes, and the BJP 588. There were 14 NOTAs and 4 votes were rejected.

It is felt that the Congress victory in a by-election is a great setback for the BJP which is in power. The BJP did put up a spirited fight but failed to outwit the Congress strategy.

How could the Congress get victorious? Though the party workers, senior and charismatic leaders of both the BJP and the Congress enthusiastically engaged themselves in the election campaign, it seems the BJP missed having the right candidate. Had their candidate been a

young, new face, the game could have turned around.

Another speculation is that voters are not just only concerned about the development of their area or constituency; they were concerned more about regional demands like the Sixth Schedule. Growing unemployment and safeguard of land, culture and traditions were their hearty concerns.

It is true that the Congress victory with a good margin in a small constituency was something unexpected. The BJP, despite having a list of achievements, plans and projects, failed to bag the seat. The by-election was held following the death of the sitting Congress Councilor, Sonam Dorjey, recently.

Though the winning of one seat by the

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## Congress appeals to raise objection against land comprised within Karakoram Wildlife sanctuary

Settlement of rights in Karakoram Wildlife sanctuary is for people's benefit: Chief Wildlife Warden

Skarma Delegs Namgail

LEH: SDM Nubra issued a proclamation for settlement of rights for Karakoram (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary on August 22.

People are asked to claim and object in writing, if any, to the declaration of proposed area as Wildlife Sanctuary and any rights over the land comprised within the limit of Karakoram(-Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary within 60 days from the date of issue of the notice/proclamation.

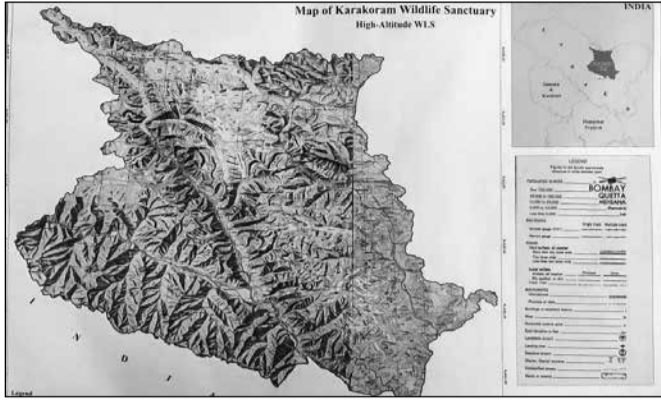
Congress councillors Stanzin Tsepag and Tundup Nurboo Cheetah raised objection on the issued proclamation stating that it lacks clarity, thus creating more confusion among the people.

They alleged that the area defined under the proclamation includes not just Nubra valley but areas above Indus river including, Leh, Phyang, Hanu etc.

Demanding more clarity, the councillors said, "We understand that declaring wildlife sanctuaries is important for the protection of wildlife and should be concentrated and declare in areas where wildlife exists, declaring human habitat area under sanctuaries and national park hampers the developmental plans."

Both the Councillors requested the people to file the objections to the collector before the prescribed time and also assured to assist people if they are finding problem to file the objection.

Responding to the issues raised by the councillors, Sajjad Hus-sain Mufti (IFS), Chief Wildlife Warden/ Chief Conservator of Forest said that no parts of Leh town, Phyang, Saboo, or Taru fall within the Karakoram Sanctuary limits and there is no proposal to include these areas either. Only the Northern aspect of Khardungla whose water goes towards Shayok is the part of



Karakoram. He said that the settlement of right is for the benefit of people.

Sajjad Mufti said, "On 23rd of this month we conducted a workshop in which the representatives and people of Nubra were present. It was discussed that if there are places or areas which are not really important can also be excluded from the sanctuary and the same workshops has been conducted in the Changthang region as well. Therefore, it is my request to the people and the councillors as well to consult the Wildlife department regarding any doubt about the Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary".

We have also been trying to exclude certain populated areas from sanctuary.

The proclamation issued by SDM Nubra on August 22, 2022 reads as:

"Whereas, Karakoram (Nubra-Shayok) area was declared Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary vide SRO 155 dated 19.03.1987 under Section 17 of J&K Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1978 (as amended upto 2002).

Whereas, Principal Secretary, Forest, Environment and Ecology Department, UT Ladakh vide Order No. 03-FE&E of 2022 dated 17.05.2022 appointed SDM Nubra as Collector vide SRO-302 dated 21 Aug 2007 in accordance with the Section(17A) of J&K Wildlife (Protection Act),1978 to deter-

mine existence, nature and extent of the rights of any persons in or over the land comprised within the limits of Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary as indicated below Boundaries (5000 Sq km approx)

North : Ceasefire line of China from Indra Col upto Karakorum pass and further east

West : International boundary of Pakistan from Indra Col to Turtuk along with Watershed of Saltoro Range.

South: Contour of lofty mountain range of Ladakh whose micro water catchments facing to north drain into river Shayok from Turtuk upto Digerla and southerly mountains that drain into the Indus River.

East: Karakorum running along the actual line of control between India and China,"

The order further reads, "Now therefore, in exercise of power conferred on me under section 20 of J&K Wildlife (Protection) Act,1978,it is hereby notified that all the interested person may submit their claims and objections in writing, if any, to the declaration of proposed area as Wildlife Sanctuary and any rights over the land comprised within the limit of Karakoram(-Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary within 60 days from the date of issue of the notice/proclamation. No claims/objections received after the expiry of prescribed time will be considered."

## L-G condoles death of 2 Ladakhi students in road accident

Announces ex-gratia of ₹ 5 lakh each for kin of deceased



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh expressed condolences to the bereaved families of Tsetan Dolma and Rigzin Lamo who lost their lives in an unfortunate road accident at Ramban in Jammu on September 19.

LG Mathur also announced an ex gratia relief of ₹ 5 lakh each to the next of kin of the deceased.

He stated that the entire Ladakh is aggrieved by the loss of the lives of Tsetan and Rigzin and called them a source of inspiration for the youth of the region.

Both Tsetan and Rigzin were pursuing Masters in Physical Education (MPEd) from Jammu University. Both had represented Ladakh at the national level in ice hockey and football. Tsetan from Tharuk village had represented India in five international ice hockey championships and various national and local tournaments. She played in the team as a defender. Rigzin Lamo from Nubra was a part of the Ladakh women's football team and participated in various national tournaments.

LG Mathur also condoled the loss of social worker Harman Anand who was operating Anjana Rural Charitable Organisation- an NGO working and contributing to a social cause.

## Workshop held on importance of Goba system in Ladakh

Skarma Delegs Namgail

LEH: A seminar on the importance of the Goba system was called on September 13 at Dr. Ambedkar library, Shagaran in which many important topics related to the Goba system were discussed.

Ladakh Buddhist Association, Vice President, Chering Dorje released a study titled 'The Goba of Ladakh.' The study looks at the current status of the system, its relevance in current times, its strengths and weaknesses, the challenges it faces, and finally, what can be done to strengthen it as means of achieving better governance for Ladakh's people and environment.

The study was done by the Kalpavriksh, Local Futures, Snow Leopard Conservancy-India Trust, Nature Conservation Foundation, and Ladakh Arts and Media Organisation.

Chering Dorje spoke about the crucial role played by the Goba's in the functioning of the Association and hoped that they will continue their support to the association and also appreciated the researchers for their great work.

The seminar was conducted by Ashish and Shriti who did



research and spent months visiting several villages studying the Goba System. During their research, they noticed that there isn't any Female Goba in the villages they visited and discussed the cause and need to empower women in this field.

In the seminar topics like history, importance, functions, and relationship between different govt. organisations and Goba's were discussed. They criticized the age limit criteria set by govt. for Goba. During the study, the duo noticed that the Goba system is on the verge of extinction, and came to a conclusion that the primary reason for the retrogression of the system was the losing interest of people in the position of Goba, and came up with a solution to overcome these obstacles. According to them the primary reason for the disinterest in this

system was the low finance or income, in today's times a Goba is only paid Rs. 1500 and has to pay the expense of any additional charges from his pocket, therefore an increment in the incentives can boost the system. Another problem raised was that the Govt. does not recognize this kind of institution as a greater platform and thus, disputes arise. It was found out that the representatives do not consult Goba's when any developmental plans are in action or to be implemented.

A gathering of gobas/ nam-bardars was held on September 20 and 21 at LEDeG campus, Leh. The gathering aims to build stronger ties between the traditional and new institutions of self-governance in Ladakh, including the goba, the Panchayat, the Hill Council, and the UT administration.

## Thousands take part in Arbaeen procession in Leh



Skarma Delegs Namgail

CHUCHOT: Remembering the story of Hussain, his family, and his companions more than 2500 people took part in Julooos e Arbaeen procession organised by Anjuman Imamia Youth wing Leh on September 18.

The procession started from

Imam Khomeini Memorial Chowk and walking 5km approx culminated at Imam Bargah Chuchot Yokma.

Sheikh Zain-ul-Abidin, President, Majlis-e-Ulema recited the story of the sacrifice of Imam Hussain and the importance of the Arbaeen walk. He said that Imam Hussain

may have died but his movement and message lived on.

Talking about Julooos e Arbaeen, Ashraf Ali Barcha, President Anjuman Imamia said that the Arbaeen walk is organised across the world to show a stand for social justice, compassion, and dignity.

Arbaeen marks the 40th day of the martyrdom of Imam Hussain and his followers in the battle of Karbala. Imam Hussain was martyred on Yaum-e-Ashura or the 10th day of Muharram, the first month of the Islamic calendar. The mourning period ends with Arbaeen and is marked by mass walks to Karbala from cities across Iraq.

## The Lotus fails again to bloom in Temisgam

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Congress won't bring about any change in the setup of the Hill Council run by the BJP, but a win could have been a matter of pride and prestige for the BJP at the local and the national levels. Meanwhile, the Congress, which is facing a hard time at the national level, feels that this by-election has sent across the message to the ruling party that the Congress is a strong opposition party in Leh and is bringing winds of change. It seems that the strong election campaign by MP Jamyang Tsering Namg-

yal and CEC Tashi Gyalsen failed to create any impact on the ground.

The Congress candidate, Tashi Tundup, gave credit to the people of Temisgam and Tia for his success. "I deeply express my gratitude to the people of Temisgam and Tia for having faith in me and electing me as their representative. I never expected that I would win with such a huge margin. I will try my best to finish the plans and projects of the former Councilor, and work sincerely without any discrimination", he said soon after the poll results.

## Grazing land is now buffer zone, rues village heads bordering LAC

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"We are not seeking permission to go across LAC we want access to rear our livestock freely on our land", he added.

Talking about the lack of basic facilities, Sarpanch Sonam Angchuk requested MP Ladakh and

the Government of India to provide tele communication facilities. He said in this digital world, Changthang has been deprived of good communication facilities.

The villagers demand the involvement of local people in the decision-making and good telecom facilities.

## 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Union Territory level Bankers Committee of Ladakh held

CD Ratio improves to 42% against 38% in the previous year



During the sixth meeting of the Union Territory Level Bankers' Committee (UTLBC) of Ladakh for the quarter ended June 2022 to 21st September 2022.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Advisor Umang Narula chaired the sixth meeting of the Union Territory Level Bankers' Committee (UTLBC) of Ladakh for the quarter ended June 2022 to 21st September 2022 at Hotel Dragon conference hall on September 22.

Assistant General Manager/Convener UTLBC, UT Ladakh Tsering Morup gave a detailed presentation on the position of districts and banks regarding their Credit Deposit (CD) Ratio. The Chairman was informed that the total amount of deposits as on June 30, 2022, stood at ₹ 7590.22 as compared to ₹6589.96 crore as on June 30, 2021, with a deposit growth of 15.17% on a year-on-year basis. The total credit as of June 30, 2022 stood at ₹3224.35 crore as compared to ₹2489.90 crore as on June 30, 2021, with credit growth of 29.49% on a year-on-year basis in UT Ladakh. The CD Ratio has improved to 42% as compared to 38 % in the previous year.

Advisor Narula stated that there is a significant potential for commercial greenhouses in Ladakh and suggested that NABARD

and banks can come up with good lending schemes in this area. He appreciated the cooperation received from the banks in opening new branches and bringing new products to Ladakh after the new UT was formed.

Regional Director (J&K), Reserve Bank of India, Kamal P Patnaik concurred and added that IRDA has huge potential for green finance and exhorted that potential entrepreneurs should be identified for green projects and trained to achieve new heights.

Commissioner/Secretary, Social & Tribal Welfare Dept, Padma Angmo stated that more outreach programmes should be conducted in mission mode to evolve a workable model for banking at the village level and inculcate banking habits among the rural masses.

Additional/Secretary Finance Rajat Kumar stated that no system integration for maintaining multiple accounts is in place and flagged the need for robust system integration.

Regarding the digitization of revenue records, Principal/Secretary, Dr Pawan Kotwal stated

that work is under process for digitization and hoped for positive results within a year. Along with digitization, a CORS network-based survey of the lands is also planned which if successful will be the first in the country.

A detailed discussion on the agenda items took place in the meeting viz. status of KCCs issued; overview of credit disbursement; priority sector credit disbursement; nonpriority sector credit disbursement; district/sector-wise performance under ACP; performance of all banks under Mudra scheme; street vendor scheme and NPA position of UT Ladakh, etc.

DGM, State Bank of India, Admin Office, Jammu, Pawan Kumar while giving the vote of thanks assured the Chair, on behalf of UTLBC, that the targets set in the meeting, particularly in the agriculture sector would be achieved by the banks. He said that the banks would put extra effort to increase the CD ratio in UT Ladakh and in the next meeting they would have achieved positive results.

The meeting was attended by Administrative Secretaries; Deputy Commissioner, Leh; Nodal Officer for Ladakh UTLBC; Additional Secretary, Finance; Directors of concerned departments; Regional Director (J&K), Reserve Bank of India, R.O. Jammu; General Manager, State Bank of India, Local H.O. Chandigarh; DGM, State Bank of India, Admin Office Jammu; DGM, RBO-V, State Bank of India, Admin Office, Jammu, and representatives of the member banks and financial institutions.

## Ladakh Festival 2022 to be held from October 13 to 16



Additional Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Sonam Chosjor chairing a meeting with the concerned stakeholders regarding Ladakh Festival 2022 celebration.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Additional Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Sonam Chosjor chaired a meeting regarding the celebration of Ladakh Festival 2022 from October 13 to 16.

The meeting deliberated on the various activities to be observed during the four-day event to make the festival a spectacular

occasion for the promotion of tourism by showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Ladakh. It decided the events schedule inclusive of the venues and the corresponding committees for the same.

Roles and functions of various committees, such as Cultural, Archery, Reception, Venue Management, Beautification, and

Decoration committees were also discussed.

It was decided that activities like a cultural procession, horse polo matches, archery, horse riding, art and photo exhibition, film screening, stalls displaying traditional handloom-handicraft products, cuisine, and art and craft would be organised.

## Advisor Narula inspects construction work at Zojila tunnel



Advisor to Lieutenant Governor UT Ladakh, Umang Narula during the inspection of the construction work of Zojila tunnel eastern portal.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor UT Ladakh, Umang Narula visited Minamarg and inspected the construction work of Zojila tunnel eastern portal.

At Zojila tunnel, Intiyaz Ahmed, site incharge informed the advisor that around 2 km excavation has been done from the eastern portal (Minamarg) of the tunnel

and around similar length of excavation has been achieved at the western side of the tunnel (Baltal side). He also informed that besides excavation, other works inside the tunnel are going on in full swing.

The advisor also inquired from the concerned officer about the winter stocking of essential material for the construction works.

The concerned officer informed the advisor that dumping of necessary materials is under process and will be completed soon. He instructed the concerned officer to provide all necessary arrangements for laborers during winter season for their safety.

Later, the advisor also visited Lamochan village and took stock of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works. The concerned officer from the PHE Department informed that all the households have been connected with Functional Household Tapes (FHTs) adding that the water supply will be started within a week.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Ghulam Mohi-Ud-Din Wani; Sub Divisional Magistrate Drass (SDM) Mukhtar Ahmed; Station House Officer (SHO) Drass besides other concerned officers accompanied the advisor during his visit.

## Ladakh to have design and assembly lab of Solar-based products: CEC, Leh



CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Tashi Gyalson, Director NIELIT Ladakh, Phuntsog Toldan, and Energy Expert, Kunzes Dolma.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A meeting regarding setting up of design and assembly lab of Solar-based products for the youths keeping in view the potential of harnessing solar energy in Ladakh was chaired by

CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Tashi Gyalson on September 22.

The meeting is convened in continuation with the meeting held in April 2021 with NIELIT Leh in which the Hill Council desired to set up a design and assembly lab for Solar-based products. Accordingly, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Govt. of India was requested to extend support for

the said project last year.

It was informed during the meeting that the project has been sanctioned and in the initial phase, the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology and LAHDC Leh will provide training to 50 candidates. The Project is being implemented by the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Leh, and the selection procedures and other required processes would be purely monitored by the Hill Council, Leh.

The project will have the equipment and machinery for the Design and manufacturing of all

kinds of Solar Led based Products and will also engage solar experts from all over the country for smooth execution.

CEC Tashi Gyalson stated that the lab would be highly useful, especially for a place like Ladakh knowing the usage of solar-based products in Ladakh over the years. He further added that this kind of project would help in generating employment opportunities for the youths in particular and at large it would strengthen the potential of solar energy-based products in the region.

He extended his gratitude to the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnav, and especially to the Joint Secretary, Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Rajesh Singh along with DG NIELIT, Dr. M.M Tripathi for their extraordinary help and support in getting the project sanctioned for Ladakh.

The meeting was attended by Director NIELIT Ladakh, Phuntsog Toldan, and Energy Expert, Kunzes Dolma.

## LG Mathur distributes sports equipment to govt. schools in Leh

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh RK Mathur distributed sports equipment to students of government schools in Leh at Raj Niwas on September 21.

The sports equipment is being issued to all government schools under Special Development Package (SDP) and revenue component of State CAPEX to develop and promote the sports talent and physical fitness of students in Ladakh.

Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson interacted with the students and physical education teachers of different schools and advised them to give their best for the fitness of students and to develop their sporting talent. He also reviewed the progress of works worth more than ₹40 crore to develop sports infrastructure in different schools.

Sports equipment worth ₹4 crores distributed among the school students included archery kits, gymnastics mats, ice hockey kits, cricket kits, football, handball and volleyball, table



Students receiving sports equipment from Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh RK Mathur at Raj Niwas.

tennis bats and table, badminton rackets and shuttlecocks, etc.

L-G also distributed band equipment, including bass drum, side drum, beater chop and cymbals, and outdoor play area equipment to the students.

A budget of ₹34 lakh has been allotted for the development of archery in 17 Government Higher Secondary Schools in Leh, while ₹24.5 lakh worth of gymnastic mats have been purchased for 32 Government High and 17 Government Higher Secondary Schools. Ice hockey

equipment worth ₹50 lakh has been purchased for training purposes, while road and track cycle worth more than ₹3.5 lakh has been purchased for cyclists from Leh. Sports items worth ₹50 lakh have been purchased for all the schools in Leh.

Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk; Secretary, Sports, and Youth Services, Ravinder Kumar and Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse were present during the distribution of sports equipment.

## UT Administration, Hill Council Leh & Eicher Group Foundation sign tripartite MoU to promote ice hockey in Ladakh



During the signing of the tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the promotion of ice hockey in Ladakh through various training and purchase of equipment.

### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Ladakh; LAHDC Leh, and Eicher Group Foundation was signed on September 23 for the promotion of ice hockey in Ladakh through various training and purchase of equipment.

Lieutenant Governor RK Mathur virtually attended the event and appreciated developmental initiatives taken by the Eicher Group Foundation in Ladakh, including the promotion of ice hockey. Stating that ice hockey is in the genes of Ladakhi youth, he informed that there is a keen interest in this sport in the region. He shared about various initiatives taken to develop this sport from the grassroots and block level to the district level, including converting ponds into ice hockey rinks in the winter.

He highlighted ongoing work to develop ice hockey rinks along with the distribution of equipment to the Ladakhi youth interested in the game at a wide-spread level.

He informed the ongoing project to develop 24x7 ice hockey rinks in Ladakh. He requested the Eicher Group Foundation for technical advice and assistance in developing ice hockey infrastructure in Ladakh, grooming talented ice hockey players from Ladakh at the grassroots level to enable them to represent the country on the international stage, and providing exposure tours and soft skills to the ice hockey players from the region to develop their games.

He stated that the partnership between UT Administration, Hill Council Leh, and Eicher Group Foundation will strengthen the infrastructure and entire ice hockey ecosystem in a sustain-

able manner.

LG Mathur emphasized that the promotion of sports such as ice hockey will lead to better health-both physical and mental-of the Ladakhi people. He stressed the need for qualified doctors in case of injury to the players and also the development of a cadre of local coaches.

Mathur stressed the need for widespread participation of players and systematic preparation of the CEC and LG Cup Ice Hockey tournaments to raise the standards of these events. He requested the Eicher Group Foundation to prepare a blueprint for the overall development of ice hockey in Ladakh.

Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson stated that the MoU between UT Administration, Hill Council Leh, and Eicher Group Foundation would enable to fulfill the potential of ice hockey in Ladakh. He stated that better coaching through foreign coaches and exposure visits will enable ice hockey players from Ladakh to bring laurels to the region and the country at the international level. He informed about various initiatives taken by UT Administration and Hill Council Leh to develop ice hockey infrastructure and the distribution of sports equipment to students of Government schools.

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## SIDCO to take lead role in infrastructure building of Ladakh

Advisor, Ladakh chairs 2nd Board of Directors meeting of SIDCO, Ltd



### Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Advisor Umang Narula also the Chairman of the Sindhu Infrastructure Development Corporation (SIDCO), Ltd chaired the 2nd meeting of Board of Directors on September 17 at Civil Secretariat, Leh.

Sindhu Infrastructure Development Corporation has been incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 to accelerate infrastructure and economic development in the Union Territory of Ladakh. The Board took a detailed review of the actions taken on the decisions made in the first meeting of SIDCO and discussed further plans of action to make SIDCO a leading agency in LADAKH to take up infrastructure work as mandated.

Executive Director, SIDCO, Ladakh, Lakshay Singhal made a

detailed presentation on the agenda items placed before the board which inter alia included finalization and approval of the Logo & Motto of SIDCO; adoption of common seal for the company; creation of posts; finalization and approval of draft recruitment/service rules; delegation of Administrative and financial power to the officers of the board; assigning of charge of various posts; outsourcing of Ministerial staff; status of various works assigned to SIDCO; among others. The Board also approved the appointment of Anurag Goyal (IRS), Sr Advisor for Ladakh NITI Aayog as ex officio Director of the Board.

Advisor Narula emphasised that for sustainable development of the industrial sector in Ladakh, it is imperative that the corporation works with a prospective vision besides an effective strategy

in tune with modern trends and mechanisms. He added that more projects should be taken up and instructed to recruit the requisite manpower. He further stated that this could generate employment opportunities as the corporation will be promoting industry, tourism, transport and marketing of local products and handicrafts, in accordance with the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The meeting was also attended by Dr. Pawan Kotwal, Administrative Secretary Planning Development and Monitoring Dept, Ladakh; Anurag Goyal (IRS), Sr Advisor for Ladakh NITI Aayog; Ajeet Kumar Sahu, Administrative Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Dept, Ladakh; Saugat Biswas, Administrative Secretary, Industries and Commerce Dept, Ladakh and other concerned officials.

## The World of Juniors

### World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day was first observed on October 10, 1992 as an annual activity of World Federation for Mental Health. It is also supported by WHO, the International Association for Suicide Prevention, and the United for Global Mental Health.

The day initially did not have a specific theme and its aim was to promote mental health advocacy and educating the public on relevant issues. Seeing the popularity of the campaign, in 1994 for the first time a theme for the day was used which was "Improving the Quality of Mental Health Services throughout the World." Some of its early themes were Women and Mental Health (1996), Children and Mental Health (1997), Mental Health and Human Rights (1998) and Mental Health and Ageing (1999).



The preparations for World Mental Health Day are made for months beforehand and in some countries the program stretches over several days, or a week, or even in some cases the whole month. World Mental Health Day provides an opportunity to talk about mental health in general, how to break the stigma around it, and the importance of speaking out when struggling with a mental health issue.

Courtesy Hindustan Times

## DID YOU KNOW



- The board game 'snakes and ladders' originally came from ancient India. The game was known back then as Mokshapat or Moksha Patamu. It's believed that it was played as early as 2nd century BC, although it's not known exactly who invented the game. Historians believe it was created to teach morals to children, and lessons about karma in a way that children might understand. The squares where the ladders start were originally supposed to represent virtue, and the squares that had the head of a snake were supposed to represent evil. In the origi-

nal hindu game, the snakes outnumbered the amount of ladders. (Courtesy Times of India).

- The art of Navigation was born in the river Sindh 6000 years ago. The very word Navigation is derived from the Sanskrit word NAVGATI. The word navy is also derived from Sanskrit 'Nou'.

- The World's first university was established in Takshashila in 700 BCE. More than 10,500 students from all over the world studied more than 60 subjects. The University of Nalanda built in the 4th century BCE was one of the greatest achievements of ancient India in the field of education.

(Courtesy Archaeology online.net)



## SoulSpeak

P.P. Wangchuk

### Living without fear and worry



One loves to receive gifts; and when they are in the form of books, one's joy knows no bounds. There was such an occasion recently when Ven. Sanghasena, the founder-president of the Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre, Leh, gifted me several books. Of them, two books, HOW TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR & WORRY and MIND-SEAL OF THE BUDDHAS, touched my mind and soul.

An apostle of peace and inner-mind development master, Ven. Sanghasena has set on a mission to do or die for the sake of a 'global village' wherein nothing but kindness and compassion would be the order of the day.

It is almost 30 years now since I started writing on issues relating to life and death and the factors that come in during one's long journey on this planet. Nothing makes this journey more pleasant and smooth than to tread the path of love. Life loses its meaning the moment one gets out of its compass of compassion.

Therefore, it was in this context that the book, HOW TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR & WORRY by K Sri Dhammananda, moved me. Reading it is a sheer pleasure as it strengthens one's belief in truth, fairness and justice. And the other book, MIND-SEAL OF THE BUDDHAS, is a commentary on the Amitabh Sutra in English. In a nutshell, it reflects the general rules of going through life in a meaningful way.

Life becomes worrisome, and at times miserable, when one is in the grip of fear, worry, anger, selfishness, jealousy and the like. And the fear of death and worry over our future 'kills' us every moment. We die many times much before our time to bid adieu comes. As a result, we waste a precious life.

I wonder, at times, how many of us are able to free ourselves and go deep into the task of fulfilling our noble missions. I am afraid, hardly a small fraction! We live in a manner that characterises our moods, pleasure, faults and the like, and not the 'light of life' that could make us good human beings.

Courtesy: WongWorld

The writer is a New Delhi-based Editor-at-large, columnist and professional speaker

## In Conversation with Mohd Jabir, National Teacher Awardee

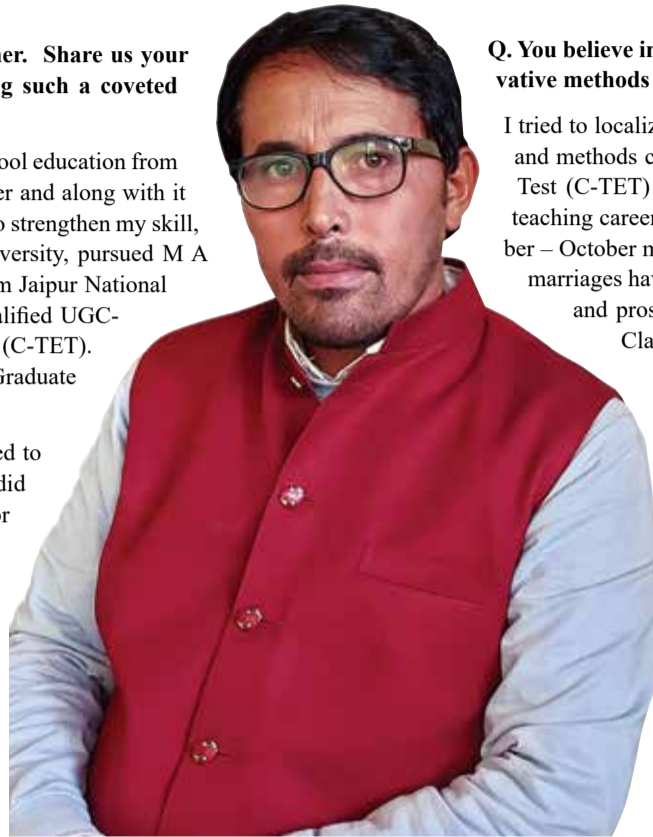
Interviewed by Stanzin Dasal

**Q. Congratulations on receiving National Award as the Best Teacher. Share us your teaching experience and what was your first reaction on receiving such a coveted award?**

I come from a Pashkyum village of Kargil district and completed my school education from Government school. After 12th, I worked in Private school as a teacher and along with it completed BA from distance learning. I looked for other opportunities to strengthen my skill, thus skipped the teaching and did B.Ed and M.Ed from Kashmir University, pursued M A from Maulana Azad National Urdu University and M. Phil English from Jaipur National University. I completed all the courses with first division and also qualified UGC-NET Education, JK-SET English and Central Teacher Eligibility Test (C-TET). I secured 1st position in the Teacher Course of RIE Chandigarh Post Graduate Certificate in Teaching of English (PGCTE).

I feel I was a teacher right from when I was in class 3rd because I used to teach children who are younger to me. After finishing all my courses, I did my teacher training in Govt. Boys Middle school Sora in Srinagar for 15 days and it was a day which boosts my morale because the students loved my way of teaching and expressed their willingness to learn from me more. The positive response of the students and officials from Kashmir University regarding my teaching skills and methods is something which kept me going on. In 2011, I got selected for teacher and along with it I got an opportunity in J&K Bank. I chose to be teacher because it was something I love to do. Many called me fool over choosing teacher because the salary and future growth was more in J&K bank. I did what I wanted to be without any second thought and presently, I am teaching English and Environmental Studies at Middle School Karith.

I believe in the philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore. He said, "A teacher can never truly teach unless he is still learning himself." After school, I do analyze myself and try to figure out whether I did good work today or not and before class I do prepare the chapter. Hardwork is the key to success, which I truly believe because I did my work with sincerity and dedication and today when I am being awarded with such prestigious award I feel that I was on a right path and also gives me strength to do more better.



**Q. You believe in creating a joyful learning environment. Share us about different innovative methods and techniques adopted.**

I tried to localize what I learned in B.Ed and M.Ed because many of the ideas, techniques and methods cannot be replicated in Ladakh as it is. And in Central Teacher Eligibility Test (C-TET) there is a portion on child psychology which I try to implement in my teaching career. I teach and take steps according to child's psychology. For e.g. September – October month is wedding season and children specially girl students after attending marriages have those wedding songs in their mind. Thus, I try to read the English poems and prose in same tunes and this is how they learn with fun. Another method is Clapping while learning which I introduced after seeing the children chanting "Mumbai may ek tha school, likhna padhna bay Fuzool" thus understanding the child psychology, I used the same rhythm for teaching English Phonetics, Grammar and Vocabularies. To improve reading skill, in my classroom there is a podium where my student stand and read. I record the video while they are reading because when a child reads, it is only the one who listens observes what he/ she is reading but the one who is reading cannot analyze themselves. Thus, I show the video later in classroom and the child evaluates himself or herself and tries to improve more better. Also in Kargil I observed that children we have poor listening skill thus to improve listening skill I am working on making an audio system class also. Teaching via Slogan Technique, Language Games, Enjoying English Speaking, Enjoying EVS, Teaching in Open Air, Proper Utilization of Digital Equipments, Organising Reading Competitions, Writing via Cursive Mode, Story Role Playing, COVID 19 Whatsapp Classroom, Offline Notes, and Online Assessments are other techniques adopted.

All these methods help the students to learn more effectively and efficiently. I believe in making students free from all kinds of stress, mental pressure and punishments and create a joyful learning and teaching environment.

**Q. You have published many research papers in different national and international journals including the journal of the Ministry of Education/ NCERT. Share us about the papers.**

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### MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“Unity of Leh and Kargil is must for development, peace and harmony. We need to respect, understand and stand for each other to preserve our unique identity, culture and languages.”

## Fortnight Highlights



Member of Parliament, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal addressing the gathering during mega blood donation drive 'Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav' at SNM Hospital Leh.



Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (LAACL), Leh and Shia Muslim Co-ordination Committee, Auqaf Sub Committee Chuchot Yokma organised a District-level multi-lingual Hussaini Mushaira at Chuchot Yokma.



Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur met Minister for Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi and discussed road/tunnel development projects in Ladakh.



Guests and awardees during the felicitation ceremony of the Kargil Gaurav Award.



Ladakh Pollution Control Committee conducted a one-day training cum workshop for the officials of Traffic Police Leh, Municipal Committee Leh, and Revenue Department Leh. Member Secretary, Ladakh Pollution Control Committee distributed 8 Noise Level Meters (NLM) to Traffic Police Leh, 1 each to Municipal Committee, Leh and Revenue Department, Leh.



**NOTICE**



I, Tsewang Palchen S/o Tsering Gurmet & Gara Tsering R/o Korzok District Leh, UT Ladakh has lost my class 10th pass certificate duly issued by J & K State Board of School Education Leh through Druk Padma Karpo School Leh, under **Roll 8104150 and Registration No. N16500510025 with Session Annual 2017**. Now I have to apply for issuance of duplicate pass certificate. Objection if any may be sent to the J & K State Board of School Education Jammu/Leh within 7 days from date of publication of this notice.

**NOTICE**



I, Tsewang Palchen S/o Tsering Gurmet & Gara Tsering R/o Korzok District Leh, UT Ladakh lost my class 12th Pass Certificate duly issued by Central Board of Secondary Education through Lamdon Higher Secondary School Leh under **Roll 13700668 & Registration No. C220/04446/0170 with Session Annual 2020**. Now I have to apply for issuance of duplicate Pass Certificate. Objection if any may be sent to the CBSE Regional Office, Sector 5 Panchkula-134152 (**Haryana**) within 7 days from date of publication of this notice.

**CHANGE OF NAME**



Whereas Sunita Tamang D/o Prasad Tamang & Primaya Tamang R/o Kispang Rural Municipality Ward no 2, Nuwakit District Bagmati Province A/p Tingmosgang of Leh District, UT Ladakh had claimed that her father name is wrongly

been recorded as Parsad Lama instead of Prasad Tamang as well as her mother's name is also wrongly recorded as Permila Maya Tamang instead of Parimaya Tamang in her 10th Pass Certificate duly issued by J&K State Board of School Education Srinagar/Leh through Government Higher Secondary School Tingmosgang, Leh under Registration No. 1750010000370006 with Roll No. 8109102 & Session Annual 2019. Similarly she also applying for the same above her parents name correction in her 12th Pass Certificate duly issued by J&K State Board of School Education Srinagar/Leh through Government Higher Secondary School Tingmosgang, Leh under Roll No. 38102713 with Session Annual 2021. Now I am apply for correction in my Pass Certificates. Objection if any may be sent to the J & K State Board of School Education Srinagar/Leh within 7 days from date of publication of this notice.

**CHANGE OF NAME**



Whereas Manju Tamang D/o Prasad Tamang & Primaya Tamang R/o Kispang Rural Municipality Ward no 2, Nuwakit District Bagmati Province A/p Tingmosgang of Leh District, UT Ladakh had claimed that her father name is wrongly

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**TENDER NOTICE**

**Tender Notice for Udchalo E-Ticket Counter in FFSC, HQ Leh Sub Area**

1. Tender/Quotation are invited from Prospective bidders for allotment of Udchalo E-Ticket Counter in Fire & Fury Shopping Complex, HQ Leh Sub Area based on priority as decided by IHQ of MOD (Army) and rebate offered.
2. Detailed terms and conditions to be obtained from HQ Leh Sub Area (Mobile No- 7846966351), before submission of tender/quotation.
3. Interested bidders may submit Quotation on their letter head by 1700 hrs on 15 Oct 2022 along with bank guarantees/Bank Draft/Postal Order of Rs 5000/- which is refundable.

**Travel and Tourism Management Dept of EJM College celebrates World Tourism Day**



**Reach Ladakh Correspondent**

LEH: Department of Travel and Tourism Management of EJM College, Leh organised an industry-institute interface on the event of World Tourism Day 2022 under the theme 'Rethinking Tourism' at EJM College, Leh on 27 September.

Guest speaker, Former President of All Ladakh Tour Operators Association (ALTOA), Senior Tour Operator, and Managing

Director of Himalayan Crossroads Tsetan Angchuk discussed the steps to make Ladakh a sustainable tourism destination.

Vice President, All Ladakh Tour Operators Association (ALTOA), Senior Women Tour Operator, and Co-founder of Royal Explorers, Lobzang Tsendol highlighted the works of ALTOA towards the betterment of tourism in Ladakh and its plans.

Similarly, Vice President, All La-

dakh Hotel and Guest House Association (ALGHA), a budding entrepreneur and founder of sustainable boutique resort Dolkhar and Tsas, Rigzin Lachic discussed sustainable tourism as the need of the hour for Ladakh. She also motivated students to pursue entrepreneurship and contribute to the sustainable development of Ladakh.

Earlier, Principal EJM College, Dr. Samina Iqbal also spoke about the importance of celebrating this day.

**NOTICE**

An application has been received from Tashi Dorjay S/o Late Ishey Tashi R/o Maneyselding Yokma, Leh Ladakh who is the son of deceased Ishey Tashi proprietor of M/s Wind Castle Guest House situated at Maneyselding Leh UT Ladakh. Now Tashi Dorjay wants to change the registration of M/s Wind Castle Guest House in his name. Any objection in this regard may file their report in writing within 14 days from date of publication in this notice to Assistant Tourism Department Leh.

**NOTICE**

**No 9925766Y Rank Hav Nawang Paldan Unit 1 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56APO** has claimed that his son namely **Rigzen Chosphal** has been wrongly entered as **Rigzen Chasphal** instead of **Rigzen Chosphal** in the Army record of, **Unit 1st Ladakh Scouts C/o 56APO** and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary public Leh with Certificate No. IN-LA03828878712386U to this office for making necessary correction. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office, **Unit 1st Ladakh Scouts C/o 56APO** within 7 days from date of publication failing which necessary correction will be made.

**NOTICE**

**No 9925357L Hav Stanzin Sonam Unit 2 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56APO** has claimed that his wife namely **Rigzin Chosdon** has been wrongly entered as **Rigzin Chorol** instead of **Rigzin Chosdon** in the Army record of, **Unit 2nd Ladakh Scouts C/o 56APO** and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary public Leh with Certificate No. IN-LA03768582593564U to this office for making necessary correction. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office, **Unit 2nd Ladakh Scouts C/o 56APO** within 7 days from date of publication failing which necessary correction will be made.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH  
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR EXCISE RANGE LEH-KARGIL

**Public Notice**

It is for information of the general public of the locality of Tegar Nubra, Leh-Ladakh, that Mr. Tsultim Gyatso, Proprietor of Lehang-nang Retreat Hotel, Tegar village, Nubra has applied for liquor license i.e Retail vend of foreign liquor in hotel (LAEL-3) at Lehang-nang Retreat Hotel, Tegar village, Nubra, Leh-Ladakh.

Objection, if any may be filed in the office of Excise & Taxation Officer, Excise Range Leh-Kargil within a period of sixty days from the publication of this notice.

No objections shall be entertained after the expiry period of this Notice.

Inspector  
Excise Range Leh-Kargil

Dated: 17.09.2022  
No: ET/ER/LK/2022-23/37

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH  
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR EXCISE RANGE LEH-KARGIL

**Public Notice**

It is for information of the general public of the locality of Shenam village, Leh, that Mr. Tsewang Yangjor S/o Sonam Wangchuk, Shenam, Leh has applied for liquor license i.e Retail vend of foreign liquor in hotel (LAEL-3) at Hotel Padma Ladakh, Shenam, Leh-Ladakh.

Objection, if any may be filed in the office of Excise & Taxation Officer, Excise Range Leh-Kargil within a period of sixty days from the publication of this notice.

No objections shall be entertained after the expiry period of this Notice.

Inspector  
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