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World Pneumonia Day: Health department launches SAANS campaign in Leh

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LEH: On the occasion of World Pneumonia Day, Social Awareness and Actions to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully (SAANS) campaign was launched in the Leh district on November 12.

The campaign was launched by Director Health Services, UT Ladakh, Dr. Motup Dorje.

A one-day orientation programme on SAANS was also organised by the Health Department, Leh for the medical fraternity attended by the Medical Officers and Block Medical Officers of the district.

Chief Medical Officer, Leh, Dr. Nurzin Angmo; District Immunization Officer, Leh; Dr. Diskit Dolma; District Tuberculosis Officer, Leh, Dr. Iqbal Ahmed; Nodal Officer, SAANS program/ Paediatrician, Dr. Tsering Norphel; State Consultant, RCH and NCD, Dr. Rinchen Angmo were present on the occasion.

Director Health Services, Dr. Motup Dorje added that the SAANS campaign is launched at an apt time as pneumonia cases are mostly detected in the winter months and stressed that timely referral of pneumonia cases, especially in children, plays an important role in effectively curbing pneumonia and consequent deaths.

He added that after the orientation programme the MOs and BMOs



Director Health Services, UT Ladakh, Dr. Motup Dorje addressing during the launch of the SAANS campaign.

should impart training to Community Health Officers, ASHAs, ANMs, and pharmacists as well to ensure that the SAANS campaign is implemented effectively and the targeted goals are achieved timely.

Informing that the under-five mortality rate of UT Ladakh is better compared to the national average and that there was no death reported due to pneumonia in children in the last year, Dr. Motup urged all the stakeholders to strive harder to further reduce the infant mortality rate in the region.

Highlighting the need to neutralize pneumonia, Chief Medical Officer, Leh, Dr. Norzin Angmo, shared that childhood pneumonia results in 16.2% of deaths in children under five years. She stressed the need for capacity-building workshops/ training, a pro-active action plan, digital and mass media awareness, supervision, and monitoring to successfully implement the SAANS campaign.

Moderating the SAANS orientation programme, Nodal Officer,

SAANS campaign, Dr. Tsering Norphel, gave a detailed presentation on Childhood pneumonia, its causes, symptoms, protection, prevent and treatment (PPT) strategy, management, and IEC activities.

Earlier, State Consultant, NDC RCH, Dr. Rinchen Angmo briefed about the aims, objectives, and guidelines of the SAANS campaign.

SAANS Initiative was launched on November 2019 to accelerate action to reduce deaths due to Childhood Pneumonia. SAANS Campaign is rolled out in the States/ UTs every year to accelerate action against Childhood Pneumonia by generating awareness on protecting, preventing, and treatment of Childhood Pneumonia and to enhance early identification and care-seeking behaviour among parents and caregivers. Under SAANS, the government is targeting a reduction in pneumonia-caused deaths by 2025 to less than 3 deaths out of 1000 live births.

Two-day annual monastic festival, 'Thiksey Gustor', celebrated



Stanzin Dasal

THIKSEY: Two days annual Thiksey Gustor, a monastic religious festival was held on November 11 and 12 at Thiksay monastery.

The day started with the grand religious ceremony attended by the monks of the monastery and hundreds of devotees. Gustor aims to clear away all the sickness, suffering, bad luck, and obstacles of the past year along with prayers and blessing for the coming years.

Mask dances (Chhams) were performed by the monks of the monastery. The two-day cele-

bration ends with the ritualistic dispersal of the storma or the sacrificial cake by the leader of the Black Hat dancers, which symbolize the destruction of all forms of evil.

CEC, Hill Council, Leh Advocate Tashi Gyalson, Executive Councillor, Ghulam Mehdi, Vice President LBA, Chering Dorje Lakrook, and many other dignitaries were present.

Thiskey Gonpa belongs to the Gelukspa order. The Gonpa was first built at Stakmo by Sherab Zangpo. Later the nephew of Sherab Zangpo, Paldan Sherab, founded the Thiskey Gonpa

on a hilltop to the north of Indus River. The Thiskey festival (Thiskey Gustor) is held in October- November. Dukhang Karmo is a huge long assembly hall, which consists of the image of Shakyamuni and Maitreya Buddha statues. Chamkhang at the top near the courtyard contains the three-storey Maitreya Buddha's statue, constructed in recent years. Dukhang at the top consists of thousand-armed Avalokitesvara, Shakyamuni Buddha, and Bodhisattvas, Gongkhang contains the statues of Vajra Bhairava, Mahakala & Dharmakaya, the goddess Paldan Lhamo and Cham-sring.

Hill Council, Leh, passes resolution for constitutional safeguard



During the special session of the General Council Meeting of LAHDC Leh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A special session of the General Council Meeting of LAHDC Leh was held under the chairmanship of the Chairman/CEC, Adv. Tashi Gyalson on November 9.

Two resolutions moved in the house. The first resolution was moved by Executive Councillor for Agriculture, Stanzin Chosphele stating the need for a Constitutional safeguard for Ladakh under a suitable provision of the Indian Constitution as per the aspiration of the people of Ladakh. While the second resolution was moved by Councillor Lower Leh/Leader of the Opposition, Tsering Namgyal seeking Constitutional Safeguard on the lines of the 6th Schedule of the Indian Constitution.

During the question hours, all the elected representatives of the Hill Council, Leh debated on the two agendas discussing the advantages as well as the drawbacks of the resolution moved.

After a detailed discussion, the house passed the resolution moved by Executive Councillor, Stanzin Chosphele thus seeking the Central Government's intervention in fulfilling the aspiration of the people of Ladakh with the need for having safeguard for the protection of land, employment, socio-economy, culture, environment, and trade.

CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Tashi Gyalson appreciated the active participation of all the Councillors during the day-long session. He mentioned that every member of the house has shown their

concern on the need for having a proper safeguard protecting the interest of the people of Ladakh in every sector, and further hoped that the Union Government under the able leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and Home Minister, Amit Shah would take a major decision in the interest of the people of Ladakh in this regard

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chairman, Tsering Angchuk; EC RDD, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee; EC Minority Affairs, Ghulam Mehdi; EC Agriculture, Stanzin Chosphele; DC/CEO LAHDC Leh, Shrikant Balasheb Suse; Leader of Opposition, Tsering Namgyal, and the Councillors representing different constituencies of LAHDC Leh including Nominated Councillors.

General Council meeting held in Leh

Reviews achievements under Capex Budget for 2022-23



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LEH: Physical and financial progress of works under the District Capex Budget for the financial year 2022-23, LAHDC Leh was reviewed during the General Council Meeting under the Chairmanship of the Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson on November 5.

The house discussed and reviewed the updates and progress of the budget allocated to departments, including the Public Works Department, Rural Development Department, PHE, I & FC, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal & Sheep Husbandry, Wildlife, Tourism, Education, Employment, Power, Health, Cooperative, Information, ITI, CAPD, Culture, NFB, Labour Welfare department, Industries, etc.

All the Councillors of LAHDC

Leh sought answers to their queries during the question hour to the concerned district officers with the remarks from the Executive Councillors holding different portfolios.

Taking note of issues and queries, the concerned Executive Councillors assured to address the issues on a priority basis.

Taking serious note of the major setbacks, CEC Tashi Gyalson directed the concerned executing agencies of the PWD and RDD to strictly monitor the project works carried out by the contractors and initiate strict actions against the defaulting contractors.

During the session, special appreciation was also accorded to the School Education, Higher Education departments, and various other departments for their achievements and growth.

Dy Chairman/EC Education mentioned the recent National Science Seminar winner, Disket Angmo of GHSS Saspol, and the efforts of her supporters at the school and within the department. Also, the house appreciated the Principal, staff, and students of GDC Khaltse and GDC Nubra for their excellent performances in various sectors thus, laying a good foundation for the newly set-up colleges in the Leh district.

CEC Tashi Gyalson, in his concluding note, extended his gratitude to all the Councillors for their active participation during the day-long General Council Meeting. He thanked all the district officers led by DC/CEO LAHDC Leh, Shrikant Suse, for actively participating in the discussion and reviewing the status of work progress during the General Council Meeting.

Ladakh administration reviews amendment to LCCIR Rules 2020 for quick 5G rollout



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A meeting of the 5G working committee was held under the chairmanship of Advisor Umang Narula at the Civil Secretariat, Leh on November 11.

The meeting reviewed and discussed the amendments to the Ladakh Communication Connectivity Infrastructure Rules, 2020 (LCCIR), and Right of Way Policy, Ladakh, a move that will accelerate the upgradation and expansion of telecom networks and speed up the roll-out of 5G services in Ladakh.

In the meeting, it was informed that the LCCIR-20 lays down guidelines for the implementation of over-ground (Mobile Towers, Cells on Wheels, etc.) & underground (Optical Fiber Cable) infrastructure establishment in the Union Territory.

Advisor Narula noted that the amendments would pave the way for the deployment of 5G services in the Union Territory.

Principal Secretary, Information Technology Department, Sanjeev Khirwar gave a comprehensive presentation to the participants on the proposed

amendments to the LCCIR, 2020. He stated that these rules were made to introduce transparency and to ease out the entire process of applying for approval, installation, and maintenance of telecom infrastructure across the Union Territory in a time-bound manner to ensure quality telecom service in Ladakh. He shared that no charges would be levied for the mobilization of small cells and telegraph lines using street furniture.

Further, he informed that the LCCIR-20 will also be integrated with the central Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal.

The meeting was also attended by the Principal Secretary, Planning and Revenue Department; Commissioner/Secretary, Rural Development Department; DDG (Rural), Chief Engineer, PWD, Telecom Enforcement & Resource Monitoring Cell, J&K; General Manager BSNL, Ladakh, and officials of the IT Department, Ladakh.

National Commission of Minority member meets Sowa-Rigpa practitioners of Ladakh



Rinchen Lhamo, Member of the National Commission of Minority convening a meeting with Sowa-Rigpa practitioners of Ladakh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Rinchen Lhamo, Member of the National Commission of Minority convened a meeting with Sowa-Rigpa practitioners of Ladakh regarding the preservation and promotion of Sowa-Rigpa at the National Institute of Sowa Rigpa (NISR), Leh on November 5.

Dr. Padma Gurmet, Director, NISR Leh; staff members and students of NISR, Leh; Executive members of Ladakh Amchi Sabha and Amchi representatives from all-over Ladakh and Sowa-Rigpa Institutions participated in the meeting.

Dr. Padma Gurmet, Amchi Smanla Norboo, Dr. Tashi Stobgais, and Dr. Rigzin Smanla, and students' representatives briefed about the status of Sowa-Rigpa in Ladakh and the challenges faced by the Amchis. Several demands regarding the development of the Sowa-Rigpa system, hot spring therapy, and medicinal plants sector in Ladakh were raised by the Amchis.

Rinchen Lhamo thanked the Amchis for their selfless services to the ailing population of Ladakh for centuries and highlighted the importance of the preservation and promotion of Sowa-Rigpa. She said that Sowa-Rigpa

is one of the major components of Himalayan Buddhist culture and the National Commission for Minority will extend its full support for the development of Sowa-Rigpa in India.

She assured to take up all the demands of Sowa-Rigpa practitioners with the UT Administration of Ladakh and Central Government.

Later, Rinchen Lhamo visited the new construction site of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa at Sabu Thang and appreciated the progress of infrastructure development and establishment of the institute.

Two-day training on DigiLab solutions concludes

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Hill Council, Leh adopted the DigiLab solution under Digital Learning Scheme and sets up DigiLab in 27 Govt. schools of Leh district covering all constituencies on November 7.

To ensure effective usage, Head Master & Teachers of the 27 schools completed two-day training on the DigiLab Solution and its operation.

Tsering Angchuk, Dy Chairman, LAHDC, Leh congratulated all the participating Headmasters & teachers on completing the two-day training. He also applauded the teachers on Ladakh's improvement in the Performance Grading Index and stressed that the effective implementation of the DigiLab solution in schools will further help improve Ladakh's grading.

The two-day training on the DigiLab Solution and its operation was supported by the Education Department, UT Ladakh & So-



lar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), and implemented by 17000 ft Foundation, a nonprofit organization working to improve access and quality of education in the remotest villages of the Indian Himalayan Region.

The DigiLab is a solution created by the 17000 ft Foundation specifically for Ladakh, which brings the power of digital technology to improve learning, even in areas that are remote, inaccessible, and truly off-grid. The DigiLab Project assumes neither the presence of uninterrupted electricity, mobile connectivity nor existing infrastructure,

and brings together all required components in an offline, but connected system, delivering customized and personalized content through the local internet to students, while also enabling the teachers and administrators to assess and monitor performance periodically through the last mile connectivity app. The DigiLab has been set up in nearly 200 Govt. schools of Ladakh and aids the teacher's traditional face-to-face delivery through highly visual and interactive content and provides an individualized learning platform for each student.

208 cases settled in National Lok Adalat, Kargil



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: 208 cases were disposed of during the 4th National Lok Adalat organised by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Kargil on November 12.

In the Lok Adalat, five benches

were constituted under Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Kargil Iqbal Ahmad Masudi. Different kinds of cases including pending in the Courts like Criminal Compoundable Matters, cases u/s 138 NI Act. MACT cases, Bank recovery

cases, Matrimonial disputes, and other civil cases, etc were heard.

A total number of 222 cases were referred to the National Lok Adalat out of which 208 cases were disposed of and an amount of ₹1,10,000 was recovered as a settlement amount and an amount of ₹91,500 was recovered as a fine.

The first bench was presided over by Iqbal Ahmad Masudi Ld. Charmin DLSA/PDSJ Kargil, the second and third bench was presided over by Moneer Ahmad Mir Ld. Munsiff/ JMIC Sankoo. The fourth bench was presided over by Daldan Angmoo Ld. Munsiff Drass and fifth bench presided over by Assistant Commissioner Revenue Kargil Abdul Gaffar Zargar.

DIET, Leh, organises 'Teaching Learning Material' Mela 2022

Middle School Karith secured 1st position



Dignitaries inspecting the stalls displaying the various innovative and informative teaching-learning materials (TLM).

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The UT level Teaching Learning Material (TLM) Mela 2022 was organised by the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Leh at Eco-Cultural Park, Main Market on November 10.

The day-long event was inaugurated by Principal Secretary, School Education, UT Ladakh, Sanjeev Khirwar.

The district-level TLM events were held in both districts earlier and ten participants from Leh and Kargil each were selected to participate and showcase their TLM at the UT-level function.

Dy Chairman, Hill Council, Leh, Tsering Angchuk congratulated the whole teaching fraternity for

the remarkable achievement by UT Ladakh in the Performance Grading Index recently released by the Ministry of Education. He added that Ladakh saw major infrastructural development in all the govt schools in the post-UT years. He also lauded the round-the-year activities at DIET Leh/ Kargil, such as capacity-building workshops, subject-specific training, and digital learning.

He stressed that school education could be carried forward on par with the global level, and the recent achievement shows the potential to achieve greater heights.

In the UT level TLM Mela 2022, Middle School Karith, Kargil secured 1st position, Middle School Leh secured 2nd position

and Middle School Khardoon Chiktan secured 3rd position.

On the occasion, a book titled 'Vidya Pravesh' prepared as a guideline for a three month play-based School Preparation Module for Grade-1 was also launched.

Earlier, the guests inspected the stalls displaying the various innovative and informative teaching-learning materials (TLM) of the participating schools from both the Leh and Kargil districts.

Director, School Education, Dr Safdar Ali; Chief Education Officer, Leh; Dy Chief Education Officer, Leh; Principal, DIET Leh; participating teachers from various schools of both Leh and Kargil districts among others were also present.

Ladakh Literary meet, 2022, held in Leh

Emphasises learning local language, understand folk songs and literature



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Ladakh Literary Meet 2022 was organised by Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture and Language (LAACL) on November 7.

Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur virtually attended the meet. Four books- Shiraza and Shesrik Melong, the publications of LAACL Leh- were released during the event.

Chairman, LAHDC Kargil, Feroz Ahmed Khan; Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk; Secretary, Tourism and Culture, Mehboob Ali Khan; scholars and literary figures from Leh, Kargil and officials from LAACL Leh and Kargil were present in the event.

LG Mathur stated that unlike the general impression of people from outside Ladakh as a remote area, this trans-Himalayan region has a very old and strong culture and identity. He also stated that the UT Administration and the

Hill Councils will facilitate a literary meet with scholars and literary figures from other parts of the country so that the literary figures from Ladakh could interact with them and the others would also know about the rich history and culture of the region. He further stated that some of the petroglyphs found in Ladakh are more than 10,000 years old which shows Ladakh's rich and old culture.

He stated that Ladakhi is a rich language and shared the efforts being made to prepare a Ladakhi dictionary of around 25,000 words, compile around 4,500 articles and enumerate more than 1,000 folk songs of Ladakh. Stressing the need for the protection of the Ladakhi language, he stated that society has a crucial role to play in this regard. He also stated that UT Administration, both the Hill Councils and Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) would make efforts to

raise awareness about Ladakhi literature and culture among young students in schools and colleges along with putting up books in local languages in the district libraries.

LG Mathur stated that the literary figures in Ladakh have an important role to play in charting the course of society to connect the young generation with the Ladakhi culture and literature. He stressed the need to outreach in schools and colleges. He stressed the need for the youth to have a strong base so that they are not affected by social media culture and language. He emphasised the need for the youth to have faith in their identity, culture and rich heritage as it would enable in promoting a strong society.

LG Mathur also emphasised the need for young students to learn the local language, understand the rich folk songs, literature and be proud of their own heritage.

Chairman, LAHDC Kargil, Feroz Ahmed Khan thanked the Administration for providing a single platform for all the literary figures from Ladakh to meet and exchange their cultures. He requested that such a meet may be organised so that the literary figures from all parts of the country would assemble and share their different cultures with each other. He shared the initiatives be-

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Meeting on implementation of NGT orders on Waste Management and other environmental issues held

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The 2nd UT Level Apex Committee meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Advisor, Ladakh Umang Narula to oversee the implementation of National Green Tribunal (NGT) orders on Waste Management and other environmental issues in the Union Territory on November 9.

The concerned officials presented the action taken report on the decisions taken during the 1st UT Level Apex Committee meeting.

Member Secretary, Ladakh Pollution Control Board (LPCC), Sajad Hussain Mufti apprised the Advisor of the progress made in compliance with National Green Tribunal (NGT) orders and other environmental matters viz. status of installation of Online Continuous Emission Monitoring System for Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at Agling and preparation of Environment Management Plan (EMP) for grant of consent to operate; status of 'Silence Zone' under provisions of Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 and as per the provisions of approved Action Plan for controlling Noise Pollution; status of survey and auction of E-waste in public offices as per E-Waste Management Rules, 2016, among others.

It was informed in the meeting that the Urban and Rural Devel-



opment Department has so far identified 05 villages for Model Compliant Towns/Villages and one more will be identified soon as per O.A No 606/2018. Concerning the procurement of handheld noise level meters in compliance with NGT directions, it was informed that 15 units of Noise Level Meters have been procured by the LPCC. Also, the personnel from Traffic Police, Municipal Committees, and Revenue Department have imparted training regarding the operation and handling of Noise Level Meters.

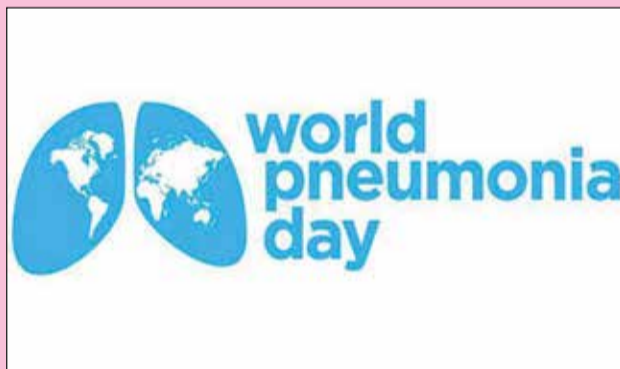
Taking stock of the progress of work, Advisor Narula directed the concerned officials to ensure the completion of work within the stipulated time frame. Detailed discussions also took place on the disposal of legacy waste so that valuable land can be reclaimed and put to better use.

The meeting was attended by the Principal Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment/Health, Ladakh; Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, Ladakh; Additional Director General of Police, Ladakh; Commissioner Secretary, Public Works Department, Ladakh; Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department, Ladakh; Commissioner Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Ladakh; Administrative Secretary, Power Development Department, Ladakh; Administrative Secretary, Tourism Department, Ladakh; Secretary, Law Department, Ladakh; Director, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Ladakh; Director, Industries and Commerce Department, Ladakh; Director, Urban Local Bodies, Ladakh; Director, Health Services, Ladakh and other concerned officials.



World Pneumonia Day

World Pneumonia Day is observed every year on November 12 to raise awareness about the disease. Pneumonia is an acute respiratory infection commonly caused by virus or bacteria is the single biggest infectious killer of adults and children claiming the lives of 2.5 million, including 6,72,000 children in 2019. The surge in Covid pneumonia cases in the recent times are expected to add significantly to the total number of deaths due to pneumonia. The situation in children is no different where it continues to be the leading cause of mortality worldwide with India accounting for 20% of those deaths and having a higher burden of childhood pneumonia than any other country.



The Global Coalition against Child Pneumonia observed the first World Pneumonia Day in 2009. Their aim was to bring the facts of the severity of pneumonia to public knowledge and to join hands to bring global attention to the neglected condition of pneumonia. The Day was observed with the general motto "Healthy Lungs for All", and this has been maintained since the first World Pneumonia Day in 2009.

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SoulSpeak

P.P. Wangchuk

The good and the bad death



Nobody wants to die. That is because of one's fear, ignorance or delusion. And yet nobody can live forever. My point is to let ourselves be conscious of the possibility of death any moment, any day. After all, death does not come by natural phenomenon alone; it can happen because of a sudden accident as well. As such, the uncertainty remains forever until the very moment of death. Therefore, the right thing to do is not to avoid the idea of death but to keep it in mind during our conscious moments.

There will be many plus points if one takes the idea of 'sure death' to one's mind as a constant reminder. First: It will force you to be good to yourself as well others. Two, it will, because of the good deeds you have done with the first idea, make you feel good. That, in return, will give you the feeling that death is not at all a bad and fearsome idea.

And, there is yet another point. By following the above-mentioned points, you can very easily be in a position to 'earn for yourself' the best kind of death despite so many 'dragging issues' that could be the creation of your own mind. The point here is to understand that once you are in a position to grapple with the issues of 'death-fear', you would be in a much better position in handling the very idea of the surety of death.

I am saying all this because there could be a 'good death' as well as a 'bad death', in the sense that in the first case one does not bother much about the idea of death. But in the second case, the person keeps on bothering and torturing himself, with no positive action to minimise the fear of death.

So, bear in mind that death can be one of your own choosing, a good one or a bad one! And you can put yourself to work on it right away. Here we go...

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DID YOU KNOW



Alfred Nobel

- In 1922, Albert Einstein was named the winner of the 1921 Nobel Prize for Physics for his explanation of the photoelectric effect on this day. Though the Nobel committee had delayed awarding the 1921 physics prize until 1922..
- In 1923, Alice Coachman became the first African American woman to win an Olympic gold medal in 1948.
- Alfred Nobel was a famous scientist, inventor, businessman, and founder of Nobel Prizes. He invented dynamite and other more powerful explosives.

- It took Leo Tolstoy six years to finish his novel War and Peace.
- It takes a sloth two to four weeks to digest food. They actually have the slowest metabolic system of any mammal.
- Nutmeg can be hallucinogenic if consumed in large quantities. You would have to eat at least two teaspoons or more to feel any effects, though.
- Dolphins literally sleep with one eye open because only one of their brain hemispheres sleeps at a time. The left eye closes when the right half of the brain sleeps, and vice versa.

In Conversation with Spalzes Dolma, UPSC EPFO Enforcement officer

Interviewed by Stanzin Dasal

Q: Brief us about yourself.

My father is a retired Senior technician in Prasar Bharti and my mother is a housewife. We are three sisters, the elder one is a KAS officer 2011 batch presently working as a Deputy Secretary in Ladakh Secretariat and my younger sister is pursuing MA in Economics. I have done my schooling at Ladakh Public school and Rosary School Delhi and graduated with B.Tech CSE from IP University, Delhi. From 2014 to 2019, I was preparing for KAS and UPSC civil service examinations and unfortunately couldn't able to clear them. In 2020, UPSC released notification for EPFO Enforcement Officer Exam and finally I cleared the examination.

Q. You have secured AIR 284 Rank in the UPSC EPFO Enforcement officer examination. Tell us about your exam preparation strategy, and daily routine while preparing for UPSC.

The syllabus of this exam is very vast and it overlaps with the GS portion of civil service. In addition, Labour Laws, Industrial Relations, and General Accounting Principles forms are the core of this exam. In total, we have to prepare 11 subjects. So along with making my GS portion stronger I have to invest a lot of time in understanding the 3 core subjects mentioned above. I always believe in self-study, so began with random YouTube channels and searching various websites, I used to prepare notes.

The 4 new labour codes have made the syllabus even vast as we have to prepare both i.e 29 old labour laws which are now amalgamated in these 4 labour codes.

Q. Tell us about your job, and what role it plays.

EPFO, the statutory organization under M/o Labour & Employment is one of the world's largest Social Security Organizations in terms of clientele and the volume of financial transactions undertaken. As EPFO operates 3 schemes namely EPF Scheme 1952, Pension Scheme 1995(EPS), and Insurance scheme 1976(EDLI). Enforcement officers are the ears and eyes of this organization. The Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provision Act 1952 now extends to the whole of India (after Article 370 abrogation JK PF Act now merged with the EPFO Act 1952 of the central govt.)

As Enforcement Officer we have to enforce the laws of the EPFO Act 1952 in assigned territory and ensures that none of the act is violated



or left unimplemented. Furthermore, EO will ensure establishments in the territory deposits PF regularly. We have to exercise the powers allocated under this Act like seize and seizure powers, Power to inspect, settlement of insurance claims, and pensions. To work as a Public Relation Officer thereby redressing the grievances and assisting the Recovery Officer in the matter of realization of arrears etc.

Q. What is your message to the students from a rural background, who wants to achieve big in life?

We must have a dream; push every hurdle that is stopping us from realizing it. Believe in yourself, and have faith in your abilities, without humble but reasonable confidence in your power.

Regarding less access to education or facility in rural areas, much can be solved now because of various technological advancements. Bridging the rural-urban digital divide, the fruits of DIGITAL INDIA MISSION seem to be reaping in terms of more access to online education, MooC Platforms, E -Pathshalas, broadband, DTH channels, etc. Focus more on outcome learning, and vocational and technical education. Take more advantage of the Skill India mission, STARTUP India mission.

If you have the determination and good guidance along with a focused approach, no one can stop you from achieving your dream.

Q. What are your focus area and plans?

I have always aspired to be an administrator, and this job is providing me an opportunity to serve the less privileged, downtrodden, and weaker sections of society. So my focus is right now to work with dedication and commitment as working for their betterment gives me ultimate happiness.

Regarding plans, I will try to achieve higher aims, and in whatever domain I would be in, I will work selflessly and sincerely.

Q. We have come across a saying that cracking UPSC by Ladakhi students is very difficult. Do you believe in it? What are the changes needed?

Cracking UPSC is considered the toughest exam, but I think it would be an injustice to the sheer hardwork if we categorize it, es-

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MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“The most important change needed is the perception of our Ladakhi students, in fact Ladakhi is excelling in every field. Yes UPSC is tough but not impossible. Keep a backup, believe in yourself, and set your goals high.”

Fortnight Highlights



Commemorating National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas), Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmad Khan flagged off Run for Unity from Khree Sultan Cho Sports Stadium, Biamathang Kargil.



Two-week training-cum-orientation program for newly appointed employees of Kargil was held at Conference Hall Baroo, Kargil. The training was conducted by District Administration in collaboration with the Institute of Secretariat Training & Management (ISTM), New Delhi.



Joint Director Information, Ladakh/Programme Officer, ICDS Kargil, Imteez Kacho, visited various Anganwadi centres of Sankoo Project and took an assessment of services and facilities being provided through the Anganwadi Centres to the beneficiaries.



4-day Residential Training programme of Community Level (L-3) on Jal Jeevan Mission was organised by the Quality Council of India in Leh. The community level (L-3) stakeholders include the Panchayati Raj Institutions members such as Sarpanches, Panches, and Panchayat Secretaries who are also the members of Village Water and Sanitation Committee (VWSC) or Panni Samitis formed exclusively under Jal Jeevan Mission.



The Union Territory Foundation Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervor at Auditorium Hall Kargil on October 31. Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmed on behalf of LAHDC Kargil congratulated the people of Kargil on the occasion of UT Foundation Day.

LAHDC Kargil allots 500 kanal land for SAI Centre Kargil



CEC, Kargil, distributing a sports kit amongst sportspersons of the SAI Centre Kargil.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Hill Council, Kargil allotted 500 Kanal of land to the Sports Authority of India for SAI Centre in Kargil and distributed a sports kit amongst sportspersons of the SAI Centre Kargil on November 10.

Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmad Khan said the Cen-

tre will act as the High Altitude training centre of SAI in India which will further help in boosting the talent of youth across UT Ladakh.

He said that after Ladakh became Union Territory, sports infrastructure is coming up at many locations, and in near future Kargil will have the best facilities available and for which

LAHDC Kargil has already initiated the process with the help of the UT Administration.

The CEC stressed for proper utilization of the facilities of SAI Centre Kargil. He urged the sports enthusiasts of SAI Kargil to give their 100 percent so that they can earn a name at the national and international levels.

In-charge DYSSO, Kargil, Mohd Yousuf; General Secretary, District Olympic Association, Kargil, Syed Mehraj-Ud-Din Shah; General Secretary, Ladakh Taekwondo Association, Anayat Ali; In-charge SAI Centre, Kargil, Ghulam Mustafa; Taekwondo Coach, Mohd Ali and Sajjad Hussain (BOB) who is volunteering as guest teacher for sportspersons of the SAI were present on the occasion.

Indian army organises veterinary camp in Koyul village



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KOYUL: Units of Uniform Force under the aegis of Fire and Fury Corps conducted a Veterinary Camp at Koyul village in coordination with civil administration under 'Op Sadbhavana' on November 10.

Koyul is a border village located at an altitude of nearly 13800 feet. The livelihood of the people

of the Koyul village is mainly dependent upon the rearing of livestock. However, the area is deprived of basic veterinary facilities. Considering the hardship faced by the villagers and to assist the community members the veterinary camp was conducted.

Veterinary medicine was distributed along with guidance to ensure better health of the livestock.

The Indian Army veterinary team carried out treatment of 32 goats, 17 cattle, and 15 dogs in the village. The aid provided included feed supplements, appetizers, dewormers, etc, and treatment of some common diseases such as Bovine viral disease, cutaneous infections, and wound dressing. The government veterinary doctor and community members of the village assisted the Indian Army team in the successful conduct of the veterinary camp and commended their efforts.

An awareness lecture on the prevention of the spread of contagious diseases and lumpy skin disease was also organised for the grazer community of the area.

First elective C-section performed at Community Health Center Sankoo

Mansoor Hosain Beigh

SANKOO: The first lower segment cesarean section (elective) operation was conducted successfully on November 7 at Community Health center (CHC) Sankoo.

The first elective cesarean section was performed by Dr. Nasreen Fatima Gynecologist/Obstetrician; Dr. Abass Ali, Consultant Anaesthetist; Dr. Amina Khatoon Anaesthetist; Dr. Ahmad Ali, Consultant Orthopaedician; Dr. Anwar Hussain, Consultant Paediatrician of District Hospital Kargil; Sajjad Ali Mir, Anesthesia Assistant DHK; Sayeeda Banoo, Senior OT Assistant of DHK; Altaf Hussain and Mohd Safi OT Assistant's of CHC Sankoo under supervision Block Medical officer, CHC Sankoo, Dr. Ghulam Hussain

It would be pertinent to mention here that the operation theatre at CHC Sankoo was made functional in the month of 1st July 2022

by Chairman Chief Executive Councillor LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmad on National Doctor's Day.

Mohd Hadi, patient attendant thanked all the team of doctors including Dr. Nasreen Fatima, Dr. Abass Ali, Dr. Amina Khatoon, Dr. Ahmad Ali, Dr. Anwar Hussain, Chief Medical officer Kargil Dr. Munawar Hussain, and BMO Sankoo Dr. Ghulam Hussain, and OT staff for successfully handling the case.

Dr Nasreen Fatima said that since the day of joining she felt the dire need for healthcare especially for women. She said that her first appointment was at District Hospital but she prefers to work at Sankoo which is the most densely populated area of the district.

Talking about the patient she said that the patient namely Husniya Banoo W/o Mohd Hadi R/o Lankerchey was not getting labour pains even after two weeks

beyond her date of delivery. She stayed under follow-up till date when she was operated on.

"The way she was expressing her gratitude even on the OT table is printed in my memory forever and I am really satisfied and happy that the mother and baby are fine and pray for a speedy recovery of the patient", she added.

She further added that after so many years today her dream to give complete obstetric care at Community Health center Sankoo including surgical intervention has been accomplished. It was possible only under the guidance of consultants from Kargil District Hospital, BMO Sankoo Dr. Ghulam Hussain, and Chief Medical officer Kargil, Dr. Munawar Hussain Wazir.

At Sankoo she tested tubal patency and intrauterine insemination for infertile cases and PAP SMEAR for cervical cancer screening also.

Ladakh's first roller-skating championship, 2022, held in Leh



Participants during the first UT Ladakh Fastest Roller-Skating Championship 2022.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: First UT Ladakh Fastest Roller-Skating Championship 2022 was organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), LAHDC, Leh in collaboration with Ladakh Roller-Skating Association and Lamdon Model Senior Secondary School, Leh on

November 4 at Lamdon Model Senior Secondary School.

More than 200 participants of different age groups participated in the championship. The championship was held under different categories including, Cadet group for children between 5 to 8 years; Sub Junior group for

children between 9 to 12 years; the Junior group for 13 to 16 years old, and other categories for above 17 and above 35 years.

Deputy Chairman, LAHDC, Leh, Tsering Angchuk inaugurated the championship and appreciated the organisers' efforts in organizing the first Roller-Skating Championship. He added that various sports infrastructures are being developed in Ladakh, and soon with the inauguration of the Indoor Stadium sports activities will get an additional impetus.

He also expressed hope that in the next edition, more schools will participate in the roller-skating championship making it competitive and harnessing talents who could participate at the national level.

World Pneumonia Day: SAANS program held in Kargil

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Observing World Pneumonia Day, a one-day orientation program on Social Awareness and Actions to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully (SAANS) was organised by Block Medical Officer (BMO) Kargil on November 12 at the training hall CMO office, Kargil.

Executive Councilor for Health Mohsin Ali congratulated the whole team for participating in the program and for providing their 100 percent to tackle different diseases including pneumonia.

He said under SAANS, the government is targeting a reduction in pneumonia-caused deaths by 2025 to less than 3 out of 1000 live births. He stressed that a similar initiative should be taken by Health Department Kargil so that the infant mortality rate is reduced.

Appreciating the stakeholders for organising the awareness program, he said the health cam-

paign mobilizes people to protect children from pneumonia and train personnel and other stakeholders to provide prioritized treatment to control the disease.

Deputy CMO, Dr. Muhammad Abbas talked about the initiatives taken by the health department to tackle pneumonia and other diseases. He said the program aims to decrease the infant mortality rate with the help of health departments including ASHA Workers, Anganwadi workers, etc.

He further talked about the importance of the program in tackling pneumonia adding that childhood pneumonia continues to be the topmost infectious killer among under-five children.

He said on the occasion of World Pneumonia Day, the aim of all health departments should aim to accelerate the action against childhood pneumonia by generating awareness on protection, prevention, and treatment aspects and enhancing early identification and care-seeking

behaviors among parents and caregivers.

BMO Dr. Fatima said the SAANS campaign will ensure health system strengthening and community awareness towards childhood pneumonia.

She requested the health department and general public to extend their cooperation to ANMs and ASHAs for the early identification of cases of childhood pneumonia and early management of pneumonia in under-five children.

SAANS Initiative was launched on 16th November 2019 to accelerate action to reduce deaths due to Childhood Pneumonia. SAANS Campaign is rolled out in the States/ UTs every year to accelerate action against Childhood Pneumonia by generating awareness around protecting, prevention, and treatment aspects of Childhood Pneumonia and to enhance early identification and care-seeking behaviors among parents and caregivers.

NOTICE

An application has been received from one **Phunchok Nurboo S/o Lundup Dorjay R/o Stok, Leh UT Ladakh** to transfer the **Vehicle No. JK 10 A2465** owned by **Konchok Samstan S/o Tsering Dorjay R/o Temisgam UT Ladakh**. Now, it is therefore notified for general information that objection if any to the proposed transfer shall be filed in writing in the office of Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) within a period of 10 days from date of publication of this notice.

No: ARTO/ UT/Leh/3076-77

Date: 11-11-22

Asstt. Regional Transport Officer

Leh Ladakh

Ladakh Literary meet 2022 held in Leh

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ing taken to promote Yigay (script) in Kargil and requested the literary figures to discuss the steps that need to be taken to promote literature in Ladakh. He also requested for incentives for authors for publishing their works.

Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk, emphasised the need to take Ladakhi literature forward and raise awareness about the rich Ladakhi art and culture among the youth. He requested for organising such literary meets on different platforms to inculcate the habit of reading among youth and

generate their interest in literature.

Former Director, Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS), Dr Nawang Tsering spoke on the development of Ladakhi history, art, culture and literature. Ashraf Ali Sagar and Professor Jamyang Gyalton present their papers on the overall literary development in Kargil and Leh, respectively, along with literature and its various aspects.

Later, the literary figures from Leh and Kargil took part in the poetic symposium in Purgi, Balti, Ladakhi/Bhoti, Dard-Sheen and Dard-Arya languages.

In Conversation with Spalzes Dolma

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pecially if we say Ladakhi students. After the huge technological revolution and digital literacy, access to the source regarding the UPSC exam is easy and everywhere.

With proper guidance, determination, smart strategy, and lots of perseverance as this exam demands, anyone can crack it.

I would say, "Start where you are, use what you have, and do what you can. Excuse and success don't go together."

The most important change needed is the perception of our Ladakhi students, infact Ladakhi is excelling in every field. Yes UPSC is tough but not impossible. Keep a backup, believe in yourself, and set your goals high.

ADC Kargil reviews status of Aadhaar registration, updation



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kargil, Ghulam Mohi-Ud-Din Wani chaired a review meeting regarding status of Aadhaar registration and updation under various concerned departments in the district on November 11.

Joint Director Information/Program Officer ICDS, Imteaz Kachho; Chief Medical Officer, Dr Munawar Hussain Wazir; Chief Education Officer, Mushtaq Ahmed; representatives of J&K Bank, UIDI and other concerned

officers attended the meeting.

Threadbare discussions were followed regarding various aspects related to the registration process carried out by the concerned departments.

Referring ICDS department, it was informed that 18 operators are designated for the job in various centres across the district. Meanwhile, 1690 beneficiaries under the age group of 0-5 years have been enrolled while the remaining will be enrolled soon.

In education department, it was

informed that 11 mobile camps and one permanent camp have been established for registration of students studying in private and government schools in the district.

The ADC was also informed that 22 candidates will appear in the upcoming examination of operator and 12 will be selected out of it.

The ICDS centres and hospitals will be provided tablets for Aadhaar registration adding that first preference will be given to District Hospital followed by all Community Health Centres across the district.

The concerned officers were asked to repair the machines at assigned branches of J&K Bank within a week. ADC further directed to speed up the process of registration and ensure 100 per cent registration across all concerned departments within the stipulated timeline.

'Achievements of LAHDC Kargil' documentary launched



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Lieutenant Governor Ladakh Radha Krishna Mathur launched a documentary highlighting the achievements of the LAHDC Kargil on November 2.

The documentary highlighted the achievements of the fourth LAHDC Kargil that came into being on the 1st of October 2018 with Feroz Ahmed Khan as the Chairman/CEC. The occasion marks the completion of four years of the current LAHDC

Kargil.

The documentary highlighted the special & challenging situation the Council had to face because of the Divisional Status for Ladakh, Re-organization of the state of J&K, Evacuation of stranded pilgrims & general citizenry during the COVID-19 lockdowns, etc. It also highlighted the developmental activities that were undertaken by the Council in the four years following its inception.

The documentary stresses the strengthening of infrastructure, especially in the fields of Health, Education, Sports, and Public Works besides dwelling upon various initiatives of the Council under the subsidy component of the District Capex Budget.

It highlighted the schemes implemented by the Council for the direct transfer of benefit to the public under the aforementioned Subsidy Component of the District Capex.

LG Ladakh appreciated the efforts of the LAHDC Kargil and said that it has been rendering yeoman's service to the public.

CEC Kargil on the occasion thanked the UT Administration for its support & cooperation and reiterated that LAHDC Kargil is committed to the cause of the people of the Kargil district.

The documentary has been produced by the LAHDC Kargil and shot by Planet Ladakh.

Special Cell for Women, Kargil, organises awareness-cum-outreach program at Chiktan



During the awareness-cum-outreach program organised by Special Cell for Women Kargil in collaboration with Ladakh Police at Chiktan.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A training programme in collaboration with RDD Ladakh for its first residential training in Ladakh on Accounting Procedures for the newly recruited Panchayat Account Assistants commenced on October 26.

A team of five, Shashi Bhusan, Director, CIARD; Dr U Heman-

tha Kumar, Head, CIARD; G Naga Lakshmi, CIARD; P Ram Mohan Rao, Senior Accounts Officer (Retd); Shashi Rekha, Consultant, CIARD and Satish Nagendra will train the participants along with additional on-line trainers.

Commissioner /Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj,

Ladakh, Saugat Biswas inaugurated the training programme in the presence of Director RDD & PR Tahir Hussain, ACD Leh, Sonam Nurboo, DPO Kargil, Padma Angmo, other senior functionaries of Rural Development Dept, Ladakh and the experts from NIRDPR.

Saugat Biswas said that this training is the beginning of a proactive collaboration with the NIRDPR Hyderabad and is a first when a group of experts from the premier institution of the country is undertaking residential training in Ladakh. Earlier, various elected representatives such as Sarpanches, NRLM self-help groups, village-level workers and a bunch of panchayat account assistants had undergone training at NIDPR Hyderabad.

Incubation Cell UT Ladakh organizes awareness camp for MSMEs in Kargil

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: An awareness camp for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises of Kargil (MSMEs) to educate sellers about the challenges in e-commerce was held on November 8 in Kargil.

The awareness camp was organised by the Incubation Cell UT Ladakh in collaboration with the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO), India post official, Customs Official, and Sayaansh (e-commerce portal).

Various topics including the issuance of Importer/Exporter Code (IEC), incentive schemes, Market Access Initiative (MAI)/Market Development Assistance (MDA) schemes, among others were discussed.



During the awareness camp for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises of Kargil (MSMEs) in Kargil.

Experts Sahil Mahajan (Owner of Sayaansh e-commerce portal) and Gaurav Gupta (FIEO) gave insight into how exporters can safeguard their shipments and money for exports. Also, the entrepreneurs were briefed about Indian Business Portal and Indian Trade Portal.

Entrepreneurs, incubatees, and various SHGs attended the camp. The attendees flagged various queries concerning their re-

spective fields and explored possible solutions with the experts.

Later, the participants expressed their gratitude to Incubation Cell UT Ladakh for conducting such camps to fill the information gap which can assist new and struggling entrepreneurs to navigate through challenges in their entrepreneurial journey successfully. They also hoped to organize such camps in the future.

University of Ladakh organises Faculty Development Programme for constituent colleges



Participants during the one-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on 'Strategizing National Educational Policy 2020'.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Director, College Affairs, University of Ladakh (UoL) organised a one-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on 'Strategizing National Educational Policy 2020' for the constituent colleges of the University of Ladakh, including GDC Kargil, GDC Zaskar, GDC Drass, GDC Kargil (Sankoo Campus), GDC Khatlse,

GDC Nubra and Eliezer Joldan Memorial College Leh on November 11.

The event was organised in continuation with the 1st FDP held at Kargil on October 16.

Professor Dr. Ashok Kumar Sharma, Registrar, UoL highlighted the different aspects of National Educational Policy. He added that being a new Univer-

sity, UoL has a lot of flexibility in terms of introducing subjects and grouping them according to the needs of NEP.

"Our sole purpose is to take the education system of Ladakh to newer heights and that is only possible if all the stakeholders of the constituent colleges work together", added Prof Sharma.

Prof Deskyong Namgyal, Controller of Examination, UoL gave a detailed presentation on National Education Policy and shed light on credit distribution, syllabus framing, and subject choices for the students under NEP.





Professor Tashi Ldawa; Dr. Sameena Iqbal, Principal EJM College; Professor Nasir Shabani, Principal GDC Zaskar; Prof Stanzin Yangdol, Principal GDC Khatlse; Prof Tsewang Motup, Principal GDC Nubra; Dr. Amjad Ali, Principal GDC Drass were present. Senior faculties and staff secretaries of all the colleges also attended the event.

NOTICE

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- PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

Leap in Infrastructure building

- Major focus on increasing connectivity through black-topped & all-weather roads, new bridges under various schemes
- Work on the Zoji-la tunnel; Kargil-Zanekar road and Nimmo-Padum-Darcha road going on as per schedule
- Internal passes being kept open for longer period; around 600 km road upgraded since 2019
- From 3% in 2019 under Jal Jeevan Mission, 68% house holds in rural Ladakh now have functional tap connections
- Since 2019, 233 additional Mobile Towers, 148 VSATS, 80 satellite phones made functional to bridge the communication gap even in the remotest corners
- 38 additional helipads have taken the count to 42 across Ladakh
- 31 villages electrified with grid connectivity after formation of UT



Strengthening Primary Sector

- 660 Ladakh Greenhouses and 2100 Vermi Compost units established
- 1,590 kanals of land brought under micro irrigation system; solar borewell & water lifting systems being used
- 5,000 hectares of land brought under organic certification under Mission Organic Development Initiative Ladakh (MODI)
- Apricot Processing Unit established to increase income of growers
- Dairy Processing Unit to be set up to promote A2-rich Ladakhi cow milk under brand 'Oma'; 80 Dairy Cooperative societies registered
- 100% registration & tagging of entire cattle & yak population done; FMD vaccination in full swing
- 110 MT Cold Storage facility constructed for bulk storage of food



Ensuring Quality Education

- Transition of affiliation of Government schools from JKBOSE to CBSE
- Students from Class 6 to 12 provided with YounTab - preloaded educational tablets
- 40 Astronomy/Astro Physics Lab set up in schools; 24 Atal Tinkering Labs/Robotic labs set up in Higher Secondary Schools
- 18,000 winter uniforms (blazers) distributed to students from KG till Class 8 under Samagra Shiksha
- Community Radio being set up for educational purposes in all zones of Ladakh
- Collaboration with IITs for internships & sponsored MTech programmes; 45 students interning & 12 engineering graduates sent for MTech programme at IIT Delhi, Bombay & Kanpur
- Courses in colleges & University increased over 3 years resulting in increased GER
- MoU signed with Universities and Institutes across the country to strengthen Higher Education
- Infrastructure expansion with hostels, sports hall & labs in all the colleges & university; Geo-Thermal energy for space heating alongwith winter-friendly construction



Promoting Entrepreneurs and Building Skills

- Fresh Halman apricots & apples exported to foreign countries for the first time
- Brand Ladakh emporium established to promote & showcase handloom, handicraft & processed food products
- Incubation Centre for handloom & handicraft set up; hand holding & capacity building of entrepreneurs being done
- PMFME of Micro Food Processing Enterprises launched; new entrepreneurs & SHGs on-boarded
- 'Enchanting Ladakh' Fair provided platform to small businesses & SHGs; Ladakh took part in World Expo'20 at Dubai
- Floriculture and Horticulture trade introduced in ITIs in 2022
- Youth trained in voice artist training, mobile filmmaking, screen acting through FTIL; youth also trained as Assistant Hair Dressers & Stylists
- Screenwriters Fair held to build capacities of filmmakers from Ladakh
- Ladakh Skill Development portal launched



Towards a Carbon Neutral

- 7.5 GW solar power project coming up at Pang
- 1 Megawatt Geo Thermal Field Development pilot project coming up at Puga
- e-Cars for UT Administration officials launched by Lt. Governor on 9th October 2022
- e-Vehicle policy introduced, early bird subsidy of 20% to 50%; e-Buses being utilised for public transportation
- 19 DG sets of 1345 KVA capacity, phased out in 2021 and 5 Nos DG sets of 810 KVA capacity phased out in 2022



Developing Sustainable Tourism

- Country's first Dark Sky Reserve being developed at Hanle to promote Astro-tourism
- New Homestay Policy launched for geographical spread and decentralisation of tourism activities to promote eco-tourism
- Trainings provided to 550 homestay owners each in Leh & Kargil; incentive items worth Rs 5 crores distributed
- To boost winter tourism, Ladakh Winter Conclave, Zanekar Winter Sports Festivals being organised
- Wayside amenities at major tourist routes for the convenience of tourists
- 4,86,590 tourists visited Ladakh in 2022 against 2,79,937 in 2019



Aiming for Healthy Ladakh

- Genomic Sequencing Lab established in Ladakh; MRI, Digital X-ray & Digital Radiography Machines; high-end eye operating microscope made available
- 300-bedded District Hospital Complex at Kargil ready for launch
- COVID-19 Vaccine: 1st dose to 100% population, 2nd dose to 88.12%; boosters to 67.88% population
- 56% health institutions providing regular tele-consultation services; the number of doctors increased from 163 in 2019 to 274 in 2022
- 83% of eligible households covered under PMJAY
- Beds capacity in hospitals has been doubled; Capacity of Oxygenated beds, Pediatric ICU beds increased manifold
- National Institute of Sowa Rigpa has been set up as Centre-of-Excellence for research & education in Sowa Rigpa system of medicine under the Ministry of AYUSH



Promoting Fitness and Sports

- Open stadium with Astroturf at Leh and Astroturf football ground at Kargil constructed;
- State-of-the-art ice hockey rinks with chilling facilities being constructed in Leh & Kargil
- Sports equipment worth 10 crores purchased for local players
- Players from Ladakh represented the UT at various national & international tournaments; 26 sports associations registered & affiliated with national associations.
- Tournaments at the UT level organised viz. LG Polo Cup, LG Ice Hockey Championship in addition to district level games



Striving For Inclusive Growth

- Winter-friendly and model Anganwadi centres being built for covering every eligible child under ICDS scheme
- Year 2022-23 was declared as the Year of Persons with Disabilities in Ladakh to make every public building and government services accessible to all
- Unique Identity Card to cover all PwDs being carried out in a mission mode; 3,386 UDID generated
- First government Old Age Home being built at Leh & Kargil; Child Care Institutions and Working Women Hostel also coming up
- Helpline for Senior Citizens, 'Elderline' was launched on 30th September 2022; old age pension beneficiaries increased by 57% since 2019
- Concerted efforts being made to provide scholarship to all eligible students; beneficiaries increased by 15.8% in last one year



Towards Efficient Governance

- Ladakh integrated Financial Management System (LIFMS) implemented from 1st April, 2022 for paperless budgeting, effective monitoring, budget planning and expenditure audit
- Capacity building of manpower for efficient governance.
- Financial services expanded post formation of UT with banking services reaching remotest villages; e-seva portal launched
- Digitisation of land records has been undertaken
- Emergency Response Support System through helpline No. 112; Cyber-crime unit being set up with state-of-the-art Cyber Lab with cyber forensic capabilities



Meeting Local Aspirations

- Budget for Ladakh increased five folds since 2019 & now stands at Rs. 5,958 crores; Three-fold increase in budget allocation (from Rs 166 crore in 2019 to 516.64 crores in 2022) to both Hill Councils
- 613 district cadre posts filled up; SSC conducted exams for 797 Div/UT cadre posts; 622 district cadre vacancies referred to DSSRB; Recruitment Rules for Subordinate Services of 48 Departments notified
- Local governance being strengthened to take up developmental projects at the village & municipal level
- Development Conclaves convened by the UT Administration with elected representatives to devise policy interventions

