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India's first frozen lake marathon at Pangong lake sets Guinness Record

Stanzin Dasal

CHANGTHANG: Pangong frozen Lake Marathon, themed 'The Last Run' sets the Guinness World record as the World's highest frozen lake half marathon on February 20.

A total of 75 athletes from different parts of the world participated in the 21.9 km half marathon. The marathon commenced from Lukung village and concluded at Maan village. The frozen lake marathon is being held in India for the first time. The Pangong Frozen lake marathon was organised by the Adventure Sports Foundation of Ladakh (ASFL) in collaboration with Ladakh Autonomous Hill Council, Leh.

Talking about the objective and idea to host the Pangong Frozen Lake Marathon, ASFL Founder, Chamba Tsetan said, "The idea came after seeing an Antarctic ice marathon on TV, I and my friend felt this can be hosted on Pangong lake during winter and started working on it".

"Keeping the fragile environment in mind we tried to host the event as per the carrying capacity of the region. The marathon runners are kept limited, no plastic bottles are used during the event and all the guests are accommodated in the homestays.", he added.

He termed the marathon runners, participating from different states of India and the countries of the world, as the ambassadors of sustainable tourism being promoted in Ladakh.

Men's division winners of the Pangong Frozen Lake Half Marathon were Rigzen



Chief Guest of the occasion, Tashi Gyalson, CEC, Hill Council, Leh receiving the Guinness World record certificate.

Gurmet (Bib No. 139), Muneeb (Bib No. 147), and Arshad (164), with times of 1:54:24, 1:59:03, and 2:00:19 respectively. On the other hand in the women's category Tsering Zangmo (175) completed the marathon in 2:38:40; Padma Rigzin (177) with a timing of 2:46:57, and Chuskit Angmo (195) finished the marathon at 3:00:22 timing.

Chief Guest of the occasion, Tashi Gyalson, CEC, Hill Council, Leh congratulated everyone for Ladakh scripting a historic moment by setting a Guinness World Record. He lauded the collective effort of every stakeholder in making the event a grand success.

He added that the Pangong Marathon is in sync with the vision and goal of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Vibrant Village Programme which aims to develop the border villages. He added that the Hill Council and ASFL share similar goals concerning the environment and the Pangong Frozen Lake Marathon showcases

a sustainable and responsible marathon, promoting winter tourism in the already world-famous tourist destination, boosting the local homestays along with zero-waste concept to provide round-the-year stable livelihood in the rural border villages.

He assured that the Hill Council will promote the Pangong Marathon responsibly within the carrying capacity of the surroundings, making it one of the most attractive and sought-out international events, and also assured to support all endeavors to promote rural tourism by strengthening homestays and enhancing livelihood opportunities.

Councillor, Konchok Stanzin said, "Pangong Lake is one of the famous tourist destinations in Ladakh, and in summer tourists from different parts of the world visit to witness the beautiful lake. Tourism has become one of the prime sources of income for the people of the villages. To make it more beneficial to the people

we started looking for the winter tourism potential and many proposals were sent to the department earlier but got no positive response. Our youths came forward and shared the proposal of conducting a frozen lake marathon and that's how the whole story of the Pangong frozen lake marathon started".

"Pangong being situated at the LAC border, holding a such big event is also important from the strategic point of view", he added.

He further added that such events will also boost the idea of the border and rural tourism.

An Ice-Hockey exhibition match was played between the Lalok and Chushul teams along with colourful cultural performances by the villagers and the children from the nearby villages.

Executive Councillor, RDD, Tashi Namgyal spoke about the initiatives to develop border villages and promotion of sustainable tourism.

DC Leh, Shrikant Suse added that the Pangong Frozen Lake Marathon, organised as a part of the Vibrant Village Programme of GoI, aims to promote sustainable winter tourism in the border villages to accelerate the pace of development. He also hoped that the issues and concerns of the border villages of the district will be alleviated and it will develop holistically.

Various stalls highlighting the region's specialty in terms of cuisine, handloom, and handicraft products were also displayed.

2nd Lieutenant Governor of UT Ladakh, Brigadier B.D Mishra sworn in



Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N Kotiswar Singh administering the oath to Brigadier Dr. B.D Mishra (Retd.).

Yangchen Dolma

LEH: Brigadier Dr. B.D Mishra (Retd.) took oath as the new Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh on February 19 at Raj Niwas, Leh.

The oath was administered by the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N Kotiswar Singh.

Advisor Umang Narula read out the warrant of appointment of Brig. (Dr.) BD Mishra (Retd.), as the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh. CECs of LAHDC Leh and Kargil; MP Ladakh, Justice Tashi Rabstan, all administrative secretaries, and other dignitaries attended the ceremony.

Ladakh Police accorded a guard of honour to Brigadier Dr. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Niwas Leh.

The President of India appointed BD

Mishra as the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh after accepting the resignation of Radha Krishna Mathur. Brigadier Dr. B.D. Mishra (Retd.) is the second LG for UT Ladakh after the first LG Radha Krishna Mathur who served Ladakh for three years and four months i.e. from 31 October 2019 to 11 February 2023.

Brig. Mishra is a former Brigadier of the Indian Army and is the former commander of the counter Hijack Force of the National Security Guard, also known as the Black Cat Commandos. He served in all three major wars forced on India. Sino-India War in 1962, Indo-Pak War in 1965, and Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971. Besides Brig. Dr. BD Mishra (Retd.) volunteered to join the Kargil War against Pakistan in 1999.

He has previously served as LG of Arunachal Pradesh.

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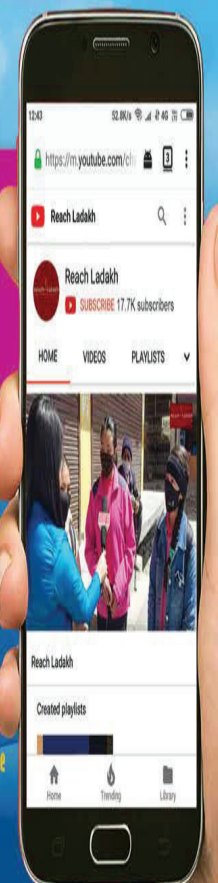
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Fortnightly News

Dosmoche festival held in Leh



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LEH: Two-day annual Dosmoche festival was celebrated with religious fervor on February 18 and 19.

The festival was organised by Leh Phudo (Cultural and Welfare Society).

Tsering Dorjay of Leh Phudo said that the two days festival in Leh is organised by the Leh Phu-Dho which consists of villages from Gangles to Skara.

“Every year monasteries of Leh district take turns to perform mask dance during the festivals and the “Dhos” is prepared by the

monks of the Takthok monastery. On the second day of the festival, the effigy is burned to chase away the evil spirits away”, he added.

Observing the ritual at Chowkhang Vihara, Leh, this year the sacred mask dance ‘Chhams’ was performed by the monks of Hanley monastery, ‘Storzok’ or rituals effigy was prepared by monks of the Korzok monastery and as usual, the monks of Takthok monastery prepared the elaborated ‘DHOs’ or thread crosses.

Talking about the Hanley monastery, Ven.Nawang Namgyal,

Chakzot, Hanley monastery said that Hanley Gompa is an ancient Buddhist Monastery of the Paldan Drukpa Kagyu in the Changthang region of Ladakh. The monastery was built under the patronage of King Singey Namgyal (1616-1642 C.E) with the assistance and advice of Lama Staksang Raspa.

Talking about the parts of the mask dances, he said that the monk has performed black hat, Lobon, and Champon-Serkhem, Lamo and Gombo chams, Gombo Chardong, Chagmen chams, etc.

The festival attracted thousands of people from various parts of Ladakh.

On the second day of the festival, the ceremonial offering of ‘storma’ ritual effigy was burned down symbolizing to evade away all the evil spirits in the society and bringing peace and harmony among the people.

Dosmoche festival falls on the 28th and 29th day of the 12th month of the Tibetan lunar calendar. The day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Likir village as well.

Leh celebrates International Mother Language day



Tsering Angchuk, Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh addressing the gathering during the celebration of International Mother Language Day.

Deachen Spaldon

LEH: Celebrating International Mother Language Day, Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture of Languages, Leh organised a day-long symposium themed, ‘Socio-Cultural significance of Mother Language’ at Lotsava Auditorium, Cultural Academy on February 21.

Based on the declaration by UNESCO in 1999, the day is observed as an International Mother Language day throughout the world since 2020. Director General of UNESCO Audrey Azoulay said, “The aim of this day- is to celebrate the ways of expressing the world in its multiplicity, committing to the preservation of

the diversity of the languages as a common heritage, and working for quality education- in mother tongues- for all.”

This year’s UNESCO’s theme for International Mother Language Day is “Multilingual education – a necessity to transform education”.

Tsering Angchuk, Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh stressed the important role of upcoming generations in the upliftment of the mother language. He informed that more language teachers will be appointed this year. He also highlighted the steps taken by the government in strengthening La-

dakhi culture, tradition, literature, and languages through various initiatives.

He added that language learning should not only be confined to children but even adults take the opportunity and learn it. Further, he said that the Hill council will fully support all the stakeholders in the promotion and preservation of the Bhoti language.

Dr. Thupstan Norbu, Editor, LAA-CL Leh briefed about the seminar and highlighted the importance of observing this day. He said for the holistic socio-cultural development of society, the preservation and development of one’s mother language is of utmost importance. Further, he expressed happiness over the policies framed for the usage of mother tongue in school in the New Education Policy by govt. A total of 9 prominent scholars and young research scholars attended the seminar. They shared their paper presentations and piece of poetry highlighting the significance of the mother language and the importance of preserving and promoting Ladakhi Literature.

Changthang delegation meets L-G

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LEH: Delegation from Changthang region comprising Executive Councillor, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee; Councillor, Nyoma, Eshey Spal-zang; Councillor, Korzok, Karma Namdak and Nominated Councillor, Ven Konchok Tsephel met L-G Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) at Raj Niwas on February 25.



Delegation from Changthang region with L-G Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) at Raj Niwas.

The delegation led by Tashi Namgyal Yakzee requested to grant district status to Changthang; the need for inclusion of Nyoma sub-division for uninterrupted electricity coverage through Northern Power Grid Transmission lines being laid; the need for a separate Tourism Development Authority for Chandigarh to develop tourism-related infrastructure and facilities; issuance of Actual Line of Control (ALC) certificate so that the youth can avail benefits during recruitment drives; the need for opening Govt Degree College at Nyoma

and Durbuk sub-division; the need for rationalization of the wildlife area in Changthang to avoid hindrance in developmental works and the need for upgradation of Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Nyoma to Sub-District Hospital. They also requested to continue the Changthang Development Package for the benefit of the people of Changthang.

Later, Executive Councillor, LAHDC Kargil, Mohsin Ali also met the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh.

Lieutenant Governor, Brig (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) inquired about the functioning of the government at the grassroots level in Ladakh. Mohsin informed about Rs 1 crore fund allocated to Block Development Councils (BDCs) and Councillors for carrying out developmental activities in their constituencies. He requested to define the roles of the elected representatives and the government officials to avoid interference and duplicity of developmental works.

Former MLA Deldan Namgyal meets L-G; raises Nubra issues

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LEH: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) met former Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA), Nubra, Deldan Namgail on February 23 at Raj Niwas.

Deldan Namgail congratulated Brig (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) on assuming the charge of Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh.

He requested for the resumption of airlift service of civilian passengers from Thoise Airport in Nubra to Chandigarh and vice-versa, particularly in the winters, and the need for the intervention from the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh to airlift stranded Ladakhi passengers from Chandigarh to Thoise Airport.

He said, “I have been appealing to the UT administration including former LG for two months. Former Lt Governor Ladakh UT has also written to the Ministry of Defense regarding the same but nothing concrete result has come up to date”.

He said that people who travel to other parts of India for Pilgrimage and serious health treatment during winter are suffering due to the unaffordable/expensive airfare in the Ladakh sector. At present around 417 (as per the SDM Nubra) passengers are stranded in Chandigarh, which needs to be airlifted at the earliest.

Deldan requested L-G Mishra to make a personal intervention to restore the civilian passengers airlift from THOISE to CHANDIGARH-THOISE by having one-to-one talks with Defence Minister so that the poor & border people of Nubra valley will be benefitted.

Talking about the NOC issue to start a tourism business in Nubra, Deldan Namgyal said that the unemployed youths of Nubra valley are not able to set up business units in the Nubra subdivision



Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) with former Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA), Nubra, Deldan Namgail.

because they are not getting bank loans for one year, as the applicants have not issued NOCs from competent authority like SDM to construct business unit on their legally owned land/leased land despite of mortgaged their inheritance/bandabas property to the banks.

He also that all the tourism-related business units like Hotels, Guest House,Camps and resort registration with the tourism department were Halt due to non-issuances of NOCs from wildlife and forest departments.

He urged The L-G to redress the issue at the earliest so that rural people with bandabas land can get the NOC from SDM & earn their livelihood from the booming tourism Industry in Nubra valley

Referring to the Act he said that Under the J&K Reorganization act of 2019, S.NO -66/Table-4,(state acts that shall remain in force in UT Ladakh) LAHDC ACT 1997(act/ordinance no.XXXI of 1997) is in force and under the LAHDC Act 1997, S.No.23(i) the council have the executive powers is vested with LAHDC and the elected LAHDC has the authority over the revenue related matter and CEC has the power to direct the CEO/ all the revenue officials to issue

NOCs to all the applicants who need any NOCs related to their owned/inheritance immovable property and this power may kindly be kept with the Chairman LAHDC Leh & All land related NOCs should be issued by LAHDC.

He further requested a single-window system for the registration and renewal of business units related to tourism and the extension of their business licenses for up to 10 years.

Highlighting the exemplary contribution of the people of Nubra valley to protect the inches lands of mother India and resist the attempts of Pakistan to occupy Nubra(9,200 square miles) as one of the five natural and historical divisions of Ladakh) by Pakistan in 1948,1971 and 1999 Kargil War & 1962 (India –China War), he also asks the L-G to fulfill the district status demand of Nubra valley people.

Brig (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) assured to look into the matter. organizations would be invited to share their experiences and make recommendations regarding the environmental carrying capacity of Ladakh and its development in an environment friendly manner of Ladakh so that a detailed Action Plan could be prepared in this regard with Jan Bhagidari.

L-G reviews preparedness for the Y20 pre-summit in Leh

Also reviews launch of RTI online portal & delay in India Post mails

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LEH: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) held a meeting with Principal Secretary Sanjeev Khirwar, at Raj Niwas on February 26.

L-G inquired about the preparedness for the upcoming Youth20 (Y20) pre-summit under the aegis of G20 to be held at Leh from April 26 to 28. He also inquired about steps being taken to tackle four crisis points, i.e. the arrangement of medical facilities, lodging & boarding, transportation, and security & theft.

Principal Secretary Khirwar informed that officials from across the globe are expected to arrive in Leh for the event for which arrangements such as emergency medical facilities, standard operation procedures (SOPs), boarding and lodging, transportation, and security arrangements have been made. He further informed that all the arrangements are being made with close coordination with officials from the Government of India.

He also informed about the beautification of the Leh Main Market area, roads, and important religious and historical places which



Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) with Principal Secretary Sanjeev Khirwar.

the delegates are expected to visit. He further informed that a fair would be organised at Sindhu Ghat showcasing various handloom, handicraft, and food processing products from Ladakh.

Principal Secretary Khirwar informed that self-help groups (SHGs), carbon-neutrality, handloom/handicraft, culture, and heritage would be the underlying themes of the Y20 pre-summit at Leh.

LG instructed that elaborate arrangements should be made for the delegates participating in the Y20 pre-summit with the involvement of officials from top to bottom ranks. He also inquired about the reasons for the delay in launching RTI online portal in

Ladakh. Principal Secretary Khirwar informed that the process of the RTI online portal has already begun and steps are being taken to engage manpower to operate the portal

L-G further inquired about the inordinate delay in the delivery of mail by India Post in Ladakh and the inconvenience faced by the people of Ladakh. He instructed Principal Secretary Khirwar to hold meetings with concerned officials within Leh and Kargil and also the concerned top officials from the Department of Post at Delhi to ensure that the mails are delivered promptly and the delay factors in the matter are ironed out at the earliest.

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Hill Council Leh launches 'Rolyangs-pa Rogs' scheme

Also commences week-long Cultural Revival Workshop



Hill Council, Leh launching the 'Rolyangs-pa Rogs' scheme at Shey Palace.

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LEH: Hill Council, Leh launched its new scheme 'Rolyangs-pa Rogs' under its subsidy component. The scheme was inaugurated by CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson on February 16 at Shey Palace.

'Rolyangs-pa Rogs' is a scheme under LAHDC Leh's subsidy component in which traditional musical instruments of Daman and Surna are provided to the beneficiaries at a 75% subsidized rates, which is implemented through the Department of Information and Public Relations, Leh.

A week-long cultural revival workshop and language awareness camp organised by LAHDC Leh in collaboration with Ladakh Academy of Arts Culture and Languages, Leh also held.

Deputy Chairman, Tsering Angchuk; Executive Councillors, Stanzin Chosphele, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee and Ghulam Mehdi,

along with Councillor Thiksay, Stanzin Chosfai; Councillor Nyoma, Ishey Spalzung; Nominated Councillor, Ven Konchok Tsepel, Chairperson BDC Thiksey, Tsewang Paldan; Deputy Secretary, Cultural Academy; concerned departmental officers; artists; village representatives and public were also present.

The week-long Cultural Revival Workshop and Language Awareness Camp will be held in around 110 villages of Leh district starting from February 16. This camp has been ideated by the Hill Council, Leh with the aim and vision to preserve, conserve and promote the rich socio-cultural heritage of Ladakh which is equally unique and significant. It focuses on strongly upholding the tribal identity of Ladakh embedded in its different customs, traditions, rituals, and languages in the course of the developmental path that Ladakh as a Union Territory now tread upon.

CEC Tashi Gyalson expressed hope that the Cultural Revival Workshop and the Language Awareness Camp will achieve the vision and objective with which it was initiated by the Council. He added that the onus of preserving our language, culture, and heritage falls on ourselves and that we should strive internally to protect and conserve our rich tribal identity.

He further added that the Hill Council, Leh is committed and is making concerted efforts in promoting and conserving the rich cultural heritage according to the uniqueness of Ladakh.

EC Art & Culture, Stanzin Chosphele added that under the guidance of CEC Tashi Gyalson, the Hill Council, Leh has always prioritized the promotion and conservation of the culture and language of Ladakh. He shared that, in this context, the Council has initiated a new scheme 'Rolyangs-pa Rogs' for distributing traditional musical instruments (Daman/Surna) at highly subsidized rates as these instruments are an essential part of our tradition and identity.

Deputy Secretary, LAACL Leh, Tsewang Paljor highlighted the importance of Ladakh's rich traditions, customs, language and heritage, and the need for its promotion and preservation at the grass root level.

Cooperative department distributes 100 tonne of fresh fruits and vegetables in Ladakh



Cooperative department distributing fruits and vegetables in Ladakh.

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LEH: Administrative Secretary Cooperative Department, Ravinder Kumar convened a review meeting on the distribution of fruits and vegetables by the Cooperative Department in Ladakh.

Additional Registrar, Cooperatives, Moses Kunzang informed that almost 100 tonnes of fresh fruits and vegetables have been distributed by the department

within 3 weeks in both Leh and Kargil districts. Further, he shared that consignments of fruits/vegetables have been sent to most of the subdivision in Ladakh and the rest will be covered in the coming days.

The department in collaboration with the IAF has been airlifting fresh fruits and vegetables since February 2, 2023. It is pertinent to mention that to ensure these are

provided to the public at affordable rates, in the winter season the Cooperative department is supplying fruits/vegetables at ₹50 per kg through its Cooperative societies.

The Deputy Registrar, Cooperatives, Dr. Mohd Abbas apprised the meeting that 48 metric tonnes in district Leh and 53 metric tonnes in district Kargil have been distributed so far.

The Administrative Secretary also held discussions on price monitoring of vegetables and fruits. It was observed that most of the items were being sold below ₹200 per kg in the market. He directed both districts through respective Deputy Commissioners to conduct checks on the market for any exorbitant rates being charged.

Further on weather conditions remaining clear the quantity of the consignments being airlifted to Ladakh will also be increased in the coming days for the convenience of the public, he added.

6th Alternative Skill Based Winter Camp concludes in Kanji



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KANJI : The 6th Alternative Skill Based Winter Camp, organized by Youth Association Kanji concluded on February 15.

The camp started on 1st January 2023 and attracted 83 students hailing from the village itself. The 3 main facilitators of the camp, Ratna Rigzin, Rigzin Dorje, and Rinchen Dolker were trained for 15 days before the commencement of the camp by Royal Enfield & Snow Leopard Conservancy Fund through a special. Deldan Namgail, the Ice Hockey Coach for the

Kanji Kids attended 11 day International Ice Hockey Skill Development Camp organized by Deptt of Youth Services & Sports. Other than school academics, students learned and participated to excel in Leadership Skills, Mind Alertness Activities, Tradition and Culture, Teamwork, Ice Hockey, and more.

The closing of the 46 days winter camp was attended by Tashi Namgyal Yakzee, Executive Councilor RDD, LAHDC - Leh as the Chief Guest. Officers of the RDD Department, Nam-

bardar of Kanji Village, and other guests also attended.

Chief Guest Tashi Namgyal Yakzee gave decisions to settle issues and ensured complete others in a fast-track manner. Remapping and redesigning of the Village gathering center, Fund allocation for the Construction of a Solar house for the SHG & Women alliance of Kanji, Rebho tents for domesticated livestock, and future support for the Kanji winter camp were the major highlight that he promised to complete in favor of Kanji village at earliest.

Tsewang Namgyal, President, YAK highlighted the need for funds for winter camp, the completion of the Ice Hockey Rink, and Musical and Sports equipment for YAK.

Rigzin Spalgon, Village Representative also spoke on the occasion highlighting major village issues like the completion of pending RDD works, securing of grazing lands, improvement of mobile connectivity, road condition, electricity connection, JJM, facilities in the school, and other issues about the village.

Joint Director, Information, Ladakh chairs experience-sharing session with journalists of Kargil



Joint Director, Information, Ladakh, Imteez Kacho chairing a meeting-cum-experience sharing session with journalists of Kargil district at TFC Kargil.

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KARGIL: Joint Director, Information, Ladakh, Imteez Kacho chaired a meeting-cum-experience sharing session with journalists of Kargil district at TFC Kargil on February 23.

Assistant Director, DIPR Kargil, Padma Angmo; President, Ladakh Press Club (Kargil), Mohammad Hussain Khalo; Copy Editors of All India Radio (Kargil), Mohammad Abdullah and Inayat Ali Shotopa and other members of the Press Club

were also present on the occasion.

After the media persons shared their experiences regarding the journey in their respective fields, a detailed discussion was held on various issues being faced by the journalists of Kargil.

Press Club Kargil, President seek early renewal of media accreditation and said a slot of morning transmission in All India Radio (AIR), Kargil for cul-

tural programs in local languages should be included.

He also suggested that a Doordarshan Station should be established in Kargil and further stressed the formation of a policy for social media. While highlighting the rates of newspaper advertisements in Ladakh, he said that their enhancement is considered at par with other parts of the country.

The Joint Director, Information, Ladakh gave a patient hearing to the requests and proposals and assured early redressal of the issues faced by the media persons.

He also said that to improve the skills of journalists of Kargil, the Information Department Kargil plays a supportive role. Notably, the Information Department has organized various workshops in past for the journalists, he added.

The Joint Director also assured that many more workshops and training sessions will be held in the future for which field experts would be invited to impart skills to the media persons.

MP, CEC meets L-G Mishra

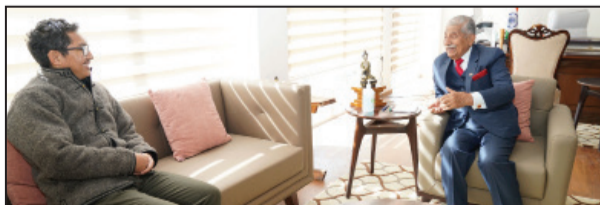
Discuss airlifting of stranded passengers from outside Ladakh

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LEH: MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal and Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson met Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), at Raj Niwas on February 23.

MP discussed various development issues along with public welfare activities in both Leh and Kargil districts. He highlighted several issues, including the problems faced by the Ladakhi passengers due to exorbitant airfares.

Advocate Tashi Gyalson apprised the Lieutenant Governor of var-



MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal with Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), at Raj Niwas

ious ongoing developmental and public welfare projects in Leh district. He raised the issue faced by the Ladakhi passengers stranded in Jammu, Delhi and Chandigarh due to the overpriced airfares and the need for intervention in airlifting them to Ladakh.

Gyalson suggested airlifting the stranded passengers from Chandigarh to Thoise and from Jammu to Leh by IAF's aircrafts.

Lieutenant Governor Brig (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) assured to look into the matter. and Staff Nurses of all Blocks of Leh District.

DC, Kargil, reviews JJM annual action plan 2023-24

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KARGIL: Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve chaired a meeting with District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM) members and officials of the PHE Department to review Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Annual Action Plan 2023-24 on February 25.

ACD Ghulam Muhammad, CPO Abdul Hadi; Medical Superintendent Dr. Liyaqat Ali; CEO Mushtaq Ahmad; CAO Kacho Muhammad; Executive Engineer Mechanical, Kargil Muhammad Hassan; Executive Engineer PHE, Division Kargil Muhammad Hassan; DPO Padma Angmo and various other officials from the concerned departments attended the meeting.

The meeting reviewed the Annual Action Plan 2023-24 and held a detailed discussion for its approval, strategy for improving Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) coverage, 100 percent saturation of villag-



es, Anganwadi Centers, Schools, etc. The Status of authorization of State Water Quality Monitoring, authorization of Ground Water Instruments, installation of pipes, hiring of vehicles, etc. was discussed in the meeting.

DC Kargil also the chairman of the DWSM, took a detailed review of the work progress on all JJM projects in the district including physical and financial progress, FHTCs in Schools and Anganwadi Centres, and other related works.

The Executive Engineer PHE informed that till date, 13,506 households have been connected with FHTCs in Kargil. While 5,789 are planned for the FY 2023-24 and the requirement of funds planned for the financial year is Rs 645.25 cr.

While the majority of the works have been completed under JJM in schools and Anganwadi Centres as for as tap water connections are concerned.

DC Santosh directed PHE Department to complete remaining/pending works in schools and Anganwadi Centres up to April 15, 2023, and installation of Solar Water Heaters in Schools. He directed to complete of remaining/pending tap water connections for health centres, Gram Panchayats, and Community Centres. He also strictly directed the installation of pipes before the start of the working season.

The Deputy Commissioner also instructed the accreditation of all water testing laboratories of the district up to the end of May 2023

Expert Talk

By Deachen Spaldon



Venerable Lobzang Nyantak, Former Councillor, LAHDC, Leh: Demand for the inclusion of Bhoti language in the 8th schedule of the Indian constitution has been there for a very long time, yet time passed and not many people paid attention. Today if we talk about our rich cultural heritage, it involves Bhoti language also. Bhoti language is not just used in Ladakh but in various parts of Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, and Balti regions, hence it becomes all the more important to include this language in the 8th schedule.

Responsibilities lie on everyone, be it scholars, researchers, experts, and even common people to collectively work for the promotion and preservation of the language. If we talk about our leaders, they need to try and give their speeches in a pure language without mixing it with other languages. This will set a good example for our upcoming generations and inspire them to learn and improve the language more.

Organizations such as Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA) have been actively involved in the promotion and preservation of our language, and are in talks with higher authorities for the same, so it becomes very important to have discussions on it foremost.

It is also noticed that people hardly get any good job opportunities after finishing their studies in areas related to Bhoti as a subject, because of which people are becoming very apprehensive about studying and use of it. Even though many good educational institutions have been opened up with central government initiatives, the compulsion of studying Bhoti as a subject in schools is lacking. A professional teacher excelling in the subject must be made compulsory in the education system for early education in children, and with their fresh minds, they will be able to grasp the concepts easily. As opposed to them now, if we force and constantly put the burden of learning language on adults, the results will differ.

Solutions:

- First and foremost parents play the biggest role in this. A child grows up learning from his/her parents, so to inculcate the learning of mother tongue starts from home - basics will become strong.

- As I mentioned earlier, to have a Bhoti language made mandatory in an educational institution is of utmost importance.

- Lastly, it comes to every single person in the region to inculcate the usage of language in our everyday life, which will eventually inspire future generations as well.



Dr. Thupstan Nurboo, Editor, Cultural Academy, Leh: Overall development of the society depends on its language as well, as it reflects the culture and identity of a community. If importance and recognition are given to a language then the outcome will only be positive rather than negative. The demand of including the Bhoti language in schedule 8th of the Indian constitution has been there for many years. The reason being it is not only one of the oldest and rich languages but has such vast literature not only in Ladakh but in many other parts of India.

Inclusion of Bhoti language in 8th schedule of the Indian Constitution

The Central Institute of Indian Language (CIIL), Mysore surveyed in 2008, they went to various Himalayan regions- Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Darjeeling, Himachal Pradesh, Ladakh and concluded that Bhoti is a rich language and has vast cultural significance. The report presented by them also mentions that there are no set criteria to include a language in the 8th schedule. If the speaking population was one of them, then Sanskrit which is spoken by a very less population notwithstanding that due to its rich historical and cultural significance has its place in the 8th schedule now. Likewise, Bhoti is an umbrella language under which many others such as Ladakhi, Balti, etc fall; people in these regions know the script and can understand it. This makes the language deserve to be under the 8th schedule of the Indian constitution.

If we talk about the benefits of getting included in this schedule, other than getting mandatory recognition and becoming one of the official languages of the country, equal status and opportunity to the said language will be given in areas of academics, competitive examinations, etc. More focus will be given to the promotion and preservation of it. Nevertheless, the ultimate work is to be done by the people because if there is no dedication or interest in people - initiatives taken by higher authorities will be futile.

The lack of good teachers was a problem of earlier times. Today many students are pursuing and have pursued formal education on this subject from acclaimed universities such as CIBS Leh, Sarnath University, etc, so a lack of accomplished teachers will not be a problem in Ladakhi institutions. The encouragement of parents and society to students in terms of studying this language as their higher education is the need of the hour today.

In schools, Bhoti is taught only till junior classes, with the criteria set to be only a qualifying subject. This leads to losing interest in the subject among children. Govt has started with the prospect of the New Education Policy 2020 whereby emphasis is given on the mother tongue or local language to be used as a medium of instruction till class 5th. If this will be rolled out and followed properly, there is no doubt that the basics will be made strong and more progress will follow eventually. Learning English or Hindi is also important as it is very much needed in the present time but equal importance to the Bhoti language is vital.

Talking about calling the language 'Bhoti' or 'Ladakhi' by some section of scholars, debates, and discussions regarding the topic of whether to call it Bhoti or Ladakhi were held and the conclusion of including the Bhoti language in the 8th schedule was confirmed. As I said earlier Bhoti is like an umbrella language under which many other languages fall, it has a rich historical background with its script and is used in many other parts of the country. There is a possibility of the whole structure and grammar of Bhoti getting distorted if we start writing it in our spoken languages. To prevent that, keeping the language as it is was decided and demand was made.

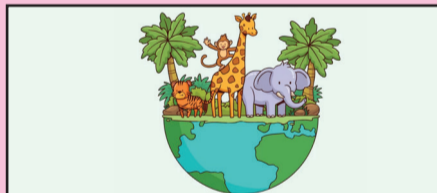
Solutions

- The interest and dedication of people in the promotion and preservation of language is a must. Languages like Dogri, Santhali, Nepali, etc are included under the 8th schedule because of people's interest in the languages.

- People of Ladakh must promote and use Bhoti as much as possible, only then the demand will be met.



World Wildlife Day



On 20 December 2013, the Sixty-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly decided to proclaim 3 March as World Wildlife Day to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild fauna and flora. The date is the day of the adoption of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in 1973, which plays an important role in ensuring that international trade does not threaten the species' survival.

Previously, 3 March had been designated as World Wildlife Day in a resolution made at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP16) held in Bangkok from 3 to 14 March 2013. The CITES resolution was sponsored by the Kingdom of Thailand, the Host of CITES CoP16, which transmitted the outcomes of CITES CoP16 to the UN General Assembly.

The Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in

Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), in collaboration with other relevant United Nations organizations, facilitates the implementation of World Wildlife Day.

With 183 Member States, CITES remains one of the world's most powerful tools for biodiversity conservation through the regulation of trade in wild fauna and flora.

This year, the theme is "Partnerships for Wildlife Conserva-

tion". The theme 'Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation' will provide the opportunity to highlight the people who are making a difference as well as to celebrate the bridge that CITES has been for these partnerships to form, making a significant contribution to sustainability, wildlife and biodiversity conservation.

March 3 2023 will be a very special date, as it will also be marking the 50th anniversary of CITES.

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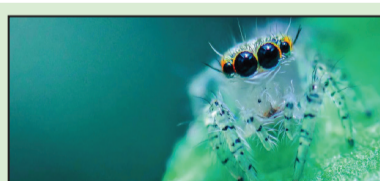
- Heavy-bodied jumper spiders are native to India and Sri Lanka and can be seen commonly among foliage and within tree trunks. These spiders are capable of leaping as high as 25 times their own size and, as such, are extremely capable predators.

- Orchids are one of the two largest families of flowering plants. They have also been around the longest as they are one of the oldest flowers in existence. Since varieties of orchids are found all over the world, it's accepted that orchids were in existence prior to the separation of the continents.

- Coral reef ecosystems cover just 0.1 per cent of the ocean, yet they support 25 per cent of its life and the lives of half a billion people on land.

- One million wild plant and animal species are facing extinction. Three-quarters of the land-based environment, eighty-five per cent of wetlands, and two-thirds of oceans have been significantly and negatively altered by human activity.

- A saiga tatarica kid is listed in the Red Book, Chyornye Zemli (Black Lands) Na



Heavy-bodied jumper spiders

ture Reserve, Kalmykia region, Russia. Saigas are a critically endangered antelopes that can be found in some specific regions and areas in Asia.

- The western lowland gorilla is critically endangered and is undergoing a dramatic decline due to poaching, disease, and habitat loss.

Courtesy: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-wildlife-day>

SoulSpeak

Dr. P.P. Wangchuk

Why people like, dislike you!



Why do people like or dislike you? That is a question that all of us must be asking ourselves quite often, for a better life. We have to necessarily give ourselves a chance to improve ourselves and be likeable.

There can be one reason or several others why people like or dislike you. Some of these could be: How much you regard others, how much is your listening capacity, and how do you conduct your 'business of life' with others? And, are you

good-mannered or not? In other words, how much do you like yourself? As they say, to be good to others, you have to be good to yourself, first! And that goes very well if you say: Start liking yourself if you want others to like you. In one of my 'Morning Musings' recently, I had written something closely related to the issue: "To see the world around you good and beautiful, you need to, first, make yourself good and beautiful."

I attended recently a talk on Buddhism and modern science. The theme of the talk, by Ven. Geshe Dorji Damdul, centred around how to find happiness following the basic principles of Buddhism and modern science. There are convergences on many aspects/factors for being happy. When you are happy, you like yourself and your life; but when you are not happy, you resort to several negative aspects of life, and the extreme one could lead to suicide.

You need to rationalise and see the importance and the mission of life, and that can be found out only by starting loving self first and then others. That means you need to first start liking yourself and your life, only then you can afford to see the beauty and goodness in others and the world around.

US author Steve Moraboli has this to say add: "Love yourself, forgive yourself, and be true to yourself. How you treat yourself sets the standard for how others will treat you."

My take: Love yourself to love others!
Courtesy: WongWorld

In Conversation with Thinles Nurboo, State President, BJP Yuva Morcha

Interviewed by Stanzin Dasal

Q. Briefly introduce yourself. How did you get into politics and was the BJP party your first preference?

I studied at Lamdon Model School, Leh, and pursued further studies at Delhi University. I did my post-graduation at Anant Fellowship. I've previously worked with several organizations like Naropa Fellowship, Ladakh Student Welfare Society in Delhi, Student's Association for Village Education (SAVE), and Young Drukpa Association (YDA), Ladakh. At present, I am the Councillor of Kungyam Councillor and State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Yuva Morcha.

I didn't particularly think about joining politics. It was never a planned step. I was inspired by Jamyang Tsering Namgyal who eventually convinced me to enter the political realm. I can say that circumstances also prompted me to take this decision. My uncle, Late Dorjay Motup was a three-time Councillor from Kungyam. After he passed away, I had numerous people who had previously supported him approach me, along with several persons from BJP. This motivated me to take the next step and I ultimately joined BJP, with all consent from my family and friends.

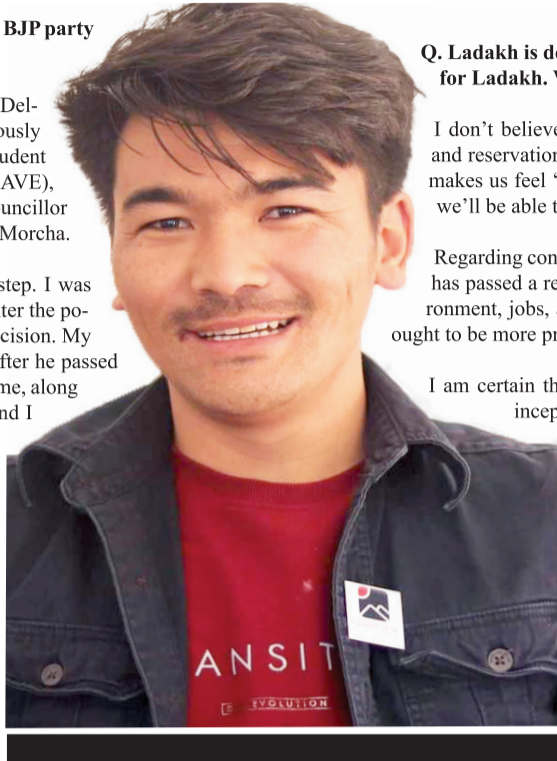
Talking about the preference of political parties, I don't think there's an alternative to BJP in times of the Modi regime.

Q. You are the youngest Councillor in 6 LAHDC, Leh. Share with us your experiences and achievement. What are the challenges you faced?

Being the youngest is never quite an achievement when you have so many examples to look up to, like our honourable MP, who has always been a great inspiration and has had breakthroughs while standing the test of time.

Since the inception of my political trajectory, I've primarily focused on youth and women empowerment. A major fraction of my constituency fund goes to the youth, for their education. I've also simultaneously managed to build on existing infrastructure for several self-help women's groups.

A major challenge for any politician/public representative is to manage and meet the diverse sets of demands and each of them having multiple perspectives. 'One man's meat is another man's poison', balancing that is the biggest challenge.



Q. Ladakh is demanding constitutional safeguards under the 6th schedule and statehood for Ladakh. What are your views about it?

I don't believe in the fact that any safeguard is typically permanent. I feel that safeguard and reservation are what is keeping Ladakhi from the mainstream competition and I think it makes us feel 'handicapped' in one sense. Until we compete in the blue ocean, I don't think we'll be able to survive or thrive amidst competition.

Regarding constitutional safeguards, LAHDC Leh, under the chairmanship of Tashi Gyalson, has passed a resolution which they are strongly committed to, for the protection of the environment, jobs, and trade for Ladakhi youth. PM Modi has assured to fulfill the demand. We ought to be more prudent in using this safety net.

I am certain that we should trust the government that is in the favour of Ladakh since its inception and keeps in consideration all the good that has happened for Ladakh.

The people of Ladakh need to nurture harness and revive many of the values that seem lost among us.

Q. How important do you think for youth to participate in politics and especially for Women as there is the least participation of women in politics?

I think the youth has plenty of opportunities. Politics can certainly be one of them. The same applies to women. They are important decision-makers at home and in society and can apply the same acumen to politics.

Q. Education status in Changthang what you will say about it and what needs to be done to strengthen it?

Despite the claims of the Education Revolution through NGOs and social reformists through the years, the actual state has been pathetic in many of the regions. However, after the formation of the UT, many efforts through the Changthang Development package focused on strengthening infrastructure. I do strongly believe that quality education is directly equated to well-informed teachers. The Government should work on sourcing more faculty and mentors and should ideally work towards gaining the trust and confidence of parents. The Govt. should implement the PPP model in schools, where one can assess impact and monitoring. The population of Ladakh is a great model for handholding every child.

MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“Any safeguard is temporary to shield and preserve our identity, we must work on ourselves to have a thriving community and set examples like Kashmiri Pandits, Parsis, and Tibetans. So please do not consider any narrative that is a hoax, we rather have to understand that the past years and era under the Kashmir regime have numerous shackles that have pulled and kept us down. We shall not fall prey to the same old political tactics of leg pulling, because of unbalanced egos among the leaders.”

Fortnight Highlights



Army Helicopter MI-17 service started today and lifted 11 stranded passengers to Zaskar from Leh and 19 passengers from Zaskar in two sorties. The 30 stranded passengers included patients, students and the elderly.



Team Nari Zangla won the final match of volleyball tournament organized by Culture Preservation Society Kumik on February 16 Kumik, Zaskar.



Department of Industries and Commerce (DoI&C) organised 15-day carpet weaving training programme for carpet weavers at Handicraft Department, Leh.



The training course for the first batch of snow skiing conducted by the Indian Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering (IISM), Gulmarg concluded at Linkipal, Kargil. 40 trainees completed their training which includes 30 trainees from Ladakh and 10 from all India level like Kerala, Delhi, and Karnataka etc.



A team of government officers and officials headed by Naib Tehsildar Ibrahim Khan conducted market checking in Padum, Zaskar.



Chairman/CEC, Adv. Tashi Gyalson felicitating the team from WMG Corporate Group, Bengaluru who participated in the 1st Pangong Frozen Lake Marathon.

Two-day awareness program for senior citizens concludes

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The two-day awareness cum information program for senior citizens of Ladakh organised by Elderline-Ladakh in co-ordination with the Department of Social and Tribal Welfare (UT Ladakh), Department of Health, UIDAI, and J&K Bank concluded on February 21.



During the two-day awareness cum information program for senior citizens of Ladakh.

Executive Director, SIDCO, Ladakh & Joint Director, Handloom, and Handicraft Department, Lakshay Singhal inspected the stall and directed to extend the days of the program. He further directed to organise the camp at various blocks and subdivision levels and assured to extend full support.

During the program, a total of 214 senior citizens availed various services, out of which 60 issues related to aadhaar cards and 19 issues of old age pension were resolved. A total of 25 senior citizens enrolled for the golden card (Ayushman Bharat). Similarly, a

total of 110 senior citizens were sensitized about the Elderline services.

Further, the senior citizens were sensitized about the Health care-related schemes and J&K bank schemes.

MP reviews progress of Centrally Sponsored Schemes at DISHA meeting

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Member of Parliament, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, who is also the Chairman of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) reviewed the progress achieved under different Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the Leh district on February 24



plan.

MP Ladakh inquired from the concerned officers in detail about the status of progress achieved so far under the flagship programmes such as MGNREGA, PMAY-G, SBM-G, PMGSY, JJM, SBM U, PMAY-U, NHM, Poshan Abhiyan, PMFBY, PM-KKSY, UJAWALA, PMGKAY, NSAP, ICDS, NULM, NRLM, DDUGJY, SAMAGRA SHIKSHA, PMSGP, and other centrally sponsored schemes.

ADDC/ACD Leh, Sonam Nurboo informed about the technical glitches faced in the National Mobile Monitoring System for attendance of labourers engaged under MGNREGA and sought intervention from MP Ladakh for some relaxation owing to the topographical challenges. He also shared that out of 30,000 registered labourers under MNGREGA, Aadhar seeding of 29,000 is achieved enabling Aadhar-based payment as per the guidelines.

Highlighting the importance of SHGs under the NRLM/NULM scheme for enhancing livelihood and economic opportunities, MP Ladakh directed the concerned officials to submit/furnish a detailed report of the increase in per capita income of individuals working in SHGs at the earliest reflecting the output of the scheme at the ground.

MP Ladakh also directed ACD Leh to opt for biodegradable/disposable dustbins as an alternative to plastic bins to achieve the goals of the Swachh Bharat Mission and Solid Waste Management.

Chief Agriculture Officer, Leh informed that Rs 13.24 crore has been disbursed to a total of 6504 registered farmers under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi in the Leh district. MP Ladakh directed CAO, Leh to cover more water-scarce areas under the Micro Irrigation

Stressing the potential of Ladakh in food processing, MP Ladakh directed Chief Horticulture Officer Leh to develop a plan for establishing micro-processing units in a decentralized manner in Nubra, Dha-Hanu to reduce the wastage of food products. He directed to Horticulture, Industries Department, and banking sector to work in coordination to promote food processing units under PMFME scheme to increase employment opportunities.

EC Ghulam Mehdi raised the issue of confusion caused by the registration format of the Horticulture department while applying for establishing processing units. In this context, MP Ladakh instructed DC Leh to streamline the registration format delineating the specified authority's signature to ensure accountability and transparency are maintained at all levels of grassroots democracy.

Raising concerns over the safety of the children's of the labourers engaged by BRO and protection of labor rights, MP Ladakh directed Assistant Labour Commissioner to seek a solution in concurrence with BRO Officers ensuring necessary and required facilities are provided at the workplace.

While reviewing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works in the district, MP Ladakh expressed satisfaction with the overall progress achieved and lauded that Ladakh has been at the forefront in showcasing the success of JJM in India.

Reviewing the achievements of NHM, MP Ladakh added that the mere registration under PM-JAY (Golden Card) would not ensure the true success of the scheme. He added that many of the public/citizens lack information about the list of empanelled

hospitals where the benefits of Golden card could be availed. He directed CMO Leh to ensure that awareness camps are held to disseminate information about the process of availing benefits under Golden card and provide the empanelled hospitals list specifically of hospitals in Delhi, Jammu, Srinagar, and Chandigarh where most patients from Ladakh seek treatment.

Assistant Commissioner, FCS&CA Department informed that 11,000 households amounting to 47,000 individual beneficiaries are registered and avail benefits under PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana and the re-verification process of ration cards is under process to ensure that the genuine and intended beneficiaries are not left out.

Regarding the issue of supplementary nutrition procurement under ICDS, MP Ladakh directed DPO ICDS Leh to submit a report on the suggested/ desirable solution to overcome the procurement issue.

Discussing the Vibrant Village Programme of GoI, MP Ladakh stressed that the focus should not be alone on the creation of assets for development but also to create assets to increase the livelihood opportunities in the border villages to reverse the migration concept.

DC Leh also instructed the HoDs and senior officers of all the departments to schedule visits at regular intervals to the border villages under Vibrant Village Programme to assess the concerns and issues of the inhabitants.

MP Ladakh instructed to compile data on all the non-account holders in the district as it hinders in implementing and availing the benefits of the schemes. He also lauded the extensive efforts of Ladakh Police in eradicating the menace of drugs from society.

EC Tashi writes to CE Project Yojak for snow clearance of Shinkunla pass

Hundreds of pilgrims from Zaskar remain stranded in HP



LAHDC Kargil felicitating Mehdi Nasiri, winner of India's 1st ever Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) reality series 'Kumite 1 Warrior Hunt'

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Executive Councilor for Tourism, RD and Zaskar Affair, LAHDC, Kargil, Er. Panchok Tashi took the matter of snow clearance from Shinkunla Darcha Padum (NPD) road to Chief Engineer, Project Yojak on February 23.

Hundreds of pilgrims from Zaskar remain stranded in Himachal Pradesh waiting for the reopening of the road.

OC 126 RCC Padum has intimated that soon snow clearance team is mobilizing to clear snow from Shinkunla to reopen Padum

Manali road.

Meanwhile, the snow clearance on Kargil-Zaskar road NH-301 has been completed and the road was thrown open for vehicular traffic today. Around 30 light motor vehicles carrying around 220 passengers mostly students reached Kargil safely.

Due to congestion on some portions of the road, one-way traffic was allowed from the Zaskar side on February 23. The administration shall allow traffic from Kargil towards Padum, Zaskar from February 24.

EC Tashi appreciated the efforts of ground workers of NHIDCL and Mechanical Division Kargil for keeping the road open most of the time during winter amid harsh climatic conditions.

Hill Council, Kargil, felicitates MMA fighter Mehdi Nasiri

Mehdi Nasiri is the champion of India's first-ever MMA reality series 'Kumite 1 Warrior Hunt'



LAHDC Kargil felicitating Mehdi Nasiri, winner of India's 1st ever Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) reality series 'Kumite 1 Warrior Hunt'

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: LAHDC Kargil felicitated Mehdi Nasiri, winner of India's 1st ever Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) reality series 'Kumite 1 Warrior Hunt' on February 23.

Acting Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Mubarak Shah Naqvi congratulated Nasiri for his victory in Mumbai and his selection at the international level. He said it is a proud moment for Kargil and it will be an inspiration for the younger generation of the district.

Naqvi also said that Nasiri will coach and train others for the MMA in the district. He also said

that LAHDC, Kargil is always available to provide all possible support for the players.

Councilor Poyen requested the construction of a playground for MMA in Poyen area and Nasiri will coach the interested players of the game.

The acting CEC instructed the Youth Services and Sports Department Kargil to prepare a DPR of the project. He also said the work on the proposed playground will be started soon. He also assured to provide support for difficulties faced in the registration process.

Hailing from Poyen Kargil, Mehdi Nasiri said that the competition was tough throughout the series and he kept the audiences guessing till the end of the show wherein three of the competitors emerged as the Champions of India's first-ever MMA reality series 'Kumite 1 Warrior Hunt.'

He thanked the organizers of India's 1st ever Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) reality series including the host Sunil Shetty and Muhammad Ali Budwani (organizer) for giving him a chance to participate in the series.

He said he participated in the show just to send a message that athletes from Ladakh don't lag and are as good and competitive as athletes from any other place in the country.

The winners will now represent India on a global stage, raising the bar for the sport and inspiring the next generation of martial artists. They will be trained internationally with the best athletes. The team of the three shall represent 'Team India' in the 'K 1 Asian Championship' in mid-2023 in UAE.

L-G meets Ex-Servicemen Welfare Society & Ex-Servicemen League Ladakh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) met a delegation from the Ex-Servicemen Welfare Society led by its President, Subedar Sonam Rigzen (Retd) and General Secretary, Subedar Rinchen Zangpo (Retd), at Raj Niwas on February 26.

Sonam Rigzen congratulated Brig (Dr) BD Mishra on assuming the charge of the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh. He informed about the functioning of the Zila Sainik Board and the approval given by the Centre for the formation of the Rajya Sainik Board in Ladakh. He requested for sanctioning of a Children-cum-Elder's Park with essential open gym facilities at Ibx Colony.

Lieutenant Governor assured to



look into their matter.

A delegation from Ex-Servicemen League Ladakh led by its President, Honorary Captain Sonam Murup met Lieutenant Governor, Brig (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) at Raj Niwas. He informed about the strength of ex-Servicemen in Ladakh and various activities conducted by them for the development of Ladakh.

L-G praised the Agniveer scheme launched by the Indian Army and asked the members of the Ex-Servicemen League Ladakh to assist the aspiring youth from Ladakh during the Agniveer recruitment drives to fill the vacant posts to enable them to become better and skilled citizens who will work for the development of Ladakhi society.

NOTICE

An application has been received from one Dechen Lhamo D/o Tashi Dorje R/o Shey UT Ladakh to transfer the Vehicle no. LA 02 9369 owned by Tashi Dorje S/o Phunchok Namgyal R/o Shey UT Ladakh. Now, it is therefore notified for general information that objection if any to the proposed transfer shall be filed in writing in the office of Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) within a period of 10 days from date of publication of this notice.

No: ARTO/ UT/L/2022-23/3377-28
Date: 15-02-23

Asstt. Regional Transport Officer
Leh Ladakh

NOTICE

Whereas, Morup Dolma D/o Sonam Rinchen R/o Likir, Leh UT Ladakh has claimed that her name Morup Dolma has been wrongly entered as Murup Dolma instead of Morup Dolma in the Driving Licence bearing No. JK-07 20040062797 and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary, UT Ladakh with Certificate No. IN-LA0446479672770V to this office for making necessary correction. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office, Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Leh, Ladakh within 7 days from the date of publication.

Fortnightly News

NOTICE



Whereas Skarma Tsering F/o Padma Deachen R/o Rongo, Hanley, Leh district, UT Ladakh has claimed that his daughter Padma Deachen's Date of Birth has been wrongly entered as 18-06-2008 instead of 18-06-2010 in her school record of Govt. High School, Hanley.

Whereas the Father of the candidate has produced an Affidavit duly attested by Notary Public Leh to this office for making necessary correction in the school record.

Hence, notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this regard report to Govt. High School, Hanley, Leh-Ladakh office within 7 days from the date of issue of this notice.

NOTICE



Whereas Stanzin Muskit M/o Stanzin Tsulim R/o Tangyar Nubra, Leh district, UT Ladakh has claimed that his son Stanzin Tsulim's Date of Birth has been wrongly entered as 25-10-2012 instead of 25-10-2013 in his school record of Lamdon Model School, Diskit, Nubra, Leh-Ladakh.

Whereas the Mother of the candidate has produced an Affidavit duly attested by Notary Public Leh to this Office for making necessary correction in the school record.

Hence, notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this regard report to Druk Lamdon Model School, Diskit, Nubra, Leh-Ladakh office within 7 days from the date of issue of this notice.

Awareness program on female cancer, hygiene held in Kargil

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: An awareness program on screening for cancer among females and menstrual health was held in Kargil on February 18.

The program was organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) Kargil, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India in collaboration with Block Medical Officer, Tai Suru, and environmental, social, and sports associations of Tai Suru.

A large number of women from Tai Suru block participated in the program. The program was attended by

gynecologist Dr. Nasreen Fatima; Incharge Police Post Sankoo (SI), Tsering Dolkar; District Youth Officer, NYK Kargil, Jigmat Spaldon and Social Worker at Special Cell for Women, Hassina Batool.

Dr. Nasreen spoke on female cancer, menstrual health, and hygiene and also demonstrated how to examine breast cancer by themselves and gave different examples.

Hassina Batool enlightened the gathering about the help provided by the Special Cell for Women to all women who are facing domestic vio-



During the awareness program on screening for cancer among females and menstrual health.

lence. SI Tsering Dolkar gave awareness about cybercrimes with various examples and explained various ways to deal with them.

Jigmat Spaldon briefed about various works of the NYK

Kargil and encouraged the gathering to participate in such awareness programs.

Later, the women of Tai Suru thanked the NYK Kargil for organizing such programs in far-flung areas

CEO, Looms of Ladakh, meets L-G & first lady Neelam Mishra



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Chief Executing Officer (CEO), Looms of Ladakh, Lobzang Lhamo met Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), and First Lady Neelam Mishra, at Raj Niwas on February 25.

Commissioner/Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Saugat Biswas, was present at the meeting.

Lobzang Lhamo apprised the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh of various handloom and handicraft products

made by the members of the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) comprising women from remote areas of Ladakh. She informed that Looms of Ladakh was initiated in 2017 to improve the livelihood of women of Ladakh through handloom and handicraft products made from pashmina and yak wool. She further informed about the ongoing construction of their workstation at Kuzey in Choglamsar. She also informed about various initiatives taken by them, including making individual payments directly into the

accounts of the members of SHGs to motivate the workers.

Lieutenant Governor, Brig (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) highlighted the importance of marketing for the sales of the products and the need to provide the right and proportionate incentives to the workers. He inquired about the capacity-building training being provided to the SHGs and entrepreneurs in Ladakh. He instructed Commissioner/Secretary, Industries and Commerce, to conduct activities in the lean period during the winters so that the members of SHGs can earn their livelihood during this period also. He assured to provide all assistance for the growth of the women SHGs.

Commissioner/Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Saugat Biswas informed about capacity-building training

programmes held for SHGs and entrepreneurs through NIFD and developing marketing avenues through TRIFED. He also informed about the establishment of the Brand Ladakh Emporium at Leh and the upcoming Brand Ladakh Emporium at Delhi. He further informed about steps being taken by the Administration for the export of the products of the SHGs and entrepreneurs with the help of the Export Promotion Council of India. Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce, informed about the participation of various SHGs and entrepreneurs from Ladakh in fairs and exhibitions, including Enchanting Ladakh at Dilli Haat in Delhi.

First Lady Neelam Mishra appreciated the efforts of the members of Looms of Ladakh for the promotion of local handloom and handicraft products.

DC, Kargil, chairs expenditure review meeting of CAPEX budget 2022-23

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve reviewed the progress of expenditure achieved on different works under the District Capex Budget on February 25.

Details are sought from the officials of the respective departments regarding expenditure achieved till February 2023.

Officers from the concerned departments informed DC Kargil regarding the physical and financial progress achieved till now on the ongoing developmental works.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all the officers to complete the remaining de-

velopmental works at the earliest. He stressed upon the officers to achieve 100 percent expenditure this year. He further directed SDM Zanskar to surrender the unused fund and instructed the concerned officers to complete the tendering process at the earliest. Santosh directed the concerned to provide the biometric attendance lock for engineers and staff.

Concerned officers also informed the DC about the expenditure of machinery and subsidy component.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed the district officers to accelerate the work pace and expedite the expenditure booking. He directed to frame of a committee of Panchayat



DC, Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve reviewing the progress of expenditure achieved on different works under the District Capex Budget with officials.

Samiti and also stressed all Block Development Officers to make success stories of Amrit Sarovar.

DC Kargil also stressed for optimum utilization of funds during the current financial year and directed the officers to gear up their manpower and machinery to complete the developmental works

within the stipulated timelines.

He further instructed the concerned officers not to send bills with the contractors to the treasury and also directed the concerned officers to book maximum expenditure under District Capex of the works as soon as possible.

SDM, Zanskar, reviews basic amenities at Zongkhul Gonpa

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Sub Divisional Magistrate, Zanskar, Sonam Dorjay along with JE PWD and officials of Electric and Mechanical Department visited Zongkhul Gonpa and reviewed the snow clearance work of road, electricity, and drinking water facilities on February 26.

Sarpanch, Lambardar of Atting and Head Lama informed the visitors that the area is avalanche prone and the Mechanical Department has cleared the road five times

this winter and today it is the 6th time. They also expressed their gratitude to the administration and Mechanical Department. Due to avalanches, the electric poles collapsed and tilted which disrupted the electricity supply. The Electric Department replaced poles this winter but again collapsed due to avalanches.

The concerned officials informed the SDM that it is impossible to replace the damaged poles and restore the electricity this time due to



avalanches and heavy snow accumulation. The Monks and public representatives requested the SDM to provide an alternate lighting system like solar light or generator until the main power supply is restored. They also demanded to lay the line underground so

that the avalanche would not affect the power supply.

The SDM assured them that he will arrange a generator for lighting and also take up the underground cable line demand with the higher authorities.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH
 DIRECTORATE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT LADAKH
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Subject: Revised guidelines on Ombudsperson and appellate authority-reg.

The Govt. of India, Ministry of Rural Development Department, Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Division vide File No M-11015/11/2022-RE-III (380157) dated 5th August 2022, has issued Revised guidelines on Ombudsperson and appellate authority which is re-produced here as under:-

4-Renumeration

4.1 Subject to any notification by the State Government, the Ombudsman shall be allowed compensation, in form of a fee of Rs 2250/= (Rupees Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty only) per sitting with maximum limit of Rs 45000/= (Rupees Forty Five Thousand) per month.

Therefore, The para of the revised guideline on Ombudsperson and Appellate authority is hereby notified for information of all those candidates who have applied for appointment as Ombudsperson under MGNREGS in Leh and Kargil district in response to notification No 99 dated 06-09-2022, 148 dated 21-12-2022 and No 157 dated 07-02-2023

Tahir Hussain
 Director,
 Rural Development Department,
 UT Ladakh
 dated:- 22/02/2023

No. DRD(UTL)/Ombudsperson/22/5086-5162
 Copy of the:-

1. Private Secretary, to the Advisor Ladakh for information of the Advisor.
2. Project Officer Wages (ACD) Leh/Kargil for information.
3. Deputy Secretary to the Commissioner/Secretary, Rural Development Department & PR UT Ladakh for information of the Commissioner/Secretary, Joint Director, Information UT Ladakh with the request to give Space of the Advertisement in local Print Media viz-a-viz, Voice of Ladakh, Rangyul, Greater Ladakh & Reach Ladakh for information of Interested Person.
4. Assistant Director Information Leh/Kargil, for publication in the weekly issue of Ladakh through print media.
5. Station Director, All India Radio Leh and Kargil with the request to kindly give wide publicity of the above advertisement in the Employment News bulletin for three consecutive days through electronic media.
6. Director, Doordarshan Kendra Leh with the request to kindly give space to the above Advertisement in the News bulletin for three consecutive days.
7. Private Secretary, to the Hon'ble Chief Executive Councilor, LAHDC Leh/Kargil for information of the Hon'ble Chief Executive Councilor.
8. Block Development Officers (all) for information and with the remarks to display the above advertisement Notice at all Panchayat Ghar's Notice Board and other conspicuous places in the hamlet/Village & Panchayats for information of the interested Persons.
9. Chairman, Block Development Council (BDCs) all (through the respective BDCs for information and necessary action.
10. PA to Executive Councilor (RD) LAHDC Leh/Kargil for information of the Hon'ble Executive Councilor
11. Notice Board Main Bazaar Leh/Kargil for information of general masses.

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THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH,
 SOCIAL & TRIBAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT,
 Civil Secretariat, Ladakh.

F. No: A/246/2021 SEC-Part (1)/ 302-12
 Dated: 14/02/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for the Low-Income Students belonging to the Scheduled Castes, De-notified Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Tribes, Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans category.

This is to inform that the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing a Central Sector Scheme namely "National Overseas Scholarship" to facilitate the low-income students belonging to the Scheduled Castes, De-notified Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Tribes, Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans category to obtain higher education (Master's Degree or Ph.D. courses) abroad. Accordingly, 125 fresh awards are being given under this Scheme from Selection year 2021-22 onwards.

The candidates, after assessing their eligibility and suitability, as per the eligibility conditions of the Scheme Guidelines (enclosed), can apply online to the Ministry on the portal www.nosmsje.gov.in. The selection year period would be April-March of each year. The portal shall be opened for calling of application for the first round from mid of February for a period of 45 days. Afterwards, in case the slots remain unfilled, the portal will be opened again for the second cycle from 1st of Sept. for a period of 45 days in each selection year.

For the selection for FY 2023-24, online portal inviting application of NOS Scholarship for the first round will be opened from 15th February to 31st March 2023. The Scheme guidelines has been enclosed for further detailed information.

Enc: A/A

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