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Protest rally in Leh against minor girl's rape, speedy justice sought

All religious organizations demand establishment of fast-track court

Yangchen Dolma

LEH: The rape and attempt to murder an eleven-year-old girl in Leh, has sent shock waves throughout the region. Residents of Leh and surrounding villages on April 11 staged a protest march, seeking justice for the minor victim and her family.

The protest march was called by Ladakh Buddhist Association and All Ladakh Gonpa Association supported by all other religious bodies, political parties, various other organizations, and civil society groups. Thousands of protestors walked on the roads holding placards and shouting against the accused. They demanded a fast-track trial and speedy justice for the minor rape victim.

All the business establishments and traffic movement in Leh remain closed for one day on April 11.

On March 29, the minor girl was allegedly abducted and raped in Leh. The accused identified as Syed Zulfikar Ali Shah known as 'Zulzul' R/o Thiksey was arrested on March 31. The case is registered under FIR No. 2/2023 U/S 5(M) and 6 POCSO Act at Women Police Station Leh.

On March 29 after school time at around 4:30 pm, the girl took a lift in a Santro car driven by the accused near Jivetsal, Photang. The man took her to an isolated place in Chuchot instead of her village where she was sexually assaulted, beaten with stones, and pushed into a rocky pit. The preparator of the crime left the child



in the pit covering her with soil and stones while she was hurt and bleeding. The child later mustered up the courage and walked towards the main road Chuchot which is around 5 km from the place of occurrence and immediately contacted her home for help.

At 20:30 hrs, Women Police Station Leh received a call from SNM Hospital Leh stating that a girl child, 12yrs age, was brought by her uncle with bruises/injury on her head/face on hand, etc and the child was also found sexually assaulted by an unknown person. Women Police Station Leh immediately rushed to the hospital and filed the case.

Leh Police immediately swung into action and different police teams were constituted to trace the accused person. After strenuous and hectic efforts by the police team, with the help of CCTV footage and human intelligence, the Police team was able to catch and arrest the alleged accused within 48 hours of the incident and

the Santro car used for the commission of the offense was also seized.

Addressing the gathering during the protest rally, Thupstan Chhewang, President LBA said that justice in such kind of crime should be served without any delay and that stringent punishment to the perpetrators can control such crime. He requested judicial authorities for speedy justice for the victim through the establishment of a fast-track court, speedy trial, and punish the culprit for this horrific crime.

He also reiterated the rape and murder case of a 55 years old woman by a 32-year-old young man, whose body was found in her house at Sheynam on August 31, 2022. The accused was arrested but the case is still pending.

CEC, Hill Council, Leh, Tashi Gyalsen assured every possible to help to get justice for this minor girl.

The speakers showed a deep concern for the failure of the legal process to convict and penalize the convicts of juvenile sexual abuse/ sodomy cases and all other cases of sexual abuse and murder in Leh. They said that the delay in justice delivery has resulted in the loss of public trust in the judiciary system and faith in the universality and fairness of law of the land.

Ashraf Ali Barcha, President, Anjuman Imamia said, "Such a case is a huge embarrassment for the people of Ladakh. I strongly condemn and demand a speedy trial and justice for the victim".

He also stressed speedy trial in all other such crimes that happened in the past years and punish the culprits with the harshest punishment.

The heads of all religious women's wings demanded special transport services for the women. They asked parents to teach their children to avoid taking lifts from an unknown person and to impart self-defense training in all schools. They said that the women association will not stay quiet until the accused is not punished for committing a such heinous crime.

All the religious heads submitted a copy of the memorandum to the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh Dr. BD Mishra demanding the establishment of fast track court for speedy trial of the recent case and all other cases that are still pending in court. They also demanded adequate compensation and the expenses for her future education outside Ladakh.

Environmentalist Sonam Wangchuk gets Santokbaa award

Dedicates prize money to educate girl-students of Leh & Kargil



Educationist and environmentalist Sonam Wangchuk receiving the prestigious Santokbaa Humanitarian Award.

Deachen Spaldon

LEH: Educationist and environmentalist Sonam Wangchuk was conferred with the prestigious Santokbaa Humanitarian Award in Leh on April 10. The award came with prize money of one crore.

The award was presented by the chief guest of the occasion, Neelam Mishra, the first lady of Ladakh, and guest of honor, Sarla Chhewang.

Santokbaa Humanitarian Award is instituted by Shree Ramkrishna Knowledge Foundation (SRKKF) and led by diamond baron Govind Dholakia. The award is named after Govind's mother Santokbaa, SRKKF honors the

award every year for humanitarian contributions by people whose selfless work has contributed a lot to society. In the past, this award had been presented to personalities like HH Dalai Lama and Ratan Tata through the hands of dignitaries like the president of India.

First Lady Neelam Mishra expressed gratitude to the organizers for the opportunity and said that it is an honor to be part of this event and present the award to Sonam Wangchuk who is an inspiration to the people of Ladakh.

Sonam Wangchuk has immensely contributed to reforming Ladakh's education system -

through institutions such as SECMOL and HIAL. With the rise of climate change, his contributions include the invention of Ice Stupas, creation of artificial glaciers, and the promotion of eco-friendly solar-heated mud buildings.

Accepting the award, Sonam Wangchuk said that he is being able to work and contribute to society because he is the youngest son in his family.

"Being the youngest there are fewer responsibilities towards family, thus, got more time to work for the society. I am grateful to my brothers and sisters who took the family responsibilities and gave me the freedom to do everything I wanted", he added.

He dedicated the award to all the people who have contributed their bit somehow or another to his innovations.

He also mentioned that the prize money will be dedicated to the education of girl children in Leh and Kargil and made

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## Fortnightly News

## Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar visits Dungti village

Center's priority is to develop border villages, says Minister



Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar along with MP Ladakh and ITBP forces during his visit to Dungti village on the eastern border of Changthang region in Ladakh.

## Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**DUNGTI:** Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar visited Dungti village on the eastern border of Changthang region in Ladakh under the Vibrant Village Program of the Government of India on April 11.

The minister met the public and listened to their problems and took suggestions, while he visited the ITBP post and KVK, Nyoma.

Interacting with the public at Dungti, Union Minister said that the Government of India is committed to the development of this entire region. He said that the border villages of the country are generally known as the last villages, but under the vision of Prime Minister Narendra

Modi, these villages are the priority of the Government of India for development.

Tomar said that the Central Government aims to give benefits to all the schemes of the Center while providing facilities to the people of remote areas. He said that whatever proposals the Center will receive for the overall development of this region, will be worked upon promptly and whatever can be done by the Center from the point of view of agriculture and animal husbandry development will be done. He said that the entire country is getting the benefit of the welfare schemes implemented by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. All the eligible beneficiaries are getting the full money of the schemes with transparency.

Union Minister also visited the stalls put up by various departments including Ladakh's Health Department, Sheep Husbandry and Animal Husbandry Department, Agriculture Science Center (KVK), Nyoma. During the programme, demonstration kits, machines, etc. were handed over to many beneficiaries by the Union Minister. Tomar also visited the ITBP post in Dungti, where he interacted with the officers and jawans and encouraged them.

MP Ladakh and DIG Ranveer Singh were also present on the occasion.

Tomar also visited KVK, Nyoma, and said that this area is suitable for both agriculture and animal husbandry. KVK has a very important role in this sector, which is trying to advance agriculture. He emphasized converting agriculture into advanced agriculture, so that the farmers get more profit, as well as gave information about agriculture and farmer-friendly schemes of the Center in the interest of the farmers of the area. He inaugurated the Micro Irrigation Unit and Mushroom Lab and inspected the Green House Unit. He visited the house of the beneficiary of Nal-Jal Yojana and discussed with them the benefits of the scheme.

## MP request for L-G's intervention in making Ladakh crime &amp; drug-free



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

## Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**NEW DELHI:** MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal met the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) on April 3 and discussed issues of drugs and crime.

Jamyang raised several issues and requested HLG's intervention in making Ladakh a crime-free and drug-free society. He highlighted the recent rape and attempt to murder a young girl in Leh. He said that the incident has sent shockwaves among the people of Ladakh.

MP requested LG to give instructions to concerned officials to initiate necessary actions to make Ladakh a crime-free society. He also requested stringent action against the accused to ensure justice for the victim and her family members. Such action, he said, would set an example of the commitment of the Administration to the safety and protection of its citizens and tourists.

He also highlighted the growing incidents of drug abuse among

children and adults. He requested LG's intervention in preventing drug abuse among the youth of Ladakh. He suggested that a concrete policy and action plan should be formulated by the Administration along with the Hill Councils, social organisations, and experts to prevent drug abuse among children and adults.

He also suggested carrying out various drives such as community mobilization, family-based prevention programmes on drug abuse for youth and parents, spreading awareness on resisting peer pressure to consume drugs, and the roles of teachers and schools in all these aspects.

MP emphasised the need for establishing a Drug De-addiction Center for the rehabilitation of people involved in drug and alcohol abuse. The Drug De-addiction Center would facilitate in providing necessary treatment and support to the needy, he said.

## Secretary, Youth Services, GoI, visits Leh, inspects Y-20 Pre-Summit preparations

Y-20 pre-summit is scheduled to be held in Leh from April 26 to 28



## Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** As Ladakh prepares to host the Y-20 Pre-summit from April 26 to 28 under the aegis of the G-20 India Summit, Secretary Youth Services, Government of India Meeta Rajivlochan visited Leh on April 3 and discussed the arrangements with the concerned departments of UT Ladakh Administration, event management company Thomas Cook and representatives of the G-20 Secretariat.

Principal Secretary to UT Administration Sanjeev Khirwar (Chairman G-20 Committee), Commissioner Secretary Ajeet Sahu; Commissioner Secretary Padma Angmo; Administrative Secretary Ravinder Kumar; Administrative Secretary Kacho Mehbood Ali Khan; DIG Ladakh Police Sheikh Junaid and other concerned officials attended the meeting today.

The Secretary visited Sindhu Sanskriti Kendra, the main ven-

ue of the summit, and hotels where the guests shall be accommodated.

The Secretary, Rajivlochan enquired about the run-up events being conducted by the educational departments and stated that activities must pick up pace 15 days ahead to built up for the summit. She further stressed that spots will be reserved for students for their performance in the run-up events who will be felicitated during the summit, to ensure local participation.

Commissioner/Secretary Higher Education Department Padma Angmo informed of the various events conducted by the Department, with emphasis on the Sustainable Campus Challenge launched recently.

Director School Education Department (SED), Ladakh Safdar Ali shared details of initiatives such as G-20 theme-based activ-

ities, reserving all Mondays of the week to G-20 activities, etc being undertaken by the Department.

Secretary Rajivlochan stressed the involvement of local youth from various backgrounds such as sports, entrepreneurship, art, medicine, etc.

Creating an introductory video of Ladakh highlighting aspects such as the economic growth of Ladakh with emphasis on broadened entrepreneurial opportunities for the youth, in the fields of handloom, handicrafts, food processing, etc, was discussed during the meeting.

Keeping in view Ladakh's high altitude, the meeting discussed the medical arrangements and ensured that the delegates are briefed by a medical team before they visit Ladakh.

The meeting also discussed in detail aspects such as the deputation of nodal officers, up gradation required at certain venues, ensuring smooth two-way internet connectivity at all venues, security arrangements, cultural events, and branding for the event.

The Y-20 pre-summit is scheduled to be held in Leh from April 26 to 28 under the aegis of the G-20 India Summit.

## L-G chairs review meet with all Secretaries

## Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) held a meeting with the departmental secretaries and reviewed the progress of their respective departments along with the issues faced by the citizens of Ladakh on April 11 at Raj Niwas.

LG inquired about the condition of the minor rape victim along with the necessary steps being taken by the Administration to fast-track the case for a speedy trial to ensure justice for her and her family members. He also instructed the Social Welfare Department to provide all necessary assistance from the administration to the victim and her family members.

Commissioner Secretary, Social, and Tribal Welfare, Padma Angmo informed about the necessary counseling and support being extended to the child and the family.

He inquired about the security arrangements for the delegates who will visit Leh for the Y-20 Pre-Summit to be held from April 26-28 under the aegis of the G20 India Summit. He also inquired about the necessary measures being taken by Ladakh Police to sensitize the parents of the juveniles who indulge in weak beating the affray and assaults to deter their wards from involving themselves in such acts. He emphasised the need to send a strong



Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) holding a meeting with the secretaries.

message to such juveniles and their families found indulging in violent conduct.

LG inquired about the Juvenile Observation Centres along with the De-addiction and Rehabilitation centres in Ladakh. He instructed Ladakh Police and Social Welfare Department to make the Juvenile Observation Home fully functional with adequate staff and security arrangements so that juveniles in conflict with the law can be kept there. He also instructed Social Welfare Department to expedite the construction of the De-addiction centres along with Disability Rehabilitation centres in Ladakh and ensure its completion at the earliest.

He emphasized the need to improve the public transport system in Ladakh and inquired about the feasibility of purchasing buses and then outsourcing its operation under a legal MoU to willing

parties. He also inquired about several other issues such as the inconvenience faced by tourists due to the blockage of the road in Nubra due to the widening work of the road; the damage caused by the attack of the snow leopard in Shey village; issues related to Ward & Watch/Mali and labourers, etc.

The departmental secretaries informed HLG about the progress of various works in their respective departments along with pending works.

Principal Secretary, Pawan Kotwal, IAS; ADGP Ladakh Police, Satish Khandare, IPS; Commissioner Secretary, Ajeet Kumar Sahu, IAS; Commissioner Secretary, Padma Angmo, IIS; Secretary, Mehbood Ali Khan, IRS; Secretary, Yetindra Maralkar, IAS; Secretary, Law, Fayaz Ahmed Sheikh and other officials were present in the meeting.

## Environmentalist Sonam Wangchuk gets Santokbaa award

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the award function to the occasion of honoring womanhood and motherhood.

Congratulating Sonam Wangchuk, Sarla Chhewang said that his work and contribution to society are immense and have also promoted Ladakh at all levels.

She further wishes Sonam Wangchuk more success and recognition and to keep inspiring the youths of Ladakh.

The occasion was graced by 10 members of the Dholakia family from Surat. Religious heads, ex-ministers, councilors, and other dignitaries of Ladakh were also present at the function.

## Awareness campaign on junk food held in Lalok, Changthang



## Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Ten Friends of Lalok (a local volunteer group), organised an awareness campaign on junk food in various schools and Chushul village of Lalok Changthang on April 1 and 2.

The campaign aimed to educate students and villagers on the harmful effects of junk food on their health and encourage them to make healthier food choices.

The campaign was conducted at Centralized Residential School Tharuk, Middle School Tharuk, Residential School Kargyam, and Chushul Village, and was

attended by over 900 students and villagers. Dr. Nordan Otzer, a health expert, and Jigmet Sangyas of Local Future were the resource person for the campaign.

The experts spoke on the adverse effects of junk food on physical and mental health and also shared tips on how to make healthier food choices.

During the campaign, the students were also shown interactive presentations on the dangers of consuming excessive amounts of junk food, including

obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. The students were encouraged to adopt healthier eating habits, including eating more fruits and vegetables, local food, and reducing the consumption of junk food.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Nordan Otzer said, "I am glad to see such a great initiative by Ten Friends of Lalok. It is crucial to educate children about the importance of healthy eating habits, and I hope this campaign will help students make better food choices in the future."

Ten Friends of Lalok expressed their gratitude to Dr. Nordan Otzer and Jigmet Sangyas for their valuable insights and thanked the school authorities, parents, and villagers for their cooperation in organizing the campaign. They also reiterated their commitment to promoting health and well-being in the community.

## Fortnightly News

### Workshop on Apprenticeship Act 1961 for Hotel Industry, Establishments & PSUs held in Leh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Department of Technical Education & Skill Development, Ladakh organised a Workshop on Apprenticeship Act 1961 in collaboration with NIELET, Leh for Hotel Industry, Establishments, and PSUs on April 10.



Commissioner/Secretary, Technical Education & Skill Development Ladakh, Padma Angmo addressing the gathering during Workshop on Apprenticeship Act 1961.

Commissioner/Secretary, Technical Education & Skill Development Ladakh, Padma Angmo in her keynote address informed the participants on the components of the Apprenticeship Act 1961 which mandates all 'establishments' like Govt Departments, Hotel Industry, PSUs, Hospitals, Banks, urban Local Bodies, etc having workforce (regular and Contract employees) of 30 employees or more to engage apprentices from 2.5 % - 15% of its workforce.

She stated the Act will prove highly beneficial for both the youth and establishments as the youth can gain the requisite on-the-job training while earning at the same time and establishments can get a young workforce. Speaking on the challenges and limitations faced by establishments in Ladakh in finding a suitable workforce, Comm/Secy said that with the Apprenticeship scheme, now employers have the opportunity to have a steady stream of skilled workforce at the entry-level. This shall also enable the establishments to recruit from among the apprentices who show

aptitude and potential.

Assistant Director, RDSDE, Jammu, Ram Singh Locham gave a detailed presentation on the Apprenticeship Act 1961 and the components of the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS). Lochan also outlined the Apprenticeship landscape Training in India; key provisions in the Act, Rules, and guidelines; benefits for establishments.

Regional Director, RDSDE J&K and Ladakh and HP, S. Santhimananal explained Basic Training Provider (BTP) registration and reservation of training seats for reserve categories and PWDs.

In the technical session, establishments were given hands-on training on the apprenticeship portal <https://www.apprenticeshipindia.gov.in> and shown how to register and create opportunities for youth and offer them apprenticeship opportunities The

workshop was attended by hotel industry, banks, establishments, Polytechnic College, Industrial Training Institutes, establishments in Kargil (online), and staff of NIELET. Later in the day, the participants were given a hands-on NAPS Portal and had an elaborate question-and-answer session. Ms. Zhara Begum OSD Apprenticeship, (Technical Education & Skill Development Dept) presented the Welcome Speech.

The apprenticeship Training Programme under the Apprenticeship Act 1961 is being implemented for the first time in Ladakh to provide field training to the apprentices (students) among the industry establishment by utilizing the facilities available therein to promote skill development in the youth of Ladakh. Under the scheme, Establishments pay stipends ranging between 5000 to 9000/- per month to apprentices and the Central Government pays 25 % of the stipend.

### First UT-level Immediate Emergency Assistance Committee meeting held

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** The newly constituted UT Level Immediate Emergency Assistance Committee (IEAC) held its first meeting on April 8 at the Civil Secretariat, Leh under the Chairmanship of Advisor Ladakh, Umang Narula.



During the first meeting of the UT Level Immediate Emergency Assistance Committee (IEAC).

The committee was constituted on the directions of the Lieutenant Governor, Brig (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) for effective planning, monitoring, and management of any kind of crisis or emergencies arising in the Union territory of Ladakh.

The IEAC is also responsible for assessing and continuously monitoring all kinds of crisis situations, preventing the recurrence of such emergencies in the UT, providing expert guidance, and devising contingency plans, interventions, and guidelines. The committee will evaluate existing resources, synchronize activities among different departments and agencies, and involve appropriate authorities in the Government to manage crisis.

During the meeting, the existing emergency response systems were reviewed and areas for improvement were identified. On the directions of the Lieutenant Governor, it was decided to constitute a study group to develop SOPs for mobilizing various agencies and stakeholders for a quick and coordinated response in providing immediate assistance to people in case of any emergency.

Presently the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) can be accessed by dialing 112 which is a Pan-India single number-based emergency response system for citizens in emergencies. It was emphasized that this number be widely publicized to both tourists and locals.

ADGP Ladakh, Satish Khandare informed that Ladakh Police has developed and launched a

mobile application called "Julley Tourist" on Android to provide tourists with a comprehensive platform to access information about tourist destinations, maps, eco buses, and the 24x7 police helpline number in the event of an emergency. It was informed that the Ladakh Tourist Police maintains communication with travel agencies, the hospitality sector, airlines, bus, and taxi unions to assist tourists with any information they may require. Tourist can easily access any information they need through this application, he added.

Furthermore, in case of an emergency, the users can seek help via this application, and the system will automatically connect to ERSS Dial 112, which will call them back and dispatch a team of tourist police to their location thus providing swift assistance in any emergency and helping the tourists.

Commissioner/Secretary, A.K. Sahu informed the meeting that Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), a communication hub designed to ensure an effective response to disaster situations will be soon made operational in the UT. He shared that the manpower to operate the software has already been hired and trained.

Director Health, Dr. Motup Dorje informed the meeting that to deal with any high-altitude medical emergency the Health department has procured and kept ready several Gamov bags at the nearest medical centers at various critical locations, viz, Khardung La; Tsoltak near Chang La; Spangmik near Pangong Lake, and

Tangste Medical Centre among others. Further, it was informed that oxygen parlours were already functional at Health and Wellness Centres Kargyak and Rangdum in Zanskar.

He also shared that oxygen parlours will be functional at the Khardungla top; Gya village on the Leh-Manali highway; Tsoltak, Zangla, and Abran Health and Wellness Centres in Zanskar. Besides oxygen parlours shall also be set up at 3 new tourist routes opened by the Tourism Department which include, Phoibrang at Marstemik La-Tsog Tsa Lu route; Shayok-Galwan route, and Panamik-Siachan route.

Regarding the National Ambulance Service, Dial 108 the Committee members were informed that 8 new Advanced Life Support Ambulances are being procured and the Health Department will also retrofit the existing BLS Ambulances with ALS equipment. Furthermore, a hyperbaric chamber will be installed shortly at the SNM Hospital Leh. The Committee suggested that Health department should consider augmenting the strength of doctors during the tourist season to cater to the increased workload.

The committee also discussed the need for improving public awareness and education on emergency and disaster situations.

The meeting was also attended by representatives from LAHDC Leh/Kargil; IG, ITBP Ladakh; Station Commander HQ 14 Corps Leh; Air Officer Commander, Airforce Station Leh; Chief Engineers Himank/ Vijayak/Yojak, and SP, UTDRF, Unit Ladakh.

### Tributes paid to Kargil war hero, Sub Maj Tsewang Morup, who died in a road accident



Bidding farewell to Kargil war hero, Veer Chakra Sub Maj Tsewang Morup.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**NEY:** Kargil war hero and Veer Chakra awardee Subedar Major Tsewang Morup died in a road accident in Leh on April 2 and was cremated with full military honors on April 6 at Ney village.

Commander of the Army's Leh-based Fire and Fury Corps Lt Gen Rashim Bali met Morup's family, including his father Naib Subedar (retired) Chhering Mutup, and conveyed condolences on behalf of the Army. Morup's father is an Ashok Chakra awardee.

Thousands of soldiers and civilians bid farewell to Kargil war hero, Veer Chakra Sub Maj Tsewang Morup.

Expressing grief and conveying condolence to the departed soul family, President Ex-servicemen said, "It is very sad that such a brave soldier is no more with us today. He was a pride of Ladakh and the Indian Army. India lost another brave son, who fought for the nation. His courage, fearlessness, determination, and

daring earned him the Veer Chakra. He will remain forever in our hearts. May his soul rest in peace".

Nb Sub Chhering Motup, Ex-servicemen President; Goc Leh, Commandant, LSRC, Deputy Chairman Tsering Angchuk; Commandant, LBA President Thupstan Chhewang laid a wreath and paid tribute to the departed soul.

On 27 June 1999 while deployed at OP MEGHDOOT (Siachen Glacier) JC-588803P Nb Sub then he was Sepoy Tsewang Morup, was ordered to capture Pak Post name "Bilal" in the gen area South Glacier. He along with his team made continuous reconnaissance for 03 days and also fixed a rope between the crevasse. He killed 01 officer and 13 men of the enemy. Eventually as a result of effective planning and bravery, Pak Post "Bilal" was captured and renamed "Navdeep Top" and there on him and his team dominated the area effectively. He was awarded Veer Chakra by President of India K R Narayan for his gallant act.

### 45 new posts for National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa, Leh, created

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:**Govt of India has approved the creation of 45 new posts for the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa (NISR), Leh Ladakh on various levels. The Union Cabinet, under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the establishment of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa at Leh Ladakh on 20th November 2019.

The creation of 45 new posts is a historic occasion for the Sowa-Rigpa system of medicine, particularly the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa. Out of the 45 sanctioned posts, 18 are Sowa-Rigpa group (A) posts of

Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, and Medical Officer. Four are for modern Allopathic Doctors and one Research Officer for herbal gardens, and the rest are administrative and technical posts. The creation of permanent posts will boost the research, education, and public health delivery by the Institute.

The staff and students of NISR Leh express their heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi; Union Minister of Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal; MoS Ayush, Dr. Munjapara Mahendrabhai; Senior Officers of Ministry of Ayush and Department of Expenditure and all individu-

als who aided in the creation of posts.

The Institution was registered under the Societies Registration Act of the Union Territory of Ladakh on 13th April 2020. It started functioning in October 2020 by converting the existing National Research Institute for Sowa-Rigpa under the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences along with existing infrastructure and manpower. Since then, it has been pursuing the creation of permanent posts.

The National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa is an autonomous body under the Ministry of AYUSH,

### L-G attends Iftar party hosted by Anjuman Imamia, Leh

Appreciates participation of people from different faiths



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) and First Lady Neelam Mishra attended Iftar party hosted by Anjuman Imamia Leh at Imam Bargah in Leh main market on April 9.

Political, religious, and officials from all faith attended the iftar party.

Saluting the Holy Quran at the outset, LG appreciated Anjuman Imamia Leh for inviting him for iftar. He expressed happiness over the participation of people from all faith at the Iftar party and termed it exemplary. He emphasized the importance of brotherhood, peace, and helping the needy as mentioned in the Holy Quran.

Highlighting the importance of the holy month of Ramadan, he spoke about the five pillars

of Islam, which are Shahaadah (Profession of Faith), Salaat (Prayer), Zakat (Alms giving), Roza/Sawm (Fasting) and Haj (Pilgrimage). He emphasised the importance of observing Zakat (Alms giving) and helping those in need. He stated that the basic teachings of all religions are focused on helping the needy. He also stated that all faith teaches the importance of humanity.

LG informed about the need to work on all fronts for the overall development of Ladakh. He sought cooperation from the people of Ladakh in this regard. He appreciated the people of Ladakh for their positive feedback and good wishes after taking charge as the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh. He highlighted four areas that need immediate improvement: the need to manage and use water judiciously to overcome water scarcity along

with taking necessary measures to tackle the issue of contamination of rivers and nullahs; the need to encourage people to plant saplings to improve the green cover in Ladakh; the need to take immediate measures to protect and promote pashmina goat and pashmina wool, which are the real assets of Ladakh and the need to for parents to sensitize their children to avoid indulgence in drugs and other substance abuse to keep a check on the spread of drug menace in Ladakh. He sought cooperation from the elected representatives, the public, and officials in this regard.

HLG also informed about his plans to make Ladakh "Corruption and Delay Free." He stated that the results will be visible within six months if we work sincerely to achieve the goal. Earlier Sheikh Nazir Ahmed highlighted the significance of Ramadan along with its health benefits. He stressed the need for people of all faith to observe fast/ roza.

President, Anjuman Imamia Leh, Ashraf Ali Barcha also informed LG that the Imam Bargah, which was renovated in 2007, was inaugurated by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama.

## Expert Talk

By Deachen Spaldon



**Dr. Mohd. Iqbal, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer:** It's been quite a few years since we have faced the problems of stray dog menace in Ladakh. Along with the increase in number of dog bite cases which is around 300 cases in 2023, the number of attacks on cattle is between 500-600. Recently we received the news of the death of an old lady due to a dog attack in Zanskar.

As we know that waste dumps in the cities have been one of the major concerns, considering this, direction has been given to municipalities for proper garbage disposal in these areas. There was a meeting with the secretary recently in the presence of all the stakeholders and concerned departments to deliberate on the issue.

If we talk about the sterilization numbers- from 2015 till recently, around 16621 dogs have been sterilized. In coming years with the swift work, more numbers will be added to it.

As per the request put up by us and also the directions given by LG of Ladakh, it was decided to distribute the tasks among different departments to curb the population of dogs in Leh and Kargil cities. The catching of stray dogs will be done by the Municipal Committee. Sterilization work will be done by the animal husbandry department. In villages, BDOs will do this work whereas sterilization work will be done by our department.

Thirdly it was decided and shortly we will put up the notice that pet dogs have to be vaccinated, need to have collars, and should retrain for taking them on walks in public areas. The most concerning problem is the abandonment of different dog breeds that were brought from outside of Ladakh by people. Many cases of this have been found near Changspa. This will be prohibited from now and police will be de-

ployed to keep a check on this at the airports. A penalty of Rs. 20,000 will be levied if anyone is caught as per directions given by LG Ladakh.

In addition to that, we have been involved in a program called Mission Mode wherein speedy sterilizations of the dogs have been done. We had two teams last year and significant work has been done by them for this purpose. The total population of dogs is around 25000 approx, considering this total of 10 teams will be organized as per budget, for expeditious work in this regard. This team will work in different blocks of Ladakh to prevent the dumping of dogs in the cities and yet if there are cases as such, these dogs will be properly sterilized. We have brought some changes in Mission mode where, other than the monthly honorarium some amount of money has been set up - for all the workers involved such as Rs. 200 per dog to the catchers, Rs. 120 to nurse, and Rs. 330 to the doctors. This has been working efficiently as we are observing the results of more numbers of operations.

Then again, people need to understand that the effect of this will not be sudden; the decline in numbers will be noticed in the next 3-4 years. For example, if we see less population of puppies compared to earlier years, then we know there is a balance and sterilization programs have been effective.

Awareness in society is of utmost importance. A feeding center should be made by local communities where the dogs will be given leftovers from the houses, with that they can call the departments for the sterilization program as well. A rehabilitation center has been set up in collaboration with Live to rescue. Aggressive dogs or injured dogs after the treatment are shifted to rehabilitation center of Live to Rescue. Other than that, a center of the same kind will be established at Thiksay after discussions with H.E Thiksay Rinpoche and concerned associations. There are also many private dog lovers organizations such as Chespa who have been tirelessly work-

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ing for injured dogs and their rehabilitation.

As per SPCA, it is completely prohibited to kill them, and it is also not a sensible solution. Yes, Euthanasia (painless killing) is a solution but in severe cases where the dog is going from a grave illness from which it cannot heal.

Awareness campaigns, sterilizations, and penalties as per the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals act (SPCA) will be done. In that regard an animal welfare board will be established very soon in Leh wherein two SPCAs- one in Leh and Kargil will be formed.

Feral dogs are also becoming major threat to the wildlife. These dogs are threatening the region's exotic wildlife species and the most notable among the threatened species is the black-necked crane. The dog eats the eggs of black-necked crane, threatening the future of the species. Himalayan marmots too are falling prey in a big way. To curb all these issues, direction has been given to wildlife departments also to set up a separate budget for this purpose.

### Solutions –

- Cooperation of society- like establishing feeding centers, timely information to the departments, etc is of utmost importance to curbing the population.
- Efficient work by various stakeholders in a constructive and timely manner is the need of the hour- if timely intervention is done it will be easier to tackle this menace.
- Awareness through various campaigns needed to be done- so that people will have more understanding of the various acts and laws regarding the cruelties of animals.



**Dr. Ishey Namgyal, President, Municipal Committee Leh:**

As per animal husbandry reports, more than 13000 dogs have been sterilized since 2015 in the MC area. Compared to past years, we have noticed fewer pups in these areas, which is a sign that sterilization programs have been efficient in the city area.

Also, there haven't been many cases of dogs getting dumped in the city from other places, however last year there was a report of a few of them getting dumped in the Skampari/Gangles area which was brought from Nubra. Earlier, army use to dump them in this MC area, but after strict instruction, the cases has dropped significantly.

In villages, we have heard that dumping of dogs by an army is still happening. In this regard, if someone notices it, kindly take a picture of the vehicle, and penalties will be imposed under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act.

Rising dog bite cases is one of the major concerns in Ladakh. More than 200 dogs bite cases was reported in SNM hospital in February only and there were also some cases of fatal dog attacks causing the death of some people in Ladakh earlier. The major reason for this is- during summers due to tourists, the opening of restaurants/cafes, and school-going children – the leftover food from such sources results in the flourishing of these dogs and fewer dog bite cases. Contrary to this, in winter it is complete opposite where most of these sources are shut and in search of food the dog attack cattle as well as humans. Secondly, teasing the dog or unnecessary provocation also leads to an attack. So one solution we can say is a locality has to decide unanimously

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## The World of Juniors

### National Panchayati Raj Day

National Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated every year on April 24 to raise awareness about the panchayats and gram sabhas along with local self-governments in rural India. The Panchayati raj system in India is divided into three levels that include Gram panchayat at the village level, block panchayat or panchayat Samiti at the intermediate level, and Zila panchayat at the district level.

The day came into existence on April 24, 2010. As per the 73rd amendment act 1992, the grassroots level power was decentralised and the foundation of the institution known as Panchayati Raj began. Therefore, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj considers it National



Panchayati Raj Day. The requirement of governing bodies in rural areas was realised before the constitution had a diversified power structure. After the 1957 committee took place, the concept of Panchayati raj came into effect. And in 1959, Rajasthan was the first state to bring the system of Panchayati Raj into the country. This happened under the leadership of our first prime minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

The Panchayati diwas plays a significant role as the digital initiative helped in the direct transfer of money to the accounts of the panchayats, which made the year 2021 a historic ones.

## DID YOU KNOW



- Pet hamsters run upto 8 miles (13 km) a night on a wheel.
- The leaning tower of Pisa started tilting before the building was completed. A sloth would take a month to travel a single mile.
- Your heart is about the same size as your fist.
- Part of Manhattan's Ninth Avenue is

- named Oreo Way in honor of the cookie which was invented at a Nabisco factory on the street in 1912.
- The world's first escalator was created as an amusement park ride at Cloney Island in 1895.
- Your fingernails take 6 months to grow from base to tip.
- Messages from your brain travel along



Leaning tower of Pisa

your nerves at up to 200 miles an hour.

- 99 percent of people can't lick their elbows. (But 90 percent who read this will try!)
- The number of times some cricket chirps in each second can be used to estimate the temperature.

## SoulSpeak

Dr. P.P. Wangchuk

### The journey of life as you shape it



Life takes a bleak shade if you see only the negative side, but quite enjoyable if you acknowledge the brighter aspects. That means that as a part of life's journey, one has to experience as much of bitter experiences as the sweet ones. One who can take the bitter ones as a necessary part of life, but without letting it harm you in any manner, then the journey on this planet gets quite exciting.

Some of you must have watched recently a Supreme Court judge delivering the mantra of a good life: To make life dynamic and enjoyable, "Kuch sabar karna sikho, kuch bardasht karna sikho and bahut kuch nazar andaaz karna sikho!"

Isn't that 100 per cent true for life's sojourn on this planet to be good and happy? If you make the difficulties and irritants of life bearable by overlooking certain ugly aspects, then life gets a new and beautiful meaning.

I believe that to make life meaningful and purposeful, the journey of life has to be 'invented' and 'reinvented' every day by going in for something new and dynamic. You have to dare to live the kind of life you always wanted. Look within and forget about how others would react and say. You are lucky that you have got this life, gifted with the highest intelligence to make your own decisions that are good and useful. And let's assume, for our own good, that we may not have any rebirth hereafter.

Life's journey is not only a great excitement, it is greatly rewarding too. To make such phases happen, one has to never settle for anything 'average' that makes you just one of many other millions. Rise above the 'average' to make your life different and useful!

The lesson: The journey of life becomes good and useful if you shun your comfort zone, and be a traveller with complete consciousness of the good and the bad!

Courtesy: WongWorld

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**LAHDC Kargil approves ₹ 300 crore for current fiscal**



During the General Council Meeting of LAHDC, Kargil for finalization of Annual Capex Budget (District Plan).

**Reach Ladakh Correspondent**

**KARGIL:** Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmad Khan chaired the General Council Meeting of LAHDC, Kargil for finalization of Annual Capex Budget (District Plan) for the year 2023-2024 at Conference Hall, Baroo on April 3.

He approved ₹300 crore under Capex besides ₹25 cr approximately under Subsidy Component for Annual District Plan for Kargil District for the current fiscal. The approved budget during the annual meeting includes ₹149 cr approximately for engineering sector and ₹150.83 cr for non-engineering sector

While briefing about the physical and financial achievements during last financial year, DC Santosh said out of ₹245 cr allotted, an amount of ₹ 235 cr was spent on implementation of various developmental schemes and welfare programs in the district which represents 96 percent

of released allocation, which is a record achievement preceding the last years' 94 percent achievement.

The Deputy Commissioner congratulated the concerned officers for achieving maximum expenditure and hoped for more such achievements in future as well.

He said most of civil works stand tendered and allotted while work will be kick-started soon as the budget is released and 100 percent progress will be targeted to be achieved.

The CEC on behalf of LAHDC Kargil strongly condemned the alleged rape incident of a minor girl in Leh district and demanded strong punishment for culprit and also applauded Ladakh Police for putting the culprit behind the bars at the earliest.

At the annual meeting, CEC Khan said that five year ten-

ure was a challenging task for the present council. He said amid challenges of working in a new UT, pandemic and other major issues, Khan said a record 96 percent achievement under the allotted budget was recorded in the current financial year and 94 percent in the previous one.

LAHDC Kargil felicitated DC Santosh, Sectorial Heads and District Officers for their remarkable achievement in the previous financial year.

The CEC said due to maximum expenditure in the previous financial year, ₹50 cr has been enhanced by the UT Administration under Capex this year. He directed all Sectorial Officers to start developmental works besides pace up progress given the short working season.

Khan expressed happiness over the 100 percent expenditure under the subsidy component and congratulated the house for the enhancement of CCDA from ₹cr to ₹1.5 cr.

He urged the concerned Councilors to submit the work under CCDA and Subsidy Component at the earliest considering the upcoming code of conduct within a few months before elections so that the works can be registered in the current year fiscal plan.

Threadbare discussions and deliberations were held on the draft annual plan budget wherein members put forth their suggestions and several important decisions were also taken up regarding the imple-

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**Ladakh Pollution Control Board organises one-day workshop for hoteliers**



**Reach Ladakh Correspondent**

**LEH:** Ladakh Pollution Control Board organised a one-day workshop to educate the hotel industry on compliance with the Water Act of 1974 and the Air Act of 1981 in Leh on April 4. Over 50 hoteliers attended the workshop.

The workshop aimed to create awareness among the participants about the importance of complying with the Water Act and Air Act to reduce pollution and ensure sustainable tourism in the region. The attendees were given a detailed overview of the Acts and their implications for hotel operations.

Dr. Pawan Kotwal, Principal Secretary of Forest, Ecology, and Environment emphasized the adverse impact of violating environmental norms on both the environment and public health. He acknowledged Ladakh's unique natural beauty, stating that people come here to enjoy its unspoiled environment and serene atmosphere, which is its USP. Dr. Kotwal stressed the importance of following environmental laws and rules to sustain tourism in UT Ladakh which forms the major portion

of Ladakh's GDP.

He said that in ancient cultures of Asia, including that of India, great emphasis was laid on the maintenance of the natural environment and the judicious use of natural resources. In some cultures, polluting streams was punishable by death, and washing or bathing in them was prohibited.

He commended the large turnout of attendees and assured them of his support towards complying with environmental laws.

Dr. Kotwal expressed the hope that Ladakh would become known for its eco-friendly tourism and its commitment to following environmental laws. He hoped that all these laws will be followed and that Ladakh earns a name for being an environmentally conscious and eco-friendly tourist destination.

Principal Chief Conservator Forest, Jigmet Takpa, emphasized during his address to the participants that access to clean drinking water is a fundamental right for every Ladakhi. He stressed that the right to life encompasses

the right to safe and clean drinking water. He called upon the hoteliers to install Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) to treat the sewage generated by their hotels. Takpa emphasized the environmental and health benefits of STPs and the economic advantages they offer. By installing STP, hoteliers, and guest house owners can take control of their own wastewater treatment process, rather than relying on expensive external facilities, he added.

Additionally, he said that treated wastewater can be reused for non-potable purposes such as landscaping and toilet flushing, leading to significant cost savings on water bills. Furthermore, he stated that STPs require minimal maintenance and have a long lifespan, making them a wise investment for any business owner looking to reduce long-term costs.

He also gave a comprehensive presentation to the participants and apprised them about the provision of the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change Water Act 1974, Air Act 1982, CPCB and NGT guidelines, and orders concerning the prevention and control of Air and water pollution.

Regional Director, Ladakh Pollution Control Board, Aditya Madanpotra expressed his pleasure to see the enthusiastic involvement of hoteliers in this endeavor. He hoped that they will persevere in their efforts to preserve the natural beauty of Ladakh and uphold the region's aesthetic appeal by strictly adhering to all regulations. He

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**Fortnight Highlights**



Assessment camp for the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) was held on April 10 at Durbuk. The camp was organised by the Social Welfare Department, Leh in collaboration with Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) and the Health Department, Leh.



Headquarters North West Frontier (NWF) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Ladakh celebrated its 17th raising day on April 1.



Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh observed Bhoti Language Day with great fervor on April 1 at Council Secretariat.



Union Territory Disaster Response Force (UTDRF), Leh conducted disaster relief, rescue and rehabilitation training at Khardong village of Nubra sub-division on April 12.



UT Ladakh Women's Football team beat Jammu and Kashmir football team with a score of 3-1 in the Hero 27th Senior Women's National Championship.



Student Art Group, Government High School Shara Valley showcased cultural programme at Lotsava Auditorium Hall Cultural Academy, Leh.

# Fortnightly News

**THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH  
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It is for the information of the general public of UT Ladakh and particularly of Kargil District that **Mutahary Educational and Welfare Association Kargil** has applied for registration of their society under Societies Registration Act 1860. Therefore, Objections are invited from organizations, individuals or any other agency with regard to the Name of the Society, Name of the Members and Location/ Address of the society as per details indicated below:

Name of the Society	Name of the Executive Members	Designation	Address of the Society
Mutahary Educational and Welfare Association Kargil	Syed Mohammad Kezlm Mosavi	Chairman	Saliskote Kargil Ladakh
	Syed Akbar	Vice Chairman	
	Mohd Hussain	President	
	Mohd Younus	Vice President	
	Mohd Hassan	General Secretary	
	Gulzar Hussain	Joint Secretary	
	Mohd Abbas	Cultural Secretary	
	Ajaz Hussain	Accountant/ Treasurer	
	Syed Hashem	Chief Organizer	

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Name of the Society	Name of the Executive Members	Designation	Address of the Society
Adventure and Sports Development Society Thiksay	Tsewang Dorjay	President	Thiksay, Leh Ladakh
	Dorjay Namgjal	Vice President	
	Phuntsog Namgjal	General Secretary	
	Thinless Namgjal	Joint Secretary	
	Tashi Angpal	Treasurer	
	Sonam Chosphe	Assistant Treasurer	
	Rinchen Thupstan	Member	

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Name of the Society	Name of the Executive Members	Designation	Address of the Society
Lotsawa Youth Welfare Association Skumpata Gongma & Yokma	Chamba Dorjay	President	Lingshed Labrang, New Bus Stand, Leh Ladakh
	Lobzang Yanglor	Vice President	
	Rigin Tamchos	General Secretary	
	Nurboo Tsering	Joint Secretary	
	Stanzin Namzang	Treasurer	
	Sharap Dolkar	Executive Member	
	Dechen Angmo	Executive Member	

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Name of the Society	Name of the Executive Members	Designation	Address of the Society
Himalayan Football Federation	Jikmet Wangdus Jyothi	President	Saboo, Leh Ladakh
	Tashi Angmo	Vice President	
	Jigmet Tsetan Nirbhay	General Secretary	
	Dechen Gyalpo Vijay	Joint Secretary	
	Stanzin Yanglor Atthako	Treasurer	
	Lobzang Angdus	Executive Member	
	Disket Dolkar	Executive Member	

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Name of the Society	Name of the Executive Members	Designation	Address of the Society
Voluntary Education N Utilization Society Kargil	Sujad Hussain	President	Chiktan, Kargil District, Ladakh
	Mohd Shafi	Vice President	
	Trikhar Hussain	General Secretary	
	Skindar Hussain	Joint Secretary	
	Manzoor Hussain	Cashier	
	Sajjad Hussain	Organizer	
	Muzaher	Media Secretary	

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Name of the Society	Name of the Executive Members	Designation	Address of the Society
Chilam Cultural and Welfare Association	Namgyal Tundup	President	Chilam, Leh Ladakh
	Thenlis Angchok	Vice President	
	Phuntsok Gyalson	General Secretary	
	Thupstan Phuntsog	Joint Secretary	
	Rigin Angmo	Accountant	
	Rinchen Gyatso	Treasurer	
	Tashi Motup	Assistant Treasurer	
	Konchok Mutup	Chief Organizer	
	Thinles Angdo	Organizer	
	Lobzang Tongyoul	Organizer	

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## COVID-19 mock drill held at CHC Sankoo to check preparedness



Covid-19 mock drill to check the preparedness being held at Community Health Center Sankoo.

**Reach Ladakh Correspondent**

**SANKOO:** Amid the spike in Covid-19 cases in India, a mock drill to check the preparedness and resources to deal with Covid-19 was held at Community Health Center Sankoo on April 10.

During the mock drill, resources

available in the CHC Hospital Sankoo to fight Covid-19 were inspected by Block Medical Officer Sankoo, Dr. Ghulaam Hussain, and Dr. Banazeer Khatoon Consultant Anaesthetist. They inspected infrastructure readiness with a special focus on oxygen plants, ventilators, logis-

tics, and human resources at CHC Sankoo.

A mock drill is a trial run conducted to check how the health department and staff manage an emergency using available resources and hospital protocols to avert any chaotic situation.

Earlier, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had advised all the states and Union Territories to effectively implement a five-fold strategy of test, track, treat, follow Covid-19 appropriate behaviour, and vaccinate to check the spread.

The ministry has also asked the states to ensure the availability of required drugs and logistics for Influenza and Covid -19 across health facilities. Apart from this, states have been asked to ensure the availability of sufficient designated beds and health workers.

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mentation of schemes on ground.

Other resolutions passed include making LRC mandatory for the academic positions in University of Ladakh on the recommendation of Councilor Choskore, Nasir Munshi.

Further regarding the clearance of debris accumulated on agriculture fields, the house decided that the budgetary head will be opened under the soil conservation department for the flood. Moreover, regarding the task restoration works in various parts of the district, the house was in-

formed that DPR has been submitted to the UT Administration.

The CEC asked the Councilors and Officers to work with zeal for the benefit of people and impressed upon them to adopt a participatory model of development and make sure that all sections of society receive due share in developmental works.

Khan urged officers to effectively implement development schemes on the ground for better outcomes. The CEC said the role of implementing agencies is of prime importance to ensure pub-

lic welfare schemes are completed in a time-bound manner and set targets are achieved.

Meanwhile, opposition leaders Stanzin Lakpa and Naseer Munshi on the behalf of their parties congratulated the CEC for completing the 4th period of LAHDC Kargil.

They also thanked Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC, Kargil for extending all support in the smooth functioning of LAHDC Kargil in the best possible way for the general public in all developmental works.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to all the public that person interested for acquisition of Cafeteria in Hanley located at military complex may contact on the following mobile numbers: **9419177185, 9906861554.**

## Ladakh Pollution Control Board organises one-day workshop for hoteliers

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welcomed anyone who required any assistance or guidance from the Ladakh Pollution Control Board.

President, of All Ladakh Hotel Association, Skarma Delex appreciated the initiative taken by the Ladakh Pollution Control Board and observed that the workshop was informative and useful. He assured that all the Hotels / Guest Houses would strive to install the STPs as per the guidelines, in a time-bound manner and he solicited the support and technical guidance of the Ladakh Pollution Control Committee in this regard.

A Q&A session also took place where the queries of the participants were addressed.

As per the Water Act 1974 and Air Act 1981, it is mandatory to obtain Consent to Establish (NOC) before the commencement of the construction ac-

tivities and Consent to Operate (CTO) before starting the operation of the Units (individual establishments and the area/ cluster of restaurants/ hotels/ motels/ banquets, etc.) from the concerned SPCB/PCC.

Further, the SPCB/PCC may direct the defaulting units for paying environmental compensation for damaging the environment considering their operations despite being non-compliant.

The Ladakh Pollution Control Board is responsible for monitoring and regulating environmental pollution in the Ladakh region. The board works to ensure compliance with environmental laws and regulations to protect the health and well-being of the people and the environment. The workshop was a great opportunity to engage with the hotel industry and create a dialogue on sustainable tourism.

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to stop feeding them so that they can migrate. Aside from that, the proper garbage disposal is indispensable.

Talking about eliminating dogs at one time is not humane and is not accepted worldwide. The best solution is sterilization- stabilizing their birth. For this purpose, good and efficient resources are essential. There are two breeding seasons for dogs, and in between these two periods, 60-70 % of them must be sterilized. If that happens, the impact will be seen on the ground. Secondly, we talk about the vanishing of dogs after sterilization which is not possible because a dog's life span is 13-15 years, so even after sterilization, the population will only be seen

less after some time. The success of the story lies when you don't notice many pups at a place.

### Solutions:

- Correct and basic data is crucial – the total no of dogs and the number of sterilized ones in each ward in cooperation and collaboration with the residents.
- Introspection and re-evaluation are also necessary to see the outcome of the work done so far- strategies and new planning if it's unsuccessful.
- Cooperation of the society is necessary – reporting of concerned departments for catching the dogs and their sterilization.

## Fortnightly News

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT JAMMU  
(Hon'ble Chief Justice's Secretariat)

## Advertisement Notification

No.: 642 of 2023/Psy Dated: 10.04.2023

Subject:- Advertisement for the posts of Steno-Typists and Junior Assistants in the Subordinate Judiciary of UT of Ladakh.

- a) Date of commencement for submission of online application = 17.04.2023  
 b) Last Date for submission of online application = 16.05.2023  
 c) Last Date for submission of fee = 16.05.2023

Online applications are invited from the eligible candidates who are domiciles of UT of Ladakh, in terms of J&K Reservation Act, 2004 & the Rules framed there under as amended by the administration of UT of Ladakh up to date, for participating in the selection process for the posts of Steno-Typists and Junior Assistants in Subordinate Courts of UT of Ladakh, as shown below.

## 1. Number and Break-up of posts, category-wise:

Item No.	Name of the post and grade	Cadre	No. of posts with break-up	Prescribed Qualification	
01	Steno-Typist Level-5 (29200-92300)	UT	OM 03	c) Graduation or equivalent from any Recognized University. d) Diploma in Shorthand and typewriting from a recognized institute, having speed of 60 W.P.M in Shorthand and 30 W.P.M in typing on the computer Key Board.	
			ST 02		
			Total 05		
			02		Graduation from a recognized University with certificate course in Computer Application.
			OM 07		
ST 06					
Resident of Area adjoining ALC/IB					
EWS 01					
02	Junior Assistant Level-4 (25500-81100)	UT	Total 15		
			07		
			06		
			01		

Note:- Number of posts may increase or decrease, depending on vacancy position at the time of final selection.

2. Candidates belonging to Union Territory of Ladakh only can apply for these posts.

B) Age as on 01.04.2023.

i) should not be below 18 years; and

ii) Not above:-

- a) 42 years in case of Open Merit candidates.  
 b) 45 years in case of Reserved Category candidates.  
 c) 44 years in case of Physically Challenged candidates.  
 d) 48 years in case of Ex. Servicemen.  
 e) 42 years in case of candidates in Government Service/Contractual employees.

3. The applicants must be in possession of the prescribed minimum academic/technical qualification and must fulfill all other eligibility conditions as shown against the post, by or before the last date of submission of application forms.

4. The prescribed fees for applying to the above said posts is Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only) which shall be non-refundable.
5. Applications along with the prescribed fee shall be received only through online mode on the Recruitment Portal of The High Court of J&K and Ladakh, link of which shall be activated on the website of the High Court: <http://jkhighcourt.nic.in>.
6. Before applying online, candidates are advised to carefully go through the guidelines for online submission of applications. These guidelines will be available on the online portal of High Court of J&K and Ladakh.
7. Notification regarding Criteria and Syllabus will be notified separately.

## Important Instructions:

- a) The reservation for various categories would be determined as per the provisions of Reservation Act, 2004 & the Rules framed there under as amended by the administration of UT of Ladakh up to date.
- b) Application Form and fee payment shall not be accepted / entertained after the cut-off date fixed for receipt of the same.
- c) Candidates are not required to submit the printout of the Application Form / fee payment receipt in the office of Pr. Secretary to, Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh at this stage.
- d) Please note that the above procedure is the only valid procedure for applying. In no other mode, the Application Form would be accepted and even online incomplete Application Form would not be accepted.
- e) The printout Application Form along with fee payment receipt and required copies of documents, however, shall be kept ready to be submitted as and when required.
- f) The in-service candidates / contractual employees shall submit photocopy of the filled up online Application Form through proper channel viz. the concerned Head of Department. In the event of failure of the candidate to route the application through proper channel, his/her eligibility shall be assessed as if he / she is not an in-service candidate. The Head of the Department concerned shall forward the Application Form of the in-service candidates at the address of the Pr. Secretary to, Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh within 15 days after the last date of filing of Application Form.
- g) The last date for the submission of online application Form as prescribed above shall be the cut-off date for determining the eligibility to apply for the post. Any qualification/experience acquired after last date of receipt/submission of online Application Forms i.e. 16.05.2023 shall not be taken into account for any purpose.
- h) The prescribed qualifications reflect the bare minimum requirement of the job and mere possession thereof shall not entitle a candidate to be called for test/examination.
- i) Call letters shall not be issued individually, however, wide publicity shall be given through print and electronic media, official website <http://jkhighcourt.nic.in> of the High Court about the venues, dates of the test/examination for the information of the candidates. No claim of being unaware of the dates/schedule for the test/examination shall be entertained.
- j) No TA/DA will be paid for participation in the test/examination.

*(M. K. Sharma)* 10/04/2023  
Principal Secretary to,  
Hon'ble the Chief Justice.

No.: 144-54/Psy- 642

Dated: 10.04.2023

10/11/2023

THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH  
EXCISE COMMISSIONER  
UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKHEmail: [sto-ladakh@jk.gov.in](mailto:sto-ladakh@jk.gov.in)

Subject: Extension of dates of Notice Inviting Auction of Bid Document of retail vends of liquor in Union Territory of Ladakh.

Order No. 600f 2023  
Dated: 12-04-2023

In reference to the Notice Inviting Auction No. M-13/192/2021 (FINANCE) dated 27-03-2023 issued by Excise Commissioner, Union Territory of Ladakh regarding the bid document of retail vends of liquor in Union Territory of Ladakh, the following dates are hereby extended to enable participation of interested bidders in the e-Auction process:

S.No.	Particulars of Auction	Date and Time
1	Document Submission End Date	17-04-2023, 05:00 PM
2	Approval Start Date	18-04-2023, 10:00 AM
3	Approval End Date	19-04-2023, 04:00 PM
4	Auction Start Date	20-04-2023, 10:00 AM
	Auction End Date	20-04-2023, 04:00 PM

Sd/-  
(K. Mehboob Ali Khan), IRS  
Excise Commissioner

Dated: 12-04-2023

Copy to the:

1. Joint Director, Information Department for broadcasting and publishing in leading newspapers.  
 2. Technical Director, NIC, Civil Secretariat, Leh for uploading on web portal of UT of Ladakh.

## NOTICE



Whereas Konchok Tashi S/o Tsering Nurboo R/o Kargyam Leh District, UT Ladakh had claimed that his father's name is wrongly recorded

as Tsering Nurboo instead of Tsering Nurboo in his 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Semesters marks card duly issued by Central Institute of Buddhist Studies under Enrolment no. CIBS1803652 and produced an Affidavit duly verified by Notary public Leh with Certificate No. IN-LA04655829136761V to this office for making necessary correction in the marks card of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Semesters.

Hence, notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this regard to Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh-Ladakh office within 7 days from the date of issue of this notice.

## WALK-IN-INTERVIEW



## G.P PANT NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HIMALAYAN ENVIRONMENT LADKH REGIONAL CENTRE, LEH-194101, LADAKH UT

Walk-in interview will be conducted on 24.04.2023 and 25.04.2023 (11:00 A.M onwards) for purely temporary/project based positions of Himalayan Junior Project Fellow (01 No.), Junior Project Fellow (02 No.), Project Associate-I (01 No.) and Field Technician/Field Assistant (01 No.) at Ladakh Regional Centre, Leh.

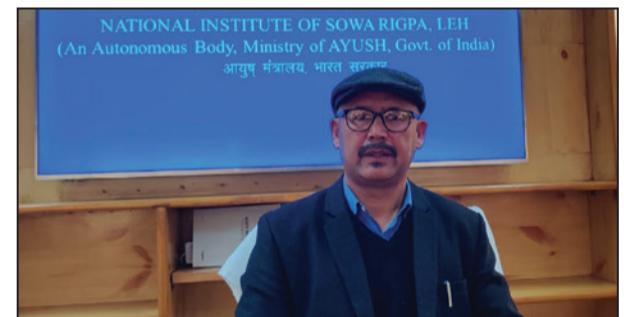
Eligible candidates are requested to appear for interview at Ladakh Regional Centre, Ruthpa House near Islamia Public School, DIHAR Road Leh.

For details, please visit [www.gbpihed.gov.in](http://www.gbpihed.gov.in)

## 45 new posts for National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa, Leh, created

## Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Govt of India has approved the creation of 45 new posts for the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa (NISR), Leh Ladakh on various levels. The Union Cabinet, under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the establishment of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa at Leh Ladakh on 20th November 2019.



Dr. Padma Gurmet, Director, National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa (NISR), Leh Ladakh

The creation of 45 new posts is a historic occasion for the Sowa-Rigpa system of medicine, particularly the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa. Out of the 45 sanctioned posts, 18 are Sowa-Rigpa group (A) posts of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, and Medical Officer. Four are for modern Allopathic Doctors and one Research Officer for herbal gardens, and the rest are administrative and technical posts. The creation of permanent posts will boost the research, education, and public health delivery by the Institute.

The staff and students of NISR Leh express their heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi; Union Minister of Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal; MoS Ayush, Dr. Munjapara Mahendrabhai; Senior Officers of Ministry of Ayush and Department of Expenditure and all individuals

who aided in the creation of posts.

The Institution was registered under the Societies Registration Act of the Union Territory of Ladakh on 13th April 2020. It started functioning in October 2020 by converting the existing National Research Institute for Sowa-Rigpa under the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences along with existing infrastructure and manpower. Since then, it has been pursuing the creation of permanent posts.

The National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa is an autonomous body under the Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India. The NISR is conceived as an apex institution for Sowa-Rigpa and aims to bring a valid and useful synergy between established practices of Sowa-Rigpa and modern tools

and technology in modern health care. It also aims to conduct standard education in Sowa-Rigpa, scientific research, and health care at the highest level.

The National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa has been conducting research activities on Sowa-Rigpa literature, formulations, disease, demographic study, medicinal plants surveys, documentation, conservation, etc. From the academic year 2021-22, this Institution started the Bachelor of Sowa-Rigpa Medicine and Surgery (BSRMS) course (5 years 6 months) under the affiliation of the University of Ladakh for which students were selected through the NEET test conducted by the National Commission for Indian Systems Medicine, New Delhi. The course is also formally incorporated into Section 22 of the UGC Act.

## NOTICE

I, Stanzin Sherap S/o Phunchok Angchok R/o Temisgam, Leh UT Ladakh Prop of M/s Tripacation Leh applying for the registration with the Assistant Director Tourism Office, Leh. Any objection in this regard may file their report in writing within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

## NOTICE

I, Padma Wangmo D/o Sonam Angchuk R/o Upper Karzoo, Leh UT Ladakh Prop of M/s The Bodhi Tree hotel applying for the registration with the Assistant Director Tourism Office, Leh. Any objection in this regard may file their report in writing within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.



The Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh  
Department of Technical Education  
& Skill Development



## APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

## Attention All Establishments !

Apprenticeship Act 1961 mandates establishments having work force (regular and contract employees) of 30 or more to engage apprentices

- For establishment having a workforce between 4 to 29 this is optional.
- The employer shall hire apprentices and train them with the skilled employees, tools, machinery and other infrastructure facilities available therein.
- The employers can decide the categories of apprentices and trade(s) in which the apprentices are to be engaged depending upon the facility available with them for imparting on-the-job training or practical training at their workplace.

1. Graduate apprentices  
 2. Technician apprentices  
 3. Trade apprentices

If any employer contravenes the provisions of the Apprenticeship Act 1961 s/he shall be punishable with fine till such number of seats are filled up.

All Organisations are required to publish their trade-wise requirement of apprentices on apprenticeship portal [www.apprenticeshipindia.gov.in](http://www.apprenticeshipindia.gov.in).

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