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**5 fold increase in BUDGET**  
₹ 1135.56 cr (2018-19) to ₹ 5,958 cr (2022-23)

**Exams conducted for 797 divisional/UT cadre vacancies; Results for 562 vacancies declared. Offer of appointment issued to 523\* candidates (till 19th Oct 2023).**  
1230 District Cadre posts referred to DSSRB; Results for 303 posts declared, 826 District Cadre posts including 213 police posts filled in 2022.

**Road length 2149.24 kms**  
Closure period of Zojila road reduced from 127 days in 2019-20 to 70 days in 2022-23

**Road length 2899.45 kms**  
Closure period of Kargil-Zaskar road reduced from 154 days in 2019-20 to 23 days in 2022-23

**Country's first Dark Sky Reserve** being developed at Hanle over 1073 sq. km. area

**THE HIMALAYAN FILM FESTIVAL**  
Two editions of Himalayan Film Festival held in 2021 and 2023

**UT of Ladakh won the Special Category Award for 100% Grounding of Affordable Houses in Difficult Terrain/ Climate under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban, 2021.**

**Major Increase in inflow of tourists:**  
2,79,937 (2019) to 5,31,396 (2022)

**E-Vehicle policy notified. 20-50 % Subsidy available on purchase of two-wheeler, three-wheeler & four-wheeler E-Vehicles.**

**MoU signed between NHPC, LAHDC Leh, LAHDC Kargil for Pilot Green Hydrogen Technologies**

**Raktsey Karpo Apricot GI Tagged**

**31 unconnected villages connected with Grid Power**

**Mobile Medical Units equipped with vital medical devices operational in far-flung villages**

**Genomic Sequencing Lab established & accredited by INSACOG**  
344 (2019) to 566 (2022) Mobile Towers

**World's Highest Frozen Lake Half Marathon** successfully organised, making it to the Guinness World Records.

**Cyber-crime unit (toll free no 1930) set up in Leh & Kargil with a state-of-the-art Cyber Lab and cyber forensic capabilities.**

**50 MW Solar Power Plant initiated in Leh at a cost of 385.00Cr**

**26 sports associations registered & affiliated with national associations**

**5,000 hectares of land being brought under Mission Organic Development Initiative to achieve the goal under Large Area Certification scheme**

**80% Households in rural Ladakh now have clean & safe drinking water through taps under JPM**

**143 out of 193 Gram Panchayats equipped with Common Facility Centres with internet facility**

**Transition of affiliation of Government schools from JKBOSE to CBSE**

**BRAND LADAKH**  
Brand Ladakh Emporium setup to promote & showcase handloom & handicrafts

**22 Seats Reserved for students of Ladakh in Technical Institutes across India**  
104.05 Cr Capital Budget allocated for Higher Education for 2023-24

**Emergency Response Support System 112 established.**

**Screenwriters Fair held to build capacities of filmmakers from Ladakh**

**1st government winter friendly Old Age Homes being built in Ladakh**

**Mechanised street sweeping machines and robotic manhole scavengers introduced in the Municipal Committees.**

**Call 112 - Women helpline & Child helpline launched**

**Sustainable Industrial Policy for 2022-2027 notified**

**All Government buildings in Ladakh being developed as Disabled-Friendly under Accessible India Campaign.**

**Elder Line, National Helpline - 14567 launched. Successfully operationalising**

**The State Medicinal Plant Board of UT Ladakh registered under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860**

**Annual Ladakh Education fair organised in collaboration with University of Ladakh & Ladakh Skill Development Mission**

**100% registration & tagging of cattle & yak population**  
A2-rich Ladakhi cow milk under brand 'Oma' launched.

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## Fortnightly News

### Apex Body challenges the new Industrial Land Allotment Policy

Seeks revision of policy draft

Stanzin Dasal & Nenzes Chodon

**LEH:** In a stern expression of concern, the Apex Body of Leh recently convened a press conference on November 9 to address the contentious issue of the newly proposed Industrial Land Allotment Policy. This policy, officially notified by the Union Territory (UT) administration has sparked deep worry within the Ladakhi community.

Chairman of the Apex Body, Thupstan Chhewang, delivered a comprehensive overview of the situation, revealing that the policy was introduced on December 5, 2022, with an initial public feedback deadline set for December 31, 2022. He raised worries when none of the suggestions made by the Apex Body during the extended feedback period were considered in the final draft.

The Apex Body asserts that the Industrial Land Allotment Policy has never been a priority for the people of Ladakh. It appears to be oriented towards attracting large and medium industries, inviting global investors—a direction deemed incompatible with the desires of the local population. Despite earlier concerns expressed by Ladakh, the final draft did not incorporate any suggestions from the region.

Thupstan Chhewang called for a reconsideration of the policy before implementation, highlighting the delicate ecosystem and the unsuitability of large industries in the region. He stressed Ladakh's fragile environment, pointing out potential impacts on the ecosys-

tem, water resources, and the scarcity of manpower. Chhewang advocated for a shift towards micro-entrepreneurship, emphasizing handlooms, handicrafts, pashmina, and agriculture to preserve Ladakh's tribal character.

A significant concern voiced by the Ladakhi community is the exclusion of representation from the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) in the committee for final approval, despite possessing land powers. Thupstan Chhewang expressed disappointment in the silent stance of the Autonomous Council of Leh and Kargil, urging them to object to the industrial policy, make resolutions, and actively participate in decision-making processes.



Apex body Leh during the press conference on newly proposed Industrial Land Allotment Policy.

Advisor Pawan Kotwal shed light on the Council's role in land allotment decisions, citing the Hill Council Act, which dictates that land falls under the jurisdiction of both the Councils.

“Without their consultation, no land can be allotted or used” he added.

Regarding the absence of Council representation in the committee, Kotwal stated, “No elected repre-

sentative can be part of the land allotment committee due to their party affiliations. Government officers are included to ensure transparency and accountability.”

In light of the growing public concern, the Apex Body alleged that if the UT administration is genuinely concerned about the people of Ladakh and regional development, they should have notified Gazetted officer recruitment rules before such land policy.

The apex body strongly advocated for a revision of the industrial land allotment policy draft to safeguard the interests of the people of Ladakh.

Further, the Apex Body emphasized the impor-

importance of the Sixth Schedule for Ladakh, revealing that a six-member list has been finalized to meet with the Ministry of Home Affairs. As the 2024 parliamentary election approaches, the demand for the Sixth Schedule is anticipated to escalate.

The Apex Body strongly objected to the selection of the ‘Skyangchuthang’ area for a proposed 27GW solar power project. They argued that this area serves as pasture land for the nomads of Korzok, Rupsho, and Kharnak. The establishment of a solar power plant in this area would adversely impact Pashmina production and the livelihoods of these nomads.

Highlighting another critical issue, the Apex Body pointed out the inadequacy

of emergency facilities in hospitals and the unavailability of heli services to airlift patients in emergency cases. Urgent improvements in medical infrastructure were stressed as a dire necessity.

The Apex Body has conducted numerous meetings regarding the demand for the Sixth Schedule, formulating future strategies, and planning agitation in the beginning of 2024. Currently, they are actively spreading awareness across various parts of Ladakh, foreseeing the demand for the Sixth Schedule as a major issue in the upcoming MP election.

The apex body urged for the change in the industrial land allotment policy draft to safeguard the interest of the people of Ladakh.

### Ladakh Travel body raises concern over outsiders investment

Stanzin Padma

**LEH:** Ladakh Travel Trade Alliance expressed their growing concerns regarding external investors in the Ladakh tourism industry during a press conference on November 8.

PT Kunzang, Chairman of the Ladakh Travel Trade Alliance, representing five key associations, including All Ladakh Tour Operators Association, All Ladakh Hotel and Guest House Association, Ladakh Tempo Traveller Association, Ladakh Bikers Association, and Rafting Association, raised a pressing issue – the urgent need to restrict outsider investments in Ladakh's tourism sector.

Kunzang highlighted the long-standing efforts of their alliance to safeguard and promote tourism in Ladakh. The first resolution, initiated in 2011 with support from political and religious organizations, aimed at preserving Ladakh as a unique tourist destination. Subsequent resolutions in 2015 and 2021 continued to emphasize the importance of protecting local entrepreneurship and livelihoods.

Highlighting the contributions of local stakeholders to the growth of Ladakh's tourism sector, Kunzang acknowledged the stark improvements in infrastructure and development over the past 50 years. He emphasized the small scale of the tourism industry in Ladakh, where tourism remains the primary source of income for the community.

Ladakh, being a low-densi-



ty area, heavily relies on tourism as its main source of income. ALTA acknowledged the cooperation among various sectors, including hotels, homestays, and transport services, in strengthening the industry. However, they expressed concern about external investors attempting to enter the market over the past 7-8 years. Despite successful collaborative efforts with religious organizations, political parties, UT administration, and the hill council, ALTA pointed out instances of infiltration by non-local entities through lease agreements and partnerships. PT Kunzang commended local stakeholders who took steps to reclaim their properties in the interest of preserving Ladakh's tourism industry.

The Ladakh Travel Trade Alliance issued a stern message to poten-

tial violators, emphasizing the implementation of strict measures. They stressed that no services, including membership in industry associations and promotional support, and essential services such as taxis, tempo services, and biker associations would be extended to those who violate their resolutions.

They urged external investors to refrain from competing with Ladakh, emphasizing the region's unique tourist appeal and the professionalism of its residents in various fields. They stressed the importance of maintaining the livelihoods of Ladakhi people, for whom the tourism industry serves as a crucial means of financial sustenance. Any attempt to jeopardize the region's tourism industry would not be tolerated, and strict measures would be taken against violators.

### Meeting on extension of Municipal boundary held in Leh



Officials during the meeting on extension of Municipal boundary.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve discussed the extension of the Municipal boundary in accordance with Section 5 of the Jammu and Kashmir

Municipal Act, 2000 on November 10.

Executive Officer, MC Leh, Stanzin Rabgais provided a comprehensive presentation that covered

various aspects of the proposal, including the role of the Municipal Committee, urbanization trends, and the expansion of areas, among other key points.

In a collaborative effort, committee members shared their valuable feedback and suggestions during the meeting.

Deputy Commissioner Sukhadeve urged the committee members to promptly submit their written observations and feedback to the member secretary. He highlighted the importance of including suburban areas into MC for planned growth and development.

essay writing competition on the theme of Ayurveda day.

While addressing the gathering chief guest Executive Councillor, Stanzin Chosphele congratulated the Ayush family on Ayurveda day and appreciated the effort of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa for the preservation and promotion of Sowa-Rigpa, Ayurveda, and other Ayush systems in Ladakh.

He also highlighted the importance of Ayurveda and Ayush systems for achieving health for all in India and other developing countries.

### National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa celebrates Ayurveda day

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa, Leh has celebrated Ayurveda Day themed, ‘Ayurveda for One Health’ on November 10 in its conference hall.

Technical lectures on the significance of Ayurveda Day celebration and importance of Ayurveda, Sowa-Rigpa and other traditional medicines for public health and wellness were presented by Dr Nawang Tangais, Dr Tashi Stobgais and Dr Thinlas Namgail of the Institute and student Tsering Tashi and Sonam Angmo.

Director, National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa, Dr. Padma Gurmet presented the keynote address themed ‘Ayurveda for One Health’. He emphasized on the importance of spreading the knowledge of Ayurveda, Sowa-Rigpa, and other traditional medicine for maintaining good mental and physical health in today's hectic life. The knowledge of Ayurveda Ahaar (diet) and Vihaar (lifestyle) should be propagated to common citizens to maintain a healthy life.

Prizes were also distributed to the winners of the

### Ladakh Remembers Sonam Wangyal on his 25th death anniversary



CEC, LAHDC Leh Tashi Gyalson paying tribute to late Aba Sonam Wangyal on his 25th death anniversary.

Yangchen Dolma & Stanzin Padma

**LEH:** Ladakh observed the 25th death anniversary of the late Aba Sonam Wangyal, a trailblazing Ladakhi pioneer and former minister. The commemorative event took place at the Sonam Wangyal Memorial Park/Stupa, featuring prayers led by a monk from Spituk monastery and the offering of traditional Khatags on November 10.

LAHDC Leh organized the event. The welcome address was delivered by Ven. Konchok Tsephel, Nominated Councillor LAHDC Leh, and

Padma Shri awardee Morup Namgyal, who shared insights into the life history of Aba Sonam Wangyal. A short film documenting his contributions was screened, and attendees received a book titled ‘Remembering the Life of Shri Sonam Wangyal 1925-1998.’

CEC, LAHDC Leh Tashi Gyalson, presided as the chief guest, with Member of Parliament, Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, as the guest of honor. The ceremony was attended by various dignitar-

ies, including Dy Chairman Tsering Angchuk; Executive Councillor Tashi Namgyal Yakzee; Executive Councillor Ghulam Mehdi; Councillors of LAHDC Leh, BDC Chairpersons, Former CEC Gyal P Wangyal, Former Ministers, District Officers, Various Scholars, Heads of Political and Religious Organizations, Family, Relatives, and well-wishers.

CEC Tashi Gyalson lauded Aba Sonam Wangyal as a visionary leader and an inspiration for social welfare advocates. He urged the younger generation to adopt Wangyal's principles and methods while commending the Sonam Wangyal Memorial Committee and the family for their dedicated commemoration over the past 24 years.

MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, remembered Aba Sonam Wangyal for his bold-

ness, vision, intellect, determination, and principled approach. He emphasized the importance of acknowledging Wangyal's contributions to Ladakh's development and encouraged the younger generation to learn about his work.

President, Sonam Wangyal Memorial Committee, PT Kunzang, announced free tuition for JNV test preparation for merit-cum-poor students. He emphasized the need to preserve Aba Sonam Wangyal's legacy in contemporary times.

Gyal P Wangyal expressed gratitude on behalf of the family, acknowledging the attendees and organizers.

The late Sonam Wangyal, born on January 26, 1925, faced hardships in his youth but emerged as a key figure in Ladakh's political landscape. His contributions included

addressing social and economic injustices, abolishing forced labor, and alleviating the burden of debt on Ladakhi people. His efforts played a pivotal role in Ladakh gaining Scheduled Tribe status.

Sonam Wangyal's enduring legacy includes his hunger strikes in 1982 and 1984, advocating for Ladakh's Scheduled Tribe status, which was eventually granted in 1989. Despite facing arrests and imprisonment, Aba Sonam Wangyal remained committed to economic justice, democratic rights, and educational opportunities for Ladakhi citizens.

Aba Sonam Wangyal's legacy lives on, celebrated on his 25th anniversary of his passing, as Ladakh pays tribute to a man whose contributions continue to shape the region's social, economic, and political landscape.

### Workshop on Gonpa and Nunnery school academic issues held

Facilitates in-depth discussions and solutions

Nenzes Chodon

**LEH:** Senior Secondary School, Central Institute of Buddhist Studies organised a day-long workshop themed “How academic system can be improved in Gonpa and Nunnery schools” on November 7.

The workshop was attended by Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, MP Ladakh as chief guest, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rajesh Rajan; Principal CIBS, I.B Jha; Nominated Councillor, Ven Konchok Tsephel; Ven Tsering Angdus, President LGA; Ven Dorjee Stanzin, LGA Vice President; Ven Konchok Rigzen, AO CIBS, various Gonpa teacher, CIBS teachers and distinguished guests.

Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, MP Ladakh, highlighted the evolution of the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS) since its inception in 1959. He emphasized its significant progress, with a current focus on language and Buddhist studies in alignment with the institution's original vision. Despite facing challenges in previous years, Prime Minister Modi's declaration in 2016 granted CIBS recognition as a Deemed University. The university has since thrived under the dedicated leadership of a hardworking Vice-Chancellor.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Hill Council, Leh felicitated the students who represented UT Ladakh at various Raj Bhawans and Raj Niwas across the country on the occasion of UT Ladakh Foundation Day on 31st October 2023.

Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson; Member of Parliament Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal; Deputy Chairman, Tsering Angchuk; Executive Councillor for Rural,



MP Ladakh handing over the letter of COBSE to the Vice Chancellor of CIBS. The institute is also going to recognise under The Council of Boards of School Education.

Addressing past concerns, an effort was made to rectify the issue of unrecognized mark sheets for numerous students, resulting in the acknowledgment of around 1300 students. Furthermore, CIBS achieved recognition as one of the CBSE schools in 2022, and its junior section was upgraded to high secondary status with the appointment of a Principal. All teachers possessing monastery degrees were absorbed, with a one-time relaxation, he added.

JTN said, “Today, CIBS students, ranging from 1st class to Ph.D. level, receive monthly scholarships. Financial support for academic education is also extended by monasteries from their annual income. Plans are underway to ensure basic facilities for ev-

ery Gonpa school by the next financial year. Recognizing the importance of language teachers under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, the government is addressing public demand, and efforts are in progress to regulate contractual issues.”

Nominated Councillor, Ven Konchok Tsephel emphasized the significance of academic education, particularly in the areas of reading and writing. He underscored the essential role these skills play in the foundational development of students, as many individuals face challenges in academic education when compared nationally. Even if students excel in extracurricular activities and receive awards, the foundational aspects of reading and writing are crucial for holistic development.

Tsephel expressed that the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS) serves as the heart of Ladakh, playing a pivotal role in nurturing students. Ven Tsering Angdus, President LGA, emphasized the crucial need for monks to receive a modern education. He highlighted the efforts undertaken to improve educational standards in various Gonpa schools, stressing the importance of equal facilities for these institutions. He specifically requested teachers for Gonpa schools, aiming to bridge the educational gap and provide students with quality education comparable to other schools.

He also informed about the grant of Rs. 1.20 crore for the construction of a seminar hall equipped with modern facilities by MP Ladakh.

The speakers expressed gratitude for the gathering to discuss the progress of CIBS, Gonpa, and nunnery schools. They acknowledged the significant improvements in facilities compared to earlier challenges and hoped that the shortage of teachers would be resolved. The joint responsibility of parents and teachers in student supervision was highlighted and stressed

as the need for proper facilities in hostels, regular inspections by main branch members, and subject-based teacher allocation.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rajesh Rajan, expressed his gratitude to the MP for consistent support, playing a pivotal role in the revival of CIBS. Acknowledging the importance of addressing critical issues faced by Gonpa schools in Leh, he proposed the organization of a dedicated 3-4 day meeting or workshop in the future. This platform would provide an opportunity to comprehensively discuss and strategize solutions for major challenges encountered by Gonpa schools.

Principal I.B Jha, Ven Dorjee Stanzin LGA Vice President, Ven Konchok Rigzen, AO CIBS, and many other speakers also spoke on the occasion.

Headmaster Gen Konchok Gyalton and the Headmaster of DPS Zanskar shared their concerns online, contributing to the comprehensive discussion on challenges and opportunities in the education landscape. Representatives of various Gonpa schools (Phey, Shachukul, and Lamayuru) also put forward their issues during the workshop.

### Hill Council, Leh, felicitates students who represented UT Ladakh at various Raj Bhawans

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Tashi Namgyal Yakzee; Executive Councillor for Minority, Ghulam Mehdi; Executive Councillor for Agriculture, Stanzin Chosphele; Dy Secretary, LAACL Leh, Tsewang Paljor; Sr Editor, LAACL Leh, Dr Thupstan Nurbuo; Cultural Academy Officials and Artists; students and escort teachers were part of the event.

CEC Tashi Gyalson termed the students as brand ambassadors of La-

dakh and advised them to act as ambassadors of the rich heritage, culture, and environment even outside and inside Ladakh and to urge their peers to do the same in preserving them. He extended gratitude to Lt Governor, Ladakh, Brig. Dr. B D Mishra for supporting the decision to send the students as representatives of UT Ladakh across the country.

He also praised the remarkable effort of the stu-

dents and the organisers for their stellar exhibition in all the states and UTs they represented Ladakh.

MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal added that such opportunities are a source of education, exposure, and experience for the students and lauded their performances as well. He informed that the celebration of the foundation days of all the states and UTs is a part of the ‘Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat’ envisioned by PM Naren-

dra Modi.

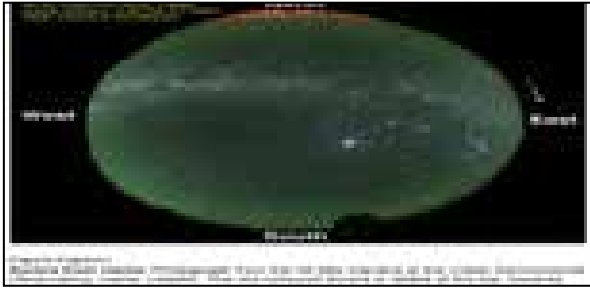
The students and the teachers shared their wonderful and heartfelt learning experiences of representing UT Ladakh and expressed their deepest gratitude for providing the opportunity of a lifetime.

A total of 215 students from different Government Schools of Leh and Kargil along with 35 escort teachers represented UT Ladakh in 32 States and UTs of the country.



## Fortnightly News

### Auroral activity seen at Hanle



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**HANLE:** Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO) at Hanle and Merak in Ladakh captured images of an intense red-coloured aurora on November 5.

An aurora is a glorious curtain of light that is usually seen from high latitudes like Scandinavia, and they are not expected to occur at lower latitudes. They occur due to the interaction between the Earth's magnetosphere and the incoming solar wind that carries charged particles and magnetic fields. A Stable Auroral Arc (SAR) is red in colour as opposed to the usual green-blue curtains of light seen from

high latitudes. What was seen in Hanle, as well as from multiple locations around the world, has been attributed to a SAR event.

The observatory is run by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology, Govt of India.

Engineer-in-Charge of the Observatory, Dorje Angchuk said that IAO at Hanle, Ladakh operates multiple telescopes and also has an All-Sky Camera that images the entire sky constantly. This camera was able to capture the intensely red-coloured

aurora in multiple photographs. He further added that the red auroral light could be seen towards the Northern horizon from 10 PM till midnight of November 5 and its intensity peaked around 10:40 PM.

He also informed that a similar camera in Merak, on the banks of Pangong Tso in Ladakh (which is the proposed site of the National Large Solar Telescope), also captured this light, though it was limited by higher mountains towards the North.

Director of IIA, Professor Annapurni Subramaniam said that Hanle is at the centre of the newly notified Hanle Dark Sky Reserve, which attracts the public for astro-tourism due to its extremely dark skies. Further, she added that such beautiful photographs of rare events add to its appeal.

We look forward to studying many more auroral activity from Hanle, especially when the Sun is in its active period.

### Planning meeting for National Winter Games held



Administrative Secretary of Youth Services & Sports, UT Ladakh, Ravinder Kumar.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent  
**LEH:** Administrative Secretary of Youth Services & Sports, UT Ladakh, Ravinder Kumar deliberated on the arrangements for the forthcoming National Winter Games (Ice) at the Civil Secretariat in Leh on November 2.

Ravinder Kumar reiterated the UT Ladakh Administration's commitment to making the National Winter Games a resounding success. He emphasized the promotion of winter sports and the potential hold in carving a role for Ladakh in the realm of sports and tourism.

The meeting convened by the Administrative Sec-

retary was the essence of thorough planning and strategic discussions. The meeting served as a platform for key stakeholders to deliberate, and ensure a unified execution of the prestigious sporting event. The primary agenda of the gathering was to chart

out a comprehensive action plan encompassing all aspects of the National Winter Games (Ice), from logistics, transportation, accommodation, branding, and infrastructure to security and player welfare.

Joint Director of Youth

Services & Sports, UT Ladakh Moses Kunzang highlighted the importance of initiatives aimed at enhancing the winter sports landscape in the region. He outlined the need to establish specialized committees responsible for various aspects of winter sports. These committees will play a crucial role in coordinating and executing programs, ensuring the highest standards of safety, training, and event management, he stated.

He also announced that the UT Ladakh administration is committed to investing in state-of-the-art sports infrastructure, providing better facilities

for athletes, and developing comprehensive training programs for winter sports enthusiasts.

The meeting was attended by the Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports Department, Ladakh; Superintending Engineer, PDD Leh, UT Ladakh; Executive Engineer, R&B Division, PWD Leh; Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD Leh; Officer on Special Duty to the Secretary; District Youth Services & Sports Officer, Leh; Representative, Ladakh Ice Hockey Association; Representative, Ladakh Curling Association; and Representative, Ladakh Ice Skating Association.

### Advisor tours various villages of Zanskar, Kargil



The head of Sani Monastery presenting memorandum to the Advisor Pawan Kotwal.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Advisor, Dr. Pawan Kotwal toured various villages of Zanskar and Kargil and assessed the developmental works on November 5.

During the tour, he was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC, Kargil, Shrikant Suse, ACR Kargil, SE PHE&I&FC Kargil, SE PWD Kargil, ACD Kargil and other concerned officers and officials.

The advisor visited Sani monastery where the religious heads presented memorandum of demands. The Advisor assured to follow up the pro-

cessment of the project.

During his visit, he also inspected the under-construction Canal at Parkachik Kargil and directed the concerned to complete the pending works at the earliest.

The advisor inspected the hydropower project at Taisuru. People demanded land compensation, which came under the road widening for which the advisor directed the Revenue Department to look into the matter and solve the issue as soon as possible.

Later, the Advisor chaired a meeting with the PDD, Revenue and RECPDCL, MOP and discussed the issues regarding project of transmission line.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner/CEO LAHDC, Kargil, Shrikant Suse, ACR Kargil, Manager RECPDCL, MOP and other concerned officers.

During the meeting, the advisor stressed upon the officers to prioritize the interest of people. He directed the concerned to divert the transmission line where possible, so that the property and land of the people can be saved.

### DC inspects SNM hospital, addresses key issues

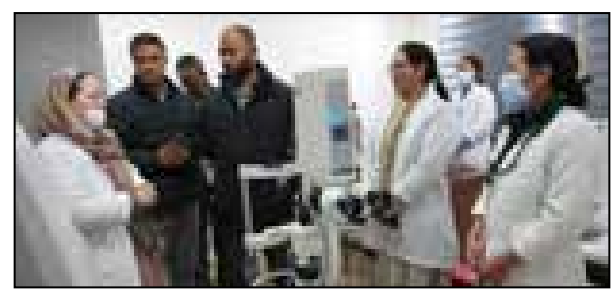
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**LEH:** To ensure smooth functioning of SNM Hospital, Leh, Deputy Commissioner Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve undertook an extensive inspection of the hospital on November 8. He interacted with the medical staff and assessed the overall condition of the hospital.

DC, Leh, made a thorough inspection of all the wards and engaged in discussions with doctors and nurses at the hospital to gain valuable insights into the daily operations.

Medical Superintendent, SNM Hospital, Dr. Rinchen Angmo along with the Deputy MS, Jigmet Wangchuk apprised the Deputy Commissioner about various issues plaguing the hospital. DC, Leh immediately issued directives to maintain a high standard of cleanliness within the hospital premises and also emphasized the need to make the lift functional, ensuring better accessibility for patients and staff.

Deputy Commissioner also directed to auction



Deputy Commissioner Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve inspecting SNM hospital.

unserviceable equipment. In response, Dr. Angmo informed that a paramedical committee has been established to verify the equipment, and the committee will seek approval for the auction.

Furthermore, it was highlighted that SNM Hospital is DNB accredited, and there will be two seats available for candidates in each department, further enhancing medical education and services.

Medical Superintendent, SNM, Hospital, Leh, Dr. Rinchen Angmo, requested Heli services during the winter months to ensure efficient transportation of patients and medical staff. The need for training of the hospital staff to provide better services was

also emphasized.

During the inspection, concerns regarding the laundry system and color coding were brought to the attention of the Deputy Commissioner, and immediate actions are expected to address these issues.

Additionally, the Medical Superintendent requested Automated External Defibrillators (AED) at the hospital, public places, and the airport for prompt response to cardiac emergencies.

DC Leh assured to look into the matter and asked the MS, SNM Hospital to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for submission to the Deputy Commissioner's office at the earliest.

### DC, Leh, chairs District Level Technical Committee meeting for financial year 2024-25



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** The meeting of the District Level Technical Committee (DLTC) for

the financial year 2024-25 was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve at the DC conference hall, Leh on November 8.

The committee discussed the uniform scale of finance for a wide array of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, poultry, fisheries, and allied activities prevalent in Leh district. The deliberations aimed to ensure equitable financial support for these critical sectors.

Manager, Lead Bank Leh, Tsering Wangmo representing the convener of DLTC, emphasized the importance of setting the scale of finance for various agricultural and allied activities for the upcoming

fiscal year 2024-2025.

The committee fixed the scale of finance (SOF) for Leh district. Notably, the committee headed by the Chairman decided to increase the scale of finance for apricot and apple crops by 10%, thereby setting it at Rs. 40,000 annually based on the inputs given by the stakeholders.

Furthermore, in a move to improve the aquaculture sector, the committee allocated Rs. 3 lakh for Hatchery and Recirculatory Aquaculture System (RAS) to support and enhance fisheries and related activities in Leh district.

The meeting was attended by Chief Agriculture Officer, Leh (Secretary DLTC) and Members of DLTC including Chief Horticulture Officer, Leh; Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Leh; Assistant Director Fisheries, Leh; DDM NABARD, Leh; Representative SKUAST, Leh; Convener UTLCB, LEH Tsering Morup; Head ICAR, CAZRI, RRS, Leh; Director LEDeG, Leh; Deputy Director LEHO, Leh; District Sheep Husbandry Officer Leh. Besides, Tsering Motup (Farmer and DLTC member) and Tsering Angchok (Farmer and DLTC Member) attended the meeting.

### GST awareness-cum-training program held



During the GST awareness cum training program for the drawing and disbursing officers (DDOs) of Leh district.

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**LEH:** GST awareness cum training program for the drawing and disbursing officers (DDOs) of Leh district was held on November 9 at conference hall, DC office, Leh. Director of Finance and Additional Commissioner, State Taxes, UT Ladakh Safdar Ali said that the government officers, who deal with the procurement of goods and services,

should understand GST law relating to TDS, return filing, and payment of tax.

Inspector of State Taxes, Leh Zulfikar Ali imparted awareness cum training to the DDOs on TDS under GST Act through power point presentation. The speaker highlighted the responsibilities of DDOs as tax deductors under the

GST Act, the procedure of registration of DDOs as tax deductors, different methods of tax payment, and the filing of returns. Later, the speaker cleared the doubts of the audience regarding TDS under the GST Act.

Additional Commissioner impressed upon the officers to follow the GST law regarding TDS, while making payments against the supply of taxable goods and services. He also stated that the department will conduct an awareness program for the taxpayers of Leh in the coming days.

DDOs and dealing officials of various departments of the Leh district attended the program. Assistant Commissioner, State Taxes Department, Ladakh, Fesal Iqbal Tantray, and Phunstog Namgail, State Taxes Officer, Leh were also present on the occasion.

### Awareness camp held for voter's education and electoral role



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**LEH:** District Election Office Leh organised an awareness camp under Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) at Govt. Girls Higher secondary school Leh on November 11.

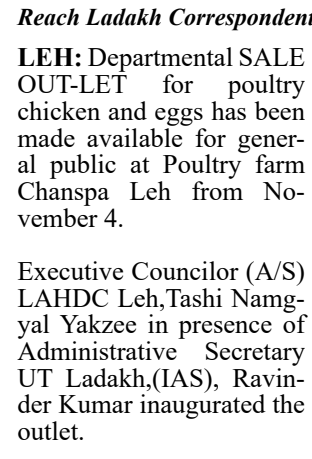
Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Nodal Officer, Tajamul Ara briefed the students about SVEEP and explained about how and when to enroll in the voter list. She also requested students above 18 years to enroll themselves in electoral rolls after 01-01-2024.

Further, State SVEEP Nodal Officer, Dr. Tsewang Morup briefed about the Election Commission of India and its elector-

al process in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. He also highlighted the importance of SVEEP and motivates students to cast their vote in upcoming elections. He also advised students to spread awareness about SVEEP and special camps among their family members and friends.

Election Naib Tehsildar, Leh, Principal Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Leh and students were present during the awareness camp.

### Departmental sale outlet for poultry chicken and eggs opens



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Departmental SALE OUT-LET for poultry chicken and eggs has been made available for general public at Poultry farm Chanspa Leh from November 4.

Executive Councilor (A/S) LAHDC Leh, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee in presence of Administrative Secretary UT Ladakh, (IAS), Ravinder Kumar inaugurated the outlet.

Director, Animal/Sheep and Fisheries departments UT Ladakh, Dr Mohd Iqbal; Chief Animal Husbandry officer-Leh, Dr Stanzin Rabgais and doctors/officials of the department were present.

Poultry Development Officer Leh, Dr. Shakil Ahmed informed that the department initiated a departmental sale outlet facility for Fresh egg, brown eggs, Fresh chicken and Table eggs for general public. The initiative will check



and control the market value of such commodities. Such facility will open in other parts of Leh district in near future and also department proposed to take the initiative at higher level.

At present the department procured 1.70 lacs of table eggs (\$10 boxes) and also expected to produce 45000 of fresh eggs (215 boxes) at the Poultry farm Chanspa Leh besides 3500 Nos of fresh chicken avail-

able for general public.

**Approved rate for the essential commodities are as under.**

- 1 Sale of live poultry birds @ Rs 240/- per kg.
2. Table white eggs @Rs 190/- per tray.
3. Brown eggs @Rs 300/- per tray
- 4 Fresh farm produced eggs @Rs 330/-per tray.

### Nawang Tsering Shaksपो to attend Arunachal Lit Fest



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Nawang Tsering Shaksपो, a historian from Ladakh to attend the prestigious Arunachal Literary Festival, (A.L.F.) to be held from November 17 to 19 at Itanagar.

Department of Information and Public Relations, Government of Arunachal Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society extended an invitation to Nawang to speak on the topic, 'Literary trends in Ladakh'. He will be interacting with the scholars of the Central Institute of Himalayan Culture Studies, Bomdila, and literary figures of Tawang Monastery, popularly known as

Galdan Namgyal Lhatse. Nawang Tsering Shaksपो is the former Head of the Jammu and Kashmir, Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Leh, and served as the Chief Editor for around 35 years. He is the author of a well-known book on Ladakh, 'A Cultural History of Ladakh' and his autobiography published under the title, 'Autobiography of a Ladakhi'. Presently Nawang is the Director of the Centre for Research on Ladakh and has published the journal 'Ladakh Review', under the auspices of the Centre for Research on Ladakh and the journal continuously since 2015.

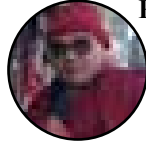


## People's Voice:

## Four years of Ladakh's UT status: A mixed bag of progress and challenges

By Nenzes Chodon

Ladakh was designated as a Union Territory on October 31, 2019, and it has since commemorated its establishment on this date each year. As it marks its fourth year as a UT, it's essential to reflect on the experiences of the local residents and how they've adapted to this transition. While noticeable progress has been made in infrastructure development, concerns about land protection and the scarcity of employment opportunities continue to weigh on the minds of many individuals in the region. Let's read what they have to say about it?



**Rigzen Wangdus, Stok:** Ladakh has witnessed remarkable progress in terms of infrastructure development. While the roads, bridges, and buildings are essential for economic growth, Ladakh's people now face an inner conflict as they navigate the journey of development and cultural preservation.

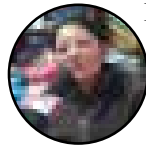
The road to modernization is often viewed as a double-edged sword. On one hand, improved infrastructure can enhance the lives of Ladakhis, providing better access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities. On the other hand, this rapid progress brings competition with other parts of the country, especially in the realm of employment and jobs.

It's crucial to recognize that in today's contemporary world, infrastructure development is a necessity for any region aspiring to advance economically and socially. However, the true challenge lies in maintaining the delicate balance between outer development and the preservation of Ladakh's inner essence.

As the region modernizes, it is imperative that the people of Ladakh take their manners, language, and culture with them on this journey, without compromising their unique identity.

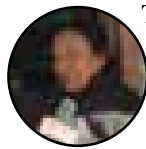
Imagine Ladakh as a bird, attempting to soar with the winds of change. To fly with strength and grace, it needs both wings: one representing infrastructure development and the other embodying inner qualities, such as culture, traditions, and values. Neglecting either wing will cause the bird to falter in its flight.

The solution lies in striking a balance between outer and inner development. Ladakh's people should not only embrace the changes brought about by infrastructure development but also actively work to preserve their cultural and traditional values. This is a complex task that calls for collective efforts.

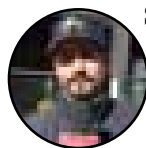


**Kunzes, Nubra:** Ladakh's development post-Union Territory status is undeniable, with visible infrastructure progress. However, the lack of job opportunities for educated youth is a pressing concern.

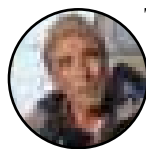
Reduced job recruitment has affected the local workforce. Furthermore, fears of outsiders acquiring land for businesses may hinder local entrepreneurship. This potential influx of external wealth might discourage ambitious Ladakhi youths, struggling to compete financially. Balancing development with preserving local opportunities and culture is vital for Ladakh's sustainable growth, ensuring that the region's unique identity and aspirations aren't overshadowed by external influences.



**Tashi Spalzes, Leh:** Ladakh's development is commendable, but the issue of educated youth unemployment remains. It's crucial to protect our land rights, as outsiders occupying our lands could pose significant challenges. Balancing development with employment opportunities for local youth and safeguarding our land is essential to ensure Ladakh's sustainable growth while preserving our identity and heritage.



**Stanzin Phuntsog, Domkhar:** In Ladakh, the transition to Union Territory status has brought both progress and challenges. Development is evident, but it's accompanied by negative consequences like over-tourism and unemployment. Addressing key issues like safeguards and job reservations is vital. Ladakh's path forward should involve sustainable development that benefits its people while safeguarding its natural and cultural treasures.



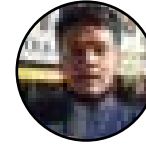
**Tsering Angchuk, Likir:** Ladakh after Union Territory has witnessed significant development and improvements in essential infrastructure like roads and electricity. These changes have positively impacted many regions.

While infrastructure is on the rise, the issue of job opportunities, particularly for educated youth, remains a pressing concern. The hopes and aspirations of the younger generation are struggling as they face difficulties in securing employment. Many have studied outside Ladakh and yet find it challenging

to find a job back home.

In this context, the demand for the Sixth Schedule for land protection and other safeguards gains prominence. These measures are seen as crucial not just for preserving Ladakh's unique culture and heritage but also for creating opportunities for its youth.

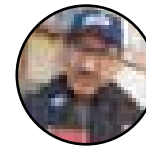
It's essential for policymakers to address the needs of the local population, particularly the educated youth, to harness Ladakh's full potential.



**Siam Amir, Student:** Ladakh's into a Union Territory has brought both benefits and drawbacks. Among the latter, rising unemployment stands as a pressing concern. As we look ahead, it is crucial for our leaders to honor their commitment to implement the 6th Schedule, a promise that could help address this issue. The unique circumstances of Ladakh call for tailored solutions, and fulfilling this pledge would not only safeguard our culture and identity but also provide much-needed economic opportunities for the region's residents.



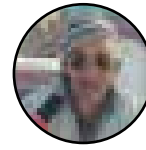
**Tsering Dolma, Karzoo:** The transition to a Union Territory has brought funding and development, benefiting Ladakh. However, youth unemployment and land vulnerability remain pressing concerns. Positive initiatives like school and infrastructure development are on the horizon, but safeguarding our land is essential for a more secure future.



**Jigmet Wangchuk, Nang:** Since attaining Union Territory status, government employees in Ladakh have notably improved their punctuality and reduced corruption, marking a positive shift. Infrastructure development, particularly in border areas, has seen rapid progress, though the surge in tourists is a concern. The uncontrolled influx of visitors is causing environmental degradation and pollution, as we prioritize financial gains over ecological preservation. Ladakh's unique and pristine environment is its greatest asset, and overlooking its protection is shortsighted. It's essential to strike a balance between economic growth and environmental sustainability. Sustainable tourism practices and stricter regulations are imperative to ensure Ladakh's long-term prosperity while preserving its natural beauty for future generations.

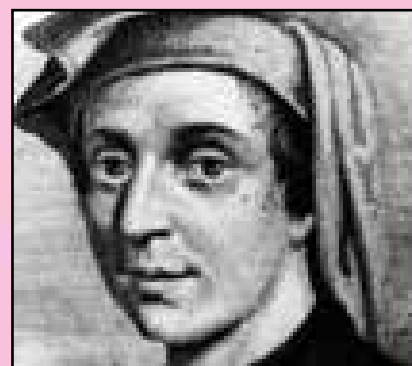


**Sonam Tundup, Stok:** Celebrating the fourth year of Ladakh's Union Territory status, it's heartening to witness the region's growth in infrastructure, particularly in road networks and water facilities. However, the demand for the Sixth Schedule, which safeguards land rights, remains a pressing issue. Ladakh has long sought control over its land, an essential and just demand. This struggle predates the Union Territory era and is about securing Ladakh's identity and resources, not seeking more than its rightful share. Upholding these rights is crucial for Ladakh's future development and self-determination, ensuring its people can chart their own course in harmony with their land and culture.



**Rinchen, Kharnak:** The transition to a Union Territory brought the provision of free ration by the Modi government, a welcome initiative. However, its utility is marred by the absence of essential items like sugar and the rising cost of kerosene. While free rice and flour aid, the skyrocketing prices of land, reaching up to Rs. 40,000-50,000 per kanal, pose a significant challenge. The lack of land protection is a glaring drawback. Ladakh's growing population and increased vehicular traffic portend an uncertain future. The job market is competitive, with recruitment rates abysmally low, leaving many without opportunities. Recently Indian army recruited 40 out of 600 boys how will anyone get a job. The education system faces challenges, and common people seldom have access to dignitaries like the president, highlighting the disparities in representation.

## Fibonacci Day



Fibonacci Day honors Leonardo Bonacci, one of the most influential mathematicians of the Middle Ages.

One of the most important mathematicians of the Middle Ages, Leonardo Bonacci — later known as Fibonacci, “the son of” Bonacci — invented a sequence of numbers that shows up constantly in nature, physics, and design.

Fibonacci is also known as Leonardo of Pisa, original name Leonardo Fibonacci was born on c. 1170, in Pisa, and died after 1240. He was a medieval Italian mathematician who wrote Liber abaci, a book on the Abacus. Born to an Italian merchant, the young Leonardo travelled to North Africa with his father, where he was exposed to the Hindu-Arabic numeral system. The system, which includes zero and limits itself to 10 symbols, is much more agile

and flexible compared to the unwieldy Roman numeral system. In 1202, Fibonacci published “Liber Abaci”, introducing Europe to the Hindu-Arabic system and his now-famous sequence.

Starting with 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, the Fibonacci sequence is created by adding up the two previous numbers to get the next one. Fibonacci's original example for his sequence pondered the population growth of rabbits. If starting with one pair, and each month that pair bears a new pair, the number of rabbits will grow at a rate consistent with his pattern of numbers.

The Golden Ratio, a proportion associated

with the Fibonacci sequence and also frequently found in nature, is roughly 1 to 1.6. This ratio shows up in the branching patterns of trees, the distribution of seeds in berries, the spiral arms of galaxies, and many more natural and human-engineered things.

Fibonacci Day celebrates this important mathematician and gives us an opportunity to marvel at the way math pervades everything around us. The Fibonacci sequence can be used to calculate the proportions of countless things on Earth and beyond, such as animals, plants, weather patterns, and even galaxies. Pause to observe your surroundings and you'll start to notice the familiar spiral all around you.

## DID YOU KNOW



• The moon sits at 3,400 kilometers (2,113 miles) in diameter, while Australia's diameter from east to west is almost 4,000 km (2,485 miles).

• In 1905, young Frank Epperson left water and soda powder outside overnight with a wooden stirrer in the cup. When he discovered the mixture had frozen, the “Epsicle” was born.

• If you've ever felt like you think better in a warm shower, you're probably right! The warm water increases the flow of dopamine and makes us more creative.

• Dolphins need to come up for air every 10 minutes, but by slowing their heart rate, sloths can actually hold their breath for 40 minutes!

• In the 1840s, it was considered childish to smile for pictures so it became popular for people to say

“prunes” instead of “cheese” in order to keep their mouths taut.

• The original candy from the 1930s had three different kinds of nougat: chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry (hence the name!). Unfortunately, it had to be cut down to one during World War II due to rations being too expensive.

• The “Marcha Real” is one of only four national anthems in the world (along with those of Bosnia, Herzegovina, Kosovo, and San Marino) to have no official lyrics.

• Black lights can be used to detect any body fluids, but cat urine glows particularly brightly under ultraviolet light primarily because it contains the element phosphorus.

• There's a fruit that tastes like chocolate pudding.

Native to Central and South America, the fruit is called black sapote and it tastes like a combination of sweet custard and chocolate.

• As a teenager, Queen Elizabeth II joined the British employment agency at the Labour Exchange and learned about truck, engine, and tire repair.

• Vatican City is the smallest country in the world. Incredibly, it's 120 times smaller than Manhattan!

• You can't hum when you are pinching your nose.

• An Ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. Their little brains are genuinely smaller than one of their eyeballs.

Source <https://www.weareteachers.com/weird-fun-facts/>

## SoulSpeak

Dr. P.P. Wangchuk

## The realm beyond happiness



We are all spoiled for choice. Life throws so many ways and opportunities, and we invariably become too choosy. As a result, there are times when we are left in the lurch. Hundreds of choices come our way every single day and that somehow makes us feel that we can have our way the best way.

The fact of the matter is that most often we find ourselves in a difficult situation and may have to go without being able to take a choice. In other words, being too choosy leads one to nothing!

A choosy or a picky guy hardly has good friends or relatives to go around because he is too irritating or far beyond the admissible circle of human behaviour. Most of such persons have a mindset that is not only rigid but egoistic too. They see nothing good in you as their focus is only on negative traits in everything. It is not that the rest of us are good and all-knowing persons. We are imperfect in many ways, but the better parts within us far outweigh the negative aspects. A friend had sent me recently a quote: “None among us is perfect, and even the cleverest of monkeys fall from trees!” I liked it so much that I was inspired to write this piece.

Being too choosy is the indication of a fickle mind. Such a person needs someone to be around to guide him/her. The issue, therefore, is how to deal with such people who are too choosy and picky. One way is to just ignore them and forget them without any hatred. And yet another way is to listen to them and try to understand them. It is not so easy a task to understand them, and more difficult would be bringing about a positive change in their lives.

I, for one, feel pity and try to ignore them. And that, I think, is the way o go!

Courtesy: WongWorld



## Fortnightly News

### In Conversation with Jigmet Mingyur, Ladakhi Chef

Interviewed by Stanzin Padma

**Q. Tell us about yourself. What inspired you to become a chef?**

Julley! I am Jigmet Mingyur from Khemi, Nubra. My culinary journey commenced during my early years as a monk, where I found myself immersed in the kitchen, serving fellow monks and Rinpoche. This unique experience ignited a passion for cooking, leading to a natural transition from monastic life to the culinary world. In Goa, I spent five to six years honing my skills and accumulating valuable knowledge in the vibrant culinary scene.

My culinary education deviated from the traditional path, lacking formal courses. Instead, it drew inspiration from my family, especially my mother, who harbored dreams of becoming a chef. With no female members aside from my mother, my family played a pivotal role in shaping my culinary journey. Strengthening my bond with the kitchen, my mother continues to be a guiding inspiration in my culinary endeavors. This unconventional path has infused my culinary approach with a unique blend of monastic influences and family inspiration, creating a distinct perspective in the world of cooking.

**Q. How do you approach creating a new dish or menu. What's your creative process?**

When venturing into the realm of crafting a new dish or menu, my approach is centered on authenticity and innovation. I prioritize locally sourced, seasonally grown crops, and vegetables, readily available from our village's kitchen garden. This not only ensures freshness but also supports the local community.

My creative process involves a deep understanding of the ingredients, their flavors, and how they harmonize. I delve into the wealth of wild herbs, often on the brink of extinction, adding a creative and unique touch to my dishes. Exploring these herbs allows me to present a taste that is both novel and rooted in the region's biodiversity.

In crafting a new dish, I pay attention to the balance of flavors, textures, and presentation. Each element plays a crucial role in delivering an exquisite culinary experience. I believe in making food that not only delights the palate but also tells a story of Ladakh's rich cultural and natural heritage.

Moreover, given the growing emphasis on health consciousness, I lean towards creating dishes that are not only delicious but also contribute to a wholesome and organic lifestyle. The process involves a continuous quest for the perfect combination of ingredients, cooking techniques, and a touch of creativity to bring forth a culinary masterpiece.

**Q. What are the current food trends or culinary techniques that you find most exciting and innovative?**

I am passionate about the growing emphasis on serving healthy food, transcending culinary boundaries—from Indian and Continental to Chinese cuisine. Indian food, often perceived as overly spicy and unhealthy, holds untapped potential for transformation into a healthier option through judicious and high-quality use of spices like Garam masala.

In this era that celebrates innovation, I take comfort in revitalizing traditional cooking methods such as baking, roasting, and grilling. These time-honored

techniques infuse dishes with a unique flavor and texture, providing a nostalgic yet refreshing twist to contemporary gastronomy. Embracing the best of both worlds, combining health-conscious choices with the richness of tradition, paves the way for a culinary experience that resonates with the spirit of modern times.

**Q. What challenges and opportunities do you see in the current culinary landscape in places like Ladakh?**

Navigating the culinary landscape of Ladakh offers a blend of challenges and vast opportunities. While many individuals are engaged in various roles within the hospitality sector, I believe the kitchen holds particular promise. Ladakh, being a distinctive tourist destination, unveils a unique opportunity to spotlight Ladakhi cuisine. My vision involves a transformation of Ladakhi food by seamlessly integrating diverse ingredients sourced from different regions such as Changthang, Zaskar, and Nubra. The goal is to present these culinary elements in innovative and exceptional styles.

For example, traditional Ladakhi staples like Paba and Tangthur can undergo a creative makeover, presented in visually appealing ways. This approach aims to captivate tourists with the distinct and enticing flavors intrinsic to the region. By infusing creativity into the presentation of Ladakhi dishes, we have the potential to elevate the entire culinary experience, making it a memorable part of a visitor's journey.

Despite the perceived challenges of working in a Ladakhi kitchen, the reality is quite the opposite. With well-defined sections and the acquisition of the right knowledge, the opportunities within Ladakhi culinary spaces are extensive. The rich diversity of Ladakh's culinary heritage, coupled with a willingness to explore and experiment, opens doors for chefs to make significant contributions and carve out a niche for themselves. The key lies in understanding and embracing the nuances of Ladakhi cuisine while leveraging the unique aspects of each region's culinary offerings.

In essence, Ladakh's culinary landscape is not just a canvas for challenges but an expansive realm of opportunities waiting to be explored and celebrated.

**Q. Can you recommend a signature dish or recipe that our readers can try?**

Staying true to my commitment to healthy eating, I recommend a salad made with a variety of ingredients, diverse dressing styles, and seasonal fruits or vegetables. This simple yet nutritious dish is often overlooked in Ladakhi households. In Ladakh, where salads are not a common part of the culinary repertoire, I encourage everyone to try this nutritious and flavorful dish.

**Q. What advice would you give to aspiring chefs looking to make a name for themselves in the culinary world?**

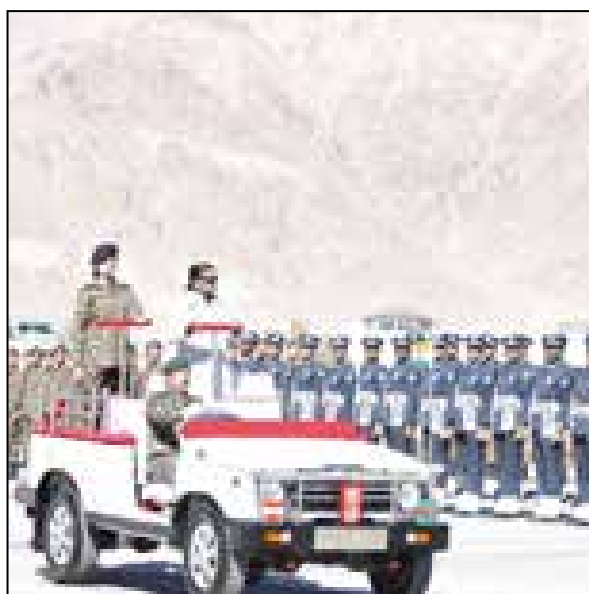
My advice to aspiring chefs in Ladakh's culinary realm is rooted in the exploration of diverse ingredients from Changthang, Nubra, Zaskar, and Sham. While my expertise centers on Nubra, I aspire to delve into ingredients from all of Ladakh. To these budding Ladakhi chefs, I recommend an in-depth study and mastery of the region's varied ingredients. Acquire knowledge, refine your skills, and embrace the potential of incorporating different elements from Ladakh's various regions, unlocking abundant opportunities in the culinary landscape.



#### MESSAGE TO THE READERS

**“I underscore the significance of simplicity, health, and sustainability in every meal. Ladakh, being a distinctive tourist destination, calls for an increased presence of Ladakhi chefs. I encourage more young individuals to explore and engage in the culinary world. Through this, Ladakh has the potential to evolve into a hub of culinary creativity, proudly showcasing its rich and diverse food culture to the world.”**

## Fortnight Highlights



President of India, Droupadi Murmu during her arrival in Leh.



The Animal Husbandry Department Leh under Centrally Sponsored Scheme – Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM), deputed a total of 20 field staff and a doctor to the Northern Regional Demonstration and Training Centre of the National Dairy Development Board, in Jalandhar Punjab for Refresher Course in Artificial Insemination in Cattle.



LBA, Vice-President, Chering Dorje Lakrook expressed gratitude to the Chairman and Executive Councillors of LAHDC Leh for their unwavering support and assistance, especially in ensuring a smooth stay of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama during his visit to Leh, Ladakh and contribution in ongoing renovation works being carried out at Ladakh Buddhist Vihara, New Delhi.



Chairman/CEC Tashi Gyalson, MP Jamyang Testing Namgyal, Dy Chairman Tsering Angchuk, Executive Councillors & Councillors and district officers paid rich tribute to the Late H.E 19th Kushok Gyalsras Bakula Rinpoche the 'Architect of Modern Ladakh' on his 20th death anniversary at Council Secretariat.



People of Ladakh gave warm and reverential welcome to the holy mortal remains (Mardung) of His Eminence Late Galdan Trizur, Rizong Sras-Trul Jetsun Thupstan Nyima Lungtok Stanzin Norbu Rinpoche upon its arrival in Leh, Ladakh. The remains had travelled in a cavalcade of vehicles from Drepung Lukhil Khamsen, Mungod Karnataka on 27th October and have been received at Rizong Monastery, Leh.



Nine-day capacity-building program for Anganwadi workers/helpers, focusing on sewing, stitching, and general life skills under "Usha Silai School program" pilot project in Anganwadi Centres of UT Ladakh was concluded on November 5.



A day-long District Level Kala Utsav-2023 competition was organised by Samagra Shiksha Education Department Kargil at Auditorium Hall, Kargil.



In a tribute to police martyrs, a one-day cricket tournament was organised on November 6 at Khalise Playfield. The final match was played between Shams Brothers and Achinathang team in which Shams Brothers won the match by 38 runs.



## Fortnightly News

### DC, Leh, discusses implementation progress of Vishwakarma scheme

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve convened a meeting to discuss the implementation progress of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme in the VC room of DC office Leh on November 7.

Director, District Industries and Commerce, Ladakh, Mohammad Nazir Sheikh gave a presentation covering various aspects of the PM Vishwakarma scheme. This included an in-depth overview of the scheme's coverage, benefits, application process, eligibility criteria, and its rollout strategy.

Additionally, the roles of Panchayati Raj (Gram Pradhan), Urban Local Bodies (ULB), and the participation of banks in the scheme were discussed. A short video highlighting the process of MSME registration was presented to the attendees.

Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve



Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve discussing the implementation progress of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme.

praised the scheme for its potential to support village artisans, thereby promoting their trades and contributing to economic growth.

During the meeting, several directives were issued by the Deputy Commissioner to expedite the scheme's implementation. He urged the District Panchayat Officer (DPO), Leh, to complete all necessary tasks within two-month timeframe.

Furthermore, the DPO was instructed to promptly create login IDs and passwords of the Sarpanches and complete the biometric authentication process.

To ensure that the benefits of the scheme reached even the far-flung areas, DC instructed the DPO and Block Development Officer (BDO) to arrange for transportation as necessary. He stressed the need for maximum coverage and promptly forming Panchayat Level Committees to oversee the program at the grassroots level.

The DC emphasized the importance of saturating the scheme, demonstrating the administration's commitment to supporting local artisans and fostering economic growth through the PM Vishwakarma scheme.

### Awareness programme for yak herders held at Bodhkharboo



During awareness program for Yak Herders at Bodhkharboo.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**BODHKHARBU:** Animal Husbandry Department Kargil in collaboration with ICAR-NRC Dirang organised an awareness program for Yak Herders at YBF Bodhkharboo under NRC Yak Institute STC program on November 10.

Councillor Stakchay Khangral, Padma Dorjay Nambardar, Sarpanch of the villages, Scien-

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### Enrolment drive at Government High School, Bodhkharbu, held

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**BODHKHARBU:** To boost enrolment in government schools, SDM, Shakar Chiktan, Abdul Gaffar Zargar attended an enrolment drive at Government High School Bodhkharbu on November 10.

Councillor Stakchay Khangral, Padma Dorjay, Sarpanches, Panches, villagers, and VeC members of the school and parents were present in the program.

SDM, Abdul Gaffar Zargar said that the program was aimed to raise awareness among the local communities about the importance of education and various facilities being provided to the students in Government Schools and encourage parents to enroll their children in government schools.

While stressing the significance of education in the overall development of the



During the enrolment drive at Government High School Bodhkharbu.

district, he encouraged the enthusiastic participation of the teachers and parents.

The SDM urged parents to prioritize education and enroll children in government schools for a brighter future and avail the benefits of various schemes aimed at promoting education.

"Government schools have qualified teachers and offer scholarships for all, special assistance for girl students, while books, uniforms, and free mid-day meals are provided

free. These facilities are designed to provide an interactive learning environment and ensure that students receive quality education without financial constraints", he said. He informed the villagers that funds had been sanctioned for the construction and upgradation of the school.

Councillors, PRI members, villagers appreciated the efforts of the SDM in organizing such programs. They assured to increase the enrolment in the school in the coming season.

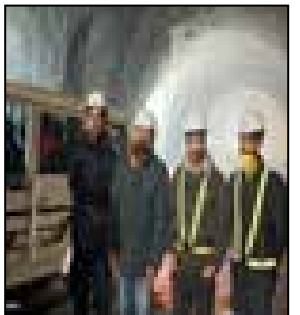
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He also met the workers of NIHDCL working at the Eastern Portal of the tunnel and wished them Happy Diwali. He advised them to continue their efforts to complete the tunnel.

### CEC, Kargil, visits Eastern Portal of Zojila, assesses construction works

Reach Ladakh Correspondent



**KARGIL:** Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoun visited Eastern Portal of Zojila on November 11 and took assessment of the pace of construction works.

CEC was informed that the work on Zojila Tunnel is undergoing on war footing basis and till date pertain-

ing to the head excavation works, from the Eastern Portal 3.7 kms have been completed and on the western portal 3.8 kms of excavation work has been completed besides the total length of the tunnel is 13.15 km.

CEC expressed satisfaction and happiness over the pace of works and applauded the immense efforts taken by the concerned executing agency and their workers for their hard work and relentless services in making execution of this long pending dream of people of Ladakh.

He also expressed sincere gratitude to Minister for Road Transport & High-

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### Programme on Scientific Yak Husbandry held in Hanle

Stresses on boosting Yak-based economy in the region

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**HANLE:** Animal Husbandry Department Leh, in collaboration with the National Research Centre on Yak (NRC-Yak) Dirang conducted a Schedule Tribe component program on Scientific Yak Husbandry at Hanle on November 8.

Yak herders were addressed on the importance of scientific Yak husbandry, diversification, and value addition of yak milk and fiber products for boosting Yak-based economy in the region.

Director ASHD&F, Principal Scientist, Dr. Mehdi and Dr. Paul of NRC-Yak Dirang, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Leh, Sarpanch, Numbardar and



Officials distributing tarpaulins to the yak herders.

Yak herders from Nyoma Block were present.

During the program, Yak herders were also made aware of fodder cultivation and conservation technologies for enhancing Yak production. Further to motivate the young herders Yak Yak-based eco-tourism and organic

Yak product marketing were advised with the changing lifestyle and demands of tourism.

The program concluded with the distribution of tarpaulins, solar lamps, gumboots, raincoats, mineral mixtures, and medicines to 100 yak herders from Nyoma block.

### Candlelight vigil for Gaza victims, held in Lankerchey



Mansoor Hosain Beigh

**SANKOO:** Hundreds of students of Maktab-E-Hyderiya Lankerchey, Sankoo organised candlelight march on November 4 in solidarity with the people of Palestine and against the Genocide in Gaza and shia killings at Parachinar.

Students holding placards against the war in Gaza and the attack on civilians by targeting hospitals, schools and places of wor-

ship shouted anti-US and anti-Israeli slogans and called for a "Free Palestine".

Sheikh Sadiq Balagi criticised the US and European countries for supporting Israel in its oppression of Palestinians.

Students appealed to the international community to play role in restoring peace in Palestine.

### DC, Leh, reviews District Capex Budget

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

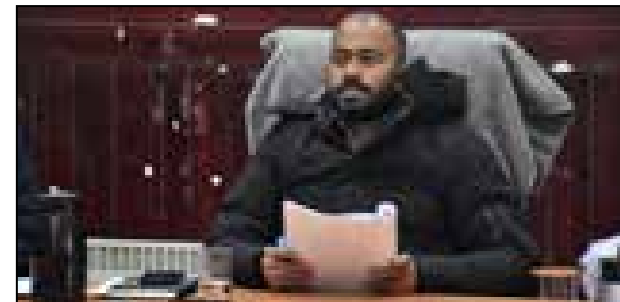
**LEH:** Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve reviewed the financial and physical progress for the month ending October 2023 under the District Capex Budget at the DC conference hall on November 10.

In a comprehensive session held in the morning, DC Leh meticulously assessed the advancements in various sectors, including Transport & Communication, Non-Functional Buildings, PHE (Public Health Engineering), Minor Irrigation, Flood Control, Medium Irrigation, Rural Development Department, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Horticulture, Fisheries, Command Area Development, Health, School Education, Higher Education, Power, Forests,

Parks, and Gardens.

During the meeting, DC Leh sought detailed departmental and block-wise updates on the financial and physical status of ongoing or newly initiated projects funded through the District Capex Budget. DC Leh emphasized the importance of expediting the process by instructing the Heads of Departments (HODs) to promptly apply for tenders and complete the Detailed Project Reports (DPR) within two months. He urged them to commence work as per the proposed budget allocation.

Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner directed all HODs to ensure that pending projects are completed on time, setting a goal to have 50% of the work



finished by the end of the current month and 70% by the end of the following month.

In the post lunch session, DC Leh reviewed Youth Service and Sports, Local Bodies, CA&PDS, Wildlife, DIC, Handloom, Tourism, ITI, Social Welfare, Evaluations and Statistics, District Motor Garages, ICDS, Soil Conservation, Govt. Polytechnic College, CCDF, Information Technology, LREDA, Information,

He emphasized the need for efficient allocation and utilization of funds to maximize the benefits of government schemes. Also, he stressed that the timely fulfillment of pending expenditures is crucial to ensure the successful implementation of these schemes.

Furthermore, he called upon HODs to take personal responsibility in creating awareness about various schemes and ensuring saturation in vibrant villages. Setting a deadline, DC Leh directed all concerned HODs to achieve saturation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) within two months, particularly in the vibrant villages and aspiration blocks.

The meeting was attended by all Heads of Departments from the respective sectors.

### DC, Kargil, discusses implementation progress of PM Vishwakarma scheme

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr Mohammad Jaffer Akhoun chaired the first introductory meeting with newly elected Executive Councillors and Councillors of LAHDC Kargil at Council Secretariat Kargil on October 22.

Executive Councillor, Agha Syed Mujtaba; Executive Councillor, Er. Panchok Tashi; Executive Councillor, Zakir Hussain; Executive Councillor, Kacho Mohammad Feroz, and Councillors from different constituencies of the district attended the meeting.

CEC Akhoun expressed his gratitude to all the Councillors for their coordination and support in setting up the new council to administer the district.

He hoped for adequacy and transparency from all newly elected Executive Councillors and Councillors to provide efficient, responsive, and accountable governance for the holistic development of the district.

CEC said there is a need for coordination among all elected members to steady the developmental progress in Kargil and take it to new heights. Akhoun also emphasized on inclusive development of all the masses without discrimination of religion, region, affiliation, and race.

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### Administrative Secretary Information Technology reviews ongoing projects

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** To ensure the continuous advancement of technological initiatives, the Administrative Secretary of Information Technology for Union Territory Ladakh, Amit Sharma reviewed the ongoing major projects virtually on November 9.

The review meeting centered around the ongoing major projects, with a particular emphasis on the Ladakh State Data Centre.

Secretary, Amit Sharma was briefed on the physical progress of the construction of the Ladakh State Data Center by the Central Public Works Department. Expressing his satisfaction with the progress of the projects, the Secretary acknowledged the Central Public Works Department's dedication to ensuring the Ladakh State Data Center's timely completion. He emphasized the pivotal role of the Data Center in bolstering Ladakh's technological capabilities and promoting data-driven governance.

Amit Sharma demon-



Administrative Secretary of Information Technology for Union Territory Ladakh, Amit Sharma.

strated a profound understanding of the project's significance in enhancing information management, fostering e-governance, and fortifying the region's digital infrastructure.

He expressed satisfaction with the progress made thus far but stressed the need for expeditious implementation. He highlighted the transformative potential of these projects in realizing the vision of a digitally empowered Ladakh. He commended the dedication and hard work of the project teams and emphasized the importance of collaborative

efforts in achieving successful outcomes.

The Administrative Secretary reaffirmed the UT Ladakh administration's commitment to embracing cutting-edge technologies for the benefit of its residents. He also assured continuous support and resources for the timely completion of pivotal projects.

This virtual progress meeting underlines UT Ladakh's unwavering commitment to transparency, accountability, and excellence in the realm of Information Technology.

### Destination Management Committees meeting under Swadesh Darshan held



During the meeting of Destination Management Committees (DMC) under Swadesh Darshan 2.0.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve chaired a meeting of Destination Management Committees (DMC) under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 on November 9 and discussed the implementation of the scheme.

Subhabrata Roy from DMC team provided a presentation on the project background, inception report, master plan report, and DPR Iteration for Leh, including land approval and destination activities.

DC Leh urged the agency to submit the iteration at the earliest to gather input from stakeholders. He also emphasized the importance of developing sites around the Leh town within a 50 km radius. He added that the aim is to attract more tourists and encourage them to stay longer in Ladakh. Further, sustainable tourism promotion is a key focus for

Leh's future development. He also emphasized the need to ensure that properties and sites are developed in a manner that does not exploit the region. The stakeholders present at the meeting provided valuable feedback and suggestions.

DC Leh assured the UT administration and district administration's assistance in clearing land and resolving any other issues to ensure that the project progresses smoothly and stays on track with its timelines.

The meeting was attended by Superintendent Engineer, PWD, Leh; General Manager, DIC Leh; Executive Officer, MC Leh; Superintendent ITI Leh; Assistant Director, Tourism Leh; Representatives from Information, Leh; Representative from Police Dept Leh; President, ALHGHA, Leh; President, LTGA, Leh and In-charge, PDMC Leh.

### Director Urban Local Bodies inspects developmental projects

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Director, Urban Local Bodies, UT Ladakh, Tahir Hussain Zubdavi conducted a surprise inspection of key developmental projects on November 9.

The director inspected crucial facilities such as the slaughterhouse and truck terminal in Kharul and town area, emphasizing the importance of progress and efficiency.

He also took an assessment of the Solid Waste Management plant at Kur-bathang Kargil.

Director Zubdavi directed employees and contractors, urging them to strive for excellence in their work. In the town area, special attention was given to cleanliness, with direct instructions to shopkeepers and municipal employees to maintain hygiene.

Urban Local Bodies ensure the successful implementation of development projects and foster a clean and efficient urban environment.



# Fortnightly News

## KVK Zanskar, organises animal health camps



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**ZANSKAR:** KVK Kargil-II (Zanskar) in collaboration with the Animal Husbandry Department Zanskar organised animal health camps on November 4 at Sani, Ufti, Surly, Rangdum, and Parkachy.

About 300 farmers were present during the five-day camp. They were educated on different topics like good livestock management practices, clean milk production as well as various farmer-oriented schemes of the Animal Husbandry Department.

The camps were aimed to gain an understanding of the general livestock health status, management practices, and prevalent diseases/problems in the

ber Hussain and Livestock Department Officer Dr. Asgar Din ensured that all sick and poor animals got free check-ups and consultations.

Free-of-cost mineral mixtures, emergency medicines, and animal feed under the TSP Project were distributed among the beneficiaries at the end of each camp by KVK Kargil-II (Zanskar) SKUAST-K.

The tribal farming communities under the jurisdiction of KVK showed great interest and participation throughout the camps and expressed gratitude to the KVK and Livestock Department Zanskar for organising Animal Health camps.

Nambardar Sani, Sarpanch Ufti, Panch Surly, Panch and Sarpanch Tashi Stongday, Jooldoo Rangdum, and Parkachik constituencies expressed gratitude for organising such animal health camp and free distribution of medicines and animal feed.

area so that livestock-related intervention could be taken up systematically. The animal health camp is expected to be helpful not only in disseminating information on general health and production issues but also in providing actual services to livestock owners who otherwise had limited access to veterinary service facilities.

KVK Kargil-II organised animal health camps every year with other veterinary department resource persons. This animal health camp marked a significant milestone in the remotest areas where access to basic amenities is limited.

The joint efforts of the KVK Scientist Dr. Shab-

## CEC, Kargil, meets MD/CEO of J&K Bank, over operation issues

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhooon on his visit to Srinagar met MD/CEO, J&K Bank, Baldev Prakash on November 9 and held a detailed meeting on various issues about the operation of the bank in Kargil.

During the meeting, detailed deliberation and discussions were held on various issues.

CEC asserted that from many years the presence of Kargil in the job positions of the bank has been reduced and for that possible training programs for the banking exams need to be conducted by the bank for the aspirants of Kargil.

He also expected that the



Bank would continue its participation in the socio-economic development of Kargil by generously providing CSR funds.

Dr Jaffer also shared that installation of ATMs should be ensured at the required localities for the

ease of masses, besides provision for a mobile bank vehicle must be explored to ease banking facilities in rural areas.

Concerned officers and various heads of J&K Bank were also present during the meeting.

## DLSA, Kargil, observes National Legal Services Day

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** District Legal Services Authority in collaboration with JK Northern Public School Kargil organised an awareness program to observe National Legal Services Day on November 9.

Fariqa Nazir, CJM/Secretary DLSA Kargil was the chief guest of the program. The program was also attended by Advocate Kacho Manzoor, Advocate Riyaz Ahmad and 200 students along with the officials of the JK Northern Public School Kargil.

Fariqa Nazir described



about the aims and objectives of observing National Legal Services Day.

During the program, Advocate Kacho Manzoor and Advocate Riyaz Ahmad also spoke about the observation of National Legal Services Day.

The establishment of National Legal Services Day serves to raise awareness about availability of free legal aid for all citizens, regardless of their background or identity. This nationwide celebration takes place on November 9 every year.

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List of Executive members of the Society:

S.No.	Name	Parentage	Residence	Designation
1	Tsering Garkit	D/o Nawang Stanzin	Karsha	President
2	Deachen Wangmo	D/o Stanzin Norboo	Karsha	Vice-President
3	Skalzang Dolma	D/o Konchok Tsering	Karsha	Secretary
4	Kunzes Dolma	D/o Tsering Motup	Karsha	Joint Secretary
5	Stanzin Deskit	D/o Phunchok Wangchuk	Karsha	Cashier
6	Thukjay Dolma	D/o Rinchen Namgyal	Karsha	Member
7	Tsering Putit	D/o Stanzin Nurboo	Karsha	Member

Objection if any, in this regard may kindly be submitted to General Manager Industries, Kargil UT Ladakh within a period of 21 days from the publication of the Notice.

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1	Konchok Nyingpo	S/o Tsering Morup	Skurbuchan	President
2	Tundup Dorjal	S/o Sonam Yangfall	Skurbuchan	Vice-President
3	Jigmat Angchok	S/o Tashi Angdu	Skurbuchan	Secretary
4	Tsewang Gyalton	S/o Tsewang Dorjay	Skurbuchan	Cashier
5	Konchok Angchuk	S/o Tsewang Nurbo	Skurbuchan	Member
6	Kunchok Thuktan	S/o Sonam Tashi	Skurbuchan	Member
7	Thinlas Lundup	S/o Stanzin Panchok	Skurbuchan	Member

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President  
'Skitchan Kunfan Deton Tsogspsa Skurbuchan' Leh UT Ladakh

## Workshop on agriculture status in Ladakh held



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**STAKNA:** One-day workshop titled 'Agriculture in Ladakh - Present Status, Challenges, and Future Prospects' was organised at the Regional Research Station of the ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) in Stakna, Leh on November 3.

Tsering Angchok, Deputy CEC was also present. The workshop aimed to provide a collaborative platform for stakeholders to discuss the current agricultural landscape in Ladakh

and explore potential solutions to the unique challenges faced by the region. Dr. OP Yadav, Director of CAZRI, Jodhpur highlighted the institute's dedication to advancing agricultural research and development in Ladakh.

Dr. MS Kanwar, Head of the Regional Research Station at CAZRI, Leh, and Dr. RK Goyal, Principal Scientist at the same station, assumed the roles of Organizing Secretary and Co-organizing Secretary, respectively.

Participants representing Department of Horticulture, Department of Agriculture, Department of Animal/Sheep Husbandry, and experts from organizations like Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Leh, Nyoma and Kargil, the Defence Institute of High-Altitude Research (DIHAR), National Institute of

Sowa Rigpa (NISR) and SKUAST- HMAARI Leh and NGO's were present.

During the workshop several esteemed participants from various sectors actively engaged in discussions and knowledge-sharing.

The workshop emphasized the significance of research and development in shaping the region's agriculture, with a focus on ensuring food security and sustainability in the challenging high-altitude environment.

## Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kargil, convenes under trial review committee



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** A meeting of Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC) was held on November 8 at Conference Hall Baroo.

In the meeting, Iqbal Ahmad Masoudi, Principal District and Sessions Judge Kargil/Chairman District

Legal Services Authority Kargil; Shrikant Balasahab Suse, Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC, Kargil; Fariqa Nazir Chief Judicial Magistrate Kargil/Secretary DLSA Kargil; Shafiq Mushtaq Lone; Munsiff/JMIC Sankoo; Anayat Ali Choudhary

SSP Kargil; Jigmet Singay Deputy Superintendent of District Jail Leh and Tsering Phuntsog, APP Kargil were present.

The Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC) discussed 7 cases wherein 10 Under Trial prisoners are presently lodged in District Jail Leh.

## College, Drass, holds interactive meet for UPSC aspirants



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**DRASS:** Government Degree College Drass today conducted a day-long counselling-cum-interactive program for UPSC aspirants on November 4.

Dr. Mohd Nawaz Sharaf ud Din IDEs shared expert insights on UPSC examination strategies and

preparation techniques.

The interactive program included in-depth discussions, counseling sessions, and interactive workshops, offering aspiring candidates a comprehensive understanding of the UPSC examination pattern, syllabus, and effective study methodologies. The event also provided a platform for participants to address their queries and concerns directly with the experts.

The college is committed to nurturing the aspirations and empowering them to achieve their goals. Such initiatives reaffirm the college's dedication to providing quality education and holistic support to its students.

## Commissioner/Secretary visits potential tourism sites in Kargil

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Commissioner/Secretary, Tourism & Culture, UT of Ladakh, Kacho Mehboob Ali Khan conducted a visit to various potential tourism sites on Kargil on November 11.

The Commissioner/Secretary started his tour by first visiting Sangam viewpoint at Kharoul on the National Highway 01 which is being developed under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism, GoI. It was informed that the viewpoint would be developed and connecting walkway, viewing decks, promenade, parking, farm trail, and other facilities would be kept available at the vital site.

He also visited Subedar Harka Bahadur Memorial, Kargil located on Srinagar-Kargil Highway and discussed the importance and tourism potential of such sites on the highway.

The Commissioner/Secretary visited Dudu Thang, Chanigund village to discuss the upcoming mini-stadium project with the concerned officers and villagers. He directed the Revenue Department to ensure formal land allotment and directed the engineers of TDA, Kargil to prepare DPR and complete other formalities related to the project so that work on the project can start early in the next working season.

During a discussion on the project and land, the Commissioner/Secretary



Commissioner/Secretary, Tourism & Culture, UT of Ladakh, Kacho Mehboob Ali Khan conducting visit to various potential tourism sites on Kargil.

conveyed that the stadium would be built with a capacity to accommodate 4,000 - 5,000 people at one time. He emphasized that this project is being expedited as promised and directed by the LG, UT of Ladakh. When completed this project would contribute to the promotion of tourism & culture and foster growth in the local economy.

He also visited Hunderman village and discussed with the Army officers the scope and possibilities for the promotion of border/patriotic tourism in the area, petroglyphs sites near Kharoul area, and directed the officials of Antiquities and TDA to explore possibilities for the establishment of petroglyph parks in the area.

Later, the Commissioner/Secretary visited Trespone

to inspect the land identified for the construction of the museum and directed the concerned officers to expedite formal land allotment. It was informed that the museum will come under SDP.

Earlier, Councillor Bhimbat Abdul Wahid called on the Commissioner/Secretary and projected demand for the establishment of a 'Martyrs' Homage Path' in the Bhimbat area near the Drass War Memorial. Other required steps for the promotion of tourism in the area were also discussed during the meeting. The Commissioner/Secretary asked Councillor Bhimbat to furnish a formal proposal in this regard so that the project for the establishment of 'Martyrs' Homage Path' can be considered for inclusion in a relevant scheme in the next year's plan.

## EC, Education, visits government schools of GM Pore



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Executive Councillor, Education, LAHDC, Kargil, Zakir Hussain visited various Government Schools of GM Pore Constituency and took first-hand account of the basic facilities on 8 November.

He was accompanied by Chief Education Officer Kargil, Mushtaq Ahmed, and Councillor GM Pore, Syed Ali.

EC took an assessment of basic facilities available in various Government Middle, High, and Higher Secondary schools including the availability of specific teachers, drinking water facilities, toilets, electricity supply, sports equipment, etc.

He assured that the drinking water supply issue of

Regarding other requirements like pending construction works at various schools due to the end of the working season, he assured that in the next working season from March onwards, these works will resume and will be completed on a war footing basis.

He advised teachers to work hard with students for the upcoming board exams and focus on weak students to achieve maximum results in the first CBSE board exam.

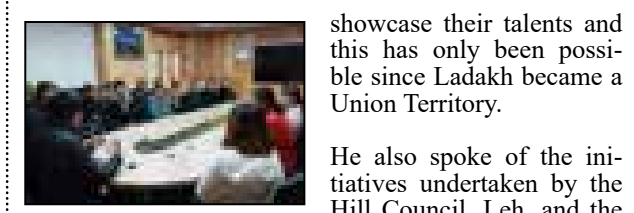
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## Ladakh's women football team to participate in 28th Senior Women's National Football Championship



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Senior women football team of Ladakh to participate in the 28th Senior Women's National Football Championship. The team was flagged off by Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson on November 11.

Team Ladakh will start their journey from November 15 at Amritsar.

Interacting with the women's football team, CEC Tashi Gyalson expressed happiness over their participation at the nationals and further wished them best for the championship. He stated that Ladakh youth are now getting adequate platforms to

showcase their talents and this has only been possible since Ladakh became a Union Territory.

He also spoke of the initiatives undertaken by the Hill Council, Leh, and the Ladakh Administration in ensuring good facilities and equipment for the sportsperson. He further assured continued assistance in the future as well.

The players expressed their gratitude to the Chairman, LAHDC Leh for his unwavering support over the years to the team and also thanked him for sanctioning a dedicated practice turf for the women's team in Leh which would be completed soon.

Officials of Ladakh Football Association led by General Secretary, Tsering Angmo, and the entire senior women's team were present during the occasion.



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