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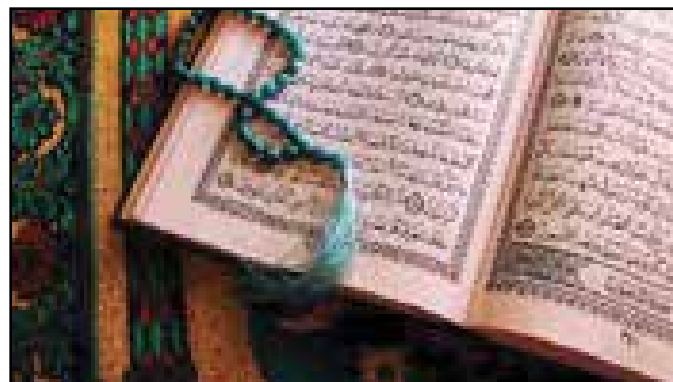
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**Bhoti Quran translation: Ladakh's journey to preserve culture and promote understanding**  
*Pioneering effort to make divine wisdom accessible to all*

**Nenzes Chodon**  
 LEH: Language serves as a bridge, connecting people and their beliefs. Translating religious scriptures into native languages is a profound way to unlock profound understanding and preserve linguistic heritage. The ongoing effort to translate the Quran, the holy book of Islam, into Bhoti stands as a remarkable initiative.



Under the guidance of Mohammad Umar Nadvi, Imamia Jama Masjid, Leh, and with support from Anjuman Moin ul Islam Leh and Ven. Konchok Paldan, the translation of the Quran into Bhoti has been in progress. It embarked upon its journey in 2002, starting with selected verses before progressing to a comprehensive, systematic translation process that commenced in 2019.

Bhoti language and script, he emphasized its significance across diverse religious communities in the Ladakh region.

Himalayan region. He addressed the complexities of classical versus contemporary Bhoti, stressing the need to grasp both for holistic understanding.

Nadvi shared that the team has completed seven translations and is currently in the revision phase, aiming for a release in June and July of the upcoming year, ensuring wider accessibility to the translated text. The anticipated final print is expected to originate from Saudi Arabia, marking a significant milestone in this monumental endeavor.

"Much like the importance attributed to teachings in Urdu, English, and Hindi, it's crucial to embrace teachings in our native languages," he added.

Phandey shared his insights, likening the Quran to a 'Book of Law' that evaluates individuals based on their actions. Acknowledging personal reservations about certain verses, he emphasized the overall potential of the Quran to foster peace and prosperity among people, transcending individual disagreements.

Nadvi drew inspiration from the Quran's affirmation that every language belongs to all, challenging the misconception that Bhoti isn't used among Muslims. His journey into teaching and learning Bhoti was inspired by this belief. Stressing the importance of the

Gen Konchok Phandey echoed the importance of teachings in native languages, noting the universality of ethical principles across religious texts.

Acknowledged and commended by the Ladakh Buddhist Association in Leh, he has spearheaded the creation of a suite of educational materials in Bhoti Language. His endeavor aimed not only to facilitate learning but also to kindle a profound interest in Bhoti Language among students and the broader society. By independently developing and funding 14 diverse items, ranging from notebooks, notepads, charts, banners, stickers, horoscopes, and various teaching aids Ven Stanzin Nurbu as-

He said, "I was approached for the help few years ago and felt delighted as every religious book teaches the right thing. It will be fruitful to everyone".

This ongoing translation project Quran into Bhoti not just a linguistic effort but a powerful testament to the universality of wisdom. The initiative stands as a beacon of inclusivity, aiming to make the teachings of the Quran comprehensible while acknowledging the intricacies of language. It's a concerted effort to promote wider accessibility and deeper understanding of the Quran's profound teachings, transcending linguistic barriers and fostering cultural unity.

He highlighted the Quran's comprehensive nature, comprising 30 chapters, and emphasized the use of simple Ladakhi language for wider comprehension. This approach aims not only to cater to locals but also to make the text accessible to the broader

**Bhoti: Ven Stanzin Nurbu introduces Bhoti language teaching**  
*LBA commends Ven Stanzin Nurbu's Bhoti language efforts*



Ven Stanzin Nurbu

**Nenzes Chodon**  
 LEH: In a significant initiative to promote linguistic and educational enrichment, Ven Stanzin Nurbu from Nubra valley stands out for his pioneering efforts in promoting the rich heritage of the Bhoti Language.

pires to widely propagate Bhoti language.

and broader society. He emphasized the universal use of items like horoscopes, celebration banners, diaries, cards, and conference pads while also creating specialized products tailored for classroom use, including stickers, charts, notebooks, cursive writing aids, name stickers, puzzles, and more. He announced that these items would soon be available in various stationery stores in Leh and its surrounding markets, ensuring accessibility to the masses.

Expressing his concerns regarding the necessity of diverse teaching aids to enhance students' engagement with Bhoti Language, Ven Stanzin Nurbu emphasized his intention to emphasize the language's significance within both educational settings and broader society. During discussions, he actively sought insights into the challenges faced by schools and students in sustaining interest in Bhoti Language, identifying the lack of teaching aids as a major obstacle.

Presenting a comprehensive collection of 14 diverse items, Ven Stanzin Nurbu highlighted their relevance in both school environments

His initiative embodies a dedicated effort to preserve and proliferate Bhoti Language, fostering its integration into everyday life and educational settings within the Leh community and beyond.

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## Fortnightly News

### Ladakh roller-skating team to participate in 61st National Roller Skating Championship

Hill Council distributes subsidized roller-skating equipment to athletes

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk flagged off a group of young athletes to the 61st National Roller Skating Championship to be held from 11 to 22 December 2023 in Chandigarh.



Distribution of subsidized roller skating equipment to the athletes under the LAHDC Leh subsidy scheme.

The athletes are participating in the categories of Senior, Junior, and Sub-Junior respectively. They also distributed subsidized roller skating equipment to the athletes under the LAHDC Leh subsidy scheme.

Deputy Chairman Angchuk extended his best wishes to the team and advised the young athletes to always strive to

learn something new. Emphasising the potential of the sport to the younger generation of Ladakh, he urged the athletes and their parents to dedicatedly take the sport and aim to achieve higher goals in the future. He also assured continuous assistance from the Hill Council,

Leh in the future.

EC, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee; District Youth Services and Sports Officer Leh, Chief Controller of Finance LAHDC Leh, President, Ladakh Roller Skating Association, and parents were present during the flag-off ceremony.

### Administration of Ladakh, Royal Enfield announce Ice Hockey League

All set to unveil local talent



Stakeholders during the virtual press conference for the announcement of the Royal Enfield Ice Hockey League in Ladakh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** The Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh and Royal Enfield announced the Royal Enfield Ice Hockey League in Ladakh starting with training camps across the seven zones across Ladakh in December and culminating with a final in Leh in January 2024.

mar Secretary Department of Youth & Sports, Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Bidisha Dey, Executive Director of Eicher Group Foundation, CSR wing, Royal Enfield amongst other officials and stakeholders from Ladakh on December 7

This was announced during the virtual press conference held at the UT Secretariat on December 8. The league seeks to identify and nurture local ice hockey talent from across Ladakh's 7 zones. The league is in line with a roadmap laid out to the Game Changer - Blueprint for the Development of Ice Hockey in Ladakh, which was launched in Delhi by Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports, in the presence of Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, MP Ladakh, Mohd Jaffer Akhoun, Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC Kargil, Ravinder Ku-

Commissioned by the Administration of UT Ladakh, the blueprint is created by Royal Enfield with the collaboration of all stakeholders and reviewed by the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF). It looks at a holistic development of the sport and is a step towards realising the ambition of fielding an Indian Ice Hockey contingent at the 2042 Winter Olympics.

"The start of a competitive league will go a long way in nurturing local talent and also scouting talent from the rural areas of the seven zones," said Moses Kunzang, Joint Director of the Department of

Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

The league will start with the establishment of ice hockey training camps across the seven zones of Ladakh, which will help spot and scout local talent. By the end of December, players will be selected by a selection committee comprising members from DYSS, Ice Hockey Association for Ladakh (IHAL), Zonal Heads and 20 Ladakhi coaches trained by coaches from Germany.

Players will select 15 teams - 10 for men and 5 for women. The 10 men's teams will divide into two groups with teams within the groups playing against each other. The best four from each group will qualify for the knockout rounds starting in January 2024 and culminating with the Final in January 2024.

To be eligible for these training camps open to the public of Ladakh only, candidates will need to have basic ice-skating skills and interested candidates can contact the local clubs for registrations. Detailed plans for the training camps, matches, and the schedules for the knockout stage will be announced shortly.

Noor Jahan, goalie, and Diskit Angmo, Spokesperson Indian Women's Ice Hockey team, and other stakeholders were also present.

### Tibetans celebrate 34th anniversary of conferment of Nobel Prize on HH Dalai Lama



During the commemoration of the 34th anniversary of the conferment of the Nobel Peace Prize to His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Commemorating the 34th anniversary of the conferment of the Nobel Peace Prize to His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tibetan community in Leh organised a ceremonial function at CRO office on December 10.

Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson attended the function as the chief guest. Executive Councillor (Tibetan Welfare), LAHDC Leh, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee was the guest of honor.

Councillors of Nyoma, Korzok & Phyang constituency of LAHDC Leh, SDM Nyoma, Tibetan CRO Ladakh, Speaker of the Tibetan Local Assembly Ladakh, and various other representatives from wards of Tibetan Settlement were also present.

CEC Tashi Gyalson congratulated the Tibetan community both inside and outside Tibet, on this special occasion.

"His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama is a global ambassador for peace and harmony. Despite facing adversity at a very young age, having to leave his own country, he continues to advocate for maintaining harmony and urges peaceful resolutions to ongoing issues. As we observe World Human Rights Day today, it is a global commitment to advocate against any human rights violation worldwide, including those happening inside Tibet for an extended period," said CEC Gyalson.

CEC also emphasised

the need for a unified voice against the violation of human rights across the globe. He urges fellow citizens to follow the advice and guidance of eminent personalities like His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama in maintaining global harmony and a peaceful society.

He also highlighted the focus of LAHDC Leh on ensuring equal development of the Tibetan community residing in Ladakh and assured continuous assistance from the Hill Council and the Ladakh Administration in the future as well.

CRO Ladakh and other esteemed dignitaries also addressed the gathering highlighting the significance of the day.

### Education dept observes International Day of People with Disability



Students performing during the International Day of People with Disability.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Chief Education Officer, Leh observed International Day of People with Disability on December 3

aiming transformative solutions for inclusive development and the role of innovation in fuelling an accessible and equitable world.

Executive Councillor RDD, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee was the chief guest of the occasion.

EC Yakzee admired the enthusiastic participation of differently abled students and added that this day has given an opportunity to showcase their talents and stressed to harness their potential.

Further, he added that in honor of the inherent dignity and worth of

disabled people around the world and in recognition of the immeasurable contributions people with disabilities (PwDs) have made, we must continue to build a more inclusive and equitable world. He urged to celebrate the day with pride and encouraged everyone to lift up their dignity.

He also appreciated the work of NGOs and spoke on the importance of the role of parents in shaping the future of differently abled students. He informed that Hill Council Leh is making all possible efforts to make Ladakh accessible

for all by adding inclusive facilities in terms of infrastructure and special needs of persons with disabilities through subsidy components.

EC Yakzee also inaugurated a Special Bus for differently abled students. The participants and supporters were felicitated with gifts and certificates.

Chief Education Officer Leh; DEPO Leh; ZEOS; Presidents from REWA, PAGIR, MUNSEL and teachers of Inclusive Education Chuchot, TCV Leh, Nubra and volunteer doctors were present.

### DC chairs 12th NCORD mechanism meeting in Leh, highlights progress in anti-drug initiatives

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhdeve chaired the 12th meeting of the District Level Committee under the Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) Mechanism at the DC office mini-conference hall on December 6.

During the meeting, committee members provided Deputy Commissioner Sukhdeve with an Action Taken Report, highlighting the progress made in addressing the concerns of the NCORD mechanism.

Additional Superintendent of Police, Shruti Arora reported that 16 drug-related cases had been registered in Leh, with 11 cases already disposed of and 25 accused arrested.

Officials apprised DC Leh that extensive awareness campaigns were organised in schools in Leh.



Furthermore, it was informed that a joint drive was also conducted and fines were being imposed on 15 shops under the COTPA Act. The CEO, Leh also informed the installation of CCTV cameras near schools to enhance security, and the Assistant Controller Drugs, Leh, was directed to conduct

random checks on shops in school areas.

Deputy Commissioner emphasised a comprehensive effort from all committee members. He directed the CEO and School Principal to conduct regular Parents-Teacher Meetings and School Management Committee meetings in govern-

ment and private schools, involving parents every month.

Various issues were addressed during the meeting, including moral education, concerns related to activities of the Yato Club, and parents' counseling.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Leh informed that Tele-manas are functional with 10 counselors available to assist toll-free helpline no. 14416 or 18008914416.

The meeting also shed light on the appointment of counselors in schools, with Deputy Commissioner Sukhdeve stressing the importance of a zone-wise schedule for awareness campaigns. DC Leh urged officers to recognize their responsibility in preventing the destruction of individuals and societies caused by drug abuse.

The Deputy Commissioner concluded the meeting by stating that we have seen individuals and societies at large getting destroyed by drugs and added that collective effort is needed to create a safer and drug-free environment in Leh.

The meeting was attended by the committee members and concerned officials.

### Ladakhi runners shine at Pune International Marathon



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Jigmet Dolma from Igoov village and Nawang Tsering from Lingshed won title in the 37th Pune International Marathon, 2023 held on December 3. Runner Jigmet Dolma secured 1st place in the Indian women's full marathon category and secured 3rd place in the overall

to see our runners shine at the Pune International Marathon this year. Many congratulations to both runners for demonstrating exceptional talent and determination on such international platforms. Their dedication and perseverance have not only brought pride to Ladakh but also serve as an inspiration to all the aspiring athletes in our region."

International category of women's full marathon. Runner Nawang Tsering secured 2nd rank in the overall Indian men's category of the full marathon.

Congratulating the runners, Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson said, "Overwhelmed

37th Pune International Marathon 2023 is premium Marathon event in India. Since 1983, thousands of runners from all walks of life have taken part in the event. Pune International Marathon is now widely used as a platform to spread social message and to raise fund for charitable cause.

### Advisor reviews preparation for 3rd National Conference of Chief Secretaries



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Advisor, Lieutenant Governor, UT Ladakh Dr Pawan Kotwal assessed the groundwork for the upcoming 3rd National Conference of Chief Secretaries to be held in New Delhi. The meeting also provided a comprehensive overview of the targets and accomplishments of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

stands. It is our collective responsibility to embrace and embody these practices to ensure that the benefits of various schemes and initiatives percolate through the entire region, he added.

The meeting served as a platform for constructive dialogue, where challenges identified and solutions sought collectively. It exemplified the commitment of the UT administration fostering an environment of transparent governance and sustained development in Ladakh.

Secretary of the Public Health Engineering Department, Michael D'Souza; Deputy Commissioner of Leh, Santosh Sukhdeve; Director of Health Services, Dr Motup Dorje; Director of Tourism, Kunzes Angmo; Director of Finance, Dr Safdar Ali; Additional Secretary of Home, Suman Beniwal; Deputy Director of Planning, Tsering Angdus; Deputy Director of Planning, Konchuk Gyalson, while the Principal Secretary of Industries & Commerce, H&UDD, Sanjeev Khirwar; Commissioner/Secretary of Health & Medical Education Department, Dr Vasanthkumar Namasivayam; Commissioner/Secretary of Higher Education Department, Padma Angmo; Secretary of the Power Development Department, Ravinder Kumar; Deputy Commissioner of Kargil Shrikant Balasaheb Suse; Director of Foods & Supplies, Tahir Hussain; Joint Director of Information, Kacho Imteaz Khan; and concerned officers of the Kargil district joined the meeting virtually.

### 4th National Lok Adalat held across Ladakh



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Ladakh Legal Services Authority under the stewardship of Chief Justice of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Patron-in-chief of Ladakh Legal Services Authority and under the guidance of Justice Atul Sreedharan Executive Chairman Ladakh Legal Services Authorities organised 4th National Lok Adalat throughout the Union Territory of Ladakh on December 9.

The aim was to encourage maximum participation and achieve settlements in cases such as Motor Accident Claims Tribunal

(MACT), matrimonial disputes, cheque bounce cases under the Negotiable Instruments (NI) Act, money recovery cases, etc.

As per the report by the District Legal Services Authorities, out of the total 763 cases taken up by 12 benches during the day-long National Lok Adalat held at various courts across the Union Territory of Ladakh, 446 cases were disposed of.

Additionally, an amount of Rs 99,53,215 was awarded as compensation or settlement in civil, criminal, labour disputes,

electricity bills, land acquisition matters, family disputes, cheque dishonor, and bank recovery cases.

Member Secretary of Ladakh Legal Services Authority, Spalzes Angmo expressed her gratitude to all participants including Judicial Officers, Chairman, Secretaries of District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA) and Tehsil Legal Services Committees (TLSC), Advocates, representatives of insurance companies and banks, court staff, and litigants. She commended their pragmatic approach in settling such a large number of cases.

The meeting commenced with an insightful presentation of the preparations of the 3rd National Conference of Chief Secretaries, detailing the progress made in attaining the goals set forth by the Ministries such as land and property; electricity, drinking water; Jan Arogya Mandir (Health & Wellness Centers); and schooling. The officers provided in-depth insights into the challenges encountered, and future strategies devised to propel the sustainable development agenda in the region.

Dr Pawan Kotwal underscored the importance of meticulous planning and effective implementation. He emphasised the need for collaborative efforts, acknowledging the role of each department in contributing to the overarching goals of Viksit Bharat Sankalp.

He stressed on creating a streamlined and efficient system that enables schemes and initiatives to reach every corner of the region, leaving no stone unturned in the pursuit of comprehensive service delivery. He stated good practices are the bedrock upon which the edifice of successful governance



## Fortnightly News

### IT Secretary Amit Sharma chairs meeting on E-Pramaan authentication in Ladakh



Administrative Secretary of Information Technology, UT Ladakh Amit Sharma.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Administrative Secretary of Information Technology, UT Ladakh Amit Sharma chaired a meeting on E-Pramaan Authentication, and E-Services at the Civil Secretariat, Leh on December 7.

IT Secretary Amit Sharma along with others went through a virtual presentation delivered by the expert team of the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), offering a comprehensive overview of the E-Pramaan Authentication system. The presentation delved into the details of the technology, emphasizing its potential to streamline and enhance authentication processes.

IT Secretary's meeting centered around into comprehensive discussions on the integration of E-Pr-

maam Authentication into various services, with a focus on streamlining processes, reducing bureaucratic bottlenecks, and bolstering data security.

The discussions extended to the optimization of E-services, exploring avenues to enhance user experience, accessibility, and inclusivity in line with the Ladakh administration's commitment to digital governance.

Amit Sharma highlighted the pivotal role of digital governance in development and reiterated the commitment to ensuring that E-Services are not only efficient but also accessible to all segments of the population.

IT Secretary Amit Sharma also emphasized the critical role that advanced

computing technologies play in the era of digitization. He underscored the importance of leveraging C-DAC's expertise to enhance the efficiency and security of e-services in the Union Territory of Ladakh. He also expressed his gratitude for Yes Bank's proactive involvement and stated that collaboration is a testament to the shared vision of the Ladakh administration and Yes Bank in leveraging technology for the welfare of the citizens of Ladakh.

Before the culmination of twin meetings, Secretary IT Amit Sharma expressed enthusiasm for embracing innovative solutions to propel Ladakh into a digitally empowered era. He highlighted the strategic importance of the C-DAC E-Pramaan Authentication system in ensuring secure and seamless authentication procedures, a crucial aspect in the contemporary landscape of information technology.

The meetings were attended by the State Informatics Officer of NIC, UT Ladakh, Director of Rural Development, UT Ladakh, Deputy Secretary IT Department, and Junior Scientists of NIC whereas NIC Officers from J&K and Officers from C-DAC of Yes Bank team attended the meeting virtually.

### Online portal for National Awards under e-Governance Scheme 2024 launched



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Deputy Secretary of Information Technology, Abdul Majid Tantray presided over the launch ceremony of the online portal for registration and submission of nominations under National awards for e-Governance Scheme, 2024 on 8 December at Civil Secretariat, Leh.

The online portal is accessible at [www.nceg.gov.in](http://www.nceg.gov.in) and was officially inaugurated in New Delhi by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances, Government of India.

Abdul Majid Tantray em-

phasised the essential role that technology plays in enhancing governance and public service delivery in the region. He stated that these awards recognise and promote excellence in leveraging technology to streamline governance processes, foster transparency, and improve citizen services.

Further he highlighted the transformative impact of digital innovations on governance and stated that the launch of the online portal is a testament to our commitment to advancing e-governance in Ladakh.

The online portal facilitates seamless registration and submission of nominations across five distinct categories under the National Awards for e-Governance Scheme, 2024. The categories encompass a broad spectrum, including citizen-centric services, innovative use of technology, and excellence in government process re-engineering.

As the portal goes live, it opens doors for the recognition and celebration of innovative e-governance initiatives that are shaping the future of governance in India. Stakeholders, organisations, and individuals are encouraged to actively participate by submitting their nominations through the user-friendly portal, thereby contributing to the ongoing narrative of progress through technology.

The launched session was attended by officials and officers of the Information Technology Department, UT Ladakh.

### Leh DC discusses vulnerability mapping and identification of critical polling stations



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** In view of the forthcoming General Elections to Lok Sabha in 2024, the District Election Officer/Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve discussed the Vulnerability Mapping and Identification of critical polling stations at VC room on December 9.

During the meeting, ADC Leh/ Deputy District Election Officer, Leh, Sonam Chosjor, provided a comprehensive overview of the Vulnerability Mapping 2023, a significant initiative launched by the Election Commission of India (ECI).

He added that the vulnerability mapping is being conducted in UT Ladakh for the first time, signifying the region's commit-

ment to ensuring a fair and transparent electoral process.

He apprised the meeting about the appointment and training of sector officers and their responsibilities, the appointment of Sector Police Officers and designated Police Officers at the Police station level, identification, and action against the person responsible for causing vulnerability. Additionally, confidence-building measures, identification of vulnerable areas, and the post-poll responsibilities of RO/DEO/Observers were among the key topics covered.

Deputy Commissioner Sukhadeve issued specific instructions to the concerned officers, urging them to complete the training and appointment

of Sector Officers by December. He outlined plans to implement further instructions from the first week of January. Emphasizing adherence to the guidelines issued by the ECI, DC Leh emphasised the importance of free and fair elections, cautioning against any malpractices. He added that the instructions issued by ECI should be followed in letter and spirit.

Further, DC Leh Santosh directed the election office to prepare a draft proposal at the earliest and to submit it to his office.

The meeting was attended by Additional Superintendent of Police, Leh, Shruti Arora; Sub Divisional Magistrate, Nubra, Nyoma, Durbuk, Kharu, Khalbte, Liker and all the Tehsildars,

### Leh observes International day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Hub for Empowerment of Women under Mission Shakti, Social & Tribal Welfare Department, UT Ladakh observed the International day for the Elimination of Violence against Women by conducting a comprehensive awareness campaign in several government schools across the Leh district on December 4.

The initiative aimed to educate, engage, and empower young minds in the fight against gender-based violence.

The weeklong campaign, held from November 28 to December 4, witnessed the active participation of



400 government schools, where dedicated sessions were conducted to enlighten students about the prevalence of violence against women and its detrimental effects on society.

Through engaging workshops, interactive discussions, and informative presentations, the students

were sensitized to recognize different forms of violence, understand its impact, and encouraged to take a stand against it.

District Mission Coordinator from District Hub for Empowerment of Women, Diskit Ladol, highlighted that the International day for the Elimination of Vi-

olence against Women serves as a reminder of the collective responsibility to end this pervasive issue. She added that by reaching out to young minds in government schools, they strive to instill values of respect, equality, and empathy, fostering a generation that advocates for a world free from all forms of violence.

The sessions included informative material, real-life case studies, and open dialogues to encourage students to voice their thoughts, share experiences, and seek support.

The initiative also aimed to connect students with available resources and support networks, ensur-

ing they understand where to seek help or guidance if faced with such situations. The Hub for Empowerment of Women extends its gratitude to the (Government Education Department/Authorities) for their support and collaboration in making this campaign a success.

Central Administrator, Shahida Parveen talked about the services available at One Stop Centre Leh. Agling Principals and staff members of the schools appreciated the team for organising such a productive programme and urged them to conduct such event in future as well.

### Three-day paper conservation workshop held in Leh



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** To preserve the rich cultural heritage of Ladakh, the Department of Archives, Archaeology and Museums, Ladakh, in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi, organised a three-day Paper Conservation workshop at the Registering Office of Antiquities in Leh on December 5.

The workshop, attended by local authorities, experts, and enthusiasts, fo-

emphasized the role of such initiatives in making Ladakh's archival department successful and ensuring the preservation of records that bridge the gap between generations.

Similarly, Project Associate from the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Kirtiple Singh Parmar provided an introduction to the workshop, highlighting its primary goal of preserving art, culture, and objects for the benefit of the new generation. The workshop aimed to equip participants with essential skills and knowledge in paper conservation to safeguard historical documents from deterioration.

The event saw the presence of Chief Planning Officer, Leh, Tsewang Gyaltson, Registering Officer, Khadim Hussain, and experts from IGCA, who shared their expertise and insights during the workshop.

Expressing gratitude towards the department and experts from Delhi, Mehdi

### DIET Leh organises INSPIRE-MANAK State level Exhibition

Three students selected for National-level exhibition

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** The State Level Exhibition and Project Competitions (SLEPC) for the year 2022-23 of the district finalist of UT Ladakh under the INSPIRE Awards-MANAK Scheme was held at DIET Leh on December 8.

The three district finalist students from UT Ladakh showcased their project/Models.

The students who got selected are Stanzin Diskit of class 9 of Government Higher Secondary School Saspol with the project title 'Speed breaker as pumping system for watering roadside plantation', Skarma Stanzin of class 8 of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Leh with the project title 'Bucket for washing



Students with their projects during the State Level Exhibition and Project Competitions.

and boiling water in difficult areas' and Chosdan Rigzen Wangmo of class 9 of Lamdon Model Senior Secondary School, Leh with the project title 'Popular Pollen Collector'.

All the three students were selected for the National level Exhibition and Project Competitions

(NLEPC) 2022-23.

The jury for the SLEPC, Inspire Manak Award were National Coordinator, Inspire Manak Award, Sehreen Shakeel; District Coordinator, Inspire Manak Awards Tsering Yangdol and Lecturer DIET, Leh, Phuntsog Dolma.

### 3-day training on food packaging and labelling compliance held

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** A comprehensive 3-day training program on 'Requirements of Packaging (FSSR, 2018) & Labelling (FSSR, 2020) - Food Commodities' was organised by the department of Industries & Commerce, UT Ladakh in collaboration with the Quality Council of India (QCI) on December 8.

The programme was inaugurated by Sanjeev Khirwar, Principal Secretary, Department of Industries & Commerce in the presence of Mohd Nazir Sheikh, Director, Department of Industries & Commerce, UT Ladakh, and Alok Jain, Director & Head, Training and Capacity Building (TCB) Cell, Quality Council of India (QCI) and his team.

Sanjeev Khirwar, Principal Secretary spoke on the potential of the food processing sector in Ladakh and highlighted packaging, coupled with accurate and informative labelling, could distinguish Ladakhi food products in the market. He encouraged the participants to leverage



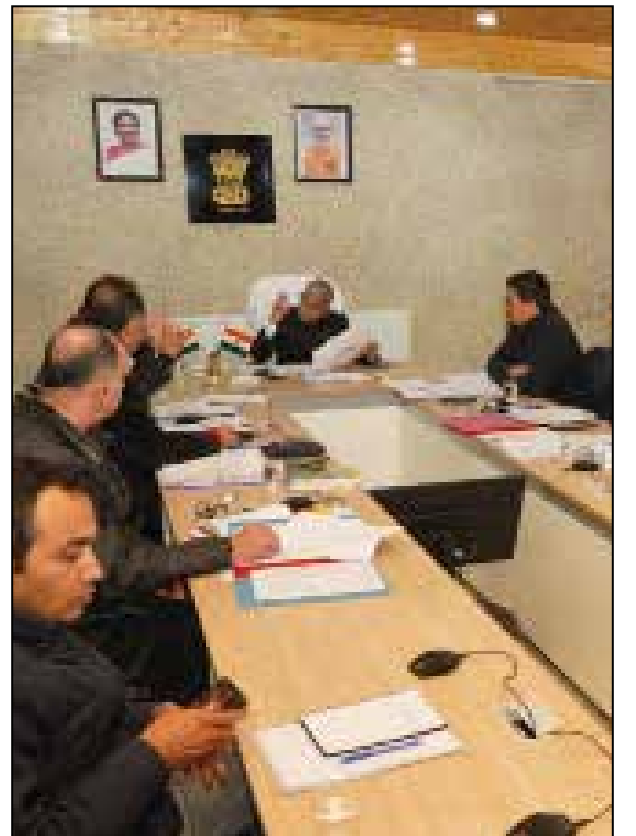
this training to not only meet regulatory requirements but also to creatively showcase the rich heritage and unique flavors of Ladakh through their packaging and labelling strategies.

The programme witnessed active participation from over 50 entrepreneurs, Self-Help Group (SHG) members, and Farmers Producer Organization (FPO) members who came from the far-flung areas of Leh and Kargil districts. The experts from QCI provided in-depth insights into the nuances of FSSAI regulations, address-

ing queries and concerns raised by the participants, and provided practical guidance on implementing best practices in packaging and labelling.

After the training, the participants expressed their appreciation for the comprehensive and detailed nature of the sessions. The feedback received reflected the sentiment that the training was not only fruitful but also instrumental in enhancing their understanding of compliance requirements and urged the Administration to continue organising such training programs in the future.

### Discussion on rationalisation of Karakoram/Changthang Wildlife Sanctuaries held



Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) discussing the status of the rationalisation of the Karakoram and Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuaries.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) reviewed and discussed the status of the rationalisation of the Karakoram and Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuaries, at the LG Secretariat on December 9.

Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalsong; Member of Parliament from Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal; Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk; Advisor, Dr Pawan Kotwal; Executive Councillors- Tashi Namgyal Yakzee and Ghulam Mehdi; Commissioner Secretary, Dr Vasanthakumar; Secretary to LG, Ravinder Kumar; APCFF Brij Mohan Sharma; Chief Wildlife Warden, Sajjad Hussain Mufti; Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve and officials from Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, joined the meeting physically and virtually.

Advisor, Dr Pawan Kotwal apprised the LG of the legal status of the Wildlife Sanctuaries. He informed about the notification and management of the protected areas under J&K Wildlife Protection Act 1978, the Act being repealed vide J&K Reorganisation Act 2019 and the extension of Central Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 to UT Ladakh and the exercise of determination of rights of the people living in Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary in 2022 which has not been completed yet. He also informed that there is no legal distinction between the core area and the buffer zone of the protected area of wildlife sanctuary.

Kotwal informed the LG about the letter written by him to Dr Sathyakumar, Scientist G at WII Dehradun, to 'generate maps of the wildlife sanctuaries in accordance with the boundaries laid down in the notifications No's

SRO 155 (Changthang WLS) and SRO 152 (Karakoram WLS) would be the starting point for conducting any rationalisation exercise.' He stated that contrary to the communication from the UT Administration, WII Dehradun has generated a map with increased WLS areas. Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalsong; MP Ladakh and Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, highlighted the need to renotify the Karakoram and Changthang Wildlife Sanctuaries and pointed out various loopholes in the notifications regarding fixing the wildlife boundaries.

Highlighting that the exercise of rationalisation of boundaries of Karakoram and Changthang Wildlife Sanctuaries has been going on for the past few months, LG stated that the issues/parties involved in this aspect are the protection of wildlife of Ladakh, the people of Ladakh inhabiting+ the area and then the ground reality and requirement of the people. He highlighted the importance of following the present situation and the condition of the people living in these wildlife sanctuaries. He asked WII Dehradun not to go beyond the Terms of Reference (ToR) provided by the administration.

L-G asked the concerned officials of Wildlife/Forest Department, UT Ladakh, to prepare a case pointing out all the dichotomies, public grievances and interim permission needed for people engaged in tourism activities to run homestays, hotels/guest houses in wildlife sanctuaries, so that necessary guidance can be sought from the Ministry of Home Affairs before proceeding further on the exercise of rationalisation of the boundaries of the Karakoram and Changthang Wildlife Sanctuaries.



## People's voice:

## Ladakh's struggle for gazetted jobs continues

By Stanzin Padma &amp; Yangchen Dolma

In Ladakh, the quest for gazetted post-recruitment persists even five years after attaining UT status, triggering age restrictions and youth unemployment, culminating in a crisis. Despite the democratic right to voice concerns, many in Ladakh hesitate due to looming threats. Of over 20 approached students, merely 6 have bravely spoken up, held back by fear of repercussions. The UT administration's promises over the past half-decade, including meetings and promised order dates, remain unfulfilled, necessitating urgent attention to quell the worries of Ladakh's youth. This frustration has birthed issues like drug abuse and mental health challenges, emphasizing the criticality of addressing Ladakh's employment concerns promptly.



**Tundup Thinles, Former President ALUYA:** In the past 4 years since Ladakh attained Union Territory status, there hasn't been any recruitment for Gazetted posts, and to this day, no new notifications have surfaced. L-G BD Mishra's actions have notably delayed effective governance delivery, particularly evident in the significant delay and absence of recruitment processes. This lack of action is conspicuous on the ground, amplifying the distressing reality of stagnant recruitment. The inactivity of our public representatives, MPs, and councillors exacerbates the issue, leaving Ladakh's youth in a dire predicament. Five years of preparation recruitment have been futile due to overage limitations, hindering applications and selections. I, too, am adversely affected by this predicament, unable to apply even if positions are re-advertised. This delay has detrimentally impacted numerous lives in Ladakh, disqualifying qualified candidates due to age constraints. Not only Gazetted but also non-Gazetted recruitments have stagnated, with recent Ladakh Police recruitment being a rare exception. However, progress remains elusive elsewhere. The ongoing discussions regarding a separate cadre for Ladakh offer potential solutions to the burgeoning employment crisis. Ladakh faces an acute employment challenge, urging authorities not to overlook this critical issue.



**Zulfikar Ali, Vice President, Student Union Nubra:** Since the inception of the Union Territory of Ladakh, there hasn't been a single announcement for government job vacancies, leaving candidates in a state of extreme frustration. This concerning situation poses risks of drug addiction and immense family pressure on job seekers. I earnestly implore the authorities to expedite the process of filling these crucial vacancies. In tandem, we aim to raise awareness by collaborating with the Nubra Student Union and conducting outreach programs in villages across Nubra. Our goal is to shed light on these pressing issues and garner support from the community.



**Stanzin Nurbu Apex Body Youth wing:** The ongoing recruitment process for a gazetted post in Ladakh is in its final stages, yet persistent delays are triggering frustration among dedicated students and youth who've invested years in preparation. It's crucial to prevent this issue from escalating into a political battleground during the forthcoming elections. Ladakh's highly educated youth are determined not to let their efforts go in vain. However, the absence of job offers, except for positions in the Ladakh police force, is a cause for concern. Urging the authorities to expedite this process, I appeal for swift action to benefit the entire youth community in Ladakh. Numerous well-qualified individuals have toiled diligently, and witnessing them compelled to apply for lower-level positions is disheartening. This pressing situation warrants immediate attention and resolution.



**Padma Stanzin, LEAF President:** It's disheartening that even after 5 years since attaining UT status; there's been no recruitment for gazetted posts in Ladakh. The lack of advocacy from our representatives, bureaucrats, and administration at the required pace has left Ladakh's youth suffering and disenfranchised. Many highly qualified individuals, capable of holding officer positions, find themselves applying for non-gazetted roles due to the absence of opportunities. The situation worsens as promises regarding joining dates for SSC candidates, even after case

file sub-jury completion, remain unfulfilled. Events like Rozgar Mela seem to exploit youth support without addressing their employment needs. Approximately 30,000 unemployed candidates from Ladakh, as per SSC data, highlight the pressing issue of unemployment in the region.

Education and recruitment should take precedence, yet the lack of attention to this issue by the UT administration is evident. Despite discussions with public representatives, including MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal and CEC Advocate Tashi Gyalson, no concrete steps have been taken.

Recent mentions of a separate cadre for Ladakh by December raise hopes, but stringent adherence to timelines is crucial. Failure to deliver could prompt the youth to make unemployment a manifesto issue in the upcoming 2024 elections. Despite pledges for efficient governance, the delay in gazette posts' recruitment signifies a significant failure on the ground, contrary to promises of transparent and prompt administration.

Moreover, the absence of an exam center in Ladakh due to infrastructure challenges implies further delays in recruitment rules. Stakeholders, the Hill Council, UT administration, and MPs must prioritize addressing youth issues. Supporting the youth will earn their support and encouragement in return.



**Tsewang Dorjay, student:** Since 2019, the recruitment for gazetted posts has remained pending in Ladakh. Previously, during the Kashmir administrative service, some gazetted posts were filled, albeit with minimal representation. However, under the current UT administration, promises were made to establish the Ladakh administration service. Unfortunately, progress on this front has been sluggish, as a recent notification indicated the formation of a body that will further delay the process of development, recruitment, and candidate joining. This elongated procedure is likely to span several more years.

The current administration in Ladakh comprises more bureaucrats than politicians. While the UT administration requires bureaucrats, equitable public representation is equally essential. We urge the Ladakh government to expedite the formation of the Ladakh administrative service at a fast-track level, appointing Ladakhi students to gazetted posts promptly. Furthermore, an SSC post advertisement was released a year and a half ago, and the selected candidates are yet to commence their roles. If this pattern persists, many youths will surpass the age limit, extinguishing their prospects.

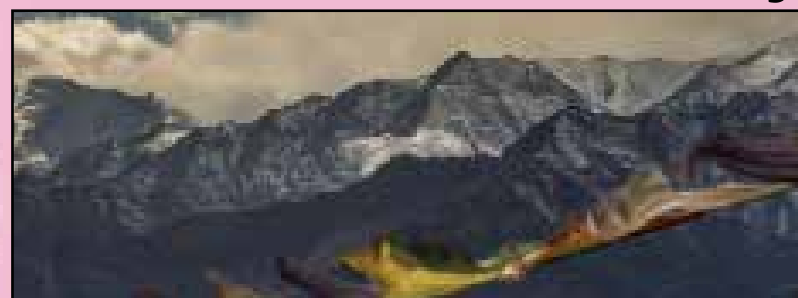
As elections approach, representatives may begin offering incentives and making false promises. However, a pragmatic and feasible manifesto that addresses critical issues would benefit everyone. We hope for substantial progress in the days ahead, ensuring a fair advantage for all spheres, transcending the allure of mere electoral freebies and false assurances.



**Rigzin Dorjay Student:** I strongly believe that every Ladakhi is currently contributing to various fields of work. However, the absence of a local gazetted or Ladakhi head in leadership positions could significantly impact the future of Ladakhi youths. There's a risk of losing Ladakh's essence and traditions if an outsider assumes authority without a deep understanding of our region. This scenario would be detrimental to our future generations.

I've maintained faith and optimism in the UT administration since October 31, 2019. However, their promises of providing jobs have yet to materialize. Presently, students face immense pressure from their families due to these unfulfilled assurances. I appeal to the Member of Parliament to prioritize the resolution of youth issues by promptly providing gazette posts without further delay. This step is crucial in securing the future prospects of Ladakhi youths and preserving the heritage and identity of Ladakh.

## International Mountain Day



The day was designated by the United Nations General Assembly to celebrate International Mountain Day on 11 December. According to the UN, "Mountain hosts about half of the world's biodiversity hotspots and 30% of all key Biodiversity Areas."

More than half of humanity's everyday life relies on mountain freshwater. 80% of the world's food is supplied by 20 plant species and six of them originated and have been diversified in mountains namely maize, potatoes, barley, sorghum, tomatoes, and apples.

Mountains are not only important for inhabitants but also for millions of people living in lowlands. They are the sources of the world's major rivers and also play a crucial role in the

water cycle.

International Mountain day also focuses on the opportunities and on the development of mountains. It also educates people in understanding the role of mountains in the environment and their impact on life. It is celebrated every year with a particular theme.

The formation of International Mountain Day history dates back to 1992 when Agenda 21 "Managing Fragile Ecosystems: Sustainable Mountain Development" of Chapter 13 was adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. No doubt, it put a milestone in the history of mountain development. By seeing the increasing attention towards the importance of mountains, the UN

General Assembly declared in 2002 the UN International Year of Mountains and designated 11 December as International Mountain Day from 2003 onwards. Therefore we can say that the first time International Mountain Day was celebrated on 11 December 2003. Every year it is celebrated with a particular theme.

International Mountain Day 2023, under the title "Restoring mountain ecosystems" is a chance to increase awareness about the relevance of mountain ecosystems and call for nature-based solutions, best practices and investments that build resilience, reduce vulnerability and increase the ability of mountains to adapt to daily threats and extreme climatic events.

## DID YOU KNOW ?

- A cloud weighs around a million tonnes. A cloud typically has a volume of around 1km<sup>3</sup> and a density of around 1.003km per m<sup>3</sup> – that's a density that's around 0.4 per cent lower than the air surrounding it; this is how they are able to float.

- Giraffes are 30 times more likely to get hit by lightning than people. True, there are only five well-documented fatal lightning strikes on giraffes between 1996 and 2010. But due to the population of the species being just 140,000 during this time, it makes for about 0.003 lightning deaths per thousand giraffes each year. This is 30 times the equivalent fatality rate for humans.

- Earth's rotation is changing speed. It's actually slowing. This means that, on average, the length of a day increases by around 1.8 seconds per century. 600 million years ago a day lasted just 21 hours.

- Your brain is constantly eating itself. This process is called phagocytosis, cells envelop and consume smaller cells or molecules to remove them from the system. Don't worry! Phagocytosis isn't harmful, but actually helps preserve your grey matter.

- Animals can experience time differently from humans. To smaller animals, the world around them moves more slowly compared to humans. Salamanders and lizards, for example, experience time more slowly than cats and dogs. This is because the perception of time depends on how quickly the brain can process incoming information.

- Wearing a tie can reduce blood flow to the brain by 7.5 per cent. A study in 2018 found that wearing a necktie can reduce the blood flow to your brain by up to 7.5 per cent, which can make you feel dizzy, nauseous, and cause headaches. They can also increase the pressure in your eyes if on too tight and are great

at carrying germs.

- The fear of long words is called Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia. The 36-letter word was first used by the Roman poet Horace in the first century BCE to criticise those writers with an unreasonable penchant for long words. It was American poet Aimee Nezhukumatathil, possibly afraid of their own surname, who coined the term how we know it in 2000.

- You can actually die laughing. And a number of people have, typically due to intense laughter causing a heart attack or suffocation. Comedy shows should come with a warning.

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## SoulSpeak

Dr. P.P. Wangchuk

## Pain is a great teacher



We hate to be in pain, and joyfully try to forget that pain is a 'good teacher' and a necessary part of life. And there is no one on this planet who does not have to suffer from pain of body and mind at frequent intervals. Those of you who understand the nature of pain will agree that pain makes us look within ourselves and see what are the lessons we learnt?

Pain teaches you humility and to be humble at every walk of life. When we undergo pain, we get to realise

that the whole worldly beings have to suffer too, and that gives us another lesson: That pain is a great leveller. As a result, we become more loving and caring towards other sentient beings

That is why our saints have emphasised that life's greatest lessons are learnt from pain and suffering. Pain, therefore, is the most powerful tool that wakes us up from 'slumber'. Someone has gone to the extent of saying that "pain is such a thing that one needs to carry it, like a radio." This quote gives us the idea that pain is a constant reminder that all is not good with us, and that we need to set ourselves on a corrective path!

And then there is also something called emotional pain that is more severe than physical pain. In fact, the whole thing that you have been reading so far is all about emotional and inner pain and turmoil over which, at times, we seem to lose control. And that is where we need to be in full command over ourselves in order to understand the basic problems that upset our mental peace.

French author Marquis de Sade had this to say: "It is always by way of pain that one arrives at pleasure." I think this says it all, like the way we say that we realise the importance of being good only by understanding what bad is!

Courtesy: WongWorld

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## Fortnightly News

# In Conversation with Skalzung Rigzin, President, Ladakh Mountain Guide Association

Interviewed by Yangchen Dolma

**Q. Can you please provide a brief introduction and share your experiences, as well as the challenges you've encountered while climbing various mountain peaks?**

I'm Skalzung Rigzin, hailing from the Sham valley and have been deeply immersed in the world of mountain guiding since 1997. I am currently serving as the President of Ladakh Mountain Guide Association (LMGA). Over the years, I've led expeditions to peaks like Rimo, and amidst the lockdown, I ventured into freelancing as a mountain guide. My 26 years in the mountains have witnessed traverses across the Garhwal, Nepal, and eastern regions, conquering notable summits such as Saser Kangri, Rimo Kangri, among others.

The pinnacle of my achievements came in 2022 when I stood atop Lhotse, the world's fourth highest mountain at 8,516 meters. Moreover, I undertook the challenging Annapurna ascent, notorious for its high fatality rate. What adds to these feats is that both summits were reached within 16 days, sans supplemental oxygen or Sherpa support, setting a record for India.

Challenges were aplenty; weather obstacles like fog and storms often compelled our return. Balancing the demands of both the climb and ensuring the safety of our clients was demanding yet enriching. These experiences have been a crucible of learning, providing invaluable insights.

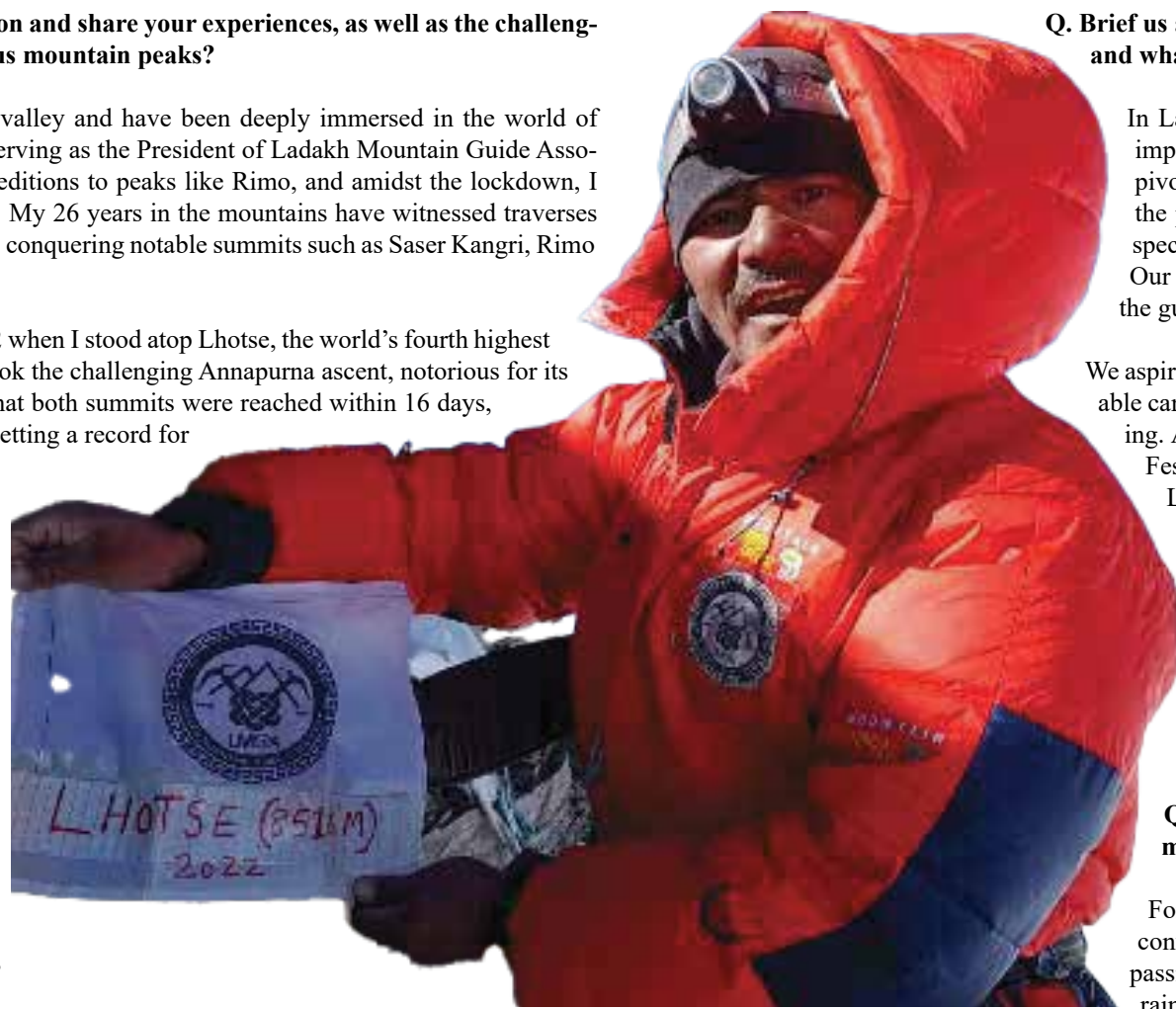
Looking forward, my aspirations include scaling iconic peaks like Everest and other lofty summits.

**Q. What unique features or attractions distinguish Ladakh as an ideal destination for mountaineering and adventure tourism?**

Ladakh boasts a multitude of distinctive features that set it apart. Renowned for its breathtaking landscapes, towering mountain passes, and an array of thrilling outdoor pursuits, it's an adventurer's haven. In this region, visitors revel in rafting along its rivers, scaling rock faces, and even indulging in ice climbing amidst the winter.

One of Ladakh's allure lies in its abundance of uncharted mountains, offering boundless opportunities for exhilarating adventures. Despite the occasional challenge in securing permissions due to its proximity to the Pakistan and China borders, the region offers a wealth of exploration. Adventurers can immerse themselves in activities such as trekking and mountaineering, especially in the Nubra, Zaskar, and Changthang regions.

With its expansive glaciers and an extensive range of outdoor pursuits, Ladakh emerges as a true paradise for outdoor enthusiasts.



**Q. Brief us about the Ladakh Mountain Guide Association. What role does it play, and what contributions does it make to the region?**

In Ladakh, our community of professional guides recognizes the necessity of implementing a structured policy. This policy aims to raise awareness about the pivotal role guides play in environmental conservation, youth education, and the promotion of high-quality tourism. In 2019, we established an association specifically designed to cater to local guides, prioritizing membership for them. Our primary objective was to elevate the standards and professionalism within the guiding profession.

We aspire to showcase that being a mountain guide is not only a passion but also a viable career choice, comparable to traditional professions like medicine or engineering. Additionally, our association, LMGA, annually organizes the Ice Climbing Festival, now gearing up for its 5th edition from February 2nd to 4th this year. Last year's festival saw the enthusiastic participation of approximately 700 students, and we eagerly anticipate hosting this event once more.

Unlike Nepal, Ladakh lacks life insurance policies tailored for guides. Therefore, as LMGA, we've taken the initiative to advocate for the introduction of such policies. Recognizing the importance of insurance coverage for guides, we are actively working to facilitate positive changes in this area, striving to ensure our guides have the necessary support and protection.

**Q. What do you consider as the essential qualities or skills that aspiring mountaineers should possess to excel in their pursuits?**

For aspiring mountaineers, several critical qualities and skills significantly contribute to their success. Physical fitness holds utmost importance, encompassing endurance, strength, and agility, vital for navigating challenging terrains. Equally essential is mental resilience, as mountaineering presents formidable mental hurdles.

Acquiring technical expertise in areas like rope work and navigation is pivotal, alongside gaining comprehensive knowledge and experience in mountain environments. Furthermore, fostering teamwork and effective communication skills are indispensable for coordinated efforts and ensuring safety.

Lastly, the unwavering traits of perseverance and determination play a pivotal role in overcoming obstacles encountered throughout the journey.

**Q. Could you share any ongoing initiatives or projects undertaken by the LMGA aimed at fostering responsible mountaineering practices in Ladakh?**

### MESSAGE TO THE READERS

**“In life, challenges are inevitable for everyone. However, the key lies in our resilience. It's vital never to succumb to comparisons or discouragement, but rather persist and maintain our spirit. Embracing a positive mindset is crucial. Acknowledging and appreciating our efforts is equally important. Therefore, let's uphold this optimistic outlook and persistently strive towards our goals, never losing sight of our determination.”**

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## Fortnight Highlights



A Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp was conducted at Sumdha village in Panchayat Rumbak. Various department officers/officials participated and shared their department schemes besides on-the-spot service given to the people of Panchayat.



Royal Enfield has taken a significant step toward the comprehensive development of Ice Hockey in Ladakh, unveiling a strategic blueprint titled "Game Changer." The document, presented to Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports, outlines a roadmap for the holistic growth of the sport in Ladakh and aspires to field an Indian Ice Hockey contingent at the 2042 Winter Olympics.



Department of Political Science, Govt. Degree College, Nubra in collaboration with Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (Tehsildar) Nubra, Tufail Ahmed conducted a SVEEP Programme at Govt. Degree College, Nubra.



Member of Parliament Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal along with Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk laid the foundation stone for the construction of exhibition hall of District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Leh under District CAPEX by the executing agency Rural Development Department Leh.



To showcase the indigenous GI-tagged products of Ladakh, LAHDC Leh organised a week-long captivating photo exhibition & live demonstration at the All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society, Gallery New Delhi from 24 to 30 November 2023.



Executive Councillor, Rural Department, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee who is also the elected Councillor of Tangtse Constituency, distributed 18 sets of Ice Hockey equipment to the players from various villages of Tangtse Constituency under LAHDC's subsidy scheme through the Lalok Winter Sports Club.



The Rogzar Mela was held successfully at the Sindhu Sanskriti Kendra, Leh with its simultaneous celebration across the country at 36 other locations under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.



Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson along with MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, and Dy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk met the Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy, R. K Singh in New Delhi.



## Fortnightly News

### EC Zakir Hussain discusses grievances of education department

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Executive Councillor, School Education, LAHDC, Kargil, Zakir Hussain met Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Ladakh at UT Secretariat Leh on December 7 and discussed many issues.

Director Finance and Director School Education, UT Ladakh was also present.

Discussion was held on the discontinuation of service of the J&KBOSE in UT Ladakh beyond the academic year 2021-2022.

Executive Councillor intimated that the regular facilities for Class 10th, 11th and 12th students have been temporarily suspended due to J&KBOSE's inability to extend its services beyond the academic year 2021-22 in UT Ladakh. He requested to take up issue and put forth the overall aspects with regard to the requirement and continuation of services of J&KBOSE in UT Ladakh in detail and accordingly requested to take up the matter with the UT Administration J&K.

Principal Secretary promptly addressed the issue with the relevant au-



thorities of UT Jammu and Kashmir. They assured that the JK BOSE portal would reopen shortly, allowing private institutions in UT Ladakh to complete the examination form submission. Additionally, they guaranteed that students enrolled in private institutions would not encounter any impediments in their academic progression.

Executive Councillor also put up the issue/grievances being faced by the institutions and students with regard to conduct of the winter classes in respect of proper heating arrangement, transportation and manpower etc. for smooth conduct of the winter classes.

The Principal Secretary assured the EC that all possible help will be provided by the UT Administration for smooth conduct

of winter classes and also suggested that the services of teachers qualifying for M.Sc. Mathematics/ Science and presently working in Middle Schools may also be utilized for the conduct of winter classes.

The Executive Councillor urged using Contractual Lecturers for winter classes and increasing their pay. The Principal Secretary, after listening to the concern, instructed the Director Finance to devise a plan to enhance the remuneration of contractual lecturers if their services are utilized for winter classes.

He also discussed supporting Government Middle and High Schools with manpower and infrastructure for improved education. The Principal Secretary assured full backing from the UT Administration for this initiative.

### CEC, Kargil, visits under-construction site of Ladakh Bhawan at Dwarka, New Delhi



CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhooon assessing the pace of work of Ladakh Bhawan (Kargil Wing) at Dwarka, New Delhi.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhooon visited the under-construction site of Ladakh Bhawan (Kargil Wing) at Dwarka, New Delhi on December 6 and assessed the pace of works.

Later, CEC chaired a meeting attended by Superintending Engineer (SE) R&B Kargil, Executive Engineer SVD, officers of CPWD including Superintending Engineer, Exc-en, AEE, JE, and other concerned officers.

CEC was informed that till this date the structure of the ground floor and the basement has been completed, further, the construction work has reached up to the slab of the first floor.

The officers from CPWD informed that the construction work is going on a war footing basis and assured the CEC that by the end of 2024, the building will be handed over to the LAHDC Kargil.

CEC Dr. Jaffer directed the concerned officers to con-

tinue the works on missionary spirit and aim for its early completion as it will provide relief for patients coming from Kargil to deal with health issues and will also benefit the other travellers, by having accommodation in New Delhi at affordable prices.

Ladakh Bhawan (Kargil Wing), which has been a long pending demand of the general public of Kargil, is proposed as a residential complex for the general public of Kargil who have to visit the national capital.

Central Public Works Department (CPWD) is entrusted with completing the said project at a cost of ₹14.32 crores. The complex shall be a four-storied building on the G+3 pattern with an underground parking space, two VIP Suites, twenty-four rooms, two dormitories, a Kitchen, Conference Hall, etc. Additional common parking space and public park with recreation for children is also available in the vicinity.

### LEHO hosts holistic village development awareness programme in Chiktan

Distributes homestay materials for sustainable tourism



LEHO distributing homestay material to the owners of the homestay of Chiktan.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**CHIKTAN:** One-day awareness programme on holistic village development under the ecotourism project was organised by Ladakh Environment and Health Organisation (LEHO) on December 6 at Chiktan. Homestay material was also distributed to the owners of the homestays of Chiktan.

10 number of homestays were established under this project along with one Village Craft and Cafe stall, formation of one group as a village tour operator, as well as the appointment of one village coordinator for proper follow-up of the ecotourism project in the village.

The programme was

graced by SDM Shakar Chiktan, Abdul Gaffar Zargar, and BDC Chiktan along with the Sarpanch and Panch of the villages.

Tashi Thokmat, Dy. Director LEHO emphasised the need for holistic development through a tourism project that not only focuses on the importance of decentralizing tourism in Ladakh but also focuses on preserving and promoting agriculture, Handicrafts, and traditional artifacts boosting local economic sustainability.

SDM thanked Dr. Deen and the whole team of LEHO for establishing 10 homestays and providing high-level quality material to the homestay owners of Chiktan. He said he is impressed that this proj-

ect is not only focused on Homestay establishment but also plans to promote agriculture, handicrafts, and sustainable development of villages with a thrust on giving wide publicity to attract tourists to the village.

He also expressed that tourism promotion activities are in the pipeline for Chiktan belt such as the renovation of famous Chiktan Razi Khar, proper maintenance/black topping of Chiktan road, etc.

BDC Chiktan also thanked LEHO Dr. Deen, and the whole team for bringing the ecotourism project to the village. The programme ended with the flag-off of the homestay materials by the chief guest SDM Chiktan.

### CEC, Kargil, meets Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur

Discusses various concerns

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**NEW DELHI:** CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhooon met Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur on December 8 and discussed various issues of Kargil.

He raised the issues of Aakashvani and Doordarshan Kendra Kargil with the Minister and requested intervention given the importance of the centers in the promotion and preservation of the culture of the region.

He also requested the establishment of a sports academy in the district to promote and nurture



CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhooon with Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur.

sports enthusiasts, including young people, to train them to participate in national and international events.

Further, he also took the matter strengthening of the sports infrastructure in the district including the winter-friendly sports

arena keeping in view the climatic conditions of the area.

The Minister assured the CEC for consideration of the issues in the best possible interests of the district. A memorandum of demands was also submitted to the Union Minister.

### DC discusses progress of Jal Jeevan Mission in Leh

Discusses power sector-related issues in Ladakh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve discussed the progress of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Leh district on December 5.

He reviewed the village-wise advancements, taking stock of both pending and completed work on all JJM initiatives. The assessment included an in-depth analysis of projects in villages such as Diskit, Khatse, Kharu, Skurbuchan, and Turtuk, providing a comprehensive overview of the mission's reach and impact.

Officials present at the meeting briefed the Deputy Commissioner on the physical progress of JJM projects in the concerned villages, detailing the status of pending work and any challenges encountered during the execution.



Superintending Engineer of PHE Leh, Executive Engineer of PHE Division Leh, as well as all Assistant Executive Engineers from PHE Division. Additionally, Assistant Executive Engineers from Nyoma/Nubra and Khatse Sub Division played an integral role in the discussions, showcasing the collaborative effort to drive the success of the Jal Jeevan Mission in Leh district.

In response to the updates, DC Leh issued directions to all officials involved, emphasizing the need for regular reviews of ongoing projects. He urged them to proactively address any issues that may impede progress and expedite the resolution of pending work related to JJM projects.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer,

### Three students embark on Tokyo Journey for Sakura Science Exchange programme



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Three students and their escort teacher from Kargil district were flagged off for the Sakura Science Exchange Programme in Tokyo, Japan on December 6.

Flagging off the students, Executive Councillor for School Education, LAHDC, Kargil congratulated the students on their selection for Sakura Science Exchange Programme and wished them a safe and fruitful journey.

The flag-off ceremony was attended by officials from the Chief Education Officer's office and District Education Planning Officer Kargil.

### Kargil DM chairs Narco Coordination meeting, unveils measures against substance abuse



District Magistrate Kargil, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse chairing a meeting of the district-level committee under the Narco Coordination Centre mechanism.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** District Magistrate Kargil, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse chaired a meeting of the district-level committee under the Narco Coordination Centre mechanism outlining comprehensive measures to combat substance abuse in the district on December 7.

Superintendent of Police, Kargil, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, District Drug Controller, DFO, officials from the Education department and NCB Jammu attended the meeting.

SP Kargil Anayat Ali Chowdhary presented overall cases related to substance abuse and action being taken in terms of legal actions, inter-districts/UTs coordination, and awareness initiatives by Kargil police.

During the meeting, it was decided to formulate a tentative schedule for joint awareness camps in consisting of education, social welfare police, and health departments.

He emphasised the importance of education in preventing drug abuse. The DC instructed to foster coordinated efforts from all stakeholders in spreading awareness among the community.

The Education Department briefed about the recent initiatives taken by departments. In terms of awareness clubs, the DC instructed the formation of these clubs in every private school across the district, aligning with the objective of a substance-free environment within educational institutions.

He directed the Drug Officer to conduct thorough market checks regularly in close collaboration with the police to monitor the practice of sale of notified medicines without prescriptions.

It was decided in the meeting that a joint committee consisting of ADC Kargil, CMO Kargil, and PWD Kargil shall ensure that the Drug De-Addiction Centre is functional as soon as possible.

### National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa, Leh, participates in 5th Global Ayurveda Festival



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** The National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa (NISR), Leh participated in the 5th Global Ayurveda Festival at Green Field Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on December 6.

Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankar inaugurated the Festival on December 1. The Global Ayurveda Festival (GAF) 2023 was held in the state capital of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram from December 1 to 5, on the

theme Emerging Challenges in Healthcare and a Resurgent Ayurveda.

The National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa (NISR), Leh has organised an exhibition of Sowa-Rigpa system of medicine on digital mode along with free Sowa-Rigpa consultation and medicine to the general public.

The objective of the participation is to promote Sowa-Rigpa on national and global level.

### Culture Academy, Kargil, organises district-level multilingual Mushaira



Participants during a day-long district level multilingual Mushaira.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** A day-long District Level Multilingual Mushaira was organised by Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (LAACL), Kargil at Academy Hall Kargil on December 9.

More than 26 senior poets and emerging talents from across the district, showcasing Urdu, Balti, Purgi, Bhoti, and Sheena, Dardi languages, actively participated in the event.

Padma Shri awardee, Akhone Asgar Ali Basharat extended gratitude to LAACL Kargil for organizing the program and

conveyed his optimism for the continuation of similar enriching initiatives in the times to come.

Zakir Hussain Khan, Head Assistant of LAACL Kargil provided insight into the purpose behind the event. He also highlighted the forthcoming initiatives of LAACL.

He emphasized that LAACL Kargil is dedicated to offer logistics and support to nurture local art and literature in the district. Urdu and Purgi poet Sajjad Ali Shujaat conducted the program proceedings of the poetic symposium.

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# Fortnightly News

## Indian Army organises National Integration Tour for villagers of Sasoma and Gya



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**NEW DELHI:** The Indian Army organised a National Integration Tour for 35 community members including 29 females and 6 males from Sasoma and Gya villages to New Delhi under the aegis of Op Sadbhavana.

The tour was conducted from November 30 to December 4 and was flagged in by General Officer Commanding, Leh Sub

Area.

The tour aimed at enhancing national unity, and cohesion, promoting cultural exchange and understanding of our rich cultural heritage.

The members visited the National Museum and India Gate to understand culture, architecture, and the broader cultural perspective. Thereafter, they vis-

ited the National War Memorial to foster patriotism and National pride. The contingent also visited the Rail Museum where they were exposed to the history, evolution, and technological advancement of Indian Railways.

This initiative underscores the Indian Army's commitment to promoting inclusivity and strengthening the bonds of unity among citizens from diverse backgrounds. These tours provide an opportunity for Ladakh's residents to experience the rich diversity of India's culture, and traditions and help in fostering deep appreciation for their country's unique heritage. They are proving to be a valuable initiative in promoting cultural understanding, fostering a sense of National Unity, and inspiring the youth of Ladakh to contribute towards nation-building.

## Market checking team recovers Rs. 7400 as fine, disposes expired items

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** A market checking team comprising officials from various departments conducted inspections of shops, restaurants, and chicken outlets on December 5.

The team, led by Naib Tehsildar, Mohd Yousuf acted swiftly to address violations and ensure the well-being of the public. A fine of total amount Rs. 7400 was recovered from various establishments found in violation of regulations. The fines were imposed as per the severity of the offenses, emphasizing the importance of compliance with established guidelines.

The team included Teh-



A market checking team inspecting a shop.

sil Supply Officer, Tsering Angdu, SHO, Rigzin Dorje, Cooperative Officer, Tashi Gyaltan, and Dr. Nilza Angmo. They worked collaboratively to inspect the market to enforce adherence to safety standards, hygiene practices, and the proper disposal of expired goods.

During the inspections, one of the major concerns addressed by the team was the discovery and subsequent disposal of various expired items. The team, equipped with the necessary authority, took swift action to remove these products from the shelves, preventing their sale to unsuspecting consumers.

## Review meeting on implementing Sewerage Treatment Plants in Kargil town



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Executive Councillor, Urban Dev LAHDC, Kargil, Kacho Mohammad Feroz convened a review meeting on December 6 regarding sewerage treatment Plants (STPs) in Kargil town.

Detailed discussions were held on different aspects related to implement-

ing Sewerage Treatment Plants in Kargil town. Detailed insights were given on various components of the projects.

The project, design of STPs, challenges regarding the project, approach, and methodology, and various other vital components were discussed.

EC directed to prepare DPR for the sites of the STPs for which land has been allotted. He directed that regarding the identification of new land for the pending sites of STPs, the concerned consultancy in collaboration with the Revenue Department and Municipal Committee will conduct a final survey so that revenue papers of land are finalized and work starts at the earliest.

He further directed the concerned officers to clear all the pending issues related to the project. He said it is a vital project for the development of Kargil town and expressed hope that it will resolve the sewerage problems in Kargil town in the future.

## Meeting to finalize various pending DPRs of GMDC Zanskar held

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Executive Councillor, Zanskar Development, LAHDC, Kargil, Er Punchok Tashi convened a meeting with Principal GMDC Zanskar and Consultant at Council Secretariat, Kargil on December 5.

Mohd Isaq Principal GDC Zanskar briefed about the pending project of Govt Degree College Zanskar and sought intervention of the Executive Council or to expedite the framing of DPR and other pending issues.

Khadim Architect Northern Eco Earth Design Solution Kargil has intimated that the DPR of Landscaping/Ampi theater and other related works is



in the completion stage which has been approved under SDP at a cost of ₹8.56 cr by the Higher Education Department.

It was also informed that all the construction work such as Indoor Stadium, Girls Hostel, Boys Hostel, Laboratory Block, Gazette, and non-Gazetted Quarter are going on in full swing.

EC Tashi appreciated the

staff of GDC Zanskar and executing agencies for the progress in both academic and infrastructure made till date. He directed the consultant to submit the pending DPR within a week and also advised Executive Engineer R&B to achieve financial/physical targets in the current financial year.

Various suggestions and views were put forth by the concerned officials.

## UT-Level Role Play and Folk Dance competition held



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** A UT-Level Role Play and Folk Dance competition was held at DIET Leh on December 4.

Students from Higher Secondary School Skurbuchan and Akchamal, High School Shara, and Mulbik participated under the aegis of the National Popu-

lation Scheme of NCERT. The Role Play competition centered around themes, including growing up healthy, nutritious food and well-being, personal safety encompassing physical, mental, emotional, and sexual aspects, safe use of the internet, gadgets, and media literacy,

as well as substance abuse and its causes and prevention.

On the folk dance front, participants explored themes such as equal opportunities for boys and girls, the role of joint families in a child's development, environmental protection, prevention of substance abuse, and fostering healthy relationships during adolescence. The judges of events were Padma Shri Awardee Morup Namgail; Deputy Secretary Cultural Academy Kargil; Nazir Ahmad, and Deputy Secretary, Cultural Academy Leh Tsewang Paljor.

In the Role Play category, Higher Secondary School Skurbuchan secured the first position, while Higher Secondary School Akchamal secured the second spot. Meanwhile, in the Folk Dance competition, High School Shara secured the first position, and High School Wakha Mulbik secured the second position. Padma Shri awardee Morup Namgail shared his insights into the rich cultural heritage of Ladakh. He emphasized the paramount importance of preserving culture and tradition through mediums like Role Play and Folk Dance. Deputy Secretary, Cultural

Academy Leh, Tsewang Paljor and Deputy Secretary, Cultural Academy, Kargil, Nazir Ahmad, echoed these sentiments, emphasizing that social values can be preserved through the expressive arts, and these mediums play a crucial role in eradicating social stigmas.

Principal, DIET Leh, Chetan Dorjey assured to continue such programs in the future also. He extended his congratulations to the winners and participants, acknowledging the significant role these events play in fostering cultural awareness and social harmony.

## NABARD launches data entry skill programme for 60 youth in Kargil

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Skill development training program on Data Entry Operator in Kargil district of UT Ladakh sponsored by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) through Natural Resource Management and Common Wealth (NRMCW) Bhopal was launched on December 6.

The program was inaugurated at Eloquent International Kargil by the Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Kargil, for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Er. Punchok Tashi. Assistant Commissioner Development, Ghulam Mohd was the guest of honour and Councillor 19 Saliskote, Mohd Sajjad Khan was the special guest at the event.

While addressing the students, EC Tashi highlighted the importance of training specifically data entry in



Participants during the skill development training program on Data Entry Operator in Kargil.

today's information and technology world. He further appreciated the efforts of the team members and staff for providing quality training in Kargil.

Mohd Sajjad Khan focused on the values of skills and generating employment using one's skills. During the event, ACD Kargil Ghulam Mohd emphasised that students should not lim-

it themselves to training and merely seeking jobs; instead, they should leverage their skills to become job creators.

The program started with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by Naat recitation by the students. They thanked NABARD for providing funding for the three-month-long skill development programme in Kargil.

## Special Cell for Women organises awareness program in Kargil



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Special Cell for Women, Kargil in collaboration with Women Police Station Kargil organised an awareness program on the ongoing campaign for 16 days of activism based on the theme UNITE! Invest to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls at Shakhok Community Hall GM Pore.

and its services. They discussed gender based violence, child abuse, child rights, and aware them about various services and schemes of Social Welfare Department and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.

The participants were also enlightened about cyber crime and its preventive measures.

SHO Women Police Station Kargil informed the participants about the location of newly established Women's Police at Petrol Pump and discussed violence against women.

The Social Workers gave introduction to the participants about Special Cell for Women and Children

Social workers distributed flyers besides shared locations and CUJ number with the participants.

## In Conversation with: Skalzang Rigzin, President, Ladakh Mountain Guide Association

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As part of its commitment to promoting responsible tourism and ensuring enhanced client safety, the Ladakh Mountaineering and Guide Association (LMGA) is introducing a significant requirement effective next year. All Mountain and Trekking Guides, whether local or nonlocal, will be mandated to obtain an ID card issued by LMGA. This ID card will serve as a testament to their expertise and professionalism in the field. To acquire this ID card, guides will need to submit a comprehensive CV detailing their experience, along with certificates demonstrating the completion of relevant Mountain Guiding and Rescue courses. Moreover, a recommendation letter from a local travel company will be necessary to endorse their skills and proficiency. This initiative aims to preserve the pristine mountain environment, elevate the overall quality of tourism, and prioritize client safety.

In its proactive pursuit of responsible mountaineering and guiding, LMGA is setting these stringent standards. Furthermore, in celebration of Ladakh's unique natural beauty, LMGA is set to publish a book next year. This publication will illuminate LMGA's objectives, spotlight the remarkable LMGA guides, and provide invaluable insights into unexplored peaks and trekking routes across Ladakh.

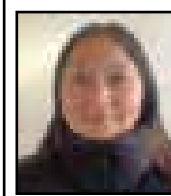
**Q. How do you envision the future of mountaineering and adventure tourism in Ladakh?**

The future of mountaineering and adventure tourism in Ladakh holds tremendous promise. Renowned for its awe-inspiring landscapes and rich cultural heritage, Ladakh has emerged as a sought-after destination for thrill-seekers. Looking ahead, I envision Ladakh continuing to entice a growing number of adventurers from across the globe. The untouched beauty of its mountains presents an array of opportunities for activities such as mountaineering, trekking, ice climbing, and rock climbing, promising enthusiasts an exhilarating experience in exploring rugged terrains and conquering peaks.

As the significance of sustainable tourism amplifies, Ladakh is poised to prioritize the preservation of its natural environment. Through initiatives that support local communities and promote eco-friendly practices, Ladakh aims to sustain adventure tourism while ensuring long-term benefits for the region.

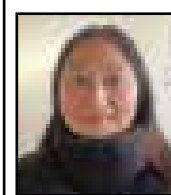
Overall, the future of mountaineering and adventure tourism in Ladakh appears bright, with a focus on responsible practices and the preservation of its captivating landscapes."

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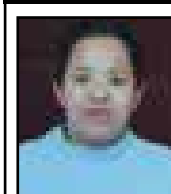
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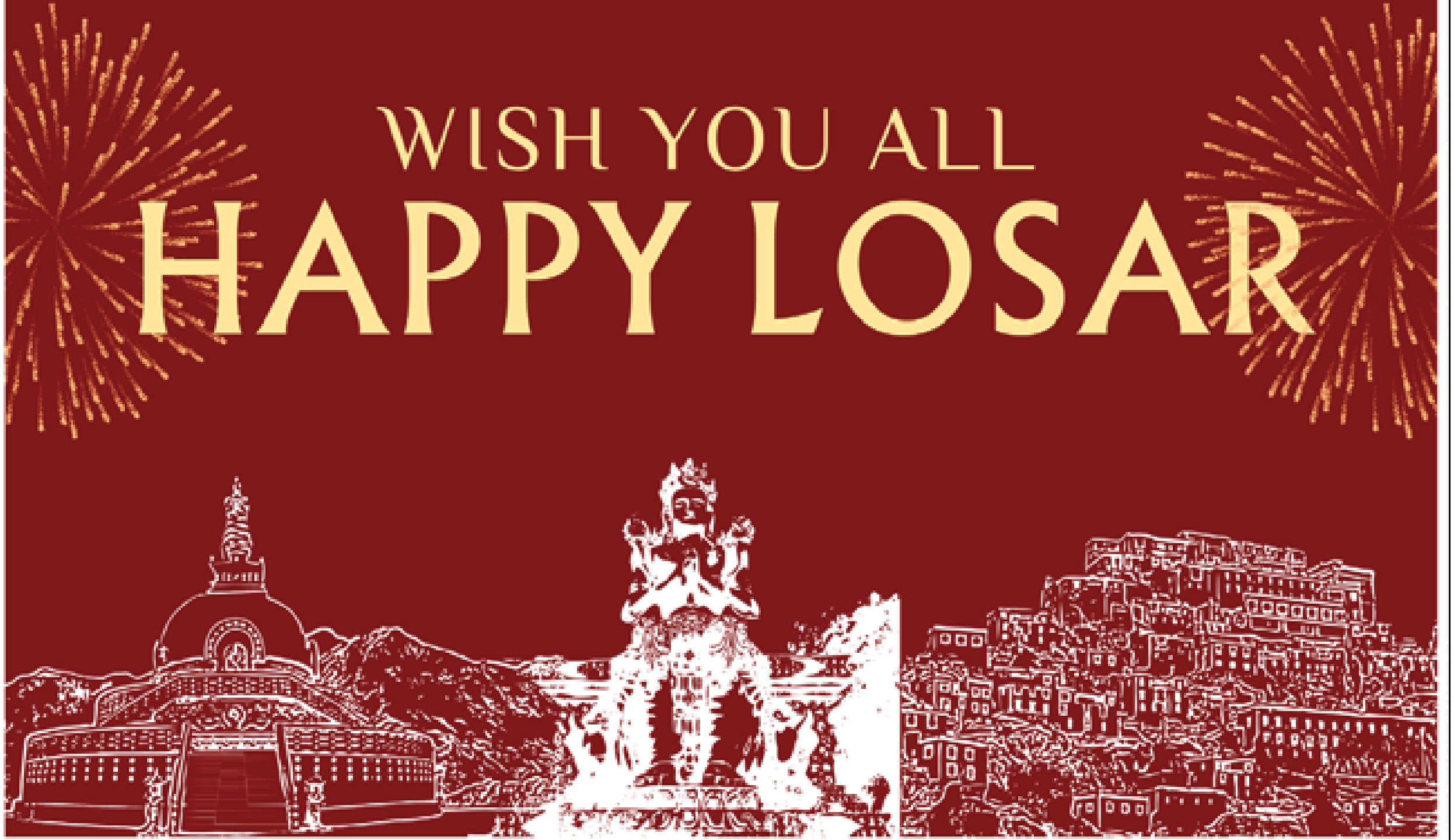


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