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## Fortnightly News

### Mahakaruna Diwas: A movement for global peace

Dr P P Wangchuk

Compassion is a compelling and effective force in bringing about a definite and positive change in our mindsets. And when it is Mahakaruna (great and wholehearted compassion) at a larger scale to cover the whole planet Earth, the dimension of universal brotherhood and peaceful co-existence gets a natural and phenomenal shape.

It is this kind of activity that the MIMC (Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre) has been fully devoted to in the last couple of decades. The driving force behind this 'movement for peace' has been Ven. Sanghasena who dreams of, thinks of and has been striving for an inclusive global village through various ways and means to make mankind aware of its responsibilities towards creating a peaceful and joyful planet Earth. Ven. Sanghasena aims at putting an end to all conflicts and wars across the globe through compassion, love, sympathy and empathy.

It is in this regard that Mahakaruna Diwas (Great Day of Compassion) has been celebrated for years now as a reg-

ular feature in different parts of India and other countries. This time, the Mahakaruna Day will be celebrated on the 7th of January, and all peace-lovers and those aspiring for a global village based on the principles of love and compassion will get vocal for a peaceful and joyous world!

Among the speakers advocating for peace through Mahakaruna will be spiritual Gurus, eminent scholars and diplomats who have a vast knowledge about various regions of this war-ridden world. And hence all peace-lovers are most welcome to wish and work for a peaceful world by attending the event on Jan 7, 2024, 3 pm onwards, in the auditorium, Adhyatma Sadhna Kendra, Chattarpur, New Delhi. Mahakaruna Diwas Declaration, 2024, New Delhi:

As a crucial part of the session, scholars and experts will also have a

brainstorming meet to work out a 'What-after-the-session-action-formula' that can be used as the Mahakaruna Diwas Declaration, 2024, New Delhi. The declaration will follow the following themes:

1. Peace rallies to be organised in various parts of the country and abroad in the coming months.
2. 'Letters-for-peace' to be sent to heads of states of countries that are engaged in wars/conflicts.
3. Meetings of Vice-Chancellors to be organised to introduce courses in peace-education.
4. Meditation sessions to be initiated in various parts of the country and abroad.
5. Religious heads to meet from time to time and address the young people on the importance of Ahimsa, and to initiate meditations. The writer is Advisor, Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre, Leh

### Parliament passes three criminal law bills

Colonial-era laws come to an end, says CEC Gyalson

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Both the houses of Indian Parliament, Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha passed three bills to replace the existing criminal laws in the country.

The bills passed are, Bharatiya Nyaya (Second) Sanhita, which aims to replace the Indian Penal Code, 1860; Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha (Second) Sanhita, which aims to replace the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and Bharatiya Sakshya (Second) Bill, which aims to replace the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

Chairman/CEC, LADC Leh, Tashi Gyalson called it a historic moment for India putting an end to the draconian colonial-era criminal laws.

Hailing the stalwart leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Min-



ister Amit Shah, CEC Gyalson added that the pre-independence colonial-era laws came to an end only in the Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal under their leadership. He also added that the revised criminal laws will place the citizens at the centre of criminal justice system unlike the previous laws which focused more on punishment than delivering justices.

He further said that the new laws stressed on enhancing penalties for crimes such as terrorism, lynching, and offenses jeopardizing national security.

After getting Parliament's clearance, these new criminal law bills aimed at replacing the colonial imprints will now go for the President's assent.

### MP meets Home Minister Amit Shah to discuss Ladakh's progress

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Member of Parliament Jamyang Tsering Namgyal met with Home Minister Amit Shah to deliberate on the comprehensive development initiatives in Ladakh on December 24.

The focal point of discussion encompassed the urgent need for establishing new administrative districts in areas like Zaskar, Nubra, and other regions within the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Emphasizing the necessity to swiftly fill government gazetted positions to bolster youth employment, MP JTN also advocated for amendments to confer legislative powers to LAHDCs of Leh and Kargil. These powers would pertain to critical areas such as Land, Employment, Environment,



Member of Parliament, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal with Home Minister Amit Shah.

Culture, Language, and more, aligning with the aspirations of Ladakh's populace for constitutional safeguards.

Acknowledging the allocation of 246 Bhoti language teachers, MP JTN appealed for the inclusion of Bhoti Language in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution.

Expressing heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the people of Ladakh, MP JTN extended appreciation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for the continuous support provided by the Modi Sarkar. He also urged for sustained assistance to Ladakh's ongoing development endeavors.

### Royal Enfield Ice Hockey league to begin from January 3-13 in Leh



Stanzin Padma

LEH: The inaugural Royal Enfield Ice Hockey League organised in collaboration with UT Ladakh and the Ice Hockey Association of Ladakh, is set to kick off in Leh from January 3 to 13, 2024.

The league's commencement was marked by a vibrant roadshow, featuring a spirited bike rally showcasing flags representing each participating team.

Himalayas onto the global platform.

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### Leh witnesses peaceful candle march in solidarity with Palestinians



Nenzen Chodon

LEH: A peaceful candle march to express disapproval of Israeli atrocities in Gaza, Palestine was organised by Ladakh Muslim Youth Coordination Committee on December 22 from Leh Gate to Jama Masjid Leh.

Representatives from LBA, Christian community, Anjuman Imamia Leh, Anjuman Moin Ul Islam, LBA Women's wing, Anjuman-e-Imamia Women's wing, and Anjuman-Moin-Ul-Islam women wing, Leh, joined the candle march.

Mehdi Shah, Vice-President, Anjuman Sofia Noorbaksh emphasised that the march was against the ongoing genocides in Palestine, emphasising the display of humanity through collective presence. Highlighting the attacks on unarmed civilians, hospitals, children, and women as examples of human exploitation, the committee stands in solidarity with Palestine due to the oppression they face, not solely based on religious affiliations.

Qari Mohammad Amin Naib Imam Jamia Masjid, Leh underscored the cruelty faced by mi-

nors, stressing that wars should involve only those with arms, drawing parallels between the ongoing situation and genocides.

Sonam Parvez from the Christian Community advocated for peace through faith, praying for the needy in Palestine, seeking justice for the suffering, particularly innocent minors falling victim to the conflict. Advocate Mohammad Ramzan, Vice President, Anjuman Moin ul Islam Leh highlighted the silence of those who had previously condemned genocides, pointing out the double standards

prevalent in the response to the ongoing situation. Ashraf Ali Barcha, President, Anjuman Imamia condemned powerful nations attacking Palestine through Israel, expressing concern over Gaza's devastation and the apparent aim to displace its inhabitants for resettlement.

He also raised concerns about the misuse of veto power in the United Nations, emphasizing the dire situation in Gaza and Palestine.

Chering Dorje, Vice President, LBA; Sheikh Nazeeri Ahmad also spoke on the occasion.

### Leh Hill Council showcases Ladakh's rich culture in Vietnam

Aims at boosting tourism and cultural bonds

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: In a historic move, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh, spearheaded by Chairman/CEC Tashi Gyalson, joined hands with Lam Dong province in Vietnam to unveil 'Ladakh Unveiled,' a groundbreaking cultural exchange and tourism introduction program. This momentous event commenced with great pomp and fervor at Lam Vien Square, Da Lat City, Lam Dong, Vietnam, on December 27.

Marking a significant milestone, this program signifies the beginning of extensive collaboration between Lam Dong province, Vietnam, and Ladakh region, India. Hosted by the Department of Culture, Sports, and Tourism of Lam Dong, in partnership with Samten Hills Dalat spiritual cultural tourism area, it symbolizes a bridge of cultural and touristic connections.



Representatives from LAHDC Leh, various tourism and cultural stakeholders during the cultural exchange and tourism introduction program in Vietnam.

Expressing immense joy at the success of the event, Chairman/CEC Tashi Gyalson expressed his pride in presenting Ladakh's splendor to the Vietnamese people. He emphasized the growing bilateral cooperation between India and Vietnam, encompassing trade, economics, and most importantly, cultural exchanges.

"As a Ladakhi represen-

tative, it's an honor to showcase our homeland's unique wonders. This journey in Da Lat, Vietnam, will etch its mark in Ladakh's history. I extend heartfelt thanks to Samten Hills Dalat, the government of Vietnam, and especially His Eminence Jorfel Rinpoche for enabling this international event," remarked CEC Gyalson.

Highlighting Ladakh's geographical and cultural

marvels, CEC Gyalson encouraged every Vietnamese individual to become an ambassador for Ladakh, unveiling its hidden treasures. He urged Vietnam's esteemed travel companies and Ladakh's expert tourism stakeholders to forge a lasting bond for a robust relationship.

Anticipating that the cultural exchange and tourism introduction program will lay the foundation

for a lasting relationship, CEC Gyalson expressed optimism about its future impact.

During the event, Vice Chairman Pham S of Lam Dong province commended India's achievements and Ladakh's rich cultural and tourism values. He emphasized Vietnam's tourism potential and expressed a desire to foster a strong cultural and tourism bond between Lam Dong and Ladakh, paving the way for multifaceted cooperation.

Representatives from LAHDC Leh, including Councillor Lobzang Sherap, Councillor Tsering Namgyal, along with various tourism and cultural stakeholders, attended, aiming to showcase Ladakh's cultural and tourism potential in Vietnam. Lam Dong province's leaders regarded this exchange program as a pivotal event fostering a friendly relationship between the two regions.

### Thiksay Rinpoche inaugurates 'Thiksay House' in Mundgod

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

MUNDGOD: Padma Shri awardee His Eminence Thiksay Rinpoche inaugurated the monk hostel 'Thiksay House' at Drepung & Galden Monasteries in Mundgod, South India on December 21.

Rinchen Lhamo, Member of the National Commission for Minorities was also present.

His Eminence graced Karnataka's grounds on December 17, receiving a warm reception at the airport by the Abbot of Drepung Gomang Monastic University, Kundling Rinpoche, alongside other esteemed dignitaries from the Gomang administration. Also present were monks from Ngari Khamsan and members of the Drepung Thiksay Educational & Cultural Society, along with monk students from Nubra Diskit Monastery's Ngari Khamsan.

On December 18, His Eminence received a heartfelt welcome at Gaden Shartse and Jangtse Monasteries. Gaden Shartse stands tall as one of the three signif-



Padma Shri awardee His Eminence Thiksay Rinpoche inaugurating monk hostel 'Thiksay House' at Drepung & Galden Monasteries in Mundgod.

icant Gelukpa Monasteries in South India, each boasting a congregation of over 2000 monks fervently studying Buddhist Philosophy to attain the esteemed Geshe Degree.

Rinpoche graciously paid visits to Loselling Monastery and Gomang Monastery, where long-life offerings in the form of Mandala were tendered. These monastic havens fall under the revered Drepung Monastery, representing three major monastic universities within the Gelukpa Tradition. His Eminence, in his wisdom, imparting invaluable advice to Ladakhi monks, urging them to pursue rigorous studies and dedicated practice towards the noble pursuit of Buddha-

hood.

His Eminence Bakula Rinpoche; His Eminence Zotpa Rinpoche; Nominated councillor for Sangha community, LAHDC Leh, Venable Konchok Tsephel; Councillor, Thiksay constituency, Stanzin Choshpel, Nambardar and Goba of Thiksay Goba were present during the inauguration ceremony of "Thiksay House".

Expressing gratitude, Geshe Chamba Tonyot presented thanks to all esteemed dignitaries. His Eminence Thiksay Rinpoche and Rinchen Lhamo ceremoniously planted trees within the courtyard of "Thiksay House," symbolizing growth and prosperity for the future.

### Tashi Namgyal Yakzee attends International Sangha Forum at Bodh Gaya



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

BODH GAYA: Executive Councillor Tashi Namgyal Yakzee, representing LAHDC Leh and UT Ladakh, participated in the four-day International Sangha Forum 2023 held at Bodh Gaya from December 20.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama as the chief guest, alongside the presence of Chief Minister Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu,

as the guest of honor. The event witnessed esteemed personalities, including Rinpoches, Khanpos, Geshes, nuns, and monks from various corners of the globe.

With over 2000 monastic from diverse Buddhist traditions worldwide, the International Sangha Forum fostered discussions on the intricate aspects of Vinaya rules and the evolving role of Buddhism in the 21st century.

In his address, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee extended a warm welcome to the international delegations on behalf of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh, and the people of Ladakh. Emphasizing the council's commitment to fulfilling His Holiness's guidance, Yakzee highlighted the focus on fostering continuous Pali and Sanskrit dialogues, cultural exchanges, and collaborations among practitioners from Southeast and Southeast Asian countries.

He underscored the pivotal role of the conference in identifying and promoting shared studies and practices across traditions, fostering appreciation and understanding of the unique strengths of different nations.

### Ladakh Bankers panel reviews Sept quarter financial results



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: 8th meeting of the Union Territory Level Bankers Committee (UT-LBC) of Ladakh for the quarter ended June 30, 2023, and September 30, 2023 was held on December 20.

Advisor, Lieutenant Governor, UT Ladakh, Dr Pawan Kotwal chaired the meeting virtually.

The Assistant General Manager, State Bank of India, Convenor UT-LBC of UT Ladakh, Tsering Morup gave a detailed presentation about the achievements of banks under various schemes up to the quarter ended September 2023. The Banks achieved 81% by disbursing a total credit of ₹663.29 Crore under Priority Sector advances against the Annual Credit Target of ₹821.03 Crore. The overall achievement under Priority and Non-Priority sector advances by all banks in UT Ladakh is 83% by the end of the September quarter.

It was informed that the total deposits as of 30th September 2023 stood at ₹8567.17 Crore as compared to ₹7664.92 Crore as of September 30, 2022, with the deposit growth of 11.77% on a year-on-year basis. The total credit as of September 30, 2023, stood at ₹4136.60 Crore as compared to ₹3441.84 Crore as of September 30, 2022, with a credit growth of 20.18% on a year-on-year basis in UT Ladakh. The overall CD Ratio of UT Ladakh is 48.28% for the quarter ended September 30, 2023.

Advisor Ladakh directed all private banks to improve their CD Ratio by the end of March 2024.

Kamal P Patnaik, Regional Director RBI Jammu reviewed the CD Ratio bank-wise and directed all the private banks to improve their CD Ratio by the March quarter.

The chairperson directed all the banks to design a product for the Solar Roof Scheme under the Renewable Energy sector to extend credit takes off under the said sector as the cost of the electric city is much higher than solar energy. He briefed the house about the Solar Rooftop Scheme in UT Ladakh.

Bhalla mudri Sridhar, CGM NABARD directed DDM NABARD Leh to contact Secretary Renewable Energy and arrange a presentation for SBI & J&K Bank on the Solar Roof Top Scheme.

The chairperson directed that banks should make efforts to cover all eligible beneficiaries under the Social Security Scheme and saturate 100% in both districts as this is the top priority of the government of India. He strictly directed all the banks to extend credit facilities under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme and SVAMITVA Scheme. He will monitor the progress under these schemes.

Lastly, the DGM SBI Admin office, Jammu concluded the meeting with a vote of thanks to all the dignitaries and other participants from line departments and banks.

## Fortnightly News

### Major Deachen Palmo: Ladakh's first permanent commissioned woman officer



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Major Deachen Palmo, a distinguished mountaineer and paratrooper, has made history as the first woman officer from UT Ladakh to secure a Permanent Commission in the Indian Army.

Tashi Gyalson, Chairman/CEC of LAHDC Leh, extends heartfelt congratulations to Major Deachen Palmo.

He remarked, "This achievement is groundbreaking, not only for her but also for her family and the entire Ladakhi community. I am confident that this marks the beginning of numerous other accomplishments and honors. A moment of immense pride for both the Indian Army and Ladakh. Best wishes for all your future endeavors."

### Anganwadi Centers to get induction cook stoves

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhdeve discussed the inauguration of a large-scale distribution of induction cook stoves to Anganwadi centers under the UT Ladakh on December 28.



es across every block in Ladakh.

The meeting extensively discussed the distribution of Induction Cook Stoves to Anganwadi Centers in both Leh and Kargil.

DC Leh Sukhdeve provided instructions to all officers involved, emphasizing the need for meticulous planning for the upcoming program which includes arrangements for inviting guests, ensuring suitable hall facilities, heating provisions, audience management, and coordination with the Municipal authorities

for cleanliness during the event.

The meeting was attended by officials, including the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Superintending Engineers from the departments of PWD (R&B), PDD, and PHE, along with the District Programme Officer of ICDS Leh, District Social Welfare Officer, District Informatics Officer of NIC Leh, Executive Engineers from the Construction and Mechanical Divisions in Leh, and the Deputy Manager from Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL).

During the meeting, officer from Energy Efficiency Service Limited (EESL) briefed Deputy Commissioner about the schemes recently launched by the Ministry of Power, emphasizing the importance of providing Induction Cook Stoves to Anganwadi Centers in the first phase. The plan includes the distribution of 2,000 cook stoves across Ladakh, aiming to enhance the cooking facilities in these essential community centers.

Furthermore, the EESL representative revealed plans for upcoming initiatives, including a program in March for inverter bulbs and campaigns for the distribution of bulbs in villages

### Amit Sharma reviews status of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra



State Nodal Officer of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, Amit Sharma.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** State Nodal Officer of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, Amit Sharma assessed the status of ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra on December 20 at the Civil Secretariat meeting hall, Leh. While reviewing, Amit Sharma underscored the significance of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in fostering sustainable development and empowering rural communities in Ladakh. He emphasized the need for seamless coordination among various departments, agencies, and grassroots institutions to ensure the effective implementation of the initiative's objectives.

and strategic measures proposed for the future phases of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra by the Head of Departments. The attendants actively engaged in constructive discussions, offering valuable insights and recommendations to enhance the program's efficacy.

The State Nodal Officer Amit Sharma expressed the dedicated efforts of all officers, and stakeholders involved in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. He acknowledged the collective commitment towards realizing the vision of a prosperous and self-reliant rural Ladakh.

Amit Sharma reaffirmed the success of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and urged everyone to redouble their efforts in the

spirit of collaborative development.

The progress review meeting stands as a testament to the administration's unwavering commitment to the holistic development of UT Ladakh and signifies a crucial step forward in achieving the goals set forth by the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, he added.

The meeting was attended by the Directors of UT Ladakh, Heads of Departments, and concerned officers of all departments of district Leh while the Deputy Commissioner, Kargil, Director of the Rural Development Department, UT Ladakh, Joint Director of Information, UT Ladakh, Head of Departments and concerned officers of district Kargil joined the meeting virtually.

At the outset, detailed presentations on the milestones achieved so far, challenges encountered,

### Delegation of BJP advocates for new administrative districts in Zaskar and Nubra

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**NEW DELHI:** A delegation representing BJP Ladakh, comprising Phuntsok Wangdan Shunu, State Vice President of BJP Ladakh; Stanzin Lhakpa, BJP District President of Zaskar; and Tsering Sandup, Councillor from Nubra in LAHDC Leh, met Nityanand Rai, Minister of State for Home Affairs, Government of India, at North Block, New Delhi on December 22.



Union Minister for Home Affairs, Amit Shah, on December 18. The initiative aims to address challenges in remote regions, aligning with BJP's commitment to development and strengthening administrative capacities in border areas.

Led by MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, the delegation emphasized the necessity of establishing Administrative Districts for Zaskar and Nubra in Ladakh.

MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal reiterated the urgency of creating these districts, building upon discussions held with

The proposal aims to bridge geographical gaps between these areas and their respective district headquarters in Leh and

The delegation earnestly urged the Home Ministry for prompt consideration in announcing the formation of these districts and the timely appointment of Deputy Commissioners.

Kargil. The establishment of these districts intends to reinforce local administrative structures, ensuring improved governance and enhanced services for residents in these remote zones.

### Ladakh Stakeholders meet Union Aviation Minister

Seeks enhanced air connectivity to boost tourism



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**NEW DELHI:** A delegation representing Ladakh's transportation and tourism sectors, spearheaded by MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, held discussions with Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister for Civil Aviation, on December 21.

Their primary focus was on advocating for increased flight frequency and more affordable airfares, aiming to benefit both local residents and Ladakh's tourism industry.

The delegation voiced several critical concerns, urgently seeking the Min-

istry's assistance in reallocating vacant Go Air slots to airlines like Air India, Vistara, Indigo, and Spice Jet. This initiative is crucial to maintaining vital connectivity to Ladakh.

They highlighted the adverse impact of escalated airfares during Ladakh's peak tourist season, emphasizing its detrimental effect on the regional economy and its inhabitants.

Further, they appealed for the swift operation of civil airlines in these regions to improve overall connectivity. Additionally, they requested expedited construction of new airports at Ufti Thang in Zaskar, Saruka Thang in Wakha Kargil, Suru-Sankoo Valley, and acceleration of the Mudh Airport completion in Nyoma Sub Division in Changthang, aiming to bolster multiple

air connectivity channels.

The delegation comprises members from Ladakh's tourism industry and public representatives, Tsering Sandup, Councillor from Nubra Valley; P.T. Kunzang, Chairman, Ladakh Travel and Trade Alliance; Skarma Tsering Delex, President - All Ladakh Hotel & Guesthouse Association; Deleks Namgyal, President, All Ladakh Tour Operators Association; Thinley Dorjey, President, Ladakh Tempo Union; Thinley Namgyal, Chairman, Ladakh Taxi Co-operative Society and Tashi Tundup, President, Ladakh Bikers Association.

### Director of National Institute of Sowa Rigpa presents paper at Gujarat conclave

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Director of the National Institute of Sowa Rigpa in Leh, Dr. Padma Gurmet, actively participated as a speaker at the 6th Bharatiya Vigyan Sammelan and Expo held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, from December 21 to 24, 2023.

The event, jointly organized by Vijnana Bharati and the Government of Gujarat, centered around the theme 'A New Integral Vision for Development.' The BVS serves as a gathering for scientists, artisans, technocrats, traditional innovators, students, and the public, occurring once every two years. It has evolved into an exceptional platform uniting contributors to science, redefining scientific seminars and symposiums.



Director of the National Institute of Sowa Rigpa in Leh, Dr. Padma Gurmet at the 6th Bharatiya Vigyan Sammelan and Expo in Ahmedabad.

Dr. Padma Gurmet contributed by presenting a paper on the prospects for research and innovation in Sowa Rigpa and traditional medicine on December 22.

Dr. Somnath, Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), served as one of the key-

### Ladakh research scholars raises alarm over University of Ladakh's teaching posts Ad

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Ladakh Research Scholars Forum (LRSF) convened a meeting on December 24 and expressed its deep concern over the University of Ladakh's (UOL) recent advertisement for teaching positions. The forum states that there are apparent uncertainties regarding the recruitment rules and the roster followed in the reservation of posts.

One of the primary concerns raised by LRSF was the lack of transparency in the recruitment process, particularly in terms of the reservation roster. It is crucial for the university to follow a fair and well-defined reservation roster in order to ensure that all the subjects be given equal weightings. It is not clear if ST candidates from all over the country would be considered for the posts reserved for STs in the University of Ladakh. It is a matter of fact that, state universities all over the country consider only the native STs for recruitment against ST seats. With the status of the university being that of a Cluster University as of date, the recruitment rules of the UGC followed in letter & spirit has the potential to deprive the educated & eligible youths of an opportunity to serve in the University of Ladakh. The amendment of the University Act is in the process which if amended successfully would mean that at least 15 posts would be reserved for native Ladakhis. The

University authorities as well as the Ladakh Administration must have a clear vision in this regard. Furthermore, in absence of a proper Recruitment Rule, the manner in which the subjects have been chosen for the posts of Associate as well as Assistant Professor appears random & full of ambiguity.

LRSF calls upon the University of Ladakh to provide clear and comprehensive information about the recruitment rules and roster being followed for the advertised teaching posts. Transparency in the selection process is essential not only for the benefit of the applicants but also for building trust within the community.

Ladakh Research Scholars Forum (LRSF) urged University of Ladakh to engage in a dialogue with stakeholders, including community representatives and concerned individuals, to address these issues and work towards a more transparent and inclusive recruitment process.

They also urge public representatives especially Chairman/CECs of LAHDC Leh & Kargil as well as Member of Parliament to take up the matter with the Chancellor University of Ladakh Brig. (Dr.) BD Mishra (Retd.) and Vice-Chancellor, University of Ladakh and to ensure that the recruitments are held in a fair & transparent manner.

### Meeting held to set up 'Electronic Manufacturing Cluster' in Ladakh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Amit Sharma, the Administrative Secretary of Information Technology for UT Ladakh, chaired a meeting on December 21 focused on establishing an electronic manufacturing cluster.



Amit Sharma, the Administrative Secretary of Information Technology for UT Ladakh.

The session commenced with an insightful virtual presentation by a Consultant Agency, offering a comprehensive overview to IT Secretary Amit Sharma and his team. The presentation delved into critical facets including infrastructure, technology, and the envisioned scope of the proposed electronic manufacturing clusters across the nation.

Secretary IT Ladakh Amit Sharma emphasizing the strategic importance of the initiative, articulated the need for the seamless functioning of the electronic manufacturing unit in UT Ladakh. He highlighted its pivotal role in advancing technological capacities and fostering an environment conducive to innovation.

Throughout the meeting, Secretary Sharma urged the Consultant Agency to outline a detailed timeline for setting up the electronic manufacturing cluster in Ladakh. He stressed the importance of adherence to a structured timeline for timely execution and success of the project. Sharma highlighted the prospective economic growth, employment opportunities, and the positioning of UT Ladakh as a center for state-of-the-art technology through the establishment of the Electronic Manufacturing Cluster.

### Ladakh Transport Society meets Defence Minister; seeks economic boost

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**NEW DELHI:** A delegation representing Ladakh Transport Cooperative Societies, comprising leaders from the Truck, Taxi, and Bus sectors of Leh and Kargil, led by MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, convened a meeting with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on December 20.



A delegation representing Ladakh Transport Cooperative Societies, MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

During the meeting, the delegation urged for the extension of the Transport hiring system on the ground of fitness certificates issued by the Regional Transport Office of Ladakh Administration. Additionally, they appealed for more flexibility in the tendering process on the Government e-Marketplace (GEM), proposing negotiated tendering specifically tailored for Ladakh Transport Cooperative Societies. These requests aim to bolster local transporters in Ladakh and fortify the rural economy in the Border Region of Union Territory of Ladakh.

Furthermore, the delegation pressed for the extension of negotiated tendering to the Ladakh Vegetable Marketing Cooperative Societies.

Expressing gratitude to the Modi Sarkar, the delegation acknowledged the Minister's consistent support in addressing transporters' concerns annually.

The delegation includes Ahmad Khan, President of All Kargil Transport Association; Nawang Samtan, President of Truck Union, Leh; Mehdi Ali, President of Truck Union, Kargil; Thinles Namgyal, President of Ladakh Taxi Co-operative Society, Leh; Mohd Sadiq, President of Taxi Union Kargil; Rinchen Tampil, General Secretary of Ladakh Taxi Co-operative Society, Leh; Tsewang Dorjay, President of Ladakh Bus Union, Leh; and Mohd Mustafa, President of Bus Union, Kargil.

### DC Santosh chairs meeting on property market value revision



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Deputy Commissioner Santosh Sukhdeve discussed and finalized the proposal for the preparation and revision of market values for immovable properties in the district on December 27.

During the meeting, officers presented a comprehensive proposal for the block-wise market value adjustments for the year 2024. Among the notable changes discussed were the rates for various villages, reflecting adjustments based on the current economic scenario and property market trends.

DC Leh emphasized the importance of accurate

market values to ensure fair and transparent transactions related to registration and land acquisition. The proposed rates for different villages were carefully considered, taking into account factors such as location, demand, and the overall economic conditions of the region.

The meeting was attended by officials including the Superintending Engineer of PWD, District Registrar, Divisional Forest Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Sub-Divisional Magistrates, District Panchayat Officer, Tehsildars, and the Executive Officer of the Municipal Committee Leh.

## Expert Talk:

## Stray dog management: Collaborative strategies by MC Leh and Animal Husbandry

By Stanzin Padma &amp; Yangchen Dolma



**Stanzin Rabgais, Executive officer, MC Leh:** The collaborative efforts between the Municipal Committee and Animal Husbandry encompass crucial dog sterilization processes, alongside our responsibility to address public complaints. Our committee shoulders a range of responsibilities, including directly overseeing ABC initiatives, formulating public awareness strategies, providing guidelines for pet owners and breeders, conducting population surveys, monitoring incidents of dog bites, and keeping updated on ABC-related research.

Typically, dog sterilization is advised within the range of 6 to 12 months, though the ideal timing may fluctuate depending on factors like breed, size, and overall health. Our protocol involves observing stray dogs before taking action.

Feral dogs have long been part of our ecosystem, but the surge in tourism in Leh has exacerbated the issue due to increased food waste from restaurants and hotels. The abundance of food attracts dogs, leading to population surges during their two breeding seasons. Post-sterilization efforts have yielded some success, evident in the decreased visibility of pups in town areas.

We've engaged in discussions with army officers regarding the dumping of dogs in the Skampari/Gangles area, originating from Nubra. Additionally, we've addressed similar cases within the MC area, and after issuing strict instructions, these instances have notably decreased.

The unsung heroes of our efforts are the dog catchers who bravely face challenges in the field. Despite lacking formal training in catching, they exhibit tremendous dedication. Feral dogs can pose risks, and these catchers, though occasionally facing attacks, persist in their work. Ensuring their safety, they receive vaccinations and necessary equipment. Presently, our MC department has two dedicated dog catchers, and we are actively seeking additional personnel, intending to provide them with comprehensive training in this domain.

Despite sterilization efforts, the dog population has shown signs of increase. It's imperative to initiate a comprehensive research project to delve deeper into this trend. Previously, animal husbandry managed the dog population through outsourcing and monthly remuneration. Dogs were brought in solely for operations and remained unmanaged otherwise. However, the approach has now shifted to providing compensation per dog handled. Another challenge lies in the reproductive cycle of dogs, unlike humans, as they give birth twice a year, often having litters of 6 to 7 puppies each time. Although sterilization efforts are underway, managing this aspect requires additional attention.

A significant factor contributing to the rise in stray dog numbers is the inadequate disposal of food waste by entities like the defense sector, such as 14 Gold, GH, etc. Their improper waste disposal attracts dogs from various locations, leading to congregation and, at times, fostering feral behavior due to food scarcity, subsequently causing issues for the general public.

The Animal Husbandry initiated a mission-mode campaign aimed at targeting female dogs for sterilization within a specific timeframe. However, the success of this mission relies on more than just individual sterilization efforts. Sterilizing dogs individually, without comprehensive surveys, may not yield the desired outcomes. To enhance the effectiveness of our efforts, focusing on 4 to 5 localities simultaneously within the 14 wards of the town area could significantly contribute to the success of our mission. This strategic approach might yield more impactful results in controlling the dog population.

Animal Husbandry has extended its mission-mode campaign to rural areas, organizing sterilization camps in collaboration with the army and local communities. This concerted effort aims to address the issue comprehensively. Addressing the need for more shelter, the Hill Council has allocated land for an SPCA through Animal Husbandry

at Bombghat, signifying a proactive step toward providing support for animal welfare.

The implementation of Animal Birth Control Rules in 2023 has brought about several directives, delineating the roles of the Municipal Committee, NGOs, and various committees at the state and local levels. Notably, the establishment of committees such as the State Animal Birth Control Monitoring Committee and the Local Animal Birth Control Monitoring Committee, with a five-member composition at the local level, signifies a structured approach.

To further bolster our efforts, we seek additional resources and are strategizing to raise public awareness to effectively address the challenges posed by the dog population.

## Solution:

- *Ladakh is renowned for its compassionate community. Encouraging each family to adopt a stray dog could significantly alleviate the issue.*

- *To ensure responsible pet ownership, the department issued a notice in June through the J&K Municipal Act. It mandates registration for pet dogs owned by residents in Leh town. Non-compliance will lead to strict actions being taken.*
- *NGOs like Chespa Foundation and Live to Love serve as inspiring models. All organizations and individuals should take the initiative to organize adoption camps for stray dogs within the town.*

- *Collective cooperation between citizens and departments is pivotal. By fostering teamwork and collaboration, we can effectively address and control the challenges posed by the stray dog population.*



**Dr. Mohd. Iqbal, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer:** In Leh, the initiative for dog sterilizations began in 2013 as a social service led by veterinary doctors. Initially, it faced some hurdles, but between 2013 and 2019, we successfully sterilized 3938 dogs in the initial phases. Subsequently, a dedicated project was launched, and the Animal Husbandry Department took over the sterilization program's continuity. Interestingly, in India, the mandate for sterilizations typically falls under the Municipal Committee, not the Animal Husbandry Department.

Following the Union Territory's formation, our responsibilities expanded significantly, presenting challenges in allocating ample time for the doctors to focus solely on sterilization efforts. Consequently, we opted to outsource the work. A critical aspect of this initiative is the appointment of dog catchers, which remains a considerable challenge. In the years 2020 and 2021, we managed to sterilize approximately 8,011 dogs despite these challenges.

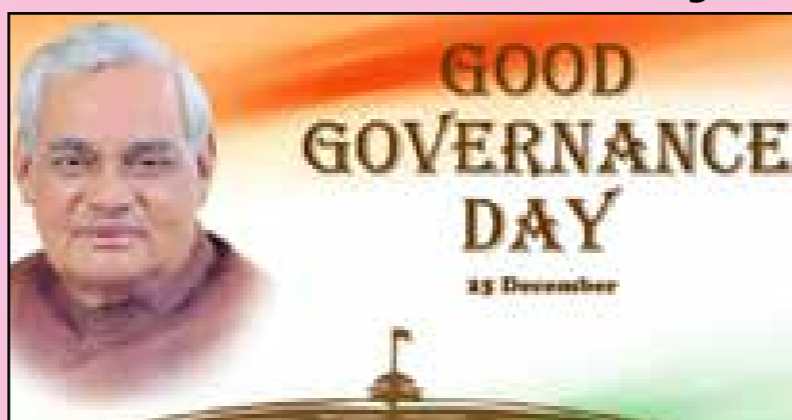
We've dedicated significant effort to our Mission Mode program aimed at accelerating dog sterilizations. In the previous year, our two teams made substantial strides in this endeavor. Recognizing Ladakh's total dog population of around 25,000, we're strategizing to deploy 10 teams across different blocks. This strategic distribution aims to curb dog dumping in cities, ensuring that any dogs found there are appropriately sterilized.

To bolster the Mission Mode program's effectiveness, we've introduced adjustments. In addition to the monthly honorarium, we're offering supplementary financial incentives to the involved workers: Rs. 200 per dog for catchers, Rs. 120 for nurses, and Rs. 330 for doctors. This revised approach has proven successful, evident in the increased number of operations conducted.

However, it's crucial for people to understand that the impact of these initiatives won't be immediate. We anticipate a gradual decline in the dog population over the next 3-4 years. One positive indicator of the sterilization programs' efficacy is the observation of fewer puppies compared to previous years. This serves as a tangible sign of progress, albeit acknowledging that achieving 100% control in this universal task is challenging.

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## Good Governance Day



The Good Governance Day goes back to December 23, 2014, when Atal Bihari Vajpayee, along with Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya (posthumously), was conferred the Bharat Ratna. In the wake of this prestigious recognition, the Narendra Modi-led government declared that December 25 will, henceforth, be observed as Good Governance Day, paying homage to Vajpayee's legacy.

Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a stalwart in Indian politics was born on December 25, 1924, in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. He was elected

three times as the nation's prime minister. In 1996, he was elected as the nation's Prime Minister for the first time. In 1998-1999, he was elected prime minister for a second term. On October 13, 1999, he was elected as the nation's prime minister for the third time. Significantly, former prime minister Atal Vihari Vajpayee was the first head of state to address the UN in Hindi. The "Bharat Ratna" award was given to him on March 27, 2015. Good Governance Day serves as a platform to educate citizens about the responsibilities and duties of the government. It aims to bridge

the gap between citizens and the government, encouraging active participation from both parties.

Many programs are being organised in the country on this occasion. Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Jitendra Singh, inaugurated Good Governance Day in New Delhi. The day is celebrated to make sure that the country's residents are treated fairly by the government and they receive the advantages of various government services.

## DID YOU KNOW



Our solar system has a wall. The heliopause – the region of space in which solar wind isn't hot enough to push back the wind of particles coming from distant stars is often considered the "boundary wall" of the Solar System and interstellar space.

Earth's poles are moving. This magnetic reversal of the North and South Pole has happened 171 times in the past 71 million years. We are overdue a flip. It could come soon, as the North Pole is moving at around 55 kilometres per year, an increase over the 15km per year up until 1990.

Chainsaws were first invented for childbirth. It was developed in Scotland in the late 18th Century to help aid and speed up the process of symphysiotomy (widening the pubic cartilage) and removal of disease-laden bone during childbirth. It was not until

the start of the 20th Century that we started using chainsaws for woodchopping.

Ants don't have lungs. They instead breathe through spiracles, nine or ten tiny openings, depending on the species.

Wind turbines kill between 10,000 and 100,000 birds each year in the UK. Interestingly, painting one of the blades of a wind turbine black can reduce bird deaths by 70 per cent.

Snails have teeth. between 1,000 and 12,000 teeth, to be precise. They aren't like ours, though, so don't be thinking about snails with ridiculous toothy grins. You'll find the snail's tiny 'teeth' all over its file-like tongue.

Your signature could reveal personality traits. A study in 2016 purports that among men, a larger signature correlates with higher social bravado and, among women, a bigger signature correlates with narcissistic traits.

Bananas are radioactive. Due to being rich in potassium, every banana is actually slightly radioactive thanks to containing the natural isotope potassium-40. Interestingly, your body contains around 16mg of potassium-40, meaning you're around 280 times more radioactive than a banana already. Any excess potassium-40 you gain from a banana is excreted out within a few hours.

Source: Science Focus

## SoulSpeak

Dr. P.P. Wangchuk

## The art of recreating yourself



A dynamic and ever-changing world demands that you go for ways and means that will not only help you survive but thrive too! If you don't go for that, you are submitting to the vagaries of the time and you will wither away like the autumn leaves.

But the crucial part is how to recreate one's self and be updated. Most of us do not, and take life so casually and lousily. As a result, we stand to gain nothing from life that has many promising open-

ings for us.

In fact, life is not meant to be static. Along with the change in our age, getting older every day, there is a need for change in our outlook. What does that mean? That means that we have to have a hawk's eye and mind to look around all the time to see what are the changes happening and how we are aligning to those forces of social change. You need to be fully conscious of the developments and it is upto you to reject or accept certain things that you are confronted with.

Naturally, if you do not reject a particular development that amounts to your accepting that force of dynamism; and at times you may neither accept nor reject but such a thing happening with you may be very rare. In general, one can say, we tend to reject things more often than accept. That may or may not be a good thing.

Just think over this simile: Any product in the market loses its importance and value until it is given value addition now and then so that its relevance to the dynamics of time does not fade away! We too face such crisis of 'irrelevance' if we don't experiment and keep in tune with the best of changes happening around.

Perhaps, it was in this regard that George Bernard Shaw had this to say: "Life isn't about finding yourself. It is all about creating and recreating yourself".

The lesson: Stay updated for a good, happy life.

## Fortnightly News

### In Conversation with Nawang Tsering, Athlete

Interviewed by Nenzes Chodon

**Q. Congratulations on securing the 2nd rank in the Indian men's full marathon at the 37th Pune International Marathon 2023. Can you share your journey as an athlete and what inspired you to pursue this path?**

Jullay, I'm Nawang Tsering from Lingshed. My athletic journey began during my schooling at Lamdon Model Senior Secondary School in Leh, where I am currently pursuing distance education. Witnessing the dedication of my hostel mates, who were avid marathon runners, inspired me to start running myself. We formed a team called COSMOS and actively participated in various sports activities.

In 2012, seeing my friends travel to Mumbai, Delhi, and Kolkata for marathons ignited my own aspirations. Their dedication became my motivation, and I began training with them for several years. In 2014, I took my first steps into the world of marathons. During those early days, my friends provided wholehearted support. I vividly remember borrowing running shoes from my friend Jigmet Norbo, who later became a fellow marathon enthusiast. I returned the borrowed shoes after practice sessions. Their encouragement and appreciation for my hard work fuelled my passion for sports.

I received initial support from the Former Principal of Lamdon School Leh, Sir Eshay Tundup, and the Lamdon society. This support continued through the current principal, Sir Dawa. Additional assistance came from the UT administration, CEC, Sports Secretary, CID Leh, and Ladakh Police. Our participation in marathons across Mumbai, Delhi, and Kolkata was fully sponsored by the RIMO expedition until the lockdown. Following the lockdown, the UT administration and Sports Secretary continued to support us.

I owe immense gratitude to my foreign sponsor, Achey Phuntsok Angmo Moljoks, and the former principal of Lamdon Leh, Sir Eshay Tundup, for their personal support. Presently, I am accommodated at Lamdon boys hostel in Leh, provided with necessary facilities to continue pursuing my athletic endeavors.

**Q. Tell us about your marathon journey and the milestones you've achieved so far.**

Over the course of my marathon journey, I've proudly secured eight gold medals, three silver medals, and one bronze medal. I've participated in marathons across Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, and Ladakh, marking significant milestones in my athletic career.

Between 2014 and 2020, Ka Mutup and the RIMO expedition have been pivotal in supporting our endeavors outside Ladakh. Their unwavering support included providing essential facilities whenever we ventured beyond Ladakh's boundaries. Additionally, their financial assistance and the provision of a dedicated coach during our Mumbai stint were invaluable contributions to our journey.

**Q. What challenges have you faced as an athlete, and how do you over-**

**come them?**

As an athlete, maintaining both physical and mental agility is crucial. There have been moments when the temptation of laziness weighed me down. Particularly, practicing during harsh winters in extreme cold posed significant difficulties. However, I persevered by reminding myself of the unwavering support I've received from numerous individuals.

Venturing into marathons beyond Ladakh taught me the importance of focusing and honing skills in a specific sport to attain excellence. This realization fuelled my determination to deepen my interest and commitment to becoming a better athlete. Overcoming these challenges has been a testament to my dedication and the encouragement I've received along this journey.

**Q. What positive changes have you noticed in the sports sector in Ladakh since becoming a Union Territory?**

Previously, during Ladakh's tenure under the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir, access to sports equipment was hindered by insufficient funds. However, since Ladakh transitioned into a Union Territory, a noticeable shift has occurred. Today, accessibility to essential sports equipment has significantly improved. We now receive equipment annually from the UT administration for both practice sessions and competitive races, including bags and shoes. This enhanced support has immensely benefited athletes like myself, enabling us to train and compete more effectively.

**Q. You've participated in marathons alongside athletes from around the world. What differences have you observed, and what's the potential for Ladakhi athletes to shine at the international level?**

Ladakhis exhibit tremendous potential in the realm of sports. Our upbringing in high-altitude regions has cultivated robust lung capacity, often praised during health evaluations. Some have even remarked that Ladakhis possess Olympic-level lung strength. Despite this inherent potential, the lack of fundamental sports facilities has hindered our progress in the field. The absence of dedicated coaches to train athletes stands out as a key limitation preventing Ladakhis from showcasing their talents.

Compared to other regions in India, access to facilities in Ladakh is challenging due to harsh weather conditions. However, there has been notable progress over time, albeit gradual. While the road ahead might present hurdles, the perseverance and determination of Ladakhi athletes continue to drive our advancement in the sports sector. With improved access to facilities and adequate coaching, Ladakh has the potential to shine brightly on the international stage.

**Q. Do you believe sports receive sufficient importance in our society? How**

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#### MESSAGE TO THE READERS

**“I would like to appeal to all parents to support their children. Each child inherently possesses unique talents, and it is crucial to nurture and encourage them to progress, ensuring that their distinctive abilities are recognized and not allowed to go to waste.”**

### Fortnight Highlights



*Losar celebration at Basgo village on the occasion of the eighth day of Ladakhi Losar. Age old traditions marking the Losar activities of the eighth day of Ladakhi Losar such as Ullu-bullu, Lama Dzugu, Patimo dance and Karok were displayed on the occasion.*



*Rigzin Wangmo from Sumoor, Nubra who completed her Master's in Education from the prestigious Harvard University met Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalsen.*



*Ladakh Buddhist Association, Leh organised a mega event to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Ladakhi Losar at the Main Market, Leh.*



*EJM college, Leh students of Skill Course in Jam and Jelly making, with their instructor, presented the first batch of Squash, Jam, and Ketchup to Commissioner Secretary Padma Angmo.*



*Chairman/CEC, Tashi Gyalsen, Executive Councilor, RDD, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee along with other officials interacting with public during their visit to Changthang region.*



*Advisor Ladakh Dr Pawan Kotwal launched the Fortified Wheat Flour in Public Distribution System (PDS) at Kangri Mill, Chuchot Gongma, Leh.*



*Residential winter coaching for class 10 and class 12 began at residential hostel Khaltse on December 25.*



*Chairman/CEC LAHDC Leh Tashi Gyalsen in presence of Executive Councillor for Agriculture Stanzin Chopshel visited Project Tsangda Centre at Choglam-sar and flagged off the newly procured vehicle to effectively aid in waste collection.*

## Fortnightly News

### CEC Dr. Jaffer inspects Kargil Airport expansion progress

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhoun visited Kargil Airport on December 21 focusing on the expansion prospects of the airport runway.

Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC, Kargil, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, SE, PWD, Naib Tehsildar, Kargil, Exen R&B, concerned officials of Air Force Station of Kargil accompanied the CEC.

Dr. Jaffer reviewed the preparations required for the AN-32 Courier Service's operationalization, emphasizing its pivotal role in enhancing logistical efficiency. Acknowledging the potential for small aircraft operations, he has formally requested the Lieutenant Governor



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of Ladakh for the airport's expansion. He assured active pursuit of this initiative with the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MOCA) and the Airports Authority of India (AAI), drawing parallels with successful expansions in locations like Shimla and the North Eastern regions of India.

Dr. Jaffer affirmed his commitment to kick-start the airport expansion project by 2024.

Subsequently, he visited the civil helipad, evaluating the arrangements in progress for helicopter services in collaboration with the Administration of UT Ladakh for finalization.

Expressing optimism, he anticipated a swift initiation of operations, aiming to provide enhanced travel convenience for the people of Kargil, especially during the winter season.

### Shopkeepers receive notice for violating rules near educational centres



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** The enforcement authorities have issued notices to shopkeepers under

Section 6-b of the Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) 2003, prohibiting the sale of tobacco products within 100 yards of educational institutions.

During recent field inspections, the enforcement team identified several shopkeepers repeatedly

breaching this regulation. As a result, monitoring and enforcement efforts will escalate in the forthcoming days. Any shop found violating this law may face immediate cancellation of their Registration/License without prior notice, by the directive of the Deputy Commissioner (Chairman DLCC, NTCP), Leh, in accordance with the law.

### CEC Kargil reviews ongoing developmental works

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhoun chaired a review meeting on December 28 and discussed various ongoing developmental works keeping in view the closure of the current financial year 2023-24.

The meeting was attended by Executive Councilor Social Welfare Aga Syed Mujtaba Mosavi, EC RDD, Er Phunchok Tashi, EC PHE and I&FC, Kacho Feroz Ahmed.

The meeting discussed in detail the various ongoing developmental works keeping in view the closure of the current financial year 2023. The meeting also took details about the physical and financial



**CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhoun discussing various ongoing developmental works keeping in view the closure of the current financial year 2023-24.**

progress achieved for the current financial year.

The meeting also discussed the possible ways to keep functioning and regular traffic movement in Zojila and Shinkula

passes for a longer time during the winter season.

Meanwhile, the meeting also discussed the issue of deputation of paramedical staff in Srinagar and Jammu during winter months.

### Meeting on Special Summary Revision of electoral rolls



**Yetindra Maralkar, the Chief Electoral Officer for Ladakh.**

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Yetindra Maralkar, the Chief Electoral Officer for Ladakh, convened UT-level meeting with political party representatives at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner, Leh, on December 21. The meeting focused on the ongoing Special Summary Revision of electoral rolls in UT Ladakh.

Maralkar urged political parties to appoint Booth Level Agents (BLAs) to aid the electoral machinery in ensuring a comprehensive and robust electoral roll for the forthcoming elections.

A significant change was announced, with the introduction of four qualifying dates—1st January, 1st April, 1st July, and 1st October—replacing the previous single qualifying date of 1st January. This alteration allows individuals aged 17 and above to apply in advance for inclusion in the voter's list, rather than waiting until they turn 18 specifically on 1st January of a year.

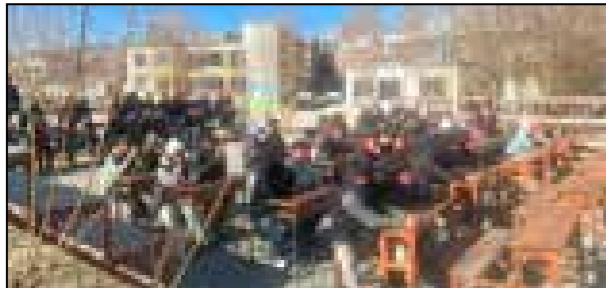
In providing an update on the ongoing Special Summary Revision, CEO Ladakh disclosed the receipt of 9101 Form-6 applications for addition, 3129

Form-7 applications for deletion, and 8597 Form-8 applications for correction/updates. Moreover, he highlighted the printing and distribution of 23,000 EPICs in Leh District, with approximately 20,000 EPICs for Kargil district in the printing process, soon to be distributed by respective BLOs.

CEO Ladakh emphasised the importance of consistent communication from political parties regarding election-related matters and urged cooperation to ensure the preparation of a comprehensive and healthy electoral roll.

Representatives from BJP, INC, AAP, and JKNC attended the meeting. Additionally, the District Election Officers of Leh and Kargil, Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) 1-Ladakh PC, Deputy DEOs of Leh and Kargil, and AEROs (Tehsildars) were present, highlighting the collaborative effort in this electoral process.

### 45-day winter coaching for CBSE Board exams begins



**During the inauguration ceremony of the 45-day residential winter coaching session in Leh.**

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** The Directorate of School Education Department U.T Ladakh initiated 45-day winter coaching program aimed at preparing students for the upcoming CBSE board examinations, commencing on December 25.

Tsering Paldan, Director of School Education

U.T Ladakh, inaugurated coaching session at the Government High School Housing Colony Leh. Tailored to benefit students in classes 10 and 12, this program spans across 24 coaching centers strategically positioned in Nubra, Khamtse, Changthang,

Kharu, and Leh Zones.

The inauguration ceremony for the 45-day residential winter coaching session in Leh witnessed a significant turnout of educational figures, including principals, headmasters, teaching staff, village representatives, and enthusiastic students.

Key personalities such as Chief Education Officer Leh, S.D Namgail, District Education Planning Officer Leh, Sonam Wangchuk, and Zonal Education Planning Officer Leh, Chamba Stantar, were present to extend their encouragement and support to the students embarking on this rigorous academic journey.

### EC Punchok Tashi chairs review meeting of PWD, R&B, and Zanskar Development Authority



**EC Punchok Tashi reviewing PWD, R&B, and Zanskar Development Authority.**

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Executive Engineer Punchok Tashi conducted a comprehensive assessment of the progress and financial status of various ongoing schemes encompassing District Capex, State Sector, and SDP under the purview of PWD, R&B, and the Zanskar Development Authority (ZDA) on December 23.

During the review, Executive Engineer, ZDA, Mohd Toyub provided a detailed briefing on the current achievements. His diligent

work was acknowledged, noting the near-complete utilization of allocated funds for the year 2023, with a few pending projects.

The upcoming fiscal year has earmarked priority sectors for completion, including several bridges in Lungnak, Sham, and Stoth areas. Projects such as the road under CRF for Ralaking, Shaday, and Junkhor under SDP, along with the macadamization of KR Pidmo and Kumik, are slated for execution in 2024.

Executive Engineer outlined plans for the construction of motorable bridges at Bakarsey, Pidmo, Sking, and FS Bridges at Surlay, Rinam, and Hanamur, set to be completed in 2024.

Underlining the focus on completing Detailed Project Reports (DPR), initiatives like the amphitheater/Multipurpose Stadium under ZDA, Indoor Stadium of YSS, and schools are targeted for completion and submission during the ongoing winter.

EC Tashi commended the dedicated efforts of the PWD and ZDA teams for their achievements. He expressed gratitude to the UT Administration for the recent recruitment of engineers, welcoming three Junior Engineers to R&B Zanskar and two JEs to ZDA who have recently filled vacant positions and joined the respective teams.

### Sheep Husbandry Department installs 448 pens in Nyoma



**Kid pens installed by Department of Sheep Husbandry, Leh to safeguard young animals during the harsh winter months in Nyoma sub division.**

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**CHANGTHANG:** The Department of Sheep Husbandry, Leh, has taken a proactive step to safeguard young animals during the harsh winter months by installing 448 kid pens in Nyoma subdivision. This

strategic installation aims to mitigate the loss of young animals in villages such as Korzok, Kharnak, Koyul, Demjok, Dungi, Hanle, and Rongo.

Acknowledging the vulnerability of young animals during severe weather, this initiative under the vibrant village program seeks to ensure their well-being. The program is designed to establish a more sustainable and resilient environment for livestock rearers, especially during challenging winter seasons.

Active participation from 460 livestock rearers contributed to the success of this initiative. Department representatives were also actively involved, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding young animals in these areas.

### Kargil DC inspects winter tuition arrangements in schools

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** DC, Kargil Shrikant Balasaheb Suse inspected several government school winter tuition centers catering to classes 10 and 12 in Kargil town on December 23.

Accompanied by Chief Education Officer Mush-taq Ahmad, Accounts Officer Shamim Ahmad Wazir, and respective heads of institutions, DC assessed the facilities provided. This included scrutinizing heating systems, availability of drinking water, adequacy of teaching staff, progress

in syllabus coverage, completion status, scheduling of subject-specific practice tests, and other essentials. Additionally, he gathered detailed feedback from students at Govt. Middle School Chanchik, Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School Kargil, Govt. Boys Hr Secondary School Baroo, and Govt. High School Baroo.

Students highlighted their need for smart boards to enhance their preparation, especially considering their first-time preparation for CBSE examinations. They also stressed the

necessity for intensified revisions in certain subjects.

Assuring the students that their concerns would be given due attention, DC directed the Chief Education Officer Kargil to initiate necessary measures to fulfill these requirements.

Emphasizing the importance of hard work and dedication in their studies, the DC encouraged the students and urged them to aim for achieving 100 percent results in the upcoming examinations.

### Experts Talk Stray dog management: Collaborative strategies by MC Leh and Animal Husbandry

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The rapid progress in the dog population's control is partly attributed to the availability of high-quality food from hotels and restaurants, facilitating healthier diets and leading to fewer dogs giving birth to larger litters of 8 to 10 puppies. As of today, we've successfully sterilized 19,346 dogs, administering crucial anti-rabies vaccinations in the process.

Presently, we collaborate with 3 to 4 NGOs, including Live to Rescue, whose support extends to providing food and shelter for dogs in need.

Recognizing the pressing issue of waste dumps in cities, municipalities have received directives for establishing proper garbage disposal areas. To effectively manage the dog population in Leh and Kargil cities, we've strategically allocated tasks to various departments, aligning with directives from the LG of Ladakh. The Municipal Committee will focus on capturing stray dogs, while the animal husbandry department will handle sterilization. In villages, the responsibility of

capturing falls under the jurisdiction of BDOs, with our department overseeing sterilization.

In our efforts to expedite the process, we've implemented a program that has notably accelerated our progress. Previously, our sterilization efforts ranged between 3000-4000 dogs. However, since the commencement of our mission mode campaign, we've already exceeded 7000 sterilizations. Additionally, our dog catchers are equipped with excellent facilities and equipment, facilitating their work.

**Solution:**

1. It's crucial that everyone doesn't overlook stray dogs and promptly informs us for their sterilization. Public support is indispensable as managing everything single-handedly isn't feasible.
2. Creating awareness through diverse campaigns is imperative. Educating people about the different acts and laws concerning animal cruelty can significantly enhance their understanding and support towards these initiatives.

### Kargil Development Authority to restore Akhone Muhammad Sha-reef's shrine



**Abdul Gaffar Zargar, Chief Executive Officer of the Kargil Development Authority at Akhone Muhammad Sha-reef shrine at Styangkung village.**

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Embracing the preservation of cultural heritage and community empowerment, a significant initiative has been revealed for the revered shrine of Islamic preacher Akhone Muhammad Sha-reef in Styangkung village on December 26.

Abdul Gaffar Zargar, Chief Executive Officer of the Kargil Development Authority, announced the inclusion of the shrine in the Sustainable Development Program (SDP) for restoration, recognizing its status as a heritage site.

During his recent visit to the shrine, Zargar pledged comprehensive efforts to revive the shrine's original essence, drawing from available historical records.

Historian Mohd Sadiq Hardassi expounded on Akhone Muhammad Sha-

reef's legacy and the profound contributions made by him and his descendants to Purig's rich history. The briefing emphasised their historical influence on the region's cultural, religious, and social dimensions.

Zargar emphasised that the village's development will pave the way for sustainable progress among the local community. His commitment reflects a holistic approach aimed at improving livelihoods, fortifying infrastructure, and nurturing the overall well-being of the villagers, aligning with the broader vision of sustainable community growth.

The officials' visit and subsequent commitments signify a promising stride toward safeguarding this priceless cultural legacy while nurturing comprehensive development within the Styangkung village community.

### Meeting on 'Safe Food and Healthy Diet' held in Kargil



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** 4th District Level Advisory Committee (DLAC) meeting on Safe Food and Healthy Diet was held under the chairmanship of DC, Kargil Shrikant Suse on December 27.

The meeting focused on crucial discussions regarding different issues related to food safety in the district.

DC Kargil instructed Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Kargil to collaborate with the Food Safety Drugs and Food Control Organization Kargil in providing training to all Auxillary Nurse Midwives (ANM) and Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs).

This training aims to enhance their knowledge and skills in ensuring safe food practices and promoting a healthy diet.

To ensure the safety of meals served in educational institutions, the Department of Food Safety was directed to conduct sampling of all Mid-Day Meal (MDM) schools and Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) centers across the entire district. Additionally, the registration of college campus canteens under the Eat Right Campus initiative was emphasized, highlighting the commitment to encouraging healthy eating habits among students.

Furthermore, the District Programme Officer of ICDS was entrusted with

the responsibility of facilitating FSSAI registration for all ICDS centers. The Assistant Director of Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs (FCS & CA) Kargil was instructed to expedite the registration process of pending FCS stores.

Recognising the importance of organic farming and endorsing organic produce, the Chief Agriculture Officer was directed to initiate the process of obtaining organic endorsement in District Kargil.

Additionally, the Food Safety Department was instructed to collaborate with the Agriculture Department to gather details regarding certified organic areas certificates as well as conducting intensive market checking to ensure strict compliance of food safety standards.

Food Safety Magic Boxes were distributed to the Education Department by the Food Safety Department, DFCO, through Deputy Commissioner Kargil.

These Magic Boxes symbolize the commitment of district administration to promote safe food practices and a healthy diet.

The meeting was attended by esteemed individuals including the Vice-Chairperson, CMO Kargil, CEO Kargil, CAO, District Programme Officer, ICDS, General Manager, DIC Kargil, Assistant Director FCS & CA, and Dyp Kargil.

# Fortnightly News

## Kargil CEC discusses various issues with L-G



Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoun meeting with Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) and other officers at L-G Secretariat.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoun met with the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) and discussed various issues related to Kargil district.

CEC, LAHDC, Kargil raised several issues including, sanction of special package to clear pending liabilities of land, house and trees compensation, extension of Kargil civil airport for commercial flights, recruitment of constables in Ladakh Police on district cadre post basis, release of adequate funds under National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for permanent restoration of works/structures damaged by the flood, sanctioning of flood protection works for Sangrah Nallah, strengthening of All India Radio (AIR) Kargil, proper functioning of Directorate Offices headquartered at Kargil, Implementation of recruitment rules (RR) framed for posts of LAHDC Kargil & creation of additional posts in LAHDC Kargil for smooth functioning of the Hill Council, sanctioning of Honorarium/Maintenance cost and fuel charge of school transport buses provided to different schools of Kargil under CAPEX, Construction of Kargil Sarai at Leh, Regularisation and enhancement of honorarium/salaries of employees engaged under Rehbar-e-Khel scheme in Sports Department etc.

He also highlighted the importance of Iqbal Micro Hydro Project and requested for its renovation/ refurbishment of the project stands submitted to UT Administration for consideration, resolve the pending compassionate appointment cases under SRO-43, enhancement of remuneration paid to ambulance drivers engaged at District Hospital Kargil, establishment of fire stations at sub-divisional headquarters, grant of relaxation in norms for execution of works under Constituency Development Fund

(CCDF) for councillors on similar lines as that of Block Development Councils (BDCs), posting of a full-time District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) at Kargil, filling up the vacant posts of Assistant Professors in University of Ladakh and Higher Education Department, Ladakh along & making Ladakh Residence Certificate (LRC) mandatory for appointment of Assistant Professor on contractual/permanent basis also, nomination of members from Kargil district in SIDCO Ladakh (Sindhu Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited) for outsourcing of manpower for different departments of UT Ladakh, resolve the issue of non-consideration of plans approved by the Hill Council by the Planning Department, completion of Parkachik-Khows Irrigation Canal and sanctioning of additional funds for restoration of damaged canal, provision of post-retirement benefits to employees from Kargil who are/were working for Forest Corporation of J&K and framing a Recruitment Rules (RR) for Soil Conservation Department.

He also assured to look into the issue of enhancement of salaries of Rehbar-e-Khel and the enhancement of remuneration of Ambulance Driver. He said he would also look into the issues for the appointment of SRO-43 cases based on the recommendation of the members of the Committee constituted.

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CEC, LAHDC, Kargil also raised issues related to the District Hospital, Kargil, such as shelter for relatives of patients at District Hospital, Kargil, and construction of additional wings, at District Hospital, Kargil.

L-G informed about the directions issued to DG Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for providing temporary shelter for attendants at District Hospital, Kargil, and urged for proper utilization of space at District Hospital, Kargil, and also inquired about the purchase of the MRI machine for the District Hospital, Kargil. The Director, Health Services was asked to provide a lady doctor at GM Pore Hospital.

L-G further stated that pending/linguishing project works will be completed within three years and adequate funds will be provided to new project works so that these projects could be completed within three years.

He further assured to take the necessary steps on the remaining issues that came under discussion during the meeting.

L-G asked ADGP Ladakh Police to examine the demand for recruitment of constables in Ladakh Police on a district cadre basis. He asked the concerned department to implement recruitment rules framed for employees of LAHDCs for their timely promotion and directed all the concerned officials to ensure the Biometric attendance of all Government employees, including Directorates, to make the Directorates in Kargil fully functional.

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## Executive Councilor Tashi leads conservation dialogue with SLCIT for wildlife preservation with local communities.



During a meeting regarding conservation goals of Snow Leopard Conservancy India Trust (SLCIT).

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Executive Councilor, LAHDC, Kargil, Er. Punchok Tashi chaired a meeting regarding conservation goals of Snow Leopard Conservancy India Trust (SLCIT) on December 28 and discussed to converge and align existing government schemes with the SLCIT.

SDM Zanskar, Wildlife Warden Kargil, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, AD Tourism, Live Stock Development Officer, Zanskar, Director SLCIT, Ladakh, Dr Namgyal and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

Dr. Namgyal, Director of SLCIT Ladakh, delivered

a comprehensive presentation outlining SLCIT's role in Zanskar and emphasized its overarching mission within the Ladakh region, particularly in promoting nature tourism and wildlife conservation. He highlighted the pressing issue of human-snow leopard conflicts and stressed the importance of raising awareness among the populace about the ecological significance of Ladakh's wildlife.

He further updated EC on SLCIT's active involvement in Zanskar over the past three years, underscoring their achievements and collaborative efforts

with local communities.

Director of SLCIT proposed aligning the ongoing projects with various governmental departmental schemes to enhance the effectiveness of their initiatives. Additionally, he advocated for establishing a joint fund in collaboration with the government to further bolster the project's support.

Expressing admiration for SLCIT's exceptional endeavors in wildlife preservation, particularly in safeguarding snow leopards in Zanskar, EC Tashi commended their efforts during the meeting.

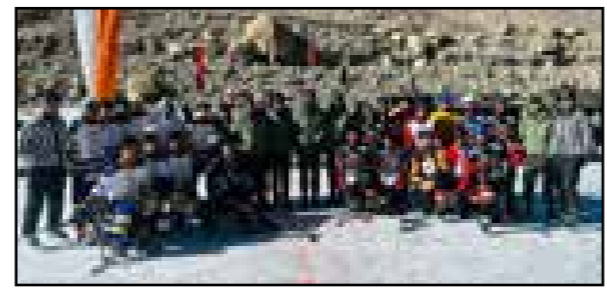
Highlighting the crucial role of unified efforts between local government and residents, EC Tashi advised the formulation of a detailed plan outlining activities across various locations in Zanskar. He urged for the submission of this plan to LAHDC Kargil to facilitate collaboration.

Moreover, EC Tashi pledged full support from LAHDC to preserve and protect precious wildlife species within the Kargil district, underscoring the importance of collective efforts in achieving conservation goals.

## Durbuk Ice Hockey Challenge 2023: Team Shachukul beats Tangtse Tharuk by 3-0 goals

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**DURBUK:** In the Durbuk Ice Hockey Challenge 2023, team Shachukul secured a remarkable 3-0 win against Tangtse Tharuk on December 20. Organized by the Patiala Brigade of the Trishul division as part of Operation Sadbhavana, the tournament took place at Durbuk Ice Hockey ground from December 16-20, featuring eight regional teams.



with the Indian Army.

The prize distribution ceremony honored the tournament's winners, runners-up, best player, and goalkeeper, marking the culmination of the event.

This annual event provided a platform for meaningful interaction between the youth and the Indian Army, contributing to the realization of the community's aspirations. The Indian Army's efforts in promoting this highly appealing sport in the Ladakh Region were deeply appreciated by the community members.

The tournament aimed to foster the spirit of sportsmanship within the community, aligning with the region's aspirations while fostering a strong sense of camaraderie and connection

## Director, Urban Local Bodies, visits MC wards in Kargil



Tahir Hussain, Director of Urban Local Bodies in Ladakh along with other officials during their visit to several key areas within MC Wards No. 7 and No. 8 in Gongma, Kargil.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Tahir Hussain, Director of Urban Local Bodies in Ladakh undertook a comprehensive visit to several key areas within MC Wards No. 7 and No. 8 in Gongma, Kargil on December 25.

on various issues impacting the community. These ranged from the necessity for proper drainage systems, the urgency of road black-topping, the installation of lane tiles, ensuring sufficient street lighting, the removal of construction materials encroaching on roadsides, the establishment of children's parks, augmenting the number of sweepers, and enhancing the overall aesthetic appeal of the area.

Accompanied by Imteeaz Kacho, the Administrator of MC-Kargil, Shafiqat Ali Khan, Executive Officer of MC-Kargil, along with officials and residents from these wards, the Director was briefed extensively

During discussions, the Director highlighted the ongoing sewage treatment project and assured the residents of dedicated efforts to address their concerns and fulfill their demands. Emphasizing the importance of communal responsibility, he stressed the necessity for residents to actively maintain and safeguard the infrastructure developed by the Municipal Committee.

Furthermore, the Director issued directives to the concerned Municipal Committee officials, urging the immediate removal of any construction debris obstructing roads and advocating the excavation of sewage pits to facilitate proper drainage, thereby preventing overflow onto the roads.

Conversations also revolved around plans to create environmentally friendly public spaces in Gongma, Kargil, catering to both the local populace and tourists, thereby enhancing the area's appeal and functionality.

### NOTICE

Karma Tarki W/o Karma Chotar R/o TR Camp No. 9 House No. 25 Agling UT Ladakh has claimed that her Date of Birth is wrongly entered as 01-06-1946 instead of 01-03-1944 in her son's namely Karma Singay Namgyal service record (ECH) and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary public Leh for making necessary correction. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any to HQ 22 Record Office C/o 56 APO within 7 days from date of publication failing which necessary correction will be made.

### NOTICE

I, No-14704642P LNK Suraj Valui Chhetri of 2 Naga Regt C/o 56 APO Pin 910372 do hereby declare that my mother's name was wrongly recorded in my service document as Pertila Valui instead of the correct name Pretila Chhetri. I am applying for correction. Objection, if any may be conveyed to concern authorities within 7 days.

### NOTICE

Whereas, Tashi Namgail S/o Tashi Paljor R/o Rongo, Nyoma Leh UT Ladakh has claimed that his father name Tashi Paljor has been wrongly entered as Samba Tundup instead of Tashi Paljor in the Driving Licence bearing No. JK-10 2002 0009717 and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary, UT Ladakh with Certificate No. IN-LA05964608185823V to this office for making necessary correction. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office, Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Leh, Ladakh within 7 days from the date of publication.

### NOTICE

An application has been received from one Tashi Namgial S/o Tsering Angchok R/o Phyang UT Ladakh to transfer the vehicle No. JK 10A 9881 owned by Tsering Youron D/o Tashi Chozang R/o Thiksay UT Ladakh. Now, it is therefore notified for general information that objection if any to the proposed transfer shall be filed in writing in the office of Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) within a period of 10 days from date of publication of this notice.

No: ARTO/ UT/L/2023-24/2635-36 Asstt. Regional Transport Officer  
Date: 08-12-23 Leh Ladakh

### NOTICE

Whereas Stanzin Mengur S/o Nawang Jigmat R/o Saspol, Leh UT Ladakh has lost the Scheduled Tribe Certificate No. 1462-64/ST-Leh/06 Dated 27-12-2006 and is applying for a duplicate Scheduled Tribe Certificate in lieu of lost documents. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any to Khatse Tehsil Office, Leh UT Ladakh within 7 days from date of publication.

### NOTICE

Whereas Thinlas Chozang F/o Jigmat Lamo R/o Tia, Leh UT Ladakh has lost the Birth Certificate of his daughter which is issued by Registrar Birth & Death, Municipal Committee Leh with Registration No. 16914 and Date of Birth 28-12-2012. Now he has applied for issuance of duplicate Birth Certificate in lieu of lost documents. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office of Registrar Birth & Death, Municipal Committee Leh within 7 days from date of publication failing which new Birth Certificate will be issued accordingly.

Registrar Birth & Death,  
Municipal Committee Leh

## In Conversation with: Nawang Tsering, Athlete

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crucial is it to prioritize sports alongside academics?

I believe sports haven't received the attention it rightfully deserves, possibly due to inadequate emphasis in the past. It's essential for people to recognise that engaging in outdoor games and sports promotes healthier habits than spending excessive time indoors with mobile phones. There's a growing need for greater encouragement for sports in our society, considering the diverse array of sports available today. Both men and women have ample opportunities, yet there's a particular need for more women to actively participate, as their numbers are relatively lower, resulting in fewer competitions among women.

Sports play a vital role in enhancing academics by breaking the monotony of daily routines. It's a platform that uncovers

individual talents and underscores the importance of hard work and practice. Engaging in a specific sport exposes us to challenges, providing invaluable experiences that contribute to personal growth and development. Recognizing the value of sports alongside academics is crucial in fostering a well-rounded education and holistic personal development.

### Q. What are your future plans?

My ultimate goal is to earn a spot in the Olympics, representing Ladakh on the global stage. Achieving this dream will demand years of unwavering dedication, practice, and perseverance. I am determined to move forward with this aim and set my sights on reaching this pinnacle. Realistically, I estimate that it might take approximately 10 years of consistent and focused practice to turn this dream into a reality.

**Public Notice**

It is for information of the general public of the locality of Padam Zanskar, Kargil that Ms. Tashi Angmo W/o Padma Tamchet R/o Tukcha, Leh Ladakh has applied for grant of Bar with Restaurant License. i.e Retail vend of foreign liquor in a bar attached to a restaurant (LAEL-4) at Ms Namika Bar and Restaurant, Sakrimo Padam Zanskar Kargil Ladakh.

Objection, if any may be filed in the office of Excise & Taxation Officer, Excise Range Leh-Kargil within a period of sixty days from the publication of this notice.

No objections shall be entertained after the expiry period of this Notice.

Date: 21/12/23  
No. 2/24-23/2635-36

### NOTICE

Whereas Rigzin Chosdup S/o Lt Tsultrim Tharchin, Date of Birth 15-11-1987 R/o Housing Colony District Leh UT Ladakh, has claimed that his name has been wrongly entered as Rigzin Choddup instead of actual and correct name which is Rigzin Chosdup in my passport bearing Number K5571990 date of issue 26-04-2012 and I'm applying for the correction in the passport. Objection, if any may be conveyed to Regional Passport office, Srinagar within 7 days from the date of publication.

### NOTICE

I, Stanzin Sonam S/o Ishey Chotar & Disket Spalzes R/o Nubra Burma, Leh UT Ladakh lost my class 10th Pass Certificate duly issued by The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education through Govt. Higher Secondary School, Disket, Nubra under Roll no. 964262 with Registration No. N10500290001. Now I have to apply for issuance of duplicate Pass Certificate. Objection if any may be sent to the Jammu and Kashmir State Board of School Education Jammu/ Leh within 7 days from date of publication of this notice

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