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**PM lays foundation-stone of Sindhu Central University**



PM Narendra Modi virtually lays the foundation stone of Sindhu Central University Ladakh on Feb 20.

*Reach Ladakh Correspondent*

**LEH:** The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, digitally inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various projects created at centrally funded Higher Educational Institutions, under the Ministry of Education, including Sindhu Central University in Ladakh on February 20.

The event was organized at the University of Ladakh, Taru Campus, Leh, and the Lieutenant Governor, UT Ladakh, Brig. (Dr) B. D. Mishra was the Chief Guest on the occasion. He attended the program along with Chief Executive Councilor, Kargil, Dr. Mohd Jaffar Akhon; MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, and students from the University of Ladakh's Kargil Campus virtually through video conferencing from Delhi.

The event was attended by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ladakh, Prof S. K. Mehta; Commissioner/Secretary, Higher Education Department, UT Ladakh, Padma Angmo; Councillors of Lamayuru, Markha,

Khaltsi and Rong Constituencies; Chief Engineer of CPWD; Controller of Examinations of the University of Ladakh; faculty, staff, and students of Ladakh University.

Addressing the gathering, LG Ladakh emphasized on the pivotal role played by the teaching faculty in uplifting the students of the region towards greater heights. He said, "Our teaching faculty stands as the cornerstone of our educational ecosystem, fostering knowledge, critical thinking, and values among our students."

He appreciated the unwavering dedication of the teaching staff in improving the standards of higher education studies in Ladakh by ensuring learning through innovative and creative methods, with the use of advanced teaching aids.

Considering the environ-

mental and social sensitivity of the region, Brig. (Dr) B. D. Mishra reaffirmed his commitment to safeguard the rich culture, language, land, and jobs for its people. He expressed his dedication and concern towards ensuring the holistic development of the region through a robust mechanism keeping in view the needs and aspirations of the local population.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. S. K. Mehta informed about the recent allocation of funds to the tune of Rs. 18,19,50,000 under Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) for the fiscal year 2023-25. "The dedicated funds will strengthen academic programs, upgrade facilities, innovation, creativity, and academic excellence", stated Prof. Mehta. He also shared the developments and achievements of the University of Ladakh in recent years.

**Second edition of world's highest frozen lake marathon held**

*Yangchen Dolma*

**CHANGTHANG:** The second edition of the world's highest frozen lake Pangong marathon, themed 'The Last Run' was held on February 20, 2024. Organized by the Adventure Sports Foundation of Ladakh with the support of the Union Territory Administration and the 14 Corps of the Indian Army, it witnessed the participation of 120 runners from seven countries, competing in 21 km and 10 km categories. The marathon began at Maan and concluded at Maan village.



Participants running on the frozen expanse during the Second Edition of the World's Highest Frozen Lake Marathon on 20 February.

Ravinder Kumar, Secretary of Sports, was the chief guest at the event, accompanied by Konchok Stanzin, the Councillor of Chushul Constituency.

Residents from Maan, Merak, Spangmik and Phobrang in the Pangong region took part in the event and also warmly welcomed the runners. They showcased diverse cultural performances during the event.

ASFL Founder, Chamba Tsetan said that the Marathon took place amidst heavy snowfall at an altitude of 14,273 ft, with temperatures plummeting to -15 degrees Celcius. This challenging environment solidly establishes it as one of the toughest marathons globally.

"The primary goal of this run is to spread awareness about the rapid melting of Himalayan glaciers, known as the astern, suggesting that this could be the final run on the frozen Pangong Lake due to the effects of global warming. Simultaneously, the run aims to promote winter tourism in locations like Changthang," Chamba added.

The winner in the men's division for the 21 km Pangong Frozen Lake Half Marathon was Rigzin Gurmeth (Bib No.214), from Ladakh, who emerged as the champion of the world's highest Frozen Lake Marathon for two years in a row. He finished the race in 02:01:36. Sumit Palariya (Bib No 258) secured second place with a time of 02:03:38 and Stanzin Wangchuk (Bib No 257) secured third place with a time of 02:05:34. In the women's category, Yundup Phurboo (Bib No 25 finished first with a time of 03:21:40, Tsetan Dolker (Bib No A370) secured second place with a time of 03:34:39 and Rinchen Dolker (Bib No A365) with a time of 03:38:23.

Pema Choedon Founder of Pema Care, is involved in the Pangong Marathon. She mentioned that "Pema Care is a new healthcare organization in the Zaskar Valley, Ladakh, dedicated to holistic healthcare. Our vision blends scientific and traditional approaches to promote preventive and curative care for the community. The team was committed to offering medical support and aid during the marathon, with two physiotherapists present to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants. Sharing Pema Care's involvement in the Marathon not only emphasizes the significance of healthcare accessibility in remote areas but also demonstrates the spirit of cooperation and assistance within the community," She added.

**Daily wagers go on hunger strike**

*Nenzes Chodon*

**LEH:** Daily wagers from various departments of Leh protested for regularization at the PWD office complex on 27 February. The wagers began their protest early in the morning at 6 am in below-freezing temperatures. Phuntsog Angchuk president of the All Ladakh Daily Wagers Union (ALDWU), said that the wagers would continue their hunger strike until they receive the required response from the administration. He also mentioned that a meeting held a few days ago was unsuccessful.

Most of the wagers belong to the PHE department. Water tanker drivers, responsible for carrying and supplying water to various places in Leh, also participated in the protest, resulting in only a few tankers available for water supply. The wagers claim that as Ladakhis, they belong to rural backward classes, Schedule Tribes, and live in border areas. Therefore, they believe they deserve services equivalent to those provided to people in similar categories across the country.

The combined Leh and Kargil Union for Daily Wagers has been protesting for the past few months. President, Phuntsog Angchuk while interacting with media at Council Secretariat on February 22, 2024, said, "In 2021 we protested for around 2 months at NDS, Polo ground. After two months our demands seem to be considered by the administration ensuring us to regularise as per the rules hence we moved away from the protest. In August 2023, we once again had a Press Conference in which we warned to remain on hunger strike if we are not regularised by 9th August 2023".



Members of the All Ladakh Daily Wagers Union addressing the media outside the Council Secretariat in Leh on February 22.

He further mentioned that a discussion was held within a day after the Press Conference in the presence of Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, MP Ladakh, CEC LAHDC and GADs ensuring the daily wagers to frame a committee. The Union expressed their gratitude for framing the Committee to get the necessary policies and considering it a genuine demand. Later the committee drafted all the required demands in August 2023 including two members from the daily wagers.

"All the details drafted by the committee were further sent to the LG Ladakh. It has been almost 7-8 since then. Throughout, we kept hoping that required actions will be taken by the administration however the draft did not seem to move any further. We want positive response from the administration before the election. We are ready to die

while struggling to achieve our demand. We feel like we are misled as no outcome can be seen for last 7-8 months even after framing the committee", he added.

They also mentioned that the Union do not have any political agenda and do not rely on any political group, said it is a genuine demand.

"The casual level, daily wagers all over the country receives facilities and services by the government along with the funds but we do not receive any of the same measure. There are daily wagers who died during their service. Children of any such person gets an equal level job as well as certain amount via eShram, a facility by the Ministry of Labour and employment. We also submitted data of such people but beneficiary did not gain any such benefits".

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## Fortnightly News

### Leh celebrates birth anniversary of His Holiness Gyalwang Drukpa and His Eminence Drukpa Thuksey Rinpoche



Stanzin Padma

**SHEY:** Leh joyously celebrated the birth anniversary of His Holiness Gyalwang Drukpa and His Eminence Drukpa Thuksey Rinpoche at Shey Naro Photang on February 19.

The celebration commenced with a ceremonial portrait procession of His Holiness to the main shrine, followed by Mandala and Lama offerings. Druk Padma Karpo School students sang birthday song for the long life of His Holiness and His Eminence, and birth-

day cakes were cut. Nuns presented chotdro, followed by the biography (dZatnam) of His Holiness and His Eminence by Ven. Jigmet Lundup of Hemis Monastery.

Expressing gratitude, His Eminence Thuksey Rinpoche thanked the people of Ladakh and the Druk Padma Karpo School for the vibrant event. Delighted to be born in Ladakh, he expressed thanks for the love and care extended to him by the community. Emphasizing his unwavering commitment to serv-

ing the people of Ladakh, he underscored the importance of providing education to children. Additionally, he urged the people of Ladakh to unite for collective progress and upliftment in every sphere, beyond his spiritual teachings.

Executive Councillor Ghulam Mehdi lauded the education system of Druk Padma Karpo School, focusing on education that aligns with environmental values.

Brig. S Pradeep Kumar highlighted the enduring relationship with Hemis Monastery and praised His Eminence's contributions to society, including efforts in gender equality, education empowerment, and NGOs supporting various causes.

The event featured cultural performances by Shey villagers, the Young Drukpa Association, Rup Show, Korzok, SAVE and the White Lotus Band.

### Kargil CEC chairs review meeting on construction of two new blocks at hospital



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Chairman/Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhooon today chaired a review meeting regarding the construction of two new blocks in the vicinity of 300 bedded District Hospital, Kargil on February 26.

The meeting was attended by Executive Engineer R&B, Chief Medical

Officer, Kargil, Medical Superintendent and consultant design planning forum.

The consultant gave a detailed presentation regarding new block A & B. He said that on the ground floor of Block A, rooms will be constructed for the ICU, HDU, and Medical Ward. On the ground floor of Block B, the design is

made for the construction of the trauma, accident, emergency, OPD block, and diagnostics.

He further informed that on the first floor of Block B, rooms will be constructed for ophthalmology, dental section, geriatric ward, chemotherapy, dialysis ward and DIC unit.

The consultant also informed the CEC that on the first floor of Block-A, rooms will be constructed for gynaecologist OT, ENT and physiotherapy.

The CEC directed the consultant to make the necessary changes in the plan as discussed in the meeting in consultation with doctors and other stakeholders and give the final presentation to CEC before sharing the plan with the Union Territory

### Two days Teacher Training on Foundational Literacy & Numeracy concludes

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** A two-day teacher training on Foundation and Numeracy (FLN) organized by District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Kargil in collaboration with 17000 ft. Foundation, concluded on February 13.

Joint Director, Information/Additional Secretary, Higher Education, Ladakh, Imteaz Kacho attended the concluding session as chief guest. Principal in charge DIET, Ishey Stanzin, Resource Persons, staff of DIET, Kargil, functionaries of 17000 ft. Foundation, Ahvaan and trainee teachers were present during the event.

On the occasion, the Joint Director, Information/Additional Secretary Higher Education, Ladakh, Imteaz Kacho congratulated DIET Kargil, 17000 ft. Foundation and Ahvaan for organizing such an impressive collaborative training programme for teachers.

He appreciated the efforts of DIET Kargil in imparting a variety of training sessions for upgrading skills and capacities of teachers in the District which are beneficial for the teachers as well as students.

Kacho said that, over the past few years, Kargil has witnessed tremendous change in the education system, especially in Government schools, which is a positive sign. "The crucial aspect of teacher training has also undergone a sea change, he added." He emphasized on building a strong foundation at the primary level for improved higher education outcomes.

Kacho also stressed on the need for innovative teaching methods to enhance student engagement. While advising to do away with the obsolete methods of imparting education, he encouraged the participants to adopt practical techniques during classroom activity for effectively grooming students.

While appreciating teachers for rendering their noble services for the development of society, he said education is the only way forward for an upliftment of any

society.

The chief guest briefed about the two-day activities of the program that includes the domain of development, Progression of Activities and Learning Outcomes in FLN classrooms from pre-primary to primary, Learning Corners, Experiencing Active Learning Methodology, Importance of TLMs etc.

During the concluding ceremony, the participating teachers and resource persons shared their experiences regarding the two-day training programme and exuded confidence about using the newly learnt techniques in their respective schools.

In charge Principal DIET, Ishey Stanzin presented the vote of thanks and expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries, Ahvaan and 17000ft. Foundation and teachers for their active participation. Later, the dignitaries felicitated the participants with certificates.

### Helpage India observes World Social Justice Day in Leh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** World Social Justice Day was celebrated by Helpage India in collaboration with People's Action Group for Inclusion and Rights (PAGIR) and District Legal Services Authority, Leh (DLSA) at Leh Elders village, Helpage India on 21 February.

Deputy Legal Aid Counsel, Advocate Neema Stanzin said that day on the legal side of social justice, its necessity, and its beginnings as a place where senior citizens could go for advice and help on legal issues like healthcare, proper-

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### Ladakh Tourism focuses on an all-season tourist destination at SATTE 2024



Rohan Khaunte, Tourism Minister of Goa, inaugurating the Ladakh Tourism Pavilion at SATTE.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**NEW DELHI:** The Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh with its officials along with over 30 co-exhibitors participated in the South Asia's Travel & Tourism Exchange (SATTE) being held from 22 to 24 February 2024 at the India Expo Mart at Greater Noida, Delhi NCR.

With the focus on promoting Ladakh as an all-weather

tourist destination, the Department of Tourism made concerted efforts to make Ladakh visible at the national & international level and generate interest amongst the stakeholders, travellers/visitors as well as among adventure lovers.

Rohan Khaunte, Tourism Minister of Goa inaugurated the Ladakh Tourism Pa-

vilion at SATTE on the first day of the event on Thursday. The Minister also visited the stall and interacted with the tourism stakeholders and officials of Tourism Department, Ladakh.

The Ladakh Pavilion attracted a steady stream of visitors on the inaugural day as well as the second day. Tour operators, hoteliers, adventure companies, tourism officials from different states/UTs and individual travellers interacted with the Tourism Department representatives and co-exhibitors. The event provides a larger platform to learn about the experiences offered by Ladakh throughout the year. From trekking on the majestic peaks in the summer to witnessing the breathtaking frozen landscape in winter, the Department of Tourism is highlighting the

unique appeal of each season.

Further, in line with its commitment to promoting responsible tourism, the Tourism Pavilion showcased Ladakh's latest initiatives aimed at minimizing environmental impact and preserving the region's rich cultural heritage. The visitors had the opportunity to learn about responsible travel practices, community-based tourism programmes and efforts to support local communities.

The Tourism Department and the co-exhibitors are also trying to build new partnerships and collaborations with travel industry stakeholders during the event. These partnerships are expected to further enhance Ladakh's image and promote responsible tourism practices in the

region.

Building on the momentum generated at SATTE, Ladakh Tourism will continue to implement its strategic initiatives to promote responsible tourism and position Ladakh as a premier all-season travel destination.

Pertinently, SATTE is recognized as Asia's leading travel and tourism exhibition to conduct business, share knowledge, and exchange ideas in order to arrive at solution-driven innovations to accelerate the pace of growth of the tourism industry and offers a comprehensive platform to domestic and international buyers and professionals from across the travel, tourism, and hospitality industry as well as national and state tourism boards.

### CEC Jaffer and DC Shrikant visit fire-affected sites

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Chairman/Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhooon, along with Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC, Kargil, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse and district officers visited the fire-affected site of historical Balti Bazar Masjid and a commercial shop at Kargil Bazar on February 26.

At Balti Bazar Masjid, the CEC interacted with the local residents and expressed sympathy with them following the unfortunate fire incident. While assessing the damage, Dr. Jaffer was informed that the first floor of the Mosque was affected by fire, causing losses to infrastructure assets and heritage antiques. The CEC was informed that the assessment of the damage would be done by the concerned department at the earliest.

The Mohallah Committee requested immediate covering of the rooftop with temporary sheets, and the entire building needs restoration and reconstruction. The committee expressed gratitude to the CEC and district administration for their prompt action in containing the fire, which could have otherwise damaged neighbouring residential houses and the premises of the Imam Barah.

The CEC underlined the importance of small fire extinguishers at the mohalla level and assured that the matter will be taken with the Lieutenant



Governor. He also directed to restore water and electricity services at the earliest which were disrupted due to the fire incident. He was informed that labourers from the Municipal Committee Kargil have been deployed for debris removal.

Regarding relief and aid for Balti Bazar Masjid, CEC said that immediate and long term strategies will be discussed with the district administration. He thanked the Indian Army for taking swift action by deputed their fire tenders and for the disaster management activities.

He also visited a commercial shop in Kargil Bazar which was affected by fire and assessed the damage and informed that the assessment of damage will be done at the earliest.

ADC Kargil, Ghulam Mohiudin Wani, ACR Kargil, Mohammad Sharif, Administrator MC Kargil/Joint Director Information, Ladakh, Imteaz Kacho, Additional SP, Nitin Yadav, besides district officers and concerned officers of all line departments accompanied the CEC during the visit.

### Dr. Pawan Kotwal chairs meeting on transfer of posts for PSU employees



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** The Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor of UT Ladakh, Dr Pawan Kotwal convened a meeting aimed at enhancing administrative efficiency and ensuring equitable opportunities for employees across Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), Corporations, and autonomous bodies in the Union Territory of Ladakh, at the Civil Secretariat, Leh on February 26.

During the meeting, it was brought to light that out of the total of 253 employees under consideration, a significant portion comprised 157 individuals are from the Power Development Corporation of Jammu and Kashmir. Thorough discussions were held regarding the establishment and formation of Corporations for the placement of employees.

It was decided that the formation and establishment of essential entities such as the Ladakh Power Development Corporation and Ladakh Cultural Academy must be expedited. This

strategic move will facilitate the smooth transition of employees currently serving in J&K to their respective counterparts in UT Ladakh.

The Advisor Dr. Pawan Kotwal emphasized the importance of promptly establishing these entities so that the administrative processes be streamlined, and the integration of employees into UT Ladakh's workforce. The administration remains committed to ensuring the welfare and professional growth of its residents, including those currently serving outside the boundaries of UT Ladakh.

The meeting was attended by Administrative Secretaries, UT Ladakh; the Executive Manager of SIDCO, UT Ladakh; the Deputy Commissioner Leh; Heads of Department; and the Assistant Secretary, J&K BOSE, Ladakh, while Special Secretary to Law Department; Deputy Commissioner Kargil and concerned officers joined the meeting

### ITBP women and Ladakh Scouts Red triumph in 17th CEC Cup Ice Hockey Championship



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** The 17th CEC Cup Ice Hockey Championship concluded with victories for ITBP Women's Team and Ladakh Scouts Red Team in the women's and men's categories, respectively. The championship took place at the Ice Hockey Rink, NDS Sports Complex on February 21 and 22.

In the men's category, the final match witnessed Ladakh Scouts competing against ITBP, with Ladakh Scouts emerging victorious by a margin of 2 goals. Meanwhile, in the women's category, the ITBP Women's Team secured a 2-goal victory over Ladakh Women's Ice Hockey Foundation.

Dy. Chairman, Hill Council, Leh, Tsering Angchuk, graced the men's final match as the chief guest.

He extended congratulations to both the winning and runner-up teams, commending their splendid performances and exemplary sportsmanship. Angchuk highlighted the consistent support provided by the Hill Council, Leh, and Ladakh Administration to nurture the talents of Ladakhi athletes in ice hockey. He expressed optimism about the sport's reach to every corner of the region, anticipating the emergence of young and enthusiastic players from various villages in the future.

Angchuk noted the distribution of subsidized equipment to athletes and ice hockey teams under the LAHDC Leh's subsidy scheme, acknowledging the tireless efforts of the organizing committee in successfully and timely hosting the tournament.

The event concluded with the distribution of prizes among the deserving winners and runner-up teams, recognizing their outstanding contributions to the 17th CEC Cup Ice Hockey Championship.

### FLN Jodo Gyan workshop launched at DIET Leh



Participants fully engaged in workshop activities.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** The 10-day FLN 3rd batch at DIET Leh, as part of the NIPUN Bharat Mission for Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN), commenced with the Numeracy component, known as Jodo Gyan, starting on February 26.

During these three-day workshops, experts from Jodo Gyan, Magalya, will provide an overview of the National Curriculum Framework (Foundational Stage), and a primary goal of the NIPUN BHARAT Mission.

Facilitators will conduct hands-on activities using Maths kits to enhance numeracy skills during these three days. Approximately 90 FLN Teachers participated in the session.

experts, emphasizing the productivity of the upcoming ten-day workshop for FLN teachers from various zones of Leh District. He highlighted the workshop's significance, stating it addresses the current needs of educators.

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### L-G discusses proposal for construction of media centre-cum-office complex of DIPR Leh



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**NEW DELHI:** Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) convened a meeting in New Delhi on February 24 and discussed the proposal for the construction of the media center-cum-office complex of Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Leh.

In the previous meeting held at the LG Secretariat in Leh, there was a detailed discussion on the proposed Media Cen-

ter-cum-Office Complex of DIPR Leh to be constructed at the existing Assistant Director Information Office and the Auditorium Hall near Polo Ground. LG had suggested changes in the design and directed the concerned officials to increase the seating capacity.

Rohit from Rohit Mudaliar Architects gave a PPT presentation on the design elements incorporated in the building, including the

use of local materials and vernacular architectural elements, etc. They informed that the site area spread over 2480.51 square metres would comprise the auditorium, office space, community facilities such as an art studio, photo exhibition, art gallery, library-cum-digital archive; café, parking area, etc. They also informed LG that the two-storey building is disabled-friendly.

LG highlighted the need for the maximum utilisation of space. He expressed hope that the auditorium would provide a platform for filmmakers and artists from Ladakh to showcase their work.

Commissioner/Secretary, Information & Public Relations, Padma Angmo, IIS; Secretary to LG, Ravinder Kumar, IAS and other concerned officials from Central Public Works Department (CPWD) were present in the meeting.

### Leh DC chairs meeting to discuss centrally-sponsored schemes

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve chaired a meeting to discuss the status of Centrally Sponsored Schemes under Aspirational Block Programme (ABP) and Vibrant Village Programme (VVP) on February 14.

During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner reviewed the status of various sectors including Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture, Basic Infrastructure, and Social Development within the Rupsho Aspirational Block. He directed officials to diligently implement the instructions and to ensure that data on

the portal is updated by the end of next week.

Highlighting the significance of the Vibrant Village Programme (VVP), DC Sukhadeve announced the addition of new schemes under CSS and emphasized that 95.64% saturation of schemes has been achieved. The coverage of PM Suraksha Bima Yojana stands at 85%, whereas Ayushman Bharat extends its coverage to 94% of the eligible population. To further extend coverage, he urged Sub Divisional Magistrates (SDM) Nyoma and Durbuk to facilitate transportation for residents and coordinate with Block Medical Officers to expedite registrations under

Ayushman Bharat Scheme. Expressing concern over the slow progress of banking schemes such as PM Suraksha Bima Yojana, PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, and Atal Pension Yojana, DC Sukhadeve instructed concerned officers to ensure timely progress and substantial improvement in these areas.

Furthermore, DC Sukhadeve directed all departments to concentrate on achieving 100% saturation of CSS and covering every 35 villages under the Vibrant Village Programme. He specifically instructed the Chief Medical Officer to prioritize the full implementation of Ayushman Bharat schemes. He directed

Bank Managers to ensure complete coverage of Suraksha Bima Yojana at the household level.

To enhance accountability and transparency, he mandated all departments to create activity plans and banners for the Vibrant Village Programme, and to submit data on targets and achievements of PM Garib Kalyan Yojana, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, Kisan Credit Card (KCC), Poshan Abhiyan, and PM Vishwakarma for each of the 35 vibrant villages.

Lastly, he directed all Heads of Departments to redouble their efforts to achieve the saturation targets set under the Aspira-

tional Block Programme and Vibrant Village Programme.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer; Programme Officer, ICDS, Leh; General Manager, DIC Leh; Chief Medical Officer, Leh; Chief Education Officer, Leh; Assistant Commissioner Development Leh; Chief Agriculture Officer Leh; Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Leh; District Sheep Husbandry Officer Leh; District Social Welfare Officer, Leh; Sub-Divisional Magistrate Nyoma; Sub-Divisional Magistrate Durbuk; Assistant Director, CA&CS, Leh and Lead Bank Manager, Leh.

### Workshop on AB-PMJAY and ABDM concludes in Leh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** A one-day workshop and re-orientation session focusing on the factual data and current status of Ayushman Bharat PM Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) concluded in Leh on February 27.

The workshop began with a welcome speech from Dr. Phunchok Norboo, Director (Coordination) ABDM/State Nodal Officer AB-PMJAY. Following this, Essar Batool, Capacity Building Specialist ABDM, Ladakh, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the Status of ABHA, District Health Incentives Scheme (DHIS), Health Professional Registry (HPR), and Health Management Information System (HMIS) Status.

CEO State Health Agency, UT Ladakh, Dr. Motup

Dorje urged participants to implement health schemes at the ground level with precision and dedication. He stressed that the true success of the workshop should manifest in tangible improvements within health institutions.

State Financial Consultant, SHA, Ladakh Tsetan Angmo, provided insights into the status of PMJAY and claims paid under PMJAY. Additionally, HMIS Manager, Leh, Rigzin Dolma delivered a demonstration on the Clinic module in NextGen e-Hospital.

Dr. Motup Dorje and Dr. Phunchok Norboo addressed the concerns raised by participants during the discussion sessions, ensuring a comprehensive and interactive

exchange of ideas.

This workshop marks a collaborative effort to enhance healthcare initiatives, fostering understanding and utilization of AB-PMJAY and ABDM for the betterment of healthcare services in the region. The event also included an interactive session on Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) and NextGen e-Hospital.

Chief Medical Officer Leh, Dr. Diskit Dolma; I/c MS, Dr. Tashi Motup; SIO, Dr. Iqbal Ahmed; DHO Leh Dr. Farhana Iqbal; BMOs, Super Specialist, Specialists, MOs, State team of PMJAY and ABDM, DEOs, and other medical staff from various PHCs and CHCs were present during the workshop.

### Five-day SEE learning educator workshop concludes



participants proudly holding their certificates.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** The Social, Emotional, and Ethical (SEE) Learning Educator Preparation Workshop, a dynamic and interactive learning experience, recently concluded its intensive sessions on 26 February. Held from 21 February to 26 February, the workshop focused on SEE Learning principles, providing a holistic approach to personal and professional development.

Throughout the workshop, participants immersed themselves in topics such as emotional

intelligence, ethical decision-making, and fostering positive relationships. Meaningful discussions were encouraged, allowing participants to share their unique perspectives and experiences.

Principal DIET Leh, Chetan Dorje, expressed gratitude to the facilitators, training coordinator, and all involved for their relentless efforts in conducting need-based workshops aligned with the vision of NEP-2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for the Foundational Stage and School Education. He reiterated

the commitment to continue such workshops to embrace all teaching and non-teaching fraternity. Facilitators Senior Lecturer Tsering Wangdus and Lecturer Tsering Angmo emphasized real-world applications of SEE Learning principles to enhance work environments, relationships, and overall wellbeing.

The participants, motivated and grateful, extended their appreciation to the DIET Team for conducting the workshop and managing logistics efficiently even in severe winter conditions. The event concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony, symbolizing positive gratitude by the participants.

### Training on research methodology for middle-level teachers held at DIET, Leh



Dr. Rigzin Chodon shares insights during her PowerPoint presentation.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** A training session on research methodology for middle-level teachers was held at the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Leh as part of the winter training and NEP 2020 initiatives on February 27.

During the inaugural session, principal of DIET Leh, Chetan Dorje underscored the significance of research in schools, stress-

ing the importance for teachers to cultivate a habit of conducting research to enhance their teaching and learning abilities.

In the morning session of the training, the research consultant and founder of Yegi publications in Ladakh, Dr. Rigzin Chodon, delivered a PowerPoint presentation to the participants. Her presentation covered an introduction to research, various types of research applicable to

different disciplines, and the ethical considerations in research.

During the afternoon session, Lecturer in Economics at Boys Higher Secondary School Leh,

Dr. Nawab Hussain presented on the introduction to action research and its relevance for teachers and educators, emphasizing its importance in improving teaching methodologies and educational outcomes.

### CEC Jaffer chairs review meeting on stray dog management in Kargil



CEC Dr. Jaffer and stakeholders discuss controlling stray dog attacks.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoo chaired a review meeting on stray dog management in Kargil town in response to recent stray dog attacks in different localities, on February 27.

Executive Councillor, Tourism, Kacho Mohd Feroz, Administrator Municipal Committee (MC) Kargil and Joint Director, Information, Ladakh, Imteaz Kacho, Wildlife Warden Kargil, Raza Ali Abdi, representatives of Animal Husbandry, Ladakh Police and members of civil society from Kargil town were present during the meeting.

The CEC expressed concern over stray dog attacks on people and livestock in various localities, especially in Kargil town. Stressing the need for a solution, the meeting discussed ways to control the problem.

CEC Dr Jaffer directed coordinated efforts from Animal Husbandry, MC Kargil, Wildlife, and Ladakh Police to catch stray dogs from localities such as Goma Kargil, Drass, Kako, Shilikchay, Pashkum, and other areas. Necessary action was instructed to be taken to re-

solve the issues.

Furthermore, the Animal Husbandry Department was directed to promptly send estimates and proposals for fuel and hiring of vehicles for the short-term plan.

He also directed the Animal Husbandry Department to prepare a comprehensive plan for stray dog management, which should include provisions for sanctuary, vehicles, and other necessary logistics. This plan is to be reflected in the upcoming financial plan.

He said that the the dog-catching squad should be activated for robust action. Additionally, he took an assessment of sterilization data and the number of dogs caught in recent times.

EC Kacho Mohd Feroz also called for a quick action plan and suggested that brainstorming should be conducted among the concerned departments to effectively deal with the menace.

The meeting also acknowledged the compensation in case of losses due to stray dog attacks, emphasizing that it should be discussed with the UT Administration.

### Leh DC attends NCORD review meeting on drug abuse

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** A review meeting of the District Level Committee under the Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) Mechanism was chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve on 13 February at the VC conference hall.

The meeting focused on assessing ongoing initiatives and enhancing collaborative endeavours to combat the menace of drug abuse.

SSP Leh, Shruti Arora, provided an overview of apprehended cases under NCORD in Leh District. Additionally, DC Leh reviewed the progress of drug de-addiction and rehabilitation centres in the district.

District Social Welfare Department, Leh, submit-

ted an awareness video on drug de-addiction and alternative activities to prevent drug addiction. Similarly, the Information Department, Leh, submitted an awareness video on drug de-addiction.

Recognizing the pivotal role of education in prevention, DC Leh instructed the Chief Education Officer, Leh to organise mass awareness programs in schools. Emphasizing the importance of proactive engagement, he advocated for the widespread dissemination of awareness videos on drug de-addiction to educate and empower students.

Chief Medical Officer, Leh; Chief Education Officer, Leh and Assistant Director, Information Department Leh attended the meeting.

### Workshop for Health and Wellness Ambassadors held in Leh



Dr. Iqbal Ahmad engages with Health Ambassadors during the workshop.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** A four-day workshop for the 11th batch of Health and Wellness Ambassadors (HWAs) took place at DIET Leh in collaboration with the Health Department Leh on February 27.

The workshop's objective was to introduce various modules to both newly appointed ambassadors and those interested in Health, Wellness and Accessibility Service.

On the first day, Dr. Iqbal

Ahmad, State Immunization Officer (SIO) Psychiatrist, presented the 11 themes of the Student Health and Wellness Programme through a PowerPoint presentation. Following this, Dr. Stanzin Dolkar, a pediatrician at SNM Hospital, delivered a lecture on topics including health during adolescence and personal strength.

During the second session, Dr. Tashi Tundup, psychiatrist at SNM Hospital, discussed the prevention and management of substance misuse, emphasizing access to support for prevention and treatment.

Dr. Jamila, the District Immunization Officer (DIO), along with 60 HWAs, actively participated in the workshop, enriching their knowledge and skills in health and wellness promotion.

## Expert Talk

## Climate change

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**Sonam Wangchuk, Environmentalist:** Although changes in climate have been occurring throughout history, we are not solely referring to the typical seasonal transitions from summer to winter or spring. Instead, we are observing a gradual trend of increasing temperatures year after year, which unfolds over spans of millions or billions of years. Periodically, the planet experiences cooling phases, resulting in global ice coverage, followed by gradual warming. Currently, we observe the presence of some glaciers, but many have receded. These natural fluctuations have historically taken place without human intervention. However, the climate change we are experiencing today is predominantly caused by human activities. Unlike past natural shifts, which were unrelated human influence, the current changes are primarily attributed to human behavior and lifestyle choices.

Earlier, humans lived a self-sufficient lifestyle -depending on hunting, gathering, cultivating, etc. Later on, involvement of animals began in the activities of cultivation and vegetation, making it easier for humans to finish their works.

Later in time, the discovery of fossil fuels and coals became the main sources of energy for their livelihood. This resulted in neglecting animal. Human themselves earlier was the only options to get the works done. Over a billion years ago, when earth consisted of maximum Carbon dioxide and very little oxygen, the existence or survival of any being was not possible. Algae came into existence—the sole reason for the further existence of humans and other species on the planet as it absorbed carbon dioxide producing oxygen. The amount of oxygen on the planet started increasing while decreasing the amount of carbon dioxide. Further algae evolved over time and the dead algae compressed into the soil, converting into fossil fuels and coal years later. Since then, the green family beginning from algae filled the planet with more oxygen reducing carbon dioxide.

The process of evolution began hence where the existence of humans began. The extraction and burning of fossil fuels for energy today ends up releasing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Hence, we are getting ourselves back to the time when atmosphere was mostly contained with carbon dioxide and surviving of being was impossible..

The high level of carbon dioxide absorbs more heat from the sun rays resulting in slight increase of temperature because of the green house effect. The survival of beings was not possible billions of years with such amount of carbon dioxide and today as well once again the earth is on the road travelling back. But today the outcomes are caused by humans unlike the time when huge amount of CO2 existed. The harmful CO2 once was removed is now being produced by humans again.

The slight rise in the temperature may seem light but has a huge impact on the glaciers causing it all to melt down. Ladakh, a mountainous region depends on the snowfall and glaciers as the main source of water. The glaciers as main source of water is reliable and remain as it is until the spring and summer until needed but it is not same anymore. However, in many parts of the world the amount of rainfall and water is the same or even more unlike snowfall and ice, heavy rainfall results in overflow of water bodies, floods and destruction. Climate change creates an imbalance in availability of water in various parts of the planet.

This year the winter has been warmer as compared to previous winters. The concern lies with the amount of snowfall in the winter because winter without snow can be warmer.

The snowfall that is received by the mountainous regions of India/ Northern part of India originates around 6000km away from the Mediterranean sea. The Western disturbance or the strong wind from the North Pole carry the vapour of the sea to the Himalayas converting in the form of snow. The climate change on the planet caused a disturbance in the El Nino experiencing extreme warm weather condition. The wind that brought the vapour from the Mediterranean sea weakened, decreasing the snowfall in the Himalayas.

The colour of the snow reflects the heat but when the surface is snow less, the heat from the sun is absorbed resulting in warmer atmosphere and melting the remaining snow on the mountains as well. Hence, the snowless winter make the winter warmer than ever.

The Carbon dioxide emission from the vehicles in Ladakh is less to have an impact on the entire planet but it needs reduction with time. Places like China, America or Delhi, Bangalore and many other parts of the world are facing the impact of Climate Change due the huge amount of Carbon Dioxide, Ladakh however do not have highly polluted or unbreathable air. A research made 10 years ago found that the people living in the Himalayas and foothills of Himalayas emit Black Carbon or soot along with CO2 from the local chimneys or stoves used specially in winters to stay warm as well as from vehicles. The emission of Black Carbon has an impact not on Climate Change but on the Glaciers.

The emitted Black Carbon flies and settles on the snow or glaciers and ice, blackening its surface resulting in absorption of heat from the sun because the colour black naturally absorbs heat. The melting of glaciers can lead to scarcity of water and water is among elements of the universe for survival. Therefore, it is important to look for a better alternatives to reduce such emissions. Solar heating systems and solar houses are among the alternatives.

Diesel automobile or any diesel engines release a large quantity of Black Carbon into the atmosphere leaving a high level of carbon footprint. The smaller diesel vehicles exhaust higher volume of black carbon.

In Ladakh, maximum number of taxis are diesel fuelled. these taxis carry tourists and travel through most of the highest motorable roads or passes such as Khardungla, Changla, Taglangla, Zojila, Phutse etc. These vehicles are closest to the glaciers when driving via the passes carrying and emitting the Black Carbon that is more like sprinkling salt on the burn. Emission of black Carbon is very harmful, a poison for every being on the planet. In fact, it should be considered a bad deed. Electric vehicles, Petrol fuelled vehicles and public transports are alternatives for Diesel exhaust emissions and diesel motors should avoid going to high passes, closer to the glaciers.

Carbon dioxide from the factories need to minimise. The clothing factories are highly responsible for the same. As an individual we should own very few number of clothes according to the needs. A minimalist or a simple life is more fruitful. Unnecessary constructions is among number one pollutant above diesel exhaust that should be avoided as the process of construction is long and release of Carbon is in higher quantity during the conversion of raw materials into usable. Solar house is one of the alternatives to avoid exploitation of our environment, I, myself live in a solar house that is warm enough in the winter and I am proud to be someone who is not indulged in polluting. Excess of everything is bad, that includes buying all unneeded junks and edibles, products should rather be bought from the local farmers and vegetable sellers that are organically grown, avoidance of futile travelling in any means of transport be it in cars or airplanes. The inessential usage or wastage of any resources requires halt and move towards living a simple life. The minimalist lifestyle is also instructed to follow in scriptures, thus a simple lifestyle or a responsible individual equates following the scriptures or prayers.

## SoulSpeak

Dr. P.P. Wangchuk

## The life and death package



If we understand the mechanism and the reality of life, then we can understand death in its myriad manifestations, substance and meanings. We are scared of death because we have little or no understanding of the mechanism of life itself. If we realise that life and death are intertwined and one can't exist without the other, much of our fear and problem with death will disappear.

Those who understand the process of life and celebrate it in all its colours and dimensions are in a position to welcome death in a celebratory mood. They are not scared of death, they consider death as a stage of life just like the process of birth and the whole process thereafter. Each stage has its own significance. And I think death assumes greater significance because it relieves you from the physical and mental pangs, and it also paves the way for a greater and better journey!

Our problem is that our understanding of life is limited to our physical body. As such, you are bound to be scared of death far before it actually comes to knock at your door. Your lack of knowledge and understanding of life's process makes you identify yourself with your physical body, and therein lies your fear of insecurity and a constant fear of death.

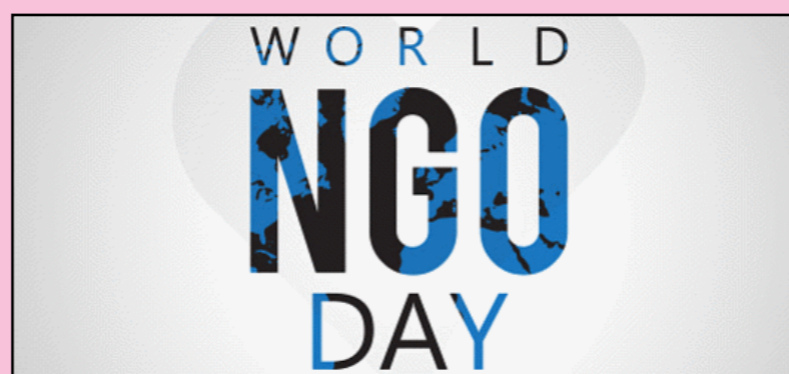
Mark Twain has a way of getting rid of death-fear. "The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time." That means that one has to first understand the substance and the process of life, and then take life and death as a 'one full package' for our sojourn on this planet.

If you are able to take this reality into reasoning, then the fear of death will cease to haunt you.

Therefore, let us make it clear that life can't be there without death and the vice versa.

Courtesy: WongWorld

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World NGO Day is an international calendar day annually observed on the 27th of February. World NGO Day aims to inspire people to become more actively involved within NGOs — charities, Non-Profit Organizations (NPOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) — and encourage a greater symbiosis between NGOs and both the public and private sector. The universal concept of the World NGO Day is Celebrate, Commemorate and Collaborate the various NGOs around the world, and the people behind them.

World NGO Day is a day for NGOs around

the globe to share

knowledge and experiences with one another. It aims to educate individuals worldwide on NGOs and their impact. The World NGO Day provides an opportunity to honor and remember NGO founders, employees, volunteers, members, and supporters.

#### 5 TIPS TO CELEBRATE WORLD NGO DAY

1. #WorldNGODay – Spread the word.
2. Cooperating with local schools/universities to run a simulated World NGO Day

events for students and pupils to learn about issues at NGOs or opportunities, from local charities to international movements.

3. Organizing activities to raise awareness, such as sharing messages with the community via online, TV, Radio, newsletters or local newspapers.

4. Hosting celebratory events to raise awareness and funds.

5. Organizing an NGO "Exchange" event to swap goods and ideas with others. Showcasing the achievements of NGOs through events or awards.

Courtesy: [daysoftheyear.com](http://daysoftheyear.com)

## DID YOU KNOW

1. Bar code scanners read the white space between the black lines rather than the black lines themselves.
2. Salt was once used as currency, where the English term "salary" comes from.
3. Salt was so valuable to the ancient Romans that it was used as currency. Soldiers were paid in salt, which was also used for trading.
4. Wearing headphones for an hour multiplies the bacteria in your ear by 700.
5. Cough syrup is 5 times more effective than pineapple juice. It also protects against the common cold and flu.
6. Sound travels four times faster in water than it does in air.
7. Cats have over 100 vocal sounds, whereas dogs only have about ten
8. The adult human body has 206 bones, while a child's developing body has 300.
9. The stapes, or stirrup bone, is the smallest bone in the human body, located in the middle ear. It measures approximately .11 inches in length.
10. Motor neurons are the longest cells in the human body. They can reach up to 4.5 feet in length and extend from the lower spinal cord to the big toe.

Courtesy: [byjus.com](http://byjus.com)

## Fortnightly News

# In Conversation with State Awardee Tonyot Tashi, Thangka Painter

Interviewed by Stanzin Padma

**Q1. Congratulations on receiving the State Award 2024 in the field of fine arts! Could you tell us a bit about your background?**

First and foremost, I would like to thank Reach Ladakh team for congratulating me. Speaking about my background, my journey started at Lamayuru Monastery, where I became a monk and received my early education. Then, I enrolled at the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Choglamsar, where I developed an interest in Thangka painting. There, I had the opportunity to learn from many well-known artists who were monks. Additionally, I had the privilege of studying mandala painting under the guidance of Khenpo Thodol from Shang village and Gyen Ishay Jamyang, the Abbot of the Lamayuru Monastery. My inaugural painting experience unfolded at Tsetrul Rinpoche's abode, where I created my first mandala, blessed by Tsetrul Rinpoche and another Rinpoche.

**Q2. What inspired your interest in Thangka painting and who was your mentor?**

Essentially, there are ten sciences (Rignas), comprising the major five: Zo Rigpa, Sowa Rigpa, Da Rigpa, Tsema Rigpa, Nangthon Rigpa, and the minor five: Karsi, Ldasgar, Synan Nag, Sdebjor, Tsikzod. My expertise lies in Zo Rigpa. My passion for painting traces back to my childhood, where I consistently practiced, sensing a profound connection to actions from a previous birth. Throughout my journey, I encountered minimal challenges, and I credit my smooth progression to the guidance of my mentor, Late Tsering Wangdus from Nimmo, a recipient of the Padma Shri award.

**Q3. Could you elaborate on Thangka painting and its significance?**

Certainly. In the context of Buddhism, our prayer rooms are adorned with stupas and Buddha statues, with Thangka holding a pivotal role as an essential element. Thangka carries profound spiritual importance, serving as a visual aid to meditation and a means of conveying complex teachings. In the 21st century, it becomes the collective responsibility of both younger and older generations to safeguard and delve into the art of Thangka, ensuring its preservation. By doing so, we contribute to the preservation of our language and culture, preventing future generations from questioning our rich heritage. Thangka art thus becomes a bridge connecting our past with the present and the future.

**Q4. Can you share details about your work and accomplishments thus far?**

Certainly. Over the course of my artistic journey, I have created numerous paintings, and I would like to highlight a few noteworthy ones. Some of my paintings, including Genduk Choknis, are on display at prestigious institutions such as the Bhopal Museum, Dehradun, and in Nepal. Additionally, I have had the privilege of working in France for several years, contributing to the global

appreciation of Thangka art.

In Ladakh, my artistic endeavors have left an indelible mark, with paintings adorning various significant locations like Zanskar Stakrim, Skurbuchan Gonpa, Thekchokling, Phokar Urgyanling Gonpa, Wanla Gonpa, Hemis, Stakna, and many more. I take pride in having covered every region of Ladakh, and my work has gained recognition and appreciation from diverse audiences. It is truly heartening to see the resonance of my art reaching and connecting with people across Ladakh and beyond.

**Q5. What is the current state of traditional art in Ladakh, and what measures can be taken to preserve it?**

The current status of traditional art in Ladakh is relatively stable, thanks to the efforts of dedicated practitioners and growing support from various quarters. In the 20th century, my teacher was renowned for his exceptional paintings and played a pivotal role in passing down this art form to many students while contributing to numerous monasteries. However, contemporary times have witnessed rapid changes, emphasizing the importance of ensuring proper education in Thangka painting, especially for the younger generation.

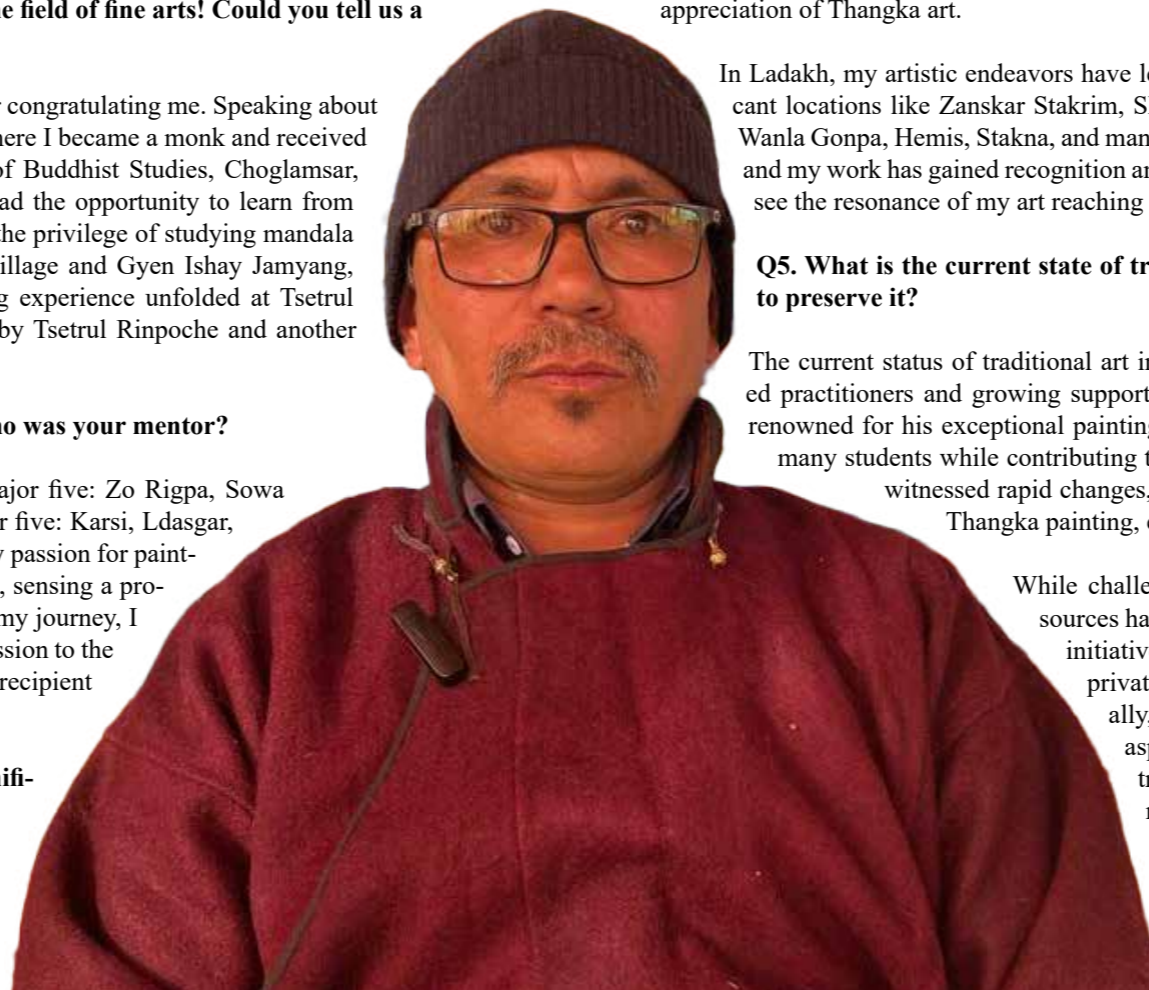
While challenges such as access to materials, training, and financial resources have been prevalent, there has been a positive shift. Government initiatives now provide funds, establish training centers, and support private institutions, alleviating some of these obstacles. Additionally, individuals like me offer classes and share knowledge with aspiring artists, contributing to the preservation and evolution of traditional art in Ladakh. It is crucial to continue nurturing this rich heritage by fostering a conducive environment for learning, innovation, and appreciation of traditional art forms.

**Q6. Do you see any challenges in the field of Thangka painting?**

Painting a Thangka takes a long time, as the foundational lines are drawn in pencil and the duration depends on the size and complexity of the Thangka which must be genuine. Nowadays people including both Ladakhis and outsiders often want their demands to be completed quickly, within one or two months. This is a big challenge because Thangka painting is a manual process that requires a lot of time, calmness and passion.

**Q7. Are today's younger generations interested in Thangka painting? What are the big differences you see in today's generation?**

When I compare today's generation with the past, I notice significant differences. They rely on technology which makes many tasks easier, and they can get help and support from anywhere; the internet is the best example. Earlier we used to struggle for light and paper, but nowadays aspiring Thangka artists can pursue their passion without many difficulties. It is important for them to know the local language (Bhoti) to become proficient Thangka artists.



### MESSAGE TO THE READERS

**“Youths should seek quality education from experienced teachers across all fields, acknowledging and overcoming challenges. The saying goes, ‘Efficient individuals may face obstacles in studies; excessive attachment to temporary pleasures hinders ultimate success.’”**

## Fortnight Highlights



The Forty-five-day-long winter coaching programme at Shesrap Skyadtsal Ling Library and Learning Centre, Thiksey concluded on February 15.



Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson welcomed newly appointed Sr. Superintendent of Police Leh, Shruti Arora (IPS).



Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson felicitated Padma Chorol, an ace Ice-Hockey player and the captain of the Indian Women's Ice-Hockey team for getting conferred with the prestigious State Award of UT Ladakh in Sports this year.



Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson received 15 laptops sponsored by ICICI Bank, which would be distributed among the deserving and underprivileged children in the far-off regions including Singay Lalok.



Everester Jigmat Tharchin after his successful summit to Mount Aconcagua, the highest peak in South America. He is aiming to climb all the seven highest peaks around the globe known as the Seven Summit and he has completed his half way journey till date.



2nd Edition of Zanskar Winter Sport & Tourism Festival 2023-24 held at Sports Stadium Padum Zanskar.



Flagging off of the supply of 'Ladakh Oma' pasteurised milk to the Indian Army units of Leh, Ladakh from Milk Pasteurisation Plant at Agling, Leh.



Chief Electoral Officer of Ladakh, in collaboration with the Chief Electoral Officer of J&K, organised two-day virtual training/workshop for political parties and media personnel on February 16-17.

## Fortnightly News

### Agriculture Department organises Ladakh Organic Fair in Kargil

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Department of Agriculture, LAHDC Kargil organised Ladakh Organic Fair 2024 at Auditorium Hall, Kargil on February 17.

Chief Guest of the occasion, Chairman/Chief Executive Councilor, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhoun highlighted the drawbacks of chemical fertilizers and emphasized the significance of organic farming. He stated that organic fertilizers enhance soil fertility, resulting in healthy crops.

CEC hailed the participation of huge number of farmers in the event and said it speaks about the success of the event. He expressed happiness over the fact that now fresh vegetables are available in Kargil in winter season which was impossible in earlier times and credited it to Agriculture Department, Kargil.

Dr Jaffer also informed about the efforts of the LAHDC towards effective vegetable marketing and underscored the Council's prioritization of the agricultural sector.

EC Agriculture, Aga Syeed Mujtaba Mussavi expressed happiness over the success of organic farming and expressed hope that



it will reach its heights in helping the farming community. He emphasised collective efforts to promote locally grown vegetables and reduce dependency on imports. He also informed about the LAHDC's efforts to boost the subsidy component in the agricultural sector.

EC I&FC and PHE, LAHDC, Kargil, Kacho Mohammad Feroz congratulated the Agriculture Department and progressive farmers. He attributed the availability of fresh winter vegetables to their dedication and hard work.

He urged farmers to prioritize cash crops for agricultural prosperity. He lauded the contributions of Besij Ziraat and other organizations in advancing the agriculture sector. His remarks highlighted the importance of diversifying crops and recognizing the supportive role of agricultural organisations.

Principal Scientist Krishi

Vigyan Kendra, Dr Akhone Mehdi spoke about the demerits of chemical fertilizers and merits of organic farming. He asked the farmers to learn best practices of farming and asserted to use homemade vermicompost to promote sustainable organic farming.

Ranthag Theatre Group showcased a short drama on various schemes of the Agriculture Department. Their performance served as an informative and engaging medium.

In the end, exceptional progressive farmers were felicitated who excelled under the Aatma scheme, alongside honoring the best Ladakh Green House practitioners by dignitaries. In turn, the dignitaries were honored by Agriculture Department officials. Vegetables produced from Ladakh Green House were displayed during the event at different stalls and were later sold to the masses.

### LAHDC Kargil distributes free tablets under YounTab scheme

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Free tablets with pre-loaded educational content were distributed to the students under YounTab Scheme of Department of Education UT Ladakh on February 22.

Executive Councilors Kacho Mohd Feroz expressed gratitude to the UT Education Department Ladakh for launching the scheme for Kargil students. He emphasised the importance of students maximizing their use of tabs to improve education and enhance their skills.

He also commended the efforts of LAHDC Kargil for launching the winter remedial coaching classes for students. Furthermore, he assured that the success of this year's board exams

### Archery tournament concludes at Rgyalmothang Sports Stadium

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** A local archery tournament organized by Horker Archery Club, Poyen concluded at Rgyalmothang Sports Stadium, Poyen, Kargil on 23 February.

Inteeaz Kacho, Joint Director, Information, Ladakh; Additional Secretary, Higher Education; and Administrator, Municipal Committee, Kargil, was the chief guest on the occasion while Mohammad Yusuf, in-charge DYSSO, Kargil Haji was the guest of honor. Archers and inhabitants of Poyen also attended the event.

The Joint Director, Information lauded the efforts of Horker Archery Club for organizing the tournament and concluding it successfully and appreciated the effort of the teams



During the Free tablets distribution under YounTab Scheme of Department of Education UT Ladakh.

would determine the replication of this model in the following year.

EC stated that LAHDC is dedicated to enhancing the quality of education in Kargil and pledged full support to the education sector.

EC Zakir Hussain, LAHDC Kargil congratulated students for getting new tabs. He also reiterated the role of teachers in education system and request-

ed them to be proactive enhancing the education system.

He also requested students to make optimum use of tablets.

A total of 760 tabs will be distributed among the students of various schools of the district. The YounTab scheme is an initiative of the Department of School Education with technical support by the Information Technology Department.

for their enthusiastic participation despite severe cold. He said there is no dearth of talent among players of Kargil and urged for their support and encouragement.

He further emphasized that archery is an integral part of Ladakh's culture, played in almost every corner of the region. He stressed the importance of preserving such customs and rituals, stating that it is our responsibility to nurture, promote and keep them alive.

Horker Archery Club also presented a memorandum of demands to the chief guest, which included essential facilities like a public washroom at Rgyalmothang playfield in Poyen and the need for fencing the playfield.

While replying to the memorandum of demands put forth by the locals, Kacho said the demands within the parameters of Municipality Committee, Kargil would be examined, and the needful will be done as per norms within a fixed timeframe.

A total of twenty (20) teams took part in the Archery Tournament, with T2 Archery and Tumail Colony reaching the final contest of Traditional Archery. T2 Archers earned twenty (26) points and won the tournament while Tumail Colony earned nineteen (19) points and was declared runners-up. Kacho congratulated both teams for their enthusiastic participation and thanked office bearers of Horker Archery Club for organizing the tournament.

### BDO Leh/Thiksay organizes two-day PFMS portal training program



Participants engaged in discussion during training.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** The Block Development Officer (BDO) of Leh/Thiksay organized a comprehensive training program aimed at familiarizing participants with the intricacies of the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) portal, on February 26 and 27. The event was held at the conference hall of the Block Development Office in Leh.

Mr. Phuntsog Wangchuk, Senior Accountant Officer from the PFMS State

Directorate, led the training sessions. His expertise guided participants through various modules, including the Expenditure Advance and Transfer (EAT) system, Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanisms, and the Single Nodal Agency (SNA) functionalities within the PFMS portal.

The training was attended by Panchayat Secretaries; Panchayat Account Assistants; Senior Assistants, and Junior Assistants of BDO Leh/Thiksay.

### Leh Sub Area honours Kargil War Heroes and Veer Naris



Honored Veer Naris and War Heroes of the Kargil War stand together in a memorable tribute.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH :** Leh Sub Area organized an event in honour of War Heroes and Veer Naris of the Kargil War, in view of the Rajat Jayanti celebrations of Kargil Vijay Diwas, on February 26.

The event commenced with a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial, Hall of Fame, Leh, paying homage to the bravehearts of Kargil War. Following this, 10 War Heroes and 10 Veer Naris of Kargil war were felicitated by General Officer Commanding, Leh Sub Area, at the Rinchen Au-

ditorium for their sacrifices for the nation.

On the occasion, amenity items were also distributed to Ex-Servicemen societies of Diskit, Chuchot Yokma, Likir and Leh. During his address, the General Officer Commanding, Leh Sub Area thanked the veterans and Veer Naris for their sacrifices and assured them of wholehearted support from Indian Army. Director Rajya Sainik Board Col (Retd) Lobzang Nema and President Ex-Servicemen League, Ladakh were also present during the event.

### Nubra SDM Tufail Iqbal chairs meeting on Pulse Polio Immunization

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Sub Divisional Magistrate Nubra, Tufail Iqbal, chaired a meeting regarding pulse polio immunization 2024 at the SDM Office in Diskit on February 27.

During the meeting, the Block Force Committee for Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization (IPPI) discussed the planning and implementation of activities scheduled for March 3 for pulse polio vaccination and house-to-house activities on March 4-5.

It was decided that pulse polio vaccination will be administered on March 3

at the Medical Centre in every village. In villages where no medical centre is available, the vaccination will be conducted at the Government School or Community Hall.

SDM Nubra stressed the importance of close coordination among all concerned departments to ensure pulse polio vaccination for every child under 5 years in Nubra.

The meeting was attended by Sub District Hospital Diskit, Dr. Khatija; Zonal District Planning Office Diskit, Sonam Stobdan and Incharge CDPO Sonam Tsephel.

### YounTab Scheme: EC Zakir distributes free tablets among students in Drass

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**DRASS:** Executive Councilor (Education), LAHDC, Kargil, Zakir Hussain distributed free tablets under YounTab Scheme among students in Drass zone at Higher Sec. School Drass on February 24.

The distribution program witnessed the presence of enthusiastic students alongside their parents, who expressed gratitude towards the administration for this thoughtful initiative.

During the program, EC emphasised the importance of utilizing the tablets for educational purposes and encouraged students to harness the power of technology for positive learning outcomes.



The students and their parents who were present at the event expressed happiness and appreciation for the efforts of the administration in promoting education and providing essential resources. The distribution of tablets is a step towards fostering a conducive learning environment and ensuring equal opportunities for all students in the region.

Councillor Shargole, Jawed Ahmed; Councillor Saliskote, Sajad Ahmed Khan and District Education & Planning Officer (DEPO), Mohammad Amin were also present.

The YounTab scheme is an initiative of the Department of School Education with technical support by the Information Technology Department.

### Workshop on Panchayat Development Index (PDI) held in Kargil



Officials attentively participate in discussions during the PDI workshop held on Feb 26.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Govt. of India, in collaboration with the Rural Development Department and Panchayati Raj Department, Ladakh, organized a one-day virtual workshop on the Panchayat Development Index (PDI) for the sectoral heads of line departments, BDOs, Panchayat Inspectors and Panchayat Secretaries at Conference Hall, Baroo, Kargil on 26 February.

The workshop aimed to enhance the capacity building and training of frontline workers of line departments, field functionaries and other related stakeholders.

Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC, Kargil, Shrikant Balasahab Suse attended the training program as chief guest. ACR Kargil, Muhammad Sharief; ACD Kargil, Ghulam Muhammad; CAO Kargil, Kacho Mohd Ali

Khan; DPO Kargil, Padma Angmo; District Animal Husbandry Officer, Kargil; Executive Engineer PHE; Executive Engineer PDD officers; and officials of RDD and line departments were also present during the workshop.

The resource persons provided insights into the preparation of the Panchayat Development Plan for 2024-25 and elucidated other key concepts of the PDI via a PowerPoint presentation. Additionally, they offered an overview of the PDI Portal through a demonstration. They briefed about the role of BDOs, Panchayat Inspectors, Panchayat Secretaries and line departments.

During the virtual program, a practical training session on PDI portal navigation was held. A question-answer session was also held to clear doubts of participants/stakeholders.

On the occasion, ACD Kargil, Ghulam Muhammad said that the technical sessions play important role for future planning of Panchayats to achieve sustainable goals. He suggested line departments to work in coordination and to prepare plan in convergence mode.

On the occasion, DPO Kargil, Padma Angmo briefed about different aspects of the workshop. She apprised the officers about the nine themes related to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that must be achieved by 2030 through Panchayats.

The workshop focused on the localization of SDGs in Gram Panchayats, through the adoption of specific thematic approaches. The primary aim of the workshop was to showcase optimal strategies, approaches, coordinated efforts, and creative models related to capacity enhancement and training.

### Inteeaz Kacho interacts with students at Digital Computer Centre, Kargil

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL :** In order to help students nurture their career goals while simultaneously living a stress-free life, an interactive session was organized by Digital Computer Centre, Kargil on 24 February.

The interactive session was chaired by Joint Director, Information, Ladakh/Additional Secretary, Higher Education, Inteeaz Kacho.

Chairman, Digital Computer Centre, Arif Hussain Akhone, staff members and students of the centre were present on the occasion. The event was designed to have a two-way communication with students of the centre based on perspective towards education, career, time management, extra-curricular

activities and most importantly living a happy life.


Inteeaz Kacho lauded the efforts of Mr. Arif Hussain Akhone for creating a healthy environment for holistic growth and development of its students. During the face-to-face conversation, he advised students to focus on improving behaviour, body language and skills while emphasizing the importance of contributing positively to society as responsible citizens. He encouraged them to prioritize learning and knowledge acquisition over chasing grades.

Further, Kacho urged students to develop reading habits, emphasizing the wealth of knowledge in books, while cautioning


against excessive mobile phone use and stressing on living a healthy social life. He also encouraged fostering a positive and cheerful environment at home.

He spoke about simple solutions to improve lifestyle and personality. He shared time management and confidence-building tips with students, drawing from his experiences, while stressing on the significance of refining writing skills and cultivating hobbies for personal growth.

Chairman, Digital Computer Centre, Kargil, Arif Hussain Akhone also spoke on the occasion and expressed optimism about the importance of such events to benefit students, inspiring them towards fruitful endeavours.



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**Engagement of Part Time Correspondent (PTC) for RNU, Akashvani Leh/Kargil**

Regional News Unit, Akashvani Leh/Kargil, invites applications for engagement of Part Time Correspondent (PTC) for each sub-division of Leh and Kargil districts on part time contractual basis as per the Revised Guidelines for engagement of PTCs\*


**I. Qualifications:**

| Post          | Part Time Correspondent (PTC)   |
|---------------|---|
| Organization  | Regional News Unit, Akashvani, Leh/Kargil   |
| Qualification |   |
| Essential     | 1. PG Diploma/Degree in Journalism or Graduate with minimum two years journalistic experience<br>2. Age limit: 24 to 45 years. (Age as on the last day of advertisement)<br>3. Should reside at the district headquarters or within a radius of 10 Kms from the district HQ/Municipal limits in the district for which he/she is being engaged<br>4. Knowledge of computers and word processing.<br>5. Possession of news gathering devices |
| Desirable:    | 1. Experience of coverage for electronic media<br>2. Hand on Expertise on Handling Social Media   |

**II. Engagement Procedures and Guidelines:**

- Applications are to be addressed to the Station Director, Akashvani Leh Ladakh.
- The persons already in government service - Central/State Government/ Administration of the Union Territory or in any Public Service Undertaking (PSU) - and member of any political party shall not be considered for engagement as PTC. On selection as PTC, the selected person will be required to give an affidavit to this effect that he/she is not in a regular and/or full time government job and is not member of any political party.
- The selection process will involve an interview. Candidates on the basis of qualifications, professional experience, knowledge about district and state, current affairs, awareness of welfare schemes of the Central Government, acquaintance with Radio news, journalistic aptitude, writing skills, familiarity with communication technologies etc.
- The PTCs will be paid retainer ship remuneration, as approved by Competent Authority from time to time, subject to satisfactory rendering of services.
- Applications in prescribed Proforma along with self-certified copies of required documents and one recent photograph should reach the RNU Office, Akashvani, Leh or Kargil by or before 16.03.2024

For Work requirement, Remuneration, Engagement Procedure and Detailed Guidelines follow the link  
 \*Guideline: <https://newsair.gov.in/Other/PTC-Guidelines-for-engagement.pdf>  
 Application Form and Guidelines: <https://fb.gov/oc2y8y> or scan QR code.



SD  
Head of Office  
Akashvani, Leh

### Kargil celebrates Shab-e-Baarat

Mansoor Hosan Beigh

**Kargil:** On February 26, Kargil celebrated the birth anniversary of the 12th Shia Imam, Mehdi (A.S), born 1,190 years ago. Mehdi (A.S) is respected as a savior by Shias, believed to reappear on earth as per divine decree to establish peace and eradicate injustice, discrimination, and other forms of evil.

The biggest celebrations took place in Kargil town, organized by Anjuman Jamiyat Ullma Isna Ashriya Kargil and Imam Khomeini Memorial Trust Kargil (IKMT). During the event, preachers and religious scholars emphasized the significance of the night and the teachings of Islam, urging unity

among Muslims and adherence to the teachings of Hazrat Imam Mehdi (A.S).

Muslims in Kargil observed Shab-e-Baarat with prayers, Quran recitations, and visits to graves. Mosques, homes, and graveyards were illuminated on Sunday night.

The celebration extended to various Tehsils and Sub-Divisions of Kargil, including Drass, Shargole, Shakar Chiktan, TSG, IZEC Lankerchey, Maktab-e-Imam Raza Sankoo, Anjuman-E-Sahib Zaman Sankoo, Suru, Parkachik, Purtikchay, Tangole, Taisuru and Panikhar of Suru valley.

# Fortnightly News

**PUBLICITY FOR ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS ON LEASE AT SHOPPING COMPLEX AND MAP PH-II (MARRIED ACCOMMODATION) LADAKH SCOUTS REGT CENTRE**

1. LADAKH SCOUTS Regt Centre invites application for allotment of following shops at shopping complex & MAP Ph-II Married Accommodation, LADAKH SCOUTS Regt Centre:-

| S No                                     | Shops   | Remarks |
|--|---|---------|
| <b>Shopping Complex, LSRC</b>            |   |         |
| (a)                                      | Grocery Shop  |         |
| (b)                                      | Vegetable shop incl fruits  |         |
| (c)                                      | Books & Stationery  |         |
| (d)                                      | Photo Studio (Incl Xerox)   |         |
| (e)                                      | Shoe Shop/ Ecpst Repair Shop  |         |
| (f)                                      | Eatable & Sweet Shop  |         |
| (g)                                      | Frozen food to incl Frozen Veg/Non veg items incl milk and milk products. |         |
| (h)                                      | Mob/ DTH (repair & recharge)  |         |
| (i)                                      | Crockery and utensil shop   |         |
| (k)                                      | Dry Fruit Shop  |         |
| (l)                                      | Steel Box Shop (incl repairing)   |         |
| <b>MAP Ph-II (Married Accommodation)</b> |   |         |
| (a)                                      | Grocery & Veg Shop  |         |

2. **Allotment of Shops.** The shops will be allotted by a BOO convened by the Commandant LADAKH SCOUTS Regt Centre. The following will be considered while allotting the shops :-

- Highest bidder in auction process
- Rebate Offered
- Priority for allotment

3. **Priority/ reservation for allotment.** Shops will be allotted in the following order of priority :-

| Ser No  | Category  | Priority |
|---|---|----------|
| <b>Category-I (Defence Personnel)</b>         |   |          |
| (a)   | War widows/ Widows of Defence personnel on duty | I        |
| (b)   | Disable Soldier                                 | II       |
| (c)   | Ex Servicemen                                   | III      |
| (d)   | Spouse/ Widow of ExSM                           | IV       |
| <b>Category-II Govt Agency &amp; Civilian</b> |   |          |
| (e)   | Govt Agencies                                   | V        |
| (f)   | Civilian  | VI       |

**Note :-** In case of unfilled vacancy Cat-I, the unfilled/ balance shops shall be considered to be given to Cat-II bidders mentioned above.

4. The following documents is reqd to be submit alongwith application form (copy attached) :-

- Discharge Book
- PPO
- Retired Veteran Identity Card
- Experience Cert (If any)
- Diploma Cert (In case of Mob repair shop)
- Documents for Civilian :-
  - PAN Card
  - AADHAR card
  - Residential Cert
  - TAN Registration Cert
  - Police Verification cert

5. The last date to submission of application is 25 Mar 2024.

**ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, LEH – 910351**  
**E-Mail – apseh@awesindia.edu.in**  
**PHONE NO – 9906988672 & 9797134026**

**RECRUITMENT OF TEACHERS AND ADM STAFF (ON ADHOC BASIS) FOR ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL PHYANG, LEH (CBSE AFFILIATION)**

1. Applications are invited for the interview for the following vacancies at APS, Leh to be held APS, Leh:-

| S No | Post          | No of Vacancies               | Qualification  |
|------|---------------|-------------------------------|--|
| (a)  | TGT           | Maths - 01                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate in particular subject with B.Ed.</li> <li>Minimum 03 to 05 years teaching experience required.</li> <li>B.Tech will be given preference for Computer Teacher.</li> </ul> |
| (b)  | PRT           | Art & Craft - 01<br>Math - 01 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate in particular subject with B.Ed/ B.Ed and experience teachers will be given preference.</li> <li>B.Tech will be given preference for Computer Teacher.</li> </ul>        |
| (c)  | Music Teacher | 01                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate in music.</li> <li>B.Ed General with one year diploma</li> <li>Good knowledge of musical instruments.</li> </ul>   |

2. **Age** – Maximum 30 years of age for fresh candidates and exp candidates below 57 years including (ESM).

3. **Pay & Allowances** : As per AWES (Army Welfare Education Society) guidelines and Fund State of the school.

4. **Selection Process** : Through Panel Interview.

5. **Widows of battle casualties and wife of disabled army person with CSB/ B.Ed will be given preference by the Panel/ Interview for job.**

6. Applicants are requested to forward their resume alongwith Bio-Data, Photograph on email apseh@awesindia.edu.in and submit their resume in hard copy at Army Public School Phyang, Leh or HDRC, LADAKH SCOUTS Regt Centre. Ph No – 9906988672 & 9797134026 latest by 20 Feb 2024.

7. Interview will be held on 24 Feb 2024 at APS, Leh. The School reserves the right of decrease/ increase of any post without any further intimation.

(Non TA/DA admissible)

(AK Sharma)  
Lt Col  
Offg Staff Officer  
APS, Leh

**NOTICE**

I, Chamba Dolkar D/o Chhering Tamphel R/o Stakmo, Leh UT Ladakh do notify that my father's name has been wrongly recorded as Tsering Tamphel instead of the correct and actual name Chhering Tamphel in my ST Certificate bearing No. 2520-22/ST-Leh/97 Dated 29-12-1992 duly issued by Tehsil Office, Leh UT Ladakh. Now, I'm applying for changes in my ST Certificate and objection, if any may be conveyed to the Tehsil Office, Leh UT Ladakh within 07 days from publication date.

**NOTICE**

I, Tsewang Namgyal S/o Tsering Mutup R/o Taru, Leh UT Ladakh do notify that my name has been wrongly recorded as Tsewang Namgail instead of the correct and actual name as per my Resident Certificate Tsewang Namgyal and also my father's name has been recorded as Tsering Mutup instead of the correct and actual name Tsering Mutup in my ST Certificate bearing No. 41213/ST-Leh/06 Dated 07-06-2006 duly issued by Tehsil Office, Leh UT Ladakh. Now, I'm applying for changes in my ST Certificate and objection, if any may be conveyed to the Tehsil Office, Leh UT Ladakh within 07 days from publication date.

**NOTICE**

I, Stanzin Gurmet S/o Late Tsering Spalgyes R/o Housing colony, Leh UT Ladakh Prop of Julley Leh is applying for registration with the Assistant Director Tourism Office, Leh. Any objection in this regard may file their report in writing within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

## LAHDC Kargil distributes free tablets under YounTab scheme



During the Free tablets distribution under YounTab Scheme of Department of Education UT Ladakh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**KARGIL:** Free tablets with pre-loaded educational content were distributed to the students under YounTab Scheme of Department of Education UT Ladakh on February 22.

Executive Councilors Kachho Mohd Feroz expressed gratitude to the UT Education Department Ladakh for launching the scheme for Kargil students. He emphasised the importance of students maximizing their use of tabs to improve education and enhance their skills.

He also commended the efforts of LAHDC Kargil for launching the winter remedial coaching classes for students. Furthermore, he assured that the success of this year's board exams would determine the replication of this model in the following year.

EC stated that LAHDC is dedicated to enhancing the quality of education in Kargil and pledged full support to the education sector.

EC Zakir Hussain, LAHDC Kargil congratulated students for getting new

tabs. He also reiterated the role of teachers in education system and requested them to be proactive enhancing the education system.

He also requested students to make optimum use of tablets.

A total of 760 tabs will be distributed among the students of various schools of the district. The YounTab scheme is an initiative of the Department of School Education with technical support by the Information Technology Department.

### NOTICE

Tsering Chorol D/o Dorje Gyaltsen R/o Wanla Fangila, Leh UT Ladakh declare that my daughter Date of Birth has been wrongly entered as 13/6/1981 instead of actual and correct Date of Birth 22/10/1980 in her Aadhaar Card bearing no. 313910495001 and I am applying for the correction in my daughter's Aadhaar Card.

### NOTICE

Whereas Tamchos Thinlass S/o Tsering Panchok R/o Bodhkharu, Kargil UT Ladakh do hereby notify that his name has been wrongly entered as Tamchos Thanlas instead of Tamchos Thinlass and his D.OB wrongly entered as 01.03.1986 instead of 01.03.1988 as well as his father's name also wrongly entered as Tsewang Panchok instead of Tsering Panchok in his driving licence bearing number JK-1020060014885. Now, he is applying for the correction of Name, D.O.B and Fathers name in his Driving licence. Objection, if any may be conveyed to Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO)Leh UT Ladakh within 07 days from the date of publication.

### NOTICE

Whereas, Stanzin Namgyal S/o Tsewang Norboo R/o Tangtse, Leh UT Ladakh has claimed that his name has been wrongly entered as Stanzin Namgail instead of actual and correct name which is Stanzin Namgyal in his ST Certificate with file number 362-66/STC-N77/2013 duly issued by Naib Tehsildar Tangtse, with certificate no. IN-LA06303058168889W to this office for making necessary corrections. Hence the notice is hereby served through the press to file an objection if any in this office, Naib Tehsildar Tangtse Leh, Ladakh within 7 days from the date of publication.

### NOTICE

Whereas, Stanzin Rabgais S/o Tsering Norphel R/o Tangtse, Leh has claimed that his Date of Birth has been wrongly entered as 06-04-1999 instead of 06-04-2000 in the Driving License bearing No. JK10 20190000634 and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary, UT Ladakh with Certificate No. IN-LA06308151160558W to this office for making necessary corrections. Hence the notice is hereby served through the press to file an 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 Phunchok Wangyal S/o Kunchok Angdu R/o Chuchot Shama, Leh UT Ladakh to transfer vehicle No. LA 02 2561 owned by Tsewang Chothar S/o Smanla Tsering R/o Domkhar - 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 the Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) within a period of 10 days from the date of publication of this notice.

No: ARTO/Leh/2775-76  
Date: 23/02/2024  
Asstt. Regional Transport Officer  
Leh Ladakh

### NOTICE

Whereas Stanzin Thowang F/o Stanzin Etok R/o Aichi, Leh UT Ladakh has lost the Birth Certificate of his daughter which is issued by Registrar Birth & Death, Municipal Committee Leh with Registration No. 4213 and Date of Birth 08/07/2018 and 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 an objection if any in this office of Registrar Birth & Death, Municipal Committee Leh within 7 days from the date of publication failing which a new Birth Certificate will be issued accordingly.

Registrar Birth & Death,  
Municipal Committee Leh

### NOTICE

I, Kunzes Dolma W/o Namgial Dorje R/o Saboo, Leh UT Ladakh do notify that my husband's name has been wrongly recorded as Namgail Dorjay instead of the correct and actual name as per my Adhaar card Namgial Dorje in my Resident Certificate No. T-Leh /4253(R) 2021 Dated 29-11-2021 duly issued by Tehsil Office, Leh UT Ladakh. Now, I'm applying for changes in my Resident Certificate and objection, if any may be conveyed to the Tehsil Office, Leh UT Ladakh within 07 days from publication date.

### NOTICE

An application has been received from one Tsewang Dorje S/o Late Tsering Tashi R/o Shey UT Ladakh to transfer the vehicle No. JK 10 A1239 owned by Jigmet Angchok S/o Tashi Gyaltsen R/o Koyul Chantghang 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/Leh/2757-58  
Date: 14-02-24  
Asstt. Regional Transport Officer  
Leh Ladakh

## Temporary bridge over Shayok River inaugurated



Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchok, and Commander Brigadier Hemanshu Hatkar from the 102 Infantry Brigade jointly inaugurate a temporary bridge over the Shayok River on 26 February.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchok, and Commander Brigadier Hemanshu Hatkar from the 102 Infantry Brigade jointly inaugurated a temporary bridge over the Shayok River on February 26th.

This collaborative effort between LAHDC Leh, Samstan Otsal Tsongkhapa Sumoor, and the 102

Infantry Brigade Partapur has successfully resulted in the construction of the bridge.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by Sub-Divisional Magistrate Nubra, Tufail Iqbal, as well as Councillors Rigzin Lhundup and Kunzang Lotus from Tiger and Hunder constituencies, respectively, along with other civil and army officials.

## Agriculture Department organizes workshop on onion maggot management



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** The Agriculture Department Leh organised a one-day workshop cum seminar on the management of onion maggot at Sub Division Khaltse, held at the horticulture hall Khaltse on February 27.

Councillor Khaltse, Lobzang Sherab graced the event as the chief guest, while Councillor Lamayuru, Dr. Murup Dorjay honored the occasion as the guest of honor.

The Councillors talked about various farming practices in the Sham region and emphasized the importance of managing onion maggot. They appreciated the Agriculture Department for organising the event and encouraged farmers to advantage of it. They also assured full support from LAHDC Leh in managing onion maggot effectively.

The workshop included a briefing by District Agriculture Officer, Leh, Tashi Dolma, who provided insights into onion maggot management. A presentation by Research Assistant, Agriculture Department Leh, Manzoor Ahmad, detailed onion maggot management techniques, including the identification of Red, Green, and Yellow zones.

Sub Division Agriculture Officer Leh, Sha-keel-ul-Rehman, and Scientist from HAMAARI SKUAST Leh, Dr. Dechen Angmo, also shared their expertise on managing onion maggot.

Officials from Agriculture Department Khaltse, Nambarbars, Women Alliance Presidents, and farmers from various villages of Sub Division Khaltse actively participated in the workshop.

## Social Welfare Department organizes workshop on Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

**LEH:** Department of Social and Tribal Welfare organised a one-day workshop for Anganwadi and ASHA Workers on 'Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan' in Leh district, on February 26.

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, has officially launched the 'Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan' initiative to address the growing concern of substance abuse in the country.

The workshop aimed to equip these frontline workers with the necessary knowledge and tools to combat substance abuse in their communities.

Clinical psychologist from tele-MANAS Leh, Dr. Sajad Hussain delivered a comprehensive session shedding light on substance use disorders and their profound impact on both physical and mental

health. The interactive session emphasized the crucial role ASHA and Anganwadi workers play in society and how they can actively contribute to raising awareness within the community.

Counselor from tele-MANAS Mohsina Aslam provided a valuable insights into the types of drugs, the root causes of substance use, and practical methods for identifying individuals struggling with drug addiction. She underscored the significance of adopting a friendly and supportive approach when dealing with those affected by drug addiction.

The primary objective of the workshop was to sensitize ASHA and Anganwadi workers to the 'Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan' and empower them to become agents of change by disseminating awareness about substance abuse within their respective communities.

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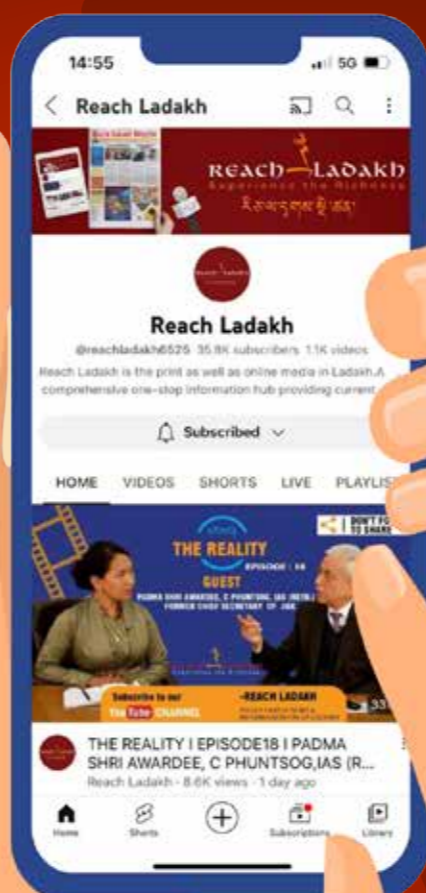
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