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Ladakh protests lack of progress in talks with MHA

Yangchen Dolma & Tsering Dolkar

The talks between the Government of India's Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the sub-committee of the Apex Body, Leh and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA), held on 4th March in New Delhi, concluded without a resolution regarding Ladakh's inclusion under the Sixth Schedule status and statehood. Disappointed by this lack of progress, Sonam Wangchuk announced a 21-day hunger strike and called for a peaceful protest rally in Leh on 6 March. Religious organisations in Leh extended support to the protest and fast, calling for a complete shutdown of Ladakh the same day and urging people to participate in the protest rally at NDS Stadium in Leh, as announced in a press conference on 5th March.



Sonam Wangchuk delivering his speech to the gathering during the protest rally held at NDS Stadium on March 6.

Co-chairman of Apex Body, Leh, Tsering Dorjey Lakrook expressed disappointment with the lack of positive response from the MHA regarding the demand for statehood and inclusion under Sixth Schedule. He said, "The discussions on inclusion of Ladakh under the sixth schedule, giving statehood to Ladakh, and resource allocation have not been given the importance and seriousness it deserves. Additionally, during the meetings with MHA, we had extensive discussions on the Public Service Commission, and this was granted. However, there was a discrepancy in the allocation of resources akin to us requesting horses but being provided donkeys instead. We returned the donkey and expressed our dissatisfaction with it. Inclusion under Six Schedules is necessary for tribal areas like ours. If we don't get the Sixth Schedule inclusion, and the right

decision-making, then Ladakh will not be preserved. We won't give up until the end."

Lead campaigner of the agitation, Sonam Wangchuk emphasised the readiness of Ladakhis to make sacrifices for the preservation of their land. He said, "If we don't do it for Ladakh, then who will? That's why we all need to come together. Through a hunger strike, we will send our message to the entire world and the government. Starting from 6th March, I will be embarking on a fast until death inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's longest fast during India's independence movement. I aim to peacefully bring attention to our community's pain and struggles, urging our government and policymakers to take timely action. If we can save Ladakh even by sacrificing our lives, then we are ready to do so. We only want the promises that were made to us to protect our land and Ladakh, and we don't need any other constitutional safeguard that they are offering. We will dedicate ourselves fully to

saving Ladakh."

While responding to questions by the media, Sonam Wangchuk said, "I believe that the rights of the people of Ladakh and the promises made to Ladakh, including inclusion in the Sixth Schedule as discussed at various government meetings and manifestos in 2019 and 2020 need to be fulfilled. Otherwise, they are not honest leaders, and it will be compared to the dishonesty of promising one thing and delivering another. We want to remind the leaders in Government of India and in Ladakh that there is still time to stand by their promise and demonstrate honesty before the people of the country. Otherwise, with elections approaching, citizens across the country will lose trust in their promises."

Youth President of Ladakh Buddhist Association, Rigzin Dorjey pointed to issues faced by government employees in Ladakh. He mentioned that several employees have approached him regard-

Lieutenant Governor inaugurates Skill Centers and New Lab Blocks at EJM College

Nenzes Chodon

The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), inaugurated four Skill Sector Centers and Laboratories on Mushroom Culture, High-Altitude Trekking Guide, Graphic Designer, and Jam & Jelly Production Technician at the Eliezer Joldan Memorial College, Leh, in the presence of Advocate Tashi Gyalson, CEC LAHDC Leh on 12 March.



Lieutenant Governor, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd.), inaugurating Skill Sector Centres at Eliezer Joldan Memorial College.

LG also inaugurated the portal of the Higher Education Department of UT Ladakh. He felicitated the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and National Service Scheme (NSS) cadets of EJM College. The annual magazine of EJM College, 'Senge Khababs,' was also released on the same day.

LG visited all four skill workshop-cum-laboratories developed by the Ladakh Skill Development Mission at a cost of Rs 33.88 lakhs and also interacted with the students during the exhibition.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted the crucial role of youths in taking forward a nation. He mentioned that youths are among the important components for developing a nation. Therefore providing good education and ensuring good health for the youths must be a priority. He also stated that every citizen is responsible for developing a country and should not rely solely on the government.

He further mentioned that Ladakhis acquire an abundance of talents that need channelization and opportunities. He added that the youths are talented, energetic, keen, industrious, and hard-

working.

He stated that, according to the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, the country has four categories, namely the poor, farmers, women, and youth. The initiatives made by the Prime Minister include opportunities and development schemes for the poor, endeavors to advance progress for the backward sections, efforts to empower women financially, and for the youth, a vision of promoting start-up and entrepreneurship. The aim of such initiatives is to elevate the country's economy from its current position to the 3rd rank and to see India among the developed countries by 2047.

Commissioner/Secretary, Higher Education, Padma Angmo, on the launch of the portal said, "The portal is to provide various services to the students. The idea of this platform is to provide a single platform for students

studying in Ladakh regarding higher education, be it college admission, courses, scholarships, and the important part of the portal is that students can lodge their grievances. Despite studying in different colleges, students can lodge their complaints and issues on one single platform. The grievances will be dealt with and redressed by the Nodal Officer of the college and will be supervised by the higher education department as well."

She further mentioned that issues or queries related to the national scholarship through the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Minor Affairs for the students of EJM College, GDC Kargil as well as Drass can also be put forward via this portal. "Queries and information related to CUET, Civil Service Exams, and grievances will also be redressed on the same portal. Students will get the response through SMS; it will be tightly monitored by

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Ladakh launches color-coded collars for neutered and vaccinated dogs



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The Administrative Secretary of the Animal Husbandry Department, UT Ladakh, Ravinder Kumar, inaugurated color-coded collars for neutered and vaccinated dogs at the District Animal Veterinary Hospital, Skara, on March 5.

The initiative is part of the Mission Mode Animal Birth Control Program and aims to tackle the issue of stray/community dog populations effectively while ensuring their health and safety. The introduction of reflective collars not only serves to identify neutered and vaccinated dogs but also enhances their vis-

ibility during the night, thereby reducing the risk of accidents and ensuring dogs' protection round the clock.

During the launch, Secretary Ravinder Kumar emphasized the importance of humanitarian methods in managing the population of dogs. He said that this initiative not only addresses the issue of stray/community dog populations but also ensures their well-being. He stressed the collective responsibility to create a safe environment for both humans and animals.

The initiative underscored

the commitment of the UT Administration to promote responsible pet ownership and ensuring the well-being of stray/community dogs.

The colored-coded collars will enable authorities to monitor and track registered dogs effectively, facilitating better management of the population in the Leh district. Furthermore, the reflective feature of the collars enhances safety measures, particularly during low-light conditions, safeguarding both the animals and the community.

The launch event witnessed the participation of the Director of Animal Husbandry, UT Ladakh; the Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Leh; the Officer on Special Duty to the Secretary; the Executive Officer of Municipal Committee, Leh; and veterinary professionals showcasing effort towards creating a more compassionate and sustainable environment for animals in UT Ladakh.

Lieutenant Governor virtually joins International Women's Day celebration; launches Ladakh Citizens Help hub

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr.) BD Mishra (Retd), virtually participated in the International Women's Day celebration, organized by the Department of Social and Tribal Welfare, UT Ladakh, in collaboration with the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) and Women's Wings of Ladakh Buddhist Association, Anjuman-e-Imamia, and Anjuman Mo-in-ul-Islam, at the Leh Main Market.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor extended his wishes to all including women achievers, emphasizing the significance of International Women's Day for society and women's empowerment. He shared that during his school days before India's independence, there were hardly a few girls in the school and absence of separate toilet facilities for the girls. He highlighted the ongoing significance of the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' slogan and stressed the need for equal education and status for women to prevent societal stagnation.

He mentioned the introduction of the women's reserva-

tion bill which proposes 33 per cent reservation for women in Lok Sabha and states assemblies and union territories. He also mentioned that centuries ago, women were respected, but later, social issues like the dowry system and child marriage emerged. He added that society gradually eliminated these problems as people realized the need to eradicate them.

Addressing concerns about women's safety, the Lieutenant Governor emphasized the administration's responsibility to ensure adequate facilities and mechanisms to prevent incidents like those in Sandeshkhali, West Bengal. He stressed the collective responsibility of society in preventing crimes against women. He highlighted initiatives such as health screenings and exhibitions of products by female artisans during the International Women's Day celebrations.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted the sacrifices made by mothers for their children and the way to pay back to them for their sacrifices by empowering and

taking our daughters and granddaughters forward. He stated that our society will develop only when the women section is empowered.

The LG launched Ladakh Citizens Help Hub, a portal to register queries and grievances regarding the 20+ welfare schemes of the Social Welfare Department related to pensions, scholarships, child care institutions, Anganwadi centres, etc. A film on the portal was also screened on the occasion.

Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson congratulated everyone on International Women's Day. He highlighted women's role in the grassroots democratic set-ups with good representations in PRIs and Local Bodies in Ladakh. He added that the current government under the able leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, the historic wom-

en's reservation bill was passed in the parliament exhibiting the union government's commitment towards the social and economic empowerment of women.

Advocate Tashi Gyalson further added that he would introduce a similar resolution on the reservation of seats for women in the upcoming General Council meet of the LAHDC Leh, emphasizing the importance of adequate political space for women in the Hill Council.

Earlier, Commissioner/Secretary, Department of Social and Tribal Welfare, Padma Angmo, welcomed the guests and highlighted various initiatives taken by the department to strengthen and empower women in Ladakh.

Five outstanding women outliers from Ladakh along with ICDS Project Kargil for 100% target achievement under Pradhan Mantri Matru

Vandana Yojana (PM-MVY) were felicitated on the occasion. There was also a panel discussion on 'Representation of Women in Politics in Ladakh with a focus on Women Reservation Bill 2023.'

There were performances by the Ladakh Police band, female artists of Ladakh and Anganwadi workers. Women achievers also shared their journey with the audience.

ADGP Ladakh, Dr SD Singh Jamwal, IPS; Commissioner/Secretary, Padma Angmo, IIS; Commissioner/Secretary, Kacho Mehboob Ali Khan, IRS; Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve, IAS; Director, Social Welfare Department, Tashi Dolma, JKAS; HODs, government officials, women achievers and head of women's wing of different religious organizations were present during the celebrations.

Ladakh protests lack of progress in talks with MHA

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ing hindrances in their promotions since Ladakh became a Union Territory. He highlighted that they are facing scrutiny regarding land ownership in Leh during vigilance clearance, unlike in other states where clearance focuses on character and criminal records only. Finally, he reminded Prime Minister Narendra Modi of the historical contributions by Ladakhis for India's defence and expressed his commitment to protecting Ladakh's interests.

Similarly, Vice President of Anjuman Imamia, Sheikh Nazir Ahmad Sharifi expressed disappointment regarding the meeting outcome. He said, "We had high hopes from this meeting and were hopeful for a positive response. But they didn't provide any positive response. We will continue to fight for our rights and not let our struggles go to waste. Ladakh remaining a Union Territory will be a betrayal of the trust of the people of the region. We won't stay silent. If the whole of Ladakh unites and supports Apex Body, Leh and KDA, then sooner or later they will have to fulfil our demands."

President of the Ladakh's Christian community, Sonam Parvez expressed frustration at being kept in the dark until now. He said, "We, the people of Ladakh, won't stay silent anymore. First, they included Sixth Schedule in their manifesto, and now they're saying they can't give it. How is this even possible? We will fight to protect Ladakh for future generations. Otherwise, in a few years, our rights won't exist in our land."

Vice President of Gompa Association, Gen Dorjey Stanzin said, "We had so much hope but they didn't give us our rights. They are playing with the sentiments of the people of Ladakh. If we continue to stand strong, they will have to give in. Now, we will demand our rights with unity and support our leaders like Apex and KDA. The youth and young generations will represent Ladakh and they need to raise their voice."

President of Women's Wing of Anjuman Mo-in-ul-Islam, Ayesha Malo also expressed disappointment. She said, "We had hoped for some positive news, but the people of Ladakh feel disheartened. The

people of Ladakh feel saddened by this lack of progress. Safeguards are crucial because without them, our future generation will face many challenges. We are already witnessing these problems gradually. Unity is the key to achieving our demands. Regardless of gender or religion, we stand united and must continue to do so in the future. By setting aside religious and regional differences and embracing our identity as Ladakhis, we have collectively engaged with the MHA to address Ladakh's issues. It's imperative for us to maintain this unity and raise our concerns together."

She further said that women, despite various difficulties, have attended the rally on 3rd February, including mothers who carried their child on their back. She added, "We feel really proud that whether it is women or men, we have equal concern and I urge women to participate equally in such protests in the future."

President of Student Union, Leh, Padma Stanzin pointed out the lack of gazetted posts for youth even after four years of being a UT. However, he expressed optimism about progress and noted that their concerns were strongly presented in Delhi by Apex Body, Leh and KDA. He credited their unity and support for the provision of Ladakh Public Service Commission, which is expected to be established over the next four-five months. He praised the continuous efforts of the KDA and Apex Body, Leh in talks with the MHA, which has now led to the establishment of the Ladakh Subordinate Service Staff Selection Board for Group C UT/Divisional Cadre and Group B Non-Gazetted posts.

He asked the public to think carefully because he doesn't see these demands being met easily. Stanzin expressed gratitude for leaders like Tsering Lakrook and Thupstan Chhewang and expressed hopes that they will not rest until the demands have been fulfilled. He requested the public to extend support. "The demands we previously made, whether for UT or Hill Council, were led by Ka Thupstan Tsewang. Today, we are fortunate to have leaders like him and Ka Tsering Lakrook. We have high hopes that they will eventually fulfil our demands," he added.

GDC, Drass, celebrates International Women's Day

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: The Department of Sociology at GDC Drass celebrated International Women's Day to honor the achievements and contributions of women worldwide.

Najma Begum, BDC Chairperson Drass, was the chief guest. In commemoration of this important day, Assistant Professor Samina Rehman, Head of the Department of Sociology, expressed her enthusiasm for the event, stating that International Women's Day is an opportunity to reflect on the progress that has been made in advancing gender equality while recognizing the work that still lies ahead.

The department hosted a series of talks aimed at promoting gender equality, empowering women, and fostering meaningful dialogue on issues related to women's inclusivity in every aspect of society and how to inspire them.



BDC Chairperson Drass spoke on the importance of education, which is a way forward for career advancement. She encouraged students through her personal journey and inspired them to fulfill their dreams.

Earlier, the program commenced with the welcome address by Principal GDC Drass, Dr. Amjad Ali Abassi. He emphasized the importance of women's

education and encouraged female students to pursue their career development. Highlighting an important aspect of colleges in UT Ladakh, he asserted that all the colleges have the majority of women students, which is a great achievement.

It was followed by the discourse on women's rights and opportunities by Farida Banoo, Librarian. She stressed that valuing oneself and

realizing one's full potential is crucial for women.

Kaniz Fatima, Assistant Professor in the Department of Education, emphasized that women need to summon the courage to overcome obstacles in life to achieve significant progress. She cited a few examples of women from the Drass region who, despite their challenges, have continued to persevere and thrive. She stressed that one should draw inspiration from the countless women who have shattered barriers and stood out.

The event also included a discussion on women in Drass and ways for their empowerment by two students of GDC Drass, Syed Mehmood Shah of the 6th semester and Noor Jahan of the 4th semester.

The program concluded with the vote of thanks by Assistant Professor Samina Rehman to all the participants for their presence and time.

District Election Office conducts one-day training for district-level master trainers

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The District Election Office, Leh organized a one-day training session for the district level master trainers on EVMs/ VVPATs, polling party and poll day management in preparation for the upcoming general election to Lok Sabha, 2024 at DC conference hall on March 5.

Dr. Stanzin Rabgais, the State Level Master Trainer (SLMT), said that the training aims to equip the DLMTs with their skills to train other polling officials and to conduct a free and fair election successfully.

He gave a detailed presentation on the roles and responsibilities of presiding officers,



1st polling officer, 2nd polling officer and 3rd polling officer on the polling station, poll day activities, mock poll, sealing of control units and VVPATs.

Besides, register of voters, voting procedure, voter verification, handling special situations during elections, poll closure and transportation were discussed.

Ladakh Legal Services Authority organizes first National Lok Adalat

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Ladakh Legal Services Authority, under the chairmanship of Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Chief Justice of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh, and Patron-in-chief of Ladakh Legal Services Authority, under the guidance of Justice Atul Sreedharan, Executive Chairman Ladakh Legal Services Authorities organized the first National Lok Adalat throughout the UT Ladakh on March 9.

The objective was to encourage maximum participation and achieve settlements in cases such as Bank Recovery Cases, Cheque Bounce cases under the NI Act (Negotiable Instruments Act) and other Civil Cases etc.

It was informed that a total of 724 cases were taken up by 12 benches during the day-long National Lok Adalat held at various courts across the UT Ladakh, out of which 461 cases were resolved. Additionally, an amount of Rs 2,312,696 was awarded as compensation or settlement in civil, criminal, BSNL bills, land acquisition matters, Traffic Challan, cheque dishonor, and bank recovery cases.

Member Secretary, Ladakh Legal Services Authority, Spalzes Angmo expressed her heartfelt gratitude to all the participants, including judicial officers, chairman, Secretaries of District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA) and Tehsil Legal Services Committees (TLSC), advocates, representatives of insurance companies and banks, court staff, and litigants. She lauded their pragmatic approach in settling such a large number of cases.

Patiala Brigade organizes medical camp for women in Pun-Pun village



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: On the occasion of International Women's Day, Patiala Brigade, under the aegis of Trishul Division, conducted a medical camp for women of Pun-Pun village on March 8.

The event, which celebrated Nari Shakti, involved an interactive session on breast cancer awareness between women and serving

medical officers from Trishul Division.

In addition, walking sticks were distributed among the elderly ladies along with their preventive medical checks and other medical support. During the event, girls were also provided guidance on various schemes for joining the Indian Army and serving the motherland.

Centre launches Buddhist Development Plan for Himalayan Belt, including Ladakh



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: In a significant move to strengthen the minority Buddhist population in the Himalayan belt - Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, and the Union Territory of Ladakh, the Ministry of Minority Affairs, under the leadership of Smriti Zubin Irani, launched the Buddhist Development Plan. The virtual event, held at the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Choglamsar on March 10, included the virtual laying of the foundation stone for projects worth Rs 85 crore at the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS), Leh. Additionally, the event marked the commencement of projects including a Training cum Examination Centre (200 seats) at Polytechnic College, Kargil, and an Industrial Training Institute in Leh, estimated at a cost of Rs 14 crores and 50 lakhs.

In addition to these developments, Minister of Minority Affairs, Smriti Zubin Irani, announced the establishment of a new Buddhist Centre at Delhi University for the promotion and preservation of Buddhist literature, language, and skills, with an estimated cost of Rs. 30 Crores.

The virtual event was attended by various dignitaries including Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson, Commissioner Secretary Social and Tribal Welfare, Padma Angmo, Vice Chancellor CIBS Leh, Prof Rajesh Ranjan, Executive Councillor Minority Affairs, LAHDC Leh, Ghulam Mehdi, along with other concerned officials, staff, and students of CIBS Leh. Member of Parliament, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, attended the launch online from Delhi.

Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson, congratulated the people of Ladakh, emphasizing that the Buddhist Development Plan would further strengthen various aspects of the Buddhist religion and culture, including the arts of thanka painting, sculpting, and pres-

ervation of manuscripts. He expressed confidence in the leadership of Vice Chancellor, CIBS Leh, Prof. Rajesh Ranjan, and assured continued support to further strengthen CIBS.

MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, thanked the Ministry of Minority Affairs and highlighted various initiatives taken by the government for the development of the minority Buddhist community across the country. He expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister on behalf of the people of Ladakh, emphasizing the significance of the Buddhist Development Plan.

Commissioner Secretary, Social and Tribal Welfare, UT Ladakh, Padma Angmo, congratulated CIBS on the approval of the project by the Government of India and assured support in moving forward their proposals to the ministry. She highlighted the opportunity for strengthening monastic schools under the Buddhist Development Plan and requested the VC to submit a Detailed Project Report for the development of monastery schools across Ladakh.

Vice Chancellor, CIBS Leh, Prof. Rajesh Ranjan, expressed optimism about the impact of the projects on strengthening CIBS. He highlighted various schemes under the program aimed at promoting vocational skill training and preserving Buddhist culture. He assured full commitment to realizing the projects' potential and mentioned ongoing projects in the pipeline.

The Buddhist Development Policy initiative of the Ministry of Minority Affairs aims to address the multifaceted needs of the Buddhist population and promote their social and economic upliftment. The flagship schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJKV) and PM-Vikas will provide community infrastructure and cover the skilling component, while financial assistance programs/scholarships will be covered under the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC).

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Administrative Secretary, IT, chairs discussion on electronics manufacturing cluster

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Amit Sharma, Administrative Secretary, Information Technology Department, UT Ladakh, to deliberate upon the implementation strategy for the electronics manufacturing clusters (2.0) scheme, which is aimed at fostering innovation and economic growth in the Union Territory of Ladakh. The meeting took place in his office chamber's VC hall in the Civil Secretariat on March 4.

During the meeting, discussions were held on various crucial aspects of the success of the electronic manufacturing cluster 2.0 scheme, including the selection of the implementing agency and the identification of suitable land equipped with essential connectivity infrastructure.

Recognizing the importance of road connectivity for the smooth operation of manufacturing cluster, participants contributed insights to address chal-



lenges in establishing electronics manufacturing clusters in Ladakh.

Secretary Amit Sharma emphasized the need for a proficient and dedicated agency led by SIDCO as the project implementation agency to ensure seamless co-ordination and efficient execution.

He emphasized the significance of leveraging initiatives like the electronics manufacturing clusters scheme 2.0 to stimulate local entrepreneurship and generate employment opportunities for sustainable development in the region.

The meeting concluded with a strategic roadmap for the scheme's imple-

mentation and a decision to hold the next meeting soon under the chairmanship of Advisor to LG to make important decisions. Participants expressed confidence regarding the collective resolve and concerted efforts to surmount challenges and realize the envisioned objectives.

The meeting was attended by Sonam Norbo, Senior Manager of SIDCO; Tashi Namgyal, Executive Engineer of SIDCO; Kumar Amit, IT Consultant; Skalzang Dawa, Project Manager of IT; Stanzin Angmo, Project Manager of IT; Sajad Hussain, Project Manager of IT, while Dr Safdar Ali, General Manager, Finance of SIDCO and Sanjeeta Hemraja, STPI attended virtually.

DC Leh Santosh Sukhadeve launches Ladakhi Transcript Books to promote food safety

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: To promote food safety and nutrition awareness, Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve, launched the FSSAI Ladakhi Transcript books at the Grand Dragon Hotel, Leh on March 12.

Assistant Commissioner Food Safety, Leh, Thamos Gurmeet was present during the launch.

During the launch, Padma Angmo, Food Safety Officer, Leh informed that the book is available in Hindi, English and in local and regional language. She also provided an overview on the launch of three types of books known as the orange book, yellow book and the right-hand book which in-

cludes all the necessary guidelines required. Also, it was informed how it is possible to check for milk and oil adulteration.

Food Safety Officer, Leh, Padma Angmo briefed the audience about the comprehensive nature of the books, available in Hindi, English, and the local language. Divided into three categories - the orange book, yellow book, and the right-hand book - these resources contain essential guidelines for ensuring food safety and combatting issues such as milk and oil adulteration.

In his address, DC Leh emphasized the critical role of nutrition in fostering a healthy society. He shed light on the alarming

rise in cancer cases and preterm births, underlining the urgency to address these challenges through proactive measures. Furthermore, he emphasized the significance of cultivating a physically fit youth demographic, emphasizing that a healthy populace is indispensable for societal progress.

DC Leh also stressed the importance of embracing fortified foods, promoting the Eat Right campaign, and advocating for organic produce. He emphasized the need for individuals to make informed and healthy dietary choices, thereby contributing to their overall well-being. The event was attended by officers and officials of various departments.

DC chairs meeting to discuss enrollment, pendency and skilling under PM Vishwakarma Scheme



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 ini-

tiatives and enhancing collaborative endeavours to combat the menace of drug abuse.

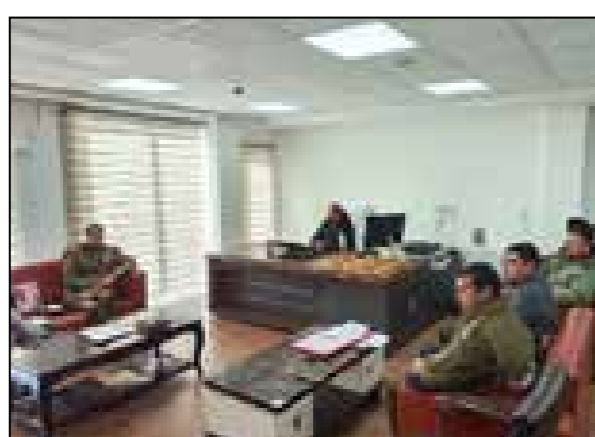
SSP Leh, Shruti Arora, provided an overview of apprehended cases under NCORD in Leh District. Additionally, DC Leh reviewed the progress of drug de-addiction and rehabilitation centres in the district.

District Social Welfare Department, Leh, submitted 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.

Chief Electoral Officer chairs inter-state border meeting



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The Chief Electoral Officer of Ladakh, Yetindra Maralkar, jointly chaired a meeting with Chief Electoral Officer J&K, P K Pole IAS, on inter-state border management of enforcement agencies for the UT of Ladakh, UT of Jammu and Kashmir, and Himachal

Pradesh, on March 5.

The meeting, discussed the preparedness of enforcement agencies in the border states concerning the seizures of liquor, drugs/narcotics, precious metals, and freebies/other items expected during the general elections to Lok

Sabha 2024. The CEO, Ladakh, urged the enforcement agencies of UT Ladakh to be vigilant in seizing items and to ensure smooth coordination with their counterparts in the neighboring UT of Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh.

The establishment of checkpoints with CCTV facilities by various enforcement agencies along the border with Himachal Pradesh and UT of Jammu and Kashmir was also discussed. Instructions were issued to ensure the timely establishment of these checkpoints.

The meeting was attended by the District Election Officers of Leh and Kargil, SSP Leh and Kargil, SP Traffic Ladakh, a representative from ADGP Ladakh, and the Excise and Taxation Department, Ladakh.

Director Business Consulting Ernest & Young meets L-G

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Col (Retd) Ashwani Kumar Joshi, Director of Business Consulting at Ernest & Young, met with the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, BD Mishra, in New Delhi on March 5. Col Joshi briefed Lieutenant Governor about Ernest & Young (EY) being a global leader in consultancy services for around 100 years, operating in 150 countries with more than three lakh personnel providing various specialized services.

He also informed the Lieutenant Governor about EY's involvement in various sectors including tourism, agriculture, forestry and climate change, skills



development with a team of over 500 sector professionals providing various strategy, management and technology consulting services. He also informed that EY works with different central ministries, states and Union Territories (UTs).

Col Joshi also shared a proposal for developing an ecosystem for sustainable tourism in Ladakh, addressing issues such as water scarcity and the dumping of single-use plastics due to the influx of tourists. He also informed the Lieutenant Governor of the preliminary landscape as-

essment and the Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework meant for waste management practices and measuring outcomes based on improved solid waste management (SWM) practices.

Col Joshi offered services such as research and management, project development and implementation, support in current GoI programmes, developing monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, support in fund management, policy advocacy and networking and capacity building and awareness.

He proposed to support departments of the local government, including LAHDCs, Urban Lo-

cal Bodies, Culture and Tourism departments to contribute towards sustainable advancement of Ladakhi identity to foster a brighter future for its population. He also proposed the following thematic domains for synergistic cooperation with UT Ladakh, such as municipal services with an acute focus on waste management and sustainable tourist experience with focus on culture and heritage.

The Lieutenant Governor appreciated EY for their work and stated that he would consult with the concerned departmental secretaries and officials regarding the proposal submitted by the organization.

Leh DIPR conducts one-day cultural workshop

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The one-day cultural workshop of DIPR Leh - Shesrig Lasda held on February 29 saw participants learn the art of Ladakhi dances and enhance their language skills under the guidance of experts from the field, Tsewang Norboo, a folk song and dance expert and Chetan Angchuk, a theatre artist.

EC Culture, Stanzin Chophel graced the event as the chief guest and Commissioner Secretary Padma Angmo was present as the guest of honour.

District Election Office conducts one-day training for district-level master trainers



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The District Election Office, Leh organized a one-day training session for the district level master trainers on EVMs/VVPATs, polling party and poll day management in preparation for the upcoming general election to Lok Sabha, 2024 at DC conference hall on March

5. Dr. Stanzin Rabgais, the State Level Master Trainer (SLMT), said that the training aims to equip the DLMTs with their skills to train other polling officials and to conduct a free and fair election successfully.

of one's culture and traditions, noting the increasing awareness in Ladakh. She outlined the department's vision to encourage and preserve Ladakh's unique cultural heritage across various platforms.

Ladakhi delicacies prepared by women SHGs from Thiksey were served during the event.

AD Information Leh, Dr. Tundup Namgail; Dy Secretary Culture Academy Leh, Tsewang Paljor, media professionals from Leh and DIPR Leh officials participated in the day-long workshop.

Commissioner Secretary Padma Angmo emphasised the universal recognition of the importance

He gave a detailed presentation on the roles and responsibilities of presiding officers, 1st polling officer, 2nd polling officer and 3rd polling officer on the polling station, poll day activities, mock poll, sealing of control units and VVPATs.

Besides, register of voters, voting procedure, voter verification, handling special situations during elections, poll closure and transportation were discussed.

The training session was attended by a total of 16 DLMTs from tehsils including Diskit, Sumoor, Nyoma, Durbuk, Kharu, Leh, Saspul, Khaltsi and officials from election office.

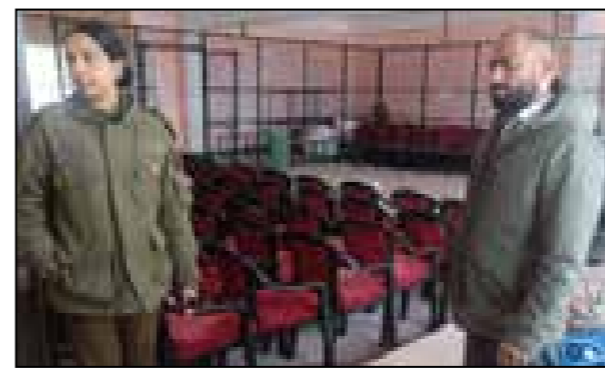
Leh DC and SSP inspect election facilities ahead of Lok Sabha elections

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Deputy Commissioner/District Election Officer, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve and Senior Superintendent of Police, Leh, Shruti Arora inspected the strong room and counting center at Sindhu Sanskriti Kendra on February 29.

The inspection aimed to evaluate the preparedness for the upcoming Lok Sabha election 2024 in the district.

DC Leh conducted a thorough inspection of the strong room and count-



ing center, crucial for the integrity of the electoral process. He meticulously reviewed every aspect of the counting center and strong room's security infrastructure and other facilities in place.

Concerned Police Officials, NT Election, and other officials were also present during the inspection.

DIET, Leh, concludes 10-day FLN workshop on contextualized numeracy



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The valedictory session of the 3rd batch of the FLN program, held at DIET Leh, as part of the NIPUN Bharat Mission concluded on February 28.

During the 10-day workshop, experts from Lucknow contextualized Vidya Pravesh, and a numeracy expert from

Meghalaya provided insights into contextualized numeracy, following the guidelines of the NIPUN Bharat mission.

Experts shared methodologies for numeracy education with the teachers. Deputy Chairman LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk, was the chief guest.

Chetan Dorje, Principal, DIET Leh, welcomed the Deputy Chairman and assured that the workshop would benefit the FLN teachers from various zones of Leh district. He emphasized the significance of such workshops. Around 90 FLN teachers were attended the session.

Principal Chetan Dorje said that contextualized numeracy is a crucial component of the National Curriculum Framework at the Foundational Stage.

At the end, Deputy chairman, LAHDC Leh Tsering Angchuk stressed that Vidya Pravesh pedagogical strategies and assessments should be strictly implemented in schools at the initial stage of grade one for three months, involving parents in the school curriculum under the NIPUN Bharat mission.

Lieutenant Governor inaugurates Skill Centers and New Lab Blocks at EJM College

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the supervisors," she added. She said that it is a service at the doorstep for students being in the IT generation.

Secretary Padma Angmo also highlighted a unique initiative made by the Higher Education Department in collaboration with the Ladakh Skill Development Mission, introducing skill education in colleges as part of the curriculum. If students take up any skill course in any of the semesters, they will earn credits as part of the university's credit system. These skills are certified by sector skill councils and will be recognized across the country.

She added that ten skill courses have been introduced along with labs. In four colleges, a total of 15 skill center labs have been constructed in GDC Drass, GDC Kargil, Sankoo campus, and EJM College, Leh. Skill center labs for traditional hand embroidery at Nubra College are also opening. Courses such as Graphic Designing, which have high market demand, as well as Food Processing, Jam and Jelly making in Leh, and pickle making in AGDC Drass, are offered. Additionally, students are introduced to skill courses in the field of high-altitude trekking guide with highly qualified instructors recognized by the sector skill council.

She also mentioned plans to introduce more courses, focusing on green energy and the IT sector.

Earlier, the Principal of EJM College, Dr. Sameena Iqbal, welcomed the guests and provided information about the various activities and courses offered for the students at the college.

Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ladakh, Prof SK Mehta; Commissioner/Secretary of Higher Education, Padma Angmo, IIS; Deputy Commissioner of Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve, IAS; as well as faculty, staff, and students of the University of Ladakh were also present during the event.

CEC Kargil holds press conference regarding issues of casual laborers



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr. Mohd. Jaffer Akhooon called a press conference to address concerns of casual laborers and various other issues in the Kargil district on March 2.

The CEC highlighted the developments, including a recent meeting chaired with the Lieutenant Governor on February 23 regarding casual laborers.

The CEC emphasized that recommendations, including education facilities, group insurance, phased annual increments and adherence to the Minimum Wages Act of 1948, are ready for submission to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Expressing unwavering solidarity with casual laborers, the CEC reiterated the Council's commitment to support them both now and in the future.

The CEC also recalled achievements such as the reduction of fares for Kargil House and electric buses by 30 percent. Further, the CEC commended

the Indian Air Force for its invaluable support in the operation of the AN 32 Courier Service.

Regarding recruitment procedures, the CEC assured transparency and fairness, emphasizing the LAHDC's commitment to equitable opportunities through various employment avenues, including outsourcing, contractual, and permanent positions.

In terms of emergency response capabilities, the CEC informed about the tendering of fire and emergency services on the GeM portal by the concerned department.

Later, addressing concerns about the reopening of the Zojilla axis, the CEC assured expedited efforts once weather conditions improve, ensuring timely access to essential commodities, especially during the holy month of Ramadan.

CEC Dr Jaffer reiterated the commitment to provide all possible assistance to casual laborers, ensuring the realization of their rights and welfare.

Fortnightly News

Voices of empowerment: Messages on Women's Day

Nenzes Chosdon & Stanzin Padma



Padma Angmo, Commissioner Secretary (Hr. Edu/Tech. Edu/SW/ Information): Women's day is a good occasion to celebrate the achievements of women. Women make valuable contributions throughout the year. On this day, we reflect on those who have made significant contributions to our society. This year, we are particularly focusing on celebrating unsung heroes —young women who have worked hard and excelled.



Rigzin Wangmo, proprietor Dolkhar Resort and Tsas: Happy International Women's Day! Men and women, I believe the importance of women should be equally recognized every day, not just on this day. If we look at the Global Tourism Industry, women contribute 54% to the workforce. I believe this number is higher in Ladakh, as most guesthouses and hotels are run by women. We simply need to step forward and take the lead.

The newly formed Union Territory (UT) gives us the opportunity to shape the future of Ladakh. Women should seize opportunities in every field to ensure an inclusive future for UT Ladakh. Remember, dream big. You can achieve anything you want. Stay true to yourself and don't try to fit into society's molds. Be yourself.



Kunzes Dolma, General Secretary, LBA Women Wing: Investing in women is the theme of the International Women's Day, to empower and encourage women. Women can be empowered and encouraged by participating in decision-making roles. I request all women to take part and seize the opportunities in making decisions in society. Do not stand back; move forward in solidarity for our own rights.



Hakima Banoo, IEC Consultant: Let's uplift and empower the women around us, fostering an environment where our voices are heard, dreams are supported, and our contributions are recognized. Happy International Women's Day to the remarkable Ladakhi women, shaping the narrative and leading the way.



Padma Yangchan, co-founder, Namza couture: On this Women's Day, let's embrace our individual strengths without the need for comparison. Each person brings unique qualities to society, and acknowledging this diversity strengthens us all. Moreover, let's pledge to uplift one another. In a world filled with challenges, the solidarity among women is paramount. Let's support and empower each other to overcome obstacles and thrive, rather than judging.

Remember, success is not an overnight journey. Every step forward contributes to our journey toward success. No matter how small, it's about embracing every challenge as an opportunity for growth and learning. So, let's march forward with resilience, determination, and the unwavering belief in our capabilities.



Jigmet Disket, co-founder, Namza couture: On this International Women's Day, let us stand together in unity, celebrating the strength, resilience and beauty of women around the world. Let us continue to break barriers, be strong in the face of challenges, and humble in the presence of success. Let your actions speak volumes and your character shine brightly. Happy International Women's Day to all the incredible women out there and may we continue to inspire, empower and uplift each other, now and always.



Nasreen Maryam, President Women Wing, Anjuman Imamia Leh: Happy Women's Day! Today, I want to discuss the Women's Reservation Bill, recently passed in Parliament. This bill proposes reserving 33% of seats in state legislative assemblies and the Lok Sabha for women. It's crucial for us to unite for our representation in Parliament and work together in solidarity to ensure its implementation.



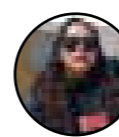
Stanzin Dolker, Actor / Director: On this day, let us all promise to focus a little more on women's empowerment and gender equality. In a world where women take the lead and raise families, serve as entrepreneurs, CEOs, or in various government jobs, it's essential that the voices of all women are heard. Today, men and women are equal, not from a feminist perspective, but as a society, we need to ensure that women are given the opportunity to speak and be heard.



Stanzin Lamo, Fitness coach: Fitness is not just about aesthetics; it's about health. Comparing yourself to others is futile, as everyone's fitness journey is unique. I began my path to self-empowerment at home, before joining social media. This first year was intensely personal, focusing on positive self-care through challenging myself. Weight training and clean eating are crucial in achieving your fitness goals, but the key is consistency. Every woman deserves to prioritize her own well-being. Finding time for a daily half-hour workout and practicing self-care should be non-negotiable.



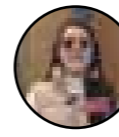
Tsewang Dolma, Principal Mahabodi Residential School, Leh: On this occasion, I would like to wish all women around the world a Happy International Women's Day. In Ladakh, we are fortunate not to face discrimination in our society. Today, I am proud to say that women are excelling in every field in Ladakh, including the military, education, sports, and more. I urge future generations of women to take advantage of government schemes meant for women to progress with equality.



Padma Ladol, rap music artist: Firstly, on 8th March, wishing all the women of the world Happy International Women's Day! I started my rap journey in 2019, posting on Instagram. With the support and encouragement of people, I began composing rap song and in 2022, I released my first official video titled 'TUSKABS', addressing environmental issues, unemployment, and the challenges faced by Ladakhis. Today, on this Women's Day, I would like to give advice to all youths, especially girls, that in any field you are interested in such as art, videography, content creation etc., you should step forward and showcase your capabilities. Furthermore, in today's world, we have everything at our fingertips, so we should all come forward and display our talent.




Major (Retd.) Rinchen Dolma (Kolto): Today we celebrate Women's Day worldwide, extending wishes to all the women over there. Women's day is observed to honour those who have struggled through various challenges in the past. While the struggles may have lessened compared to before, women empowerment remains essential. We encourage all women in Ladakh to strive for self reliance and empowerment.




Rinchen Angmo, Founder of Art of motion: on the occasion of Women's Day, let's not only celebrate successful women in various fields but also dedicate this day to our mothers at home. Let's start our celebration by spending time with our mothers, in the form of paying back to our mothers, not just financially but emotionally. I request everyone to spare sometime and spend a day with your mothers and trying to understand things from her perspective. Let's celebrate this Women's Day for our own mothers.

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WORLD PI DAY



Circles are some of the most beautiful and versatile shapes in nature.

Every March 14, mathematics enthusiasts from all over the globe commemorate Pi Day and the International Day of Mathematics (IDM). The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of mathematics and its role in shaping our world, as well as to promote the beauty and relevance of mathematics to a wider audience. Pi is the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, which is approximately equal to 3.14. Pi is one of the most famous symbols in mathematics and has many important applications in physics, engineering, and statistics.

While the idea of Pi dates back thousands of years, it was only in the early 1700s when the Greek letter for pi, π, was used to represent the mathematical constant. It is believed that π was chosen as an abbreviation of periphery or perimeter, which measures the distance around the outside of the circle, also known as a circle's circumference.

March 14 can also be written as 3/14 in the month/day format, which matches the first three digits of the numerical value of pi. The celebration of Pi Day began on March 14, 1988, at the San Francisco Exploratorium, where physicist Larry Shaw organized a celebration to make mathematics more relatable and fun. March 14, 1879, also happens to be the birthday of Albert Einstein, one of the most influential scientists of the 20th century.

SoulSpeak

Dr. P.P. Wangchuk

You and your winning art



You want to be a winner in life. I too have the same desire. Your desire to win in all walks of life is your most important objective of life. Winning is 'attached' to everything that is good and great in life. Therefore, many of us do everything that is required to succeed in our objectives. The very concept of winning has a positive angle about it and that gives rise to a positive mindset. Once you have that kind of 'platform', you have embarked the path of a winner.

But, to be a winner, one has to sacrifice many things. The biggest sacrifice you have to do is to forget the ease of living and get into a struggle so that you are able to do and surmount every difficult situation.

There is a lovely saying: Everybody wants to go to heaven but none wants to die! How can that be possible! The first and the only gate to heaven is death, and unless and until you welcome death, heaven can't be yours.

The problem with most of us is that we fail to build up a mindset that prepares us to surmount all kinds of fear and apprehensions to be a winner. As long as we remain fearful and scared, we will miss our cherished goals. We need to understand that nothing great, good and beautiful comes without pain and anguish.


We also need to remind ourselves that to be a winner we need to be a risk-taker, and that a mindset that is marked with failure takes us nowhere. In business schools across the globe, you are taught to learn it as a motto that your failure is assured when the fear of failure and losing is greater than the joy of winning!

You need to understand that failure is not the end of life, and that it should make you stronger and more determined.

Believe in yourself, and never say quit!



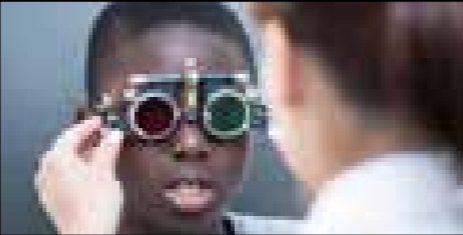
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DID YOU KNOW



1. Our planet has more trees compared to stars in the solar system.
2. Water can boil & freeze at the same time.
3. Light take almost eight minutes to proceed from the sun to earth.
4. Grasshoppers have ears on their bellies.
5. A cockroach has the ability to live for up to one week without its head.
6. Lizards use their tongue to smell.
7. A cloud can be as heavy as a million pounds.
8. We can't burp in space.
9. Men suffer from colour blindness more than women.
10. An individual blood cell takes around one minute to complete a circuit of the body.

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Fortnightly News

In Conversation with Sarfraz Nazir, senior scientist at DIHAR, DRDO Leh

Interviewed by Yangchen Dolma

Q1. Could you briefly introduce yourself and explain what motivated you to focus on designing structures for cold desert high altitude conditions?

Julley! I am Sarfraz Nazir from Leh, currently serving as a senior scientist at DIHAR, DRDO Leh since 2013. I joined DRDO in 2007 through campus placement at NIT Srinagar. My specialization involves designing and developing structures and systems for cold desert high altitude arid conditions. This includes addressing challenges such as temperature maintenance and water scarcity through the use of non-conventional energy sources. Ladakh, being a cold arid desert region, experiences ambient temperatures dipping as low as -35°C to -40°C and this affects the shelter temperature. A well-designed and standardized shelter in terms of heat retention, proper orientation, etc., or a thermal supplementation serves the purpose. Fossil fuel-based heating systems are common in Army and local shelters here. These systems emit CO_2 and other harmful gases and pose risks, including accidents. Furthermore, issues related to transportation and storage of fossil fuels before winter exacerbate the problem of global warming. This led me to explore solutions based on clean and abundant energy sources.

Q2. Can you share a specific technology you have developed that has had a significant impact on addressing temperature maintenance in the cold desert?

Well, the developed systems for temperature maintenance are based on solar thermal technologies for space heating of the existing shelters. One such system has proven effective in maintaining temperatures within the comfortable habitable temperature range during peak winter periods. This system operates by harnessing solar radiation (400w/m^2 to 1300w/m^2) to transfer thermal energy to heat transfer fluid, which is then stored in an insulated tank. This stored fluid is used to regulate the building's temperature according to user-defined settings. This system makes use of both sensible and latent heat for space heating and also incorporates several multi-stage backups for ensuring habitable temperature maintenance during non-sunny days. Also, it requires minimal maintenance and involves a one-time investment with long-term cost-effectiveness, along with simplicity in operation and execution.

Q3. How do you approach the challenge of water scarcity in high-altitude environments through your designs?

Ladakh, the largest union territory of India in terms of area, is characterized by a scattered and sparse population. Life in the region, particularly for those residing in remote areas during the winter, is challenging. Essential commodities are transported from Leh and nearby areas. Water is available to the residents of those areas from springs, rivulets, etc., sourced from glaciers during the summer period. However, availability of water during winter is difficult, and it is made available either by vehicles in some cases or mostly through the use of fossil fuel-based systems to melt snow/ice. A simple system based on solar energy is thought to be a boon and a one-time solution for the residents and deployed army personnel. Ladakh is blessed with high-intensity solar radiation with over nine months of cloud-free days along with 7 hours of average annual sunshine duration. A solar energy-based stand-alone simple, insulated, rugged design with ease of assembly at the location along ease of operation will solve

the generation of water at the location itself with ease. A system has been conceptualized and developed keeping in mind the issues using a type of solar thermal energy concentrator with multiple thermal foil along with the flexibility of altering snow volume. The system was found capable of water generation from snow using solar energy in cold arid high altitude conditions.

Q4. How do you balance innovation and practicability when developing new structures for extreme environments?

A very good question, I feel any innovation, in general, should be done keeping in mind the user's requirements and that innovation should be simple and easily producible at the location itself. When striking a balance between innovation and practicability, especially in extreme environments one should give importance to its requirements, usage, cost, simplicity, acceptance, durability, ruggedness, and availability & production from local material at the location itself to make life simpler for residents of extreme environments. Monitoring and review of the innovation from the user is most important and necessary updation/modification is required to find whether the objectives were met or not. Maintaining a balance between innovation and practicability is generally tough but thinking of its usability while innovating any structure/system may give you the best chance to succeed.

Q5. Can you discuss a particularly memorable research paper you've published related to your specialization?

Well, the research paper close to me is about exploring the nearly constant subsoil temperature at a particular depth that remains unaffected by outside ambient temperature and solar radiation. The concept is to utilize the constant temperature at that depth along with the utilization of soil at that identified depth as a sink to store the excess heat gain from solar energy and consequently exchange of thermal energy between building and soil and vice versa during requirements by a simple technology for suitable temperature maintenance. The system is simple, economical, totally based on solar energy, and can be used for heating and cooling a building. As far as memorable one is concerned it is of course my first paper which is about the work related to comparative analysis of different features of existing fresh food cultivation structures including orientation, material used in construction, its thickness, and its effect on heat transfer etc. to estimate the energy losses and finding a solution based on non-conventional technology for maintenance of temperature in the existing structures.

Q6. What do you hope the future impact of your work will be on the scientific community and beyond?

I believe any work related to science must tackle societal needs and global issues. One of the prime concerns worldwide is global warming and hence climate change and we are also not untouched by this menace. Ladakh has a very fragile ecosystem and finding an alternative sustainable solution is the need of the hour without affecting/exploitation of other natural resources before it



MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“The future of Ladakh lies in sustainable practices, especially championed by our youth. There is immense potential in innovative solutions. Even small initiatives receive significant support. Let's prioritize sustainability and responsible innovation to safeguard Ladakh's future while respecting its rich natural heritage.”

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Fortnight Highlights



Minister of Minority Affairs, Gol, Smriti Zubin Irani, virtually lays the foundation stone for 85 crore worth projects of the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS), Leh.



Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr. Mohd. Jaffer Akhoun unveils the new bilingual magazine 'Kargil Samzod', published by the Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR), Kargil.



Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve, launches FSSAI Ladakhi Transcribed books at Grand Dragon Hotel, Leh.



Panelists from diverse organizations and professions contribute to a vibrant discussion on the 'Representation of Women in Ladakh' during the International Women's Day celebration in Leh.



CEC Tashi Gyalsen laying the foundation stone for the 'Housing for All' scheme, a special initiative by LAHDC Leh, to uplift and support underprivileged families in the district on March 12.



CEC Tashi Gyalsen laying foundation stone for Government High School Thiksey's building reconstruction on March 12.



Chief Executive Councillor Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoun, along with Deputy Commissioner Shrikant Suse, inaugurates NRLM Livelihood Training Centre at Saliskote on February 28.



Guests unveil booklet on 'The Journey of Tele Law in Ladakh' and 'Voices of Beneficiaries' during a CSC e-governance Services India Ltd workshop in Kargil on March 9.

Fortnightly News

Training programme on EVMs, VVPAT held in Kargil

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: In anticipation to the upcoming Lok Sabha elections-2024, a training/awareness session to ensure preparedness by conducting comprehensive information on Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) system was held at Auditorium Hall, Kargil on February 28.

The training was conducted by District Level Master Trainers (DLMTs) of Kargil to equip government employees of the district with the necessary knowledge and skills.

The session was presided over by Muhammad Sharief, Deputy District Election Officer and Assistant Commissioner Revenue Kargil.



ue Kargil.

He urged all employees to attend training sessions to become familiar with operating EVMs and VVPATs for the upcoming Lok Sabha election.

The master trainer, lecturer Muhammad Ali gave detailed information and highlighted the roles and responsibilities of Polling Officers. He conducted hands-on training and demonstrated the functioning and working pro-

cedures of EVM/VVPATs to the concerned district employees.

A similar program was also held at Higher Secondary School Drass regarding the demonstration of VVPATs and Control Unit. The training was conducted by instructor Zakir Hussain. SDM Drass, Principal HSS Bhimbet and Drass, Naib Tehsildar and employees of the Sub Division were present at the training program.

Delegation of entrepreneurs and artisans meet L-G

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A delegation comprising entrepreneurs and artisans, who participated in the Maharashtra International Trade Expo (MITEX) 2024 in Mumbai, led by Tsering Chorol, called on the Lieutenant Governor, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), at the LG Secretariat on March 1.

Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor, Ravinder Kumar, IAS and Director of Industries and Commerce, Ladakh, Shiekh Nazir, JKAS were present in the meeting.

Tsering Chorol apprised



the Lieutenant Governor that they had participated in the MITEX 2024 at Mumbai and informed that the sale of their products at the expo was not satisfactory. She also mentioned that their shops were allocated in the last section of the expo venue, leading to less footfall of customers. She requested incentives

to help mitigate the costs incurred by them for their participation in the expo.

The Lieutenant Governor directed the Director of Industries, Ladakh, to discuss the matter with Sanjeev Khirwar, IAS, Principal Secretary of Industries, and examine the matter.

CEC Jaffer, DC Shrikant Suse inaugurate NRLM training centre at Saliskote



CEC Dr. Jaffer and DC Shrikant Suse inaugurating the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) training centre at Saliskote.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Chairman/Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhoo along with Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC, Kargil, Shrikant Suse, inaugurated the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) training centre at Saliskote on February 29.

Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Ghulam Mohd, Councillor Saliskote, Mohd Sajjad Khan, BPM Rahila Khatoon, SHG members and civil society of Saliskote were present on the occasion.

During the event, CEC Dr. Jaffer expressed satisfaction at the growing empowerment of women in rural areas, which contributes to both their livelihoods and the economy. He commended ACD

Kargil for the successful implementation of the NRLM scheme in Kargil, noting that these initiatives will enhance livelihood opportunities and reduce dependence on government jobs.

Dr. Jaffer assured that ways and means would be explored in the subsidy sector to generate employment and livelihood programs. He advised the SHG members and concerned officers to prioritize the quality and current state of the finished product. He also inspected the center and machines, interacted with Lakh Pati Didis and other SHG members, and encouraged them to work diligently to enhance their livelihoods.

DC Kargil expressed happiness over the opening

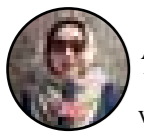
of the livelihood centre. He said more such centres will be established in other blocks of the district. He emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts by all stakeholders to ensure the success of NRLM in the district.

Councillor Mohd Sajjad Khan expressed gratitude to the concerned department and emphasized the need for continued coordination and logistic support in the future to ensure the success of the center.

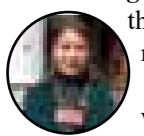
ACD Ghulam Mohammad said that the scheme had been highly beneficial for the SHGs in improving their livelihoods. He expressed hope that the establishment of the training centre would further help in the production of quality products.

Voices of empowerment: Messages on Women's Day

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Ayesha Malo, President Women Wing, Anjuman Moin-ul-Islam: We all know that Women's Day is celebrated worldwide on 8 March. As a woman, it is important for us to understand why this day is significant. With 33% seat reservation for women passed in the parliament, it is an opportunity for all women to step forward and claim their rights and opportunities.



Padma Angmo, writer: Recently, I started writing poetry and prose in English for the first time. My book was launched in November 2023. The theme of my book is ecological grief and climate action, addressing the challenges faced by the people of Ladakh due to climate change. My message to all women is that my poem 'Voice' resonates with them, whether they are an activist or not, our voices are often constrained in society. So, my poem "Voice" indicates that our voice is our main power. Once we leave our voice, it is like living our identity. In the current scenario, with the prevalence of injustice and crime, it's crucial for us to raise our voices and be heard.

Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization programme launched at PHC, Chuchot

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization program was held at Primary Health Center (PHC) Chuchot on March 3.

Councillor Chuchot, LAHDC, Leh, Mirza Hussain inaugurated the intensified pulse polio immunization program in presence of Block Medical Officer (BMO) Chuchot, Dr. Nurboo Angchok. He also flagged off the mobile teams which were sent to various parts of the Leh



block to ensure no child is left without anti-polio drops.

BMO, Chuchot informed that 13 supervisors were engaged and 110 polio booths were set up in the

Leh block to target 3100 children in the age group of 0-5.

During the occasion, doctors and paramedical staff of PHC Chuchot were present.

In conversation with Sarfraz Nazir, senior scientist at DIHAR, DRDO Leh

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is too late. When speaking about the region's societal needs, the energy demand for temperature maintenance accounts bulk of the total energy consumption of the region and is on an uptrend, meeting the temperature maintenance through non-conventional energy seems to be a sustainable solution in the long run for the future generations to come. This necessitates the development of area-specific energy-efficient structures and systems based on non-conventional energy. In this direction, several technologies have been developed which paved the way for possibilities of switching towards renewable technologies and this may prove to be a stepping stone or you can say basis towards tackling different related and more complex issues with ease.

Q7. How do you feel about receiving awards for your contributions to the field of designing structures for cold desert conditions?

When you dedicate your time and energy in any work and that work is acknowledged by others, not only in terms of awards but in any manner, you are encouraged to think and carry out other tasks also with more enthusiasm. What I actually feel, whether you got recognition or not it's not important what really matters is how your work is going to benefit the society in general. Recognition is bound to get, may be it will take time. There is no doubt getting recognition for your work makes you feel so good and confident.

Q8. In what ways do you think your work can inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers to tackle similar challenges in extreme environments?

My work is mainly concerned with the development of renewable energy-based technologies to address some issues associated with cold arid high altitude conditions. Several other challenges in different sectors still need to be addressed with renewable energy for the betterment of the residents of extreme environments in particular. The present developed systems and their analysis with the help of published data and technical details will help in developing the concept for the development of different renewable energy technologies and will encourage the next generation of scientists and engineers to tackle similar challenges of high altitude extreme conditions. There is always scope for improvement in any innovations and further improvements can be carried out as the world needs are continually changing and evolving.

CEC Kargil chairs General Council Meeting for 2024-25

Proposed budget of Rs 363 crore, 37 lakh, and 44 thousand for FY 2024-25



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr. Mohd. Jaffer Akhoo presided over the General Council Meeting on March 10, where the proposed interim budget for 2024-25 was discussed. It was disclosed that an allocation of Rs 363 crore, 37 lakh, and 44 thousand has been proposed for the financial year 2024-25.

Executive Councillors of LAHDC, Kargil, Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC, Kargil, Chief Planning Officer, Councillors, Superintending Engineers R&B, PHE/I&FC, and District Officers attended the GCM.

During the meeting, plans were discussed for sustainable development, enhancing livelihood opportunities for the populace, and ensuring holistic development while maintaining high standards of quality work.

The CEC commended the district administration for conducting the recruitment process with fairness and transparency. He also expressed appreciation for the efforts of various departments including PDD, PHE, Mechanical, Municipal Committee, and others for their dedicated work during the winter season. CEC Dr. Jaffer praised the

allocate resources accordingly.

Additionally, he instructed the Assistant Director of Fisheries to expand the number of fish farms in the district, highlighting the importance of enhancing opportunities in this sector for economic growth and livelihood improvement.

Regarding the shedding of harmful pollen and its associated inconveniences in the coming season, CEC Kargil directed the identification of pollen-prone areas and the allocation of a separate budget for pollen management.

CEC Dr. Jaffer directed the ACD Kargil to identify case-by-case beneficiaries of Bosmeti Goyoks so that deserving beneficiaries can take advantage of the scheme. He also instructed the Assistant Director of Tourism Kargil to start charging entry fees as environmental charges at various entry points to Kargil from tourists.

The CEC instructed the Chief Planning Officer to allocate Rs 50 lakh in the budget specifically for the construction of a school catering to the needs of children with disabilities. Furthermore, he directed the Executive Engineer R&B to prepare a Detailed Project Report tailored to the requirements and comfort of individuals with disabilities.

CEC Dr. Jaffer also appreciated the Council Model Schools and highlighted that any pending administrative approvals and related issues concerning School Education would be thoroughly addressed in a separate meeting. He proposed to convene a detailed discussion on these matters with the Deputy Commissioner Kargil and the Councillors.

The CEC emphasized that Agriculture and Tourism serve as the backbone of Kargil's economy, supporting numerous families in the region. He directed the concerned officers to prioritize these sectors and

Forest Department delegation meets L-G to discuss wage issues



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A delegation comprising Watch and Ward employees working in the Forest Department led by Mohd Baqir called on the LG at LG Secretariat.

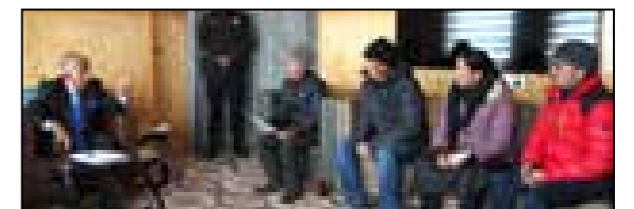
LG that they are working as casual laborers in the forest department and requested to enhance the remuneration/ wages.

The LG assured Mohammad Baqir that the matter would be addressed in accordance with established rules and procedures. He stated that the file has also been forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs for approval.

Secretary to LG, Shri Ravinder Kumar, IAS and Chief Wildlife Warden, Ladakh, Sajjad Hussain Mufti, IFS, were present in the meeting.

Shri Baqir apprised the

ReT teachers delegation meets L-G to request retention in schools



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A delegation comprising Rehbar-e-Taleem (ReT) teachers led by Nurboo Tundup called on the Lieutenant Governor, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) at Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat on March 2.

were present in the meeting.

Tundup apprised the LG that the ReT teachers are committed to their work in the schools where they have been appointed and requested the LG to retain the ReT teachers in their schools. The LG directed Director, School Education, Ladakh, to constitute a committee to examine the matter.

Secretary to the LG, Ravinder Kumar, IAS; Director, School Education Department, Ladakh, Tsering Paldan, JKAS

Training programme on PFMS SNA module held in Kargil



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Finance Department Ladakh organised a one-day training program on the SNA module of the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) at the Auditorium Hall, Kargil on March 6.

dealing assistants with SNA and the rules governing expenditure for different centrally sponsored schemes.

During the event, PFMS trainer UT Ladakh, Haaseen Lonea delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation on PFMS, CNA, SNA, Expenditure, Advance & Transfer, Direct Benefit Transfer and other related topics. Various modules were discussed and explained in the presentation.

CCF and DTO Iftikhar Hussain thanked the participants for attending the event and expressed hope that the participants had learned the modules discussed during the program.

Senior Accounts Officer, Phunsok Angchuk explained that the purpose of the event was to familiarize the district officers and

The event was attended by Joint Director, Information for Ladakh, Intezaar Kacho; CCF and DTO Iftikhar Hussain; Program Coordinator for ICDS, Nargis Banoo; ACD Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department, Padma Angmo; district officers and dealing assistants from various departments.

EC Zakir attends programme to convert GMS Panikhar into Council Model School

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KARGIL: Executive Councillor (Education) of LAHDC, Kargil, Zakir Hussain, accompanied by Councillor of Taisuru Constituency, Chief Education Officer Kargil, Deputy CEO of Sankoo, and ZEO Taisuru, participated in a program aimed at transforming GMS Panikhar into Council Model School Panikhar on March 6.

towards increasing the enrollment to 50 students.

EC Zakir instructed the ZEO to start an enrollment drive at the school starting tomorrow and assured full support from LAHDC in providing teaching staff and other necessary resources.

Currently, the school has an enrollment of only 12 students for the current academic year. However, parents have assured that they will actively work

The Councillor and Chief Education Officer also addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of parental support for enhancing the educational standards of the students. They urged parents to fully cooperate with the teachers in this regard.

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EVM demonstration conducted for employees in Zanskar



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) demonstration for all employees of Zanskar Sub Division was successfully conducted at Dak Banglow, Padum on February 28.

tioning and operation of EVMs, ensuring a smooth and efficient electoral process.

DLMT Chhewang Dorje, Lecturer at Higher Secondary School Padum and Tsetan Konchok, Zonal Education Officer led the training session, providing valuable insights and practical demonstrations to all attendees. Tehsildar Zanskar Sonam Dorjay was also present on the occasion.

This crucial training session aimed to familiarize participants with the func-

Delegation of NHM employees meet L-G

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A delegation comprising contractual employees engaged under the National Health Mission (NHM), led by Mohammad Hussain, called on the Lieutenant Governor at the LG Secretariat on March 1.



Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor, Ravinder Kumar, IAS and Director Health Services, Dr. Motup Dorje were also present in the meeting.

Mohammad Hussain informed the LG about the performance-based incentive and requested a review of the performance-linked payment for various programs for the primary health care team at Health and Wellness Centers. He apprised the LG of the

committee constituted by the former Mission Director, NHM, to review the demand for revising performance-linked incentives for NHM workers like them.

Hussain also requested the LG's intervention in helping them receive the full loyalty bonus after completing three years of service in the NHM. Additionally, he sought the Lieutenant Governor's intervention to secure equal

salaries for them comparable to NHM employees in Delhi.

The LG assured the delegates, led by Hussain, that he would look into the recommendation of the committee constituted by the former MD NHM. He stated that NHM employees would receive the loyalty bonus entitled to them and asked the Director Health Services to address their issues and take necessary measures.

Principal Secretary Sanjeev Khirwar chairs seminar and awareness programme on PM Vishwakarma Scheme

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Principal Secretary, UT Ladakh, Sanjeev Khirwar chaired a seminar cum awareness programme on PM Vishwakarma scheme, its registration process, and approval process in the DC conference hall on March 11. Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve was also present.

The primary objective of the seminar was to enhance the registration process and maximize the inclusion of beneficiaries within the scheme.

Participants were informed about the provisions made available for training, the provision of toolkits, and access to credit and market support for eligible individuals under the Vishwakarma scheme.

Principal Secretary emphasized on the need to engage more individuals and disseminate awareness to ensure a wider uptake of the scheme's benefits. He added that all relevant information about the



scheme should reach the intended beneficiaries and that the primary goal is to foster and encourage the creativity of individuals in Ladakh.

He added that the scheme aims to ensure the continuity of traditional crafts by equipping artisans with the necessary skills and knowledge to not only sustain but also thrive in their respective crafts.

Discussing the objective of the scheme, he emphasized that the preservation of traditional crafts relies on having well-trained individuals who can demonstrate to the world the economic viability of continuing their ancestral professions.

While celebrating these accomplishments, Principal Secretary also highlighted the challenges such as addressing both the qualitative and quan-

titative aspects of training, establishing a feedback mechanism, enhancing publicity through social media and other channels, and encouraging greater participation of women in the scheme.

Deputy Commissioner, Leh Santosh Sukhadeve commended the concerted efforts of those involved in making the Vishwakarma scheme accessible to the public. He added that the significant number of applications received and approved is a remarkable achievement for the region.

The meeting was attended by District Panchayat Officer, Leh; Block Development Officer, Leh; Superintendent of ITI, Leh; Superintendent of Handloom, Assistant Director of Handicraft, Executive Officer, Municipal Committee, and the C2 District Manager of CSC, Leh.

Red Ribbon Club organises HIV/AIDS awareness programme



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The Red Ribbon Club of Government Degree College, Nubra, organized an HIV/AIDS awareness program chaired by Principal Dr. Tsewang Motup on February 29.

The event commenced with an informative speech by Dr. Tsewang Motup, shedding light on transmission modes and precautionary measures against the disease.

Dr. Mohd. Murtaza from

the Department of Zoology delivered a detailed discourse on AIDS, its causes, and prevention strategies. Following this, the program featured a poster-making competition and a quiz contest.

In the poster-making competition, Najma Begum of the 6th semester secured the 1st position, Zangskit Dolma of the 2nd semester secured the 2nd position, and Amrin Kousar of the 6th semester secured the 3rd position.

EC Zakir distributes free tablets among students in Shakar Chiktan



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Executive Councillor (Education), LAHDC, Kargil, Zakir Hussain distributed free tablets under YounTab Scheme among students of Shakar Chiktan at Government Higher Secondary School Chiktan on February 29.

Councillor Chiktan, Kachho Liaqat Ali Khan, Councillor Barsoo, Sheikh Ghulam Mohd Ansari and Councillor Yourbaltak, Manzoor Hussain were present during the distribution ceremony.

At the event, Executive Councillor Zakir emphasized the importance of utilizing the tablets for educational purposes and encouraged students to make

use of the power of technology for positive learning outcomes.

He said that 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, Sajjad 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 from the Information Technology Department.

DIPR Kargil bids farewell to outgoing Assistant Director



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: The Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR), Kargil organized a farewell function for the outgoing Assistant Director, Padma Angmo (JKAS) and felicitated her on March 6.

Joint Director Information, Ladakh, Inteeaz Kacho; newly posted Assistant Director, Murtaza Ali; Photo Officer, Haji Ahmed Khan; Assistant Exhibition-Cum-Cultural Officer, Mohammad Musa; Senior Assistant, Directorate of Information, Mohd Ali; Senior Assistant DIPR-Kargil, Mohd. Yusuf; Editor DIPR Kargil, Mansoor Peer and other staff attended the function.

While speaking on the occasion, Inteeaz Kacho lauded the all-round contribution of Padma Angmo as Assistant Director and acknowledged her services in taking important measures and decisions for smooth functioning of the department and steering to new heights.

He said during her tenure in the department, she made every effort to the best of her capabilities to ensure effective service delivery. Kacho highlighted various instances when Padma Angmo showcased her deep interest and commitment towards her work.

He also appreciated her deep understanding of crucial departmental issues.

The Joint Director also conveyed his best wishes to her. Her ability to handle department matters with ease and precision were also lauded and highlighted.

The outgoing Assistant Director also spoke on the occasion and shared her experiences in the department. She highlighted the importance of teamwork and the cooperative efforts of the media team and other staff members of the department for delivering their best in the smooth functioning of the department.

She appreciated and highlighted the efforts of all the staff members for their relentless efforts and dedication towards their duties.

On the occasion, the Joint Director warmly welcomed the newly posted Assistant Director, Murtaza Ali. In his address, Murtaza Ali expressed his enthusiasm to deliver upto his best capabilities under the guidance of the Joint Director, Information.

The new Assistant Director also thanked Padma Angmo for her efforts in taking the department to new heights during her tenure and wished her the best for her future endeavors.

KVK, Kargil, organises winter vegetable exhibition-cum-mela

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Krishi Vigyan Kendra Karil organized a day-long winter vegetable exhibition-cum-mela at KVK Kargil on March 11.

Executive Councillor Agriculture, Aga Syed Mujtaba, graced the occasion as chief guest. In his address, he lauded the efforts of KVK in identifying vegetables suitable for green house cultivation during the summer and winter.

He said that following the advice of scientists could make the region self-sufficient in green vegetables during the winter season. He also congratulated the scientists for making it possible to grow Dandeleon (Khorma) as a commercial vegetable through seed.

CEC Dr Jaffer chairs annual meeting of TDA, ZDA

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhoo chaired the annual meeting of the Tourism Development Authority (TDA) and Zanskar Development Authority (ZDA) at the conference hall, Council Secretariat on March 6.

During the meeting, detailed discussion took place regarding the physical and financial progress achieved during the financial year 2023-2024.

The concerned officers informed that the Tourist Felicitation Center Kargil construction has reached 95% completion, progress on the development of Hundurman viewpoint has reached 95%, construction of the Director-cum-Tourism Residential Office has advanced to around 40%, upgradation of Tourism Department building near the airport road stands at 90% completion, riverfront development from Bulbul Bagh to Sherbagh in the first phase has reached 80%, and substantial progress, at 90%, has been attained in the development of lawn at TFC.

The concerned officers

During the programme, various vegetables suitable for harsh winter climates under greenhouse cultivation were showcased, including Swiss Chard Yellow, Swiss Chard Burfi Red, Swiss Chard Green, Swiss Chard Red, Kale Lace-nato, Dwarf Kale, Sibirian Kale, Kale Selection 1, Chicory, Dandeleon (Khorma), Orach, and Dwarf Lettuce.

The EC assured the farmers of assistance in establishing Ladakh Greenhouses at subsidized rates. While hearing the grievances of farmers regarding the late blight of potatoes, he promised to implement proposals for the procurement of disease-resistant varieties Kufri Himalani and Trichoderma for the management of various diseases, as suggested by Chief Scientist Dr. Mohd Mehdi.

CEC Dr Jaffer chairs annual meeting of TDA, ZDA



further informed that DPR has been submitted for restoration, adaptive reuse, and rescue site development of Chiktan Khar. Additionally, the conservation and preservation of old bazar Kargil are currently undergoing the tendering process. Furthermore, the DPR has been submitted for the preservation and conservation of amenities near Akhon Shareef Mausoleum, Karchey Khar.

The meeting also addressed new projects slated for execution in the upcoming financial year. The CEC directed that new works should be executed based on potential for tourist attraction and works should be prioritized.

The meeting held detailed discussion on projects proposed by councillors of the respective constituencies. The meeting also discussed physical and financial progress achieved by

the ZDA during the year 2023-24 which includes construction of Fotang gompas, beautification of Sani Lake, beautification of Phey Lake, construction of eco-park at Padum.

CEC Dr. Jaffer suggested proposing new projects for the upcoming financial year, including the introduction of water sports activities like rafting and boating. He mentioned considering locations near the TFC cafeteria and Sherbagh, instructing officials to assess the feasibility of implementing these water sports activities in those areas.

The meeting was attended by Executive Councillor Tourism, Kachho Mohd Feroz; Executive Councillor RDD and ZDA, Er. Panchok Tashi; Chief Planning Officer Kargil; Chief Executive Officer, ZDA and KDA; Executive Engineer KDA and ZDA; AD Tourism Kargil, and other officers.

NOTICE

I, Yangchan Dolker D/o Sonam Dawa R/o Shang, Leh UT Ladakh Prop Extreme Himalayas 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.

NOTICE

Whereas, Rigzen Norphel S/o Nawang Sangdup R/o Mudh, Leh UT Ladakh has claimed that his father's name has been wrongly entered as Nawang Sandup instead of Nawang Sangdup in the Driving Licence bearing No. JK-1020150013305 and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary, UT Ladakh with Certificate No. IN-LA06364384291084W 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 Chhering Phunchok S/o Tundup Sonam R/o Saspol Leh, UT Ladakh to transfer vehicle No. JK10B-3176 is owned by Jigmet Lamo D/o Kurjat Stobdan R/o Fort Road Leh, 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 10 days from the date of publication of this notice.

No: ARTO/ UT/L/2836-37
Date: 09/03/2024

Asstt. Regional Transport Officer
Leh Ladakh

NOTICE

Whereas Yogungtak Gyatso S/o Stanzin Thokmat R/o Choklamsar, Leh UT Ladakh has lost his Birth Certificate which is issued by Registrar Birth & Death, Municipal Committee Leh with Registration No. 19264 and Date of Birth 06/11/2013 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, Tsering Dolma D/o Chhering Stanzin R/o Shenam, Leh UT Ladakh Prop of The Alpine Hoppers applying for the registration with the Assistant Director Tourism Office, Leh. Any objection in this regard may file their report in writing within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE

I, Tashi Dolker D/o Tsering Sonam R/o Matho, Leh UT Ladakh do hereby notify that my name has been wrongly recorded as Tashi Dolker instead of correct and actual name Tsering Dolker in my ST Certificate duly issued by Khatse Tehsil Office, Leh UT Ladakh with Registration No. 2117-20/ ST-Leh/ 2004 and Dated on 12/03/2004 Now, I'm applying for changes in my ST Certificate and objection, if any may be conveyed to Leh Tehsil Office, UT Ladakh within 07 days from the date of publication.

NOTICE

I, Mohd Ibrahim S/o Mohd Davood R/o Tyakshi Nubra, UT Ladakh do hereby notify you that my father's name has been wrongly recorded as Mohd Dawood instead of the correct and actual name Mohd Davood in my ST Certificate duly issued by Leh Tehsil Office, UT Ladakh with Registration No. 3145/ST Leh/91 and Dated on 18/07/1991. Now, I'm applying for changes in my ST Certificate and objection, if any may be conveyed to Leh Tehsil Office, UT Ladakh within 07 days from publication date.

NOTICE

Whereas Nazair Ahmad S/o Abdul Majed, Date of Birth 01/04/1972 R/o Choglamsar District Leh UT Ladakh, has claimed that my father's name has been wrongly entered as Abdul Majeed instead of my actual and correct name which is Abdul Majed in my passport bearing Number V1692418 date of issue 31/03/2022 having validity upto 30/03/2032 and I'm applying for the correction in the passport. Objection, if any may be conveyed to the Regional Passport office, Srinagar within 7 days from the date of publication.

NOTICE

I, Stanzin Lhungris S/o Tsering Angdus R/o Temisgam, Leh, Ladakh do hereby notify that I have lost my driving license bearing no. LA0220220001449 and I am applying for a duplicate driving license. Objection if any may be conveyed to Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Leh, Ladakh within 10 days from the date of publication.

NOTICE

Service No 9927642H Rank Hav Tsering Gurmet Unit 1 Ladakh Bn NCC UT Ladakh R/o Thiksay has claimed that his daughter's Date of Birth has been wrongly entered as 21/07/2021 instead of 19/01/2020 in his Service record and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary Public Leh with Certificate No. IN-LA06310878995456W for making necessary corrections. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file an objection if any to the concerned authority within 7 days from date of publication failing which necessary correction will be made

NOTICE

An application has been received from one Tsetan Dolker D/o Tsering Angchok R/o Khardong, Nubra, UT Ladakh to transfer the vehicle No. JK 10A 3918 owned by Sonam Wabgail S/o Tundup Nmagail R/o Saspol, UT Ladakh. Now, it is therefore notified for general information that objection if any to the proposed transfer shall be filed in writing in the office of Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) within a period of 10 days from date of publication of this notice.

No: ARTO/ UT/L/2802-03
Date:09/03/24

Asstt. Regional Transport Officer
Leh Ladakh

