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Vinai Kumar Saxena takes oath as Ladakh's New Lieutenant Governor

Vows village outreach, sustainable development; tourism push high



Photo Caption: Vinai Kumar Saxena taking oath as the new Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh administered by the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Arun Palli.

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LEH: Vinai Kumar Saxena on March 13 took oath as the new Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh at a ceremony held at Nagarjuna Hall of the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS) in Leh.

The oath of office was administered by the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Arun Palli. Chief Secretary Ashish Kundra read out the warrant of appointment.

The ceremony was attended by former Chief Executive Councillors of LAHDC Leh and LAHDC Kargil, Member of Parliament from Ladakh, administrative secretaries and several dignitaries. Ladakh Police accorded a guard of honour to the new Lieutenant Governor, who was also welcomed in Leh with traditional Ladakhi cultural greetings.

Saxena becomes the fourth Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, succeeding Kavinder Gupta, who served in the post from July 18, 2025 to March 5, 2026 before stepping down after less than nine months in office.

After assuming office, Saxena expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for entrusting him with the responsibility of serving the people of Ladakh and safeguarding the region.

“My development model will focus on reaching every village in Ladakh, listening to the issues of the people, understanding their concerns and addressing their grievances,” Saxena said.

Highlighting the region’s potential as a major tourism hub, he said one of his key priorities would be to make Ladakh one of the world’s most sought-after tourism destinations. He also stressed the importance of greenery, sustainable development and maintaining cleanliness in the region.

On the issue of Ladakh safeguards, the Lieutenant Governor said he would first understand the matter in detail and consult various stakeholders before making any comments.

Saxena further assured that Lok Niwas, the official residence of the Lieutenant Governor in Ladakh, would remain open to the public so that people from all walks of life could meet him and share their concerns.

Prior to his appointment in Ladakh, Vinai Kumar Saxena served as the 22nd Lieutenant Governor of Delhi from May 26, 2022 to March 10, 2026.

Rigzin Spalgon briefs media on progress of judicial inquiry



Photo Caption: Joint Secretary Rigzin Spalgon briefing the media on the progress of the ongoing judicial inquiry.

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LEH: Joint Secretary Rigzin Spalgon on March 10 briefed the media on the progress of the ongoing judicial inquiry related to the incident that occurred on September 24. The inquiry is being conducted under the chairmanship of Justice (Retd) B. S. Chauhan, with Chairman (Retd) District and Sessions Judge Mohan Singh Parihar and Judicial Secretary and Counsel to the Commission, Advocate Himanshu Sharma.

The briefing focused on the follow-up actions taken by the Inquiry Commission and the status of affidavits submitted in response to the public notice issued earlier.

The Joint Secretary informed that, as part of the inquiry process, a public notice had been issued inviting individuals to submit affidavits before the Commission. In response, the Commission has received and examined a large number of affidavits from members of the general public as well as officials representing various depart-

ments of the administration.

Up to December 2025, a total of 22 witnesses from the administration had been examined. The inquiry resumed in March 2026, and so far 18 administrative witnesses have been examined. In addition, 45 affidavits have been submitted by members of the public.

He further stated that the Commission is currently in the process of examining the affidavits submitted by the administration. After completing this phase, the Commission will proceed with the examination of witnesses from the public and civilian side, whose statements will be recorded as part of the ongoing judicial proceedings.

Rigzin Spalgon emphasized that the inquiry is being conducted in a fair, transparent and systematic manner, and all individuals who have submitted affidavits will be given due consideration as per the procedures laid down by the Commission.

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Fortnightly News

Ladakh to host sacred Buddha relics exposition 2026

UT-level committee reviews preparations; exposition to begin on May 1 at Jevetsal, Choglamsar



Photo Caption: During the preliminary UT-Level Coordination Committee meeting for the Sacred Exposition of the Holy Relics of Tathagata Buddha, Ladakh 2026.

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LEH: The preliminary UT-Level Coordination Committee meeting for the Sacred Exposition of the Holy Relics of Tathagata Buddha, Ladakh 2026, was convened on March 5 under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Ladakh, Ashish Kundra, at the Conference Hall of the Hill Council in Leh.

The committee was constituted on the directions of the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh to ensure inclusive participation of all sections and sects of the Buddhist community in the region.

The meeting commenced with the lighting of the holy butter lamp, invoking blessings for the successful and auspicious conduct of the event. It was attended by senior officials, including administrative secretaries, DGP Ladakh, IGP ITBP, eminent Rinpoches, presidents of the Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA) and Ladakh Gompa Association (LGA), representatives of monasteries, the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS), Sowa Rigpa institutions, former political leaders, and other stakeholders.

Administrative Secretary for Tourism and Culture, Sanjeet Rodrigues, delivered a detailed presentation outlining the proposed framework for the preparation and execution of the exposition. It was unanimously decided that the opening ceremony will be held on May 1 at Jive-tsal in Choglamsar, coinciding with International Buddha Purnima.

The Chief Secretary informed that

need to hold meetings with tour operators, hotel associations, and taxi unions to ensure smooth travel arrangements.

As decided, documentary screenings, seminars, prayer sessions, and religious teachings will form part of the holistic programme. The Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre was requested to organise an Interfaith Harmony Dialogue in coordination with CIBS and other organisations, including participation from Kargil. A peace march by monks was also proposed.

The Chief Secretary informed that a massive cleanliness drive will be conducted from April 15 to 30 across Leh, involving the Army, ITBP, Ladakh Police, Municipal Committee, various associations, and the general public. Renovation and painting of stupas along the airport route to the venue will also be undertaken by LBA and LGA.

He further directed that phase-wise access will be organised for devotees, including elderly persons, tourists, and visitors from different regions. Dedicated bus services will be arranged for devotees from remote villages.

Invitations will be extended to ambassadors from Southeast and Central Asian countries, Chief Ministers of Buddhist-majority states such as Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim, Nalanda University, organisations from Bodhi Gaya, and other prominent Buddhist institutions.

The Chief Secretary highlighted that this rare opportunity to host the sacred relics is a historic occasion for Ladakh, taking place after nearly 70 years. He urged youth, merchants, tourism stakeholders, and the wider community to actively participate in making the exposition a grand success.

The meeting was followed by a press briefing by the Chief Secretary, who described the discussions as constructive and inclusive, with all stakeholders united in ensuring the successful organisation of this spiritually significant event.

the sacred relics are expected to arrive in Leh on April 28 or 29. He said the Administration will request the Ministry of Culture to retain the relics in Ladakh for one month, with the culmination of the exposition on May 31, coinciding with Buddha Purnima as per the Tibetan lunar calendar, as suggested by committee members. He also emphasised the need to create a spiritually elevated atmosphere across Ladakh through seven days of rituals, prayers, and ceremonial activities prior to the arrival of the relics.

The committee unanimously adopted the theme "Peace in Times of Conflict." The Chief Secretary emphasised that the exposition should serve as a global message of peace, compassion, and harmony from Ladakh.

It was also decided that special arrangements will be made for the delegation accompanying the relics, including a ceremonial reception at the airport. Responsibilities related to security, traffic management, facilities, and logistics will be jointly handled by the UT Administration, LBA, and LGA. A joint site visit to Jive-tsal will be conducted to review preparations.

Ashish Kundra informed that, to facilitate visitors, the Administration will develop a dedicated website featuring QR code-based information, visitor registration, and fast-track access for tourists at the venue. The event will also be promoted through social media platforms to ensure wider outreach and awareness. He stressed the

Chief Secretary reviews implementation of Vibrant Village Programme in Ladakh



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LEH: Chief Secretary, Union Territory of Ladakh, Ashish Kundra reviewed the progress and implementation of the Vibrant Village Programme in the Union Territory of Ladakh on March 11. The meeting focused on assessing the status of development works, planning framework, and future roadmap under the programme.

The meeting was attended by the Commissioner/Secretary, Dr L. Franklin; concerned Administrative Secretaries; Deputy Commissioner, Leh; Directors; Joint Directors; and other Heads of Departments.

During the meeting, the Administrative Secretary, Shashanka Ala, delivered a detailed presentation on the Vibrant Village Programme,

Further details regarding the distribution of Vibrant Village Programme villages in Leh and Kargil districts were shared, along with the status of infrastructure assessments carried out across these villages.

Villages located in areas under the ITBP and the Army will be developed in coordination with these agencies.

Focus should be given to employment generation activities, particularly in the sectors of horticulture and animal husbandry. The Horticulture Department will ensure the establishment of greenhouses in all these areas. The progress of projects under implementation, category-wise distribution of works, and major gaps requiring intervention were also discussed in detail.

The Chief Secretary emphasised the need for effective coordination among departments to ensure the timely execution of projects and directed the concerned officials to prioritise critical infrastructure and essential services in Vibrant Villages. He also stressed the importance of proper monitoring, timely utilisation of funds, and adherence to the programme guidelines to achieve the intended objectives.

highlighting its objectives, launch framework, coverage, financial outlay, and progress achieved so far in Ladakh.

The presentation also covered the planning framework adopted in the Union Territory, under which district infrastructure planning and development plans have been aligned with district-level priorities to ensure balanced and need-based development.

A comparative overview of Phase-I and Phase-II of the Vibrant Village Programme was presented, along with the key focus areas identified under the programme. The meeting also reviewed the thematic saturation approach being followed to ensure comprehensive development of selected villages.

The Silent Post Box: A witness to the era of handwritten emotions

By Tsewang Dorje, Stok



LEH: Once, the post box was the most important spot on every street. People dropped their hearts into it letters to mothers, news of a son's new job, and messages of love to dear ones far away. Every morning, the postman would arrive, unlock it, and carry away the world's joys and sorrows.

Today, the same post box stands rusted and forgotten. No one pauses beside it anymore. No one posts a letter. Now people say "hello" on their phones, send "I

miss you" on WhatsApp, and receive job offers through email.

The post box does not feel angry; it only misses those days when people wrote words on paper, poured emotions into ink, and waited patiently for weeks for a reply.

In today's fast-moving world, no one uses this post box. Yet it still stands silently witness to a time when relationships moved slowly, and letters came straight from the heart.

Administrative Secretary chairs interaction with entrepreneurs and stakeholders in Leh



Photo Caption: Administrative Secretary, Industries and Commerce, UT Ladakh, Bhupesh Chaudhary, IAS interacting with entrepreneurs and stakeholders of Ladakh.

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LEH: Administrative Secretary, Industries and Commerce, UT Ladakh, Bhupesh Chaudhary, IAS, chaired an interaction meeting with entrepreneurs and stakeholders of Ladakh on March 11 at the Conference Hall of the District Industries Centre (DIC), Leh.

The meeting began with an introductory session of entrepreneurs, stakeholders and officers from the Industries and Commerce Department of both Leh and Kargil districts. The interaction aimed to encourage entrepreneurs, understand their concerns and create awareness about various schemes and opportunities available through the department.

During the meeting, Zahira, Functional Manager, DIC Leh, briefed the participants about various schemes of the Department of Industries and Commerce and their benefits. He also addressed several queries and

clarified doubts raised by stakeholders regarding the schemes and their implementation.

While interacting with the participants, the Administrative Secretary instructed the concerned officers to organise workshops and awareness programmes for entrepreneurs and interested individuals to enhance their knowledge about government schemes, their benefits, opportunities and the process of availing them.

He also informed the entrepreneurs and stakeholders about the 15 Common Facility Centres (CFCs) established across both districts of Ladakh. He encouraged entrepreneurs to utilise these centres as production units, stating that the CFCs would help strengthen product branding, maintain quality standards and support pollution control measures.

The Administrative Secretary fur-

ther emphasised that Ladakh is an organic region and advised entrepreneurs to explore opportunities in organic products and obtain organic certification. He encouraged them to actively take advantage of various government schemes and initiatives to expand their enterprises.

During the interaction, entrepreneurs and stakeholders raised several issues and queries related to Common Facility Centres, organic certification, online portals, society registration processes, land allotment, solar subsidies, banking support, and delivery and transportation, among other concerns.

Taking note of the issues raised, the Administrative Secretary directed the District Industries Centres of both Leh and Kargil to convene meetings with banks and the post office to address concerns related to financial services and other operational matters. He also instructed the DICs of both districts to conduct regular training programmes and awareness initiatives for entrepreneurs and aspiring individuals to familiarise them with government schemes and their benefits.

The Administrative Secretary said the main objective of the meeting was to motivate entrepreneurs, enhance awareness about government schemes and their beneficiaries, and encourage individuals to utilise their skills and resources for the growth of the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Ladakh.

Chief Secretary review Rural Development schemes and annual plans



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LEH: Chief Secretary of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Ashish Kundra, chaired a meeting to review the departmental schemes of the Rural Development Department and to discuss the approval of the Annual Plans for the upcoming financial year on March 11.

During the meeting, Administrative Secretary, Rural Development Department, Shashanka Ala, gave a detailed presentation on the administrative structure of the department, including the staff strength of Group A and Group B officers, as well as the status of Group C positions. He also highlighted the functioning of various wings of the department and the progress of ongoing developmental initiatives.

The Chief Secretary took stock of developmental works being executed under the State Sector and Special Development Packages. The

meeting reviewed key achievements of the department, including the construction of 98 Public Libraries across Leh and Kargil districts, with 50 additional libraries currently in progress.

The department has also completed 184 Community Facilitation Centres, Panchayat Ghars, Block Development Offices (BDO), and Block Development Council (BDC) offices, along with works related to solar street lights, high mast lights, public parks, and solid waste management infrastructure in rural areas.

The meeting also reviewed the progress under various flagship schemes and programmes, including the Special Development Package (SDP) and Core Implementation Schemes.

Detailed discussions were held on the implementation of MGNREGA, PMAY-G, Swachh Bharat Mission,

Solid Waste Management, and other centrally sponsored schemes. The summary of physical and financial targets for the financial year 2026-27 was also presented and reviewed.

Further, the meeting discussed the key components of the Ladakh Rural Livelihood Mission (LRLM) and DAY-NRLM, with emphasis on women empowerment, financial inclusion, Self-Help Group (SHG) bank linkage, community investment funds, and skill development initiatives. The status of the Lakhpati Didi initiative and the proposed NRLM budget for 2026-27 were also reviewed in detail.

Important deliberations were also held on WDC-PMKSY (Watershed Development Component - Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana), with focus on water conservation, springshed development, and district-wise performance.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the category-wise works being undertaken under MGNREGA and stressed the need for timely execution and proper monitoring.

The meeting was attended by the Administrative Secretary, Rural Development Department, Shashanka Ala; Administrative Secretary, Higher Education, Bhanu Prabha; Director, Rural Development Department; Joint Director; Heads of Departments; and other concerned officials.

Over 60 youth participate in Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament at GDC Kargil



Photo Caption: Participants of the Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2026 at the GDC college, Kargil.

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LEH: Government Degree College (GDC) Kargil, in collaboration with Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), organised the Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2026 at the college premises on March 7. The initiative, aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat@2047, provided a platform for young voices to deliberate on key national issues, foster leadership skills, encourage civic participation, and contribute ideas towards building a developed India.

The event witnessed enthusiastic

participation from more than 60 young participants who showcased their oratory skills, policy insights, and commitment to nation-building through structured parliamentary-style discussions.

Mohd Sajjad Khan, Councillor of Saliskot-Faroon, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Addressing the participants, he emphasised the importance of active youth involvement in shaping India's future and commended the participants for their thoughtful contributions.

Jigmet Spaldon attended the programme as the Special Guest and encouraged the young participants while sharing valuable perspectives on leadership and civic responsibility.

Principal of GDC Kargil, Disket Angmo delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the dignitaries, participants, organisers, and collaborators for making the event a success. She highlighted the role of such programmes in empowering the youth of Ladakh to become proactive contributors to national development.

Sayed Mustafa Kamal, NSS Programme Officer at GDC Kargil, served as the chief organiser of the event. Under his leadership, the programme was conducted smoothly, reflecting the commitment of the NSS unit and the college towards youth engagement initiatives.

As part of the multi-level structure of the Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament, implemented nationwide through MY Bharat, the event concluded with the selection of the top five performers. These participants will represent the region at the State-level competition in Leh, advancing to higher rounds and gaining the opportunity to contribute to national-level discussions.

Fortnightly News

Leh administration launches 'Leh gLagsmo' cleanliness campaign

Six-month initiative to improve sanitation and beautify Leh town



Photo Caption: Deputy Commissioner Leh, Romil Singh Donk (IAS) launching the district-wide cleanliness initiative (Leh gLagsmo).
Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Deputy Commissioner Leh, Romil Singh Donk (IAS), on March 7 launched a district-wide cleanliness initiative titled "ལྷེ་གླགས་མོ།" (Leh gLagsmo) aimed at promoting a cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful Leh town.

The initiative, which will run for six months, seeks to improve sanitation standards, promote responsible waste disposal, and encourage active community participation in maintaining public hygiene.

As part of the programme, a special cleanliness drive will commence from March 9 and continue for one week across Leh town. During this period, focused cleaning activities will be carried out in streets, marketplaces, public places, and identified waste hotspots.

The drive will be conducted with the active participation of municipal teams,

volunteers, educational institutions, and various local associations, including the Leh Merchant Association, All Ladakh Gonna Association (ALGHA), and All Ladakh Tour Operators Association (ALTOA).

The initiative emphasises community participation, waste segregation, and collective responsibility towards maintaining a clean urban environment. Citizens, business establishments, and other stakeholders have been encouraged to actively contribute and support the campaign to make Leh a cleaner and more sustainable district.

The District Administration Leh has appealed to all residents and stakeholders to extend their cooperation and participate wholeheartedly in the cleanliness drive for the collective benefit of the community.

DIET Leh organises two-day training programme for Anganwadi workers



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LEH: A two-day training programme for Anganwadi workers commenced at the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Leh. The training is being conducted with the support of resource persons from Zampa Foundation Pvt. Ltd. and aims to strengthen the capacity of Anganwadi workers in early childhood care and education.

Around 160 Anganwadi workers from different parts of Leh district are participating in the programme. The training focuses on enhancing the skills and understanding of Anganwadi workers in handling young children and improving the quality of early childhood education at the grassroots level.

During the inaugural session, Principal DIET Leh, Mirza Mehdi, welcomed the resource persons from Zampa Foundation and the participating Anganwadi workers. In his address, he emphasised the significant responsibility of Anganwadi workers in nurturing children during their most critical developmental stage. He encouraged participants to take the training seriously and actively en-

gage in the sessions, noting that the early years of a child's life form the foundation for future learning and development.

Head of Department, DIET Leh, Tsering Yangdol, also addressed the participants and highlighted the crucial role played by Anganwadi workers in shaping young minds. She explained the importance of the foundational stage of education and stressed the need to incorporate the principles of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in early childhood education practices.

The training programme will continue over the next two days with interactive sessions, discussions and practical demonstrations conducted by experts from Zampa Foundation. These sessions are aimed at equipping Anganwadi workers with effective strategies to support the holistic development of children. The initiative reflects DIET Leh's continued commitment to strengthening early childhood education and supporting Anganwadi workers in their vital role within the education system.

Buyer-Seller meet on medicinal plants held in Leh



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LEH: The State Medicinal Plant Board organised a Buyer-Seller Meet on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAPs) in the Union Territory of Ladakh on March 7.

The event was held at the conference hall of the National Institute of Sowa Rigpa with the objective of providing a common platform for interaction between growers, collectors and potential buyers associated with the medicinal and aromatic plants sector.

Dr. Tashi Thinlas, Director Health Services/AYUSH and Chief Executive Officer of the State Medicinal Plant Board, UT Ladakh, attended the event as the chief guest and welcomed farmers and stakeholders for coming together on a common platform. Officers and representatives from the National AYUSH Mission and the CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Palampur, were

also present.

The meet brought together various stakeholders, including farmers, traders, processing units and Amchis, to explore marketing opportunities and strengthen the value chain for medicinal and aromatic plants found in Ladakh. During the interactions, participants discussed the potential of locally available MAPs, quality standards, market demand and strategies to promote sustainable harvesting and cultivation practices in the region.

The initiative marks an important step towards promoting the medicinal plant sector in Ladakh, enhancing livelihood opportunities for local communities and establishing direct market linkages between producers and buyers. More than 30 participants attended the event, which facilitated productive discussions and paved the way for future collaborations and business partnerships.

The State Medicinal Plant Board reiterated its commitment to supporting farmers and stakeholders in developing the medicinal and aromatic plants sector and strengthening market linkages across the Union Territory.

The board also expressed gratitude to the National Institute of Sowa Rigpa for providing the conference hall and supporting the successful organisation of the programme.

Automated Driving Test centre, Automated Testing station opened at Phyang

New facilities to strengthen road safety and transparency in transport systems



Photo Caption: During the inauguration of Automated Driving Test Centre (ADTC) and Automated Testing Station (ATS) at Phyang
Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, inaugurated an Automated Driving Test Centre (ADTC) and Automated Testing Station (ATS) at Phyang on March 5. The facilities mark a significant step towards improving road safety, transparency, and efficiency in vehicle and driver testing in the Union Territory.

Addressing the gathering, the Lt Governor emphasised the importance of vehicle fitness and responsible driving in ensuring road safety and environmental protection. He remarked that just as human beings require regular health check-ups to remain fit, vehicles also require periodic fitness checks to ensure they are safe to operate and do not contribute to environmental pollution.

The Automated Driving Test Centre has been established at an estimated cost of Rs 2.10 crore under the Special Development Package (SDP) and is expected to modernise the process of assessing driving skills and vehicle fitness in Ladakh.

Among those present on the occasion were Chief Secretary Ashish Kundra, Director General of Police Mukesh Singh, Administrative Secretaries Rahul Singh and Baseer-ul-Haq, Deputy Commissioner Leh Romil Singh Donk, Regional Transport

Officer Ladakh Sonam Nurboo, and other senior officials from the Transport Department and RTO Ladakh.

The Lt Governor noted that with the rapid advancement of automotive technology and the increasing complexity of vehicles, traditional manual testing methods are becoming inefficient and time-consuming. He said manual processes are often prone to human error, whereas Automated Testing Stations leverage modern technology to conduct accurate and efficient vehicle inspections.

Speaking about the Automated Driving Test Centre, he said such facilities play an important role in enhancing road safety by using sensor-based technology, cameras, and advanced monitoring systems to evaluate driving skills without human intervention. The automated process ensures faster testing and quicker results, reducing waiting time for applicants.

He said the inauguration of these facilities marks an important milestone in Ladakh's efforts to strengthen road safety, improve transparency in the issuance of driving licences and vehicle fitness certification, and promote environmentally responsible transportation systems.

The Lt Governor added that the UT Administration of Ladakh is commit-

ted to making the process of applying for motor vehicle fitness certification and driving tests more transparent, online, and hassle-free for the public. He also informed that similar infrastructure will soon be developed in Kargil district to extend the benefits of automated testing to people across Ladakh.

During the event, a representative of WAPCOS Limited, the implementing agency for the Automated Testing Station, informed that the Voluntary Vehicle-Fleet Modernization Program (V-VMP) launched by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways aims to phase out unfit and polluting vehicles in an environmentally responsible manner.

He further informed that the ministry has mandated that from October 1, all commercial vehicles—including heavy, medium, and light transport vehicles—must undergo fitness testing at registered Automated Testing Stations. The requirement aims to eliminate human intervention and ensure factual reports for vehicle fitness, with penalties for non-compliance.

The need to increase the frequency of driving tests, conduct fitness tests for heavy vehicles, and provide basic public facilities such as drinking water and toilets at the venue was also discussed during the event.

Seed distribution drive launched under PMKSY-WDC 2.0 in Leh district



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LEH: A seed distribution drive under the Production Component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana Watershed Development Component (PMKSY WDC 2.0) was formally launched at the Conference Hall, Leh on March 7.

The programme was inaugurated by Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Ag Zargar in the presence of officials, representatives of Self Help Groups (SHGs), Watershed Committee members, and farmers from various micro-watersheds of the district.

Under the initiative, High Yielding Variety (HYV) seeds including vegetable seeds, fodder seeds, pulse seeds, green pea seeds, local pea seeds, oilseeds, and other crop varieties under mulching technology are being distributed to farmers across 26 micro-watersheds covering six watershed projects in Leh district. The seeds

are being provided on 100 percent subsidy under the Production Component of the project with the aim of promoting crop diversification, strengthening watershed-based agriculture, enhancing vegetative cover, and improving climate resilience in the region.

During the programme, Project Officer and Nodal Officer Shenaz Tabassum briefed participants about the various components and objectives of PMKSY WDC 2.0 implemented under the Rural Development Department and Panchayat Raj (RDD&PRI). She emphasised the importance of adopting improved and climate-resilient agricultural practices and urged farmers, Watershed Committee chairpersons, secretaries, and SHG members to actively participate in the programme to enhance food security, agricultural productivity, and livelihood generation.

ACD AG Zargar appreciated the efforts of IWMP

Leh for its continued contribution to the socio-economic development of rural communities in the district. He encouraged farmers to take full advantage of schemes implemented under watershed development programmes and to scale up crop production for better income and long-term sustainability.

To mark the commencement of the drive, different varieties of HYV seeds were distributed among the participants during the event. The distribution will continue across all 26 micro-watersheds under the six ongoing watershed projects in Leh district.

The initiative aims to promote sustainable agriculture, improve farm productivity, enhance vegetative cover, and strengthen resilient watershed-based livelihoods, guided by the core principles of "Ecology, Economy, and Equity" under PMKSY-WDC 2.0.

IAS officers tour DIET Leh to understand education system



Photo Caption: 10 Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers of the 2025 batch during their visit to the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Leh.
Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A group of 10 Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers of the 2025 batch visited the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Leh on March 9 as part of their exposure visit.

Room, where they observed different teaching-learning resources and innovative practices used for teacher training and early childhood education.

Officials of DIET Leh also briefed the officers about the institute's activities, particularly its role in organising training programmes for teachers and supporting schools in improving classroom practices and learning outcomes.

The officers interacted with the staff and gained insights into the academic initiatives undertaken by DIET Leh to enhance the quality of education in the region.

The officers were warmly welcomed by the Principal of DIET Leh. During the visit, they were introduced to the functioning and role of the institute in strengthening the education system through teacher training and academic support to schools.

The visiting officers toured various facilities within the institute, including the VSK Lab, Mathematics Lab, and the Balvatika

DIET Leh commences three-day training on Skill Education under NEP 2020



Photo caption: During the three-day training programme on Skill Education (Kaushal Bodh) and Vocational Education, aligned with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Leh has commenced a three-day training programme on Skill Education (Kaushal Bodh) and Vocational Education, aligned with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The workshop forms part of ongoing efforts to strengthen the implementation of vocational education and skill development in schools in line with the vision of NEP 2020. The programme is being coordinated by Tsering Yangdol, Head of Department at DIET Leh.

The programme aims to strengthen skill-based learning in schools and promote both traditional and modern vocational practices among students. The training is being attended by masters and teachers from PM SHRI Schools and the newly established UT Model Schools of Leh district.

The initiative seeks to equip teachers with practical knowledge and pedagogical approaches to effectively integrate vocational and skill education in classrooms.

As part of the programme, a special online session on the implementation of the "10 Bagless Days" initiative under NEP 2020 was conducted by Prof. Pankaj Mehta, State/UT Coordinator for the Union Territory of Ladakh. The session was organised during the three-day Capacity Building Workshop on Skill Education, Kaushal Bodh and Vocational Education.

The training programme features a panel of resource persons including Sonam Dolkar, Principal HSS Saspol and innovator-artist; Tsetan Angchuk, retired senior teacher and artist expert; Urgan Yontan, Thangka painting expert from the Handicrafts Department Leh; Rigzin Dorje, senior managing expert at the Rural Building Centre, Ladakh Ecological Development Group Leh; Tashi Dorje, designer expert; and Skalzang Dorje, pottery expert from Likir.

The session aimed to orient teachers on the concept and practical implementation of the "10 Bagless Days" initiative, an innovative component of NEP 2020 designed to provide students with hands-on exposure to vocational skills, local crafts and experiential learning.

These experts will share their experience and practical knowledge related to traditional crafts, design and vocational skills.

During the interaction, Prof. Mehta highlighted the importance of integrating skill-based learning with regular schooling and encouraged teachers to design engaging activities that connect classroom knowledge with real-life applications.

During the inaugural session, the Principal of DIET Leh emphasised the importance of skill development in education and encouraged participants to take keen interest in learning various art forms and vocational skills.

Around 60 teachers from PM SHRI Schools and recently established Model Schools of Leh district participated in the interactive session during the ongoing workshop at DIET Leh. Participants appreciated the practical insights shared and discussed various strategies for effectively implementing Bagless Days in schools across Ladakh.

He also highlighted that teachers play a vital role in passing on traditional heritage skills and modern creative practices to students, thereby nurturing creativity, self-reliance and respect for local culture.

The training programme will include interactive sessions, demonstrations and practical exposure to various forms of art, crafts and vocational skills, in line with the experiential learning approach promoted under NEP 2020.

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Secretary Tourism launches holistic homestay support framework



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: In a significant step towards strengthening community-based tourism in the Union Territory of Ladakh, the Holistic Homestay Support Framework was formally launched on March 5 by Administrative Secretary, Tourism and Culture, Sanjit Rodrigues, IAS, at the State Institute of Hotel Management (SIHM), Ladakh.

The initiative marks a progressive phase in Ladakh's tourism journey, aimed at building sustainable, village-led tourism enterprises rooted in local communities.

The framework has been developed through a collaborative effort between the Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh; the State Institute of Hotel Management, Ladakh; and the Firgun Social Initiative Foundation. It introduces a unified, department-led development system designed to ensure readiness, quality assurance, and sustainability for homestays across the region.

Structured as a continuous development cycle, a key component of the initiative is the introduction of a comprehensive 21-day training curriculum for homestay operators. The programme is designed to nurture skilled hosts who serve not only as hospitality providers but also as custodians of Ladakh's cultural and ecological heritage.

By strengthening capacities, improving service quality, and enhancing guest experiences, the framework aims to position Ladakh's

homestay network as a model of responsible and community-driven tourism.

Addressing the gathering, Sanjit Rodrigues underscored the importance of reinforcing Ladakh's homestay ecosystem as a key pillar of community-based tourism. He stated that the initiative represents a strategic shift from expansion to excellence in the tourism sector.

Emphasising the transformative vision behind the framework, he remarked that homestays must be viewed not merely as accommodation facilities but as structured rural enterprises embedded within village economies—creating sustainable livelihoods while preserving Ladakh's unique cultural identity and fragile ecological heritage.

Rodrigues highlighted that the framework seeks to develop economically stable, culturally rooted, and environmentally responsible homestays through enhanced service standards, structured capacity building, sustainability compliance, and continuous monitoring and mentoring support. He reiterated the Administration's commitment to ensuring that tourism growth in Ladakh remains inclusive, community-driven, and environmentally sustainable.

The launch event witnessed participation from key tourism stakeholders, reflecting a shared commitment to raising service standards and strengthening collaboration within

the sector.

Among those present were representatives from the All Ladakh Tour Operators Association, including Rigzin Wangmo Lachic, and the All Ladakh Hotel and Guest House Association, represented by Tsewang Namgyal.

Representatives of the Ladakh Scouts, including Lt. Col. Sudheer Sharma and Vikram Chawla, also attended the programme, symbolising the enduring bond between Ladakh's institutions and local communities.

The event also saw participation from CSR and development partners, including the State Bank of India, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), HDFC Bank, and Jammu & Kashmir Bank, along with the Ladakh Ecological Heritage Organisation.

Their presence highlighted growing institutional support for initiatives that integrate tourism development with environmental stewardship and community empowerment.

Also present on the occasion were Principal, SIHM Ladakh, Ghulam Mohammad; Director Tourism, UT Ladakh, Tsering Paldan; and Assistant Director Tourism, Leh, Padma Angmo, underscoring strong institutional commitment towards strengthening Ladakh's homestay ecosystem.

Chief Secretary Ashish Kundra reviews tourism issues with stakeholders in Leh



Photo Caption: Chief Secretary of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Ashish Kundra, chairing a meeting with tourism stakeholders at the Conference Hall of LAHDC Leh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Chief Secretary of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Ashish Kundra, chaired a meeting with tourism stakeholders at the Conference Hall of LAHDC Leh on March 11 to discuss key issues concerning the tourism sector in the region.

During the meeting, stakeholders raised several issues affecting the tourism industry and sought necessary interventions from the administration. Major concerns discussed included air connectivity and high airfares, operational issues related to the Tourism Department's online portal, hotel registration and re-registration—particularly in Nubra Valley—and challenges related to LPCC approvals, fire safety compliance, electricity connections and other regulatory requirements.

Stakeholders highlighted the problem of limited flight capacity and high airfares, which are adversely affecting tourist inflow to Ladakh. The Chief Secretary directed the concerned authorities to explore measures to improve air connectivity and increase flight frequency, particularly during the peak tourist season.

Concerns were also raised regarding the Tourism Department's online portal. Stakeholders suggested that the portal should primarily focus on registration, information dissemination and promotion of Ladakh tourism rather than functioning as a booking platform, as this could adversely affect local tourism businesses.

The meeting also discussed the requirement of installing Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) for properties having more than 19 rooms, considering the high cost involved. The Chief Secretary stated that the administration will examine the possibility of extending subsidies for STP installation for such units. Issues related to faecal sludge management, sanitation and the need for better coordination among departments and local bodies to maintain cleanliness in tourist areas were also discussed.

The issue of developing airport connectivity in Nubra Valley was also taken up during the meeting. The Chief Secretary directed the concerned authorities to take necessary steps to make the facility operational at the earliest to improve regional connectivity.

Further discussions were held on the existing homestay policy, tourism-related subsidies and support measures, and restrictions on foreign tourists in certain areas of Ladakh.

The Chief Secretary informed that the matter regarding foreign tourist restrictions will be taken up with the concerned ministry for further consideration.

He assured the stakeholders that the administration remains committed to the sustainable development of tourism in Ladakh and directed all concerned departments to work in close coordination to address the issues raised during the meeting.

The meeting was attended by Secretary Tourism Sanjit Rodrigues, Secretary IT Shashanka Ala, Additional Secretary Tourism Mandeep Mittal, Director Tourism Tsering Paldan, Assistant Director Tourism Leh Padma Angmo, Assistant Director Tourism Kargil Muhammad Ali Tak, executive members of ALHAGHA, ALATOA, AKTTA and LMGA, representatives of various tourism associations, tour operators, hoteliers and officials from the concerned departments.

The World of Juniors

International Day of Action for Rivers 2026

The theme of this year's International Day of Action for Rivers is Protect Rivers, Protect People. At a time of intensifying climate impacts and global crises, when both people and planet face enormous threats to life and liberty, it is our collective responsibility to protect our shared waters. This has never been more urgent than it is today. Rivers are life-giving systems. Without them, our health, food security, livelihoods, and communities are at risk. We cannot survive or thrive without healthy rivers.

In September 1995, several river-focused organizations, such as the International Rivers Network and the European Rivers Network, participated in a preparatory meeting in Brazil. Brazil's Movement of People Affected by Large Dams (MAB) formed an international organizing committee and headed it.

In March 1997, the First International Meeting of People Affected by Dams was held in Curitiba, Brazil. Representatives from over 20 countries agreed to proclaim March 14 as the International Day of Action against Dams and For Rivers, Water, and Life to band together against the degradation of rivers, other bodies of water, and

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION FOR RIVERS

watershed areas. The day is known today as the International Day of Action for Rivers.

The date was chosen because it was Brazil's Day of Action against Large Dams. Since 1997, the International Day of Action for Rivers has been observed worldwide. In India also several projects are started for the conservation of rivers or against dam construction. The Narmada Bachao Andolan was one of them.

International Day of Action for Rivers is annually observed on March 14 for the following purposes:

1. To highlight the importance of rivers in our lives.
2. To raise awareness about how freshwater ecosystems like rivers are increasingly being polluted due to human activities.
3. To promote and safeguard equitable access to clean and flowing water.

Did you know?

- The hardest working muscle in your body is your heart—it pumps more than 2,000 gallons of blood a day and beats more than 2.5 billion times in a 70-year life span.
- It's impossible to hum while holding your nose (just try it!).
- All of an adult human's blood vessels, if laid out end to end, would be about 60,000 miles. This means they could encircle the Earth over two times.
- According to recent research, the human nose can distinguish at least a trillion different odors.
- The longest fingernails ever were over 42 feet (total) and belonged to American Diana Armstrong. She was officially recognized as the world record holder in March 2022. The previous record was held by American Lee Redmond, with fingernails over 28 feet in total.
- The origin of the word "sinister" reflects a historical bias against left-handed people. It comes from the Latin word for "left," which was also seen to be unlucky or evil.
- There is not one letter "Q" in any US state name, the only letter in the alphabet to be missing. "J" and "Z" are only represented once each—in New Jersey and Arizona.)
- Polar bears have black skin. And actually, their fur isn't white—it's see-through, so it appears white as it reflects light.
- A tiger's skin is actually striped, just like their fur. Also, no two fur patterns are alike.
- Flamingoes are only pink because of chemicals called carotenoids in the algae and fish they eat; their feathers are actually grayish-white when they're born.
- With five billion viewers, over half the world's population watched the 2022 FIFA World Cup of soccer (or football, as many international fans call it), which is held every four years. That number exceeded the total number of viewers of the 2024 Summer Olympics.
- There are no muscles in your fingers: Their function is controlled by muscles in your palms and arms.

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SoulSpeak

Dr. P.P. Wangchuk

We are not free enough to be free!

My stand on the issue of freedom is that each one of us will come out with a meaning of freedom that will be quite different. What does that mean? That means that somebody's freedom could be another's limitation, meaning that we are not really free at any given time.

In this connection, I want to quote one of my own quotes: "Those who are not happy and satisfied can never be free." That is because freedom to any individual is that he should have the means to fulfill his wishes. I am going here purely philosophical and this point of view has nothing to do with my moral belief and stand.

I have a lovely quote by American author Carrie Jones to go well with this theme: "The secret of happiness is freedom; the secret of freedom is courage." A similar one, anonymous, goes like this: "One who is brave is free." Both these quotes have their stress on the word 'brave' and say that one needs to be really and necessarily brave enough to be free.

These quotes raise a fundamental question: Are we all courageous? Certainly not. A majority of us are timid and silent observers. That means, necessarily, by definition, we are not free, and can't be free now or in future.

My favourite philosopher Jean-Paul Satre argues that we are all "condemned to be free." That clearly implies that we have the choice to be free but our limitations, internal or external, prohibit us from being courageous and free. We have the power to choose but our limitations are our barriers, and we remain unfree.

However, if we tone down our stand, we can say that ultimately freedom can be compared to a spectrum. While we may not have absolute freedom, we can work within the boundaries of restrictions and make a choice that go well with our values and aspirations.

You may raise a question and say that in the event of our being free, can we really be good enough to make use of our freedom wisely. No, never. History tells us of the misuse of freedom at an individual, societal or governmental level.

The punchline: Whatever you may say, we are never free enough to be free!

Courtesy: WongWorld

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In Conversation with State Awardee Konchok Rigzin, Thangka Artist

Q. Many congratulations on receiving the State Award 2026 in the Literature, Art & Craft category. Please share a little about your journey and how your interest in Thangka painting began.

Julley. I am from Phobrang village in Lalok Changthang. First of all, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the UT Administration and the former Councillors of Changthang Lalok, Konchok Stanzin and Tashi Namgyal Yakzee, as well as all the people who recognised and appreciated my work. I am also thankful to everyone who has sent their best wishes. Such recognition encourages individuals to work harder and, more importantly, to value and preserve our traditions, culture and art.

I developed an interest in art at a young age, and it opened a new door in my life. At the age of 20, I completed two years of training in traditional Thangka painting at the Department of Handicrafts Training Centre, Leh. I learned under the guidance of Padma Shri awardee Late Tsering Wangdus Olthangpa of Nimoo.

After completing my training, I worked as a painting instructor at the Ladakh Ecological Development Group for 11 years, from July 1987 to September 1998. During this time, I also attended various workshops and handicraft exposure tours to Delhi, Rajasthan, Kullu, Dharamshala, Bangalore and Dehradun, sponsored by Dastkari Haat Samiti.

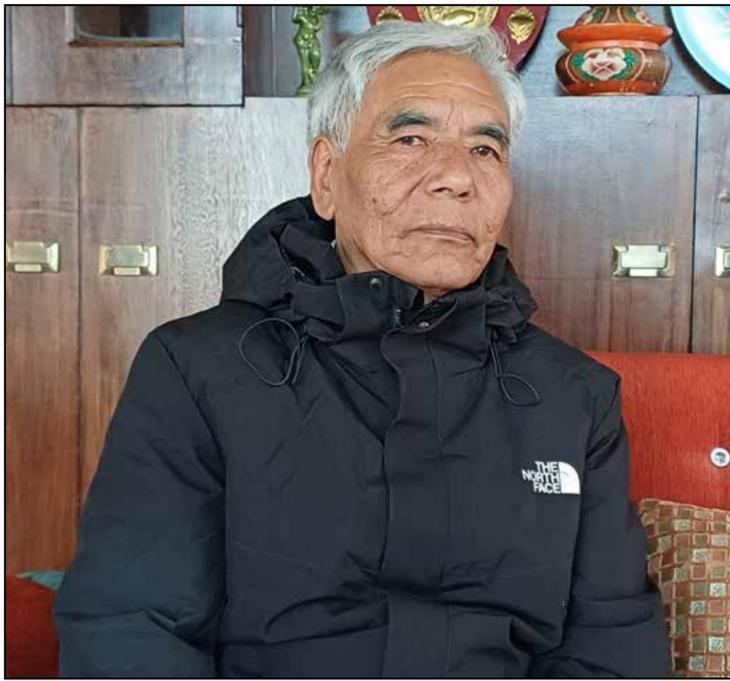
I also learned the art from Khanchen Tsewang Rigzin, under whose guidance a mural painting project was being carried out at Hemis Monastery. This gave me the opportunity to work and gain valuable experience. I was also fortunate to learn from Khenpo Togdol, who taught me the importance of design and how to use it effectively in painting. In addition, I learned mandala design and related work from Taklung Tsetrul Rinpoche.

Q. Can you tell us about your work and the projects you have undertaken?

I have carried out numerous works in both ancient and newly built monasteries across Ladakh. One of my major works was mural painting at Shang Monastery under the guidance of the renowned painter Ven. Khenpo Togdol. During this project, we painted images of the Buddha, Bodhisattvas, Dechog Lhagang, Wangon Chosum, as well as floral paintings and decorative pillar designs.

I have also worked on mural art in several important monasteries, including the ancient Nyingma monastery of Takthok

Interviewed by Stanzin Dasal



MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“ Art is an important part of our culture and identity. Traditional arts like Thangka painting carry the wisdom of our ancestors. It is our responsibility to preserve and pass this heritage to future generations. I encourage young people to learn and value these traditions to keep our culture alive. ”

in Sakti village, Guru Lhakang, Chemday Monastery, the assembly hall of Likir Monastery, Muth Monastery in Nyoma, Igoo Gompa, and the Hemis Monastery Museum.

In addition, I undertook the repair and restoration of ancient paintings in the main assembly hall of Hemis Monastery. I have also carried out painting, restoration, and drawing of deities, as well as images of the Buddha and Bodhisattvas, in monasteries located in Kungyam, Korzok, Tsaga, Hemya, Liksey, Matho, Nyi, Tukla, Chemday, Mangyu and Sumdha Chenmo.

I also worked on the wooden base known as “Shintsi” at Naro Photang in Shey. This project included colouring the seat of His Holiness Gyalwang Drukpa and carrying out mural artwork in the assembly hall.

Q. How do you see the changes in Thangka art over time?

Change cannot be stopped; it is a natural process. However, while embracing new developments, we must continue striving to promote and preserve our age-old traditions, culture and artistic practices.

In earlier times, natural and handmade colours were widely used in Thangka painting. Today, ready-made colours made with various chemicals are easily available in the market and are commonly used by artists. As a result, the traditional art of preparing natural colours has gradually disappeared.

The difference between natural and chemical colours is very evident when we use them. Natural colours have a warm and subtle quality and do not fade easily over time, whereas chemical colours appear brighter but tend to fade more quickly.

Using natural colours is certainly better, but preparing them requires a great deal of time, effort and skill. For this reason, many artists today prefer to use ready-made artificial colours.

Over the years, Thangka art has also progressed in terms of recognition and livelihood opportunities. Earlier, only a few people practised this art because it did not offer much earning potential. There was often no fixed price for a Thangka painting; people would simply offer whatever they could afford or felt appropriate. Today, however, the situation has changed and artists have better opportunities to earn from their work.

Q. How many students have you trained so far, and do you still teach those who are interested in Thangka painting?

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Fortnight Highlights



Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor (CEC) of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoon, signed the Condolence Book at the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in New Delhi on March 6. Dr. Akhoon expressed his deepest condolences to the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Dr. Mohammad Fathali, honoring the life and legacy of the Shaheed Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Syed Ali Khamenei.



Following the UT-level coordination committee meeting, the Chief Secretary of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Ashish Kundra on March 6 visited Jive-Tsal, Choglamsar, to inspect and review the preparations being made for the upcoming Holy Exposition of the Sacred Buddha Relics, scheduled to begin on May 1.



The UT Administration of Ladakh organised a farewell ceremony in honour of the outgoing Lieutenant Governor, Kavinder Gupta, who will soon assume charge as the Governor of Himachal Pradesh. Kavinder Gupta had assumed the office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh on July 18, 2025.



The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, flagged off consignments of organic fertiliser for distribution among farmers across different villages of the Union Territory from the LG Secretariat on March 5.



Two-Day Community Awareness Programme on disaster management for employees and general public organised by 13 Battalion National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) concludes at Khatse Sub-Division.



One day training camp on NFSM (Nutricereal) conducted at UMLA Village on 7 March. The programme focused on farmer awareness and capacity building regarding the importance of Rajma, Mustard, adoption of the latest agricultural technologies like mulching, Ladakh Greenhouse, Compost pit and other schemes including National Mission on Natural Farming, Per Drop More Crop and seed production technology.



The Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Union Territory of Ladakh, in collaboration with the Fire and Fury Corps of the Indian Army, celebrated World Wildlife Day 2026 at the Rinchen Auditorium, Leh.



International Women's Day: Members of Self Help Groups along with Anganwadi workers felicitated for their outstanding work and dedicated service to the community.

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In Conversation with State Awardee Konchok Rigzin, Thanka Artist

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I worked as a painting instructor at the Ladakh Ecological Development Group, Leh, where I trained 38 students in this field. Training at an institutional centre and teaching at a private level are quite different. At a training centre, it is possible to teach many students at once, but now that I work as a freelance artist, it is difficult to accommodate a large number of students because my workspace is limited.

Despite these challenges, I still try to teach those who are genuinely interested in learning Thanka painting and provide them with incentives as well. Earlier, I had approached the Administration with a request for land to establish a training centre so that I could accommodate more students and pass on this knowledge to the younger generation. I hope that my request will be considered in the future.

Q. You have been associated with this art for a long time and have worked in many ancient as well as newly built monasteries. How important is it to preserve ancient art and traditions, especially when many people prefer to dismantle old structures and create new ones? What is your view on this?

I have travelled to many places and carried out different kinds of work. In many monasteries and shrines, I found that old paintings and artworks had been damaged and were replaced with new ones. In several cases, I suggested restoring the old paintings instead of replacing them. It is very important to preserve old paintings and traditional art in their original form because they help us understand the history and development of art forms in Ladakh.

Q. What is your advice to young and aspiring artists, especially those who want to learn this art?

If you are interested in Thanka painting, you should definitely pursue it. Today, there are not as many challenges as there were in earlier days. It has become easier to find teachers and proper guidance. The potential of this art in terms of income generation is also growing. At the same time, it is a noble profession that helps preserve an important cultural and spiritual tradition.

Public outreach programme held at Garkone under Khidmat-e-Awaam initiative



Photo Caption: During the public outreach programme at the Tourist Dak Bungalow, Garkone.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

GARKONE: The Khidmat-e-Awaam initiative, themed "Administration at Your Doorstep," under the Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore campaign commenced from Garkone village in Kargil district with the first public outreach programme held at the Tourist Dak Bungalow, Garkone, under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Kargil, Jahangeer Akhoo.

Awaam" interaction programme was held at Shagaran, Garkone, where the ACR addressed the villagers and explained mechanisms for addressing public grievances. He stressed the importance of cleanliness and preservation of tourism sites, noting that the region has several natural and historical attractions.

The programme witnessed a large gathering of villagers along with participation from several departmental officers. Among those present were Tehsildar Kargil, Superintending Engineer PWD, BDO Kargil, the nominated councillor, nambardars of Gurgardoo, Sanachay, Batalik, Darchiks and Garkone, besides officials from various government departments and representatives from J&K Bank, ICICI Bank, SBI and HDFC Bank.

He urged the villagers to maintain the beautification and heritage value of the Aryan Valley and invited suggestions for further development. Responding to demands for beautification of the valley, he said that 20-25 homestays have already been sanctioned by the administration and that more will be approved in the future, which will help generate income for local residents.

During the programme, officers from different departments highlighted various government schemes and sponsored programmes related to agriculture, horticulture, revenue, rural development, tourism and other sectors, informing villagers about the benefits available and procedures for availing them.

Villagers also demanded installation of dustbins at various locations, regular garbage collection, installation of street lights and measures to control stray dog issues. The ACR informed that Garkon Valley has already been included under the Vibrant Village Programme and emphasized the need to explore innovative ideas to further develop the area.

Villagers raised several issues concerning road connectivity, drinking water supply, education and public infrastructure. They highlighted the shortage of a headmaster at Gurgardoo School, the need for a principal at High School Garkone, road connectivity to the school, issues related to the Jal Jeevan Mission and insulation of water reservoirs, among other concerns.

Residents also requested construction of toilets at Shagaran and beautification works at Changrah stage, which the ACR assured would be taken up soon. He further stressed the need to segregate plastic waste for recycling, stating that once the segregation shed is completed, waste collection will be carried out in a systematic manner.

Taking note of the grievances, ACR Kargil Jahangeer Akhoo visited several sites on the spot and directed the concerned departments to take necessary action and submit an action taken report at the earliest.

The BDO Kargil informed that efforts are underway to start the segregation shed this year and sought cooperation from villagers to ensure proper waste management.

During the visit, the ACR also inspected the Health Centre at Garkone, checked staff attendance and visited homestays established under the Tourism Department to review their functioning.

At the conclusion of the programme, the ACR received three applications for Ladakh Resident Certificates and issued the certificates to the beneficiaries on the spot.

Later in the evening, a "Sham-e-

Villagers appreciated the doorstep delivery of public services through the Khidmat-e-Awaam initiative and urged the administration to continue such outreach programmes in the future.

Municipal Committee Leh launches week-long outreach programme



Photo Caption: During the week-long community outreach programme organised by the Municipal Committee Leh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A week-long community outreach programme organised by the Municipal Committee Leh commenced on March 9 at the Community Hall in Chubi Yangtsey, covering the areas of Sankar, Chubi, Changspa and Karzoo.

households for waste management services.

The programme aims to strengthen coordination between the Municipal Committee and residents of Leh town while creating awareness about key municipal services and civic responsibilities.

Further, the Executive Officer informed the public that prior permission from the Municipal Committee Leh will be mandatory before undertaking any building construction within Leh town. Applicants will be required to submit their details through the online system and obtain approval before starting construction work.

During the programme, Nambardar Nawang Tsering welcomed Stanzin Rabgais, Executive Officer of Municipal Committee Leh, with traditional khataks, along with other departmental officers and participants from the area.

The outreach programme focuses on key areas such as sanitation and solid waste management, construction and building regulations, water supply management, street lighting and civic infrastructure, and community participation.

Addressing the gathering, Executive Officer Stanzin Rabgais highlighted the objectives of the week-long outreach initiative and emphasised the need to bridge the gap between the public and the Municipal Committee. He stressed the importance of maintaining cleanliness in Leh town and elaborated on the roles and responsibilities of both the public and government officials in ensuring effective civic management.

During the interaction session, officials engaged with community representatives, gobas and local residents to discuss civic concerns and encourage public participation in improving municipal services.

He also interacted with residents regarding municipal services, including the functioning and timing of waste collection vehicles, the work of sanitation staff and the proper use of dustbins. He informed that from April onwards, the Municipal Committee will deploy waste collection vehicles twice a week and a nominal user charge of ₹100 per month will be collected from

Residents raised various issues, including shortage of drinking water, concerns related to the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), stray animals, dogs posing risks to the public and livestock, road infrastructure, construction-related matters and other local issues.

The week-long outreach campaign will be conducted across 21 wards of Leh town from March 9 to 14 with the objective of enhancing awareness and strengthening engagement between the Municipal Committee and the public.

CEC Kargil meets LG Vinai Kumar Saxena, discusses developmental issues



Photo Caption: CEC, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoo with the newly appointed Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Vinai Kumar Saxena, at Lok Niwas, New Delhi.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

NEW DELHI: Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoo met the newly ap-

pointed Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Vinai Kumar Saxena, at Lok Niwas in New Delhi on March 7.

The CEC congratulated the Lieutenant Governor on assuming charge and expressed hope that under his leadership the developmental aspirations of the people of the Union Territory would be further strengthened.

During the meeting, Dr. Akhoo discussed various socio-political, developmental, and geographical aspects of the Union Territory of Ladakh, with particular focus on the challenges faced by the region due to its vast terrain, harsh climatic conditions, and remote habitations. He also highlighted the developmental aspirations and key issues concerning the people of both Kargil and Leh districts.

Dr. Akhoo emphasised the need for stronger coordination between the UT Administration

and the Hill Councils to ensure timely implementation of developmental projects, improvement of basic infrastructure, and enhanced delivery of public services, particularly in remote areas. He also underlined the importance of balanced and inclusive development across the region.

The Lieutenant Governor gave a patient hearing to the concerns and suggestions raised by the CEC and appreciated the proactive role played by the Hill Council in addressing local issues and promoting development in the district.

Assuring his full cooperation and support, the Lieutenant Governor stated that the administration remains committed to the welfare and holistic development of the people of Ladakh. He expressed confidence that through collective efforts and coordinated planning, ongoing and upcoming developmental initiatives in both Leh and Kargil districts will be further accelerated.

Electoral roll revision to begin in April: Chief Electoral Officer Ladakh



Photo Caption: Chief Electoral Officer, Rahul Sharma reviewing preparations for the upcoming Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A meeting to review preparations for the upcoming Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the Union Territory of Ladakh was held on March 9 at the DC Conference Hall, Leh, under the chairmanship of Rahul Sharma.

Leh Padma Angmo; Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO) and Tehsildar Leh; BLO Supervisors; and Booth Level Officers (BLOs) of Tehsil Leh.

During the meeting, the Chief Electoral Officer reviewed the present status of polling stations and took stock of various issues being faced at different locations. The concerns were presented by the AERO and discussed in detail to ensure their timely resolution.

The CEO informed that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) is scheduled to commence in April and directed all concerned officials to remain fully prepared for its smooth conduct. He also interacted with BLOs regarding the verification of voters in their respective polling stations and instructed them to thoroughly check and update the electoral rolls.

Further, the BLOs were directed to facilitate the appointment of Booth Level Officer-2 (BLO-2) in polling stations having more than 500 voters and to share updated data with the AEROs.

The CEO also emphasised the need for adequate arrangements, including reliable internet connectivity and the availability of printing facilities, to ensure the smooth implementation of the revision process.

Discussions were also held on mapping electors from the 2005 Special Intensive Revision (last SIR) with the latest electoral rolls and various field-level issues. Queries raised by the BLOs were also clarified during the meeting.

The meeting concluded with directions to all concerned officials to work in close coordination to ensure the successful conduct of the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in the district.

Kargil administration discusses strategies for disaster preparedness



Photo Caption: ADC Kargil, Imteez Kacho, chairing a meeting of the committee constituted for the preparation of the Draft District Disaster Management Plan (DDMP).

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: ADC Kargil, Imteez Kacho, chaired a meeting of the committee constituted for the preparation of the Draft District Disaster Management Plan (DDMP) on March 7.

missioner, Assistant Director Information/Wildlife Warden, District Mineral Officer, experts from the Department of Disaster Management, University of Ladakh (Kargil Campus), and other concerned officials.

The meeting was attended by the Additional Superintendent of Police, Superintending Engineer PWD, Assistant Director FCS&CA, Deputy CMO, Headquarters Assistant to the DC, Deputy Superintendent of Police UT-DRF, Accounts Officer to the Deputy Com-

During the meeting, the ADC sought department-wise suggestions from the concerned officers and experts to make the draft plan more effective and comprehensive. He emphasised the importance of inter-departmental coordination to strengthen disaster preparedness and

response mechanisms in the district.

The ADC directed departments including Mechanical Engineering, FCS&CA, Public Works, Information, Municipal Committee, and other stakeholders to submit their detailed inputs at the earliest so that the suggestions could be incorporated into the draft plan.

Experts from the Department of Disaster Management, University of Ladakh suggested utilising religious infrastructure during disasters for relief and shelter purposes.

The committee also recommended ensuring the readiness of motor garages along with drivers during emergencies, identifying alternate traffic routes, and enhancing training and awareness programmes for Aapda Mitras and volunteers.

The need for proper zonation, hazard mapping, resource mapping, and strengthening disaster-resilient infrastructure was also discussed, along with initiatives aimed at improving community preparedness and social capacity building.

The experts further suggested the introduction of Ham Radio communication systems to strengthen communication during disasters when conventional networks may fail.

NOTICE

I Yangchan Dolma D/o Late Shri Gurmet Namgail R/o Zangpo Pa House, Temisgam village Police Station Khalbse District Leh UT Ladakh hereby inform the general public that my date of birth has been wrongly mentioned as 02-10-1975 by my late father in his Service Records during his service in the erstwhile National Research Institute for Sowa Rigpa (NRISR) under the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Science (CCRAS), New Delhi whereas my correct and actual date of birth is 01-01-1952 (1st January Nineteen Hundred Fifty Two) which has also been mentioned in my valid Adhaar Card, Pan Card and Election Card etc.

Now, I want to correct my date of birth in the service records of my late father. In this connection, objection(s) if any may be communicated to the concerned authorities within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Fortnightly News

Administrative outreach camp benefits residents of Zanskar



Photo Caption: Residents taking benefit of an outreach camp under the Khidmat-e-Awaam programme in Zanskar sub-division.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

ZANSKAR: An outreach camp under the Khidmat-e-Awaam programme was organised on March 11 in Salapi Panchayat Halqa of Zanskar sub-division, while a Shaam-e-Awaam public interaction session was held at Ufti Pibiting Panchayat Halqa as part of the Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore campaign aimed at taking government services to remote villages.

The camp was conducted on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer of LAHDC Kargil and the Sub-Divisional Magistrate Zanskar.

The programme began with an introductory address by Nodal Officer Stanzin Khewang, who briefed villagers about the schemes and services available through various government departments and encouraged them to avail the benefits. He said the outreach initiative aims to bridge administrative gaps in the remote Zanskar region by bringing governance directly to the people.

Officials from several departments, including Revenue, Health, Agriculture, Education, Tourism, ICDS, financial institutions, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Handicrafts, Animal Husbandry, and Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, participated in the camp.

The Revenue Department, led by the Tehsildar Zanskar, issued several documents on the spot, including nine Central ST certificates, six domicile certificates, four inheritance mutations, and multiple other certificates such as income, legal heir and jamabandi extracts.

The Health Department conducted screenings for non-communicable diseases, examining 43 people for hypertension and 85 for diabetes. The team also generated nine ABHA health IDs and 11 Golden Cards under the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

Officials from J&K Bank and State Bank of India set up awareness stalls informing residents about financial schemes such as the Atal Pension Yojana, Pradhan Mantri

Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana. They also highlighted opportunities under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for entrepreneurship in agriculture, dairy and tourism.

The Agriculture Department and Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Zanskar educated farmers about the PM-KISAN scheme and Ladakh Greenhouse initiatives. Applications for greenhouse units were collected, and hybrid vegetable seeds were distributed among beneficiaries.

The Hydraulic Department addressed concerns related to the Jal Jeevan Mission and river protection works along the Stod River. Officials also conducted 30 on-the-spot water quality tests.

Meanwhile, the ICDS Department conducted awareness sessions for women on the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) and child nutrition, while growth monitoring of children was carried out during the camp. Animal Husbandry officials treated four livestock on-site and initiated five Kisan Credit Card applications for livestock owners. The Sheep Husbandry Department also treated ten animals during the camp.

The Handicrafts and Handloom Department interacted with women's groups and self-help groups, discussing training opportunities in weaving, carpet making, sewing and spinning to improve rural livelihoods.

During the Shaam-e-Awaam interaction at Ufti Pibiting, villagers raised several concerns, including irregular distribution of cattle feed, stray dog attacks on livestock, the need for a Livestock Development Centre in Sani village, and improved irrigation and water supply facilities.

Residents also demanded faster completion of the Jungkhor circular road, macadamisation of link roads connecting NH-301 to Sani, development of the Sangam area at Ufti as a tourism destination, and compensation for damage caused to Kisherak Lakhang due to heavy snowfall and rainfall last summer.

Other proposals included tapping the spring water source at Nakp Idor, improving agricultural marketing for potatoes and peas, and declaring Marthang pastureland as community land.

Officials said the outreach programme received a positive response from villagers, with a large number of beneficiaries attending despite snowfall in the region. Local residents also welcomed the visiting teams by serving tea and traditional cuisine.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks from the Block Development Officer of Zanskar, who encouraged villagers to make full use of such outreach camps to resolve both individual and community issues.

monks and underprivileged Buddhist youth. In addition, the Chief Secretary reviewed the progress regarding the construction of the Chowkhang Vihara in Leh.

Discussions were also held on the establishment of a Centre of Excellence in Kargil, during which the project's vision, expected benefits, and financial aspects were presented and examined.

Another key proposal reviewed during the meeting was the establishment of a Modular Operation Theatre (OT) for the Maternity and Labour Room at SNM Hospital, Leh.

Emphasising the need to strengthen healthcare infrastructure across the region, Chief Secretary Kundra stressed the importance of improving medical facilities in both Leh and Kargil districts. He directed the concerned departments to particularly focus on the development of healthcare infrastructure in remote areas such as Nyoma, Zanskar, and Drass.

The Chief Secretary also discussed the proposals submitted by the President of PAGIR regarding the construction of a DDRC (District Disability Rehabilitation Centre) to enhance medical diagnostic and treatment facilities in the region.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Dr L. Franklin; Administrative Secretary, Rural Development, Shashanka Ala; Administrative Secretary, Agri & Horti, Bhupesh Chaudhary; Administrative Secretary, Tourism, Sanjit Rodrigues; Administrative Secretary, Public Works, Baseer Ul Haq Choudhary; DC Leh, Romil Singh Donk; Directors, Heads of Departments, and other senior officials and representatives from PAGIR and LEDeG.

Chief Secretary Ashish Kundra reviews PMJVK scheme implementation in Ladakh



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The Chief Secretary of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Ashish Kundra chaired a meeting to review the implementation of schemes under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) on March 6 and discussed the approval of various proposed projects in the Union Territory.

During the meeting, Chief Secretary Kundra reviewed several proposals submitted by different departments under PMJVK. Among the key proposals discussed was the Ladakh Floriculture Mission under the Agriculture Department.

Detailed deliberations were held on the national floriculture scenario, the project background, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) and proposed budget, the expansion of the area under floriculture cultivation, and the establishment of effective domestic and international market linkages for floriculture products.

The meeting also discussed collaboration with the CSIR Floriculture Mission to strengthen the sector in Ladakh.

The meeting further deliberated on the proposal to establish a Monastic Hostel and Education Centre for Ladakhi

Community Radio Drass hosts symposium on changing socio-economic landscape



Photo Caption: Speakers of symposium titled "From Isolation to Opportunity: The Transformation of Kargil and Drass" at the Community Radio Station, Drass.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

DRASS: A symposium titled "From Isolation to Opportunity: The Transformation of Kargil and Drass" was organised at the Community Radio Station, Drass on March 8, bringing together voices from different fields to discuss the region's evolving socio-economic landscape.

Five eminent speakers from diverse domains shared their

perspectives on the progress witnessed in Drass and Kargil over the years. The discussions covered themes such as the preservation of local culture and language, improving healthcare awareness, expanding educational opportunities, youth aspirations, and the growing participation of women in sports and community life.

The speakers included Abdul Wahid, Councillor Bhimbat; Dr. Haseena of GDC Drass; Dr. Ashan Ali, Medical Officer at SDH Drass; Md. Shafi Sagar, Shina scholar; and Maqasama Akhter, an ice hockey player.

Speakers highlighted how the region, once considered remote and isolated, is gradually emerging as a place of opportunity, driven by education, community participation, and new avenues for youth and women.

The programme was hosted by Station Manager Mohammad Saleem and RJ Shabnam.

The symposium provided an engaging platform for dialogue and reflection on the transformation of Drass and the promising opportunities shaping its future.

Workshop on credit outreach for MSMEs and SHGs conducted at DIC Kargil



Photo Caption: During the one-day workshop aimed at strengthening credit outreach and financial awareness among MSMEs and SHGs in Kargil.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: A one-day workshop aimed at strengthening credit outreach and financial awareness among Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) was conducted in Kargil on March 6 under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Programme of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India.

The workshop was organised by the District Industries Centre (DIC) Kargil as part of the LA-12 intervention to enhance engagement between entrepreneurs and banking institutions. The programme witnessed the participation of around 30 local MSME entrepreneurs, SHG members, and artisans from the handloom and handicraft sectors.

The objective of the workshop was to enhance awareness about various credit facilities, government schemes, and financial procedures required for enterprise development.

Functional Manager, DIC Kargil, Mudassar Rahowf Wani welcomed the participants and distinguished guests. He delivered a detailed presentation on the RAMP scheme and highlighted various initiatives and programmes being implemented by the Indus-

tries Department to promote and support MSMEs in the region. He emphasised the importance of formal registration, financial discipline, and institutional credit in strengthening the local entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Lead District Manager (LDM) Kargil, Tsering Morup addressed the gathering and apprised the participants about various bank credit schemes and financial products available for MSMEs and entrepreneurs. He also explained the procedures for availing bank loans, documentation requirements, and the role of banks in supporting small businesses.

District Development Manager (DDM), NABARD, Anub Tsetan Paljor delivered an informative session on various initiatives of NABARD aimed at strengthening Self-Help Groups (SHGs), cooperative institutions, and rural enterprises. He elaborated on financial support mechanisms and capacity-building initiatives being implemented for community-based organisations and entrepreneurs. During the programme, Mohd Ali from the Ladakh Rural Livelihoods Mission (LRLM) also addressed the participants and created awareness about schemes and initiatives that support SHGs, rural entrepreneurs, and livelihood promotion activities in the region.

The workshop provided a valuable platform for direct interaction between bankers, government officials, and entrepreneurs. Participants actively engaged in discussions and sought clarification on loan procedures, documentation, GST compliance, and available support schemes.

The programme concluded with an interactive session during which participants raised queries related to credit facilities, enterprise development, and MSME schemes, which were addressed by the resource persons.

Training camp on natural and organic farming held at Khardong village



Photo Caption: During the training camp on natural and organic farming at Khardong village.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KHARDONG: A training camp on natural and organic farming was successfully organized at Khardong village under the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) scheme on March 8. The programme aimed to create awareness among farmers about sustainable and eco-friendly agricultural practices and encourage the adoption of natural farming methods in the region.

During the programme, the Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer (SDAO), Nubra, provided a comprehensive overview of various departmental schemes available for farmers and encouraged participants to avail these initiatives to enhance agricultural productivity and improve their livelihoods. Subject Matter Specialist Stanzin Gonbo delivered an informative session on vermicomposting techniques, emphasizing the importance of soil health

and explaining different organic approaches to restore and maintain soil fertility.

Agriculture Extension Officer Chimet Lhamo presented a detailed overview of natural farming techniques and highlighted practical ways through which farmers can incorporate these practices into their day-to-day farming activities to ensure sustainable and environmentally friendly agriculture in the future.

A total of 70 farmers actively participated in the training programme. At the conclusion of the session, officials conducted practical demonstrations on the preparation of Beejamrit for organic seed treatment, Jeevamrit as a microbial culture for improving soil fertility, and Agni Astra as a natural pest repellent.

Farmers were also informed about various no-cost natural inputs that can be prepared using locally available materials to effectively manage routine farming operations in a sustainable and cost-effective manner.

Overall, the training programme proved highly informative and was well received by participating farmers, contributing to greater awareness and adoption of natural and organic farming practices in the area.

Women's day marked by mass participation sports event in Kargil



Photo Caption: International Women's Day: Girls actively taking part in various sports activities.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

KARGIL: International Women's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Astro Turf Football Ground, Kargil on March 8 with a mass participation sports event aimed at encouraging women and girls to actively engage in sports and physical fitness.

The event was jointly organised by Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), Youth Services and Sports, UT Ladakh, and the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Kargil as part of a nationwide initiative to promote women's participation in sports.

ASP Kacho Istayak graced the occasion as the Chief

Guest, while Dr. Rinchen Dolkar attended the programme as the Guest of Honour. They appreciated the initiative and highlighted the importance of sports in empowering women and promoting a healthy and active lifestyle.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 200 girls who actively took part in various activities organised on the occasion, with a large gathering present to cheer and encourage the participants. The competitive athletics events included 100 metres, 200 metres, and 400 metres races conducted in different age categories under 13 years, 13-18 years, and above 18 years.

In addition to the competitive races, several fun activities were also organised to make the celebration more engaging and inclusive.

At the conclusion of the event, certificates and medals were distributed to participants in recognition of their participation and sporting spirit.

The programme concluded with a Swachhhta (cleanliness) initiative at the Astro Turf Football Ground, where participants and organisers collectively cleaned the venue and spread awareness about maintaining cleanliness.

Household list launched to improve public services in Nubra



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

NUBRA: The Chula Shumari (Household List) was formally inaugurated at the Tehsil Office, Sumoor, by Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Nubra, Mukul Beniwal, IAS, in the presence of Tehsildar Sumoor, Tashi Jorgais, on March 6.

The Chula Shumari or Household List, which serves

as a basic requirement for the issuance of various public certificates, has been successfully completed with reference to January 1, 2026. Its completion marks an important step towards strengthening administrative efficiency and improving public service delivery in the region.

On the occasion, a brief farewell gathering was also organised at the Tehsil Office, Sumoor, in honour of Sub-Divisional Magistrate Mukul Beniwal on his transfer and posting as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Leh. Officials and local representatives expressed appreciation for his dedicated service and contributions during his tenure in Nubra.

Former Councillor of Tegar Constituency, Rigzen Lundup, along with all seven Nambardars of the Siachen belt, was present and participated in the inaugural ceremony.

NOTICE

It is for the information of the general public that Tsering Angdus S/o Late Konchok Rabzang R/o Khalbti UT Ladakh with card no. A-104 proprietor of M/s Tsering Angdus intent to change the name of the firm as M/s Gyamtso Construction from M/s Tsering Angdus and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary public Leh with Certificate No. IN LA10760441289674Y to this office for making necessary changes. Now objection if any may be report to the concern office within 14 days from the date of the publication of this notice.



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