

Fortnightly News

Chief Secretary Ashish Kundra launches ‘Katabita: The Hidden Doodleland’ in Leh



Photo Caption: During the launch of book Katabita: The Hidden Doodleland, authored by Padma Angmo.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Chief Secretary, UT Ladakh, Ashish Kundra, launched Katabita: The Hidden Doodleland, authored by Padma Angmo and published by Yige Publication, at Rang Thag in Leh on October 11.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary highlighted the importance of children’s imagination in interpreting mythology, spiritual narratives and the cultural heritage of a region. He described documenting children’s imaginative expressions as a fascinating process, particularly in exploring the connections between spiritual stories, mythology and local landscapes.

Referring to his published book on the Northeast, Kundra described Ladakh and the Northeast as significant frontier regions situated along the country’s northern and eastern frontiers, respectively. He noted that while the two regions share several similarities, they also have distinct identities, histories and cultural experiences.

Drawing on his experiences in the Northeast, he highlighted how literature captures changing landscapes and the lived experiences of women, conflict-affected communities and people in diverse frontier regions. He added that Ladakh’s landscapes, people and cultural imagery also leave a lasting impression.

Author Padma Angmo shared the inspiration behind Katabita: The Hidden Doodleland, which grew out of a storytelling and art workshop conducted with students of Munsel School in Leh, a school for children

with disabilities. The book features original illustrations created by the students, with the story woven around their artwork, celebrating imagination, creativity and inclusion.

As part of the journey behind the book, the author and the Yige Publications team organised a celebratory event at Munsel School on September 28, 2026, in the presence of the student illustrators, their parents and school staff. During the event, the author and publisher presented certificates recognising the students’ artistic contributions. The author also presented copies of the book and honorariums to the student illustrators in appreciation of their creativity and contribution to Katabita.

The author highlighted the social purpose of the publication, noting that a portion of the proceeds from the book would support the welfare of children with disabilities in Ladakh.

Members of the publishing team shared their experiences of bringing the book to readers, while Angmo reflected on her creative journey and the collaborative process behind the publication.

The Chief Secretary encouraged people to read and share the book, expressing hope that it would reach a wider readership. He extended his best wishes to the author and the publishing team for their efforts.

Later, the Chief Secretary felicitated the author, members of the publishing team and the author’s family.

AAM-UPHC Leh observes World Mental Health Day with awareness session for health workers



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LEH: Ayushman Arogya Mandir–Urban Primary Health Centre (AAM-UPHC), Leh, observed World Mental Health Day 2026 by organising an awareness session for Female Multipurpose Health Workers (FMPHWs) serving the urban area. The programme was conducted under the nationwide “Mann Jagriti” Mental Health Awareness Campaign, being observed from October 10 to 16, in accordance with the directions of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

The session was conducted by Dr Jigmet Wangchuk, Medical Officer at AAM-UPHC Leh, who highlighted the importance of mental health as an integral component of overall health and well-being. He described FMPHWs as key representatives of the Health Department at the community level, noting that their close contact with families enables them to identify health concerns, spread awareness and facilitate access to healthcare services.

During the session, Dr Wangchuk delivered a detailed presentation on the significance of World Mental Health Day, the growing burden of mental health problems, and the importance of early identification and timely intervention. He explained common mental health conditions, their signs and symptoms, ways to identify individuals who may require professional assistance, and the treatment and support services available. He emphasised that mental illnesses are health conditions that require understanding, compassion and appropriate medical care.

A key focus of the programme was addressing stigma and discrimination associated with mental health. Dr

Wangchuk urged FMPHWs to adopt a supportive and non-judgmental approach towards individuals experiencing mental health difficulties. He noted that fear, social stigma and misconceptions often prevent people from seeking timely help. Community-level health workers, he added, can play a crucial role in breaking these barriers by encouraging open conversations, offering reassurance and guiding people towards appropriate care.

He also sensitised participants about the Tele-MANAS mental health helpline (14416), a Government of India initiative supported by the National Health Mission (NHM), which provides mental health counselling and support. The FMPHWs were encouraged to widely share information about the toll-free helpline and ensure that people are aware of the mental health services available to them.

The programme reinforced the message that mental health deserves the same attention, care and priority as physical health. Through the active involvement of frontline health workers, AAM-UPHC Leh aims to strengthen community awareness, encourage early help-seeking and contribute to building a more informed, compassionate and stigma-free society.

The observance concluded with a renewed commitment to take the message of mental well-being to every household and ensure that no individual suffers in silence because of stigma, fear or lack of awareness.

The theme of World Mental Health Day 2026 is “Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change.”

From barren land to saffron fields: New agricultural experiment in Ladakh



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LEH: A tract of land in Leh that remained barren until three months ago is set to produce saffron for the first time in Ladakh.

Following the success of Lilium cultivation in Ladakh, Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has undertaken another agricultural diversification initiative by introducing saffron cultivation in the cold desert region.

As part of the pilot project, nearly 800 kg of saffron corms, numbering around 90,000, have been planted across approximately 4,000 square metres of land that was previously barren and has recently been restored and rejuvenated under Project Him Sarovar, guided by the L-G.

Agriculture experts said the saffron corms are expected to produce a good quantity of saffron.

The initiative is aligned with Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision of diversifying traditional agricultural practices to promote financial sustainability and economic empowerment among farmers and youth. The saffron plantation builds on the Administration’s experiments with high-value floriculture, particularly the cultivation of Lilium and Gladiolus in Leh, which have created employment and livelihood opportunities for farmers, Self-Help Groups and local entrepreneurs.

Chief Secretary reviews mission-mode strategy to promote Seabuckthorn in Ladakh



Photo Caption: Chief Secretary, UT Ladakh, Ashish Kundra, reviewing the outcomes of the Seabuckthorn Conclave.

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LEH: Chief Secretary, UT Ladakh, Ashish Kundra, on October 8 chaired a meeting to review the outcomes of the recently held Seabuckthorn Conclave and discuss a comprehensive, mission-mode strategy to strengthen seabuckthorn production, harvesting, processing, value addition and marketing in Ladakh.

At the outset, Divisional Commissioner/Administrative Secretary, Agriculture and Horticulture, Ladakh, Shurbir Singh, and Administrative Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Himanshu Gupta, briefed the meeting on the current status of seabuckthorn production and collection in Ladakh. The briefing covered district-wise production, processing capacity, registered processors and unit holders, and key outcomes of the Seabuckthorn Conclave.

The meeting discussed the need for coordinated, market-oriented interventions to develop seabuckthorn into a commercially viable economic activity by strengthening the entire value chain, from village-level harvesting and aggregation to pulping, processing, value addition and marketing.

The Chief Secretary reviewed this year’s production and procurement trends against those of the previous year and sought an assessment of the factors influencing changes in procurement rates. He also directed officials to examine the existing procurement mechanism, including variations in rates offered by different buyers, to ensure greater transparency and better returns for producers.

DRDO conducts maiden live jump of advanced high-altitude parachute in Nyoma



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NYOMA: The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted the maiden live jump of the Advanced High-Altitude Parachute (AHAP) at the Nyoma (Mudh Drop Zone), located at an altitude of 13,700 feet. The successful trial demonstrated the effectiveness and tactical applicability of the AHAP system in extremely high-altitude terrain.

The jump was executed from an altitude of 16,000 feet above mean sea level (AMSL), with the parachute deployed at 15,500 feet AMSL. The landing took place at Nyoma (Mudh Drop Zone), located at an altitude of 13,700 feet. The successful trial demonstrated the effectiveness and tactical applicability of the AHAP system in extremely high-altitude terrain.

The pilot cultivation is being undertaken at Command Area Gate No. 27 at Spituk Pharka, Leh. High-quality Iranian saffron corms with a circumference of 8 to 10 cm, a diameter of 2.5 to 3 cm or more, and weighing at least 10 grams have been planted. These specifications are considered suitable for high-quality saffron production.

L-G Saxena said the initiative has the potential to strengthen the local economy by introducing another high-value crop suited to Ladakh’s unique high-altitude agro-climatic conditions. He said the experiment would also challenge the perception that saffron cannot be grown in Ladakh and that barren or degraded land cannot be restored for productive use.

“Our endeavour is to transform degraded and barren land into productive assets and create new opportunities for our farmers. The introduction of saffron is another important experiment in crop diversification, which can open a new avenue for enhancing farmers’ incomes through a premium-value crop,” said L-G Saxena.

Saffron is a high-value crop with strong market demand and commands a premium price, offering farmers the potential for an additional source of income. Jammu and Kashmir is the primary saffron-producing region in India, accounting for approximately 90 per cent of the country’s total production. Its introduction in Ladakh is therefore being undertaken as a pilot project to assess its suitability to the region’s climatic conditions and explore its economic potential.

The saffron plantation site forms part of around 800 acres of land being restored in Leh through the supply of fresh water from the adjoining Igoo-Phey irrigation canal, which was recently restored and made operational.

On the directions of the Lieutenant Governor, unutilised or excess water from the canal is being channelled towards the barren land to improve its moisture content and make it suitable for cultivation.

The Command Area also has four water ponds developed under Project Him Sarovar adjacent to the plantation site, with a combined storage capacity of around 24 million litres.

Emphasising the significant economic potential of seabuckthorn, the Chief Secretary called for village-wise planning for harvesting, aggregation and marketing. The meeting also discussed strengthening local processing units, establishing village-level pulping facilities and exploring viable models of joint ventures, public-private partnerships and private investment to expand processing and value addition within Ladakh.

The meeting particularly emphasised structured engagement with existing and potential buyers. The Chief Secretary directed officials to consult major buyers to understand their procurement requirements, purchasing capacity, pricing and long-term market needs, and identify opportunities for aggregation, processing and value addition. The initiative aims to expand the buyer base, strengthen market linkages and create sustainable economic opportunities for farmers, aggregators and processors.

Secretary, Planning, Himanshu Gupta, suggested exploring the feasibility of seabuckthorn cultivation in suitable areas of Nubra by identifying appropriate land and assessing its commercial potential.

The meeting also discussed developing a digital platform to connect farmers, aggregators, processors and buyers, improve market transparency and facilitate village-level aggregation. The Chief Secretary emphasised exploring wider domestic and international markets and studying successful seabuckthorn models in countries such as Mongolia for possible adaptation in Ladakh.

The concerned departments were directed to work in close coordination and prepare a practical roadmap covering production, scientific harvesting, processing, market linkages, investment opportunities and value addition. The roadmap will also focus on raising awareness among farmers about scientific harvesting practices, quality standards and market requirements.

The meeting was attended by Divisional Commissioner, Ladakh, Shurbir Singh; Administrative Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Himanshu Gupta; Mandeep Mittal, IFS; Additional Secretary Dr Usman Malik; Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Romil Singh Donk; Managing Director, SIDCO, Sonam Norbu; and other senior officers of the concerned departments.

Designed and developed by the Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE), Agra, the AHAP is a static-line parachute system designed for the mass airdrop of paratroopers.

The system has been manufactured by the Ordnance Parachute Factory (OPF), Kanpur, inspected by the Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance (DGAQA) and certified by the Centre for Military Airworthiness and Certification (CEMILAC), RCMA Kanpur.

The AHAP offers multiple deployment modes and a wide operational altitude range of up to 18,000 feet. It also features a low rate of descent, making it suitable for the tactical requirements of the Indian Defence Forces in high-altitude terrain. Static-line parachute jumps at such elevations are complex and inherently risky due to high opening shock and descent rates.

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh congratulated DRDO, the Defence Forces, Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and industry partners on the successful maiden live jump of the indigenous AHAP system. He described the achievement as another significant step towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Defence Secretary and Secretary, Department of Defence Research and Development, and Chairman of DRDO, Rajesh Kumar Singh, also congratulated the team members involved in the design and development of the system.

NOTICE

No 15577411 N Rank Hav Kamal Kanti Sinha Unit 102 VC Engineer Regt. C/o 56APO S/o Krishnadan Sinha R/o Village Patiala, PO Pechala, Karimganj-Assam 788734 has claimed that his father namely Krishnadan Sinha has been wrongly entered as Krishnadhan Sinha instead of correct and actual name Krishnadan Sinha and also his Date of Birth 01-07-1951 has been wrongly entered as 02-05-1952 instead of 01-07-1951 in the Army record of Unit 102 VC Engineer Regt. C/o 56APO and produced an affidavit duly verified by Notary public Leh with Certificate No. IN-LA12117017923388Y to this office for making necessary correction. Hence the notice is hereby served through press to file objection if any in this office Unit 102 VC Engineer Regt. C/o 56APO within 7 days from date of publication failing which necessary correction will be made.

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Chief Secretary chairs 6th UTLSC meeting, reviews security of currency chests, ATMs and cash movement



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Chief Secretary, Union Territory of Ladakh, Ashish Kundra, chaired the 6th Union Territory Level Security Committee (UTLSC) meeting at Hotel Zen, Leh, on October 7 to review security arrangements concerning Currency Chests, bank branches, ATMs, and the movement of cash and other valuables across the Union Territory.

The meeting was held under the aegis of Prabhakar Jha, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

The Committee reviewed measures concerning the security and safety of Currency Chests, bank branches and ATMs, as well as the movement of cash and other valuables, with emphasis on strengthening coordination between the banking sector, police and other concerned agencies.

The Committee deliberated on the adequacy of security and guarding arrangements at Currency Chest premises, measures to mitigate fire risks, and the installation, functioning and periodic maintenance of security gadgets, CCTV systems and other surveillance equipment. Security arrangements at bank branches and ATMs were also reviewed, including the effective implementation and monitoring of e-surveillance systems.

Discussions also covered protocols for the transportation and movement of cash between Currency Chests, bank

branches and ATMs, including the need for clear coordination mechanisms and appropriate police assistance wherever required. The Committee emphasised the importance of well-defined and standardised protocols that are clearly understood and followed by police personnel and banking officials.

Chief Secretary Ashish Kundra stressed the need for regular mock drills and preparedness exercises to assess the effectiveness of security arrangements and the response readiness of banks, police and other stakeholders. He advised the RBI to share existing security guidelines and protocols relating to Currency Chests, bank branches and ATMs with concerned agencies to ensure uniform understanding and compliance.

The meeting also emphasised stronger coordination mechanisms, including the designation of nodal officers from the police and banking sectors, to facilitate timely communication and coordinated responses concerning security, cash movement, ATM operations and other contingencies.

The Committee also discussed the need to review security arrangements during the winter months, particularly in areas where weather conditions and connectivity may affect ATM operations and the movement of cash.

The importance of capacity building was highlighted, with discussions on organising joint security workshops and

training sessions for bank and police personnel. These programmes would focus on established security protocols, emergency response, cash transportation procedures, surveillance systems and other aspects of bank and Currency Chest security.

The Committee further deliberated on the circulation of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICNs) in the Union Territory and the need to strengthen preventive and detection mechanisms. Emphasis was laid on regular training and sensitisation of bank officials and other concerned personnel to ensure effective identification, detection and reporting of counterfeit currency.

The Chief Secretary stressed strict adherence to prescribed security protocols (SOPs) for the detection and reporting of FICNs. He also emphasised continuous compliance with established security guidelines and stronger awareness at the operational level.

The Committee reviewed the overall security architecture and preparedness of banks and other concerned establishments, with emphasis on identifying gaps, strengthening monitoring mechanisms and ensuring timely corrective measures. The concerned agencies were advised to work in close coordination with the RBI and one another to establish a robust and standardised security framework across the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by Anand Jain, IPS, DGP, Ladakh Police; Dr. Rajneesh Garg, IPS, AIG (CIV), Ladakh Police; Anayatullah, Deputy Director, Fire & Rescue Services; Shailender Kumar, Assistant Commandant, CISF Airport Security, Leh; Vinod Kumar, DGM, RBI, Jammu; and senior officials from concerned government departments, commercial banks, the Airport Authority of India and Air India, besides other stakeholders.

Chief Secretary joins launch of Changthang visioning report on rangelands, wildlife and communities



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Chief Secretary, UT Ladakh, Ashish Kundra, attended the launch of the Changthang Visioning Report, titled “Vision from the Highlands: Building a Shared Future for Rangelands, Wildlife and Communities,” at The Grand Dragon, Leh, on October 8.

The event brought together representatives from the administration, LAHDC Leh, WWF-India, conservation and academic institutions, pastoral communities, youth and women’s groups, religious leaders and other stakeholders to deliberate on a shared and sustainable future for the Changthang landscape.

The launch was graced by His Eminence Palga Rinpoche and Tashi Gyalson, former Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC Leh. Senior representatives from the Wildlife, Animal Husbandry and Sheep Husbandry departments, the Changthang district administration and other concerned institutions also participated in the programme.

Representing WWF-India, Ravi Singh, Secretary General and CEO; Jamshyd N. Godrej, Trustee; and Dr. Sejal Worah, Programme Director, attended the launch along with members of the organisation’s Western Himalayas team.

The visioning process brought together diverse stakeholders to discuss the interconnected future of rangelands, wildlife, pastoral livelihoods,

cultural traditions and community well-being in Changthang. Pastoral representatives, Gobas, women’s groups, youth organisations, community leaders and local institutions shared their experiences, traditional knowledge, concerns and aspirations, highlighting the importance of community participation in shaping the future of the landscape.

The programme also saw the participation of Konchok Stanzin, former Executive Councillor and Councillor from Chushul, along with representatives from the University of Ladakh, GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Snow Leopard Conservancy-India Trust, Himothan, NABARD and other partner organisations. Religious leaders associated with monasteries across Changthang also attended the event.

The report seeks to promote an integrated approach to conservation and livelihoods, recognising the ecological, cultural and socio-economic significance of Changthang’s high-altitude rangelands. Its launch marks an important milestone in WWF-India’s Western Himalayas Conservation Programme and provides a platform for strengthening partnerships, advancing practical action and promoting long-term stewardship of the landscape.

The launch assumes added significance as 2026 is being observed as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists, highlighting the ecological and cultural importance of rangelands and the vital role of pastoral communities in sustaining them across generations.

The Changthang Visioning Report aims to provide a shared direction for the future of the region, placing healthy rangelands, thriving wildlife and resilient pastoral communities at the centre of long-term conservation and sustainable development.

Ladakh Police strengthened with 114 new SPOs
Personnel to be deployed in Nubra, Sham, Changthang, Drass and Zaskar districts



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LEH: Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena attended the valedictory function and passing-out parade of Sub-Inspectors, Head Constables, Followers and Special Police Officers (SPOs) at the Police Training School, Stongsar, on October 6. The occasion marked the successful completion of training by newly recruited personnel and the professional advancement of serving personnel through pre-promotional courses.

The Lieutenant Governor also inaugurated 24 two-BHK police family quarters aimed at improving the accommodation and welfare of police personnel. He launched the official Emblem, Flag, Logo and shoulder, cap and belt badges of the Ladakh Fire & Rescue Service, along with its official website and the Comprehensive Fire Safety Handbook.

The website has been developed as a single digital platform providing citizens and other stakeholders access to Fire NOC services, fire safety guidelines, advisories, forms, rules and regulations, emergency contact details, fire station information and public awareness material.

The Lieutenant Governor inspected the parade and took the salute of the marching contingents during the ceremonial march past. He also presented awards to the Overall Best, Indoor Best, Outdoor Best and Best Marchman among the Sub-Inspectors, Head Constables, Followers and SPOs. The Chief Drill Inspector was felicitated for his contribution to the training and preparation of the personnel.

A total of 114 newly recruited SPOs successfully completed their training and were inducted into Ladakh Police. They will be deployed in the newly created districts of Nubra, Sham, Changthang, Drass and Zaskar, augmenting police manpower and strengthening police presence closer to communities in remote and difficult-to-access areas.

The passing-out parade also marked the completion of pre-promotional courses by 99 police personnel. These included eight Sub-Inspectors undergoing courses for promotion to Inspectors, nine Assistant Sub-Inspectors for promotion to Sub-Inspectors, 77 Head Constables for promotion to Assistant Sub-Inspectors, and five Police Followers for induction as Constables.

Congratulating the passing-out personnel, the Lieutenant Governor noted that policing in Ladakh involves unique challenges due to its vast geographical spread, high-altitude locations, difficult terrain, extreme weather conditions and dispersed settlements.

“Ladakh Police performs its duty in some of the most challenging conditions in the country, and the courage, discipline and dedication of its personnel deserve our highest appreciation. Today’s induction of 114 newly recruited SPOs, along with the promotion and professional advancement of 99 serving personnel, will further strengthen the Police force across Ladakh. Our initiatives for police housing and the strengthening of Fire & Rescue Services are aimed at ensuring that our personnel are supported with better facilities, modern systems and the resources they need to serve the people effectively,” said L-G Saxena.

He emphasised that professional advancement in the Police is not merely about assuming a higher rank but also about accepting greater responsibility, leadership and accountability. He highlighted the importance of legal knowledge, investigation skills, technology, discipline, integrity and professional conduct in modern policing.

During the programme, the Lieutenant Governor inaugurated four building blocks comprising 24 two-BHK family quarters for eligible personnel from the rank of Follower to Head Constable. Constructed at a cost of ₹11.04 crore, the quarters have been designed keeping Ladakh’s harsh climatic conditions in view.

The Lieutenant Governor also launched the official Emblem, Flag, Logo and Shoulder, Cap and Belt Badges of the Ladakh Fire & Rescue Service. He e-inaugurated the Service’s official website and launched the Comprehensive Fire Safety Handbook for Ladakh.

The handbook covers fire prevention, safety measures, emergency response, evacuation procedures, rescue operations and public awareness. It is intended as a practical reference for citizens, commercial establishments, institutions, offices and other stakeholders.

The Lieutenant Governor expressed confidence that the induction of new personnel, professional advancement of serving Police personnel and initiatives for Police welfare and Fire & Rescue Services would make Ladakh’s security and emergency response systems more modern, responsive, professional and people-centric.

He paid tribute to the officers and personnel of Ladakh Police and Ladakh Fire & Rescue Service for their dedicated service, stating that their courage, professionalism and commitment constitute a vital strength of Ladakh’s security and emergency response system.

L-G VK Saxena inaugurates 100 Saksham ICT labs at Anganwadi centres across Ladakh

50 ICT labs established each in Leh and Kargil to make early childhood learning more engaging and interactive



Photo Caption: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Vinai Kumar Saxena inaugurating the 100 Saksham ICT Labs established across Anganwadi Centres in the Union Territory.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: In a significant step towards strengthening Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and foundational learning among children, Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Vinai Kumar Saxena, on October 5 inaugurated 100 Saksham ICT Labs established across Anganwadi Centres in the Union Territory.

The Lieutenant Governor physically inaugurated one of the labs at the Anganwadi Centre located at Government Primary School, Killibuk, Thiksey, while the remaining labs were inaugurated virtually.

Of the 100 Saksham ICT Labs, 50 have been established in Leh and 50 in Kargil, marking an important milestone in the Administration’s efforts to create inclusive, stimulating and technology-enabled learning environments for children at the grassroots level.

The initiative has been undertaken under Mission Saksham Anganwadi &

Poshan 2.0 to strengthen ECCE and is aligned with Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi, the Aadharshila Curriculum and the ECCE framework of the Ministry of Women & Child Development.

The ICT facilities will provide children with age-appropriate digital and audio-visual learning content, including stories, rhymes, poems and songs. The initiative will also support learning in areas such as language and communication, colours, shapes and pre-number concepts, along with cognitive, creative, physical and motor activities.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor said the future of Ladakh is closely linked to the quality of learning and development provided to its youngest generation. He emphasised that the 100 Saksham ICT Labs are not merely about introducing technology in Anganwadi Centres, but about creating a new learning experience where technology, creativity, participation and joyful learning come together.

“Technology must be used to make learning more engaging, joyful and meaningful for our children. These Saksham ICT Labs will complement play-based learning and help strengthen the foundations for their future,” said L-G Saxena.

He stressed that children learn best when encouraged to explore, ask questions, play and learn through experience. The ICT facilities, therefore, will complement existing play-based and activity-based pedagogy, making learning more engaging, interactive and child-centred.

The Lieutenant Governor also emphasised that technology should not replace children’s imagination or human interaction, but provide them with new opportunities to explore, express themselves and develop curiosity. He said the objective is to use technology as a tool that encourages participation, interaction and experiential learning rather than making children passive consumers of digital content.

The ICT Labs will support children in developing language and communication skills through stories, rhymes, poems and songs, while helping them understand colours, shapes and basic numerical concepts. A range of cognitive, creative, physical and motor activities will further contribute to their holistic development during their formative years.

The initiative has been enabled through convergence between the Social & Tribal Welfare Department and the Information Technology Department, with ICT equipment provided by the IT Department.

ture-cum-training session covering essential disaster response techniques, including Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), management of LPG cylinder leaks and fire emergencies, use of emergency floating rescue devices, and preparation of improvised stretchers using commonly available household materials.

The programme was attended by officers and staff from various government departments functioning at the District Industries Centre, Leh.

Deputy Commandant Mohd Shafiq expressed hope that the training sessions being conducted at various locations across the district would enhance public awareness and preparedness, equipping participants with the knowledge and practical skills required to respond effectively during real-life emergencies.

The district-wide training campaign, covering educational institutions and government departments, will continue until October 13 with the objective of strengthening disaster preparedness, promoting awareness, and enhancing safety measures across the district.

Disaster management training programme held at District Industries Centre, Leh



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Under the aegis of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Leh, in collaboration with the 13th Battalion of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), a Disaster Management Training Programme was conducted on October 9 at the District Industries Centre (DIC), Leh.

The session commenced with a welcome address by Zorawar Singh, Project Manager, DIC, Leh, followed by an address by Inspector Puran Singh Negi of the 13th Battalion NDRF. Constable GD Piyush Kumar subsequently conducted a lec-

Chief Secretary chairs 37th Empowered Committee meeting on recruitment rules; committee recommends various amendments



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Chief Secretary, UT Ladakh, Ashish Kundra chaired the 37th meeting of the Empowered Committee on October 9 to deliberate on key administrative matters concerning Recruitment Rules (RRs) and staffing requirements of various departments of the UT Administration.

At the outset, Administrative Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), Rudra P. T. Goud, presented a comprehensive overview of the agenda items for discussion.

The committee held detailed deliberations on draft proposals submitted by various departments, including matters related to pay levels, the inclusion of posts in the recruitment pool, and other requests concerning the framing and amendment of Recruitment Rules.

The committee also examined the proposed notifications and amendments to the Recruitment Rules of various departments, along with the justifications submitted for the proposed changes.

Emphasising the need for uniformity and consistency, the Chief Secretary stressed that Recruitment Rules should be standardised in accordance with the prescribed norms and guidelines.

Further discussions focused on amendments to the existing and proposed Recruitment Rules, particularly regarding changes in the method of recruitment across various departments, including School Education, Pow-

er Development Department (PDD), Social Welfare, Agriculture and other departments.

The committee also reviewed the existing, additional and revised posts proposed by different departments, along with the need for additional provisions to address their specific administrative and functional requirements.

The Chief Secretary emphasised the need to maintain a separate schedule for residual posts and directed the concerned departments to review and rationalise dying posts. He further stressed the importance of standardising Recruitment Rules and addressing inter-departmental variations to ensure uniformity, transparency and consistency in recruitment procedures across the UT Administration.

The committee recommended various amendments to the Recruitment Rules and related provisions after detailed deliberations on the proposals placed before it.

The meeting was attended by Divisional Commissioner, Shurbir Singh; Commissioner Secretary, Tsewang Tharchin; Administrative Secretary, PD&MD, Himanshu Gupta; Administrative Secretary, SED, Bhanu Prabha; Administrative Secretary, PWD, Baseer Ul Haq Chaudhary; Administrative Secretary, GAD, P. T. Rudra Goud; Administrative Secretary, FC&CA, Rahul Sharma; Administrative Secretary, RDD, Nidhi Malik; and Directors and Heads of Departments of the concerned departments.

Nautor rules consultation extended by 30 days, comments invited till Nov 1



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: The Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh, on the directions of Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, has extended by another 30 days the period for submission of comments and suggestions on the Draft Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils (Nautor Regularisation) Rules, 2026.

The extended consultation period will now remain open until November 1, 2026, allowing stakeholders additional time to examine the draft Rules and submit their views and suggestions.

The decision follows representations and requests from various stakeholders, including the Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA), Ladakh Gonpa Association (LGA), Anjuman Inamia, Leh, and other concerned organisations, seeking additional time to study the draft Rules.

Stakeholders have been requested to submit their comments and suggestions, if any, to the Revenue Department by November 1, 2026. Submissions may be made through email at secy-rev.ladakh@gov.in.

The Revenue Department had placed the Draft Rules in the public domain on September 4, 2026, with the objective of establishing a clear, transparent and uniform

framework for the regularisation of eligible Nautor land holdings across the Union Territory.

The Lieutenant Governor said the extension of the consultation period reflects the Administration's commitment to hearing the views of the people of Ladakh and considering their concerns and suggestions before finalising the Rules.

"The Nautor issue is closely connected with the lives, livelihoods and aspirations of the people of Ladakh. We want every genuine concern, suggestion and apprehension to be heard and examined carefully," L-G Saxena said.

The proposed Rules seek to provide a one-time mechanism for regularisation of eligible Nautor land occupied before the cut-off date of October 27, 2020, following the repeal of the J&K Tenancy Act, 1980.

Under the draft framework, eligible holders may be granted proprietary rights over Nautor land up to 10 acres, while land beyond the 10-acre limit may be considered for leasehold allotment in accordance with the Rules.

The World of Juniors

The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction was started in 1989, after a call by the United Nations General Assembly for a day to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction. Held every 13 October, the day celebrates how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of reining in the risks that they face.

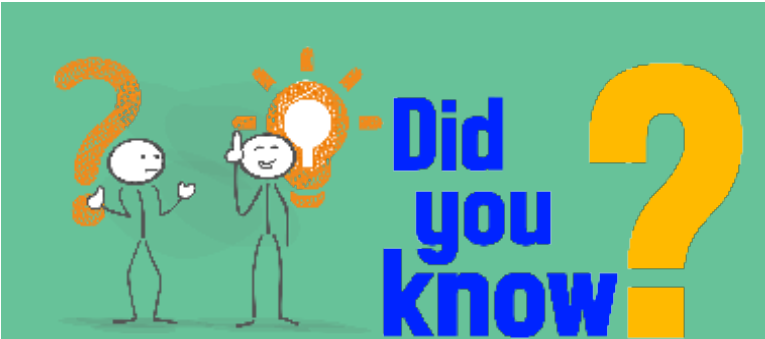
In 2015 at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan, the international community was reminded that disasters hit hardest at the local level with the potential to cause loss of life and great social and economic upheaval. Sudden onset disasters displace millions of people every year. Disasters, many of which are exacerbated by climate change, have a negative impact on investment in sustainable development and the desired outcomes.

It is also at the local level that capacities need to be strengthened urgently. The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction is people-



ple-focussed and action-oriented in its approach to disaster risk reduction and applies to the risk of small-scale and large-scale disasters caused by man-made, or natural hazards, as well as related environmental, technological and biological hazards and risks

Courtesy: United Nation



- Sloths can slow their heart rates to less than a third of their normal rate, which allows them to hold their breath for up to 40 minutes.
- Lightning can heat surrounding air to up to 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit, which is five times hotter than the surface of the sun.
- Human stomach acid is strong enough to dissolve a razor blade over time.
- There are more microorganisms in a single teaspoon of healthy soil than there are people on Earth.
- About half of the world's oxygen comes from ocean-based sources like phytoplankton and algae, not rainforests.
- The human body produces an estimated 3.8 million new cells each second.

- An average cumulus cloud weighs an estimated 1.1 million pounds.
- If you stretched out all the DNA in your body, it would reach from the moon and back and back over 150,000 times.
- Archaeologists have discovered 3,000-year-old honey in Egyptian tombs that remains edible today.
- Bananas are mildly radioactive. They contain the naturally occurring radionuclide potassium-40.
- Diamonds and the graphite you find in pencils are both made out of the same material—carbon—just with a different crystal structure.
- Everything you see actually happened in the past, as it takes around 50 milliseconds for visual information to be processed in your brain.
- There are more stars in the sky than grains of sand on a beach.
- Due to atmospheric pressure, diamonds could rain down on Jupiter, Saturn, and Neptune.
- Tigers likely appear green to prey such as deer, who have dichromatic color vision.
- Around 96% of the universe is made up of dark matter or dark energy, which is not detectable by humans.

Courtesy: Mental Flosscom

SoulSpeak

Dr. P.P. Wangchuk
Love is the highest form of prayer



If I were to define LOVE in the simplest terms, related to only human beings, I would say that it is an intense feeling of attachment to someone. It is an active, unselfish commitment to the well-being, growth and happiness of another person. In other words, love is equating yourself with someone dear and near to you.

Love has a definite beginning but may or may not have a definite ending. It starts as a strong feeling of attraction and affection, and goes beyond emotion and feelings to a choice of action involving profound care and respect, besides sharing responsibilities for a lifetime.

There are several characteristics of love. A: Even when feelings change, there is always a dedicated choice to support and stand by even through hard times. B: In love, trust is the pivotal thing on which the whole functioning of life works steadily and responsibly. Trust 'enforces' one to protect one's LOVE in all circumstances. C: In love, two persons or more accept each other despite differences and several flaws. D: In love, there is an element of 'doing the best possible' for each other. A warranty of a lifetime support is assured!

In other words, love stands for acceptance, compassion, respect and cherishing for each other. True, you have love between lovers, with family members like parents, brothers and sisters, and friends etc., basically with the same sentiments but with varying dimensions when it comes to non-couples.

To give a few quotes on love, let's first take British author Leo Christopher: "You are my today, and all of my tomorrows." Isn't that quite expressive and clear! And, as an anonymous quote has it, "Being loved by someone is the best thing that can happen in one's life."

Therefore, one can say, in a way, that love is complete surrender to each other in order to take care, be responsible in hard times, and with an unconditional and emotional feeling.

And, lastly, let me call love an "emotionally happy bondage" that never has an end. If it has an end, then that is not true love!

Courtesy: WongWorld

The writer is a New Delhi-based Editor-at-large, columnist and professional speaker.

Fortnightly News

In Conversation with Padma Chorol, Ice Hockey Player

Q. Take us back to when you were 10. How did your journey in ice sports begin, and who encouraged you?

Jullay! First of all, I would like to thank the Reach Ladakh team for inviting me for this interview.

I am Padma Chorol from Spituk. I completed my schooling at Moravian Mission School, Leh, and my higher secondary education at 16 Model School, Chandigarh. I later graduated in English Literature from Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, University of Delhi.

My journey began when I was just 10 years old in my village, Spituk. From a very young age, I was always attracted to snow and ice. I initially took up speed skating, which later became a strong foundation for my journey in ice sports.

My two brothers used to play ice hockey and were quite good at it. They were my biggest inspiration, along with the men's team. I would watch them play and always wanted to join them. However, at that time, very few girls played ice hockey, so I started with speed skating instead.

Later, I joined the Ladakh Winter Sports Club, which became one of my biggest supporters during the initial stage of my journey. The club encouraged me and gave me the opportunity to continue developing my interest in ice sports.

My brothers always encouraged me, but my mother was worried because she felt ice sports were risky and did not want me to participate. However, I was so passionate about playing that I would sometimes even run away with my brothers just to get onto the ice.

Looking back, those little moments marked the beginning of a journey that eventually took me much further than I had ever imagined.

Q. You started with speed skating and later moved to ice hockey. What were those early years like, especially when there were very few girls and limited facilities?

In the beginning, there were no proper facilities or opportunities for girls like there were for the boys. The boys used to have their own matches, equipment and teams, but for us girls they were very few opportunities. We didn't even have proper women's team, so we hardly got the chance to play matches.

Then there came a time when we started going to Secmol and asking girls if they were interested in playing ice hockey. Slowly, we got more girls together and formed two teams.

Interviewed by Sonam Angmo



We would play matches between those two teams, and that was how we started getting some experiences and opportunities to play as a women's team.

Even the equipment was a challenge. We didn't have our own equipment, so whenever we had matches, we used to borrow from the men's team. Sometimes there were very basic things that we didn't have, but still, we managed and continued playing because we really wanted to play the game.

I think all these challenges that we faced in the early stage of our journey made us stronger. We learned to adjust, support each other and keep going even when things were not easy. And despite having so few facilities and opportunities, our love for the hockey kept growing. I feel those struggles played a big role in making us the players we are today.

Q. You became one of the first members of India's women's national ice hockey team 2016. How did your life change after that?

2016 was a really big turning point in my life. I got the chance to be a part of the national team, and honestly before that I never thought hockey would become such a big part of my life. In the beginning, I used to play it more as a hobby. I loved the game, but I never imagined that one day I would get the chance to represent India. Coming from a small village in Ladakh, it was a very big thing for me.

But when I got that opportunity in 2016, my whole thinking about hockey changed. I realized that now I had to be more focused and serious because I was not playing only for myself anymore. I had to represent my country, and that brought a completely different kind of responsibility.

I still remember the first time I wore the national team jersey. That feeling was different. I realized that people back home, especially young girls, could also look at us and think that they can do something like this. My vision towards the game changed completely.

From that time, I started giving my 100 percent to hockey. I wanted to improve, work harder and give my best whenever I played for India. For me, 2016 was the time when hockey stopped being just a hobby and became a dream, a responsibility and a very important part of my life.

Q. You started your journey at a very young age and went on to win two bronze medals. What challenges did you face along the way, and what were the most memorable moments of your journey?

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MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“Continue to believe in yourself, embrace your journey, and never be afraid to dream big. Every experience, challenge, and opportunity has something to teach us. Keep learning, keep growing, and most importantly, stay true to who you are.”

Fortnight Highlights



Deputy Commissioner, Nubra, Mukul Beniwal, IAS, convened a meeting with concerned officers to review and streamline the infrastructure development works required for the operationalisation of the Civil Terminal at Thoise.



Under the aegis of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Leh, in collaboration with the 13th Battalion of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), a Disaster Management Training Programme was conducted at the Rural Development Department (RDD) office complex, Leh.



AAM-UPHC Leh observed "World Hospice and Palliative Care Day 2026" with an awareness and capacity-building session for all Female Multipurpose Health Workers (FMPHWs) of the urban area, highlighting the importance of compassionate care, effective pain management, and improving the quality of life of patients with life-limiting illnesses.



The District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Leh, organised a District-Level Herbal Medicinal Plants Competition under the theme "Traditional Herbal Knowledge of Ladakh" as part of the National Population Education Programme (NPEP) of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). The initiative aimed to promote awareness among students about Ladakh's rich medicinal plant diversity, traditional herbal knowledge, and the importance of biodiversity conservation and environmental sustainability.



Dr. Tashi Motup Kaysar, Senior Laparoscopic Surgeon at SNM Hospital, Leh, represented Ladakh, SNM Hospital and India at the joint World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery and Japanese Society for Endoscopic Surgery (WCES-JES 2026) Scientific Congress held in Yokohama, Japan, from September 2 to 5.



The Labour Department, UT Ladakh, conducted an awareness camp for unorganised workers at the New Terminal Building of Kushok Bakula Rinpoche Airport, Leh, on October 7. The camp was held in the presence of the Administrative Secretary, Labour and Employment Department, UT Ladakh, and the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Leh, along with officials of the Labour Department and staff of the Common Service Centres (CSCs).



Chief Secretary, Union Territory of Ladakh, Ashish Kundra, on October 4 visited Government Degree College Zanskar and reviewed the academic, infrastructural and student-centric initiatives being undertaken by the institution.



A Health Walk/Run was organised in Leh on October 4 under the 'Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat - 100 Sundays Campaign', with the theme 'My Health, My Pride', to promote physical fitness, healthy lifestyles, positive youth engagement and awareness against substance abuse among young people.

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Natural ice and artificial ice are completely different. We had been playing on natural ice all our lives, and natural ice is much harder. We went to play on artificial ice, it was much smoother and completely different for us. Even during our first international match in 2016, we did not have proper equipment. Some of us had different sized skates, some had broken helmets, while others did not have elbow guards. Even the sticks we had were bigger compared to our body. We faced so many challenges like this.

We got our first international win in 2017, and then in 2019, we won our first bronze medal at challenge cup of Asia. That was one of the best moments of my life. Whenever a team wins, the national anthem of that country is played. When it was our turn and our national anthem started playing, all of us started crying. We knew the challenges we had faced to reach that moment. When the others saw us crying, they also became emotional and started crying. It was a very special and historic moment for us, because we knew how far we had come. I will never forget that moment.

The movie is based on hockey, and it is in the Ladakhi language and set in Ladakh. The producers are from Bombay, and recently we had the screenings. The film is also going to the Bussan international film festival for its premiere, which is a very big opportunity for us.

As part of the Ladakhi women ice hockey foundation, we go to remote areas and villages and teach ice hockey, especially to the girls. So the role of coach was something I was already doing in real life, which made it easier for me to play the character. It was still new experience for me because acting was something I had never done before, but because the role was connected to my own journey and the work I do, I could relate to it.

Q. Today you are a national and international level player as well as a mentor. How do you see ice hockey changing in Ladakh, and what advice would you like to give to the younger generation?

The number of players has also increased. Earlier, there were very few girls participating in sports, but today we can see many more girls coming forward and taking part. This is very positive change because when more girls participate, they also get the confidence to take sports seriously and think about it as a career. Recently, the government has also introduced a sports policy, which I feel will create more opportunities for athletes. There are opportunities related to employment, and players can also receive rewards and recognition for winning medals and performing well. Because of these kinds of opportunities, I think more people are now becoming interested in sports and parents are also encouraging their children to participate.

When I look back at our journey, we didn't have many of these opportunities when we started. So, seeing the changes today makes me very happy, and I hope the facilities and opportunities continue to grow in the future. My advice to the coming generation is that whatever field you choose, just focus on that and give your full effort. You will definitely face challenges, but don't give up because of those challenges. Keep working, keep learning and stay dedicated. If you continue giving your best, one day the outcome will definitely come. Just believe in yourself and keep going.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 30th September, 2026

S.O. 5336(E)—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, S.O. 4662(E) dated 16/12/2025 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (here in after referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to take the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for construction (widening/improvement) here with paved shoulders for lining etc., maintenance, management and operation of NH-3 in the stretch of 2 lining with paved shoulders from Km 443.46 to Km 473.06 (Lah Bypass) in the district of LEH in the state of Ladakh (UT).

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Rangdrol" dated 15/01/2026, "The Earth News" dated 15/01/2026, under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Co-operant Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling the NH-3 in the stretch of land from Km. 443.46 to Km. 473.06 in the district of LEH in the state of Ladakh.

District: LEH, LADAKH					
Sr. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Type of Land	Name of Land	Area (in Hectares)	Name of Land Owner/Interested Person
1	2	3	4	5	6
Tahsil: Leh					
Village: Strel					
1	3445	Private	Banjur Qudom	0.7203	Tewang Rigzin, Lehbang Tering, Sana and Sonam Yangtser, Lhey Angan, Phunchok, Dohsan, Sonam Dolma, Dargans of Lhey Nangyal 3445
2	3570	Private	Banjur Qudom	0.1821	Yangchen Dolma d/o Tering subdan 3570
3	3571	Private	Glabang, Banjur Qudom	0.4912	Tering Tegpa S/O Tering Toldan 3571
4	3771	Private	Banjur Qudom, Baidzar	0.738	Soman Nurboo S/O Phunchok Targat 3771
5	3869	Private	Banjur Qudom, Baidzar	0.3187	S-gan Singh S/O Tering Angan and Tering Angan S/O Tering Nurboo 3869
6	3871/3860	Private	Banjur Qudom	0.1391	Tering Phunchok S/O Tering Phunchok Palgap 3871/3860
7	3966	Private	Banjur Qudom, Baidzar	0.4440	Sonam Nurboo S/O Tering Subdan 3966
8	3972	Private	Gai Monkin, Sanglakh	2.285	Siddhartha Chokor Sankar 3972
9	4026	Private	Banjur Qudom	0.0739	Tering Xomani S/O Sonam Nurboo 4026
10	4029	Private	Banjur Qudom	0.4057	Tering Angan S/O Tering Angan 4029
11	4033	Private	Gai Monkin, Sanglakh	0.4118	Tering Dolkar S/O Lehbang Dorjy 4033
12	4045	Private	Banjur Qudom, Baidzar	0.6526	Soman Chawal S/O Lhey Tering 4045

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13	4071	Private	Banjur Qudom	0.1611	Soman Nurboo S/O Phunchok Targat 4071
14	5222	Government	Gai Monkin, Sanglakh	5.008	State 5222
15	5223	Government	Gai Monkin, Sanglakh	0.8426	State 5223
16	5224	Government	Gai Monkin, Sanglakh	1.0077	State 5224
17	5228	Government	Gai Monkin, Sanglakh	5.2235	State 5228
Village: Chokor Yoham					
18	7123	Government	Gai Monkin, Sanglakh	4.4136	State 7123
19	3124	Government	Gai Monkin, Sanglakh	2.7790	State 3124
Village: Chokor Shana					
20	3300	Government	Gai Monkin, Sanglakh	8.1311	State 3300
Village: Chokor Ganga					
21	3418	Government	Gai Monkin, Sanglakh	11.2303	State 3418
Village: Natio					
22	2717	Private	Semli	0.0228	Nangyal S/O Tashu, 2717
23	2718	Private	Ohang, Banjur Qudom	0.0022	Lhey Tering, Lhey Nangyal S/O Lhey Chon, 2718
24	2735	Private	Ohang, Banjur Qudom	0.602	Lhey Tering, Jangson, Soman Tado, S/O Phunchok, Soman Dolma D/O Phunchok, Lhey Tering W/O Phunchok, Lhey Nangyal S/O Dorjy, Lhey Tering and Dohsan D/O Dorjy, Tering Tado and Tering Angan S/O Tering Lemo 2735
25	1740	Government	Banjur Qudom	0.564	State 2740
26	2742	Government	Banjur Qudom	0.6424	State 2742
27	1170/274	Private	Banjur Qudom	0.1975	Tering Thang, Soman Tading, Tering Angan, Tering Angan, Lhey Nangyal S/O Lhey Tering, Soman Chawngyal S/O Lhey Lemo 3179/274
28	1180/274	Private	Semli, Ohang, Banjur Qudom	0.5579	Soman Dorji S/O Lhey Tering, Tering Palpa D/O Lhey Tering, Lhey Dolma and Lhey Nangyal D/O Lhey Chok, Tering Yangchen D/O Lhey Angan, Lhey Pori D/O Lhey 1180/274
29	3189/3161	Private	Tewang, Gai Monkin, Sanglakh	0.1619	Lhey Tering, Tering Angan S/O Lhey Layal, Yangchen Dolma S/O Yangchen Dolma D/O Lhey Layal 3189/3161
30	3191	Private	Tewang, Gai Monkin, Sanglakh	0.2163	Lhey Layal S/O Sheng, 3191
31	3260/3243/3226	Private	Glabang,		

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113	1024mm	Private	Bangor, Bangor Qadom Koh Kishan	0.0126	Sonam Dolma D/O Yangsom 1024 mm
114	1025mm	Private	Bangor Qadom	0.0101	Sonam Dolma D/O Yangsom 1025 mm
115	1594/999mm	Private	Thajing Calivahle, Gai Munkin Khar, Gai Munkin Durga	1.2343	Spish Gompa 1594/999 mm
116	1856/1012mm	Private	Bangor Qadom	0.0076	Tasting Dolma D/O Sonam Narbo 1856/1011 mm
117	1857/1011	Private	Thajing (Calivahle)	0.0481	Tasting Dolma D/O Sonam Narbo 1857/1011
118	1858/1016mm	Private	Bangor Qadom	0.0481	Tasting Dolma D/O Sonam Narbo 1858/1016 mm
119	1859/1016 mm	Private	Thajing (Calivahle)	0.0650	Tasting Dolma D/O Sonam Narbo 1859/1016
120	1860/1018	Private	Gai Munkin Khar, Gai Munkin Sangphab	0.0034	Tasting Dolma D/O Sonam Narbo 1860/1018
121	1861/1018mm	Private	Gai Munkin Khar	0.0279	Tasting Dolma D/O Sonam Narbo 1861/1018 mm
122	2066/997mm	Private	Gai Munkin Badat, Gai Munkin Khar	0.3541	Sonam Narbo S/O Tashi Rabe 2066/997 mm
123	27mm	Private	Gai Munkin Khar	0.0379	Maghze Mahlan 27 mm
124	27mm	Private	Gai Munkin Khar	0.0379	Maghze Mahlan 27 mm
125	2754/40mm	Government	Bangor Qadom	0.5261	Shen 2754/40 mm
126	3568/5551	Government	Gai Munkin Road	17.8377	State 3568/5551
127	3568/5552	Government	Gai Munkin Road	12.0607	State 3568/5552
128	41mm	Government	Gai Munkin Yala	0.5084	State 41 mm
129	45mm	Private	Bangor Qadom	0.0078	Maghze Mahlan 45 mm
Total				133.1367	

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NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)-CUM-TENDER

Applications/bids are hereby invited from interested individuals, firms, entrepreneurs and other eligible parties for the utilisation of five (05) cooperative shops situated on Cooperative Department land in Leh District, UT of Ladakh, on a licence basis for a period of "one (01) year", through a competitive bidding process.

Terms and Conditions

1. The license shall be granted for a period of one (01) year only, subject to the terms and conditions of the approved EOI-cum-Tender document.
2. The reserve annual license fee shall prescribe above. Bidders shall quote their bids in accordance with the procedure prescribed in the detailed tender document.
3. The allotment of shops shall be made through a competitive bidding process, and the successful bidder(s) shall be selected in accordance with the approved bidding criteria and tender conditions. The priority to be given to Cooperative Societies.
4. Interested bidders shall submit their bids along with the prescribed Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other requisite documents, as specified in the detailed tender document.
5. The successful bidder(s) shall deposit the prescribed Performance Security and licence fee within the stipulated period and in the manner specified in the tender conditions.
6. The licensee(s) shall be responsible for the proper utilization, upkeep and maintenance of the allotted shop(s) and shall not transfer, sublet or otherwise part with possession of the allotted premises without prior written approval of the Competent Authority.
7. Renewal or extension of the licence beyond the stipulated period shall not be automatic and shall require fresh approval of the Competent Authority.
8. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or to cancel the bidding process, in accordance with the applicable rules and approved tender conditions.

The detailed EOI-cum-Tender document, containing eligibility criteria, bidding procedure, EMD, Performance Security, payment terms, timelines and other terms and conditions, may be obtained from the *Office of the Deputy Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Leh*, during office hours.

Interested parties are advised to carefully examine the detailed tender document and submit their bids within the prescribed timeline.

No: - 00095-DR/5-62/525

Date: - 12/09/2026

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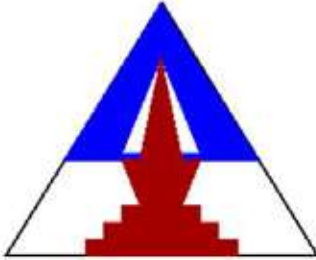
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The General Public is hereby informed that 51 RCC of 50 BRTF under PROJECT HIMANK will start their hiring for casual paid labour wef 21/10/2026 at SHAKTI, Induction & Medical Camp at 51 RCC. Salary will vary as per skill set.

Candidate must have a valid E-Sharm, Aadhar Card & Bank A/C alongwith original Neft Mandate form and will have to bring their own Medical Fitness Certificate as working height will be at an altitude ranging 13500-18314 ft. Only MALE candidates of age restricted to 18-45 Yrs. as on 20/10/2026.

Selection will be based on scrutiny of Medically & Mentally fit candidates, hiring duration will be 179 days. Applicants can early send their application to HQ 51 RCC E2-Sec (Pin-930051) by post.

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