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UT Ladakh gears for Republic day celebration

LEH: A preparatory meeting for the celebration of Republic day in both Leh and Kargil district was convened by Umang Narula, Advisor to LG Ladakh on January 6.

The national day will be celebrated at Pologround in Leh and Sultan Chowk Stadium in Kargil. RK Mathur, Lieutenant Governor Ladakh will unfurl the National Flag in Leh.

Umang Narula instructed to ensure every arrangement in place on January 26 as well during the rehearsals. The heads of concerned departments of both the districts were instructed for proper execution of the directions in a well-coordinated manner.



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Student association leads rally, demands Sixth Schedule for Ladakh

Sarpanches and nambardars extend support



A peaceful procession demanding sixth schedule for Ladakh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A peaceful procession demanding the sixth schedule for Ladakh was organised by student association under the banner Students Organisation of Unified Ladakh (SOUL) on January 12 from NDS ground till the main market.

Supported by sarpanches and nambardar of different villages, a large number of people joined the rally singing traditional songs and playing the traditional musical instrument.

Talking about the significance of the peace protest procession with folk music and songs, Stanzin Tsetan, Advisor SOUL said that the folk songs and music are an important part of our culture. They want to spread the message of safeguarding the rich cultural heritage of Ladakh.

He stressed on the importance of inclusion of Ladakh under the 6th schedule of the Indian constitution to safeguard the language, culture, environment and identity of the people of Ladakh.

Addressing the gathering, Rigzin Dorjay, President, SOUL also expressed the importance of sixth schedule for Ladakh. He also questions the leaders and religious heads for being silent on the demand which is the need of the hour after getting Union Territory without any safeguard and protection.

Ibtesum Iqbal Vice president SOUL; Thinley Nurboo, Coordinator LEAF also spoke on the occasion.

Meanwhile, an anthem demanding sixth schedule for Ladakh was also released.

R.K. Mathur inaugurates Ladakh Pavilion at SATTE- 2020, Delhi

Graces 'Ladakh Evening' in New Delhi



R.K. Mathur and delegates of Ladakh during inaugural of Ladakh Pavilion.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

NEW DELHI: Ladakh participated with an independent pavilion for the first time in the 27th South Asian Trade and Travel Exchange (SATTE-2020) expo in New Delhi.

R.K. Mathur, Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh inaugurated the pavilion on January 8. Tour operators, hoteliers and participants from Ladakh took part and promoted the tourism industry of UT Ladakh. The travel expo concluded with an event, themed 'Ladakh Evening' on January 9.

R.K. Mathur said that he saw Ladakh as a society committed to protect their ecology, culture, tradition and keen to interact and learn from outside world also.

He expressed gratitude to the national and local tourist fraternity for providing the supportive ecosystem and stressed that the livelihood provided by the means of tourism shall be done to preserve the 'Ladakhiness' of the region.

He also praised the tourism fraternity of Ladakh for their efforts in upbringing tourism without any government support. He ensured that the government will look into the challenges of regulatory cautions, responsible tourism, development of tourist destinations, protection of ecology and to keep required regulatory control without interfering the work of tour operators.

Mathur stressed on promoting homestays in Ladakh which will spread tourism in every part of Ladakh. He said that homestays will help in bringing back the local youths from other parts of the country and boost efforts of repopulating the border population.

Gyal P Wangyal, CEC, Hill Council, Leh appreciated Ladakh Tourism Department headed by Rigzin Samphel, Commissioner Secretary for designing and organising the pavilion at SATTE-2020.

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District Congress Committee, Leh demands equal share from J&K assets



Left to Right; Dr. Eshey Namgyal, President Municipal Committee, Leh, Tsering Samphel, Former president, DCC, Leh and Deldan Namgyal, Former MLA Nubra.

Stanzin Dasal

LEH: While the apportionment of assets and the liabilities of Jammu and Kashmir between the two Union Territories of Ladakh and J&K are being carried out, District Congress Committee, Leh demands equal share and appeal Hill Council for its interference.

The three-member committee

headed by retired IAS officer and former Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra came into existence on October 31, 2019, to look into the distribution of assets and liabilities.

On January 8, District Congress Committee, Leh organised a press conference at its party office.

Tsering Samphel, Former Presi-

dent, DCC, Leh said, "Recently a meeting was held to distribute State road transport in which it was decided to give 100 buses to Ladakh out of 300. But the concerned officials of the transport department, states that the buses are old and in bad condition. Rather than getting those old buses, it will be better if we get money in return so that we can utilize it in well-sophisticated buses".

He stresses on equal shares from State Houses in different other states, State Aircraft, Chopper, J&K Bank, 33 corporations, securities, and fund in treasuries.

He further added that the bigger responsibility lies on the BJP to get an equal share for UT Ladakh. Also appealed to Hill Council and MP Ladakh to ensure equal distribution of assets and meet the committee to get what best for UT Ladakh.

Hill Council, Leh, to formulate environment policy

District Advisory Committee on Environment constituted

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A meeting to formulate environment policy roadmap for Leh district was convened by District Advisory Committee on Environment on January 9 at Council Secretariat.

The District Advisory Committee on Environment was constituted in exercise of powers given to LAHDC, Leh under LAHDC, Leh's 2018 Amendment Act regarding Environment and its protection. The LAHDC Amendment Act under Chapter III, Section 23, Clause XXIII and Section 61 gives power to Hill Council to make regulations and policies on environment and ecology.

Phuntsog Stanzin, EC Agriculture & Environment informed that Hill Council Leh intends to design a comprehensive roadmap for Leh district to preserve and protect the fragile environment and ecology of Ladakh.

He said that a series of meeting will be convened in the coming days and if needed environmentalist, ecologist, experts and NGOs will be engaged by Hill



Phuntsog Stanzin, EC Agriculture & Environment while formulating environment policy roadmap for Leh.

Council, Leh.

Phuntsog Stanzin further directed concerned departments to submit their suggestions in written by the next meeting.

Discussion on all the concern issues related with environment and ecology of Ladakh including constitution of Pollution Control Board/Committee in UT Ladakh, survey on groundwater, its use, contamination, registration of borewell and its regulation, design of septic tank in Leh to stop underground water contamination, proper use of surface water, check dams on all the streams of Ladakh for water management

and conservation was carried out.

Also, the extension of Project Tsang-da in rural areas to solve waste management, survey on carrying capacity of Leh city and its planning, completion of sewerage treatment plant of Leh town, regulation on hotels, guest house, taxicab, labours in city and rural areas, regulation on army deployed in Ladakh, management of plastic waste, biomedical waste generated from hospitals and chemists, plantation, public transportation, shifting of butchers shops at one place in Leh city and many more were discussed.

R.K. Mathur inaugurates Ladakh Pavilion at SATTE- 2020, Delhi

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He said that UT Ladakh will get the opportunity to participate in more such national as well as international events and stressed on the need of unity between Leh and Kargil to walk on the path of progress.

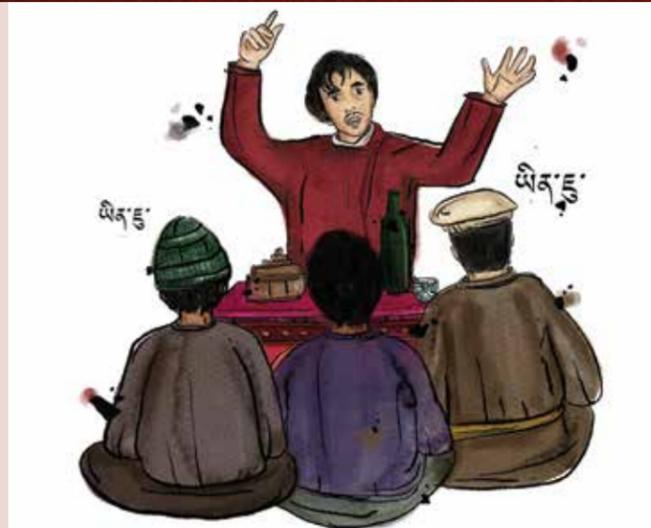
Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, MP Ladakh said that Ladakh as a self-sustainable region historically, need to stress more on quality tourism rather than quantity. He also highlighted other aspects of tourism like education, geology, solar energy, meditation, peace of mind and existence of communal harmony to be promoted in Ladakh.

A joint presentation on Ladakh tourism was presented by All Ladakh Tour Operator Association of Leh and Kargil.

Vinayak Koul, Secretary Adventure Tour Operators Association of India; Chetan Gupta, General Secretary, All Domestic Tour Operators of India; Pranab Sarkar, President, Indian Association of Tour Operators; Ashok Abbey, President, Indian Mountaineering Foundation; Mandeep Singh Sooin, President, Eco-Tourism Society of India; Phuntsog Tashi, EC Tourism, LAHDC, Kargil and Mumtaz Ali, Director Tourism, Ladakh were present.

Supported by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and United Nation World Trade Organization (UNWTO), SATTE is an expo with over 1000 participants from more than 50 countries and 28 Indian states. It is an important avenue for the promotion of tourism and aimed at building new business partnerships.

Stories from Ladakh



My father passed away when I was 8 years old. After that, my grandfather did everything for me. He was well known in our village. He knew Bodhi, and his voice was good. He was also the village headman for ten years. He worked in service of the people and people respected him for it.

We were 5-6 brothers and sisters. At night, when we all lay down to sleep, my grandfather would say "Yotyotsukju..." That is how you start narrating a traditional tale. We would all respond with enthusiasm, "enju!" We would continue to say it until only I was left. Everyone else would fall asleep. My grandfather noticed my interest and took me everywhere. If songs had to be sung, we were there... at marriage ceremonies, Losar functions, harvest festivals. I learnt so much from him.

The first time I sang was at a wedding in Wanla. In Ladakhi tradition, when the wedding procession arrives there is question and answer in song form. It was going well until people on our side stopped singing. They did not know what to sing anymore. Someone said, "Eashay Tsamba's grandson, you sing."

I was sitting far from everyone but I sang my question, "Who is it that made these vast glaciers?" Everyone was stunned because they had not heard this song before. They did not know how to respond, so they asked me to sing the reply as well. I sang again, "No one can make these vast glaciers. When the cold season arrives, they form by themselves." Hearing this, an elder stood up and gave me yal². That was my first award.

Over the years, I sang and collected folk songs, composed music, wrote and acted in plays. In 2004, the government of India honored me with the Padma Shri for my contributions to Indian music. This was one of the most precious moments of my life. It was like a dream. When I came back from Delhi, my mother, my sister and my relatives were all there at the airport. They were so happy. They sang and they danced. My grandfather was no longer alive. It would have been nice if he could have seen that.

When people go to speak with government officers, they ask for roads and bridges. I always talk to them about ways to keep our songs and dances alive. Without these traditions, Ladakh is incomplete. How do we define Ladakh? There are mountains, but we cannot call that Ladakh. The mountains with folk songs, folk dances, indigenous languages, and traditional art - that we can call Ladakh. Minds that are clean and people that are rich at heart - that we can call Ladakhi.

Storyteller: MorupNamgyal, Wanla

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¹ Interjection by listeners of a traditional storyteller, to indicate their continued attention.

² A small knob of butter used as an auspicious and respectful decoration

CEC flags off first batch of 2020 Chadar trek tourists



Gyal P Wangyal, CEC Flagging off the first batch of 2020 Chadar trek tourists.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A batch of around 90 tourists for Chadar trek was flagged off by Gyal P Wangyal, CEC, Hill Council, Leh on January 6 from Tourist Information Centre, Leh.

Gyal P Wangyal said that this year elaborate arrangements have been made by the administration of Hill Council, Leh to facilitate tourists coming for famous Chadar Trek.

He also inspected ongoing registration and mandatory medical checkup for tourists going for Chadar trek at TIC Leh.

Facilities like mobile wireless handsets for communication, two rescue Helipads to tackle emergency cases, deployment of SDRF teams along the trekking route, role of Indian Air Force in case of emergency, regulating of waste by Wildlife department

are already put in place for 2020 Chadar trek.

Nearly, 205 tourists gone through mandatory medical checkup out of which more than 100 have registered themselves for Chadar Trek at TIC Leh.

Dr. Motup Dorje, CMO, Leh; Tsetan Angchuk, President ALTOA and a large number of tourists and Chadar trekking guides were present.

Hill Council, Leh, to constitute monitoring committees in education sector at district and zonal levels



Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: On the second day of the annual review meeting of the education sector of Leh district on 4 December, it was decided to constitute a monitoring committee at district and zonal level which will constantly monitor the functioning of all the govt. schools in future.

The meeting also decided to introduce Social-Emotional Ethical (SEE) Learning programme in Leh district developed under the guidance of H.H the 14th Dalai Lama for Contemplative Sciences and Compassion-based ethics.

Four teachers will be deputed to Karnataka for training as a master resource person on 20th January. The quarterly progress report of schools from all the ZEOs, principals and headmas-

ters was also made mandatory from now.

In the review meeting, the academic performance and infra-structural needs of all the six Higher Secondary Schools, 35 Middle Schools and 33 Primary Schools of Nubra Sub Division and all the remaining govt. schools of Khaltsi and Kharu sub-division and other govt. schools nearby Leh was reviewed under the chairmanship of Executive Councillor for Education Konchok Stanzin at DC Conference Hall Leh on January 4.

The meeting was attended by Councillors of LAHDC, Leh, officers of education dept, Leh including principals and headmasters headed by DEPO, Leh Tsetan Dorjey and Principal DIET Leh Konchok Angmo.

EC Konchok appealed everyone to come forward in strengthening govt. schools saying that govt schools have all the required resources to provide affordable and quality education but the need of the hour is to improve the management of resources.

He assured that all genuine demands and issues of govt. schools will be resolved in near future as there will be no shortage of funds in the new setup of UT Ladakh.

All the Councillors, principals and headmasters highlighted the demands and issues of govt schools in their respective constituencies and put forth their constructive and valuable suggestions and feedback for improvement and education in Leh district.

Government e-Marketplace programme launched in Leh



During the launch of Government e-Marketplace (GeM) Samvaad at DC Conference Hall Leh.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A national outreach programme, Government e-Marketplace (GeM) Samvaad was launched on January 7 at DC office conference hall.

The programme was organized by the Department of Industries and Commerce, Union Territory of Ladakh in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Government of India.

Advisor to Lt. Governor, Ladakh, Umang Narula appreciated the effort of Ministry of Commerce and Industries for taking such initiative in harsh winter. He said that Government e-Marketplace will create opportunities to explore the unique product of the region. The program will extensively help the buyer for dealing with day-to-day procurement purchasing for Government agencies.

He further appreciated the official's active participation in the programme and stress on more such program.

Briefing about the GeM Portal, Rajeev Kandpal Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry said that Government-e-Marketplace is a national public procurement portal offering end to end solution for all procurement needs of Government departments and autonomous bodies. The outreach programme started from December 19, 2019, and will be continued till February 17, 2020, covering all the States and Union Territories of the country.

He further added that the program will give exposure to the officials regarding General Financial Rules (GFR) and other financial matters while dealing with the administrative work.

Dipash Ghalot, Director GeM

gave a presentation on GeM and highlighted the procedure of registration, payments and Procurement life cycle for both buyers and sellers. He also informed that GeM has more than 15 lakh products, around 20,000 services, more than 3 lakh registered sellers and service providers and more than 41,000 Government buyers' organizations, in its short journey of three years.

Kush Tyagi, Business Facilitator, GeM talked about Introduction to the functionality of Buyer highlighting pre-requisites for registration as Primary and Secondary user on GeM portal.

During an interactive session, the officials/buyers and sellers from both Leh and Kargil raised a number of questions regarding the Government e-Marketplace. They also shared their apprehensions and sought clarity about the benefits under GeM Portal.

Team from UT, Ladakh, to represent in 3rd Khelo India Games 2020 at Guwahati



Team with Gyal P.Wangyal, CEC at Council Secretariat.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: A 12 member team representing UT Ladakh will participate in Archery and Boxing sports event in the upcoming 3rd Khelo India Games 2020 at Guwahati, Assam from January 10 to 22.

The team met with Gyal P.

Wangyal, CEC at Council Secretariat on January 4.

The participating team is headed by Tsering Tashi, District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Leh/ Nodal Officer and Abid Ali, Zonal Physical Officer Leh.

Wishing success to the team,

CEC Wangyal expressed hope that the team would excel in the tournament and will bring laurel to UT Ladakh.

"Winning and losing is part of the game but more important is the teamwork and discipline that you learn during such sporting events", added Wangyal.

The team comprises of Kalida Bano Coach Archery; Ghulam Mustafa Coach Boxing; Rinchen Dolma Supporting Staff Boxing; Kunzang Dolma, Chef De Mission; Yaseen Batool and Nusrat Rehman will participate in Archery while as Nilza Angmo, HajiraTabassum, Stanzin Deachen, Saqlin Sharif and Farhana Ilyas will participate in different weight categories of boxing.

Meeting on tuberculosis held in Ladakh

Umang Narula instructs Health Department to submit action plan to eliminate TB

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: As per the Govt. of India initiative 'TB Harega Desh Jeetega Campaign' a meeting was convened by Umang Narula, Advisor to Lt. Governor with the Health Department Ladakh on January 8 at Civil Secretariat.

Health Services Ladakh briefed present scenario and achievement in the field of T.B. elimination. The figure achieved under TB Notification/Registration (PUBLIC) was higher than the target set for the year 2019. Further, it was informed that under Nikshay Poshan Yojna (NPY) ₹500 per month is transferred to the account of diagnosed TB beneficiaries for nutrition purpose. Under the Information, Education and Communication (I&EC) campaign active case finding of high-risk groups was undertaken in all residential hostels, old age homes, nunneries and district jail.

The name of the programme has been changed from Revised Na-



Umang Narula, Advisor to Lt Governor and the stakeholders of the concerned department during the meeting.

tional TB Control Programme (RNTCP) to National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP).

Phuntsog Angchuk, Director Health Service presented an abstract of the Action Plan for the above initiative with the assurance of proactive work/awareness campaign in the year ahead for TB elimination and identify high risk/latent TB cases.

Umang Narula instructed the Health Department to submit the action plan for the elimination of TB at an earliest. Also, he direct-

ed inter-ministerial collaboration especially with school children and ICDS, active application of social media for spreading advocacy communication and social mobilization for effective dissemination on the subject of TB elimination.

Sachin Kumar Vaishya, DC, Leh; Dr. Motup Dorje, CMO, Leh; Dr. Norzin Angmo District TB Officer, Leh were present. Besides, Sonam Chosjor, ADC, Kargil and Dr. Ibrahim Khan, CMO, Kargil attended the meeting through video conferencing.

National Road Safety Week commences in Leh

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

LEH: Marking the 31st National Road Safety Week, 'Bringing Change through Youth' a road traffic awareness vehicle was flagged off by Saugat Biswas, Secretary Transport and Divisional Commissioner Ladakh on January 11 at Leh gate.

The week-long awareness campaign is being organised by Regional Transport Office Ladakh in association with transport unions and NGOs of Leh and Kargil district. Vehicle users and general masses were educated about over speeding, overtaking, overload, drink and drive and traffic rules.

Saugat Biswas said that Ladakh being a popular tourist destination there is huge pressure on roads and therefore it is very important that people must have good traffic sense which will help in minimizing road accidents.

S.S Jamwal, Assistant Regional Transport Officer said that as compared to other cities, Ladakhis have very good traffic sense which will help in further improving the traffic system in Leh. He informed that RTO Leh will be organising such events every month to bring awareness about traffic rules in Leh district.



Saugat Biswas, Secretary Transport and Divisional Commissioner Ladakh flagging off the road traffic awareness vehicle in Leh.

Sachin Kumar Vaishya, DC Leh said that Leh city can become a model city in terms of traffic sense and management in the country. He said such events involving students and counselling for drivers, transporters will help in minimizing loss of human lives and accidents in future.

Dr. Zaida Bano, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Leh; Kunzes Angmo, Regional Transport Officer; Rigzin Sangdup, DSP Traffic and other concerned officers were present on the occasion.

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EXPERT TALK

Water supply in winter

By Stanzin Dasal



Sonam Wangchuk, Executive Engineer Public Health Department (PHE), Leh: The responsibility of the Public Health Department is to supply clean drinking water to the people and for which the water quality check is done before distribution. We have 56 service reservoirs around the district from which 15 is in Leh. Maximum of the Service Reservoir has a structure of earth cushion for insulation which helps to keep water unfrozen during winter. However, the water gets freezes in winter because of the exposed pipes in many areas and we are planning to replace the system with the drain water system.

Currently, we supply tap water in the morning for two hours every day, sometimes in the evening too and the area where pipe supply is not there we deploy water tankers.

Sources

We have infrastructure and reservoir from which we distribute water to different parts of the town. At present we have three borewells at Choglamsar village which collects 4MLD water per day. There is a plan to make 6 more borewells increasing the water collection to 12.7MLD.

Schemes

Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Town (UIDSMT) started in 2012-13 in Leh to make drinking water available to every household. The pipes have been laid down to nearly 93.25 km out of the targeted 125km. Also, we have introduced new technology such as ductile pipe instead of Galvanized iron pipe to prevent rusting and make it more durable.

Under UIDSSMT we made a draining water structure at the end of the area which prevents water pipe from freezing during winter. At present, door to door connection is made available at the housing colony. The project will be soon replicated to other areas also.

In Leh district, we have project costing ₹120.84 Crore for 25 schemes under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). The NRDWP is now changed to Jal Jiwan Mission aiming to provide tap

water to every household. Till now we have an 80% water connection whereas 20% is still needs to be completed. Apart from that, we are also exploring solar power to lift underground water in the future.

Solutions:

- People should understand water problem and use it judiciously.
- Exposure tour to foreign cold region countries should be initiated to learn about technologies and other scopes.
- Drain water system at the end of the area should be made to avoid freezing of water in winters.



Dr. Ishey Namgyal, President Municipal Committee Leh: There are three to four sources of drinking water in Leh including bore wells of Public Health Department which lifts water from the bed of Indus river to the reservoirs covering nearly 30 % of water supply and around 30-32% of water are met by bore well dug in Sankar, Tukka areas by PHE department. Also, Private bore-wells cover 28-30% of water needs. Apart from these, other source of water such as spring water and streams around Leh covers 8-10 % of water needs. There are 13 water reservoirs in Leh but only 6 are in use by charging them with water lifted from the Indus river bed. Distribution of water to the public from the reservoirs is made after water treatment. Around 25% of water is wasted due to leakage and other reasons.

In Leh town, pipeline of around 78km is laid underground. In winters, areas such as Skampari, Stalam, Ibex and Housing colony receive water through pipeline whereas, water tankers supply water in areas where no pipeline connectivity is accessible although there are public stand posts in other areas as well. Currently, about 14 water tankers are used in Leh town which costs about ₹78-80 lakh per year. Water supply through tanker cost about ₹49 per kilo litres and through pipe, it costs ₹11 per kilo-litres.

According to a survey, there are approximately 1500-2500 bore wells in Leh dug by households due to the insufficient supply of water by Public Health Department. Also many bore wells are dug in Army and Paramilitary stations. At present, there are no firm regulations on bore wells.

Under the 74th amendment Act of Indian Constitution among others, supply of drinking water falls under the jurisdiction of Urban Local Bodies but in Leh town due to constraints of skilled manpower, water supply is maintained and looked after by the PHE Division. Once the urban local body, Ladakh is strengthened, the mandate will shift to Urban Local Bodies, Ladakh. It has the mandate to levy water tariffs

to make it sustainable. Eventually, we can go for metering.

Scenario in winter

Factors such as fewer tourists, hotels/ restaurants, migrant labour and lesser use of water at household level due to cold weather, there is less consumption of water and its usage during winter. The demand for water during summer is about 7MLD whereas in winter it is only about 3MLD.

Major challenge in winter is the freezing of water pipes resulting in insufficient water supply in the town. Freezing of pipes also leads to its damages causing water to overflow on roads and public area making the surface slippery. The PHE division and an NGO are working to overcome such challenges.

Most of the time people misuse water; they keep the water tap open even when not in use.

Future Pilot Projects in Leh

A pilot project for Gangles-Horzey aiming 24X7 hours water supply in all the season will hopefully start next year. It also includes need for insulation and technologies for the winter supply. Apart from that, stress will be given on metering system and pressurized water supply in which different areas will have the same level of water pressure all day and there will be no need for water storage in over headwater reservoirs on rooftops.

Further the projects will also initiate greenhouse type cover to public stand posts to prevent water from freezing in winter. The Urban Local Bodies, Leh is planning to build a mobile application through which people can inform us about leakages and other water-related issues. In turn, we will further inform it to PHE and Urban Local Bodies, wherever possible will send a quick response team to fix the issues immediately.

Solutions:

- Public awareness for proper and judicious use of water including the maintenance of public assets and to keep all water bodies clean so that we can use the stream/ springs as a source of drinking water as we used to do in the past.
- The surface-exposed portion of the pipe to the atmosphere needs proper insulation with advanced technologies so that the freezing problem in winter is overcome.
- Construction of concrete septic tanks by hotels, households, Government establishments, and other commercial establishments should be made mandatory to check the contamination of underground water.

R K Mathur visits SKUAST-K, Leh

Appreciates its extensive work of research and training programmes



Lieutenant Governor, RK Mathur during his visit to SKUAST-K in Stakna.

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

STAKNA: Lieutenant Governor Ladakh, Radkha Krishna Mathur visited Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST-K) on January 12.

R K Mathur appreciated the extensive work of research, studies and training being carried out by the High Mountain Arid Agriculture Research Institute (HMAARI) of SKUAST-K. He stated that the research findings in seeds, manure, soil health, and other findings must reach farmers for their productive application to increase yield thus benefiting them economically and facilitating reinforcement/revival of organic agriculture system in Ladakh.

Dr. Mushtaq Wani, Associate Director, Research and Extension SKUAST-K and senior scientist briefed in detail about HMAARI and Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK).

R K Mathur visited various demonstration units and research laboratories of the institute.

Training programme on Youth Leadership and Community Development concludes in Drass

Reach Ladakh Correspondent

DRASS: A three-day training programme on Youth Leadership and Community Development organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) Kargil in collaboration with Himalayan Sports and Cultural Development Organization Drass concluded on January 11 at Drass.

During the training programme, 9 resource persons delivered different lectures to more than 60 youngsters about varied themes including communication skills and personality development, civil services, importance of health and hygiene for wellbeing, forestation, basic knowledge of computer and IT, responsible citizenship, sustainable tourism, ill-effects of drug abuse and addiction, different Government schemes and other related themes.

Pawan Kotwal, SDM Drass expressed optimism that the event will go a long way in imbibing leadership and management skills among youngsters and inspiring them to con-



Participants of training programme on Youth Leadership and Community Development held in Drass.

tribute towards the welfare and development of their community.

Jigmet Spaldon, District Youth Coordinator NYK Kargil informed that the main objective of the program is to help youngsters to live a meaningful life and make their contribution towards nation-building.

Among others who were present on the occa-

sion included block level officers, volunteers and the participants in good numbers.

Meanwhile, the efforts of Muhammad Amin Polo, Chairman Himalayan Sports and Cultural Development Organization Drass and Volunteers Kaneez, Zaida and Zulikha were also appreciated for making the programme successful.

SoulSpeak

P.P. Wangchuk

New Year readings for fulfilment



The New Year, for me, also comes as a reminder that, good or bad, the previous year has to be taken as a platform to plan various things for the next 12 months. Of course, resolutions are a must, but there are several other things that may not be a part of one's resolutions.

Those things, which I call "also-should-be-done-things" are important for me because they keep me busy, and also help me achieve bigger things. The first among them is my love for books. Book-reading is a habit that I had developed decades ago, and now that serves me as the best hobby when not busy otherwise.

Not that I am a voracious reader; far from it. But I make it a point that I read at least one or two books every month, and those are very carefully and diligently selected. At times, it takes several days before I get the one of my choice. You can say that I am a very choosy guy.

The idea behind reading books is that you are in contact with the best of minds, and you feel that you are in a one-on-one conversation with the author. As they say, a good book works as a philosopher, guide and a true friend. No exaggeration, for sure. When nothing works, and nobody seems to be around to help you out, books are always there to fall back upon. That is why Roman statesman Marcus Tullius Cicero had said: "A room without books is like a body without soul."

Therefore, for any educated person, life can't be complete and a fulfilled one until he has love for books. Even great writers admit that but for their reading habits, they won't have been able to write at all. The point, therefore, is that we need to make a habit of reading books of our choice, and one need not be a voracious reader. Keep a few books around you so that free moments can be best used reading the minds of great men and women.

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In Conversation with Tsewang Paljor, Executive Engineer, PDD, Leh

Interviewed by Stanzin Dasal

Q. Brief us about the power source, demand, and supply in the Leh district.

Harnessing the hydropower potential of river Indus, Nimoo-Basgo power project, Alchi with an installed capacity of 45-Megawatt is the main source of electricity for Leh and adjoining areas. The power generation is dependent on the availability of water flow which varies throughout the year and the requirement also varies seasonally. In summer, the total power demand is 16 to 17 MW whereas in winter it goes up to 28 MW.

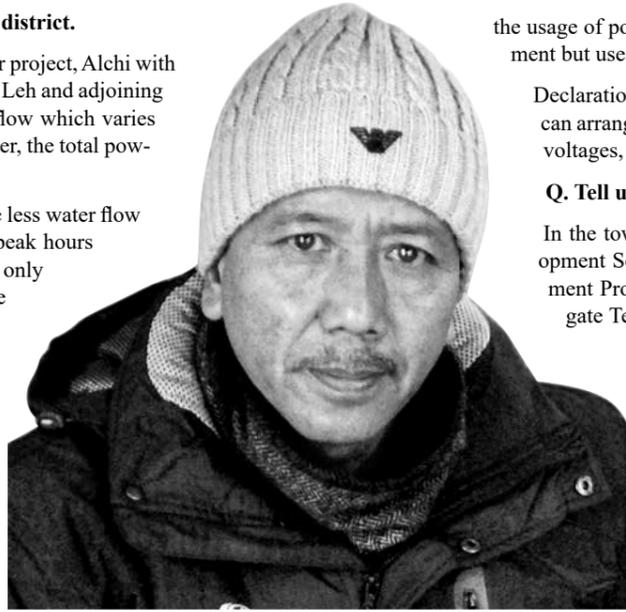
In winters, power generation from the hydel project drops because of the less water flow in the river. To meet the demand, periodic curtailment during the non-peak hours is enforced. The generating machines from the source are stopped and only one machine with very less load of essential feeders are kept to store sufficient water for peak hours power generation and meet the demand. The deficit power is drawn from the National Grid.

Q. In winter days, there is a problem of power-tripping frequently specially during the night time. What is the reason and how it can be solved?

Owing to the harsh climatic condition in winters, the hydel projects generate limited power, unable to meet the increasing power consumption because of the room heaters, geysers, and other electrical appliances. The available power from the project is insufficient to meet the total demand, thus, 10 MW of power is drawn from the National Grid. Since the power is controlled by the Grid with the limited 10 MW for both Leh and Kargil district, line trips as soon as it is overloaded. Whenever the load abnormally increases or decreases on a Gridline, the whole system gets destabilized and tripped. Secondly, a fault in 132 KV transmission systems in Habak- Alusteng (Srinagar) line also causes power tripping, since both the hydel power projects Alchi and Chhutuk are connected with the Northern Grid. The electrical network is designed for a certain amount of power and cannot be overloaded beyond its capacity.

Power is generated and transmitted accordingly and finally supplied to the consumers. I request all the consumers to use electricity judiciously by using alternative heating systems such as traditional Bukhari, solar energy and central heating. At present we don't have infrastructure and capacity to meet the demand of electricity for heavy gadgets. Hopefully, by next year all the issues of power shortage will be sorted out with the connection of 220 KV line fully.

Q. How the department keep a check on the misuse of electricity?



MESSAGE TO THE READERS

“ I appeal everyone to declare the amount of power required to the department honestly so that adequate infrastructure can be arranged for that quantity of load. ”

An inspection team including, Magistrate, Assistant Engineer, Junior Engineer and women police personnel conduct surprise checking in different areas. Fines are imposed if anyone is found using the electricity illegally. The appliances are confiscated and destroyed in case of theft. But in case of excessive usage, the appliances are seized and returned only after enhancing the power usage in an agreement.

While taking a new power connection, an agreement form mentioning

the usage of power is signed. It is illegal if a metered consumer states IKW in an agreement but uses 10 KW.

Declaration of power requirement to the department is very important so that we can arrange the infrastructure for supplying power accordingly. The problem of low voltages, short circuits in transformers happens due to the excessive overloading.

Q. Tell us about different plans to curb power issue?

In the town area, different government schemes such as Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS), PMDP Urban, Restructured Accelerated Power Development Programme (RADRP) Part B is going on, which aims to determine Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) loss. To reduce the AT&C loss, Aerial Bunched cable is used to check power theft and at the same time, to improve the quality of power supply. The scheme is executed and implemented by Rural Electrification Corporation Power Distribution Company Limited (RECPDCL). Hopefully, maximum areas of the Leh town will be covered by next summer.

Also, there is a plan to install a smart meter and with the help of Data Control Centre, we can check and monitor power flow and theft.

Q. Brief us about the Northern Grid power transmission line of 220 KV Srinagar-Drass-Kargil-Khaltse-Leh.

Northern Grid power 220 KV Transmission line of Srinagar-Drass-Kargil-Khaltse-Leh is a flagship project of the Union Government under the Prime Minister's Reconstruction Plan (PMRP). The project was executed by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL). The transmission line is stretched around 335 km long and four new modern Gas Insulated Sub-stations (GIS) of 50 MVA in Drass, 100 MVA in Kargil, 50 MVA in Khaltse and 100 MVA in Leh are built. Almost 150 MW of power can be carried by this line to export or import. Though we are connected with the Northern Grid power transmission line but nearly 50 km stretch between Alusteng and Zainakote in Kashmir is yet to be completed. Hopefully, we will be fully connected by February 2020, after which the power deficit will be easily met, ensuring quality power in all weather conditions.

Also, Rural Electrification Corporation Transmission Projects Company Limited (RECTPCL), the project implementing agency will be executing 220 KV transmission line from Leh to Nubra valley and Drass to Zaskar.

Fortnight Highlights



Devotees during the Winter Hemis Festival lead by His Holiness Drukpa Rinpoche at Hemis monastery.



Archers Yasmeeen Batool and Nusrat Rehman and their manager Khaleda Bano; first team to represent Ladakh in Khelo India Youth Games.



Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane paying tribute at war memorial, Siachen during his first visit after assuming office.



Lieutenant Governor, Radha Krishna Mathur discusses animal husbandry and fisheries scopes and issues in Ladakh with Giriraj Singh, Minister for Animal husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries.



Mahakaruna Diwas- Day of Great Compassion in Action; Bhikkhu Sanghasena, along with Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, MP Ladakh and other guests lightening the lamp.

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Advertisement Notice No. 01 of 2020

Dated 02.01.2020

Subject: Advertisement for various non-gazetted posts of the University of Ladakh.

- a) Opening date for receipt of application forms: 02.01.2020
b) Closing date for receipt of application forms: 23.01.2020

Total number of posts advertised: Thirty (30)

1. INVITATION OF APPLICATION FORM(S) AND BASIC ELIGIBILITY:

Application forms in the prescribed format, complete in all respects, are invited from eligible candidates for various posts given in the Annexure to this notice (along with the requisite qualification and other details). Age requirements, minimum required qualification and other conditions pertaining to each post are as follows:

(I) As on 01.01.2020, the candidate should not be:-

- (i) below the age of 18 years; and
(ii) above the age of:
a) 40 years in case of Open Merit (OM) and other category candidates
b) 43 years in case of RBA/ALC/SOC/SC/ST/EWS candidates
c) 42 years in case of Specially-Abled candidates.
d) 48 years in case of Ex-servicemen
e) 40 years in case of candidates already in Government Service/Contractual employees

(II) A candidate must possess the prescribed academic/professional/technical qualification and fulfill all other conditions of eligibility for the advertised posts by or on **23.01.2020** i.e. the closing date for receipt of application forms.

2. HOW TO APPLY:

- i) The application forms should be filled neatly and legibly as per the prescribed format appended at the last page.
ii) The application form can be downloaded from the website of the University (www.universityofladakh.org.in)
iii) A recent photograph (sized to the space indicated and signed by the applicant) must be firmly pasted.
iv) Self-attested photocopies of the relevant certificates are required to be submitted with the complete application form.
v) One self-addressed envelope of 5"x10" size, with a postage stamp of 5.00 for local addresses and 22.00 for addresses outside Ladakh, must be attached with the application form.
vi) An examination fee of 100 for each post shall have to be deposited through any of the branches of Jammu & Kashmir Bank, in favour of 'Application fee-UOL' with account number **006901020000823** in J&K Bank's Main Branch, Leh, the receipt challan of which must be attached with the application form.
vii) Candidates can apply for multiple posts in one form but must pay the examination fee separately for each post.

Note: a) Candidates must possess the minimum required qualification at the time of submitting the application form(s). Any claim regarding qualification made after the closing date for receipt of application forms shall not be entertained.
b) No under-process claims (at any stage), in respect of certificate(s)/document(s), will be entertained.

3. A candidate found guilty of impersonation or submitting fabricated/tampered documents/testimonials or making statements which are incorrect or false or suppressing material information including canvassing/lobbying shall be debarred permanently, or for a specific period, from being considered for any or all recruitment processes of the University in future.

4. Ordinarily, the University shall restrict the number of applicants appearing for interviews to five times the number of post vacancies. Interviews, if required, will be held only after evaluation of the written/practical tests and preliminary screening. The prescribed qualifications reflect the bare minimum requirements of the job and mere possession thereof shall not entitle a candidate to be called for written/practical test/interview and also grant weightage to the higher qualification in relevant line/discipline.

5. Call letters shall not be issued individually. However, the University shall give wide publicity through print and electronic media and its official website (www.universityofladakh.org.in) about venues and dates for interviews/written tests of eligible candidates. However, it shall be the responsibility of applicants to be aware of this information. Applicants are advised to contact the office of the Registrar, University of Ladakh (Silk Route Rest House, TRC, Leh) for any query in this regard.

Any claim of being unaware of the dates/schedule of written test/interview shall not be entertained.

6. In-service candidates should route their application forms through the proper channel. However, an advance copy, along with all required documents, must reach the University's Office before the closing date for receipt of application forms. The Head of Department concerned shall forward the application form of the in-service candidates to the office of Registrar, University of Ladakh (Silk Route Rest House, TRC, Leh) within five (5) days after the last date for filling the application form.

7. The University of Ladakh reserves the right to increase or decrease the posts (advertised in this notification) as well as to shortlist candidates (against the available posts) without holding interview/written test without any advance notice.

8. Instruction for delivery of application forms:

Candidates are advised to submit the application forms, complete in all respects, to the office of the Registrar, University of Ladakh (Silk Route Rest House, TRC, Leh or Government Degree College, Kargil) during working days by or before the last date i.e. 23.01.2020. They can also be sent by post to the Office of the Registrar, University of Ladakh, Silk Route Rest House, TRC, Leh. Application forms received after the closing date, by hand or by post, will not be accepted. Also, application forms which are found incomplete, in any respect, shall be rejected without notice to the concerned candidate.

9. No TA/DA shall be paid to the candidate(s) for travelling to the venue of interviews or written tests if they are held.

No.Registrar/UOL/Leh/Recruitment-NG/32/2019

Sd/- (Imteez Kacho),
Registrar, UOL, 02.01.2020

Annexure to UOL Advertisement Notice No. 01 of 2020 dated 02.01.2020

S.No	Title of post	Pay scale with level	Category/number of posts with break-up	Qualification and experience
1.	Personal Assistant	44900-142400 (Level 7)	OM-1	i) Graduate in any stream from a recognized university with two (2) years' diploma in stenography from ITI. ii) Proficiency in stenography in English with a minimum speed of sixty five (65) words per minute. iii) Proficiency in typing in English with a minimum speed of thirty five (35) words per minute. iv) Six (6) months' Computer Course from a recognized institute.
2.	Head Assistant	35600-112800 (Level 6B)	OM-1	i) Graduate in any stream from a recognized university. ii) Atleast three (3) years' experience as Senior Assistant in any State/Central Government Department/State/ Central University/Autonomous Organization/Institution iii) Working knowledge of computer applications, noting and drafting.
3.	Junior Librarian	25500-81100 (Level 4)	OM-1	i) Graduate with degree/diploma in Library Science from a recognized university. ii) Three (3) years' experience as Library Assistant from any State / Central / Government University / Autonomous Organization. iii) Six (6) months' Computer Course from a recognized institute.
4.	Accountant	35600-112800 (Level 6B)	OM-1	Graduate from any recognized university with minimum experience of two (2) years as Accounts Assistant and above. Candidates with computer knowledge will be given preference.
5.	Accounts Assistant	29200-92300 (Level 5)	OM -1 RBA-1 Total: 2	Graduate from any recognized university with a minimum of 50% marks for open and 45% for reserved categories in: a) Commerce b) Business Administration c) Science d) Computer Application/IT e) Any other discipline with Mathematics, Statistics or Economics as a subject. Candidates with computer knowledge will be given preference
6.	Senior Assistant	29200-92300 (Level 5)	OM -1	i) Graduate in any stream from a recognized university. ii) Atleast three (3) years' experience as Junior Assistant in any State/Central Government Department/State/Central University/Autonomous Organization/Institution iii) Six (6) months' Computer Course from a recognized institute.
7.	Junior Assistant	25500-81100 (Level 4)	OM -1 RBA-1 Total: 2	i) Graduate in any stream from a recognized university. ii) Six (6) months' Computer Course from a recognized institute. iii) Proficiency in typing in English with a minimum speed of thirty five (35) words per minute.
8.	Library Assistant	19900-63200 (Level 2)	OM -01 RBA-01 Total: 2	Graduate with degree/diploma in Library Science from a recognized university.
9.	Laboratory Assistant	19900-63200 (Level 2)	Open Merit-2 RBA-1 Total: 3	Bachelor's Degree in Medical/Non-Medical stream having at least 50% marks from a recognized university. Preference will be given to candidates with Laboratory Technology Course from a recognized university.
10.	Class IV	14800-47100(SLI)	OM -8 RBA-3 ST-2 SC-1 EWS-2 Total: 16	Minimum: Matriculation Maximum: 10+2 Criteria for short-listing on pro-rata basis: Matriculation : 90 points 10+2 : 10 points Total : 100 points Criteria for selection on pro-rata basis: Matriculation : 60 points 10+2 : 20 points Viva voce : 20 points Total : 100 points
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