



LADAKH

@Wangchuk66
ON 16th DAY TODAY OUR FAST ENDED As Joint Secretary Ministry of Home Affairs brought me the notification for resumption of talks between Ladakhi leaders & Government of India. I hope the talks will be held in mutual trust & will result in a happy ending for all & I will not have to sit on fast again nor march 1000 Kms to the capital. Thank you all for your support. THANK YOU GOVERNMENT OF INDIA #SaveLadakh #SaveHimalayas

@Julley Ladakh
#Zorawar Fort, located in Leh, #Ladakh, is a historic fortress named after General Zorawar Singh, a prominent Dogra warrior known for his military conquests in the 19th century. Built to guard the region and serve as a military base, the fort played a crucial role in securing Dogra control over #Ladakh, Baltistan, and parts of Tibet. The structure, made of stone and mud, houses artifacts, weapons, and memorabilia from #Zorawar Singh's campaigns. Today, Zorawar Fort stands as a symbol of bravery and #Ladakh's historical significance, attracting visitors interested in the region's military and #cultural history.

WIKILEAKS:
On October 22 in 2010, WikiLeaks, a website founded by Julian Assange that functioned as a clearinghouse for classified or otherwise privileged information, released thousands of U.S. documents relating to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

FOUR POINT AGENDA:
Following the announcement from the Ministry for Home Affairs to resume talks on Fpur Joint Agenda for Ladakh, Sonam Wangchuk along with several others ended their hunger strike after fasting for 16 days.

HUMP OR ROUGH ROAD
Sometimes there is a hump on road either intentionally created for slowing the traffic or caused by any other reason. This sign cautions the driver that he should reduce the speed to cross the hump comfortably.

Ladakh Admin forms Committee for Teacher Cadre Bifurcation

LEH: The Union Territory (UT) Administration of Ladakh has announced the formation of a special committee aimed at enhancing the region's education system through the bifurcation of the teacher cadre. This decision, detailed in an official order today, seeks to create two distinct groups: the Primary Teacher Cadre for grades I to V and the Middle School Teacher Cadre for grades VI to VIII. The committee will be chaired by IAS officer Smt. Bhanu Prabha and includes key members such as Tsering Paldan, the Director of School Education, and Mohd Taqi, Under Secretary with Advisor/GAD. Together, they will work on a detailed proposal that will define how to separate the current teacher positions. In its recommendations, the committee will analyze several factors, including the enrollment levels in both primary and middle schools across Ladakh. Additionally, they will consider the seniority, qualifications, and aptitude of the teachers to ensure a fair and effective bifurcation. The administration has set a tight timeline for the committee, requiring their recommendations to be submitted within seven working days. This swift action reflects the UT Administration's commitment to improving the education sector by aligning teacher responsibilities more closely with the specific grade levels they serve. Education officials and community members have welcomed this initiative, viewing it as a crucial step toward optimizing educational outcomes for students in the region. The committee's work will be closely monitored as stakeholders anticipate positive changes in the classroom dynamics in the near future.

Dr Akhoon reviews Skill Development Programs at RSETI Centre in Kargil



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KARGIL: Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoon, the Chairman/Chief Executive Councilor (CEC) of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil, visited the Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI) Centre in Kargil today to assess the ongoing skill development programs aimed at empowering the region's youth. During his visit, Dr. Akhoon was briefed by RSETI faculty members, Mohd Ali and Fatima Bano, on the diverse range of trades offered at the institute. The courses, which include training in embroidery, tailoring, plumbing, and electrical work, are designed to equip participants with essential skills for self-employment and entrepreneurship, ultimately aiding the economic development of the rural population. Dr. Akhoon engaged with trainees in the em-

broidery class, highlighting the significance of such programs in fostering self-reliance among young people. He emphasized the need for collaboration between the Hill Council and local institutions, urging the faculty to work closely with Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to enhance awareness of the available training opportunities. Encouraging greater participation from rural youth, the CEC stressed that involvement in skill training programs would pave the way for self-sufficiency and sustainable livelihoods in the area. Reiterating the Hill Council's commitment to youth empowerment, Dr. Akhoon pointed out the critical role of cooperation between government bodies and local organizations in achieving these objectives, ensuring a brighter future for Kargil's younger generation.

UT Admin invites comments on Draft Recruitment Rules for Gazetted Post

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LEH: The Administration of Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh has announced an invitation for stakeholders to provide comments on the draft Recruitment Rules for the gazetted post of Private Secretary. The draft, which outlines the guidelines for filling 40 positions, has been uploaded on the official website of the Ladakh Administration at ladakh.nic.in. In accordance with the Department of Personnel and Training (DoP&T) Office Memorandum No. AB-14017/61 dated October 13, 2015, stakeholders are encouraged to review the draft and submit their feedback within 15 days from the publication date. The comments can be sent via email to gad.utladakh@ladakh.gov.in or by post to Mohd Taqi, JKAS Under Secretary, General Administration Department, UT Secretariat Ladakh, Leh-194101. The draft rules detail the recruitment process, including age limits and educational qualifica-

tions. Notably, the age limit for direct recruits is set at 30 years, with certain relaxations applicable for government servants. The qualifications require candidates to hold a Bachelor's Degree and pass a dictation and transcription test. The rules also specify that 70% of the positions will be filled through direct recruitment, while the remaining 30% will be through promotions or deputations. Additionally, residency requirements will be enforced as prescribed by existing regulations in Ladakh. The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh will finalize the rules in consultation with the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) after considering the stakeholders' comments. This announcement marks a crucial step in enhancing the administrative framework of the UT of Ladakh, ensuring a transparent and inclusive recruitment process for the position of Private Secretary. Stakeholders are urged to engage actively in this important discussion.

Hands-On Learning: GDC Kargil students explore Geology in Suru Valley Field Trip

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KARGIL: The Department of Geology at Government Degree College Kargil organized a successful one-day field trip to Suru Valley on October 19, 2024, aimed at enhancing practical learning for students in the 3rd and 5th semesters. The trip kicked off with an introductory lecture on the principles of field exploration, providing students with essential skills in handling geological tools such as the Brunton compass and geological hammer. Throughout the day, participants were guided through various significant geological features, encouraging logical thinking and fostering a scientific temperament. Students had the opportunity to examine a diverse range of rock types, including igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks. In-depth discussions on the geological processes behind their formation enriched the students' understanding of the subject. Additionally, students collected fossil samples of gastropods, further enhancing their hands-on learning experience. The excursion also included exposure to key geological features like dikes, sills, folds, faults, pillow basalts, and alluvial deposits. This comprehensive field experience not only deepened students' academic knowledge but also instilled a profound appreciation for geological science. The Department of Geology expressed gratitude to all faculty members and students who contributed to the success of this educational trip, highlighting the importance of practical learning in the field of geology.



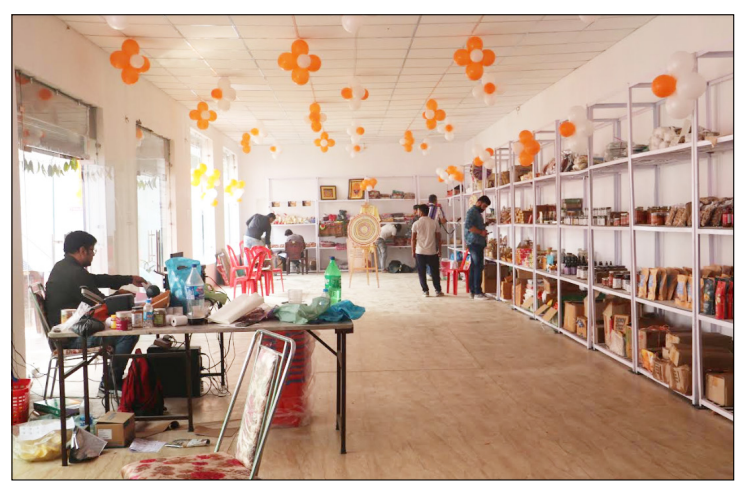
Two DPS Leh students among winning squad Ladakh triumphs over MP in Sr Women's National Football C'ship

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LEH: In an impressive display of skill and teamwork, UT Ladakh secured a commanding 2-0 victory against Madhya Pradesh in their Group F match of the AIFF Senior Women's National Football Championship for the Rajmata Jijabai Trophy. The match took place at the RDT Stadium in Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh. Notably, two students from Delhi Public School (DPS), Leh—Odsal Yangzes and Nayela Sikan—were part of the victorious UT Ladakh squad. The standout performer, Jigmet Chuzen, was named the Player of the Match for her outstanding contribution to the game.



Grand opening of 'The LJK Store' in Jammu promotes Local Artisans and Farmers

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JAMMU: The much-anticipated opening of The LJK Store in Amphalla, Jammu took place today, marking a major milestone in supporting local producers from Ladakh, Jammu, and Kashmir. The store aims to showcase and promote authentic, locally sourced products while empowering small farmers and artisans. The inauguration was led by Chief Guest D.N. Thakur, Chief of Sehkaar Bharti, who emphasized the role of cooperative principles in fostering sustainable and equitable development. "Cooperative principles are the essence of all life coexisting on the planet," Thakur said. He praised the initiative for bringing communities together and providing opportunities for fair trade and cultural preservation. Thakur also applauded LJK Multipurpose Cooperative for its efforts in supporting local communities. Guests of Honor, social leader Purshottam Dhadheechi and Harinder Gupta, also commended the cooperative's vision. Dhadheechi remarked, "The LJK Store is a shining example of how cooperative movements can uplift entire communities by preserving tradition and promoting self-sufficiency." Gupta added that the initiative helps artisans enter the mainstream market, ensuring they receive fair compensation for their skills and craftsmanship. The LJK Store offers a wide range of products, including organic farm produce, handcrafted textiles, and artisanal goods, all sourced from local farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), and Self-Help Groups in Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir. Every purchase directly benefits local communities, helping to sustain traditional craftsmanship and promote sustainable farming practices. This initiative, spearheaded by the Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir Multipurpose Cooperative Ltd., aims to empower local producers by providing them with a platform to market



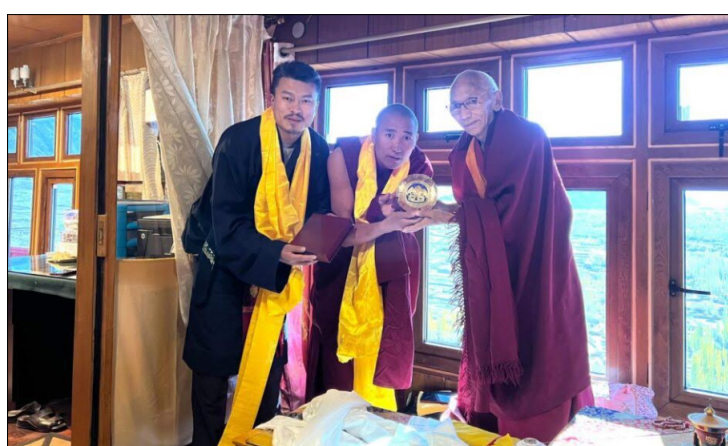
their high-quality products, further contributing to the preservation of the region's rich cultural heritage.

Tibetan Parliamentarians conclude successful outreach Tour in Ladakh

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LEH: Tibetan Parliamentarians Geshe Lharampa Gowo Lobsang Phende and Phurpa Dorje Gyalzhong have successfully wrapped up their official visit to Srinagar, Kargil, and Ladakh, culminating with a series of meetings and visits in Leh and surrounding areas from October 18 to 20. The visit aimed to address key issues concerning Tibet advocacy and the welfare of Tibetan refugees in the region. The parliamentary delegation commenced their journey on October 14, 2024, with a meeting at the Ladakh Choglamser, where they connected with Dhondup Tsering, Chair of the Ladakh Local Tibetan Assembly, along with other local leaders. The parliamentarians visited the Mahe monastery, also known as Karma Thupten Choekhoring Monastery, to pay their respects and learn more about the cultural heritage of the area. The following day, they toured the Nubma nomadic settlement, where they visited the Nubma Tibetan Children's Village school. The visit featured impressive student performances,



including recitations of traditional Tibetan proverbs, highlighting the cultural education being nurtured within the community. A public meeting at the settlement's community hall provided a platform for the MPs to address local concerns, answer questions, and engage in meaningful dialogue with residents. On October 16, the delegation moved to the Kashung nomadic settlement, where they received a warm welcome. They held another public meeting, fostering an open discussion about community issues and aspirations. The parliamentarians then proceeded to Hanley nomadic settlement, where local leaders greeted them with ceremonial scarves and roasted barley flour. The MPs once again engaged with the community in a public meeting, emphasizing their commitment to addressing local concerns. The tour continued with a visit to Hanley Tibetan Children's Village school, where the parliamentarians commended the efforts of the



educators and students in preserving the Tibetan language and culture. They also inspected a Tibetan medicinal herb planting project, showcasing local sustainable initiatives. The MPs then traveled to Chumur and Sumdoe nomadic settlements, where they were similarly welcomed with traditional offerings. Each visit concluded with public meetings, allowing the parliamentarians to respond to questions and gather insights on the local conditions and challenges. On October 17, the tour wrapped up with a visit to Sumdoe's Tibetan Children Village school, where the MPs inspected the facilities and were warmly received by the school community. Having successfully completed their outreach program, the parliamentarians returned to Leh, carrying with them a wealth of information and connections to better represent the interests of the Tibetan community in the region. This tour underscores the ongoing efforts of the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile to strengthen ties with local Tibetan communities and promote cultural education and sustainable development in Ladakh.

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