



LADAKH

@metcentreleh
Another #WesternDisturbance very likely to cause cloudiness with possibilities of Light to Moderate Snowfall especially over Zoila Drass a is during 30-3rd. NO Hvy Snowfall forecast Expect colder daya during above period

@jtnladakh
Ladakh Buddhist Community celebrates PM Sh. Narendra Modi Ji's visionary decision to grant #ClassicalLanguage status to #Pali. Gratitude expressed by Masters, Monks, and Associations, with BJP leaders accepting the felicitation. A monumental step for #LordBuddha's Dhamma legacy.

RUSSO-FINNISH WAR:
On November 30 in 1939, after Finland refused to grant the Soviet Union a naval base and other concessions in the fall of 1939, Soviet troops totaling about one million men attacked Finland on several fronts, initiating the Russo-Finnish War.

AIR TRAVEL:
Rs 9.2 crore has been allocated by GOI to introduce civilian flights to district Kargil of Ladakh UT under the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) scheme.

T-INTERSECTION
This sign tells that there is T intersection on the road ahead and there is no forward movement. Traffic has to either turn left or right. This helps driver in planning their movement on road.

Kargil hosts Walkathon and Eat Right Mela to promote healthy eating and food safety

LEH: The Food Safety, Drug & Food Control Organization organized a grand Walkathon and Eat Right Mela in Kargil, with focus on the importance of healthy eating and food safety. Under the theme "Eat Right," the event aimed to promote health, safety, and well-being. The day began at 10:00 a.m. with a Walkathon, flagged off by Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Kargil, Er. Panchok Tashi. Participants walked through the city, emphasizing the significance of adopting a healthy lifestyle. At 11:30 a.m., the much-anticipated Eat Right Mela kicked off at the Auditorium Hall, inaugurated by the Executive Councillor. A ceremonial inspection of food stalls followed, showcasing food safety practices and their relevance in daily life. The event included a felicitation ceremony where the Designated Officer of Food Safety UT Ladakh honored the chief guest with a traditional Khatak. The program featured a variety of engaging activities, including an inspiring speech by the Designated Officer and a lively cultural performance by the Kargil Theater Club. Participants also enjoyed interactive sessions like an Eat Right Quiz, while the chief guest delivered a motivating address highlighting the importance of food safety and the collective mission of fostering healthy eating habits. The day concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks from the Designated Officer, who expressed gratitude to all participants and dignitaries from various departments. The event served as a vibrant reminder of the need for conscious food choices and the adoption of safe practices, aiming to inspire positive change in the community.

Indian Army hosts football tourney in Changthang to empower local Youth

LEH: In a remarkable display of community outreach and youth empowerment, the Indian Army, in collaboration with the Changthang Football initiative, organized a football tournament for children in the remote border region of Ladakh. Held at the Chumathang Astro Turf, the event brought together over 120 young talents from diverse backgrounds, underscoring the unifying power of sports. The tournament was a vibrant celebration of enthusiasm, skill, and teamwork. The Fire and Fury Corps, committed to nurturing local talent, has launched long-term initiatives such as sports training camps, infrastructure development, and partnerships with local schools to promote athletic excellence in the region. As part of Operation Sadbhavana, the Indian Army plays a pivotal role in fostering the socio-economic development of Ladakh, focusing on empowering the younger generation with tools for success in life and sports. The tournament was a testament to these efforts, creating a platform for children in remote areas to explore their potential and dream big. Presiding over the final match, the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Uniform Force remarked, "Our aim is to empower the youth of Ladakh, not just through education but by instilling confidence and teamwork via sports. This tournament is a step towards creating opportunities for children from border areas to develop their skills and reach new heights."



The event concluded with a spirited award ceremony where trophies and medals were distributed, recognizing the talent and dedication of the participants. The success of this initiative has paved the way for similar endeavors, aiming to build a brighter future for Ladakh's youth through the transformative power of sports. By fostering sportsmanship and unity, the Indian Army continues to strengthen its bond with the local community, inspiring a generation to strive for excellence both on and off the field.

EX EC Gara meets LG Mishra; seeks action into delayed salaries of EPD labourers, Infra Project

EARTH NEWS SERVICE

LEH: In an important meeting held at the LG Secretariat in Leh, Skalzang Wangyal Gara, former Executive Councillor of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Kargil, brought pressing public concerns to the attention of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.). The discussion focused on delayed salaries for casual laborers and stalled infrastructure projects in Kargil District. Senior officials, including Dr. Pawan Kotwal, Advisor to the LG; Vikram Singh Malik, Secretary Tourism and LPDD; Dr. Lalitkhuma Franklin, Secretary Planning; and Dr. Safdar Ali, Director Finance, were present during the meeting. Gara highlighted the plight of casual laborers working under the Electric Project Divisions (EPD) in Haftal (Zanskar), Iqbal, San-



jak, and Marpochu. In his memorandum to the LG, he emphasized that these workers, essential to maintaining hydroelectric power operations in the region, have not received salaries for over seven months. "The delay in salary payments has paralyzed their livelihoods and severely impacted their families," Gara stated, urging immediate intervention to resolve the crisis. Responding to the concerns, the Lieutenant Governor directed the concerned secretary to expedite the re-

lease of pending salaries and ensure timely payments in the future. Gara also raised the issue of delays in constructing a winter-friendly multipurpose community hall at Pipiting, Zanskar. He requested the LG's personal review of the project's progress. Officials assured that construction would resume in the next season, with a renewed commitment to swift completion. The Lieutenant Governor reaffirmed the administration's dedication to transparent governance and the timely resolution of labor grievances. He emphasized that development projects, such as the Pipiting community hall, remain a priority for enhancing the welfare of Ladakh's residents. This meeting underscores ongoing efforts to address public grievances and accelerate key projects in the region, ensuring sustained development and improved quality of life for Ladakh's communities.

GOC 14 Corps visits Siachen reviews operational prep



EARTH NEWS SERVICE

LEH: Lt Gen Hitesh Bhalla, General Officer Commanding (GOC) 14 Corps (Fire and Fury Corps) visited Siachen Glacier. He met the troops deployed here and appreciated their hard work and perseverance. Lt Gen Bhalla praised the dedication of the troops under extremely difficult conditions and encouraged them to remain steadfast in their duties. He underlined their vital role in protecting the country's borders and boosted their morale. The GOC took a detailed review of the operational preparedness in the area and the arrangements made to ensure the safety and convenience of the troops. Addressing the troops, Lt Gen Bhalla emphasised the importance of their mission and motivated them to perform their duties with zeal and enthusiasm.

He underlined their vital role in protecting the country's borders and boosted their morale. The GOC took a detailed review of the operational preparedness in the area and the arrangements made to ensure the safety and convenience of the troops. Addressing the troops, Lt Gen Bhalla emphasised the importance of their mission and motivated them to perform their duties with zeal and enthusiasm.

NDC Chairman delivers insightful lecture on Governance and Public Policy at UoL

EARTH NEWS SERVICE

LEH: The Department of Political Science at the University of Ladakh hosted a special lecture on "Governance and Public Policy" today at its Leh campus. The session was led by Pramod Kumar Jain, IAS (Retd.), Chairman of the New District Committee and visiting professor at the university. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. S. K. Mehta, chaired the event, which drew an enthusiastic audience of faculty and students from across the university. In his welcome address, Prof. Mehta extended his gratitude to Pramod Kumar Jain for accepting the invitation to discuss such a pivotal topic. Jain was warmly greeted with traditional "Khatags," a gesture symbolizing Ladakhi hospitality. During his lecture, Jain shared profound insights into governance and pol-



icy-making, emphasizing accountability, efficiency, and equity. His discourse delved into good governance, public policy, and the fundamental principles underpinning governance frameworks. The session included a lively interactive segment, allowing participants to pose questions and deepen their understanding of the challenges and solutions related to governance and public policy. The initiative, organized by the Department of Political Science, underscores the university's commitment to fostering awareness and building capacity in governance and policy-making. The lecture aligns with the institution's mission to advance academic and societal development. Concluding the event, Dr. Tanzen Nakdon, Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science, expressed appreciation to Pramod Kumar Jain, the Vice Chancellor, and all attendees for their active participation, ensuring the success of the event.

ADDC for expediting Telecom Infra development in Ladakh's Villages

EARTH NEWS SERVICE

LEH: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Sonam Nurboo, chaired a crucial meeting at the Video Conference (VC) Room, DC Office, Leh, to assess the progress of telecom connectivity in Ladakh's Vibrant Villages. During the meeting, officials from Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) presented a detailed progress report highlighting key milestones in the ongoing telecom infrastructure development. According to the report, tower foundations in 27 villages have been completed, while tower erection has been finalized in 20 villages. Electrical works at 10 sites are also finished, with Tower Communication Systems (TCS) integration



and commissioning steadily progressing. Officials assured that the project is on track for completion by next year. The meeting also addressed connectivity challenges in remote villages like Chumur and Thang, with a focus on overcoming existing hurdles. ADCD Nurboo emphasized the importance of timely project execution and instructed the officials to expedite their work to ensure enhanced connectivity in these strategic areas. Representatives from BSNL, Jio Telecom, and the Power Development Department (PDD) attended the meeting, underscoring a collaborative approach to improving Ladakh's telecom infrastructure. The efforts aim to bridge connectivity gaps in Ladakh's rural regions, a vital step toward integrating these areas into the digital framework of the nation.

enhanced connectivity in these strategic areas. Representatives from BSNL, Jio Telecom, and the Power Development Department (PDD) attended the meeting, underscoring a collaborative approach to improving Ladakh's telecom infrastructure. The efforts aim to bridge connectivity gaps in Ladakh's rural regions, a vital step toward integrating these areas into the digital framework of the nation.

Asian Games Selection Trial: Ladakh's Coach Nordakh leads India's Ice Skating teams' success in Bangkok

EARTH NEWS SERVICE

BANGKOK: The Asian Games Selection Trial for Ice Short Track Speed Skating concluded successfully at the IWIS International Training Center, an ISU Centre of Excellence in Bangkok under the guidance of Senior Head Coach Abbass Nordakh, a celebrated national coach from Ladakh, whose strategic expertise and inspiring leadership drew significant praise. The event, organized by the Ice Skating Association of India (ISAI), witnessed intense competition among India's top senior men's and women's skaters hailing from Haryana, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Madhya Pradesh. Known for his dedication to nurturing winter sports in India, Coach Nordakh played a pivotal role in preparing the athletes and ensuring the smooth execution of the five-day event. "This trial represents the growing prominence of ice skating in India," remarked Coach Nordakh. "It's heartening to see skaters from diverse regions compete with such determination. Their performance here reflects the progress we've made as a nation in winter sports." The selection trial marked a vital step toward finalizing India's ice short track speed skating contingent for the upcoming Asian Games. The high-stakes competition tested athletes in various categories, assessing their speed, agility, and technical skills. While the official list of selected skaters will be announced by the ISAI in the coming days, the event has already set the stage for India's promising prospects to shine at the continental level. This achievement underscores the collaborative efforts of national and regional associations, particularly the Ladakh Ice Skating Association (LISA). "Ladakh has long been a hub for winter sports talent, and Coach Nordakh's leadership in Bangkok exemplifies the region's contribution to India's ice skating scene," stated Waseem Akbar, Secretary of LISA. The Asian Games, set to take place next year, will serve as a platform for these athletes to represent India and demonstrate their skills on the international stage. With experienced coaches like Nordakh guiding the way, the future of Indian ice skating appears brighter than ever.

dakh played a pivotal role in preparing the athletes and ensuring the smooth execution of the five-day event. "This trial represents the growing prominence of ice skating in India," remarked Coach Nordakh. "It's heartening to see skaters from diverse regions compete with such determination. Their performance here reflects the progress we've made as a nation in winter sports." The selection trial marked a vital step toward finalizing India's ice short track speed skating contingent for the upcoming Asian Games. The high-stakes competition tested athletes in various categories, assessing their speed, agility, and technical skills. While the official list of selected skaters will be announced by the ISAI in the coming days, the event has already set the stage for India's promising prospects to shine at the continental level. This achievement underscores the collaborative efforts of national and regional associations, particularly the Ladakh Ice Skating Association (LISA). "Ladakh has long been a hub for winter sports talent, and Coach Nordakh's leadership in Bangkok exemplifies the region's contribution to India's ice skating scene," stated Waseem Akbar, Secretary of LISA. The Asian Games, set to take place next year, will serve as a platform for these athletes to represent India and demonstrate their skills on the international stage. With experienced coaches like Nordakh guiding the way, the future of Indian ice skating appears brighter than ever.

ready set the stage for India's promising prospects to shine at the continental level. This achievement underscores the collaborative efforts of national and regional associations, particularly the Ladakh Ice Skating Association (LISA). "Ladakh has long been a hub for winter sports talent, and Coach Nordakh's leadership in Bangkok exemplifies the region's contribution to India's ice skating scene," stated Waseem Akbar, Secretary of LISA. The Asian Games, set to take place next year, will serve as a platform for these athletes to represent India and demonstrate their skills on the international stage. With experienced coaches like Nordakh guiding the way, the future of Indian ice skating appears brighter than ever.

Kargil hosts cultural competition promoting heritage and talent



EARTH NEWS SERVICE

KARGIL: The District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Kargil recently organized a two-day district-level competition for schools under the 9th Class category, featuring Role Play and Folk Dance performances. The event, part of the National Population Education Program (NPEP) initiated by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), sought to promote cultural heritage and foster the exchange of cultural values among students. Renowned figures in the arts and culture community, including actor Yawar Abass, cultural artist Rigzin, and Head of Department (HOD) Khursheda, served as the jury for the Role Play category, while musician Abss, Rigzin, and Khursheda judged the Folk Dance performances. The final day saw exceptional performances from the students. In the Role Play category, HS Lankoor clinched the 1st position, with HSS Barsoo securing the 2nd position. In the Folk Dance category, HS Bodh Kharboo emerged as the winner, while HS Garkoon earned the 2nd position. As a result of their outstanding performances, the top two winners from each category will move on to the UT-level competition scheduled for December 13, 2024, in Kargil. The finalists at the UT-level competition will have the opportunity to represent the Union Territory of Ladakh at the national level on January 8, 2025. This initiative reflects the commitment to preserving and promoting the rich cultural traditions of the region while providing students with a platform to showcase their talents.

exceptional performances from the students. In the Role Play category, HS Lankoor clinched the 1st position, with HSS Barsoo securing the 2nd position. In the Folk Dance category, HS Bodh Kharboo emerged as the winner, while HS Garkoon earned the 2nd position. As a result of their outstanding performances, the top two winners from each category will move on to the UT-level competition scheduled for December 13, 2024, in Kargil. The finalists at the UT-level competition will have the opportunity to represent the Union Territory of Ladakh at the national level on January 8, 2025. This initiative reflects the commitment to preserving and promoting the rich cultural traditions of the region while providing students with a platform to showcase their talents.