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'Preserving fragile trans-Himalayan env for future generations our duty'

LG Mishra Inaugurates Community Waste Management Initiative



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LEH: Calling Ladakh a beautiful and pristine region, Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) said it is our duty to preserve the fragile trans-Himalayan environment for the sustenance of current and future generations.

The LG emphasised the UT Administration's role in preserving the fragile trans-Himalayan environment and taking immediate measures to rectify the issues to keep the region undisturbed and non-interfered.

LG Mishra inaugurated the Community Waste Management Initiative at Solid Resource Management Centre, Block Tehsil Office Compound in Chuchot Yokma the other day.

The Community Waste Management Initiative is a joint initiative of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and HDFC Bank in partnership with Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department. The initiative aims to develop a model for government and industry partnerships to promote waste management and other community welfare initiatives in Ladakh. It will benefit 25 villages in Chuchot and Kharu blocks.

Speaking at the event, the LG

highlighted the importance of keeping ourselves healthy and the role of managing solid waste and wastewater.

Terming cleanliness as the foremost behaviour of home-sapient, the LG mentioned that waste management is a part of cleanliness. He also mentioned the impact of non-biodegradable waste such as plastic on the environment and new techniques being introduced to address the issue of waste management. He commended new companies and institutions that are coming forward to tackle the issue of waste management through their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.

He highlighted the role of every citizen in cooperating to make such initiatives successful and also teach their children to follow in their footsteps.

Stating that the mission to make solid waste management initiatives successful to make Ladakh a developed society should be the main carry home for the audience assembled at the function, the LG highlighted the importance of adopting civic sense as 'our second nature' for a healthy society.

He cited the example of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi who advocates the elimination of single-use plastic in India and took

the responsibility to clean the Marmallapuram beach.

He emphasised using plastic waste to our advantage by using it in the construction of roads and home insulation purposes.

The LG also inspected the wet waste collector and the solid waste management centre in which waste is segregated into biodegradable and non-biodegradable and further into wet and dry waste followed by composting, sorting, shredding and storage, recycling. He also felicitated officials and members of SHGs responsible for making the solid waste management centre for Chuchot and Kharu blocks successful.

Executive Councillor, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee apprised the LG of the implementation of 18 waste management centres under Project Tsangda in Leh district out of which 14 are currently fully functional to tackle the issue of solid waste management along with the issues faced in its successful implementation, including the shortage of dedicated staff to keep the waste management centre functional.

Tahir Ahmed Khan from HDFC Bank informed the audience about various initiatives taken by them under their CSR activities.

Earlier, Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (RD&PR) Department, Shashanka Ala, IAS, welcomed the guests while Principal Advisor, CII, Lt Gen J P Nehra gave the concluding remarks.

EC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Namgyal Yakee; Advisor to the LG, Dr Pawan Kotwal, IAS; Councillor, Chuchot, Mirza Hussain; officials from CII, HDFC Bank, RD&PR Department; government officials, villagers from Chuchot and Kharu; members of SHGs and school students were present during the event.

UoL gets Mishra's Amendment Nod for State University

LEH: Asking the concerned officers to check the applicability of domicile law for state universities of Goa and Karnataka along with a state university in Northeast India, the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) chaired a meeting at the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat to discuss the Amendment to the University of Ladakh Act, 2018.

Commissioner, Secretary, Padma Angmo, IIS, apprised the LG of the University Council members' suggestion to amend the University of Ladakh ▶P11



Mishra felicitates Rinchhen Youdol

LEH: Lieutenant Governor Ladakh, Dr. (Rtd) BD Mishra, felicitated Rinchhen Youdol, International Para Taekwondo player, for her historic achievement at the recently concluded World Para Poomsae Taekwondo Championships held in Bahrain.

Rinchhen secured a Bronze Medal, making her the first ▶P11

Air connectivity lifeline for Ladakh: Kotwal calls for smooth operations



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LEH: Underscoring the significance of air connectivity as a lifeline for Ladakh during winters when road access is severely restricted, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor of UT Ladakh, Dr. Pawan Kotwal focused on ensuring smooth and efficient operations during the winter months.

The Advisor chaired a high-level meeting to review and address critical aspects of air connectivity and airport infrastructure in Ladakh the other day.

He underscored the significance of air connectivity as a lifeline for Ladakh during winters when road access is severely restricted. Discussions covered the operation of AN-32 courier services for the Kargil-Srinagar-Jammu sector, the deployment of AN-32 and IL-76 flights from Thoise and Leh to Chandigarh, and the implementation of the UDAAN Scheme at Kargil and Thoise airports.

During the meeting, he also reviewed the status of Kargil Airport and the progress of the new terminal

at Leh Airport. Dr. Kotwal directed that priority be given to passenger movement, ensuring that 70% of the air cargo capacity is allocated for passengers and the remaining 30% for essential cargo.

To address challenges faced by residents in securing tickets, particularly during emergencies, he instructed officials to reserve a quota of seats for genuine and urgent passengers. This measure aims to assist those encountering difficulties with online ticket bookings or requiring immediate travel. ▶P11

Ladakh gets Silver Medal for Safety in Adventure at Outlook Traveller Awards

NEW DELHI/LEH: The Union Territory of Ladakh has been honoured with the silver medal for "Best Destination Offering Safety in Adventure" at the Outlook Traveller Awards 2024.

The award, a testament to Ladakh's dedication to adventure tourism safety, was presented by Uttarakhand's Tourism Minister, Satpal Maharaj, during a grand ceremony in New Delhi.

Anindita Ghosh, Editor of Outlook Traveller, praised Ladakh's efforts in ensuring



thrilling adventure experiences. "Recognizing destina-

tions that prioritize safety in adventure tourism is crucial," she remarked. Ladakh's ▶P11

Pact signed to strengthen, develop cooperative sector

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LEH: Marking a significant milestone in the development and strengthening of the cooperative sector in Ladakh, the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI).

The MoU signing ceremony was attended by Hon'ble Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson; Executive Councillor, Stanzin Chospheh; Deputy Commissioner/CEO LAHDC Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve; CEO, NCUI, Dr. Sudhir Mahajan; and officers



from NCUI.

This collaboration aims to promote sustainable practices and improve livelihood opportunities for farmers, Self-Help Groups (SHGs),

entrepreneurs, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), and cooperative societies in the region. The partnership will focus on key areas such as training, skill ▶P11

High Court grants final chance to UTs to file compliance on constitution of GST Tribunal

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LEH: The High Court of J&K has granted last and final opportunity to the government for filing compliance on the constitution of Goods and Services Tax (GST) Appellate Tribunal in the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, failing which the Secretary Finance Department has been directed to remain present in the court on the next date of hearing.

The government had last submitted that a committee constituted for the purpose has initiated the process for selection of the Technical Member, and that some more time was required to file the latest status

report with regard to the constitution of the Tribunal.

Subsequently two weeks' time was granted to it to file the status report on the matter.

As the case came up for hearing today, Faheem Nisar Shah, the government advocate, expressed his inability to file the report and sought some more time in terms of the order dated 14.08.2024.

At his request, the division bench comprising Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice Puneet Gupta granted the lawyer "last and final opportunity of four weeks" to comply with the order dated 14.08.2024, failing which, the respondent-Secretary to Government of J&K, Finance De-

partment, shall remain present on the next date of hearing", ordered the judges.

The matter has been posted on January 1, 2025.

The court, it may be recalled, had also asked the search committee to expedite the process so that the appointment of the Technical Member is made "at the earliest"

The matter had been registered as PIL suo-moto last year, considering that the GST Appellate Tribunal was not in place in the twin union territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and that the litigants were facing considerable hardships. Given the import of the matter, the court had ▶P11

Aisha is President AMI Women Wing



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LEH: In a moment of pride and celebration, Aisha Malo has been re-elected as the President of the Women Wing of Anjuman-e-Moin-

ul-Islam (AMI) Ladakh during the General Elections of Women Wing Ladakh.

This marks yet another milestone in her dedicated leadership and commitment to empowering ▶P11

Ajmer survey: Ex-bureaucrats write to Modi

NEW DELHI: Days after a local court ordered a survey of the Ajmer Sharif dargah, a group of former bureaucrats and diplomats has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, seeking his intervention to halt all "illegal and pernicious" activities that are an "ideological assault" on India's civilisational heritage and pervert the idea of an inclusive country.

Stating that he alone can halt "all illegal, pernicious activities", the group has reminded Modi that he himself had sent "chadars" on the occasion of the annual Urs of the 12th-century ▶P11

JTN, Nambardars call on LG Mishra



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LEH: A delegation comprising members of Ice Hockey Federation of India led by

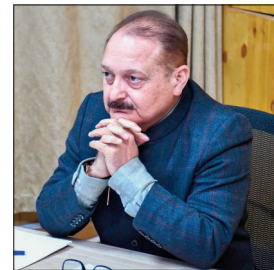
former Member of Parliament from Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal called on the Lieutenant Governor of ▶P11

'Chamathang to be developed as attractive tourist destination'

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LEH: The Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor UT Ladakh, Dr. Pawan Kotwal chaired a meeting regarding the development of hot spring at Chamathang, the meeting was held at the Civil Secretariat Leh.

The concerned Architect provided a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation on the development of Chamathang hot spring, with development area of approximately 12.5 acres of land and highlighted its salient features of the project, estimated cost, future plans, bottlenecks which impede the



progress of the project.

The Advisor instructed the concerned officials to ensure finest quality of the project, which will increase tourists footfall towards the region.

Praising the collaborative endeavours of the officials involved in the ▶P11

JKB bags SKOCH Gold Award for 'Corporate Governance'

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SRINAGAR: J&K Bank has won the prestigious SKOCH Gold Award in the 'BFSI' category for Corporate Governance at the 100th SKOCH Summit held in New Delhi.

The Bank's General Manager & Group Compliance Officer (GCO) Peer Masood Ahmad Chisti received the award along with General Manager & Divisional Head (ROI) Rajesh Gupta on Saturday at the summit themed 'New Dimensions of Inclusive Growth'.

Attributing the accolade to the effective oversight of the Bank's Board and the meticulous efforts of its manage-



ment, the Bank's MD & CEO Baldev Prakash expressed gratitude to the organizers for recognizing the Bank's commitment to upholding highest

standards of corporate governance. He said, "Corporate governance is not just a compliance mandate but a strategic enabler that ensures ▶P11