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Remembering Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah on his 120th birth anniversary. His historic contributions—especially the landmark land reforms in Jammu & Kashmir and the declaration of Kargil as a separate district—will always be remembered with gratitude and respect.

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The designation "Raj Niwas" has been officially revised to "Lok Niwas". This modification is effective immediately, ensuring consistent nomenclature across all official communications. All stakeholders note this change for future reference.
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In History

SPAIN:

On this day in 1978, The constitution was adopted in the European country of Spain.

In Numbers

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ECO-TOURISM:

The 'Ladakh STP Policy 2024' launched by the UT Admin directs mandatory installation of STPs for hotels and guesthouses with 10 or more rooms.

Traffic Signs

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LG Gupta reaffirms Commitment to Inclusive Growth, Stronger Public Infrastructure in Ladakh

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ZANSKAR:

Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, Friday reaffirmed the UT Administration's unwavering commitment to inclusive growth, grassroots empowerment and improved public infrastructure across the Union Territory.

He was addressing a public meeting in Zaskar after dedicating a series of important development initiatives to the people, describing them as significant milestones that will strengthen the region's foundation for long-term progress.

Kavinder Gupta said that the initiatives inaugurated today reflect the Administration's firm resolve to bridge developmental gaps and deliver modern facilities to even the most remote regions of Ladakh.

He inaugurated four new Community Halls constructed under the Special

Development Package in Lungnak Block at a cost of Rs 1 crore. These halls, he noted, will serve as vital centres for community activities, social events, educational programmes, winter tuitions and public outreach—thereby enhancing community cohesion and strengthening grassroots engagement.

The Lt Governor also launched the 'Nayi Chetna

4.0' Campaign, a national-level initiative aimed at promoting gender equality, women's empowerment and gender-sensitive community environments.

He said the campaign will play a key role in addressing gender-based discrimination and ensuring greater awareness through focused training sessions, workshops and community participation.

Kavinder Gupta further launched the RGSA Training Calendar 2025–26, under which the Ministry of Panchayati Raj has approved Rs 9.82 crore for Ladakh's Annual Action Plan. This year, 5,883 participants—including elected representatives, Panchayat Secretaries, frontline workers and community leaders—will receive structured training

worth Rs 1.88 crore.

He said these capacity-building programmes will significantly enhance digital governance, decentralized planning, transparency and accountability in local institutions, thereby contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals at the grassroots level.

Recalling the continuous support and guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Lt Governor said the PM has consistently emphasised the holistic development of Ladakh, acknowledging the region's community strength, natural wealth and untapped potential.

He added that the development projects inaugurated today are a direct reflection of the Prime Minister's vision to make India's border regions strong, self-reliant and equipped with modern infrastructure.

Kavinder Gupta lauded the

people and public representatives of Zaskar for their cooperation, resilience and active participation in the ongoing development journey. He asked them to carry forward these initiatives as a collective movement, reaffirming that the Administration's shared vision of a progressive, empowered and people-centric Ladakh can be achieved only through teamwork and community partnership.

He expressed confidence that the new infrastructure and governance initiatives will create sustainable opportunities, promote inclusive development and significantly improve the quality of life for the people of Zaskar and Ladakh as a whole.

On the occasion, Councillors from LAHDC Kargil, Administrative Secretary Shashanka Ala, community leaders, members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and government officials were present.

Celebration of 'World Soil Day'25' at Tukla by India's highest KVK stationed at Nyoma

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LEH: KVK Nyoma, under the leadership of Dr. Phuntsog Tundup, successfully observed World Soil Day on 5th December 2025 at Tukla Village. The programme witnessed the active participation of more than 26 farmers along with 6 officials from the highest KVK. Dr. Phuntsog Tundup opened the programme with warm greetings and emphasized the global significance of World Soil Day. He highlighted the importance of soil health, sustainable practices, and the need for proper maintenance to ensure long-term productivity. He also interacted closely with the farmers, addressing their queries on soil-related issues. Following this, Dr. Stanzin

Diskit (Plant Pathologist) delivered an informative session on common diseases affecting various crops and vegetables cultivated in the region. She underscored the value of natural farming practices in reducing disease incidence and promoting ecological balance. Dr. Tsering Lanzas (Pomologist) spoke on the scope of horticultural crops in view of the shifting of fruit belts and climate change. She also discussed key factors

influencing their successful cultivation under local agro-climatic conditions. Her insights aimed to help farmers enhance both productivity and crop quality. Dr. Janyang Lahmo (Extension Educationist) briefed the farmers on the Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PM-DDKY), outlining its major benefits and guiding them on how to avail themselves of the scheme's provisions for improved livelihood opportunities.

The technical sessions concluded with a hands-on training conducted by Dr. Tashi Dolkar, SMS KVK Nyoma, who demonstrated the process of preparing tomato purée, enabling farmers to explore value addition and income diversification. The programme ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Janyang Lahmo, who expressed gratitude to all participants, officials, and farmers for their active engagement and support.

ADDC & ADC Leh review preparedness for Upcoming LSSSB Matriculation Level Exam

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LEH: A preparatory meeting for the upcoming Matriculation Level Examination conducted by the Ladakh Subordinate Service Staff Selection Board (LSSSB) was jointly chaired by Sonam Nurboo, JKAS, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Leh, and Ghulam Mohd, JKAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Leh, on 5th December, 2025 at the Conference Hall, DC Office, Leh. The meeting focused on reviewing the arrangements, identifying potential challenges, and ensuring robust coordination mechanisms ahead of the examination scheduled for Sunday, 7th December 2025. Jigmet Angchuk, JKAS,

Under Secretary, LSSSB, briefed on the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to be followed on the day of the exam. The briefing covered essential instructions regarding the examination timeline, centre-level coordination, opening and distribution of question booklets, secure handling and sealing of OMR sheets, and completion of all mandatory documentation, including attendance records, invigilators' certificates, and required undertakings. It was informed that four examination centres have been designated, each equipped with Centre Supervisors, Assistant Supervisors, and Venue Coordinators to ensure smooth conduct and timely communication across levels. Reiterating the significance of a fair and secure examination process, the chair stressed strict adherence to fairness, transparency, and

confidentiality to ensure the examination is conducted smoothly. The meeting was attended by senior officials from various departments, including Additional Superintendent of Police, Leh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Headquarters Superintendent of Police, Leh, Dy. SP Traffic, UT Ladakh, Under Secretary, LSSSB Ladakh, Headquarter Assistant to DC, Leh (Coordinating Supervisor), Coordinating Supervisors, Centre Supervisors, and Magisterial Duty officers. The administration expressed confidence that with coordinated efforts and strict compliance with SOPs, the LSSSB Matriculation Level Examination will be conducted efficiently and successfully across all designated centres.

Celebration of Adoption Awareness Month held

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LEH: The Social & Tribal Welfare Department, UT Ladakh, in collaboration with the State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) and the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), organized a programme to mark Adoption Awareness Month – November 2025 on 5 December at the District Panchayat Resource Center, Agling Road, Leh. The event centred on the theme "Non-Institutional Rehabilitation of Children with Special Needs," underscoring the importance of a nurturing family environment for every child, particularly those requiring special care. The programme was inaugurated by Kunzes Angmo, Director, Social & Tribal Welfare Department, who, in her address, stressed the collective responsibility of all stakeholders in ensuring children's welfare. She highlighted that a family setting plays an irreplaceable role in the holistic development of every child.

As part of the awareness efforts, a short film on the rehabilitation and adoption of children with special needs was screened. The film aimed to sensitise the audience about the adoption process and the meaningful impact of adopting a child with special needs. A detailed panel discussion on Special Needs Adoption was also held, moderated by Tashi Dolma, Member, Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Leh. The session brought together experts from diverse fields: Chunit Dolma, Early Interventionist (Health Department), emphasised early identification of risk factors and urged parents to utilise local health intervention services. Tsewang Dorje, former President of PAGIR, expressed concern over the social stigma that leads some parents to hide their special needs children, stressing that early intervention can enable a "brighter and beautiful life." Tsering Angchuk, Member, CWC Leh, ex-

plained the legal procedures involved in declaring children legally free for adoption. Fariya Rafiq, Protection Officer (Non-Institutional Care), informed participants about the provisions under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2022. Sonam Chosdon, Program Manager, SARA, highlighted the role of CARA as the national nodal body for adoption and reiterated the significance of promoting special needs adoption. The event also featured an emotional experience-sharing session, where prospective parents spoke about their adoption journeys. Among them, Deachen Angmo shared her personal motivation to adopt, encouraging others to consider adopting children with special needs. The programme concluded with a cultural performance by children from the Child Care Institution of the Lions Club Hostel, followed by a formal vote of thanks.

6th Senior Men's State Handball Championship Kicks Off at Khree Sultan Choo Sports Stadium

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KARGIL: The 6th Senior Men's State Handball Championship commenced Friday at the Khree Sultan Choo Sports Stadium, Kargil. A total of four teams each from Kargil and Leh districts are participating in the tournament. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Former Executive Councillor and Councillor Choskore Nasir Hussain Munshi as the Chief Guest. Councillor Baroo Advocate Khadim Hussain attended as the Guest of Honour, while Nominated Councillor Advocate Riyaz Ahmad Khan was present as the Special Guest. Prominent sports personalities and officials present included, Shamim Kacho, Vice President, Ladakh Archery Association, Haji Mohd Ali Rangyul, President, AKTTA, Anayat Ali, General Secretary, Ladakh

Taekwondo Association, Stanzin Phalgais, Joint Secretary, Ladakh Handball Association, Baqir Ali, General Secretary, Ladakh Handball Association and Mohd Yaseen, President, Kargil Handball Association. The Chief Guest formally inaugurated the tournament by passing the ball. In his address, Nasir Hussain Munshi appreciated the efforts of the Ladakh Handball Association and Kargil

Handball Association for encouraging youth to adopt sports as a career. He assured that he would take up all issues concerning handball players and associations with higher authorities, urging the organisers to continue providing a conducive environment for athletes to grow. Advocate Khadim Hussain, in his remarks, thanked the Ladakh Handball Association for hosting the championship in Kargil and as-

sured full support for future initiatives. Advocate Riyaz Ahmad Khan highlighted the challenges faced by sports associations in the absence of adequate government support. He extended full cooperation to all sports bodies working for the welfare of athletes and encouraged them to reach out to him for any assistance. He praised the Handball Association for engaging youth in sports activities,

helping them stay away from social evils like drug abuse. Speaking on the occasion, Mohd Yaseen, President of the Kargil Handball Association, outlined the achievements of the association. He shared that over the past five years, the association has consistently conducted state championships for both men and women and has been regularly sending teams to participate in national events.

Community mobilization and enrolment drive held

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NUBRA: A community mobilization and enrollment drive was successfully organized at Middle School Kobet. The initiative brought together key community leaders and stakeholders to discuss strategies for increasing student enrollment and enhancing the school's overall performance. The drive was conducted in the presence of the Nambardar Association Nubra President, Shri Tsewang Eashy, along with School Management Committee (SMC) members and villagers from Ayee and Kobet.

During the event, the dignitaries and participants engaged in constructive dialogue, sharing valuable thoughts and offering meaningful suggestions focused on improving student enrollment numbers. The program concluded with a strong collective commitment from all stakeholders—including the Nambardar Association, SMC, and local villagers—to collaborate and actively work towards the overall improvement of the school. The event wrapped up following the vote of thanks delivered by school teacher, Shri Stanzin Zangpo.

Annual results of Class 8 declared

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DRASS: The annual results of Class 8 were declared at Gulshan-e-Raza Public School. The event was graced by the presence of the Councillor, Abdul Samad, Chairman of Gousia Masjid, Mubarak along with members of the School Management Committee. This year, the school achieved outstanding academic results. Saima Ashiq (D/o Ashiq Hussain) secured the 1st position with 94%, and Mohammad Farhan-ul-Haq Naqvi (S/o Abdul Haq Naqvi) secured the

2nd position with 93% at the Complex Head Higher Secondary Drass level. Both the Councillor and the Chairman delivered inspiring motivational speeches, appreciating the hard work of the students and the efforts of the school staff. They also encouraged students to remain focused and dedicated towards their future goals. The program concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks, delivered by the Co Chairman, expressing gratitude to all guests, parents, students, and teachers for their support.