

Outreach camps in Neyraks, Youlchung, Lingshed mark conclusion of Jung-sJabs Certificates issued, Health screenings held

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KHALTSE: The multi-department "Jung-sJabs" public outreach programme concluded in Sub-Division KHALTSE on Wednesday, with officials conducting camps across Neyraks, Youlchung, and Lingshed villages of Singayalok Block, delivering services and collecting grievances at the grassroots level. The concluding day saw participation from key administrative and sectoral departments, with Naib Tehsildar KHALTSE, Asgar Ali, and Naib Tehsildar Wanla, Phuntsog Namgal, chairing the proceedings. Officials from Revenue, Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Health, Rural Development, and Agriculture departments were present to facilitate on-the-spot service delivery and address public concerns. During the camps, authorities reviewed the implementation of government



schemes and assessed the reach of services in remote villages. Residents, represented by local Nambardars, voiced issues ranging from civic amenities to development needs. Officials documented these grievances and assured that they would be forwarded to higher au-

thorities for consideration. The outreach exercise also focused on direct engagement, with officers interacting with villagers, explaining departmental schemes, and clarifying queries. A visit to the Government Primary School in Neyraks was also undertaken by the

officials as part of the day's programme. On the service delivery front, the Revenue Department issued Ladakh Resident Certificates along with electoral and revenue extracts. The Health Department conducted screenings for non-communicable diseases and facilitated the creation and linking of ABHA IDs and PMJAY cards, expanding access to healthcare benefits. Block Veterinary Officer Dr. Zakir Hussain and other field-level functionaries, including revenue staff and departmental representatives, remained actively involved throughout the camps, ensuring coordination across sectors. The Jung-sJabs programme, designed as a public interface initiative, aimed to bridge administrative outreach gaps in far-flung areas by bringing essential services and governance mechanisms closer to residents.

LAHDC Kargil activates One Stop Centre, emphasises departmental coordination

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KARGIL: The District Administration in Kargil on Wednesday operationalised a One Stop Centre aimed at streamlining access to government services and strengthening institutional support for entrepreneurship and livelihood generation. The development was reviewed at a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer of LAHDC Kargil, Rakesh Kumar, who directed departments to ensure close coordination so that the centre functions as an effective single-window platform for beneficiaries. Officials said the facility is intended to provide integrated guidance, facilitation and awareness on a range of welfare schemes and self-employment programmes, particularly targeting aspiring entrepreneurs and underserved sections. The administration expects the centre to ease procedural bottlenecks and improve outreach at the grassroots level. In an early demonstration of intent, the Deputy Commissioner approved a loan case on the spot during the proceedings, signalling a push towards quicker decision-making and timely financial assistance for eligible applicants.



Emphasising institutional convergence, Kumar said the success of the initiative would depend on sustained coordination among departments and continuous monitoring of outcomes. He called upon stakeholders to work collectively to ensure that the benefits of various schemes reach intended recipients without delay. Officials from the Handloom, Handicrafts, Animal Husbandry and Sheep

Husbandry departments, among others, attended the meeting, reflecting a multi-departmental approach to service delivery. The administration maintained that the One Stop Centre is expected to evolve into a focal point for facilitating livelihoods and promoting entrepreneurship, while addressing gaps in public service delivery across the district.

Ladakh University Students explore Radio Operations during study tour of AIR Kargil

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KARGIL: Students of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism at the Kargil Campus of University of Ladakh undertook an academic study tour to All India Radio Kargil on Wednesday, gaining direct exposure to the functioning of a professional radio station. The visit, organised under the supervision of Dr. Mehboob Ali, In-Charge Administration, formed part of the department's ongoing efforts to integrate classroom learning with field-based training. Dean of Arts, Dr. Jaffar Ali Khan, accompanied the group and urged students to utilise such opportunities to refine their professional skills. During the tour, students were introduced to the organisational framework and day-to-day operations of the radio station. They observed key processes such as programme production, script prepara-



tion, voice modulation, sound recording, editing, and transmission. Guided access to studios, control rooms and technical units allowed them to witness live broadcasting and engage with contemporary broadcast equipment. Faculty members said the interaction with seasoned radio professionals offered valuable insights into voice culture, presentation techniques and newsroom practices. Students were also briefed on the nuances of radio programme production, strengthening their understanding of indus-

try standards. The exercise underscored the continuing relevance of radio as a medium for information dissemination and cultural continuity, particularly in remote regions such as Kargil. Participants noted that the visit helped translate theoretical concepts into practical understanding. The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism expressed appreciation to AIR Kargil, Director Gulzar, and the technical staff for facilitating the visit and extending logistical support.

Demjok Village witness completion of "Jung sJabs" drive with focus on welfare delivery

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NYOMA: A month-long outreach programme under the Administration at Doorstep initiative concluded on Wednesday at Demjok village in Nyoma subdivision, marking the culmination of sustained efforts to deliver public services directly to residents in one of Ladakh's remote border settlements. The programme, titled "Jung sJabs," was conducted under the supervision of Naib Tehsildar Hanle, Ms Kunzes Dolma, with active participation from multiple government departments. Officials confirmed that the initiative focused on ensuring last-mile delivery of welfare schemes while addressing public grievances through on-the-spot interventions. Over the course of the outreach, departmental teams engaged with households across Demjok, facilitating access to essential services



and disseminating information on various government schemes. Residents were provided immediate assistance in availing benefits, with officials working to resolve pending issues during field visits. Administrative sources indicated that the initiative was

designed to bridge gaps between governance structures and communities residing in far-flung areas. By taking services directly to the village, authorities aimed to reduce dependency on distant offices and improve responsiveness to local needs.

The programme also placed emphasis on awareness campaigns, with officials conducting sessions to familiarise villagers with available welfare measures. This approach, according to the administration, helped enhance participation and ensured that eligible beneficiaries were not excluded due to lack of information. Local residents responded positively to the initiative, with many availing services and voicing concerns during the outreach. The administration noted that the interaction provided valuable feedback, which is expected to inform future policy implementation in the region. The conclusion of the "Jung sJabs" programme underscores the administration's ongoing efforts to strengthen grassroots governance in Ladakh's border areas, where accessibility and service delivery continue to pose operational challenges.

Mukul Beniwal, Stanzin Losal take charge as Nubra's first DC and SP

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NUBRA: Nubra, April 29: Mukul Beniwal on Wednesday took charge as Deputy Commissioner of Nubra, while Stanzin Losal assumed office as Superintendent of Police, marking the formal rollout of administrative and policing structures in the newly created district. Their appointments follow the recent notification declaring Nubra as a separate district in Ladakh, part of a wider administrative reorganisation intended to streamline governance and strengthen delivery of public services in remote areas. Officials indicated that the transition would focus on building institutional capacity while addressing long-standing local de-



mands for decentralised administration. A ceremonial Guard of Honour by the Ladakh Police marked the occasion, reflecting the significance of the transition. The officers were received earlier at Khardong village and along key points including KHALTSAR and T-MORH, where civil administration officials, community leaders, and residents

gathered to welcome the new leadership. The reception was led by Sub Divisional Magistrate Nubra, Jigmet Raftan, and Tehsildar Sumoor, Tashi Jorgais, alongside representatives of local associations and village heads, signalling coordinated engagement between the administration and the community at the outset.

At a function held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex in Diskit, cultural performances by students of Government Higher Secondary School, Diskit, and local artists from Diskit and Hunder provided a public backdrop to the official proceedings, highlighting the region's cultural identity even as administrative changes unfold. Speaking after assuming charge, Beniwal underscored the need to establish an efficient administrative framework capable of delivering government programmes with greater reach and accountability. He noted that Nubra's elevation to district status brings with it both opportunities and responsibilities, particularly in ensuring that governance

mechanisms respond effectively to local aspirations. Losal, outlining his priorities, emphasised maintaining law and order while fostering a policing approach rooted in public trust. He pointed to the importance of engaging youth and strengthening community policing initiatives as part of efforts to ensure stability and safety in the region. Both officers indicated that close coordination between the civil administration and police would be central to the district's early functioning. Their approach, officials said, is expected to shape the initial trajectory of Nubra's institutional development as it transitions into a fully operational district within Ladakh's evolving administrative framework.

Army Public School Janglot celebrates AWES Day with dignity, enthusiasm

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JAMMU: Army Public School, Janglot, commemorated Army Welfare Education Society (AWES) Day on 29th April 2026 with great pride, dignity, and spirited enthusiasm. The occasion was honoured by the esteemed presence of the Honourable Chairman, Brig. Tejender Choudhary, whose inspiring presence added grace and prestige to the celebration. The celebration witnessed the participation of the respected Principal, Dr. Vishakha Sharma, respected teachers, and enthusiastic students. The programme commenced with the ceremonial hoisting of the AWES flag, a symbol of unity, discipline, and unwavering commitment to excellence, followed by the soulful rendition of the AWES Song. The celebration unfolded with an insight-



ful English speech and a heartfelt Hindi speech, both reflecting the vision of AWES. Adding a creative dimension, the students presented a compelling AWES-themed skit, beautifully portraying the journey of education, character-building, and nation-building under the guiding light of AWES. The event reached a moment of great pride with the recognition of sporting excellence. The Under-15 Boys' Football Team of APS Janglot brought laurels to the institution by se-

curing First Position in the Inter Army Public Schools, 9 Corps Cluster-II Championship, triumphing over APS Kandrori. The APSJ team was facilitated in the gracious presence of the Honourable Chairman Sir and Principal. The champions were awarded medals, Studs, and a cash prize of Rs 1000 each, while the coach, Rohit Deep Singh Jasrotia, was honoured with a special cash award of Rs 5000 for his dedicated mentorship.

Natrang celebrates International Day of dance urges scholarship in the field

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JAMMU: Natrang marked the International Day of Dance with vibrant celebration and cultural fervor at its Studio Theatre Wednesday, bringing together artists, enthusiasts, and the local community in a spirited tribute to the rich heritage of Dogri dance traditions. The event unfolded as a lively confluence of performance, reflection, and dialogue, highlighting the enduring legacy of regional art forms such as Kudd and Jagarna. At the heart of the celebration was a renewed commitment to reconnect younger generations with the deep cultural roots of Jammu's traditional dances.

Through evocative performances and thoughtful presentations, the programme emphasized not just the aesthetic beauty of these forms, but also their historical and social significance—an aspect often overlooked in contemporary practice. Addressing the gathering, Natrang Director Padma Shri Balwant Thakur underscored the urgent need for scholarly engagement with the traditional foundations of Dogri dance. He expressed concern that many practitioners today remain disconnected from the origins, narratives, and meanings embedded within these art forms. "While dance events are frequently organized, the intellectual and cultur-



al discourse surrounding them is missing," he observed. "This gap weakens the movement and could have lasting consequences for the future of our traditional dances." He further pointed out a growing trend where Dogri music is paired with generic or Bollywood-inspired choreography, resulting in a dilution of the region's distinct artistic identity. Stressing authenticity and research, he called upon artists, institutions, and cultural bodies to invest in documentation, study, and meaningful interpretation of indigenous traditions. A highlight of the evening was Balwant Thakur's detailed narration of the Jagarna tradition—an inti-

mate and expressive form of dance deeply rooted in the lives of Dogri women. Traditionally performed during wedding ceremonies, Jagarna unfolds on nights when the groom and male members of the village depart for the bride's home. Left behind, the women remain awake through the night, engaging in collective storytelling through song and dance. This shared artistic expression, rich with personal narratives and emotional depth, gave rise to the unique form of Jagarna, embodying both celebration and solidarity. Thakur emphasized that such traditions are not merely performances but living archives of com-

munity life, emotion, and identity. He urged both performers and audiences to cultivate a deeper understanding of these origins, advocating for a more informed and sensitive engagement with cultural practices. The celebration concluded on a note of inspiration and introspection, with a collective resolve to preserve and promote the authentic spirit of Dogri dance traditions. On this International Day of Dance, Natrang reaffirmed its commitment to fostering artistic excellence rooted in cultural awareness, calling upon the artistic community to prioritize research, authenticity, and meaningful storytelling.