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Lt Governor Sh Kavinder Gupta, Attended the last rites of Ashok Chakra awardee Naib Subedar Chherring Mutup, laid a wreath in tribute & offered heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, honoring his valiant service to the nation

In History

MAGELLAN:
On this day in 1990, the Magellan spacecraft reached Venus after a fifteen-month journey. Before landing on Venus, it had lost contact with its operations center for some time.

In Numbers

260
BENEFICIARIES:
In Ladakh union territory, 260 is the number of beneficiaries who were benefitted under Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) of KVIC.

Traffic Signs

RIGHT TURN PROHIBITED
This sign directs driver not to turn towards right side in any circumstance.



Chairman Sahney engages with IOCL Officials, Team Stringmo and Students

KARGIL: A.S. Sahney, Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), accompanied by the Chief General Manager, visited Kargil and held a formal interaction with the officials and staff members at IOCL Depot Kargil.

Upon arrival at the depot, Sahney was warmly received by the Depot Manager, IOCL Kargil, along with officials and staff. During the visit, he also interacted with members of Team Stringmo and students of PM Shri Government Model High School, Lankoor.

He was accorded a traditional welcome by Team Stringmo and the students, followed by a Guard of Honour presented by the IOCL Guards.

The Chairman was briefed on the rich and diverse culture of Kargil, the historic significance of the 1999 Kargil War, and the notable achievements of IOCL Depot Kargil in serving the region.

Sahney appreciated the efforts of the depot staff, the enthusiasm of the students, and the contribution of Team Stringmo in the field of education Art and women Empowerment, expressing his commitment towards continued engagement and development initiatives in the region.

As a gesture of goodwill, Team Stringmo presented Mr Sahney with a specially crafted painting as a token of love and appreciation.

Special students from GHS Chuchot Yokma visit SAST Stakna for educational exposure

LEH: A team of 30 special students from Government High School (GHS) Chuchot Yokma, accompanied by five escort teachers and a driver, visited the School of Agriculture Science and Technology (SAS&T) at Stakna, University of Ladakh, for an educational exposure programme.

The visiting team was warmly welcomed by Dr. Jigmet Yangchan, Professor and Chief Scientist, along with his team. Dr. Yangchan briefed the students about the institute's work and facilities. Kaniz Fatima, Scientist, created awareness on the Agromet Field Unit (AMFU) and its benefits.

Addressing the specific needs of the students, Dr. Thinles Norboo, Young Professor, spoke about apiculture and its importance, while Dr. Deachan Angmo, Young Professor, explained precision farming in Ladakh, including greenhouse structures and vegetable cultivation through drip irrigation.



SHD launches Integrated Wool Development Scheme in Zanskar

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ZANSKAR: In a significant step toward promoting sustainable wool production and enhancing rural livelihoods, Sheep Husbandry Department, Kargil, officially launched the Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP) for the year 2025–26, under the aegis of the Central Wool Development Board, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, in the Zanskar Subdivision Saturday.

The event was organized in the form of a grand Sheep Show-cum-Seminar, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from breeders, officials, and public representatives.

The event was inaugurated by Er. Punchok Tashi, Hon'ble Executive Councillor, LAHDC Kargil, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Dr Iftikhar Hussain, Director, Sheep Husbandry Department, UT Ladakh, graced as the Guest of Honour and Mohammad Hassan Sub Divisional Magistrate as special Guest.



On the opening remarks Dr Zakir Hussain Officer Incharge Pashmina Goat Farm Khangral welcomed the guests and presented Traditional Khataks and badgeDr Ni-yaz Ul Hasnain District Sheep husbandry officer LAHDC Kargil highlighted the departmental activities like recent sanctioning of 05 community shelter sheds and 5 Razzis under SDP in zanskar. Department commitment to educate young entrepreneurs.

More than 250 sheep breeders from various villages of Zanskar Subdivision took part in the event, highlighting the region's strong connection to traditional sheep farming and wool production.

The programme focused on strengthening the wool value chain by integrating modern techniques, tools, and training into traditional practices.

Components of the IWDP Programme Launched included Machine sheep Shearing

Training:
A training session on machine-based wool shearing was provided to 20 local farmers, aimed at enhancing their skills in efficient, hygienic, and quality wool harvesting. The shift from manual to machine shearing is expected to improve productivity while reducing labor intensity and wool damage.

Distribution of Wool Processing Tools: To promote local-level wool processing and craft devel-

opment, the department distributed essential tools, including Hand Charkhas, Pedal Charkhas, and Hand Carders.

These tools are intended to support home-based wool spinning and carding, especially among women and self-help groups, thereby fostering grassroots entrepreneurship.

Recognition of Outstanding Breeders: As part of the initiative to motivate and encourage best practices in livestock rearing, awards were presented to outstanding breeders. Their dedication and efforts toward sheep rearing were publicly recognized, setting a positive example for other farmers.

Addressing the gathering, Er. Punchok Tashi appreciated the proactive approach of the Sheep Husbandry Department in reaching remote areas like Zanskar.

He stressed the importance of integrating modern tools and scientific methods with local knowledge to enhance wool quality and market value. He also assured to provide full cooperation and support from LAHDC Kargil to develop the ancestral Tradition of Nambu/Frug in a modern and scientific way.

Dr Iftikhar Hussain, Director, Sheep Husbandry UT Ladakh, emphasized the department's commitment to supporting farmers through technical training, infrastructure support, and market linkages. He assured continued departmental efforts toward improving the livelihood of progressive breeders, by providing more community shelter sheds, Razzi under SDP.

Mohammad Hassan SDM Zanskar said that the launch of the IWDP Scheme in Zanskar marks a significant milestone in the journey toward self-reliant wool production, livestock development, and rural empowerment in Ladakh.

The department's efforts to introduce modern technology, skill-building, and tool distribution are expected to have a long-term positive impact on income generation, employment, and preservation of the region's rich wool heritage.

PM Shri GHS Thasgam celebrates Rakshabandhan with Indian Army

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DRASS: In a heartwarming gesture of love, respect, and patriotism, the students of PM Shri Government High School Thasgam, Drass, celebrated Rakshabandhan with the Indian Army personnel stationed in the region.

The celebration aimed to honor the brave soldiers who, despite being away from their families, dedicate their lives to safeguarding the nation.

On the occasion, students tied Rakhis to the soldiers, symbolizing the bond of protection and gratitude. The young boys and girls expressed their deep appreciation for the Indian Army's selfless service and sacrifices.

Speaking on the occasion, Head



of Institution Haji Akbar Ali applauded the invaluable contribution of the Indian Army in ensuring the safety and integrity of the nation.

He emphasized that such interactions not only strengthen the bond between the armed forces and civilians but also inspire the younger generation with values of service and sacrifice.

The event concluded with the Indian Army hosting a high tea for the students and distributing sweets among them, further enhancing the spirit of warmth and camaraderie.

Volleyball in Nomads Valley: First annual volleyball Tourney held at Dhata Phobrang

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PHOBRANG: The Phobrang Youth for Social and Environmental Care successfully organised the 1st Annual Volleyball Tournament at Dhata Phobrang, bringing together young athletes, local leaders, and community supporters in a vibrant celebration of sports and unity.

The tournament featured nine teams — seven boys' teams and two girls' teams — competing with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

The event was graced by Konchok Stanzin, Councillor of Chushul Constituency, as the Chief Guest, and a senior Indian Army Officer as the Guest of Honour.

Also in attendance were the Village Nambardar, representatives of local NGOs, and enthusiastic residents from nearby villages.

In the women's final, Six



Sisters emerged victorious, defeating the spirited team from High School Yourho Girls. In the men's final match, Team Tsogetsallu clinched the title by overcoming a tough challenge from the Ibez team. Councillor Konchok Stanzin congratulated the winning teams for their outstanding performances and extended his appreciation to all participating teams for their dedication and sportsmanship.

While addressing the gathering, the Councillor praised the Phobrang youth for their

proactive role in not only sports but also in social and educational initiatives.

He highlighted that youth-driven programs like this tournament foster discipline, teamwork, and a healthy lifestyle among young people.

Councillor Stanzin also shared updates on several key youth-centric infrastructure projects currently in the pipeline, including the Indoor Stadium, Futsal Ground, and Polo Stadium, aimed at strengthening sports facilities

GDC Kargil holds awareness rally and cleanliness Drive

KARGIL: Government Degree College Kargil held an awareness rally to highlight the importance of protection and preservation of Indus and its important tributaries for sustainable life.

Suru chapter of this rally was a significant part of this program on it's culminating day, as it constitute as the most significant tributary of Mighty Indus river and serve as the lifeline for Kargil District of UT Ladakh.

About 200 students and faculties of the college took out an awareness rally from College via Bagh e Khomeini to Megawatt area.

The students were chanting slogans which read, "Save Suru Save Kargil", " Ghar Ki tarah gali mohalley saf rakho saf rakho", and "Suru i rgyamtsol lhyakhmo joq lhyakhmo joq" in English, Urdu and Purgi languages respectively.

The students were holding placards and posters in their hands with a variety of awareness slogans.

They also distributed pamphlets about the protection of Waterbodies to the masses on the way during the rally.

The rally culminated near Satellite colony chowk and held a cleanliness drive around the spot.

The students enthusiastically took part in the drive and collected huge amount of garbage to be disposed properly through MC Dustbins.

Mustafa Ali (Physical Education Director) and member of the organising committee addressed the rally and highlighted the significance of such programs for a sustainable future. Dr. Abdul Hamid (Head Deptt. Of Env. Science) supervised the program.

Proper refreshment was also served to the participants by the college protocol committee.

The organising committee expressed gratitude to the District Administration, Municipal Committee Kargil and College Principal for making the program a successful one.

LAHDC Leh conducts HPV Vaccination Drive for Girls

LEH: The Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, has launched a district-wide HPV vaccination drive for girls from Class 10 to Class 12 as part of its ongoing health initiatives.

The vaccination is being administered at multiple locations, including the Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) in Leh, Nubra block, Nyoma block, and Tangste block. Beneficiaries at these centres are being provided certificates after vaccination.

This targeted health intervention aims to safeguard adolescent girls against the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and reduce the risk of cervical cancer in the region.

LAHDC Leh has reiterated its commitment to strengthening preventive healthcare measures across all blocks of the district.

Inauguration of 50-Bed Hostel at GHS Bodhkharboo honours Netaji SC Bose

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KARGIL: A 50-bed hostel at Government High School Bodhkharboo was inaugurated today, dedicated to the memory of freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

The facility aims to support students from far-flung areas of Ladakh, providing them with safe accommodation and better access to education.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Director of School Education,

UT Ladakh, who served as the chief guest. Other dignitaries present included Councillor Stakchay Khangral Padma Dorjay, the District Planning Officer (Education Department) Kargil, senior officials, and officers from the Indian Army's 5 Bihar Regiment and 17 Madras Regiment.

The programme began with a student-led pipe and band display, earning appreciation from the audience. Local villagers and students then presented vibrant cultural performances, highlighting

the rich traditions of the region.

The event concluded with a traditional group dance involving guests, villagers, and students—symbolising harmony and community spirit.

Officials said the hostel reflects the government's commitment to improving educational infrastructure and fostering holistic development in rural and remote areas. It is expected to provide a supportive environment for students to pursue their academic aspirations.

ADC Sonam reviews Har Ghar Tiranga campaign

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LEH: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Sonam Nurboo chaired a meeting in the VC Room of the DC Office regarding the celebration of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign.

Addressing the SDMs and BDOS, who participated virtually, the ADC urged them to encourage all households and merchants to hoist the National Flag with respect and pride in the run-up to Independence



Day.

He further directed them to motivate merchant associations to ensure that flags are displayed prominently on all shops, market build-

ings, and even residential houses.

It was informed that flags will be made available on a payment basis through the NRLM and Tourism Department.

The ADC also instructed that the flag-hoisting activities be documented through photographs and videos and shared with the DIPR, Leh, for media coverage.

The meeting was attended by the AD Tourism, AD DIPR, DPM NRLM, and other concerned officials.