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Ladakh Farmer Harvests 22 Grams of Saffron in Four Days, Offering Hope for New Income



A small barren plot of land in Ladakh was converted into a saffron field within 30 days, where farmers managed to harvest approximately 22 grams of the spice in just four days. This experiment, conducted by local agricultural researchers, demonstrates that saffron can thrive even in the region's harsh climate and offers a high-value alternative to traditional crops.

Although the yield is modest, this production is significant for Ladakh's agricultural economy. Saffron commands premium prices in both domestic and international markets, and its cultivation could provide farmers with a stable source of income, reducing their current reliance on limited crop options and seasonal tourism.

Officials are planning to expand this trial to additional plots and provide training on saffron cultivation, pest management, and post-harvest processing. If this initiative proves successful, Ladakh could establish itself as a distinct saffron producer, helping to diversify the livelihoods of rural communities.

TRAVEL

Father-Son Motorcycle Journey in Ladakh Featured in Outlook Traveler



In the latest issue of Outlook Traveler, an extraordinary motorcycle journey undertaken by a father and his son through Ladakh's high-altitude mountain terrain is featured. The duo traversed desert plains, winding mountain passes, and remote villages, documenting the thrill of riding and the scenery in this rugged region. Their expedition extended beyond Ladakh, offering a glimpse of the diverse culture and natural beauty of the Himalayan valleys. The magazine presents the story with vivid photographs and personal reflections, providing readers with insights into preparation, logistics, and emotional aspects. Through this special article, Outlook Traveler aims to inspire adventure enthusiasts to travel safely and with respect for the environment. The reporting team covered major sites such as Pangong Lake, Nubra Valley, and the high mountain passes that connect Ladakh with neighboring areas. The feature highlights the growing trend of family travel, emphasizing experiential journeys and familial bonds. Practical advice on route planning, weather conditions, and essential gear for high-altitude motorcycling is also provided. The father-son narrative adds a human dimension to travel journalism, showing how inter-generational trips can foster courage and a deeper understanding of India's remote regions. The article will be published in the magazine's print edition as well as on its online portal, accompanied by photographs that portray Ladakh's harsh yet captivating landscape.

POLITICS

Delhi Government Offers Alcohol Sales in Ladakh, Calls Gujarat "Dry State"



The Kashmir Media Service quoted local leader Wangchuk, who said that the Delhi government is actively promoting alcohol sales in Ladakh. He added that this policy shift would render Gujarat a dry state, thereby highlighting the differences between the two regions.

After the 2019 reorganisation, Ladakh became a separate Union Territory, where strict restrictions on alcohol availability had traditionally prevailed. The proposed change would represent a significant shift in existing rules that limit retail sales and consumption.

The announcement has sparked debate among policymakers and citizens. Supporters argue that regulated alcohol sales would boost revenue and curb illegal trade, while opponents worry about social impacts and the erosion of Ladakh's cultural values.

Wangchuk's comment also underscores the political symbolism of the move, drawing a comparison between Ladakh's new policy and Gujarat's long-standing prohibition. The statement reflects a broader discussion on state-level autonomy and the central government's influence over local regulations.

So far, no official response has been received from the Delhi administration, and the proposal may only be finalized after further deliberation.

ENTERTAINMENT

Ajay Devgn Starts Shooting for 'Chauhan' in Kargil, Returns to Ladakh After 23 Years



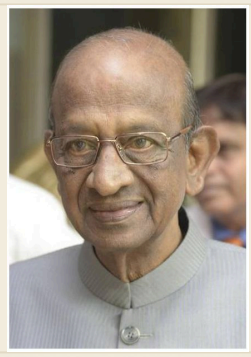
Bollywood stalwart Ajay Devgn has begun the principal photography for his upcoming film 'Chauhan' in Kargil, Ladakh. The location was chosen to authentically portray the mountainous and rugged landscape.

This marks Devgn's first trip to Ladakh in 23 years; he was last here during the 1999 Kargil conflict. Local residents welcomed the occasion with great enthusiasm as the film crew set up equipment at the high altitude.

The production team stated that several key scenes will be shot over several weeks, but no official information has been released yet regarding the film's plot or release date.

NATIONAL

Chief Justice Surya Kant Kal will inaugurate the new branch of the Ladakh High Court



Chief Justice Surya Kant Kal will travel to Ladakh for the inauguration of the new branch of the High Court. The ceremony marks a step towards bringing the higher judiciary closer to the region.

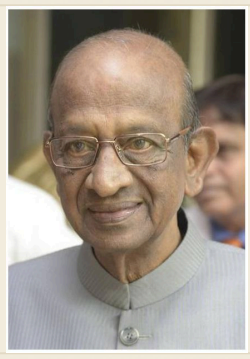
The new branch aims to reduce the travel burden for lawyers and litigants who previously had to go to Singapore or Delhi. It is part of India's effort to deliver justice across its diverse geography.

Senior judges and officials from the Ministry of Law and Justice will accompany the Chief Justice. Local legal professionals, government representatives and the media will also be invited to the event.

The presence of the High Court in Ladakh will streamline the management of regional cases and accelerate judicial processes. It reflects the judiciary's commitment to inclusive governance.

NATIONAL

Chief Justice of India, four Supreme Court judges and the Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir arrive in Leh today



New Delhi – The Chief Justice of India (CJI) arrived in Leh today accompanied by four Supreme Court judges and the Chief Justice of the Jammu & Kashmir High Court. The delegation has come to meet local officials in the capital of the Union Territory of Ladakh and to review regional judicial issues. Their arrival underscores the importance of overseeing the justice system in the remote Himalayan region. A detailed agenda has not yet been released, but the visit forms part of routine judicial outreach. After the conclusion of all programmes, the officials will depart from Leh.

The trip comes as the judiciary is emphasizing the strengthening of access to and oversight of justice across all parts of the country, especially Union Territories. The local administration welcomed the senior members of the higher judiciary, highlighting the significance of direct dialogue with the CJI's leadership.

Further information will be provided as the schedule progresses.

ENTERTAINMENT

Ajay Devgn to shoot first schedule of 'Chauhan' in Kargil



Veteran actor Ajay Devgn has decided to shoot the first schedule of his action drama 'Chauhan' in Kargil, Ladakh. The team is expected to arrive by the end of this week, where they will film the region's rugged mountainous backdrop.

According to industry insiders, the shooting will present several logistical challenges due to Kargil's remote location and harsh weather, but the necessary permissions have been obtained from local authorities. Ajay Devgn's production house is handling the project, which aims to combine authentic mountainous visuals with fast-paced action sequences.

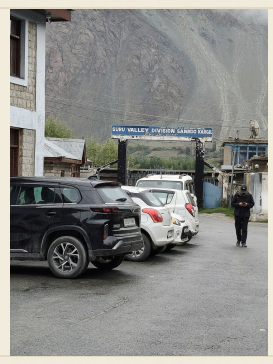
While no information has been released yet about the film's story or release date, the selection of Kargil reflects a growing trend in Indian cinema to highlight less-explored locations.

IAF transports 30-year-old critical patient from Leh to Delhi for treatment



The Indian Air Force carried out a medical evacuation of a 30-year-old critically ill patient from Leh to Delhi. The patient, who was severely ill, was transported by an IAF helicopter to a hospital in Delhi for advanced treatment. The operation was conducted under the IAF’s medical evacuation services, ensuring the patient received timely care. The patient is now receiving specialized medical care in Delhi.

Ladakh Administration Declares Sankoo as New District



The Ladakh administration announced today that the Sankoo sub-division of Kargil district will be granted district status, marking the first such transformation since Ladakh became a Union Territory in 2019.

An official notification issued by the Lieutenant Governor's office details the administrative boundaries and outlines plans for establishing a district headquarters in Sankoo, along with the creation of new government offices and infrastructure.

Officials state that this move is intended to improve service delivery, bring development projects closer to the local level, and address the long-standing demands of residents for administrative autonomy.

changes in resource allocation, staffing, budgeting, and coordination with the Kargil district, while both districts will function in tandem.

The government has stated that public feedback will be invited in the coming months for the implementation of the new arrangement.

NATIONAL

Dry weather likely in J&K until Nov 9; light rain and snow possible in higher reaches

Dry weather is likely in Jammu and Kashmir until November 9, with light rain and snowfall possible in higher elevations.

— Nazir Ahmad Sofi

NATIONAL

NPICS crowds gather to express solidarity with Agha Ruhullah Mehdi amid NC crisis

NPICS: Crowds gathered to express solidarity with Agha Ruhullah Mehdi amid the NC crisis.

— Nazir Ahmad Sofi

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The location, pond and forest where Ganesha and Shankar reside are populated by many ferocious, terrifying jungles.

— ll.Mahendra jatav 07.ll

NATIONAL

No Fodder for Cows

Rain failed to arrive this season in the surrounding regions, and every village and hamlet is confronting hardships.

— Thana Ram

LIFESTYLE

Headlines

Shah Rukh Khan fulfilled his fans' wish; on his birthday, fans who came to catch a glimpse were given a return gift like this!

— Ravi Kumar

LOCAL

Yamuna River

Brief information about the Yamuna River.

It is a river.

No further details are available regarding its characteristics and significance.

Hardoi police

A youth posted a photo on social media showing illegal fireworks and cartridges, claiming it was of a resident of Arjunpur in the Harpalpur Kotwali area; the photo is going viral.

— Raghvendra

NATIONAL

Breaking News: Senior BJP leader Dr. Nirmal Singh may be appointed Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, sources say

According to sources, senior BJP leader Dr. Nirmal Singh may be appointed Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.

— Nazir Ahmad Sofi

POLITICS

Riot at a Polling Station in Dhawa Today

A disturbance erupted at a polling station in Dhawa today.

The incident caused disruptions to the voting process.

A local reporter reported the event.

— Moola Ram