



News Letter Sept. 2007 to 2008

Announcement

The Director of Health Services of our state has accorded us permission to run this hospital. Our Registration No. is DHSK/Reg/774/2008 dated 25/09/08. Since last September 2007, the total number of O.P.D patient recorded is 830, since July 2008 the total number of ANC cases 223 and 279 Gyne cases have been taken care of.

We are very happy that Dr. Tsering Lhadol Kalon, a renowned Gynecologist, joined our hospital in July 2008. She awarded the Padma Shree award by the Government of India for her life-long dedicated service.

Hospital News

Ground floor of the hospital complex is complete and functioning. Construction of Ist floor is almost complete for the operation theatre, surgical ward, I.C.U etc. Some finishing touches including solar heating system for equipping the operation theatre remain.



A team of Japanese doctors led by Prof. Otsuka of Tokyo Women's University Hospital visited us to study "Health watch in Ladakh." A & D company donated ten digital BP machines. Thank you from all of us.

Campaigns

Study of Neuro-cardio-vascular Epidemiology in Ladakh 2007 to 2008		
Place	Date	Total Patients
Housing Colony – C block	20.05.07 to 23. 05. 07	66
Skalzang ling/Norgaisling/Ibex	10.06.07	35
Korzok	30.06.07	36
Horzay/ Gonpa	22.07.07 to 24.07.07	47
Khakshal	30.07.07	21
Merak	01.09.07 to 02.09.07	47
Sankar/Yurthung	25.09.07 to 30.09.07	73
Skara/Shenam	14.10.07 to 22.10.07	79

Area/ Location/ Village/ Group	Start Date to End Date	No.
Terchey/Skuru/Hundar(Nubra)	07.06.08 to 08.06.08	94
Spituk Monks	07/07/08 to 07.07.08	64
Local people	09.07.08 to 10.07.08	102

During the above health camp we have found 26 HBsAg (+ve) cases. Six of them have deranged liver enzyme and are under treatment and the rest are under continual observation.

We are grateful to **Prof. Sampath Kumar and the team of doctors** from AIIMS New Delhi who operated on two cardiac cases, supported by LHF.

S.No.	Name	Place	Age	Diagnosis	Operation date
1	Jigmet Lam D/o Tsering Stobdan	Karnak(Changthang)	4yrs	PDA	4/09/2008
2	Tsering Tashi S/o Tashi Tsering	Liker	30yrs	PDA	3/09/2008

International News

Mr. Renato Pulcini from Italy has promised to sponsor a dental clinic in our hospital. And we have submitted a budget estimate to him.

Childrens Hope Foundation, of which Mrs Sema Kumar is the Chairperson will provide the necessary equipment for a childrens' ward costing approx. Rs. 2,77,000 (£ 3,462).

Thank you Livia and Nyima from Italy who brought an Ultra-sound machine from Italy to Delhi.

Thank you Gigi and Lili for continous support!

*We feel that a Conference Hall at our hospital is essential partly due to the climate and partly due to the lack of such facilities. Therefore we have decided to ask Mr. Andre Alexander, a famous architect to design the three story building of Tibetan Heritage Fund. The hall will be used to give health education seminars with all the necessary facilities and will also be a source of income as it can be rented out.

Local News:

We have appointed Mr. Norboo, who is physically handicapped and from a poor family to be our watchman.

We are extremely grateful to LAHDC for constructing our road.

The government promises to provide power to our hospital.

Urgently needed equipment:

We still need many things to get the hospital up and working! So, anyone wishing to sponsor single items is most welcome.

Last year's Health Project in Hanley (a remote area at 14,000 feet of altitude) has been completed. The facility for the promotion of health, prevention of disease and curative treatment is ready to be handed over to the District Health Authority according to the agreement set up with the sponsors: ILO, STEP, and Christophe Viard. The building is well adapted to local conditions using solar energy and time tried indigenous technology, constructed through the agency Shesyon solar. Ladakh Heart Foundation intends to remain involved as a supporter of the dream of a healthy community and environment.

Why Healthcare Centre in Hanley?



Photo of Hanley project on completion

- Comparatively most populated, high altitude village
- Central location for cluster of hamlets/villages.
- Possibility of centering a micro-Insurance scheme
- Hanley basin is a swamp. A high Altitude

Outbreak of dysentery in Hanley Zursar, Deque and Karluk in 2004



Gathering of villagers on the occasion of handing over of building to the Medical department

- The clinical course consistent with toxic producing E-coli O157:H7
- Three children died of hemolytic-uremic syndrome consistent with E-coli O157:H7type dysentery
- Pathogen transmitted by food, water from pipe well and stream or contact
- There are reports of such outbreaks of dysentery since 2002s
- Number of older stand pipe wells were not deep enough as required
- Therefore stand pipe wells unpopular
- Latrines constructed by state not used
- Therefore contamination of water