

# LADAKH

Places worth visiting in Kargil-Zanskar are: Baroo village, Tolo-Ling, Tiger Hill & Mushkloo Valley. You can also meet Drokpa Tribles considered to be last race of Aryans settled in a remote village near Leh. Other places worth visiting are: Cave Monastery of Shergul, Pologround of Drass, Imam Bara of Trespon in Suru Valley, Rangdum Valley, Zanskar Valley. But just don't forget to carry medicines to take care of mountain sickness. The Jama Masjid Leh is also a famous tourist place.

# SHANTI STUPA

Shanti Stupa in Japanese means 'World Peace' located at Changspa. It was built in 1985 by a Japanese for spreading buddhism through nook and corner of the world. It was inaugrated by Dalai Lama in 1985. Its state of art work attracts tourists to visit Shanti Stupa

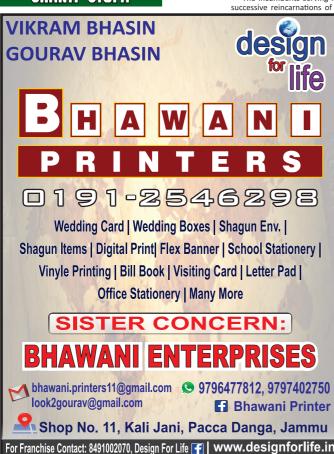
## SPITUK GOMPA

Spituk Gompa, the most sacred place around Leh is situated majestically on the top hill around 8 km from Leh. It is overlooking the Indus Valley. Spituk Gompa is famous for its ancient mask, antique, icons and numerious thankas.

The incumbents serving in all these monasteries are the successive reincarnations of Skyabsje Bakula Rinpoche. The

main image inside the Spitok Monastery is that of Lord Buddha. Along with that is a sacred image of Amitayus, about a finger high in length. Tsongkhapa, himself, presented this image, to Takspa Bum-Lde. It also boasts of a rich collection of thankas, ancient masks, antique arms, etc. And not to be

missed is an impressive image of Mahakaal. The Dukhang (main temple) also has a high throne at its fai end, reserved for the Dalai Lama. The door beside this central throne leads to dark old chapel. The central images inside the chapel are those of Tsong-kha-pa, his two chief disciples and of the Buddha. Spituk Gompa also plays the host to the Gustor Festival, held every year. The festival takes place from the 27th to 29th day in the eleventh month of the Tibetan calendar. A sacred dance also forms a part of the celebrations



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