

Excerpts and drawings from Tsering Angmo's diary

Tsering Angmo is a student at the Moravian Mission School in Leh, Ladakh, sister schools with the Jane Goodall Environmental Magnet School in Salem, Oregon. Tsering's class was given the assignment of keeping a diary over the 2001-2002 winter break. Tsering is pictured here with her teacher (and Vice Principal of the school), David Sonam.



December 6

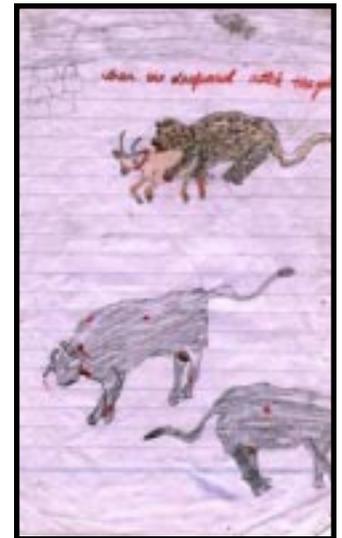
I am going to Khardung, my home village. My parents were very happy. That day I spent with my mother, father, brother and my sister. When I meet my sister she tell me that she will pass in tenth class.

10-16 December

We played throwing snow and ice skating. That week is covered with thick sheet of ice and snow all around. Then we went for side seeing. There are I saw some birds like Rakpa, pigeon, Rebja and some animals like Yak, camel, rabbit, leopard, wolf, cow, sheep, goat, donkey, horse and Zo. Then Losar coming [Tibetan New Year]. That day in evening my father make fairy on wood. Then my sister make paba, my father pray and giving paba. Next day in my home we have a party. We are dancing all round, first my father dance. My father wore Ladakhi dress - goncha and Ladakhi pabu.

17-23 December

That day in evening we saw moon then we started prayers. My mather take a big plate with some puri khambir and hand making deer in the center of plate and we all saying Tsa Tsa. On 22nd Dec. in night leopard come in my home. Killed one goat and ate cows neck and ears. In morning my mother want to open the pen of animal. My mother slowly open but cow coming very fast. My mother is very angry. Then other cow is not came and my mother see side of door. My mother saw leopard. The leopard jumped in my mother side and go away. My mother call me and my sister. We are going, we saw my mother on ground, and we asked her what happened. Then my mother tell me that the leopard come, and eat my goat and cut cow. Next day leopard come again but we did not keep our cow there. In morning my brother want to see the leopard. Then my brother open the door and leopard was gone.



24-30 December

On 24th Dec he is not come again but we are afraid. Next day we burn fire outside then we fry potato in fire.



31 Dec – 6 Jan

On 31st leopard come again in my home. That day my dog and other dog then we went to see. That day my brother not coming from Disket. Then my mother saw leopard. We throw some stones and shouting. Then the leopard jumped here to there, go away. The leopard go other neighbour home. Next day my brother teach me Ladakhi song.

14 – 29 Jan

On 14th Jan we going to picnic. I get rice with meat, pea panier, potato chip, chocolate etc. There I saw some birds like, Tacock, crow, childer and pigeon. The picnic we are playing kho kho and dancing. That day my mother make a parak, my mother have old parak before but it is small then my mother change in new parak. [A parak is a beautiful, turquoise-studded headdress]