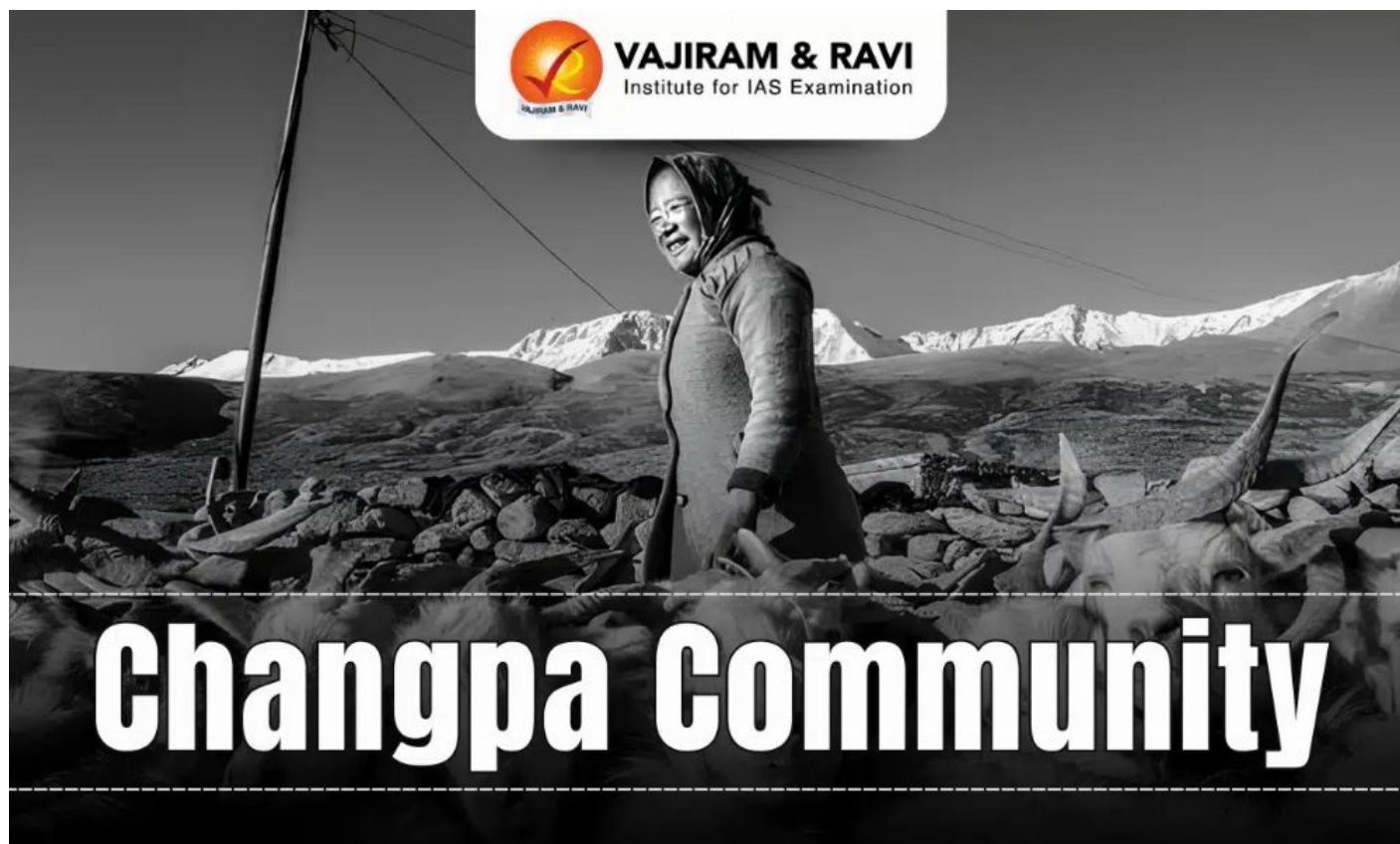


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Recently, the Ladakh lieutenant governor made decisions for improving the livelihoods of indigenous Changpa pastoral communities.

About Changpa Community

- The Changpas are a **semi-nomadic people** found mainly in the **Changthang region** of the Trans-Himalayas of the **Indian subcontinent**.
- They are nomads who have been shepherding **their world-class pashmina goats** (or cashmere goats) for centuries.
- The Changpa nomads are **Buddhists**.
- They were granted official status in India as a **scheduled tribe**.
- They can be identified by their conical **yak-skin tents called reboo**.
- Each reboo invariably accommodates the **family deity**, and a picture of their **spiritual head**, in most cases, the **Dalai Lama**.

- The Changpa who live **nomadic lives are known as Phalpa** and those who have settled down in fixed locations are called Fangpa.
- **Festival:** One of the **main purifying rituals** of the **Changpas is known as Jyabten** where they make different kinds of food as an offering to Lord Padmasambhav and another festival Tangpe **Chona** (15th day of the first month of the lunar calendar).

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