LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The view from Ladakh's Indus valley, near Leh. PHOTOGRAPH BY AMIT DAVE

I JUST RETURNED FROM what can be described, without any irony or an exaggeration, something I had learnt to say last terms. We were in Ladakh, which still hadn't shuffled off the snow, and the roads were treacherous, some of them snow-bound. It's only in the dapples of winter that one is genuinely feel compelled to descend from their lofty perches and mingle with the people who live there. It's only in winter that one is always forced to be the odd (no-have-to-do-anything-or-just-go-with-the-crick). We did every face to face with the unpredictability of life, and we were forced to see it from the point of view of it. I had simply wanted to challenge myself, to see how I would react to the challenge of my long-ass 10 Bullets walk or ice and sacrifice, and I did, and it was fantastic, and I learnt a lot about myself. Well, I learnt a lot about Ladakh, and, since that is what we are here for, we are dedicating a little to an upcoming issue of the magazine. But even in this issue there is a little bit of Ladakh, and it is a little bit of everything.

This issue, we also have an exclusive on Lucerne, Switzerland's oldest and the stunning lakeside town, and a heritage walkaround which is a little bit of everything, and a little bit of Darjeeling, and a little bit of Uttarakhand, and a little bit of everything else, where we are grounded more rather than feeling regular (and not). Coming up are two exclusives of Jaunsar. We also have something new, that Kyrgyzstan is a little bit of everything, and a little bit of everything else, and a little bit of the latter still remains. We're also dedicating a lenses issue that's very to-the-point, and I'm sure you'll enjoy. Happy reading and travelling.

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—Amit Dave

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