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*Tendong Lho
Rum Faat
greetings
from Governor
and CM*

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 07 AUG:

Governor Shrinivas Patil and the First Lady, Rajanidevi Patil, extend warm greetings to the people of Sikkim on the occasion of Tendong Lho Rum Faat.

In a press communiqué received from Raj Bhavan, the Governor has said, "Tendong Lho Rum Faat, the ancient and indigenous festival of the Lepchas, explains the significance of Mother Nature in the Sikkimese culture. This is the occasion when nature in its varied forms is worshipped and celebrated in Sikkim.

The Sikkimese Lepchas paying homage and worshipping the sacred Tendong Hill as 'Mayel Lyang' or heaven proves the eternal philosophy that mutual respect between humankind and nature is the only sustainable proposition on earth no matter how much progress we have made over the centuries. It also provides us the insight into the Sikkimese tradition of revering, preserving and protecting Mother Nature since ancient times.

Let us all put together our effort for the preservation of this great tradition and heritage alongside acclaimed parts of our sacred geography. May mother nature continue to bless all Sikkimese with eternal peace, harmony and well being."

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*USFC to take
on Sikkim
Police in
inaugural
match of
Sir Tashi
Namgyal
Memorial Cup*

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 07 AUG:

Independence Day Football Tournament for Chogyal Sir Tashi Namgyal Memorial Cup 2018 will begin here at Paljor Stadium on 08 Aug. United Sikkim Football Club will take on Sikkim Police in the inaugural match on Wednesday afternoon.

A total of eight teams will be participating in the tournament being organised by Sikkim Football Association under the aegis of the Home Department.

Other participating teams are State Sports Academy, Kumar Sporting Club, Sikkim Himalayan Sporting Club, Sikkim Aakraman Football Club, ASC Bangalore and Army XI, Lucknow.

SDF carries out Umbrella Rally in the capital

**SKM SUPREMO'S
RELEASE DOES NOT
AFFECT SDF, SAYS VICE
PRESIDENT DB THAPA**

NITESH R PRADHAN

GANGTOK, 07 AUG:

Sikkim Democratic Front today held its awareness programme under the banner of Umbrella Rally for urban areas of Gangtok and surrounding Constituencies.

A large number of umbrellas were distributed by the party to its workers who merrily displayed the umbrellas as they walked past the capital in huge numbers.

"Long live SDF, Pawan Chamling zindabad!" people shouted.

The programme had the presence of party workers, MLAs, Mayor, Councillors and some top office bearers of the party.

While speaking to Summit-Times, general secretary [adminis-



tration], Dev Gurung, stated that it is not a State level programme but a programme directed towards the 'Urban Local Bodies' areas of Gangtok which has four constituencies

namely Gangtok, Syari, Burtuk and Arithang.

He added that similar event was held in West Sikkim.

The rally started from Guards

Ground moving along Zero Point towards Hospital Dara then finally towards the party headquarters at Indira Bypass via Deorali.

Mr Gurung expressed hope that

this move will "reinvigorate the party cadres with a renewed thrust for more public participation to take forward party ideologies and principles".

"We are hopeful of more such events to reinvigorate the youth," he stated.

Another party member from Cheli Morcha, Nisha Shiwakoti, said that such activities will further boost the ideas and thoughts of the party and its leader. She stated that SDF is the best with focus on women and youth of the State.

Sunita Sirohia of SDF's traders' cell, while enumerating the pro-Sikkim policies of the government, said that all party members must take part in such activities which will take forward initiatives for betterment of the State.

With elections next year, the party members are hopeful of a repeat of their record term in governance on the prime issue of peace and sus-

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IT service providers now need to be empaneled with CRTI

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 07 AUG:

As per a press release issued by Information Technology Department, Government of Sikkim, all vendors/firms/agencies delivering services namely IT & software development

services, hardware, networking & other IT products, software development platforms, commercial off the shelf software, mobile apps, IT training institutes and cyber cafes will be henceforth required to empanel themselves with

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Namchi Dist Hospital to issue visitor cards to regulate flow of visitors

NAMCHI, 07 AUG [IPR]:

A meeting of District Health Society was held at the conference hall of District Hospital in Namchi, South Sikkim today. The meeting had the attendance of Zilla Adhyakshya [South], Farwanti Tamang, Vice Chairperson [Namchi Municipal Council], Diki Lhamu

Bhutia, District Collector [South], Prabhakar Verma, District Medical Superintendent, Dr DC Sharma, Mission Director [National Health Mission], Dr Bimal Kumar Rai, Executive Councillor, Bandana Rai, and representatives from Government departments and hospital staff.

At the onset of the meeting, the DMS presented a detailed report for the financial year 2017-18 and also outlined the proposals and future course of action relating to 2018-19 concerning the District Health Society.

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Sikkimese chess players to represent Country for first time at Asian Cities Chess tourney

SAGAR CHETTRI

GANGTOK, 07 AUG:

Gangtok A team has finished in the second place at the 19th National Cities Team Chess Championship held from 01-05 Aug at Siliguri in West Bengal. By finishing as the runner up, Gangtok A team has also qualified for the upcoming Asian Cities Chess Tournament where the team will be representing the Country.

Gangtok A team members are Sushmita Lama, Rohit Gurung, Rahul Gurung, Thendup Tamang and Suraj Gupta.

Three teams of Sikkim Chess Association [SCA] with five players in each group had represented Sikkim in this National Cities Team Chess Championship.

Gangtok B team comprised of Urgan Thinlay Sherpa, Rick Gupta, Chawang Dorjee Bhutia, Anusha Chhetri and Yangchen Lama, while Prakhar Dhangar, Panshul Dhangar, Aradhya Raj Pokhrel, Shaurya Srivastava and Abhiraj Parajuli were in Gangtok C team. The State team was accompanied by Sikkim Chess Association general secretary,

Mahendra Dhakal, as team manager.

Speaking to media persons today, Mr Dhakal informed that 32 teams from different parts of the country had participated in this national championship. He informed that only the top two teams in the championship have qualified for the upcoming Asian Cities Chess Tournament. He added that the date and venue has not been fixed yet for Asian Cities Chess Tournament.

"It is a big achievement for players of Sikkim and it is an honour for them to represent India in the Asian Championship," Mr Dhakal expressed.

He informed that Sikkimese players will be representing the country for the first time.

He further informed that Gangtok B and Gangtok C teams had also performed in this team championship and every player has improved their rating in the championship. He added that Gangtok A team members have already started preparations for the upcoming Asian Championship.

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Govt ignorant on issues of Chujachen constituency: BJP

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 07 AUG:

A Bharatiya Janata Party Sikkim Pradesh team led by senior vice-president, Mohan Gurung, visited different villages of Chujachen constituency in East Sikkim today.

The team interacted with villagers on different issues and problems being faced by them, informs a BJP press release.

Villagers, the release informs, complained that the people of Chujachen constituency have been facing problems in health, education, drinking water, power supply, roads and other basic needs.

The release alleges that the State government has failed to fulfill the aspirations of the people.

The BJP has also criticised the government for not taking any initiatives to provide relief to Bandana Das Rai, Jaggu Das Rai and Man Bahadur Mangar of Saureni village who have been affected by landslides caused due to incessant rainfall.

The party has demanded immediate relief measures from the State Government.

I-Day football tourney at Singtam

YOGEN THATAL SINGTAM, 07 AUG:

Bardang Secondary School secured a win against Government Senior Secondary School Singtam by 3-1 goals today in the inter school boys category of the Independence Day Open Football Tournament underway at Singtam. In another match, Divya Jyoti Samity defeated Hunter FC by 3-1 goals.

SDF carries out Umbrella Rally...

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tainable development.

Senior vice president, DB Thapa, then addressed a press meet at the party office and stated that more than 7000 people attended today's edition of Umbrella Rally.

He also added that the party is confident and does not see the release of SKM supremo, PS Tamang [Golay] from prison as a threat.

Praising the leadership of the party president and Chief Minister, Pawan Chamling, he said that the faith and the trust of Sikkimese people lies with SDF.

Coordination meet held for accelerating solutions for Jorethang water crisis

JORETHANG, 07 AUG [IPR]:

Minister-cum-MLA of Salghari Zoom Constituency, Arjun Kumar Ghatani, chaired a coordination meeting with the Councillors of Nayabazaar Jorethang Municipal Council [NJMC], officials of Water Security and Public Health Engineering Department at the office of Sub Divisional Magistrate in Jorethang, South Sikkim to expedite solution for ongoing water crisis at Jorethang.

The Minister informed that on his request the WS&PHE Department has already deputed an Assistant Engineer who will be stationed at Jorethang to address the issue at ground level. He also mentioned that Energy and Power Department has assured to install a transformer particularly for Daragaon area.

The Minister instructed Superintending Engineer [South/West] and his officials to accel-



erate work on ensuring regular water supply at any cost and further urged to ascertain the filtration process.

Superintending Engineer, WS&PHE Department, Rajdeep Rai, informed that work per-

taining to connect additional tapping for alternative line from Rungdung source to Jorethang is under progress. Water scarcity problem will be solved within few days, he added.

Deputy Chairperson, NJMC,

Pema Tamang, and Sub Divisional Magistrate, Jorethang, Tshering Bhutia, informed about the demands put forth by the public to ensure water supply in the town and its vicinity on a regular basis.

Review meet for Niti Aayog's initiative of Transforming Aspirational Dist held in Gyalshing



GYPALSHING, 07 AUG

[IPR]: A review meeting on Niti Aayog's initiative of "Transforming Aspirational District" was chaired by Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture [Government of India], Upma Srivastava, accompanied by Additional Secretary [Finance], Raj Yadav, Director [Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GoI], Gopal Sadhwani, and Under Secretary [Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, GoI], AK Kausik, at the conference hall of District Administration Centre in Gyalshing, West Sikkim today.

Sub Divisional Magistrate, Tushar G Nikhara, gave a Power Point presentation on district plan and the updated data of the indicators for transforming West Sikkim.

It may be mentioned here, West District is among the 115 Aspirational Districts of the country identified by NITI Aayog for time bound transformation within 2022. The plan covers five sectors viz Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Allied Areas, Basic Infrastructure, Skill Devel-

opment & Financial inclusion. The district has come up with various indicators prevalent in these sectors as of today and requirements to achieve by 2022 through various technological, administrative, financial & infrastructural interventions.

Additional Secretary, Ms Srivastava, urged the heads of departments to take ownership and personal involvement so that the initiative is a success.

"The ranking of the districts change every day and to meet the target set up, officers concerned need to review progress on regular basis at departmental level and ensure submission of reports to the District Administration timely," said Ms Srivastava while directing NIC to upload the data immediately.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Collector [Development, Soreng], Additional Director [HRDD], Child Development Project Officer [Gyalshing], Joint Directors of concerned departments, representatives from Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Bank representatives & various other officials.

IT service providers now need...

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the Centre for Research in Training & Informatics [CRTI], an autonomous body under the IT Department, Government of Sikkim.

The start date for empanelment is 20 Jul, 2018. A period of two months with effect from 20 Jul will be given to the vendors/firms/agencies for empanelment.

The vendors/firms/agencies possessing valid trade license issued by the different agencies of the Government of Sikkim till 30 Jun, 2018 will be considered for empanelment in the first phase.

Likewise, vendors/

firms/agencies registered after 30 Jun, 2018 will be considered in the second phase after the first phase of empanelment is completed successfully.

The period of empanelment is for one year after which the empanelled vendors/firms/agencies are required to renew their respective empanelment certificates. For vendor empanelment guidelines, one may be download the same from the State portal at www.sikkim.gov.in.

It is informed that only vendors/firms/agencies who have successfully empanelled with CRTI will be grant-

ed permission to deliver IT related services to the various departments of the Government of Sikkim.

The vendors/firms/agencies are required to empanel themselves through the SERVICES tab of the State portal www.sikkim.gov.in. The user manual for the same has also been published in the mentioned State portal for reference.

For any queries/information on the same, the vendors/firms/agencies are requested to contact the office of the Additional Director, IT Department on any working day.

SAATHI conducts offsite training for 10 Govt schools

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 07 AUG:

Sikkim Against Addiction Towards Healthy India [SAATHI] conducted an offsite training camp for 100 students from 10 Government schools from 03-06 Aug at Indian Himalayan Centre for Adventure & Eco-Tourism [IHCAE] in Chemchey, South Sikkim.

The schools covered in the initiative are: Bobjoghari GSSS, Deorali

Girls GSSS, Namchi Girls GSSS, Namchi GSSS, Sir TNSSS, Tadong GSSS, Mangan GSSS, Chakung GSSS, Ravangla GSSS and Melli GSSS.

A SAATHI press release informs that students went through various motivational and technical sessions on substance abuse.

A session on the basics of counselling was taken by Pragyan Deep Dewan [Counselling

Psychologist] while Manoraht Dahal [Teacher Trained Coordinator, Rumtek GSSS] and CK Subba [Sub Inspector, Sikkim Police, Ravangla] took sessions on communication skills and legal aspects of drugs respectively.

Likewise, Udai C Rai from Serenity Home counselled the students on various consequences of drug addiction.



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 07 AUG:

United Christian Welfare Society of Sikkim [UCWSS] has extended financial support to Nar Bahadur Sotang of Phamtam Church in South Sikkim whose house had



been damaged by fire on 04 Aug.

A UCWSS team led by their president, Elder Patrus Gurung, and accompanied by general secretary, Rev Peter Samsher, treasurer, Rev Paul Gurung, and members of UCWSS South District met the victim family and

handed over the financial support. The UCWSS president also thanked individuals, churches and organisations for their selfless support to the affected family.

The visiting team also prayed for the family members for their well-being.

Tendong Lho Rum Faat greetings from Governor and CM

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Chief Minister Pawan Chamling and Tika Maya Chamling have also extended their warmest greetings and best wishes to the people of Sikkim, particularly to the people belonging to the Lepcha community, on the occasion of Tendong Lho Rum Faat.

In his greetings, the CM has said, "Tendong Lho Rum Faat is to the people of Sikkim more than just a religious or a mythological commemoration. It is a part of our history that narrates and explains the existence of our very being. Our elders have made sure to pass on this story of

SMIT all set for its campus recruitment season

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 07 AUG:

Campus recruitment season of Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology [SMIT], Majhitar will be commencing from mid-August with multi-national companies like Microsoft, Amazon, Dell, Shell and Wells Fargo lining up to recruit young graduates.

In a press release issued by Sikkim Manipal University, SMIT Director, Professor [Dr] Ashish Sharma, has said, "It is heart-warming and a matter of pride for SMIT under SMU as these companies have very selected institutions on their list. Visit of such companies not only boosts the morale of the students at SMIT in particular but the State in general. It has placed SMIT and Sikkim as a whole has bettered with associations of big corporate houses globally."

The release mentions that SMIT is ranked 2nd in Top Private Colleges in East Zone and 41st in All India, India Today 2018 ranking. The institute boasts of a great placement record over the years. There has been more than 90% placement of the eligible candidates in the last 5 years. Over 92% candidates of 2018 batch were placed in more than 30 companies that visited the campus. The highest

salary package received was of INR 23 lakh per annum [approx] where some students bagged more than one job offer.

"The efforts of the Training & Placement Cell of SMIT in preparing and grooming students for such activities have been commendable as SMIT ranks 7th in All India Top Private Engineering Colleges offering best annual average salary [India Today Ranking 2018]. The pre-placement training conducted by the Institute and a full final semester project work as internship in various companies makes the students industry ready even before their graduation. The institute has been able to attract highly reputed multi-national companies for campus placements for last many years which adhere to the need of the students," added Prof [Dr] Sharma.

The alumni of SMIT today are placed worldwide in highest of positions and best of the companies. The top management and the placement cell have been putting untiring efforts to ensure the students are provided with the best of the companies during their placement. Other companies who have confirmed so far include Ixia [Keysight], Bosch, Wipro, Ericsson, Just Dial, LT Elevators, Asahi India Glasses, eConstruct, Talview and many more, the release adds.



Pre Tendong Lho Rum Faat celebration in Mangan

SUMMIT REPORT

MANGAN, 07 AUG:

Way to Happiness Foundation India, Delhi in association with North Sikkim Youth Welfare Organization organized a motivational programme presented by Rohit Sharma from Delhi on the occasion of Pre Tendong Lho Rum Faat celebration 2018 held at the Community Hall in Mangan, North Sikkim on 04 Aug. The programme was declared open by Forest Minister, chief patron, TW Lepcha.

It may be mentioned here, the Way to Happi-

ness Book is included in the Guinness Book of World Records for being the most disseminated non-religious book.

The book, aided with its accompanying videos, aims to reverse the moral degradation of an increasingly materialistic society. It is informed that the Way to Happiness also works as a powerful tool towards reduction of crime.

During the programme, 100 Way to Happiness books were distributed to students of different schools of the district.

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Gangtok on Wednesday, 08 Aug

Temp: 25°C/17°C
Forecast: Cloudy, morning thunder-showers, then a thundershower in parts of the area.
Sunrise: 05:02 AM
Sunset: 6:20 PM

DSA accuses SDF of instigating some Sherpas against demand for inclusion under Revenue Order No. 1

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 07 AUG:

Denzong Sherpa Association has accused Sikkim Democratic Front of "planting" some Sherpas to speak against the inclusion of Sherpa community under Revenue Order No. 1 in a move to bring friction, hostility and animosity between the Sherpas of Sikkim.

A DSA press release states, "Such nefarious activities of SDF seem to have hidden agenda of wiping out the existence of Sherpa community in Sikkim. Therefore, SDF government and party will be held responsible if any animosity and violence erupted out of their sinister design. Even at this hour of gruesome treatment meted out to Sherpa community by ruling party, the Sherpas of Sikkim are surprised by the silence of political parties on the issue of Sherpas in Sikkim."

The association has urged both regional and national parties to clarify their stand at the earliest.

17.05 lakh cases of acute respiratory infection in Delhi from 2013-17: Par panel

New Delhi, Aug 7 (PTI):

Over 17 lakh cases of acute respiratory infection were reported in Delhi from 2013 to 2017, a parliamentary committee said today, calling for immediate solution to air pollution in the national capital.

The parliamentary committee also said it was surprised to note that the Union Health Ministry was not taken on board in the high-level task force on air pollution.

"No taking Health Ministry on board is, in a way, indicative of the ignorance as well as denial about the negative impact of air pollution on human health.

Namchi Dist Hospital to issue visitor cards to regulate flow of visitors

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the meeting, it was decided that the district hospital will shortly issue visitor cards in order to regulate the flow of visitors for patients admitted in the hospital. This step has been taken for the smooth functioning of the hospital.

The DC South underlined that it is imperative for the hospital to provide quality healthcare services to the public and added that the visitor cards should be streamlined and implemented at the earliest. He also spoke in detail about the recent

inspection made by him and the team to the hospital wherein it was also observed that overflow of visitors had been causing inconvenience to the patients.

The meeting also touched upon various elements which is vital to the district hospital which is maintenance of cleanliness and hygiene, efficient parking facilities, running water supply and other basic amenities for the hospital. Moreover, shortage of manpower with regard to safai karmacharis and home guards were also discussed at length.



Gangtok Round table 301 felicitates five media persons

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 07 AUG:

Gangtok Round table 301, a non-governmental organisation and a part of Round Table India organised a felicitation ceremony 'Titans of Media' honouring five media persons at Hotel Yangthang heritage in the capital today.

The program was conducted in association with the Press Club of Sikkim and had Governor Shrinivas Patil as the chief guest.

Five media persons who were felicitated during the event are Ajay Agarwal, Nita Nirash, Suman Gajmer, Bijoy Gurung and Prabal Rai.

These media persons belong to the categories of digital media, print, electronic and radio.

Governor Patil while addressing the gathering highlighted the role of media as the fourth pillar of democracy.

He said that in India, media has played the prime role in shaping public opinion as the principal tool for transfer of information.

Praising the media in the state and in the country he said that the media has gone beyond the traditional role of delivering information to being the agent of larger good for the masses.

The Governor while stressing the multi-cultural and cosmopolitan nature of today's society said that media should be unbiased and factual.

He also cautioned the press and the media fraternity over fake news.

"As custodian of democratic rights media should redefine changing dynamics of today's world," said the Governor.

Chairperson, Gangtok Round table 301, Dhiraj Goliyan while delivering his welcome address saluted the spirit of Sikkim for being a just and good society.

He also highlighted the instrumental role the media has played in Sikkim to promote a good, healthy and just society.

Focussing on the importance of education and service to others as one of the prime motives of their organisation, he said that their organisation looks forward to more years of service in Sikkim particularly in education.

"Future lies in class room education. It's more powerful than weapons," he said.

President, Press Club of Sikkim, Joseph Lepcha, while delivering the vote of thanks praised the Governor for bringing the Raj Bhawan closer to the people and becoming "a people's Governor" and thanked him for coming to the event.

He also thanked the organisers for conceptualising such an event to honour media persons in different categories.

He added that such honour encourages journalists and mediapersons to strive hard and take their role of being watchdogs of the society seriously.

The Gangtok Round table has contributed to raising awareness and also building educational infrastructure in many schools in the state.

Talks on tea workers' wage fail, three-day strike to continue

JALPAIGURI (WB), AUG 7 (PTI): A meeting to find a solution to the impasse over raising the minimum wage of tea garden workers in north Bengal remained inconclusive today.

A three-day strike called by a joint forum of tea garden workers, demanding a hike in the minimum wage, would continue, as the meeting at Siliguri failed to reach a consensus, convenor of the forum Ziaur Alam said.

The strike in 153 gardens of Dooars region and 48 gardens in Terai region started from today. Twenty-three labour unions of the 27 unions under the forum are supporting the protest, he said.

"The strike would continue for two more days, as the meeting was inconclusive in the absence of the tea garden owners," Alam said.

He said another meeting over the issue will be held on August 13.

West Bengal Joint

Labour Commissioner Chandan Dasgupta said talks were peaceful at the meeting, but there was no consensus on increasing the minimum wage of tea garden workers.

Meanwhile, Secretary General of the Tea Association of India, P K Bhat-tacharya, said it is regrettable that the strike was still on despite negotiations on fixing the minimum wage continuing.

"We urge the unions to immediately withdraw the strike," he said.

Twenty-seven gardens in Darjeeling, which were already hit by the shutdown in the Hills last year, have been kept outside the purview of the bandh, Alam said.

However, no produce was dispatched from the gardens today.

The workers did not report for work in most of the tea gardens in Jalpaiguri district such as Banarhat Tea Garden and Luksan Tea Garden, Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh leader John Barla said.

Jorethang I-Day MLA Challenge football tourney kicks off



JORETHANG, 07 AUG

[IPR]: The 72nd Independence Day Inter-Department Open MLA Challenge Football Tournament 2018 kicked off at Jorethang playground in South Sikkim today.

Minister for Roads & Bridges and Cultural Affairs & Heritage Departments, GM Gurung, attended the occasion as chief guest and declared the tournament open in the presence of Minister for Healthcare,

Human Services & Family Welfare and IPR Departments, Arjun Kumar Ghatani, who is also the area MLA.

The first match of the tournament was played between Horticulture & Agriculture Department and Sikkim Police in which Sikkim Police emerged victorious 0-9.

Altogether, 12 departments have joined the tournament - Horticulture & Agriculture, Health, Food & Civil

Supplies, Rural Management & Development Department, Motor Vehicle, Urban Development & Housing Department, Human Resource Development Department, Energy & Power, Sikkim Police, Melli Forest [Territorial], IRBn Pipalay and SISCO Namchi.

Chief guest, Mr Gurung, in his address urged students to be more focused on their education and pursue skill development, capabilities and develop strong work ethics for their better future.

He also encouraged people of Jorethang to endorse constructive work for the welfare and betterment of the people at large.

He also recalled the sacrifices and invaluable contributions made by freedom fighters to free India from British rule.

Further, he also urged people to live with their vision and spirit to develop the country towards unity, brotherhood and development as being witnessed by Sikkim during the last 24 years of good governance.



RANGPO I-DAY FOOTBALL TOURNEY

GANGTOK, 07 AUG: Ghoom Jorebunglow defeated Renzong FC 3-1 at the 72nd Independence Day Celebration Open Football Tournament organised by Rangpo I-Day Celebration Committee at Rangpo Bazaar playground in East Sikkim today. Birendra Limboo of Renzong FC was adjudged man of the match. ASC Bangalore will take on Truck Driver Association, Rangpo on 08 Aug, a press release informs.

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Separated at Birth

As I-Day approaches, remember the Partition

Twins, born 71 years ago, celebrate their Independence a day apart in a week's time. A combination of intolerance, politics and irreconcilable leadership differences split Pakistan and India making enemies out of fellow citizens and former colleagues and inciting a feud which keeps people apart to this day. The two nations are at daggers drawn and hold suspicions which sponsor the political and professional futures of the agent provocateurs who remain relevant because the hate sustains. A people who share a common history and draw identities from places which now lie in the neighbour's home which is now out of bounds for them for all practically purposes, have so completely bought into the seven decade old mischief, that they forget the common culture that they collectively fostered over several millennia.

That perhaps is the price one has to pay when politics is allowed to define identities and short-sighted politicians allowed to set priorities. When the partition happened in 1947, most of the displaced millions believed that it would be a temporary experiment; a mad scheme which would unravel on itself. At that time, no one could fathom a Punjab divided into two nations or believe that so many could be permanently uprooted. The Partition holocaust, and of course it was one, was taken as a momentary wave of madness, and the exodus, a precautionary measure of temporary nature. In fact, it must have been this belief which convinced so many to leave their homes in the first place, the belief that they could return when the situation "normalised". Many even believed that people's movement between India and Pakistan would be free and frequent and that no permanent cleavage of ties was possible.

A cruel con was played on the entire Partition/Independent generation and because the people- a section hurting over the Partition violence and struggling with the challenges of survival as refugees and the rest swept by jubilation of being free – forgot to remind their leaders and future generations of what it meant to be one people, the fiction of ingrained hate and reflexive paranoia took over.

The present generation of Indians and Pakistanis look at the Partition rather dispassionately and express no surprise that India claims Mohenjodaro or that Pakistan celebrates the Mughal Empire or that our national anthem celebrates Sindh. Mohenjodaro sits in Pakistan and Pakistan technically holds only the periphery of the Mughal empire's spread and Sindh now sits in Pakistan. Partition remains something that most students receive only a superficial introduction to, and what they receive from mass-media only reinforces prejudice. 12.5 million people were displaced and up to a million killed in the Partition riots. The staggering numbers involved demand that all Indians and all Pakistanis study the Partition in more detail, not to hate each other more, but to realise that even the most genuine of people's movements can throw up a monster; that the culmination of 90 years of a struggle for freedom can deliver a madness which can take away all the joy. Our children need to study the Partition more so that they understand the horror of division and do not themselves make the mistakes that people continue to wilfully allow to this day. If they understand what the Partition did, they will perhaps not allow the politics of hate and the mechanisations of paranoia to decide their futures for them.

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New sanctions on Russia and Iran are unlikely to work. Here's why

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Sanctions are much in demand these days as a tool of American foreign policy.

Members of the US Congress want tough new sanctions against Russia for its interference in American elections. Sanctions will remain in place against North Korea, the White House says, until Pyongyang shows progress toward denuclearization. After tearing up the Iran nuclear accord, the Trump administration restored sanctions against Tehran in an effort to get a better deal on restricting its weapons and a change in its behavior. And even NATO ally Turkey faces sanctions for imprisoning several U.S. citizens and employees of its diplomatic mission.

Policy makers claim that sanctions are an effective means of achieving policy goals, but is that true? Are new measures against Moscow and Tehran likely to be successful?

Research on sanctions by myself and others has shown that they can sometimes be effective. But there are three key elements: allies, a willingness to enforce them and incentives to bargain. The absence of all three means they probably won't work with Russia and Iran.

UNILATERAL SANCTIONS RARELY WORK

Allies supporting and reinforcing sanctions are usually pivotal to making them stick.

Unilateral sanctions such as the proposed measures against Russia and Iran are seldom successful. Although the European Union has placed sanctions on Russia because of its actions in Ukraine, the latest legislative measures proposed in Congress would be unilateral.

In an increasingly globalized world, unilateral sanctions face huge obstacles – even when imposed by the largest economy. A landmark study published in the 1990s by the Peterson Institute for International Economics found that unilateral U.S. sanctions achieved their foreign policy goals only 13 percent of the time.

The rare instances when unilateral



sanctions work involve countries that have extensive trade relations with the U.S., clearly not the case with Russia or Iran. Russia is low on the list of U.S. trading partners, and Iran has had virtually no economic or commercial relations with the U.S. Neither country is dependent on U.S. trade or likely to submit to American economic pressure.

In addition, when a country faces sanctions, it can often seek commercial ties elsewhere. This was the case with Cuba. When the U.S. imposed sanctions on its former trading partner after Fidel Castro came to power, Havana turned to Moscow for help and became a part of the communist bloc.

Iran, for its part, has diversified its economy in the face of sanctions from the U.S. and other Western countries, shifting trade to the East and increasingly selling oil and buying goods in China, India and other Asian countries.

Washington is responding to Tehran's circumvention strategy by threatening to impose secondary sanctions against foreign companies that trade with Iran, barring them from doing business in the U.S. Extra-territorial sanctions such as these are opposed by other countries as a violation of international law.

European nations especially disagree with this approach and have vowed to maintain trading relations with Iran despite secondary sanctions. Russia and China also oppose the new U.S. policy.

WILLINGNESS TO FOLLOW THROUGH

This raises a second factor that influences whether sanctions work: Is the country issuing the sanctions willing

and able to assure compliance with those measures?

The prospect of losing Iran's 2 million barrels of oil a day is already roiling global markets. To calm investors, the U.S. State Department quietly announced in early July that Washington would allow countries like China, India and Turkey to reduce oil imports from Iran "on a case-by-case" basis, signaling the U.S. will allow some states to maintain imports, thus limiting the impact of the sanctions.

In other words, the desire to mitigate the potential impact of new sanctions on global financial markets may outweigh the goals of imposing them in the first place.

A similar problem of weak compliance is affecting continued U.N. sanctions against North Korea. In the wake of the Trump-Kim summit and the president's claim that Pyongyang is no longer a nuclear threat, China and Russia have shown reluctance to continue enforcing sanctions. They recently blocked an effort within the U.N. Security Council to condemn North Korean oil smuggling.

If the U.S. and major allies are unable or unwilling to pay the price of sanctions enforcement, effectiveness diminishes.

COERCION AND COMPLIANCE

A third factor affecting success is the need to combine sanctions with diplomatic bargaining.

My research with George Lopez, a professor emeritus of peace studies, shows that sanctions work best within a bargaining framework in which the imposition of coercive measures is combined with incentives for compliance.

The offer to lift sanctions can be

an effective bargaining chip for persuading the targeted regime to accept compromise and alter its policies. This was the case in the 1995 Dayton Peace Agreement, when the offer to lift sanctions served as an inducement for Serbia to end its aggressive policies and accept a political settlement.

The irony in the case of Iran is that precisely this form of sanctions-based diplomacy was successful in achieving the 2015 nuclear deal. Rigorous U.S., U.N. and European

Union sanctions were combined with an offer to lift them if Iran complied with demands to restrict its nuclear program and accept intrusive inspections. The International Atomic Energy Commission verified on 10 separate occasions from 2016 through the early part of 2018 that Iran kept its side of the bargain, and sanctions were removed.

THE LONELY ROAD

For all these reasons, I believe the new U.S. policy of reimposing unilateral sanctions abandons a multilateral approach that was working in favor of a unilateral policy that has little chance of success.

The U.S. and EU sanctions on Russia for its policies in Ukraine may have some continuing effect, but the new measures under consideration in Congress are unlikely to have a major impact.

Policy makers may talk tough about threatening sanctions, but their policies are weak if they are unilateral and costly to implement. Sanctions work best when they are part of a multilateral diplomatic effort – like the Obama administration took on Iran – in which the offer to lift sanctions is used as an incentive to achieve a negotiated settlement.

The Trump administration may think that it can go it alone in foreign policy, but on sanctions, as on non-proliferation and other policies, multilateral cooperation is often the key to success.

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Here's how many times you actually need to reuse your shopping bags

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The plastic bag ban by the major supermarkets (and Coles' pivot away from its ban after backlash, then pivot back to the ban after a backlash to the backlash) has left plenty of people scratching their heads.

What are the best replacements for single-use plastic bags? Given that reusable bags are much sturdier, how many times must we use them to compensate for their larger environmental impact?

The simple answer is that there is no simple answer. However, a kind of research called "life cycle assessment" can help us work out the impact of common types of reusable bags.

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENTS

I am not aware of any Australian studies of plastic-bag substitutes. Research conducted overseas can offer a basic guide.

Life cycle assessments consider a wide range of factors, including raw materials, manufacturing, transport, and eventual disposal.

Looking at all of these elements, researchers calculate greenhouse gas emissions, waste disposal, water and energy consumption and a variety of

other impacts.

To complicate the decision further, if you choose a plastic bag, is it made from virgin resin or from recycled plastic? Even if the bag is recycled, transport is an issue – where was it made? Printing on the bag also adds to the environmental burden.

Finally, what happens to the bags when they can no longer meet their purpose? Are they recycled, reused as bin liners, or thrown away immediately?

HOW MANY TIMES MUST A BAG BE REUSED?

Once all of this information has been distilled, scientists can usually offer a fairly straightforward guide: the number of times a given bag should be reused when compared to the standard supermarket plastic bag.

A 2018 Danish study, looking at the number of times a bag should be reused before being used as a bin liner and then discarded, found that:

- polypropylene bags (most of the green reusable bags found at supermarkets) should be used 37 times
- paper bags should be used 43 times
- cotton bags should be used 7,100 times.

Another UK study, which only considered the climate change impact, found that to have lower global warming potential than single-use plastic bags:

1. paper bags should be used three times
2. low-density polyethylene bags (the thicker plastic bags commonly used in supermarkets) should be used four times
3. non-woven polypropylene bags should be used 11 times, cotton bags should be used 131 times.

Note, however, that if a plastic bag is reused (even as a bin liner) the number of times an alternative needs to be used increases.

It's worth noting that, according to the 2018 Danish study, using organic cotton has a greater environmental impact than non-organic due to higher production costs. Our assumptions about what is environmentally friendly don't always stand up to scrutiny.

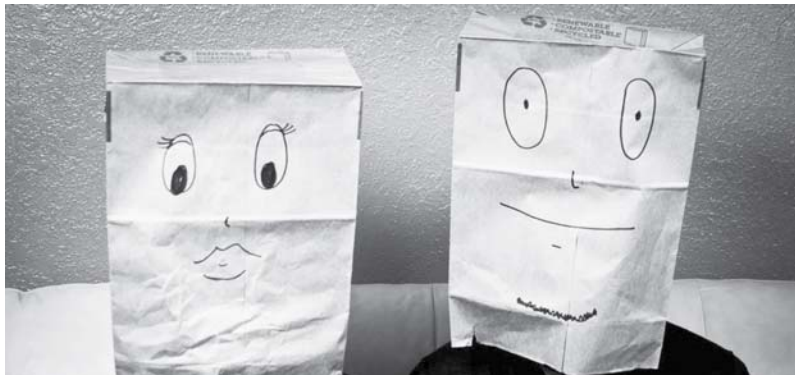
A 2014 study in the United States found that reusable LDPE and polypropylene bags do have a lower environmental impact than the usual plastic bags found in supermarkets – but only if they are reused enough times. This study found that about 40% of shoppers forgot to bring their reusable bags and therefore end up using the plastic bags. This then adds to the environmental burden of shopping.

One final consideration is how many bags you need. The Danish researchers equalised the volume of the bags so that evaluations were made on the same volume of space (this meant that for some assessments it was necessary to consider the impact of two bags).

As with all matters environmental, it's essential that we have the right knowledge to make informed decisions. After looking at all this data, here are the things I'd like you to remember:

1. whatever bag type you use, use it as many times as possible
2. choose bags made from recyclable materials
3. avoid bags that have printing or decorations – these alone can add significantly to the environmental burden of the bag
4. never allow a bag to become litter – recycle, reuse and repurpose your bags.

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Tokyo Olympic chief pushes for daylight saving time

TOKYO, AUG 7 (AFP): The chief organiser of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics appealed today for Japan to introduce daylight saving time to reduce the effect of the extreme summer heat on athletes and spectators.

“I want them to use the Olympics as a way to give a maximum push for the project,” said former prime minister Yoshiro Mori after meeting current premier Shinzo Abe.

Japan is currently sweating through a deadly heatwave that has seen the mercury top 40 degrees in some parts of the country and sparked fears over the well-being of participants at the 2020 games.

Abe responded by urging members of his ruling Liberal Democratic Party to consider the plan, according to Toshiaki Endo, a former Olympic minister who attended the meeting.

Japan adopted daylight saving time in 1948 under US occupation after defeat in World War II but scrapped it four years later amid concerns it was encouraging longer work hours.



The idea has won favour from some in business and politics as a way to allow the famously hard-working Japanese to enjoy longer summer evenings with their families.

But critics say extending daylight hours risks people staying in the office longer, hindering official efforts to clamp down on overtime.

In Tokyo, the sun sets at around 7pm, even at the height of summer.

Government spokesman Yoshihide Suga told reporters that it was just one proposal among many to

mitigate the effects of the heat.

“However, the measure would have a significant impact on the everyday lives of the Japanese people and we only have two years before the event,” Suga warned.

He said officials were drafting plans to lessen the impact of the hot weather, including early starting times for competitions and laying special pavement to reduce road surface temperature.

“We are already taking comprehensive and thorough measures,” he said.

Tennis star Serena Williams suffering from postpartum emotions

LOS ANGELES, AUG 7

(AFP): Serena Williams says she is suffering from “postpartum emotions” as the 23-time Grand Slam winner struggles to deal with juggling family life and tennis.

The 36-year-old American is seeking to regain her top form after missing most of the 2017 WTA season due to a pregnancy.

“I read several articles that said postpartum emotions can last up to three years if not dealt with,” Williams said on Monday.

Williams’ disclosure comes a week after she suffered the worst loss of her career in San Jose, losing the final 12 games in a shocking 6-1, 6-0 first-round upset to unseeded Johanna Konta.



On Monday, she described her mindset at the time as being in a “funk”.

“Last week was not easy for me. Not only was I accepting some tough personal stuff, but I just was in a funk. Mostly, I felt like I was not a good mom,” Williams wrote on her social media Instagram account.

Williams said she is trying to work through

her despair by sharing her feelings with family and friends.

“Talking things through with my mom, my sisters, my friends let me know that my feelings are totally normal. It’s totally normal to feel like I’m not doing enough for my baby Whether stay-at-home or working, finding that balance with kids is a true art,” she said.

Organizers announced on Saturday that Williams was withdrawing from this week’s WTA Montreal tournament citing “personal reasons”.

Williams battled back from life-saving surgery after giving birth to daughter Olympia in September, reaching the final at Wimbledon, where she was beaten by Germany’s Angelique Kerber.

Williams had a tough draw in Montreal. Her opening match would have been against Frenchwoman Alize Cornet, who has defeated Williams four out of the six times they have faced each other.

If she advanced past Cornet, her next opponent would have been Kerber.

Fishermen brothers earn Rs 5.5 lakh with one ‘ghol’ fish

PALGHAR (MAHA), AUG 7 (PTI): It was a catch worth lakhs of rupees!

Two fishermen brothers in Maharashtra’s Palghar district netted a ‘ghol’ fish -- known for its medicinal value and in high demand in various countries -- and sold it for a whopping Rs 5.5 lakh in a mega auction.

Mahesh Meher and Bharat Meher, natives of Morbe village in Palghar, set out for fishing in the Arabian Sea last week and returned on Sunday late night with a huge 30 kg ghol fish.

While the siblings were startled to have netted a giant-size fish, they did not realise then that they were going to make a fortune out of their prized catch.

The brothers, elated over their precious possession, said after they brought the fish ashore, it got auctioned in just 20 minutes yesterday.

An export house bought it for Rs 5.5 lakh, they claimed.

The duo said they had set out for fishing last week after a long break due to the 45-day ban on venturing in the waters during the monsoon season.

“This was really a good catch. We were delighted as it was like striking ‘gold’ in our fishing net along with other fish varieties,” the siblings told reporters at the sea shore in Morbe yesterday.

“We are into fishing since the last



Lasting 20 minutes, the auction ended with an exporter quoting Rs 5.5 lakh just for the fish’s innards.

two decades and had only heard about such a huge ghol fish. But, with this fish catch, we actually had a wonderful experience and it also got sold for a good price,” they said.

Usually, a good quality fish sells for a few thousands of rupees in the market, but the Meher brothers are happy to have earned Rs 5.5 lakh with a single catch. The two fishermen, who were reeling under financial crisis, said now they would be able get their boat and net repaired.

The ghol fish, a type of croaker, has a good market in countries like Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia.

It is considered among the most-expensive variety of the marine fish.

Its heart is known as the ‘sea gold’, which is said to have medicinal properties and is an important ingredient in making a variety of medicines.


13 from MEG selected for Indian squad for Asian Games

BENGALURU, AUG 7 (PTI): As many as 13 sportsmen of the prestigious Madras Engineer Group (MEG) here are among the 524-member Indian contingent for the Asian Games in Indonesia to be held from August 18-September 2.

Three of them have been selected for aquatics, five for water sports, two for handball and one each for athletics, boxing and para-athletics, an MEG release said today.

Blade runner Naib Subedar Anandan G, who is among the 13, will compete in 100, 200 and 400 Metres events in para-athletics.

Besides Anandan, others selected from the MEG are: Arvind Mani (100mtr back stroke swimmer), Ramanand Sharma (Diving), London (Diving), Santosh (Athletics), Albert Raj (Kayaking), Jagan (Rowing), Pandurang (Rowing), Rahul Giri (Rowing), Greenidge (Handball), Aditya (Handball), Mujeeb Rehman (Rowing Coach) and Kuttappa (Boxing coach), the release added.



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Dated: 04/08/2018

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Assistant Engineer (Soreng), Roads & Bridges Department Government of Sikkim, invites sealed tenders under single bid system from the eligible contractors of class IV Grade enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department vide Notification No. 515/R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated 12.06.2018, for the construction of fair weather roads, through competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction of Gram Panchayat / Urban Local Bodies where the work is to be executed.

The works and time schedule are listed as under:-

SL. NO.	NAME OF WORK	COST OF WORK PUT TO TENDER (IN RS)	EARNEST MONEY @ 2.5% (IN RS)	COST OF TENDER DOCUMENT (IN RS)	COMPLETION TIME
1	Construction of road from Panchayat Bhawan to L/ Mabong VLV centre in West Sikkim Km 0-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
2	Construction of road from Panchayat Bhawan to L/ Mabong VLV centre in West Sikkim Km 1-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
3	Construction of road from Panchayat Bhawan to L/ Mabong VLV centre in West Sikkim Km 2-3.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
4	Construction of road from Mangalbaria Khaniser-bong PMGSY road to Lanchi Gumpa in West Sikkim Km: 0-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
5	Construction of road from Mangalbaria Khaniser-bong PMGSY road to Lanchi Gumpa in West Sikkim Km: 1.00-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
6	Construction of road from Mangalbaria Khaniser-bong PMGSY road to Lanchi Gumpa in West Sikkim Km: 2.00-3.25	5341219.00	133530.00	5000.00	09 Months
7	Construction of road from Upper Mabong PMGSY road to Dorang busty in West Sikkim Km: 0-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
8	Construction of road from Upper Mabong PMGSY road to Dorang busty in West Sikkim Km: 1-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
9	Construction of road from Rothak to Tamang Gumpa in West Sikkim Km: 0-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
10	Construction of road from Rothak to Tamang Gumpa in West Sikkim Km: 1-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
11	Construction of road from Rothak to Tamang Gumpa in West Sikkim Km: 2-3.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
12	Construction of road from Rothak to Tamang Gumpa in West Sikkim Km: 3-4.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
13	Construction of road from Doksing via Harey botey to SPWD Road in West Sikkim Km: 0-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
14	Construction of road from Doksing via Harey botey to SPWD Road in West Sikkim Km: 1-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
15	Construction of road from SPWD Road Lower Mabong to Panchayat bhawan in West Sikkim Km 0-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
16	Construction of road from SPWD Road Lower Mabong to Panchayat bhawan in West Sikkim Km 1-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
17	Construction of road from Thakley turning to Ra-bong turning via Ratepani in West Sikkim Km 0-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
18	Construction of road from Thakley turning to Rabong turning via Ratepani in West Sikkim Km 1.00-2.20	5137917.00	128448.00	5000.00	09 Months
19	Construction of road from Amalay dara to Bomjaney gaon in West Sikkim Km 1.25	5341219.00	133530.00	5000.00	09 Months
20	Construction of road from Upper Gelling Dham area to Bhimsing gaon in West Sikkim Km 0-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
21	Construction of road from Upper Gelling Dham area to Bhimsing gaon in West Sikkim Km 1-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
22	Construction of road from Upper Gelling Dham area to Bhimsing gaon in West Sikkim Km 2-3.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
23	Construction of road from Dhargaon to Rockgarden in West Sikkim Km 0-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
24	Construction of road from Dhargaon to Rock garden in West Sikkim Km 1-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
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27	Construction of road from Dhargaon to Rockgarden in West Sikkim Km 4-5.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
28	Construction of road from Dhargaon to Rockgarden in West Sikkim Km 5-6.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
29	Construction of road from Mangergaon to Sampang gaon in West Sikkim Km: 0-1.50	6357744.00	158944.00	5000.00	12 Months

Time Schedule for Sl. No. 1.29:-

- Date of submission of application with bank receipt For issue of Tender Documents (excluding Tender Form):
- Date of issue of Tender Form on submission of TDR (as Earnest Money):
- Last Date and Time of submission of Tender

a) For Sl. No. 1-16:
b) For Sl. No. 17-29:

4. Date and Time of Opening of Bid

a) For Sl. No. 1-16:
b) For Sl. No. 17-29:

4th Sep. 2018 (From 10.00 am to 4.00pm)
5th Sep. 2018 (From 10.00am to 4.00pm)

7th Sep. 2018 (From 10.00am to 12.00pm)
8th Sep. 2018 (From 10.00am to 12.00pm)

7th Sep. 2018 (At 1.30pm)
8th Sep. 2018 (At 1.30pm)

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:-

- Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors/Firms of appropriate Class/Gram Panchayat Unit and Urban Local bodies Area.
- The intending tenders/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would be invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender document will not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDER. The application shall be submitted initially for each work listed above with all required documents.
- The applicants should enclosed attested copies of the a) Goods & Service Tax Clearance Certificate (b) Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate along with the application. It is mandatory to produce the Original validated/Updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification.
- The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents (excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified in (As above from the office of the Assistant Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Soreng Sub Division, on production of requisite Bank receipt of the state of Sikkim towards the cost of Tender Documents (non-refundable) under the receipt Head "0059-80-800" cost of Tender Form (Roads & Bridges).
- Earnest money deposit @ 2.5% in State Bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of Deposit Receipt of Schedule Bank which includes deposits in the form of temporary deposit receipts (TDR) in favour of the Sr. Accounts Officer, Roads & Bridges, Gyalshing, West Sikkim. Tender form shall be issued only on production of toward deposit receipts of 2.5% earnest money.
- The Tender Documents, including the Tender Form with quoted offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the tenderers and the name of the work superscripted on it, supporting documents listed at Sl.No. 3(a & b) along with other relevant documents be enclosed with the offer.
- Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender box in the office of the Assistant Engineer, Roads & Bridges Department, Soreng Sub Division, on the date and within the time indicated above.
- Tenders shall be opened by a Tender opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderers on the date and time indicated above.
- The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the general Direction and Conditions of the Contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST all other applicable Taxes and Levies. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.
- In case of any discrepancy in rate(s) printed in the Schedule of Rates and Quantities issued with the tender documents, rates as per approved Scheduled of Rates will be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the rates shall be as per the technically checked estimate/analysis. Decision of the Principal Chief Engineer cum Secretary/Head of the Department will be final in this regard.
- The work value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change, the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the Department. No claim on this account is entertained whatsoever. If any claim is made, it shall be as per the agreement rates.
- The Department reserves the rights to hold payments to the contractor unless test certificates are not produces by the contractor when called upon to do so.
- Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to labour at site.
- The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should commence within 15 days from the issue of the work order.
- All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to a part of the agreement to be entered with the contractor. Security deposit shall be collected by deductions from the running bills of the contractor @ 5% of the value of work done.
- The recoveries of Royalties on Forest Produce shall be as per rates notified by the Government from time to time and applicable on the date of payment. In no case, claim of any contractor for deduction as per rates incorporated in the analysis of rates or Schedule of Rates on the date of tender shall be acceptable.
- Subletting of contract work is against the norms and if it comes to notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.
- The Department also reserves the right to increase, decrease, alter or modify the item of works as indicated in the NIT without assigning any reason thereof.
- In case the man powers employed by the contractors are from outside the State or neighbouring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractors to get then registered with the labour department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws.
- Use of explosives shall be regulated as under:-
 - Transportation, Handling, storage and use of Explosives (if necessary) shall be in accordance with the provisions of the India Explosive Act and General Guidelines, Circulars issued by the department and other competent authorities on the subject from time to time.
 - The rules and regulations issued by the Sikkim Public Works department or any other competent authority shall strictly be adhered to with regard to transportation, storage, handling and use of explosives shall maintained by the contractor.
- The contractor shall also make arrangement to have photographs of the works taken at least at three stages of the construction period, i.e. beginning, middle and completion stage.
- Damage to properties in and around the work site must be avoided at all cost. The contractor shall be held responsible for any acts of negligence and shall be made to make good the damages.
- It is accepted to the tenderer to have inspected the site before submitting his/her bid. There may be possible site difficulties for which the tenderer should have their own correct assessment before submitting the bid.
- The cost of stock materials supplied from the Department store will be deducted from the contractors' bills as per rules.
- The bidders shall produce a Certificate of Residence from the concerned Gram Panchayat Unit where the work is to be executed.

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US reimposes tough, unilateral sanctions against Iran

WASHINGTON, AUG 7 (AFP): The United States re-imposed a wave of tough, unilateral sanctions against Iran today, bringing back into effect harsh penalties that had been lifted under a historic, multi-party nuclear agreement that President Donald Trump abandoned in May.

The first of two rounds of US sanctions kicked in at 12:01 am (0431 GMT), targeting Iran's access to US banknotes and key industries, including cars and carpets.

Iranians are already seeing the effects of the sanctions, with Iran's rial currency losing around half its value since Trump

announced the US would withdraw from the 2015 nuclear accord.

Trump's contempt for the nuclear deal dates back to his time as presidential candidate and on May 8, he made good on a pledge to pull America out of the international agreement.

He blasted the agreement yet again yesterday, calling it a "horrible, one-sided deal (that) failed to achieve the fundamental objective of blocking all paths to an Iranian nuclear bomb."

The unilateral withdrawal came despite other parties to the agreement -- Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the EU -- pleading



with Trump not to abandon the pact aimed at blocking Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon, and highlights the US leader's go-it-alone style and his distaste for multilateral agreements.

In an executive order yesterday, Trump said

Federica Mogherini said the bloc, as well as Britain, France and Germany, deeply regretted Washington's move.

"We are determined to protect European economic operators engaged in legitimate business with Iran," she said in a statement.

Many large European firms are leaving Iran for fear of US penalties, and Trump warned of "severe consequences" against firms and individuals that continued to do business with Iran.

The impact of the return of sanctions has ramped up tensions inside Iran, which has seen days of protests and strikes in multiple towns

and cities over water shortages, high prices and wider anger at the political system.

Severe reporting restrictions have made it impossible to verify the swirl of claims coming against the Iranian nation," Rouhani said.

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negotiations, then the first thing you have to do is remove the knife," the Iranian leader said in an interview on state television.

"They want to launch psychological warfare against the Iranian nation," Rouhani said.

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The second phase of US sanctions, which

takes effect November 5 and will block Iran's oil sales, is due to cause more damage, though several countries including China, India and Turkey have indicated they are not willing to entirely cut their Iranian energy purchases.

Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif told reporters the global reaction to Trump's move showed that the US was diplomatically "isolated," but acknowledged the sanctions "may cause some disruption."

Rouhani's government has taken emergency measures to stem the collapse of the rial ahead of the return of sanctions.

Imran Khan questioned by Pakistan's anti-graft body

PESHAWAR, AUG 7 (PTI): Imran Khan, who is set to become Pakistan's new prime minister, was questioned today by the country's anti-graft body in connection with the misuse of helicopters of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government which allegedly caused Rs 2.17 million loss to the exchequer. The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) on August 3 had summoned 65-year-old Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman in the case.

In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Khan's PTI has led the provincial government since 2013.

The NAB wanted to question Khan as part of the preliminary probe into allegations that the cricketer-turned-politician caused Rs 2.17 mil-



lion loss to the provincial exchequer by using the provincial government's helicopter for over 72 hours. Officially he was not allowed to use the aircraft for personal purpose.

The NAB had prepared a questionnaire with 15 queries for Khan and his lawyers. The questionnaire needs to be completed within 15 days, according to the NAB officials.

Security around the NAB's Peshawar office

was tightened as Khan appeared before the body. Khan has denied any wrongdoing and said the case was politically motivated.

Khan was earlier summoned on July 18, but he failed to appear before the panel sighting elections. His lawyer had filed an appeal requesting the accountability watchdog to fix the date for case after the general elections, "preferably on August 7".

China records first current account deficit in 20 years in H1 2018

BEIJING, AUG 7 (PTI): Amid the trade war with the US, China has reported a current account deficit of USD 28.3 billion in the first half of this year, which is the first in 20 years for the world's second largest economy.

China also recorded its first quarterly current account deficit in nearly 17 years this year, ending its dream run of accumulating trade surplus as top exporter for years and the deficit carried on to the first half of this year.

The deficit in the current account stood at USD 28.3 billion in the January-June period, down from USD 34.1 billion in the first quarter, the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE) said in a statement.

China's service trade posted a deficit of USD 147.3 billion up from USD 73.6 billion three months earlier. The spending on



trips, transport, and intellectual property rights contributed to the bulk of the deficit, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

China however saw a goods trade surplus of USD 155.9 billion in H1 2018. This is the first half-year deficit in 20 years as spending on overseas services continue rising and outpaced income generated from the sale of goods by the world's largest exporter, Caixin magazine reported.

The country's current ac-

count surplus has been steadily shrinking since the 2008 economic crisis as it moved towards increasing domestic consumption to reduce dependence on declining exports, which were the mainstay of its economic growth. The world's second largest economy posted 6.9 per cent GDP last year and the government has fixed 6.5 per cent as this year's growth target.

China's overall trade and current account surpluses have fallen significantly as a percentage of its GDP since 2007.

Its current account surplus declined from 9.9 per cent of GDP in 2007 to 1.3 per cent in 2017, according to the data of SAFE.

Analysts forecast a narrowing surplus or more frequent current account deficits against the backdrop of trade tensions between China and the US.

Caixin quoted Zhang Ming, chief economist at Ping An Securities as saying that as goods trade comes under pressure and as service trade continues expanding, China may see more current account deficits. Zhang said the deficit also reflects a falling domestic saving rate, which may be partly because of the aging population.

The current account deficit for China came amid the intensifying trade tariff war with the US as President Donald Trump continue to pile pressure on Beijing by threatening to impose tariffs on Chinese products to reduce the trade deficit which amounted to over USD 375 billion last year in the total bilateral trade of about USD 636 billion.

My turban really saved me: Sikh man attacked in US hate crime

NEW YORK, AUG 7 (PTI): "My turban really saved me," says a 50-year-old Sikh man who was ambushed, beaten up multiple times by two white men who yelled racial slurs at him in the US.

Surjit Singh Malhi said he was putting out political signs for US Representative Jeff Denham, a Republican running for re-election, near his home in California when he was attacked by the two men who yelled racial slurs that "You're not welcome here! Go back to your country!"

"My turban really saved me," Malhi was quoted as saying by the New York Times yesterday. He said his turban acted "like a helmet, but stronger."

"The two men came up behind me and accosted me. They threw sand in my eyes so I could not see, he said, adding that they struck my head and back with what appeared to be a stick and a belt.

"The way they were hitting me, (I thought) maybe I would die. You don't belong here," he said they told him.

Malhi, came to the US from India in 1992 and is now a permanent resident. He wears a turban and that may be the reason he was targeted, but it may have also saved his life.

"The only reason (he was attacked), as far as we can tell, is because he was wearing a turban and he was Middle Eastern," Deputy Royjindar Singh said. "That was the only reason they attacked him."



Malhi said everything happened quickly. He said he did not get a good look at the attackers, but told investigators they were two men wearing black sweat-shirts, KCRA channel TV reported.

He said they spray painted the side of his truck with a white nationalist symbol and wrote, "Go back to your country."

Malhi said he has never experienced racism like that.

"I never feel that way," he said. "I've never been mistreated like that."

"I have a lot of friends," Malhi said. "I have no problem. I do not feel any racism against me ever. I have friends who are standing for me. They love me and I love them."

Sheriff Adam Christianson of Stanislaus County said his office was aggressively investigating the case and looking for suspects.

"It's a despicable hate crime," the sheriff said. "There is no room for this in Stanislaus County or anywhere else in the United States of America."

Meanwhile, Denham, the Republican lawmaker of California, released a statement yesterday condemning the attack, which occurred in his district.

Central California is home to a large Sikh community, and Malhi leads a group of Sikh volunteers for the congressman's campaign.

"Inciting violence because of race, religion or political beliefs should never be tolerated," Denham said. "This is the third incident in less than two weeks where a member of my team has been a target and it must come to an end."

Turbans represent a commitment to gender and racial equality, as well as religious tolerance, said Gurwin Singh Ahuja, co-founder of the National Sikh Campaign.

"Sikhs wear their turbans to signal their readiness to protect people from injustice," he said. "It's very ironic that these people chose to attack him for how he looks, when in fact, how he looks represents the highest ideals of our country."

THE BIRDS HAVE LOST THEIR WAY

Edited by Tshering Eden and Pema Wangchuk

Eight essays put the spotlight on the journey coursed by hydel projects in Sikkim and the region, the cost exacted by this "development" and some of the stories it birthed, not all of which have been shared before.

Also finding place in this collection is the arrival of Climate Change and its impact on Sikkim and how the State could negotiate with this new disruption.

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LOVE SMITTEN! In an on/off relationship with the One Direction star for over three years, Gigi Hadid proved she's very much in the throes of love with her partner Zayn Malik as they stepped out for a low-key stroll in New York.

Ranveer Singh, Kareena Kapoor Khan may star in next Karan Johar film

With his outstanding performance as Khilji in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Padmaavat, Ranveer Singh has proved that he is one of the most exciting talents around. We will see him next in Rohit Shetty's Simmba, where he is paired with one of the hottest debutantes, Sara Ali Khan.

Buzz is that the talented actor will collaborate once again with Karan Johar for another film. The film will be a set in a specific period and is a tale of two brothers. It seems Karan is on the lookout for an actor who will look good as his younger sibling. As per a report in Koimoi.com, Kareena Kapoor Khan and Alia Bhatt have already said yes for the project. The media portal reported that Kareena will be playing the part of his sister while Alia will be romancing him. The makers want a young actor to play the sibling with negative shades.



A source told Koimoi.com, "Karan earlier wanted Ranbir Kapoor and Ranveer Singh to play brothers but Ranbir turned it down later. He had said yes first but then he changed his mind. Karan doesn't know if he changed his mind because it's a negative role or because he doesn't want to do a two-hero film with Ranveer."

The source further added, "Most heroes don't want

to do a two-hero film so he is having a problem casting that role. Karan wants somebody younger than Ranveer so he can't even approach other big actors."

It seems Varun Dhawan is one of the frontrunners to play Ranveer Singh's younger brother but there is no confirmation on it. It will be a period love story and will go on floors in April 2019.

Leona Lewis ENGAGED!

Songstress 'set to wed long-term beau Dennis Jauch after eight years of dating'...

Leona Lewis has revealed she's engaged to long-term love Dennis Jauch after eight years of dating. The Bleeding Love hitmaker, 33, took to her Instagram story to flash an eye-catching diamond ring in several photos and clips during her romantic holiday to San Juan, Puerto Rico with her choreographer beau.

In one snap, the X Factor winner posed in her floral embroidered denim two-piece, which accentuated her slender frame, while her ring-clad hand clutched onto her skirt.

While Dennis didn't appear in the shots, Leona looked incredibly happy as she roamed the Central American city alongside a black and white cat, before signing off her story by blowing a kiss.

The loved-up duo first began dating in 2010 when Dennis worked as a backing dancer on her tour.

Notoriously private, Leona has kept her personal life out of the spotlight but previously discussed her hopes to settle down in 2013.

Speaking to the Metro, she said: "Things with Dennis are going really good. We haven't talked about marriage yet. It is something I want to do at some point. I did want to get married in my 20s. That was always a weird thing for me. I was always like, 'I am going to get married in my 20s!' But now I'm like No, no, no. I'm not ready!"

Continuing: "I feel like you think you are going to be ready but then you get to your late 20s and you're not ready."

The couple recently celebrated their eight-year anniversary on August 1.

At the time, Dennis paid tribute to the British beauty with a selection of photos of them together and wrote: "It's been the most beautiful 8 years of my life with this incredible human being. Here's to many more beautiful memories."

The news comes as they have been enjoying a romantic trip away to San Juan, Puerto Rico and she has been showcasing her incredible figure on her Instagram.

Despite her tumble, Leona's impres-



sive figure still stole the show in the photos - having overhauled her fitness routine and diet last year.

Revealing the secrets behind her enviable frame, she told Women's Health: "I do four hour-long workouts per week - everything from SoulCycle to hiking with my dog."

A lifelong vegetarian, Leona revealed she eats plenty of whole foods - includ-

ing kale salads and tofu - and limits her treats to stay in shape.

Leona has been keeping her fan base updated on her latest happenings via Twitter, promising new music.

Her last musical effort, an album titled I Am, was released in 2015. The Better In Time singer shot to fame after winning series three of The X Factor in 2006.



Mira Rajput nails her first commercial like a pro!

Whether Mira Rajput would make an acting debut or not was something that was always discussed in the media. The lady is blessed with stunning looks and has that magical presence that works for celluloid. In between, there were reports that she was being approached by babycare products to do an endorsement with Misha.

Well, her first ad for a top skincare brand is finally out and Misha does not feature in it. Dressed in a lovely black dress with high heels, Mira shares her experience of being a new mom who gets so lost in motherhood that she does not find time to look after herself. Then, she says

that being a mother does not mean losing yourself and not indulging in some TLC.

She announces that she is ready to experience motherhood for the second time soon but is now prepared for it. Mira looks smashing and seems effortless before the camera. The lady has stated before that she wants to pursue other avenues in life but right now her priorities are her kids. She knows that she has time on her side. In 2017, her comment on stay-at-home moms had hit the wrong note with working mothers.

However, husband Shahid Kapoor was quick to defend saying that her choices need to be respected and it was a very personal perspective.

Katrina Kaif begins prepping for Salman Khan's Bharat!

After Priyanka Chopra left Salman Khan's Bharat in the lurch, Katrina Kaif swooped in like a saviour. The actress has now started working on the film as well.

Katrina posted on her Instagram story that she just gave her look test for the film and now we are dying to see what it was.

Speaking about swooping in to save Bharat, Katrina had said, "It's not like that. I don't see it that way at all. Ali Abbas Zafar is very dear friend of mine. We have worked with each other earlier in 'Mere Brother Ki Dulhan' and 'Tiger Zinda Hai' and both films were extremely successful. More importantly, I had a great experience working on those two films. The roles which I have chosen for myself are purely based on



the script and what my character is in that film. So for me, it is extremely exciting to be working with the team again. When this time Ali contacted me, he told me 'Goldfish'... He calls me Goldfish... He said, 'I am sending you a script and just react to it and tell me what you feel about it.' When I read the script, I thought it was an absolutely wonderful script and I felt extremely excited about the character which I am playing in the film. Therefore, I am very happy to be part of the film."

Well, preps have already begun... Bharat releases on Eid 2019.

ARIES: Review your day as you watch the sunset and observe the clouds turning from white to purple, Aries. Make sure that your head is in tune with your heart. Think about the day's emotions and thought patterns and how they affected your actions. Determine if your actions were a result of either your rational mind or fluctuating moods.

TAURUS: Your mind is buzzing like a bee, Taurus. You're apt to find that there's very little you can do to slow it down. Make sure you add compassion to the chain that's holding everything together. Also make sure that you don't become a victim of your thoughts by losing control over how you act simply because the voice in your head has completely taken over.

GEMINI: Mornings aren't usually your best time, Gemini. You aren't fully awake until afternoon. Try not to discount the events of this particular morning, however. More than likely, you'll enjoy your best mental clarity sometime before noon. Surprise people with an upbeat attitude and a solution for every problem that comes your way.

CANCER: Your world may seem rather tight and rigid this morning, Cancer, but the good news is that difficulties are apt to melt away as the day progresses. Don't assume that opinions are fixed in stone. Things can change in an instant. Even if they seem one way at one point, more than likely they're going to manifest themselves completely differently later.

LEO: This is one of those days in

which you're better able to stand back and look at your emotions intellectually, Leo. Your freedom-loving nature isn't built to deal with heavy emotional baggage and turmoil, so don't bother trying. Be especially wary of those who seem to plot a problem in front of you and expect you to deal with it.

VIRGO: Prepare for a surprise today, Virgo. Perhaps it will come from someone else or perhaps it will come from you. Either way, by evening you're apt to be feeling quite lovey-dovey and rather spaced out. Give in to the lethargic attitude that might sweep over you. This is your time to play, so put work aside and have a good time while letting your emotions dictate your actions.

LIBRA: Things seem to be go-

ing quite well for you in many respects, Libra. Your thinking is clear, your emotions are under control, and the puzzle pieces are fitting into place. This is your time to take advantage of these pockets of good fortune and turn them into something huge. You have the power to make anything happen - especially now.

SCORPIO: Your engine may sputter this morning as your gears begin to turn, Scorpio. It could be that you're working out something important in your mind that's helping clarify your emotions. The answer you seek is probably nothing like the one you'll find. By the time night comes, you'll have everything figured out. All the answers you need will be right there in front of you.

SAGITTARIUS: Be careful not to overdo things today, Sagittarius. You may so zealously want to meet your goals that you overshoot the mark by quite a bit. Feel free to express your exuberance and let your enthusiasm shine in whatever you do. At the same time, be careful about getting so carried away that you don't notice that you've already reached the finish line.

CAPRICORN: Tempers may get hot today when someone says something that pierces you to your core. Address this problem right away, Capricorn, instead of letting it fester through the rest of the day. The solution requires sensitivity and caring. Let the offender know that he or she has hurt you significantly, if that is indeed the case. There's no need for you to try to

hide your feelings.

AQUARIUS: Don't be surprised if you leap out of bed with a spark of inspiration that wasn't there last night, Aquarius. Let your dreams linger a bit before you face the world. This flash of genius is likely to strike quickly and unexpectedly, so keep an eye out for it, but don't consider it something that you can plan on or force into happening.

PISCES: Sometimes your emotions overtake your rational thoughts, Pisces, and you end up acting on impulse. Today you'll find that your head and heart are aligned on significant issues, and that they're working well together. Try not to swing the other way by becoming too rational. Your goal is to find the best working balance.