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CM's greetings on Janmashtami

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 01 SEPT:

Chief Minister Pawan Chamling and Tika Maya Chamling have extended their warmest greetings and best wishes to the people of Sikkim on the occasion of Krishna Janmashtami.

In his greetings in a press release, the CM has said, "Like all religions, Hinduism, particularly the life and anecdotes of Lord Krishna teach us the importance of good will. He is the 'avatar' of Vishnu, the god who took the form of a human and showed us the path of righteousness by always implementing morals and principles in the basic way of life. Let us take that lesson and accept that we are humans and as we are blessed with life, we are also blessed with the choices we make in life. Let good always triumph over evil.

Lord Krishna took incarnation in the world to eradicate injustice and oppression, with 'Karmayog' being one of the basic tenets of his teachings. So, on this auspicious occasion, let us all take inspiration from his message of righteousness and dedication to make ourselves better human beings for the benefit of our fellow beings and the world."



NHM nurses request State Govt for regularization

CLARIFY THAT NO NHM NURSES TOOK PART IN DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE MINTOKGANG

SAGAR CHETTRI GANGTOK, 01 SEPT:

Forty-four staff nurses who have been working under the National Health Mission in different government hospitals and health centres of the State for more than five years now have requested the State Government to recruit them as regular government employees.

While a group of nurses had

demonstrated outside the Chief Minister's official residence, Mintokgang, on Friday demanding that they be recruited as regular government employees, the group of 44 nurses today addressed a press conference stating that they were not part of the demonstration.

Both the groups have demanded that they be recruited along with 261 candidates who have been recently appointed as staff nurses after written examination and interview conducted by Sikkim Public Service Commission.

Addressing a press conference here today, the second group of nurses stated that it would be an injustice to senior

nurses if they are not absorbed in the department as they have been working under NHM for many years now. They mentioned that some nurses have been working for more than 12 years and many of them have crossed the age bar and are not eligible to appear in any interviews.

They mentioned that they have also submitted many memorandums to the concerned authorities regarding their regularization.

"During his recent 32-day State tour, the CM has also repeatedly assured to regularise us so we have full faith in him. In a recent meeting on 28 August, the Minister and Secretary

of Health Department have also assured us verbally," they informed.

On the same, they urged the government for immediate absorption of staff nurses working under NHM for more than 5 years in the department along with the recent 261 staff nurses appointed by the SPSC.

The nurses in the press conference today said that no staff nurses working under NHM were present in the demonstration staged in front of Mintokgang.

They also congratulated the CM for being the longest serving CM of the country and for leading the State towards development and prosperity.

SDF has lost its grounds in West district: HSP

REBYNA RANA GANGTOK, 01 SEPT:

Nepali booklet, 'Aagaa Raja Ko 25 Barsey Sashan', written by former Minister and leader of Hamro Sikkim Party, KN Upreti, was launched at the HSP head-office in Deorali today.

Accompanying Mr Upreti for the launch were HSP spokesperson, Biraj Adhikari, HSP vice presidents, Ran Bahadur Subba and Bhaichung Bhutia.

Addressing the gathering, Mr Upreti said, "I



have written the booklet in my individual capacity. It consists of my observations on the difference

between the pervious and present society of Sikkim. It also exposes the lies fed to the people by Sikkim

Democratic Front party and on the burning issues of Sikkim."

Spokesperson, HSP, Mr Adhikari informed that the programmes of the party will be unveiled during the public meeting scheduled to be held at Singtam in East Sikkim within this month of Sept.

"We have already started working in South and West districts. After holding the public meeting at Singtam, we will be visiting different parts of East district," he added.

When asked about SDF's regular statements on West Sikkim being its fort, HSP vice president, Mr Subba, said, "SDF is confident that it will take all eight seats from West Sikkim but it does not know that it is losing support of the people in the district. West Sikkim is not their fort anymore. Their roots are decaying. They have lost their grounds there and they will realize it the day they fall on their face."

Draft Electoral Rolls handed over to political parties

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 01 SEPT:

As per the directives of Election Commission of India, the draft Electoral Rolls in Image PDF has been handed over to the recognized/registered political parties in DVDs on 01 Sept, 2018 by the office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Sikkim.

A press release informs that the Draft Electoral Roll is available on the official website

of the office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Sikkim, www.ceosikkim.nic.in.

It is further informed that as per the schedule for Special Summary Revision with respect to 01/01/2019 as the qualifying date, the period of claims and objections has commenced from 01 Sept, 2018 and will end on 31 Oct, 2018. The final publication of the Electoral Roll will be made on 01 Jan, 2019.



Spicejet opens bookings for Pakyong Airport

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 01 SEPT:

Pakyong Greenfield Airport looks set to become operational from October this year. Spicejet has opened bookings for its flights from Guwahati and Kolkata to Pakyong. Fare for the Guwa-

hati flight starts from Rs 2060 while the Kolkata fares start from Rs 2680 according to the airline's website.

At the moment, bookings for flights from 16 Oct onwards can be made on the Spicejet website.

SC refuses to extend Sept 1 deadline on third party insurance cover for vehicles

NEW DELHI, AUG 31 (PTI): From tomorrow, it would become mandatory for new cars and two-wheelers to have third-party insurance cover of three and five years respectively, with the Supreme Court today refusing to extend the September 1 deadline.

A bench of Justices Madan B Lokur and S Abdul Nazeer dismissed an application filed by General Insurance Council (GIC), constituted under provi-

sion of the Insurance Act 1938 by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA), seeking extension of the deadline fixed by the top court.

The apex court had on July 20 this year said that third-party insurance cover for new cars should mandatorily be for a period of three years and for two wheelers, it should be for five years. Currently, the insurance cover period is one year.

Medha Patkar not allowed to meet Hardik Patel at fast venue

AHMEDABAD, SEP 1 (PTI):

As the indefinite hunger strike of quota agitation leader Hardik Patel entered eighth day on Saturday, his supporters forced activist Medha Patkar to return without meeting him, dubbing her anti-farmer.

Patel has sat on fast at his house on the outskirts of the city since August 25 to press the demand of quota for the Patidar (Patel) community and a loan waiver for Gujarat farmers.

Narmada Bachao Andolan leader Patkar today arrived at his house to meet him.

However, workers of the Patidar Ananmat Andolan Samiti (or PAAS, which Hardik leads) did not allow her to meet him.

"Patkar has consistently been anti-Gujarat, especially as she protested against Narmada Dam which stopped farmers from accessing water for irrigation for several years. This is the



reason the PAAS youth opposed her visit," said PAAS convener and Hardik Patel's close aide Geeta Patel.

Patkar later told media that she was not anti-farmer.

"Even today people do not have proper understanding of the Narmada dam issue...we are raising voice in favour of farmers. But those who do not know this...(are opposing me).

Thousands of Patidar farmers are fighting alongwith us because they have not got the full rehabilitation package," the environmental activist said.

"I do not think Hardik will oppose my visit, because I had talked to him yesterday over phone and he had no problem meeting me," she said.

The 25-year-old quota agitation leader had declared yesterday that he was not going to drink even water from now on. However, a religious leader today offered him a glass of water today, and Patel sipped some water.

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SDF demands legal action against

Kala Rai

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GANGTOK, 01 SEPT:

Sikkim Democratic Front has strongly criticized and condemned the statement of Kala Rai of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha. The ruling party has demanded that the administration take appropriate legal action against her for using abusive language against the Chief Minister in a live video on social media.

An SDF press release issued by publicity secretary, Divya Sharma, states that the baseless allegations of SKM's Kala Rai on the SDF government does not affect the party and its government.

Opposition leaders disappear after every assembly election and appear right before the next election, SDF has alleged. On the same, the party has stated that SKM leaders and workers have started approaching people to mislead them with rumours but after the election they will disappear again.

SDF has suggested that SKM properly read notifications of different departments which ensure equal reservation for women and men.

The ruling party has strongly criticized the abusive language used by Kala Rai against the most senior Chief Minister of the country. The concerned Cyber Crime Branch should take this condemnable act seriously, SDF has said and further requested the administration to take proper legal action.

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Strength Lifting & Incline Bench Press C'ship begins in Jorethang

JORETHANG, 01 SEPT [IPR]: The 3rd State Level Strength Lifting and Incline Bench Press Championship 2018 kicked off at Panchasheel Bhawan in Jorethang, South Sikkim today.

The two-day tournament was inaugurated by Health Minister cum MLA of Salghari Zoom Constituency, Arjun Kumar Ghatani, in the presence of general secretary of International Strength Lifting Federation [ISLF] and Indian Strength Lifting Federation, Babul Bikash Patranavis, Superintending Engineer, Energy & Power Department, Jygmee Namgyal, Sub Divisional Magistrates from Pakyong and Jorethang, distinguished guests and participants from all over the State.

The tournament is being organized by Khambache's Muscle Hut Gym in association with Sikkim Strength Lifting Association. Altogether,



137 competitors including 30 women professionals will be participating in Junior, Senior and Master's categories of the championship.

Mr Ghatani, in his inaugural address, applauded the strength, determination and spirit of the participants. He also congratulated notable

sports players including Pema Dorjee Bhutia, Ganesh Kumar Subba, Santosh Gupta, Sailendra Chettri and other participants who had won medals for the State and Country in various National and International level tournaments.

He also underlined initiatives taken up by

the State Government to encourage youth towards professionalism in games & sports and mentioned that commissioning of Sports Board, reservation in employment for sports persons clearly reflects special importance given by the State Government to promote different types of

sports in the State.

During the inaugural function, SDM, Pakyong, Tenzing D Denzongpa, and ISLF General Secretary, Pema Dorjee Bhutia, were honoured and felicitated for their outstanding contributions towards promotion of strength lifting in Sikkim.

NIT Sikkim students carry out peaceful rally

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 01 SEPT:

Students of National Institute of Technology, Sikkim carried out a peaceful rally from NIT Sikkim campus to Ralong Road in South Sikkim on 31 Aug to express dissatisfaction over the recent meeting held between State Human Resource Development and Ministry of HRD, Government of India.

A press release informs that the said meeting has once again given mere assurance for a permanent campus for the institute. The rally was attended by over 800 students who have been protesting peacefully since the past month.

Students echoed slogans like #WeWantPermanentCampus # NoMoreDelay, 'Ham Hamara



Haq Maangte, Nahi Kisi Se Bhikh Maangte'.

The rally concluded peacefully in the presence of Ravangla Police

personnel.

The NIT Sikkim students have appealed to everyone to support their cause.

Further, Director of NIT Sikkim has called a meeting with the protesting students and has urged them to

attend their classes. However, the students refused to do so and have decided to continue their protest.

Ward level farmers' training conducted in West district

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 01 SEPT:

Mevedir in collaboration with North East Rural Livelihood Project [NERLP] organized day-long Ward level farmers' training at Chumbung Taley Gaon Ward under Chumbong GPU and Siktam Ward under Siktam Tikpur GPU in West Sikkim on 31 Aug, a press release informs.

At Chumbung Taley Gaon Ward, NERLP member, Sunita Rai, highlighted on packaging practices of ginger crops and trained the farmers on proper preparation of the field to increase pro-



duction of ginger.

Mevedir master trainer, Sangita Rai, briefed on the importance of Trace Net Identification Number issued by the Government of India and maintained by Agriculture and Process Food Exporting Development Agency [APFEDA].

Similarly, at Siktam Ward, Mevedir master trainer, Chuten, Sherpa demonstrated on preparation of herbal spray with the locally available plants like Eupatorium [Banmara], Artimisea [Titeypati], Dhatura [Dhokray], Lyonia [Angeri] and Hatibar [Agave] species.



Organic Sikkim conducts training for farmers on ICS management

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 01 SEPT:

Organic Sikkim in collaboration with Horticulture & Cash Crops Development and Food Security & Agriculture Development Departments conducted GPU level training on ICS management and input adoption at Gram Prashasan Kendra in Singhik under Singhik Sentem GPU, North Sikkim on 31 Aug, a press release informs.

Field Coordinator, Organic Sikkim, Meena Sharma, highlighted the

role and responsibilities of farmers towards organic certification programme and the importance of farm diary in ICS management. She also advised farmers to show all crops during Internal Inspection to upload the same in trace net accordingly. She also stressed on the NPOP and NOP regulations.

Likewise, Mission Officer, Mikmar Tshering Lepcha, briefed on inputs and seeds that have been distributed by the concerned departments to the farmers. He also

briefed on MOVCD and other beneficial schemes being implemented by the department for the welfare of farmers.

Panchayat President of Singhik Sentem GPU, Pem Tshering Lepcha, in his address said, "We are living in such a place where soil is healthy, environment is clean and ecosystem is balanced and it is the duty of all Sikkimese people to preserve it."

Scope Certificate of 2107-18 was also handed over to Singhik Sentem GPU by Organic Sikkim.

Matru Vandana Saptah observed in Chungthang

SUMMIT REPORT

MANGAN, 01 SEPT:

Under the guidance of Child Development Project Officer, Chungthang, Sonam Lhaden Lachungpa, Matru Vandana Saptah under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana [PMMVY] and National Nutrition Week was observed today at Chungthang under Tribal Project in North



Sikkim in the presence of AWWs, ASHAs, SHG members along with pregnant women and nursing mothers. The

participants were sensitized on good nutrition, balanced diet, pregnancy care and immunization for infants.



Team of officials inspects Child Care Institutions in East Sikkim

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 01 SEPT:

District Child Protection Unit, under Social Justice Empowerment & Welfare Department, in collaboration with East District Administration are jointly conducting surprise visits and inspections at different Child Care Institutions established under SJE&WD, Government of Sikkim.

The inspections have commenced from East district on 30 Aug and will continue till 07 Sept. Similar inspections will be conducted in other districts as well, it is informed.

"On the first day of the campaign, a team led by District Collector, East, Kapil Meena, Sub Divisional Magistrate, District Child Protection Officer, members of District Inspection Committee and other officials took stock of implementation and quality of services that are being provided to the children residing at the CCIs," said DCPO, Deepak Kiran Rai.

The inspection team also interacted with the children during the visit. The CCI operators

have been urged to implement various schemes as per norms and guidelines framed by the Government.

The inspection team led by the DC East today visited four CCIs of East district namely Balika Niketan Children Home, Eswaramma Social Welfare Association, Spastic Society of Sikkim and Special School for Hearing Impaired, Sichey.

During their visit, the team directed the staff of all the CCIs to adhere to the norms of Juvenile Justice [Care and Protection of Children] Act, 2015 and meet the minimum standard of care as per the act. The team also put forward various suggestions for the betterment of the institution and assured all possible help and cooperation from the department.

The CCIs have been requested to work together in coordination with the department for the benefit of children in need.

There are a total of 14 such CCIs in East district and the team will be inspecting all till 07 Sept, it is informed.



Special Summary Revision training for West district

Gyalshing, 01 SEPT

[IPR]: Special Summary

Revision Training for Block Level Officers [BLOs] was held at the Community Hall in Gyalshing, West Sikkim. Organized by the Election Department, the training was chaired by Sub Divisional Magistrate, West, Tushar Nikhare, and Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Shyam Pradhan, in the presence of Block Development Officers and officials.

Under Secretary, Election Cell, West, briefed the gathering on the summary revision and Hybrid BLO Application available for the BLOs' convenience.

Sub Divisional Magistrate, Gyalshing, Mr Nikhare, highlighted on the importance of voting and formation of Chunav Pathshala. He also informed the BLOs about Summer Camp needed to be held on different dates as given by office of the CEO. He urged them to strictly check false voters who are not citizens of India.

Block Level Officers, Bhim Raj Rai & Bikash Subba, informed about different forms and its accurate filling processes. Also present were Assistant Electoral Registration Officers [AEROS] from Chumbong, Rinchenpong, Yaksam, Daramdin and Hee-Martam.

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NYK conducts Neighbourhood Youth Parliament in Namthang

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 01 SEPT:

Nehru Yuva Kendra, Namchi in collaboration with Amardeep Club of Rubdi Karek, South Sikkim organized Block level Neighbourhood Youth Parliament at Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Namthang, South Sikkim today, a press release informs.

The programme was chaired by Zilla Panchayat member, Maneydara Nagi Zilla Territory Constituency, Yadunath Mishra, while Bharat Jyoti awardee, Bikash Pradhan, Red Ribbon Club South West Programme Coordinator, Kishore Baniya, and Managing Director, Nirman Decorators, Namchi, Palden Lepcha, were resource persons for the event.

During the programme, the house discussed burning issues of the society like substance abuse, POCSO Act and suicide cases.

The programme had the active participation of executive members of youth club and NSS volunteers of Namthang Senior Secondary School and Kabrey Secondary School.

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CS chairs meeting for Gandhi Jayanti celebration

GANGTOK, 01 SEPT [IPR]: A meeting was held at the Conference Hall of Chief Secretary, AK Shrivastava, at Manan Kendra in Gangtok today with regard to commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at national as well as international level for which celebrations will commence from Oct, 2018.

The meeting began with the Chief Secretary establishing the importance of 02 Oct and asked all the line departments present to undertake all the activities on a mission mode as a tribute to the Father of the Nation. He asserted that all the concerned departments



must come together to ensure the success of this symbolic day.

The Chief Secretary petitioned for active participation of all the concerned departments

and allocated individual responsibilities to them.

Secretary, Cultural Affairs & Heritage Department, Ambika Pradhan, went through the various

roles to be undertaken by each department in coordination with the Culture Department.

The meeting was also attended by officials of various departments.

Christian Community Centre to be constructed in Tumlabong

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 01 SEPT:

United Christian Welfare Society of Sikkim [UCWSS] has been gearing up to construct a Christian Community Centre at Tumlabong in East Sikkim. The main objective of the initiative is to address problems of accommodation faced by people of other districts who are coming to Gangtok for medical treatment and other urgent works. The centre will also have facilities and space to host Christian meetings and marriages.

The UCWSS has decided that Chief Minister Pawan Chamling will lay the foundation stone of the centre for commencement of construction works.

A prayer led by Rev Joseph Tamang was conducted on the site today which was also attended by UCWSS executive members and leaders



from different churches.

The UCWSS has also thanked Secretary of Roads and Bridges Department, GT Dhungel, for his support towards the initiative.



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CORRIGENDUM

In reference of EOI No. 150/TD dated: 23.08.2018 the following para :-

“The details of the mandatory requirements, general conditions, tender guidelines, bid system, selection process, project overview, project completion schedule, tender schedule etc. will be uploaded in the website www.sikkimtender.gov.in on 25th August, 2018” and should be read as:-

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R.O. No. 306/ipr/pub/class/1/18-19
 dt. 25.08.2018

Tadong School cleans up school premises and highway

ARPAN PRADHAN

GANGTOK, 01 SEPT:

Tadong Government Senior Secondary School today conducted a cleanliness drive in and around the school premises as a part of Swachhata Pakhwada programme. The cleanliness drive was extended till the National Highway near the school area.

During the morning assembly, the students spoke on the importance of cleanliness and keeping the surroundings clean. They also performed songs related to Swachh Bharat and took Swachh Bharat pledge.

Student volunteers of various clubs of Tadong SSS took active participation in the cleanliness drive led by the teachers in the presence of Principal, DL Zimba.

Waste materials like plastic bottles and wrappers were collected during the drive which will be disposed of properly.

It may be mentioned here, Swachhata Pakhwada is being observed from 01-15 Sept.



ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM WEST SIKKIM CORRIGENDUM

The following correction in Works has been made in the Notice Inviting Tender for various works under Gyalshing Sub-Division, Roads & Bridges Department bearing Publication Memo No. 91/NIT/R&B/GSD dated 09.08.2018.

SL. NO.	NAME OF WORK	VALUE PUT TO TENDER (RS.)	COMPLETION TIME	COST OF TENDER DOCUMENTS (IN RS.)	EARNEST MONEY @ 2.5% (IN RS.)
1	Construction of Road from SPWD Rimbik Road Param to Lungang Village under Yangthang Constituency				
	KM 1 st	42,38,496.00	1(one) year	1500	1,05,970.00
	KM 2 nd	42,38,496.00	1(one) year	1500	1,05,970.00
	KM 3 rd	42,38,496.00	1 (one) year	1500	1,05,970.00

The Time Schedule and conditions of contract shall remain same.

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iv)	Last date for online Submission of completed bids	:	10 th October 2018 up to 1600 Hrs
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ON TOP OF THE NEWS

A Support System for Quality Education Help teachers make learning relevant and fun

Education is reasonably universal now, so access to classrooms is no longer an issue. And this Wednesday is also Teacher's Day, which makes it even more apt to speak some about the profession which arguably has the deepest impact on our lives. More than the details of lessons learnt from textbooks, the memories that stay longer with most people are of the teachers who taught them. Every person invariably has a teacher who either inspired the entire class to chase their dreams or toed the other end of the spectrum and actively engaged in stifling imaginations, enforcing norms and dictating conduct. This Teacher's Day, let's go over what role teachers can play in preparing students for life.

The pressure of examinations and competition, and the tendency to prioritise rote over comprehension has handicapped the teaching fraternity into becoming problem solvers, handing out answers and solutions for students to mug-up instead of assisting students find their own answers and expressions, encouraging them to enquire more and develop faculties that question more often instead of accepting things as dished out. Several attempts have been made to correct this approach and at least in the Indian context, all efforts have failed thus far. Because students look up to teachers, it is important for teachers to offer themselves as role models, but it would be even better if teachers could introduce their wards to personalities worth emulating and inspiring students to excellence. Teachers should ideally motivate and inspire students towards learning, not hand-hold them through the syllabus till the exams and then pick up another batch to repeat the same.

If one agrees that these are the qualities one seeks in teachers, the obvious question that follows is, can one be trained for such a role? And do the existing models of 'training' focus enough on these aspects of teaching? Only trained teachers will be able to answer these questions, but fact remains that these should not even be issues that distract from more important policy interventions. Teachers, ever since modern education was introduced, were required to be qualified. For how long have B. Ed. courses, for example, been offered? For a very, very long time. And yet, it is only now that precious resources and attention is being invested in getting even already appointed teachers with impressive on-job experience to acquire these degrees. If the teacher appointment process had not been blatantly usurped by enthusiastic proponents of nepotism, India and Sikkim would have been deliberating weightier issues of education by now. Appointment of deserving and qualified teachers should always have been a given, and then one could engage in more meaningful discussions on how to retain the better teachers, appoint better facilities in schools and update syllabus and teaching methods.

Sikkim's pursuit of quality education is welcome, but for it to get anywhere, the ennui that HRD Department has become will have to be shaken off first. Ironically, this is the one aspect that remains missing from all discussions on the delivery of quality education. The ideal teachers and the perfect students, will after all, need the support of at least a reasonably functional Human Resource Development Department which is as motivated to appoint better facilities in schools [by way of libraries, laboratories and even basics like electricity, toilets and running water] as it is excited by the opportunity to conduct trainings, order books or organize workshops. Sikkim is lucky to have a substantially big pool of new teachers who are motivated and genuinely interested in making a difference in the lives of students under their care. It is important that the school management committees and local communities support them in efforts to make classrooms more vibrant and learning more fun and relevant. It is important for people to find ways to get more involved with their neighbourhood schools (to begin with) even if their wards are not enrolled there and offer assistance and support to these institutions to be able to deliver quality education.

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Honouring Annan, McCain and others: why eulogies have blind spots

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As an old adage says: "beauty is in the eye of the beholder". So it should not come as a surprise that prominent people are sometimes remembered selectively when they are dead.

Perspectives have blind spots. We often appreciate or dislike others because of how we relate to them through our spectacles, coloured by the values we treasure. There is a wide zone between fact and fiction. The truth is that the interpretation of others' legacies often reveals a great deal about us and our values. And is often less about the complexity of the lives of those with whom we engage.

I have experienced such a balancing act in my engagements with Dag Hammarskjöld, the second Secretary-General of the United Nations, before he met his untimely death in a plane crash at Ndola, in then Northern Rhodesia (today Zambia), in 1961.

As the world's highest international civil servant, Hammarskjöld provoked divided opinions. Some saw him as a tool of Western imperialism for the assassination of the Congolese leader Patrice Lumumba; others praised him as being close to a saint.

Kofi Annan, the UN secretary general who recently passed away, said that Hammarskjöld was his role model. The obituaries that followed Annan's death led me to reflect on the two men, the legacies they left, and how imperfectly high profile people are remembered after they're gone.

Politicians and diplomats are a special breed. We owe it to them and to us, to find an adequate way of engaging with their legacies in a format that avoids the superficial praise song and highlights the contradictions when entering the power games of policy.

KOFI ANNAN

There wasn't much of a balancing act when it came to remembering Annan. Many eulogies had few critical undertones for "a man who cared for humanity".

Some managed to address his complicated legacy while others were courageous enough to emphasise his shortcomings as Secretary-General, including his refusal "to acknowledge any meaningful sense of personal or institutional responsibility" for some major debacles.

But these remained the odd ones out. Others were quick to list his merits, which outweighed the shortcom-



ings as a man who paid his dues.

Many obituaries conceded the impact of his influence on the global stage. But acknowledgements missed mentioning at least two other Africans, who during Annan's terms played an important role in the agenda-setting he is praised for. Lakhdar Brahimi was crucial in promoting more effective peacekeeping operations; Francis Deng made major contributions towards the UN's "Responsibility to Protect" agenda.

Like others – think of former US-President Jimmy Carter's track record as human rights advocate and his modest lifestyle – Annan's merits lie more in his time after office. Most prominently in his role as one of the Elders.

He was a noteworthy mediator, most spectacularly in Kenya. Commendable is also his recent commitment towards a solution for the plight of the Rohingya in Myanmar.

What might explain the overtly positive eulogies to Annan is that there were moments of human dignity and decency, in which the opportunity was seized to set a morally acceptable example. This seems to have also been the case when it comes to John McCain, American

politician and military officer who recently passed on.

JOHN MCCAIN

McCain was widely celebrated in the established media as war hero and maverick. He was also deemed an American hero, whose "principles and belief in bi-partisanship" made him unique.

But moments of personal integrity were at times deeply ambiguous. His defending Barack Obama as "a decent man" and "family father", was far from dismissing racism. It only exonerated his contender and should not make up for McCain being willing to compromise his declared principles in his bid for presidential power.

The conservative values praised as a sign of integrity, elevating him into "a class of his own" should not distract from McCain's role as a war monger who did not care for human life and dignity.

WEIGH RIGHT AND WRONG

All too often – and Annan has been a particularly prominent example – those praising a person highlight their own involvement. They cannot resist focusing on the impact the person had on them or when and where the person left a lasting impression

through a personal encounter. Often, such eulogies reproduce a photo of the praised person, shown together with the one who applauds her or his merits – almost as if these were their own merits.

This leaves me wondering what kind of memory will be paid to Obama. As the first black president of the US there were a number of things deserving positive recognition, mainly in domestic policy. But they should not prevent a condemnation of his massive failures. But then, in the shadow of Obama's through and through immoral successor in office, it already makes a difference to display some degree of ethics, moral consciousness and decency.

Maybe this is also a valid explanation why so many failed in their tributes to Annan or McCain. It might be difficult to enter the necessary investigations of what is right and what is wrong in times when reactionary populism requires a desperate search for alternatives. But, it is in support of such alternatives that we shouldn't shy away from the challenge.

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How do birds see where they're going?

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We have eyes on the front of our heads so we can see where we are going, but birds' eyes are on the side so how do they see where they're going? – Thomas and Luke, age six, Sussex, UK

Dear Thomas and Luke,
Thanks for your question. First of all, I should mention that not all birds have their eyes on the sides of their heads. Pigeons and parrots do, but other birds, such as owls, have large eyes placed close together at the front of their heads – a bit like ours.

Whether they have eyes at the front or on the sides of their heads, all birds can still see straight ahead. But that doesn't mean all birds see things in the same way. In fact, where a bird's eyes are on its head can tell us a lot about how it sees the world.

Having two eyes means animals can see a three dimensional image of what's around them. So they can perceive the height, width and depth of an object, as well as how far away it is.

Where a bird's eyes are on its head affects its field of vision – that's how much it can see in front and to the side at any one time. Think



about how far you can see to either side without turning your head: these are the limits of your own field of vision.

Because owls have eyes at the front of their heads, they have a smaller field of vision – around 150 degrees for a barn owl (though they can turn their heads very far to look around).

Parrots, pigeons and other birds with eyes on the sides of their heads have a much bigger field of vision, of about 300 degrees. Amazingly, this means that they can

see in front and a long way to the side, at the same time.

Where the eyes are placed decides how a bird views its surroundings using different types of vision. Binocular vision means both eyes focus on the same object at the same time, and eye movement is coordinated – this is the kind of vision that predatory birds such as owls rely on most.

Monocular vision means each eye is focused on a different object at any particular moment, and this is normal for parrots and pigeons.

Having different kinds of vision helps different kinds of birds survive in the wild.

For parrots and pigeons, having eyes on the sides of their heads is a huge advantage. Having a wider field of vision with only a small blind spot behind them lets these birds see where they are going, while also keeping an eye out for predators which might be trying to sneak up on them.

For predatory raptors such as barn owls, having forward-facing eyes helps

them to see depth and distance much more clearly, since both eyes can focus on the same object at the same time. This is perfect for spotting and catching small prey such as field mice.

So though it might seem like birds with eyes on the side of their heads can't see where they are going, they can see forward and sideways at the same time, and in fact can see much more than those with eyes facing forwards.

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Odisha announces Rs 1 crore for 4 women hockey players

BHUBANESWAR, SEP 1 (PTI): Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Saturday announced cash prize of Rs one crore each for the four players from the state in Indian Women Hockey team which bagged a silver medal in Asian Games 2018 in Indonesia.

Patnaik, who congratulated the Indian Women's Hockey team on winning a silver, announced the award for the four players were

in recognition of their achievements, said an official in Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

The four players from Odisha in the team, which played in the final of Asian Games after a gap of 20 years, are Sunita Lakra, Namita Toppo, Nilima Minz and Deep Grace Ekka, the official said.

Odisha is the proud sponsor of the Indian National Hockey Team. The state has always promot-

ed hockey and is also the host of the World Men's Hockey Cup, 2018, a statement from the CMO said. As per the revised sports policy of the state, the coach will also get an award.

The Indian women hockey team's dream of reclaiming the gold at the Asian Games after 36 years remained unfulfilled as it lost 1-2 to Japan to settle for the silver medal at Jakarta on Friday.

Dutee Chand felicitated, given Rs 3 crore

BHUBANESWAR, AUG 31 (PTI): Odisha-born star athlete Dutee Chand, who clinched two silver medals at the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta, was accorded a rousing welcome on her arrival here and presented a cheque of Rs 3 crore by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

Patnaik, who had earlier announced a total cash prize of Rs 3 crore for Chand for bringing laurels to the state and the country, felicitated her and presented her the cheque at the state secretariat here.

He had announced Rs 1.5 crore each for Chand for winning silver medals in women's 100m and 200 metre sprint.

The chief minister also announced that all assistance would be provided to the sprinter for her preparations and training for the next Olympics.

As soon as Chand arrived here, she was given a rousing welcome by common people,



her admirers and sports enthusiasts at the Biju Patnaik International Airport.

The athlete has become the first Indian woman after PT

Usha to get two sprint medals in a single edition of the quadrennial continental Games.

Dutee had been suspended by the International Association

for Athletics Federation in 2014 under its hyperandrogenism policy, but she won the case at the Court of Arbitration for Sports.

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Mamata happy with Bengal's repeated success in 100 days' work

KOLKATA, SEPT 1 (PTI): West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee expressed happiness on Saturday on the state emerging as number one in the country for Convergence and Livelihood Augmentation under the 100-days work scheme.

In a Facebook post she said, "I am very happy to share with all of you that Bengal has again emerged No 1 in the country for Convergence and Livelihood Augmentation under 100-days work scheme, as announced by the Govt of India."

"This is three times in a row that we have bagged this prestigious distinction," an elated Banerjee said.

East Burdwan and Coochbehar districts in the state are among the



top ones in the country for effective implementation of the scheme.

Upper Bagdogra gram panchayat (GP) of Naxalbari Block near Siliguri has been ranked among the best performing GPs in the country for 100 days work, she said.

Bengal has emerged second in the country in water conservation, the award for which was announced for the first time, the chief minister added.

Prominent CPI(M) leader joins BJP in Tripura

AGARTALA, SEP 1 (PTI): Former CPI(M) MLA Biswajit Dutta has joined the ruling BJP in Tripura, alleging corruption, factionalism and criminal practices in the communist party.

Dutta, 68, joined the saffron party at Khowai district town, about 50 km from the state capital, on Friday evening.

He was welcomed by BJP national secretary and Tripura in-charge Sunil Deodhar, who said Dutta was among the "most honest leaders" of the CPI(M).

Dutta, who was associated with the CPI(M) since 1964, claimed that a "criminal conspiracy" was hatched against him before the February 18 Assembly elections in the state. He was "forced to get hospitalised" and replaced by another Left Front candidate.

The Tripura Left Front committee had unanimously announced Dutta as candidate ahead of the polls this year. He was later replaced by former SFI leader Nirmal Biswas.

"It was a cruel and criminal conspiracy against me hatched by a faction of the party. I was forced to be hospitalised before the elections so that I could not contest it. The entire plot was supported by the (CPI-M) state committee," he told reporters on Friday.

"The story of illness was fake and manufactured to force me to give up my claim to contest as Left Front candidate. The hospitalisation was drama," Dutta alleged.

Ahluwalia visits Swapna's home, announces Rs 30 lakh award

JALPAIGURI, SEP 1 (PTI): Union Minister S S Ahluwalia Saturday visited the home of Asiad Heptathlon gold winner Swapna Burman at Ghoshpara, in the outskirts of this north Bengal town and announced cash award of Rs 30 lakh for her.

Ahluwalia, the union minister of state for IT and electronics, said Asiad winners will be felicitated in Delhi on September 4 and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will personally meet them the next day.

Union Minister of State for Sports, Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore also congratulated Swapna's parents when Ahluwalia called him up from their home and helped



them speak to him.

Ahluwalia, who represents Darjeeling in the Lok Sabha, said

his visit was not prompted by politics but because the whole country was rejoicing over the Swapna's win in the Jakarta Asiad.

He also proposed a Railways job for the first Indian heptathlete to win the Asain Games gold.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had spoken to Swapna's parents soon after her win and announced a cash award of Rs 10 lakh.



Singphan wildlife sanctuary declared 30th elephant reserve of the country

NEW DELHI, AUG 31 (PTI): The Nagaland government has declared the Singphan Wildlife Sanctuary as an elephant reserve making it the 30th reserve for jumbos in the country.

An important reserve in North Eastern States, Singphan Elephant Reserve has huge tracts of forest, strategically located in contiguity with the Abhaypur Reserve Forest of Assam which is frequented by the moving herds of elephants, an official statement said.

"The Government of Nagaland has declared Singphan Wildlife Sanctuary as 'Singphan Elephant Reserve' with the approval of Government of India on 16th August 2018," it said.

Elephant distribution habitat in Nagaland is a continuous stretch starting from Peren district run-

ning all along the foothills north westerly until Tirap district of Arunachal Pradesh.

"This stretch which is a traditional elephant bearing area got broken at various points as a result of which only few elephants are found isolated pockets without having permanent corridor.

"The creation of reserve will give better protection and conservation of elephants in the state," the statement said.

Union Environment Minister Harsh Vardhan tweeted, "Nagaland's #SingphanWildlifeSanctuary made India's 30th #ElephantReserve. Nagaland govt notified the Reserve with the approval of @moefcc. It is a key reserve in the NE states, strategically located in contiguity with Abhaypur Reserve Forest of Assam. @CmoNagland."

The Singphan Elephant Reserve is located in Mon district of Nagaland and spreads over an area of 5825 acres (2357 hac).

The Singphan Elephant Reserve is located at about 65 km from Mon, the district capital town of the state.

"The declaration of the Singphan Elephant Reserve in Nagaland will boost the elephant conservation in the country especially north eastern region.

"As per recent census report (2017), Nagaland has population of around 446 elephants," it said.

The creation of new reserve will also result in protection and conservation of the elephant population and also ensure that this population remains healthy and viable, it added.





**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENT
SORENG, WEST SIKKIM**

**Memo No.: 136/GOS/WD-II/R&B/53/Soreng Dated: 31/08/2018
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 and memo no. 556/ R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated 26/08/18**, 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:-**

Soreng Chakung Constituency

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 JambuDara Zero point to Mangerjung via Suntaley Km 0.00- 1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
2	Construction of road from JambuDara Zero point to Mangerjung via Suntaley Km 1.00-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
3	Construction of road from JambuDara Zero point to Mangerjung via Suntaley Km 2.00-3.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
4	Construction of road from Mangerjung Manger memorial to Baganbari km 0-1.	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
5	Construction of road from Mangerjung Manger memorial to Baganbari km 1-2.	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
6	Construction of road from SPWD road to Ongen busty Km 0.00 - 1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
7	Construction of road from Soreng Singling to SingdhaphealGumpadara Km 0.00-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
8	Construction of road from U/Bojeck to L/ Bojeck via Chisopani ICDS to Sombaria road to RTO dara Km 0.00- 1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
9	Construction of road from U/ Bojeck to L/ Bojeck via Chisopani ICDS to Sombaria road to RTO dara Km 1.00-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
10	Construction of road from Majuwa to Tamthok school Lalidara Km 0.00-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
11	Construction of road from Majuwa to Tamthok school Lalidara Km 1.00-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
12	Construction of road From MendogaonKhaniserbong road to Chargharey Km 0.00-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
13	Construction of link road from Chakung Soreng road to Borbotey via Rupsang Km 0.00-1.00	5909784.00	147745.00	5000.00	12 Months
14	Construction of link road from Chakung Soreng road to Borbotey via Rupsang Km 1.00-2.00	6028599.00	150715.00	5000.00	12 Months
15	Construction of link road from Chakung Soreng road to Borbotey via Rupsang Km 2.00-3.00	5743023.00	143576.00	5000.00	12 Months
16	Construction of road From MendogaonKhaniserbong road to Chargharey Km 1.00-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
17	Construction of road from ChakungKhaniserbong road to Barbotey Km 0.00-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
18	Construction of road from ChakungKhaniserbong road to Barbotey Km1.00-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
19	Construction of road from PMGSY road to PakhagaonkholaGhari Km 0.00-1.50	6357744.00	158944.00	5000.00	12 Months
20	Construction of road from Goshwalagaon to ChakungKhaniserbong road Km 0.00-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
21	Construction of road from BasmeySimkuna to Khaniserbong Km 0.00-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
22	Construction of road from Raigaon SPWD road to Rumbuk church Km 0.00- 1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
23	Construction of road from Sadhugaon to Rothokkhola Km 0.00- 1.50	6357744.00	158944.00	5000.00	12 Months
24	Construction of road from Budang Chumbong road to Torkeygaon Km 0.00- 1.50	6357744.00	158944.00	5000.00	12 Months

Detail for Date & Time of Tender and Venue are as follows:-

Soreng Chakung Constituency						
SL. No	Name of G.P.U	Date of Submission of Application with Bank receipt for issue of Tender Document (Excluding tender form)	Date of issue of Tender form on Submission of TDR (as Earnest money)	Last Date of Submission of Tender form	Date & Time of opening of Bid.	Tender Venue
1	Singling G.P.U	12/09/2018 (10 a.m to 4 p.m)	13/09/2018 (10 a.m to 4 p.m)	14/09/2018 (10 a.m to 12 Noon)	14/09/2018 (1:30 p.m)	Singling G.P.K
2	Mendogaon G.P.U	17/09/18(10 a.m to 4p.m)	18/09/2018 (10 a.m to 4 p.m)	19/09/2018 (10 a.m to 12 Noon)	19/09/2018 (1:30 p.m)	Mendogaon G.P.K
3	Chumbong G.P.U	20/09/18(10 a.m to 4p.m)	21/09/2018 (10 a.m to 4 p.m)	22/09/2018 (10 a.m to 12 Noon)	22/09/2018 (1:30 p.m)	Chumbong G.P.K
4	Chakung G.P.U	24/09/18(10 a.m to 4p.m)	25/09/2018 (10 a.m to 4 p.m)	26/09/2018 (10 a.m to 12 Noon)	26/09/2018 (1:30 p.m)	Chakung G.P.K
5	Chotasamdong G.P.U	27/09/18(10 a.m to 4p.m)	28/09/2018 (10 a.m to 4 p.m)	29/09/2018 (10 a.m to 12 Noon)	29/09/2018 (1:30 p.m)	Chotasamdong G.P.K
6	Mangsari Mangerjung G.P.U	4/10/18(10 a.m to 4p.m)	5/10/2018 (10 a.m to 4 p.m)	6/10/2018 (10 a.m to 12 Noon)	6/10/2018 (1:30 p.m)	Mangsari Mangerjung G.P.K
7	Karthok G.P.U	8/10/18(10 a.m to 4p.m)	9/10/2018 (10 a.m to 4 p.m)	10/10/2018 (10 a.m to 12 Noon)	10/10/2018 (1:30 p.m)	Karthok G.P.K

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) 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 and certificate of residence from the concern Gram Panchayat Unit were the is to be Executed.
- The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents (excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified as above from the Assistant Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Soreng Sub-Division present during the tender at **G.V.K**, on production of requisite Bank receipt of the state of Sikkim towards the cost of Tender Documents (non-refundable) under the receipt **Head of respected G.P.U** for cost of Tender Form.
- 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 favor 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 respective **Gram Prashasan Kendra**, on the date and within the time indicated above.
- Tenders shall be opened by a Tender Opening Committee Vide notification no. 556/ R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated 26/08/18 serial no. c (1), 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 Schedule 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 produced 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 labours 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 Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- The recoveries of Royalties on Forest Produce shall be as per rates notify by the Government from time to time and applicable on the date of payment. In no case, clam 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 neighboring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractors to get them 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 be maintained by the contractor.
- The contractor shall also make arrangements 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.

Sd/-

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SORENGSUB DIVISION,WEST SIKKIM.**



**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENT
SORENG, WEST SIKKIM**

N.I.T. No.: 136/GOS/WD-II/R&B/54/Soreng.

Dated: 31/08/2018

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Assistant Engineer (Soreng), Roads & Bridges DepartmentGovernment 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 memo no. 556/ R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated 26/08/18**, 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:-

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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 PanchayatBhawan to L/ Mabong VLW centre in West Sikkim Km 0- 1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
2	Construction of road from PanchayatBhawan to L/ Mabong VLW centre in West Sikkim Km 1-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
3	Construction of road from PanchayatBhawan to L/ Mabong VLW centre in West Sikkim Km 2-3.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
4	Construction of road from MangalbariaKhaniserbong PMGSY road to LanchiGumpa in West Sikkim Km:0-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
5	Construction of road from MangalbariaKhaniserbong PMGSY road to LanchiGumpa in West Sikkim Km:1.00-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
6	Construction of road from MangalbariaKhaniserbong PMGSY road to LanchiGumpa 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 TamangGumpa in West Sikkim Km 0-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
10	Construction of road from Rothak to TamangGumpa in West Sikkim Km 1-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
11	Construction of road from Rothak to TamangGumpa in West Sikkim Km2-3.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
12	Construction of road from Rothak to TamangGumpa in West Sikkim Km3-4.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
13	Construction of road from Doksing via Hareybotey to SPWD road in West Sikkim 0-1.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
14	Construction of road from Doksing via Hareybotey to SPWD road in West Sikkim 1-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
15	Construction of road from SPWD road Lower Mabong to panchayatbhawan 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 panchayatbhawan in West Sikkim Km 1-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
17	Construction of road from Thakley turning to Rabong turning via Rateypani 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 Rateypani in West Sikkim Km:1.00-2.20	5137917.00	128448.00	5000.00	09 Months
19	Construction of road from Amalaydara to Bomjaneygaon in West Sikkim Km 1.25	5341219.00	133530.00	5000.00	09 Months
20	Construction of road from Upper Gelling dham area to Bhimsinggaon 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 Bhimsinggaon 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 Bhimsinggaon 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 rockgarden in West Sikkim Km 1-2.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
25	Construction of road from Dhargaon to rockgarden in West Sikkim Km 2-3.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
26	Construction of road from Dhargaon to rockgarden in West Sikkim Km 3-4.00	4238496.00	105962.00	1500.00	09 Months
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 Sampanggaon in West Sikkim Km: 0-1.50	6357744.00	158944.00	5000.00	12 Months

Detail for Date & Time of Tender and Venue are as follows:-

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SL. No	Name of G.P.U	Date of Submission of Application with Bank receipt for issue of Tender Document (Excluding tender form)	Date of issue of Tender form on Sub-mission of TDR (as Earnest money)	Last Date of Submission of Tender form	Date & Time of opening of Bit.	Tender Venue
1	Gelling G.P.U	23/10/18(10 a.m to 4p.m)	24/10/2018 (10 a.m to 4 p.m)	25/10/2018 (10 a.m to 12 Noon)	25/10/2018 (1:30 p.m)	Gelling G.P.K
2	Samsing G.P.U	27/10/18(10 a.m to 4p.m)	29/10/2018 (10 a.m to 4 p.m)	30/10/2018 (10 a.m to 12 Noon)	30/10/2018 (1:30 p.m)	Samsing G.P.K
3	Zoom G.P.U/ NJMC	1/11/18(10 a.m to 4p.m)	2/11/2018 (10 a.m to 4 p.m)	3/11/2018 (10 a.m to 12 Noon)	3/11/2018 (1:30 p.m)	Zoom G.P.K
4	Mabong Segyang G.P.U	15/11/18(10 a.m to 4p.m)	16/11/2018 (10 a.m to 4 p.m)	17/11/2018 (10 a.m to 12 Noon)	17/11/2018 (1:30 p.m)	Mabong Seg-yang G.P.K

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 & Services 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 favor 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 SI.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 AssistantEngineer, Roads and 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 Schedule 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 produced 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 labours 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 Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- The recoveries of Royalties on Forest Produce shall be as per rates notify by the Government from time to time and applicable on the date of payment. In no case, clam 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 neighboring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractors to get them 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 be maintained by the contractor.
- The contractor shall also make arrangements 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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Stars, politicians mourn Aretha Franklin at funeral

DETROIT, AUG 31 (AFP): Political dignitaries and music royalty led the tributes to Aretha Franklin at her star-studded funeral on Friday, joining her family and members of the public in bidding goodbye to America's "Queen of Soul".

The service, a celebration of the life and legacy of the music icon, was full of song, uplifting eulogies and humorous anecdotes at the Greater Grace Temple in her hometown Detroit.

The 76-year-old singer, beloved by millions around the world, died of cancer on August 16, closing the curtain on a glittering six-decade career that spanned Gospel, R&B, Jazz, Blues and even classical music.

Former US president Bill Clinton was among the guests, while letters were read out from his successors George W. Bush and Barack Obama extolling her contribution to America and her cultural importance.

Franklin's golden casket was flanked by enormous blooms of lavender, cream and pink roses, while the church packed with smartly dressed mourners.

It was an upbeat and jubilant service celebrating Franklin, uplifting her family in their time of grief and celebrating her gospel legacy. Worshipers were even urged

to get to their feet and dance at one point.

Smokey Robinson spoke movingly of the childhood friend he would miss for the rest of his life and broke briefly into acappella song.

"I miss you my buddy, I miss you my friend, I know that my love for you will never end, will never end," he sang. "I'm going to love you forever," he finished, blowing a kiss toward her coffin.

Ariana Grande powered through Franklin's 1968 hit "Natural Woman" supported by gospel backing singers with further tributes expected from Stevie Wonder and Jennifer Hudson.

"I'm so proud of you, I know you'll be watching me from the windows of heaven and I promise to carry our family legacy with pride," said Franklin's very emotional grandson Jordan, tearing up. "Long live the Queen." While television stars and politicians mingled inside, fans queued overnight in their funeral finery or Aretha T-shirts, desperate to be among the 1,000 members of the public allowed into the service.

"Aretha is my icon. She's everything to me, like my mother," said Ugochi Queen, a 46-year-old Franklin tribute artist dressed in black ruffles from Gary, Indiana, who got in line at 4:00 am.

"I need closure and that's why I'm here." Dozens of people crowded around a large screen broadcasting the funeral at a nearby gas station, camping out in beach chairs or standing in the shade, cheering at the sight of the rich and famous inside.

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan said the city would rename Chene Park -- the riverside amphitheatre that hosted a tribute concert for her on Thursday -- in Franklin's honor. The announcement was met with a standing ovation.

Franklin influenced generations of singers from the late Whitney Houston to Beyonce, with unforgettable hits including "Respect" (1967) and "I Say a Little Prayer" (1968).

She won 18 Grammy awards and was feted for her civil rights work, raising money for the cause and inspiring activists with her anthems.

Franklin was voted the greatest singer of all time by Rolling Stone magazine and for African American women in particular was a role model and a benchmark for success, feminism and empowerment.

Detroit considers Franklin royalty. For three days she lay resplendent in a different outfit each day, and visited by thousands. On

Friday, she wore a golden sparkling dress for her funeral.

Thousands upon thousands of people lined up in the past days to see the late singer one last time -- first at the Charles H. Wright Museum for African-American History, then at her father's New Bethel Baptist Church.

Pink Cadillacs -- some having been driven across the country -- parked en masse outside the church, expected to follow her cortege to the cemetery where she is to be buried alongside her father and siblings.

They are a nod to her 1985 hit "Freeway of Love," an anthem to her Motor City hometown, in which Franklin sang about a pink Cadillac, the car company that was founded in Detroit in 1902.

Franklin is expected to make her final journey in the same ivory 1940 Cadillac LaSalle used at the funerals of her father and of civil rights icon Rosa Parks.

The daughter of a prominent Baptist preacher and civil rights activist, Franklin sang at the funeral of Martin Luther King Jr., as well as the inaugurations of presidents Clinton and Obama.

She was awarded America's highest civilian honor by president Bush in 2005.

UN regrets US decision to stop funding to UN agency for Palestinian refugees

UNITED NATIONS, SEP 1 (PTD): UN chief Antonio Guterres has expressed regret over the US' decision to provide no further funding to the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, urging other countries to help fill the financial gap.

His remarks came after the US decided to stop funding to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

The Trump Administration said that beyond the budget gap itself and failure to mobilise adequate and appropriate burden sharing, the fundamental business model and fiscal practices that have marked UNRWA for years, tied to UNRWA's endlessly and exponentially expanding community of entitled beneficiaries, is simply unsustainable and has been in crisis mode for many years.

The US has traditionally been the largest single contributor to UNR-



WA. We appreciate its support over the years, a statement issued by the Secretary-General's spokesman Stephane Dujarric said on Friday.

The UN Secretary-General called on other countries to help fill the remaining financial gap, so that UNRWA can continue to provide this vital assistance, as well as a sense of hope for this vulnerable population.

UNRWA has a strong record of providing high-quality education, health and other essential services, often in extremely difficult circumstances, to Palestine refugees who are in great need, the UN statement said, adding that the UN agency enjoys the full confidence of the Secretary-General and its Commissioner General Pierre Krahenbuhl has led a rapid, innovative and tireless effort to overcome the unexpected financial crisis UNRWA has faced this year.

US airman convicted of hate-crime for attacking Sikh man

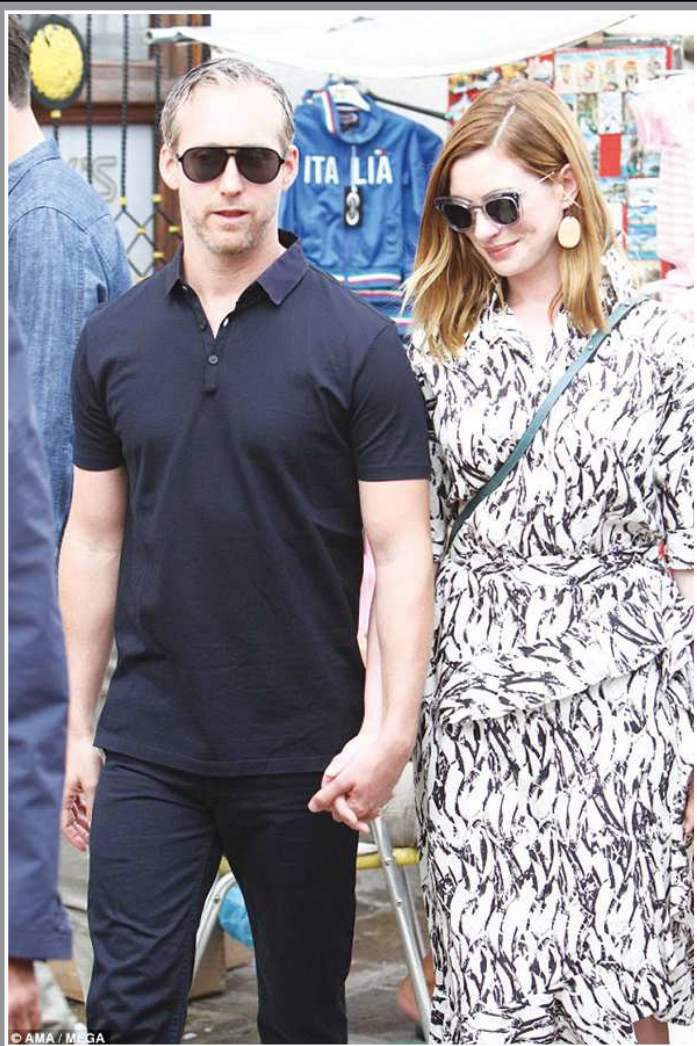
WASHINGTON, SEPT 1 (PTI): A US airman has been guilty of aggravated assault with a hate-crime enhancement for beating a Sikh man two years ago, a media report said on Saturday.

The victim, Mehtab Singh Bakhshi, according to court records, was standing, talking with friends near Dupont Circle on August 21, 2016, when Dylan Millhausen from Texas came up behind him, pulled off his turban and punched him in the face until he was unconscious, Washington Post reported.

A jury found Millhausen guilty and added a hate-crime enhancement as the victim was targeted for race, religion or national origin, according to a media release.

The victim, an adherent to the Sikh religion, was wearing a turban.

The crimes carry a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for November 30.



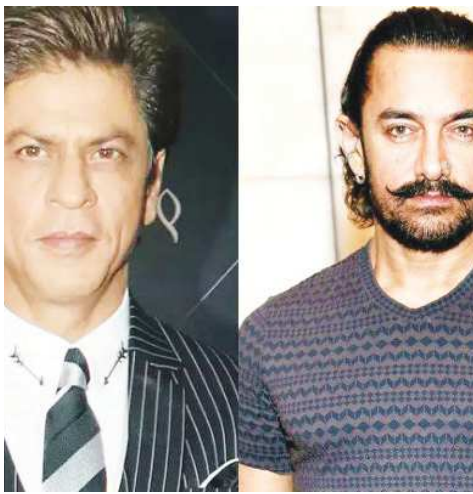
LOVED UP! Anne Hathaway, 35, beams as she makes a rare appearance with husband Adam Shulman, 37, during romantic stroll in Venice.

Aamir Khan to return with Satyamev Jayate after SRK's TED Talks goes off air?

After Shah Rukh Khan, who will be back on TV with the second season of TED Talks India later this year, it is said that Aamir Khan, too, is all set to return to the small screen with the third season of Satyamev Jayate [SMJ].

The talk show, which was launched in 2012, dealt with social issues and marked Aamir's debut on the telly. The first season aired 15 episodes, while the second season, which was telecast in 2014, was divided into two parts and was aired in 2014 — five episodes in March and six episodes in October. After that, he got busy with his Paani Foundation and films. But now, sources say that the superstar is gearing up to come back on TV in the first quarter of 2019.

"Once Aamir finishes the promotions of his Diwali release, Thugs Of Hindostan, he will start focussing on the show. His team has begun the research, but the actor, who covers all aspects of a



topic, wants everything to be perfect before it goes on air. This time, the superstar will deal with broader topics and those that affect GenNext like depression and unemployment, etc. The show, comprising around 10 episodes, will air post Ted Talks India. While SMJ will be relayed at

11 am every Sunday, talks are still on for a slot for SRK's show. Last season, the latter was aired at 7 pm, but this time around, that may change as the channel wants to build a slot for knowledge-driven and motivational series," says an insider.

A STAR IS BORN: CRITICS RAVE ABOUT LADY GAGA'S 'SENSATIONAL' PERFORMANCE!

Most of the critics avoided the obvious headline to describe Lady Gaga's performance in 'A Star Is Born', but they seemed to agree that the singer showed what it takes to lead a major movie.

For audiences familiar with the pop diva known for high-concept outfits and extraordinary hair and make-up, Gaga is barely recognisable as Ally the girl-next-door who has given up on a music career until she is discovered by grizzled rock star Jackson, played by first-time director Bradley Cooper.

"Given the extravagance of the pop star's usual costumes, it's almost like you're seeing her for the first time," wrote IndieWire's Michael Nordine. "She instantly makes you believe in her Ally as a no-name talent despite already being one of the most successful singers on the planet. Unassuming but obviously special."

Reverting to form, Lady Gaga donned an off-the-shoulder dress made of long pink feathers as she accompanied Cooper in his tuxedo to the world premiere at the Venice Film Festival on Friday.

"Gaga completely sheds her pop persona and exhibits a scrubbed-clean, relaxed appeal and a deft balance of toughness and vulnerability," The Hollywood Reporter's David Rooney wrote, in his



review, adding that Cooper has "real warmth and a sexy spark in his onscreen chemistry with Gaga that makes their characters' instant connection believable".

From noodling on a piano at home, to huge concert scenes filmed for real at Coachella and Glastonbury festivals that Rooney found 'electrifying', the songs were recorded live, putting Gaga's best-known talent in the spotlight.

Gaga is the third diva to tackle the story and couldn't possibly have more fabulous shoes to fill: Judy Garland

made the original musical version in 1954. The 1976 remake starred none other than Barbra Streisand.

But critics said Gaga soared to the occasion. In his five-star review in The Guardian, Peter Bradshaw called her performance 'sensationally good'. The movie was 'hokum', but 'outrageously watchable and colossally enjoyable'.

Gaga's 'ability to be part ordinary person, part extraordinary celebrity impress functions at the highest level at all times.'

Critics were also im-

pressed by Cooper's debut as director.

"To say that he does a good job would be to understate his accomplishment," wrote Owen Gleiberman in Variety. "As a filmmaker, Bradley Cooper gets right onto the high wire, staging scenes that take their time and play out with a shaggy intimacy. The new 'Star Is Born' is a total emotional knockout, but it's also a movie that gets you to believe, at every step, in the complicated rapture of the story it's telling."

A Star Is Born is released in UK cinemas in October.

Kabir Khan on directing Ranveer Singh starrer 83

Kabir Khan has started preparation for his ambitious film 83 about Indian cricket team's first World Cup win and the filmmaker says the challenge for him is to stay true to the real story and yet make it engaging. The film chronicles India's 1983 Cricket World Cup win under Kapil Dev's captainship, when the team defeated West Indies in the final to clinch their first-ever World Cup trophy.

"The most challenging thing about '83' is how to stay true to an iconic event that everybody over 40 has seen and remembers, everybody who is a cricket buff knows about it. How to capture the feel and stay true to exactly what happened in the World Cup and yet tell the story engagingly," Kabir said.

The Bajrangji Bhajjaan director said he has to cater to two audiences: one who knows about the historic event and the other, who are not aware of how it all played out.

"There are two audiences who are watching. One audience remembers it, who saw

it. They can tell you where there were when India won the World Cup. The other is the huge audience, the youth who only know about the win but don't know how it happened. How we were the most underrated team in the

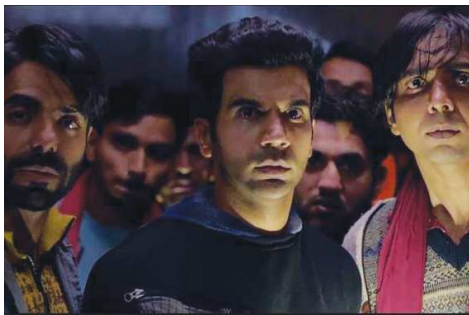
world, we were classic underdogs and people said why were we even invited. It's an exciting

story to tell the country," he added.

The director said it's sad that there was very less material on 1983 World Cup and he had to visit the iconic Lord's stadium in London to gather information.

"It's probably the best story I've heard in my life. But there's a dearth of writing about it. I had to go to Lord's library and search all the books to finally get all the material together. There's such less material written on it despite the fact that it was such an iconic moment in the history of our country."

Kabir was speaking on the sidelines of the 'Word To Screen Market' — an initiative by Jio MAMI Mumbai Film Festival with Star.



Stree becomes the BIGGEST solo opener of Rajkummar Rao

Director Amar Kaushik's Stree has surpassed all the expectations by earning Rs 6.82 crore on its opening day at the box office. Despite clashing with Sunny, Bobby Deol and Dharmendra's Yamla Pagla Deewana Phir Se, it turned out to be the first preference for the movie buffs. Interestingly, with this opening, it has now become the biggest opener of its lead star Rajkummar Rao. It has opened better than Hamari Adhuri Kahani and Kai Po Che to grab the top spot. We haven't taken Talaash in the list, as it was out and out an Aamir Khan, Rani Mukerji and Kareena Kapoor Khan film.

Here's the list of Rajkummar Rao's top openers: Stree — Rs 6.82 crore Hamari Adhuri Kahani — Rs 5.04 crore

Kai Po Che — Rs 4.50 crore Gangs of Wasseyapur — Rs 2.80 crore Bareilly Ki Barfi — Rs 2.42 crore Dolly Ki Doli — Rs 2 crore Queen — Rs 1.75 crore Shaadi Mein Zaroora Aana — Rs 1.64 crore Ragini MMS — Rs 1.25 crore Newton — Rs 96 lakhs

Looking at the current scenario, the film is expected to earn around Rs 25 crore in its first weekend at the ticket windows. Made on the budget of Rs 20 crore, it had recovered its investment before the release through satellite, digital and music rights.

Talking about the film, it is written by Go Goa Gone and Happy Ending helmers Raj and DK. It also stars Shradha Kapoor, Pankaj Tripathi and Aparshakti Khurana in pivotal roles.

ARIES: There may be some conflict today, Aries, especially in the morning. Your general mood is quite good, but there's a strong force asking you to be more realistic in your approach. The last thing you want is for someone else to throw a bucket of water on your raging fire of fun, but this is likely to happen unless you address the reality of the situation.

TAURUS: Your mind may be a little cloudy most of the day, Taurus, and you could find it hard to ground yourself. It may be that you're trying to navigate by the stars, but unfortunately, the clouds have moved in and there are no reference points to be seen. The good news is that the skies should clear later, and you'll find there's nothing but smooth sailing for the rest of the night.

GEMINI: Praise you may receive this morning could make you feel on top of the world, Gemini, but try not to let this feeling go to your head. Stay modest despite the lavish praise that may be showered on you. By evening, you won't be able to get by on just talk alone. Actions will speak much louder than words and it's important that you have some sort of plan.

CANCER: Things should improve for you as the day progresses, Cancer. The key is to stay loose and not be concerned with the situation's outcome. The future is uncertain. You shouldn't depend on something that may or may not pan out the way you want. There could be some conflict between you and someone with a strong ego in the morning, but this

should resolve itself by evening.

LEO: Your emotions could feel restricted today, Leo, a feeling that may be difficult to shake. Take this opportunity to calm down and relax. You'll enjoy the good times more when you give your body the rest it needs. Always pushing for bigger and better adventures may be fun, but it can leave you too tired to fully appreciate them.

VIRGO: It could be hard to find your footing early in the day, Virgo. You may be better off sleeping in. Have a good breakfast and relax in the morning. By evening, you'll be refreshed, recharged, and ready to take on the town. Your emotions may feel restricted, which could make it difficult to fully express yourself. You'd be better off turning this energy inward now.

LIBRA: Use the morning to take care of yourself, Libra. You could be so concerned with the world and the shared environment that you forget to take care of you. Use the early afternoon to reflect and meditate. Gather facts from your inner state and use the information to create a plan for the future. Be flexible in your approach.

SCORPIO: Get to some water today and reconnect with this element, Scorpio. Like lapping waves against the shore, you may be gently changing the landscape around you with each word or action. Don't underestimate your inner strength. It could be that you seem overpowered by the things going on around you, but don't let them keep you from being the person you truly are.

SAGITTARIUS: Emotionally speak-

ing, you should be doing quite well today, Sagittarius, especially in the morning. This is a good time to take charge of projects that require definite leadership. Don't think that you're inferior to the people around you. Act like you belong in a leadership role and you'll find that others will automatically support you in that position. You have what it takes to lead.

CAPRICORN: You may get frustrated today, Capricorn, especially in the morning when other people's egos seem to be strong. It could be difficult to relate to people who simply refuse to accept any opinion but their own. Things should mellow out by afternoon. You'll find people start to see things from your perspective. Remain confident in your position despite the vacillation of others.

AQUARIUS: People may see you as the personification of drama, especially this morning, Aquarius. This is a good time to express your emotions and get things out of your system. Be sure to release whatever pent-up emotion you have inside. By afternoon, it might be a good idea to settle down and lay low. Turn your energy inward, come to your center, and plan what needs to get done.

PISCES: There may be a damper on your mood today, Pisces, especially in the morning. It could seem as if everyone is having fun but you. Having a good time is more a state of mind than anything else. Try not to get trapped in a lousy mindset. Late afternoon is a good time to ground your emotions. Operate from a point of stability instead of jealousy.