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Secy's
comments on
Companies Act,
his personal
opinion: Deptt*

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 16 FEB:

Comments made by the Principal Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department, Thomas Chandy, which alluded that the Registration of Companies Act [Sikkim], 1961, was redundant and obsolete, were his personal opinions and not that of the State Government.

The comment was reportedly made by the Principal Secretary while addressing a seminar organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry, "Infra Dialogue @Sikkim - Opportunities and Challenges and Way Forward."

His observation, after it was reported in a national daily, had drawn flak from the organisation, Save Sikkimese Soul, which had condemned the officer's dismissing of an Old Law so casually.

In a statement issued today, the Commerce & Industries Department explains that at the seminar "opinions were expressed in view of the strong regulatory framework that exists in the Companies Act 2013 which may be necessary in modern business."

*Centre asks states
to ensure security
of students,
residents
belonging to JK*

NEW DELHI, FEB 16 (PTI):

The Centre Saturday asked all states to ensure safety and security of the students and people from Jammu and Kashmir living in their areas in the wake of threats to them in some parts of the country, officials said.

The advisory came hours after Home Minister Rajnath Singh assured an all party meeting of doing the needful for the protection of the Kashmiri students and people who were allegedly threatened after the terrorist attack in Pulwama in which 40 CRPF jawans were killed.

A Home Ministry official said there have been some reports of students and other residents of Jammu and Kashmir experiencing threats and intimidation. "Therefore, the Home Ministry today issued an advisory to all states/UTs to take necessary measures to ensure their safety and security," the official said.

Some Kashmiri youths studying in the Uttarakhand capital, Dehradun, have alleged that they were harassed and have been asked by their landlords to vacate accommodations fearing attacks on their properties in the aftermath of the attack.

Unemployed agri and horti graduates rally demanding abundance of service rules

SAGAR CHHETRI

GANGTOK, 16 FEB:

Sikkim Unemployed Agriculture and Horticulture Graduates Association [SUAHGA] took out a rally today to press for its eight-point charter of demands.

The association's main demand is that the Sikkim State Agriculture Service Rule 1994 and Sikkim State Subordinate Service Rule 2001 be followed strictly.

Before the rally, representatives of the association also submitted a memorandum enumerating their demands to the Secretary of the department here at Krishi Bhawan.

The rally started from Krishi Bhawan with banners and placards on demands of the association and followed the route from Krishi Bhawan to Indira Bye-Pass, Bye-Pass Road and ended at the District Administra-



tion Centre, East. After the rally, members of the association sat on dharna at in front of the DAC gate.

The association has demanded immediate filling up of more than 151 posts of Agriculture

and Horticulture Inspectors through direct recruitment and also the filling up of more than 40 posts of Agriculture Development Officers, Horticulture Development Officers and Watershed De-

velopment Officers through direct recruitment.

The association has demanded that a notification on these two demands be taken out within three days.

The memorandum

has also demanded that the practice of one-time relaxation for further recruitments be stopped forthwith, a State Agriculture & Horticulture University be established, and an immediate

start of BSc courses in agriculture and horticulture from the session of 2019-20 at the upcoming Sikkim State University and all state colleges and introduction and implementation agriculture

and horticulture as compulsory subjects from classes 9th to 12th standard in all schools of Sikkim and recruitment of Agri and Horti graduates as teachers under HRDD.

The association has also demanded for an amendment of Sikkim State Subordinate Agriculture Service Rule 2001.

While mentioning that according to a notification of ICAR dated 06 October 2016 clarifies that BSc agriculture and horticulture were professional courses which means that agriculture and horticulture graduates were at par with medical and engineering graduates, the association has demanded for the same weightage be given to agriculture and horticulture graduates like medical and engineering graduates.

Speaking to media persons here today, a

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Group C&D employees thank govt, reiterate grievances over pay revision

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 16 FEB:

The All Sikkim Government Employees Association [ASGEA] Group C & D has expressed gratitude towards the State Government and Chief Minister Pawan Chamling for "always working in the interest of the government employees". The association has expressed its gratitude to the CM for the prompt action in the approval and sanctioning of the Pay Committee Report and resolution on pay revision and for declaring second Saturdays as holidays again. The Association has also reiterated some of its pending grievances.

Addressing a press conference here today, ASGEA general secretary, Rapden Bhutia, thanked the State Government and the CM for taking prompt action in the in-



terest of the government employees and thanked the CM for the promotion of government employees at all levels, regularizations, for launching humanitarian scheme of One Family One Job and declaring four new government holidays respecting the beliefs and sentiments of the people.

On the occasion, he also placed grievances of the government employees and stated that these are not new demands but had already been apprised to the CM verbally and in written.

It is informed that as per the Fifth Pay Commission, the House Rent Allowance has been kept

at rationalised rate of 12% within the state and Sikkim Border Compensatory Allowance at 8%.

On the same, the association has requested the government to keep HRA at 15% within the State and SBCA at 10% as earlier.

He urged that HRA and SBCA not be reduced

if it cannot be enhanced.

Mr Bhutia mentioned that the grade-pay in different departments of C&D employees below UDC have not been redressed and appealed the government to review these differences.

He added that while regularising services of adhoc and MR employees, the government has regularised them as Junior LDCs, Junior Drivers and others on lower pay scale and grade pay. On the same, he requested that the post these junior posts be abolished.

Mr Bhutia mentioned that the CM had given a verbal assurance and announced that a sub-committee would be instituted to resolve these grievances but no follow-up action has been taken so far. He also urged the CM for the personal intervention for the early fulfillment of these demands.

Hina Jaiswal is IAF's first woman flight engineer

BENGALURU, FEB 16 (PTI):

Breaking the glass ceiling, Flight Lieutenant Hina Jaiswal has scripted history by becoming the first woman flight engineer to be inducted into the Indian Air Force.

Till last year, the Flight Engineer branch was exclusively the men's domain. On Friday, the Chandigarh-native covered herself with glory by successfully completing the six-month course at the 112 helicopter unit, Air Force Station, Yelahanka, a defence release said.

A Flight Engineer is the member of an aircraft's flight crew who monitors and operates its complex aircraft systems requiring a specialised skill set, according to the release.

She was commissioned on January 5, 2015, in the engineering branch of the IAF and had served as the chief of firing team and battery commander in a frontline surface to Air Missile

squadron, before being selected for the Flight Engineers Course. During the grueling training, she trained shoulder to shoulder with her male counterparts, and displayed unflinching commitment, dedication and perseverance, the release said.

As a child, she had aspired to become a soldier and aviator.

The only daughter of DK Jaiswal and Anita, Hina described her achievement as a "dream come true." "Finally, her dreams have manifested into reality after successfully graduating from the alma mater of Heli-lift," the release said.

"As a Flight Engineer, she would subsequently be posted to operational helicopter units of the IAF. Hina Jaiswal would be routinely called upon to operate in demanding and stressful conditions, right from the icy heights of the Siachen Glacier to the seas of the Andamans," it said.

Curfew continues in Jammu for second day, Army presence stepped up

JAMMU, FEB 16 (PTI): The curfew in Jammu city continued for the second day and the Army's presence was stepped up on Saturday, a day after violent protests rocked the city over a suicide attack that killed 40 CRPF jawans in Kashmir.

Nine more Army columns were deployed in the city, bringing the total to 18 columns, and the force staged flag marches in sensitive localities. Officials said the University of Jammu postponed all examinations scheduled for the day and mobile Internet services remained suspended across Jammu region.

Srinagar-bound vehicles stranded on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway due to a landslide in Ramban were allowed to move



forward amid tight security arrangements, they said.

"The curfew is being implemented strictly and there is no report of any untoward incident from any-

where," Deputy Inspector General of Police, Jammu-Samba-Kathua range, Vivek Gupta told PTI.

Deputy Commissioner (Jammu) Ramesh Kumar said authorities

maintain law and order in the entire city. Nine Internal Security Columns (ISCs) of the Army were deployed on Friday. "Helicopters and UAVs of

were monitoring the situation and a decision to relax the curfew, which was imposed Friday, would be taken later in the day.

The Army was conducting flag marches in sensitive localities of the city on Saturday, the officials said.

A defence spokesperson said the Army on Saturday deployed nine more security columns with air support to help the administration to maintain law and order in the entire city. Nine Internal Security Columns (ISCs) of the Army were deployed on Friday. "Helicopters and UAVs of

the Army also put into operation to monitor the situation. The proactive approach jointly taken by J&K Police, Civil administration (Divisional Commissioner and District Collector's office) and Indian Army has ensured the situation in control," the spokesman said.

The city was rocked by anti-Pakistan protests during a general strike called by the Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industries (JCCI).

People took to the streets to denounce the attack and also held candlelight rallies to pay homage to the jawans. Nine people, including some policemen, were injured in stone-pelting incidents on Friday and several vehicles were torched.

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East begins training presiding and first polling officers



GANGTOK, 16 FEB [IPR]: The first round of training for Presiding Officers and first Polling Officers commenced in East district today at three ven-

ues - Conference Hall, DAC, Conference Hall, Zilla Bhawan, and Conference Hall, CEO office. The resource persons for the training were

Bharani Kumaar, ADC/ East, Sunil Mothey SDM/ HQ East and Mahesh Sharma SDM/ Kabi.

A total of 87 Presiding Officers and 94 first

Polling Officers attended the training today.

The presiding officers and first polling officers were briefed about their roles and

responsibilities with respect to the conduct of election.

The functioning of the EVM and VVPAT was also explained and a hands-on training session conducted to familiarize them to EVMs and VVPATs.

The significance of the mock polls was emphasized and all the necessary procedures pertaining to the polling process demonstrated. The training to presiding and first polling officers for East district is scheduled to be held in three rounds. The next batch of training is scheduled to be held on 18 and 26 Feb. 2019.

Team Sikkim off to Kerala for Futsal senior nationals



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 16 FEB: Team Sikkim is scheduled to leave Sunday for the Futsal Senior Nationals scheduled to be held in Kerala from 20 to 24 February.

The tournament is being organized by the Futsal Association of India and Sikkim will be a favourite since the last tournament saw four local players making it to the national team for the

Futsal World Cup played in Columbia.

"Let's wish them the best and hope they make the state proud," conveys Dr Remon Chettri, president, Futsal Association of Sikkim.

Traders Front convenes meeting in Mangan

SUMMIT REPORT

MANGAN, 16 FEB:

All Sikkim Democratic Trader's Front (ASDTF), North Sikkim, organized a meeting with the business community here on Thursday.

The meet was initiated by ASDTF executive members Santosh Lohia and Sachin Agrawal and was also attended by Mangan Nagar Panchayat councilors Karma J. Bhutia and Ugen Palzor Kazi, Zilla Panchayat and Panchayat president Mark Tsh Lecha and Sherap Bhutia of Ringhim Nampatam GPU, Lachen-Man-

gan constituency and had the area MLA, Forest Minister TW Lepcha as chief guest accompanied by ASDTF central body executive members NK Pradhan, Manoj Prasad, Jigme Bhutia, SA Khan and other representatives.

The meet included an open discussion session during which the business community members raised several issues and queries which were clarified at the meeting itself.

Also on the day, the area MLA was felicitated by the ASDTF.

Police officers sensitized to election duty responsibilities



GANGTOK, 16 FEB [IPR]: Keeping in view the upcoming general elections and to sensitize police officers about their role and responsibilities during the election, the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer organized a daylong workshop at the Conference Hall of Police Headquarters here today.

The inaugural session was attended by the Chief Electoral Officer R. Telang, Director General of Police (DGP), SD Negi and senior police officials. During the session, the CEO and DGP took several queries from the trainees and cleared their doubts.

The workshop also had the participation of IGP Law & Order, Gyanendra Kumar Verma, DIGP DB Giri, Superintendent of Police of all four districts and ASPs,

SDPOs and SHO of all police stations.

IGP Verma informed that all the officials will be under the direct supervision of ECI once the election is notified by the Commission.

He urged police officers to ensure free and fair elections in the state. ASP Sonam D Bhutia spoke about general policing for forthcoming general elections in the state.

Resource Person, District Electoral Officer, Karma R. Bonpo, briefed the workshop about the different procedures of security arrangements as per ECI guidelines during the polls and official role of police officers. He spoke about various law and order measures during pre-poll, post-poll and during poll.

The post-lunch ses-

sion had another resource person, State Level Master Trainer, Yadav K Sharma, who familiarized officials with the Model Code of Conduct and its violations.

Assistant Director (IT), Election, Zangpo Gyaltsen Bhutia, explained the android-based mobile application service - cVIGIL, which was launched by the Election Commission of India. This cVIGIL mobile application can be used by any citizen to directly report to the commission any violation of the Model Code of Conduct during the election.

Additional CEO, Roshni Rai, informed the gathering about Voter Helpline mobile application, Toll-free Helpline number 1950, web portal nvsp.in and ceosikkim.nic.in.

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representative of the association, Bikash Subba, stated that agriculture and horticulture graduates were compelled to take out a rally to protest the continuing violation of service rules and the dismissive attitude of departmental officials towards agriculture and horticulture graduates.

He stressed that the association has not been asking for jobs and has only been demanding that service rules be followed strictly and required posts be created for agriculture and horticulture graduates.

He added that these initiatives of the association would secure the future of their juniors as well who are pursuing degrees in agriculture and horticulture.

Mr Subba mentioned that the association will continue with its efforts until the more than 800 agriculture and horticulture graduates received justice. He stated that this has been a 23-year-long struggle for their fundamental rights and added that vacancies in agriculture and horticulture departments are required by rules to be filled on 50-50 ratio - 50% by promotion and 50% by direct recruitment as per the Sikkim State Agriculture Service Rule 1994 and Sikkim State Subordinate Service Rule 2001 but the concerned department has always violated these rules and ignored direct recruitments all these years.

Mr Subba stated that the association has raised these issues repeatedly with the department and received several assurances but not delivery.

He mentioned that in the latest instance, the department again violated the service rule with the promotion of 57 inspectors to ADO, HDO and WDO and promotion of 77 VLWs to agriculture and horticulture inspectors without any matching direct recruitments.

He added that due to these reasons BSc, MSc and PhD holders in agriculture and horticulture have not been receiving the opportunity to even apply for government jobs they were qualified for and entitled to which is letting their technical knowledge go to waste when it should be used in the service of the State.

Curfew continues...

The JCCI termed the violence "unfortunate" and said, "We shall not allow miscreants to disturb the brotherhood and peace in Jammu where all the religions have coexisted." It said the bandh would not be extended.

Spokesperson of the Jammu university Vinay Thussu said that all examinations, theory and practical, to be conducted on Saturday were postponed due to unavoidable circumstances.

He said fresh dates would be notified later.

Inspector General of Police (Jammu) M K Sinha appealed to the people not to play into the hands of anti-national elements who want to disturb the societal harmony.

A police official said high-speed mobile data services were barred in Jammu region, while the BSNL broadband service was functioning normally.

Cyber Warriors reach Delhi with awareness campaign

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 16 FEB:

The Cyber Warriors, a youth organization dedicated to make people about cyber security, conducted an awareness camp in New Delhi, a press release informs.

After conducting a series of awareness camps in various places of Sikkim, The Cyber Warriors conducted a roadside awareness camp at New Delhi focussing on the theme, "Fighting Misinformation- Finding the good, keeping the bad way."

The awareness camp is part of Cyber Warrior's outreach programme to spread awareness about rising security threats.

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ANTYESTI KRIYA

The Antyesti Kriya of late Seeta Gautam, wife of I.K Gautam (Ex Jt. Commissioner, Excise Deptt.), who left for heavenly abode on the 8th of Feb. 2019 falls on the 20th of February 2019 (Wednesday).



All relatives, friends, family and well-wishers are requested to join us in offering prayers for the departed soul at our residence opposite Tamang Gumpa, Sichey, Gangtok.

Sons: Pramod Gautam, Binod Gautam, Subodh Gautam

Daughters-in-law: Dr. Tara Gautam, Mala Gautam, Dr. Kritika Sharma

Dewars: S.K Gautam, R.P Gautam, R.K Gautam, H.K Gautam

Daughter, son-in-law: Roma Gautam, Suresh Adhikari

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Government of India Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports Department of Youth Affairs

NATIONAL YOUTH CORPS CALL FOR NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

Government of India seeks young persons to help, channelise their energies and capabilities towards nation building activities by organizing them into volunteers groups. You shall be asked to spearhead campaigns/ awareness programme about health, literacy, sanitation, gender and other social issues and may also be called upon to assist the administration in emergency or implementation of various programmes.

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- Age - Between 18 to 29 years, as on 1st April, 2019
- No regular students are eligible for applying for NYC volunteership

Honorarium :

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How to Apply:

Visit the department's website www.nyks.nic.in for online submission of application and details of the scheme, application, proforma and apply to the under mentioned officer by 3rd March, 2019 Office of District Youth Coordinator,

Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan,
District : Mangan, North Sikkim
P.O. Mangan, 737116

N. Tharpu Sherpa
District Youth Coordinator
Nehru Yuva Kendra , Mangan, North Sikkim
Contact number : 9593373387, 9434406761

India-Singapore to sign pact for skilling Indians in aviation

GURDIP SINGH SINGAPORE, FEB 16 (PTI): India and Singapore will sign an agreement for skilling Indian youths in the aviation sector at the Aero India Show next week. Academies will be set up in Bengaluru and other places in India that will act as regional hubs for the training of Indian youths for domestic and overseas jobs in these sectors.

National Skill Development Corporation of India's (NSDC) Aerospace and Aviation Sector Skill Council in collaboration with Singapore Polytechnic and a Singapore-based private sector firm will signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on February 22 to establish skill development centers.

Aero India show 2019 will be held in Bengaluru from February 20-24. It will provide a significant platform in bolstering business opportunities in International aviation sector. These 'Centers of Excellence in Advance Skilling' will provide training and certification drawing from Singapore curriculum and standards in sectors such as aerospace and aviation, emerging technologies, automotive and logistics.

"These are all priority sectors under 'Skill India' and 'Make in India' programmes, which require large workforce with advanced technical skills," India's High Commissioner in Singapore Jawed Ashraf said here on Friday.

He said that these sectors also provide more productive and remunerative employment opportunities.

Singapore is a leader in aviation services including maintenance, repair, overhaul services as well as skill development across various sectors, Ashraf said.

This is one of the many collaborations between

India and Singapore in the crucial skill development sector following the signing of two MoUs between NSDC and Singapore Polytechnic to establish state-of-the-art Trainer and Assessor Academies across India.

"Skills development is one of the new areas that have gained prominence in the bilateral engagement with many countries, but especially with Singapore, not only at central but also at state level," the envoy said.

There are several institutional engagements including plans for setting up the first Indian Institute of Skills in Mumbai in collaboration with Singapore's Institute of Technical Education Services (ITEES); training programmes for state government officials in public administration and governance; urban planning, logistics and infrastructure development in collaboration with many Singapore-based institutions, including Institute of Technical Education, Singapore Cooperation Enterprise and Civil Service College.

Singapore has also opened three internationally acclaimed Skill Centers in India (New Delhi, Udaipur and Guwahati) and more coming up, Ashraf said.

The World Class Skill Centre (WCSC) in New Delhi has seen hundreds of students clearing the courses in the areas of Hospitality and Retail Sectors with 100 per cent employment rate. There are plans to move WCSC to a new site and further expand it, he said.

Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Assam and Odisha are also working with ITEES and Polytechnics in Singapore to develop skill centres. Odisha conducted training of 100 officials from ITI in Singapore last year.

Poet on 10-day Sikkim visit



SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 16 FEB:

Poet Kiran Upadhaya from Dooars is currently on a 10-day Sikkim visit on the invitation from Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi.

He is scheduled to meet litterateurs, journalists, activists and representatives of different organizations and hold

interactions on literary activities here.

Mr Upadhaya is known for his collection of poems, 'Dooars Timi,' and has already toured Mizoram on the invitation of Sahitya Akademi and recited his poems at the All India Writers' Meet held on 17 and 18 September, 2018.


Aprajita SHO felicitates senior citizen on 100th b'day



SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 16 FEB:

Aprajita Self Help Organisation felicitated senior citizen Suk Bahadur Rai of Rongneck, Dokan Dara, on his 100th birthday on Thursday. Rongneck-based Aprajita Self Help Organisation gifted him clothes and es-

sential commodities. The organisation has been working in the social sector since its inception and women members of the society have been producing different items for sale and also provide financial and other support to families of the area in need.



**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENT
RABONG SUB DIVISION
SOUTH SIKKIM**

Corrigendum No: _____ Dated: _____

CORRIGENDUM

With reference to NIT No.05/GOS/SD/R&B/Rab dated: 16/01/2019 published vide R.O. No. 691/IPR/Pub/Classi./18-19 dt. 14.02.2019, it is to be noted that the NIT number and date should be read as N.I.T No. 06/GOS/SD/R&B/Rab, Dated: 12/02/2019 instead.

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Dated:15/02/2019

NOTICE

On the basis of marks obtained in the Class-room Demonstration & Viva Voce/Interview for filling up various faculty positions in Sikkim Government Pharmacy College, Sajong, East Sikkim under Department of Health Care, Human Services & Family Welfare, Government of Sikkim as advertised vide no: 19/SPSC/EXAM/2019 Dated: 21/12/2018 through Direct Recruitment, the following candidates are hereby declared qualified in order of merit and the names are recommended for appointment.

For the post of Lecturer/ Assistant Professor		
Sl No.	NAME OF THE CANDIDATE	SUBJECT
1.	ANGILA THEENGH	(PHARMACOLOGY)
2.	SHALEE DEWAN	(PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTRY/ ANALYSIS)
3.	BANDANA SHARMA	(PHARMACEUTICS)
4.	PEM LHAMU BHUTIA	(PHARMACOLOGY)
5.	ANISH PRADHAN	(PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTRY/ANALYSIS)
6.	SONAM BHUTIA	(PHARMACOGNOSY)
7.	ANAMIKA KOIRALA	(PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTRY/ANALYSIS)
8.	JIRAN SHARMA	(PHARMACEUTICS)

The candidature of the candidates as shown in the list is **provisional**, subject to the police verification, medical fitness and verification of all required documents by the State Government.

Sd/-

(Bimal Rai. Smt)

Controller of Examinations

Sikkim Public Service Commission.

R.O. NO. 702/IPR/Pub/Class./18-19

Date: 16.2.2019



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Date: 15.02.2019

**NOTICE INVITNG TENDER (NIT) NO.GSCDL/TENDER/NIT/ODW/2019
Competitive Bidding (Manual Bidding)**

The Assistant Engineer, Gangtok Smart City Development Ltd (GSCDL), Gangtok, East Sikkim invites percentage rate tender among the eligible bidders as per notification Memo No.51/R&B/PWD/Secy dated: 28/06/2018 and Memo No. 556/R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated: 28/08/2018 for the following ward.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sl. No.	Ward	Name of works	Bid value including Taxes (in Rs)	Bid security 2.5% of the bid value (in Rs.)	Cost of tender/bid form (in Rs.)	Completion period.
1.	Lower Burtuk	"Development of infrastructure under Ward No.- 2, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok, East Sikkim".	61,15,886/-	1,52,897/-	Rs.5000/-	6 months.
2.	Daragaon	"Development of Infrastructure under No.14, Daragaon ward, Gangtok, East Sikkim"	61,29,942/-	1,53,249/-	Rs.5000/-	6 months.
3.	Upper Sichey	"Development of Infrastructure under Ward No- 05, Upper Sichey, Gangtok, East Sikkim".	61,15,459/-	152,886/-	Rs.5000/-	6 months.
4.	Chandmari	"Development of infrastructure under No.06 Chandmari ward, Gangtok, East Sikkim".	61,16,827/-	152,921/-	Rs.5000/-	6 months.
5.	DPH	"Development of infrastructure under Ward No.08 DPH, Gangtok, East Sikkim".	61,26,648/-	153,166/-	Rs.5000/-	6 months.
6.	Deorali	"Development of infrastructure under No.13 Deorali ward, Gangtok, East Sikkim".	61,15,109/-	152,878/-	Rs.5000/-	6 months.
7.	Tadong	"Development of infrastructure under No.15 Tadong ward, Gangtok, East Sikkim".	61,23,601/-	153,090/-	Rs.5000/-	6 months.
8.	Syari	"Development of infrastructure under Ward No.17 Syari/ Tatangchen, Gangtok, East Sikkim".	61,03,682/-	152,592/-	Rs.5000/-	6 months.
9.	Upper Burtuk	"Development of infrastructure under Ward No.01 Upper Burtuk, Gangtok, East Sikkim".	61,08,211/-	152,705/-	Rs.5000/-	6 months.
10.	Development Area	"Development of infrastructure under Ward No.07 Development Ward, Gangtok, East Sikkim".	61,14,019/-	152,850/-	Rs.5000/-	6 months.
11.	Lower Sichey-I	"Development of infrastructure under Ward No.03, Lower Sichey-I Ward".	61,03,437/-	152,586/-	Rs.5000/-	6 months.
12.	Lower MG Marg	"Development of infrastructure under Ward No.10 Lower MG Marg ward, Gangtok, East Sikkim".	62,19,844/-	155,496/-	Rs.5000/-	6 months.
13.	Ranipool	"Development of infrastructure under No.16 Chandmari ward, Gangtok, East Sikkim".	61,03,462/-	152,586/-	Rs.5000/-	6 months.
14.	Tibet Road	"Development of infrastructure under ward No.12 Tibet Road ward, Gangtok, East Sikkim".	61,03,897/-	152,597/-	Rs.5000/-	6 months.
15.	Upper MG Marg	"Development of infrastructure under No.11 Upper MG Marg ward, Gangtok, East Sikkim".	61,03,703/-	152,593/-	Rs.5000/-	6 months.
16.	Lower Sichey-II	"Development of infrastructure under Ward No.04 Lower Sichey-II ward, Gangtok, East Sikkim".	61,03,288/-	152,582/-	Rs.5000/-	6 months.
17.	Arithang	"Development of infrastructure under Ward No.09, Arithang, Gangtok, East Sikkim".	61,03,559/-	152,589/-	Rs.5000/-	6 months.

Tender Schedule

i)	Sale of Bidding documents	:	21.02.19 – 11:00-14:00 Hrs.
ii)	Issue of Tender Forms on production of TDR	:	22.02.19 – 11:00-14:00 Hrs.
iii)	Last date for submission of completed bids	:	23.02.19 up to 14:00 Hrs.
iv)	Date of opening of bids	:	23.02.19 from 14:30 Hrs.

Instruction of Bidders

- For complete eligibility and qualification requirement, criteria in the Bidding document as specified should be followed. Financial instruments: Bid Security will be deposited in separate envelope mentioning the amount and the name of Bank either in the form of Bank Guarantee or Bank Draft payable at Chief Executive Officer, GSCDL, Gangtok in the main envelope. Offers for partial bids will not be considered and summarily rejected as non-responsive. Summary of criteria are below vide complete instructions/ bidding process / submission shall be available to the intended bidders on the bidding documents.
- A complete set of bidding documents in the ENGLISH language, may be purchased by the interested eligible bidders on submission of bidder application to Assistant Engineer, GSCDL, Gangtok 737102, Sikkim (India) and on payment of the non-refundable cost of bidding document as specified in Column no.5. Late bid will not be accepted by tendering authority. Bids will be opened at 14:30 hrs on Date-23.02.2019 by tendering authority for GSCDL in the presence of bidders or bidders' representatives who chose to attend the process. Successful technical bidders will be informed for attending opening of the Financial bidding on the same day at the Office of the undersigned at said time and date of the intimation on the notice board of GSCDL, Sokaythang. The details of bids can also be viewed through the website of www.gmcssikkim.in and www.smartnet.niua.org.
- Tender forms shall be issued at the Office of Chief Executive Officer, GSCDL, Gangtok 737102, Sikkim (India) on Date-22.02.2019 from 11:00 hrs to 14:00hrs, on production of TDR.
- Sealed bid in duplicate duly signed by authorized signatory must be delivered to Assistant Engineer, GSCDL, Gangtok 737102, Sikkim (India) on or before 14:00 hrs of Date- 23.02.2019. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as specified in the bidding document for an amount as specified above in Column no.5. Late bid will not be accepted by tendering authority. Bids will be opened at 14:30 hrs on Date-23.02.2019 by tendering authority for GSCDL in the presence of bidders or bidders' representatives who chose to attend the process. Successful technical bidders will be informed for attending opening of the Financial bidding on the same day at the Office of the undersigned at said time and date of the intimation on the notice board of GSCDL, Sokaythang. The details of bids can also be viewed through the website of www.gmcssikkim.in and www.smartnet.niua.org.
- The purchaser/ intending bidders will be responsible for all costs/ expenses incurred in connection with the preparation or delivery of the bids and site visits.
- GSCDL reserves the right to change or postpone above schedule, reduce the scope of work and reject any non-responsive tenders/ bids without assigning any reason thereof.

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Date:16.02.19

Assistant Engineer

Gangtok Smart City Development Limited.

Monsoon Ready?

Who are we kidding?

The thunder-squall which ripped through the region on Saturday should get everyone wondering about what awaits the State once the nor'westers open up in earnest in a few weeks time and what confusion will prevail should monsoons arrive in time three months later and stay a proper season. To begin with, the stability of the hills here has never been very reassuring and they were noticeably weakened by the 18 September 2011 earthquake (yes, that temblor continues to have an effect) and other infrastructure like power and water supply have been severely compromised by absent professionalism and ubiquitous corruption. So yes, Sikkim better start getting worried about the monsoons adequately in advance, because compounding the teetering infrastructure is obvious disinterest and lack of communication in the administration.

The thunderstorm, although it was dramatic over some parts and only threatening elsewhere, was not rare for this time of the year. Most residents could even predict how long the down-pour would last and which sections of their water lines might get disrupted by the inundation. And yet, wide parts of Gangtok lost electricity supply due to, one is told, damage at a sub-station. If an evening of thunder and lightning can snap power lines to any part of Gangtok, what more sustained rains could wreck is anybody's guess. And that is the worrying part – no one in any office of consequence is making any intelligent guesses or investing either funds or thoughts on disaster preparedness. While one cannot throw blame for an act of nature as temperamental as lightning, one cannot dodge accountability for a failure to prepare. Mechanical breakdowns, one can understand, but delayed repairs due to unpreparedness is just plain dereliction. If repairs were held up due to lack of spares and equipment, the concerned agencies need to go over their preparedness plans before the weather turns truly hostile. There should be some basic back-up options which anyone with even a passing interest in the needs of professional service delivery can draw up and submit. Get this done.

What was also worrying was the rather disinterested follow-up and lack of effort at streamlining communication that the last power outage revealed. No one is ever available to clearly explain to the people exactly what was wrong, why repairs were taking so long, who was responsible for what and what was being done where. Everyone claimed to be working on a “war footing” but how can that be accepted at face value when information was neither being volunteered or provided clearly even when approached. The officials should understand that the people can handle bad news, they understand that even the best laid out plans can go wrong, but if there is no news, then they speculate and with speculation are born resentment and doubt. Why would they want to sow that? The district authorities should resuscitate the civil defence teams, open proper WhatsApp (since everyone seems to be there) groups to share updates, clarifications and suggestions. Don't do so, and the people will continue sniggering at your lack of professionalism and whispering about how corruption has ruined everything. Don't forget, it was not even a year ago that the CM, giving the power transmission network as an example, had hinted that there was a lot that slipped between what the Cabinet sanctioned for new transformers and what was eventually installed. And that will be the dominant belief until people are brought into the loop and kept informed and updated.

Now for the roads, the National Highway, inexplicably, continues to remain a work-in-progress, scratched and cracked by a combination of widening and repair efforts. The rest of the State has a series of rural roads under various stages of construction and remain risky ventures to drive on. While it was always advisable for the concerned agencies to reinforce the roads during the dry winter months in preparation for the onslaught of the rains, that lesson is conveniently forgotten every winter. When one travels, the highways resemble excavations, when they should have been receiving fortification instead by now. We hear excuses, we hear allegations, but what we don't see is a confidence-inspiring work on the roads.

India: how #MeToo is battling gender-based violence

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The #MeToo movement swept India last year when the Bollywood actress Tanushree Dutta accused actor and filmmaker Nana Patekar of sexually harassing her in 2008 on the set for the film Horn OK Pleassss. In October last year, she also filed a First Information Report (FIR) against him and others with police. It has been reported that Patekar has denied the allegations and issued a legal notice to her to withdraw the allegations. Dutta was also in the news more recently, putting a “curse” on film choreographer Ganesh Acharya, actor Rakhi Sawant and producer Sami Siddiqui for what she suggested was enabling the alleged abuse.

These allegations made by such a well-known figure changed the course of the #MeToo movement in India and opened the floodgates for many other women working in Bollywood, the media, corporations and government to allege sexual harassment by high-profile and powerful men. Social media platforms were flooded with #MeToo stories and outrage, highlighting what has always been a taboo subject in India: the extent of harassment and violence against women, along with the deep-rooted injustice and inequality they face.

The #MeToo campaign has provided a gateway for Indian women to vocalise the “enough is enough” message and seek justice. Some have referred to it as revolutionary. Sadly, the reality is that the majority of women who have encountered harassment will not – or cannot – come forward and voice their stories of victimisation.

The deluge of allegations should not come as a surprise. The wholly patriarchal nature of Indian society has normalised all forms of gender-based violence and inhibited womens' access to justice. It is widely seen as inevitable that being female in India equates to being a recipient of injustice, inequality and all its various manifestations, including harassment. Sexual harassment towards women in India, often referred to as “eve-teasing”, is seen as an endemic and persistent condition, a fact of life.

Of course, this is a global issue. Globally, women are expected to “prove” that they have been victimised and that they are speaking the truth. Globally, women have long been the silent victims of violence. Globally, the #MeToo movement has highlighted the scale and prevalence of sexual harassment. Globally, the #MeToo movement signals outrage that women have been persistently silent for fear of the consequences of speaking out and victim shaming.

But will #MeToo be the means for truly tackling gender-based violence in India?

#METOO IN 2019

The impact of #MeToo in India has been immediate. But for many the journey to justice from filing a complaint with the police to prosecution is an

arduous and time-consuming one. Due process in India is laborious and bureaucratic. Far more effective implementation of the laws is needed from all stakeholders. The laws are there, but the effective implementation and practice of them is cumbersome and restrained by cultural and bureaucratic pressures.



The #MeToo movement is growing and men are joining the debate. The movement has raised awareness of everyone's responsibility to be duly diligent about their behaviour and actions. That high-profile and powerful men have been accused demonstrates that no one is immune. There is recognition among men that there are repercussions for their inappropriate and violent behaviour towards women. Women will no longer stay quiet or shamed.

But it is important to acknowledge that there is a distinct class narrative to the #MeToo movement in India. It is elite, upper class, empowered and financially independent women who are coming forward. For lower class, rural, uneducated and disempowered women, the #MeToo movement provides little safeguard from the daily abuse and harassment.

All women deserve equal access to justice and safety, but this is less likely for socially and economically marginalised women. The statistics on rape and child abuse in India are horrific, with a one child being sexually abused every 15 minutes and four cases of rape every hour.

A MOVEMENT FOR ALL

For the #MeToo movement to have greater impact and be truly revolutionary, it needs to reach each and every community across India. It must

also be acknowledged that women are not a homogeneous group. They have a multitude of identities determined by values, faith, economic position, culture, caste, understandings and embodiments of the patriarchy, familial control, justice, equality, sexism and misogyny. Any dialogue must also in-

clude men as vital contributors to the movement and advocates for ending gender-based violence.

The mission to combat and end gender-based violence requires men and women to work together, to find a platform for unity and to celebrate gender equality as something that benefits all. Ending gender-based violence cannot be accomplished without men being part of the endeavour – and the demonisation of men via campaigns such as #MeToo does nothing to progress the mission.

The #MeToo movement is yet another catalyst to tackle the gender-based violence that permeates Indian society – at all levels, in all communities and across all institutions. This is a mammoth endeavour, but one that can be achieved. Dynamic, forward-thinking, gender-inclusive initiatives and projects focused on driving gender equality are needed.

It will require grassroots activism, persistence and holistic partnerships, along with a strong political will and the endorsement at both central and state level. A zero-tolerance approach is needed. There is great work being undertaken to tackle gender-based violence by a diverse range of organisations, including the police, but much more is needed if a true revolution in to become a reality.

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The Catholic Church is headed for another sex abuse scandal as #NunsToo speak up

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All eyes will turn to Rome between 21-24 February, when senior church clerics across the world meet to discuss how to handle the widening sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church. Until recently, this has been focused on the abuse of children. But now Pope Francis has admitted – for the first time – sexual abuse by priests against religious women exists and must be acknowledged.

And Catholic women are speaking out, under the #NunsToo hashtag.

Twenty-five years ago, Irish nun, Maura O'Donohue prepared an extensive report for the Vatican on the abuse of nuns internationally by priests. Her report was based on information supplied by priests, doctors and others, and she had been assured records existed for several of the incidents. But the report was covered up.

In late November, influenced by the success of the #MeToo movement, a group of women theologians convened a meeting – called Voices of Change – in Rome to share their stories of sexual harassment and abuse at the hands of male clerics, and decry the patriarchy of the Catholic hierarchy.

Doris Wagner, a German theologian, recalled her terror as a young woman in a mixed-gender religious order. A superior of the order entered her room one night and raped her. She knew if she were to report this, she would be told it was her fault, so she kept quiet. Years later, she did tell her superior, who did exactly as she feared – she blamed her, and asked if she had used contraceptives.

Wagner said she was later groomed by priest Hermann Geissler. He worked in the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, the Vatican organisation that deals with complaints of child sexual abuse. This led to a se-

ries of sexual assaults in the confessional, which she reported.

Geissler was found to have acted inappropriately but was not removed from his job, despite working on child sex abuse cases. He was publicly outed and resigned only after Wagner disclosed the story at the meeting in Rome last year. But the priest who committed the rape is still ordained and living in a religious community with young women.

Wagner also read from a report



that estimated up to 30% of Catholic sisters had been sexually abused and many more are at risk of clerical sexual abuse.

In Australia, reports suggest the number of Catholic women abused by priests vastly outnumber the survivors of child sexual abuse uncovered by the royal commission into the issue. These women and men often came from strict religious families, and had little experience of the world or sexual matters.

As this group finds its voice and begins to speak out, the leadership of the Church will face

another crisis of legitimacy and round of public inquiries.

It is clear the sexual abuse of women, children and vulnerable adults has been normalised in Catholic clerical culture. Abuse is exercised at every level of ministry, from parish priest to the most senior clerics. Perpetrators are protected and victims silenced. This is aided by a culture of clerical entitlement and opportunity.

The child sex abuse royal commission's final report provided ample ev-

lia's royal commission also noted:

“... the avoidance of public scandal, the maintenance of the reputation of the Catholic Church and loyalty to priests... largely determined the responses of Catholic Church authorities when allegations of child sexual abuse arose... Complaints of child sexual abuse were not reported to police or other civil authorities...”

There are also cases of high-level clerical sexual abusers, including serial offender US Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, who is now being defrocked, and Argentinian bishop Gustavo Zanchetta, who has been accused of sexual misconduct with young seminarians. Pope Francis' response was to remove Zanchetta from Argentina and promote him to a position of power in the Vatican's finance office.

Francis has not adequately handled a number of crises. This includes last year, when he defended a Chilean bishop who had covered up cases of child sexual abuse. As US feminist theologian Mary Hunt says, “you can't make this stuff up”.

Little information has been provided about the agenda for the upcoming, so-called “protection of minors in the Church” meeting in late February. But it's clear there will be no survivors, lay women or men in attendance – just the bishops, senior Vatican officials and Pope Francis.

This is the cohort who has protected priest perpetrators, covered up hundreds of cases, failed to report criminal activity to the police, blamed victims and promoted the guilty to positions of power. It is clear the answers to this catastrophic problem will not come from Church leaders. Instead, it is victims, survivors, lay people and experts in institutional change that need to be leading the dialogue, and enacting change. And one such group may be the Voices of Faith.

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Dancing Fishermen in Inle Lake

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We were still having breakfast when our contact arrived at the hotel. He was the guy who had approached us about the boat tour the previous morning when we arrived in Nyaung Shwe. We had taken the overnight bus from Bagan to this town that gives access to Inle lake and were eager to explore but the continuous journey had taken its toll as we woke up late and

from the very start. The motor power canoe zoomed past wild ducks and white birds enjoying their morning flight. Against the backdrop of Shan mountains and a lovely blue sky, the morning sun made way for glittering diamonds in the clear water of the lake. For a while we remained quiet –each of us trying to soak in the moment and running short of words to describe all that we saw and



had to postpone our boat ride for the next day. There were tons of other tour operators including the one at the hotel but we had given him our word and he was only happy to arrange our boat tour.

So, when we were done with our food, we stepped out and followed him to the dock where a host of canoes were busy taking tourists around Inle lake. He took us to one of the boats that was operated by his nephew and told him to take us around. As we sat, they handed us a blanket because apparently it gets windy and tourists get cranky.

We were soon off in this fresh water lake that proved to be a wonderful treat

felt, till we saw silhouettes of fishermen in the distance.

One of the main attractions of Inle lake are these Intha fishermen who have this peculiar way of rowing their boat. They usually stand on one leg in their boats as they wrap the second leg around the oar and move about the lake. Their hands are free so they can use their basket shaped fishing nets that they use to trap the fishes and use a spear to catch fish. Since the lake is not very deep and their nets are often taller than them, it seems like a technique that they have mastered over the years but it still requires some advanced dexterity.

Interestingly, they know that tourists

come to see their one-of-a-kind fishing style as they strike different poses for our cameras when we approach their boats. Attired in traditional gear, these acrobatic fishermen are fun to watch and photograph, and one shot is not enough. I myself took about fifty shots I realized as I look back at the pictures I took, and each shot is equally interesting. And for these shots, we tipped them – which was fine I thought but some tourists don't seem to like this as they complained how they have commercialized this activity and that the Intha fishermen don't fish this way anymore.

But the tourists are often too presumptuous I feel. On the way back, we actually saw Intha fishermen leg rowing their boats as they went fishing in the lake.

The lake is a world of its own with the many stops at the silver workshop, lotus weaving, floating pagodas, restaurants, floating gardens and one stop where the Kayan women known to wear neck rings just sat waiting for tourists to come and see them.

While it is very fascinating, this was a little uncomfortable for me than the fishermen in the lake. Of the three three women we met, one was older and looked like she had been wearing the neck rings for a long while but the younger one said she had worn for the last five years. She was not from Inle lake itself but came from the village in the mountains just for this job. At first glance, we didn't know what to do and could not possibly stare at them. So, we lingered around at the workshop behind where they were making umbrellas and finally got some courage to speak and take a photograph or two.

The next stop was at the lotus weaving place where they make clothes out of the lotus found in Inle lake. We never think of these tiny details but they meticulously slice the stalk of the lotus plant and pull out thin fibres

which they put together and make fabric out of. It looked like a tedious task but they seemed to have mastered this art. Later, we went to the showroom where clothes made of lotus, lotus and cotton, lotus and silk were all on display. The lotus ones were expensive but it was rightly so for all the hard work that goes into making a single thread. It was ingenious how

being taken care by the womenfolk. The experience was somewhat overwhelming that we bought different flavored cigarettes just to hopefully “support” them.

Burmese people seem hardworking. They never seem to beg or ask for money or cheat us. Instead, they would ask us to buy their products after some interaction or after arranging things. And since our currency exchange rate outs us in an advantageous position, we were glad to be able to participate.

For lunch we had fish from the lake at a floating restaurant and while it felt like we were doing very touristy things, we realized we were tourists. And that difference we try to make between a tourist and a traveler is often very superficial. The people of the lake had come together in arranging an entire experience and we were there to make the best of it.

Towards the end of the trip we went through the floating gardens which was absolutely stunning. The locals farm tomatoes, beans and seasonal vegetables in these gardens as we felt like we were floating between the heavens and the waters. It felt surreal. It was a dreamlike adventure to know that between the land and the water, people lived different lives which was equally important and exciting.

Though we had hoped only to find the dancing fishermen, Inle lake proved to be a world of possibilities and I am appreciative of all the villagers and children who opened our eyes to their lives on the lake.



they made use of their resources and are creating a niche out of home grown locally available products.

Next stop was my favorite one for the day as we stepped into a floating house where they made and sold cigarettes. The daughter of the house demonstrated how they made cigarettes of banana, cinnamon, clove, mint flavors and asked if we wanted to try. But we politely refused as we were non-smokers and the fear of acting like we knew how to smoke and coughing up was a situation we wanted to avoid. But as we spent more time with them, we realized that the mother did most of the work and it was another example of Inle economy

ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM GANGTOK

Memo No:622/ SD IV/R&B/ R&B/2018-19/202

Date: 13/02/2019

NOTICE INVITINGTENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Assistant Engineer-Singtam, Roads & Bridges Department, Singtam , 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/Secy, dated 12.06.2018 and notification no. 556/R&B PWD/Secy dated : 28.08.2018 for the construction of fair weather roads, through competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction **of the Concern Ward of the GPU/ULB** where the work is to be executed. The details of works and time schedule are as under:

SL. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Work put to tender (in Rs)	Earnest Money @ 2.50% (in Rs.)	Cost of Tender documents (in Rs.)	Completion Time.
1.	Construction of road from Namin PWD Road to Chuba JHS under Martam Rumtek constituency	Namli GPU			
	Km 1 st	84,76,992.00	2,12,000.00	5,000.00	12 months.
2	Construction of link road from Rumtek Old Monastery to Manay Dara under MartamRumtek constituency	Namli GPU			
	Km 1 st	42,38,496.00	1,06,000.00	1,500.00	18 months.
3.	Construction of raod from Sajong to Pangu Manay Dara under Martam Rumtek Constituency	Rawtey Rumtek GPU			
	Km 1 st & Km 2 nd	84,76,992.00	2,12,000.00	5,000.00	12 months.
4.	Construction of road from Hitti Dara to Dispensary under Martam Rumtek constituency	Rawtey Rumtek GPU			
	Km 1 st & Km 2 nd	84,76,992.00	2,12,000.00	5,000.00	12 months.
5.	Construction of road from Chinzey PMGSY road to NH 10 under Martam Rumtek constituency	Rawtey Rumtek GPU			
	Km 1 st & Km 2 nd	84,76,992.00	2,12,000.00	5,000.00	12 months.
	Km 3 rd & Km 4 th	84,76,992.00	2,12,000.00	5,000.00	18 months.
7.	Construction of approach road to Yen Gaon under Tumin Lingee constituency	Rakdong-Tintek GPU			
	Km 1 st & Km 2 nd	84,76,992.00	2,12,000.00	5,000.00	12 months.
	Km 3 rd & Km 4 th	42,38,496.00	1,06,000.00	1,500.00	18 months.

TIME SCHEDULE:-

1.	Date of submission of application with (i) Demand Draft/deposit slip for cost of tender documents drawn against of respective GPU/ULB an (ii) TDR of SBS as Earnest money to be drawn in favour of Sr. Accounts Officer, R&B, for issue of Tender Forms. For all works	(Bank account number for DD can be obtained from respective GPU/ULB). 1 st & 2 nd March 2019 from office of respective GPK's and ULBs.
2.	Last Date and Time for submission of Tender For all works	6 th March 2019 (10:00 am to 1:00 pm) at respective GPKs/ULBs.
3.	Date and Time for Opening of Tender For all works	6 th of the March 2019 (2:00 pm) at respective GPKs/ULBs.

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

- Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors of appropriate Class and Area.
- GST registration is must for successful bidder before issuing work order.
- The bidder shall produce Certificate of Residence from the concerned Gram Panchyat Unit/ Urban Local Bodies where the work is being executed.
- For others General Conditions of Contract and other queried, Office of the Divisional Engineer, East I an Office of the Assistant Engineer, Sub Divisional IV, R&B, Gangtok, may be contacted during office hours.

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Date: 15.2.19

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All Arunachal govt offices will become paperless by 2021: CM

ITANAGAR, FEB 16 (PTI): All state government offices in Arunachal Pradesh will become paperless e-office by 2021, Chief Minister Pema Khandu has said. The state government is giving a big push to usage of information technology (IT) in governance and by 2021 all government offices will become paperless e-office, Khandu said on Friday while launching WiFi hotspots for Tawang and Dirang districts at Tawang.

The chief minister said the advantage of having paperless e-office is to stop manipulation, ensure transparency and provide easy access of services to the people.

Khandu said the WiFi services have been rolled out as per the budget announcement and similar hotspots were launched earlier in several educational institutions in the state capital, a CMO release said here.

The chief minister said 66 access points in Tawang and 12 in Dirang would be installed, which would be capable of providing WiFi service to 124 users at each access points. Khandu lauded the Tawang district administration for carrying out the Sarkar Aapke Dwar (government at your doorstep) programme effectively across the district.

Under the Sarkar Aapke Dwar programme the deputy commissioners of the districts conduct jan-sunwais (public hearing) on the first of every month in their respective districts to resolve public grievances on the spot.

Gyangbung Rinpoche new Abbot of Tawang Monastery

ITANAGAR, FEB 16 (PTI): Gyangbung Rinpoche has assumed charge of the Abbot of the 400-year-old Tawang Monastery in Arunachal Pradesh. Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu along with Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju, attended the enthronement ceremony of the new Abbot on Friday, an official release said.

The Tawang monastery also known as Gaden Namgyal Lhatse in Tibetan, means 'celestial paradise in a clear night'. It is the largest monastery in India and second largest in the world.

Gyangbung Rinpoche succeeded Gangkar Tulku Lozang Konchok as the new



Abbot. Khandu expressed happiness on enthronement of new Abbot and welcomed him on his new roles and responsibility.

The chief minister said that the Monpa community is thankful to the role played by monastery in inculcating peace, discipline and humbleness among the people. He said due to

role of religion in the society, people are peaceful and the district has a very low crime rate.

Khandu said that Tawang Monastery is renowned not only in the state but world over and the enthronement of the new abbot is a significant event, which has its effect all over the world.



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM SIKKIM STATE TEACHERS' RECRUITMENT BOARD GANGTOK – 737102

Ref. No: 22/SSTRB

Dated: 16.02.2019

NOTICE

In continuation to Employment Notice No. 19/ SSTRB/19 dated 04/02/2019 inviting application for filling up of 249 post of Post Graduate Teachers, it is to inform and add that the revised detailed syllabus has been placed at the Notice Board of the SSTRB, Teachers Guest House, Syari for reference.

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Controller of Examination,
Sikkim State Teachers
Recruitment Board

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Date: 16.2.2019

Trump confident about his second summit with Kim, says it will be “very successful one”

LALIT K JHA

WASHINGTON, FEB 16 (PTI): Exuding confidence ahead of his high-profile meeting with Kim Jong-un later this month, US President Donald Trump has said the second summit will be a “very successful one” as he has established a “very good” relationship with the North Korean leader.

President Trump and Chairman Kim are scheduled to meet in Hanoi, Vietnam on February 27 and 28.

The two leaders had met on June 12 last year in Singapore for the first summit. Trump described his first-ever historic meeting with Kim as “really fantastic” and said they had agreed to sign an unspecified document after their “very positive” summit, aimed at normalising ties and complete denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula.

“I hope we have the same good luck as we had in the first summit. A lot was done in the first summit. No more rockets going up. No more missiles going up. No more testing of nuclear (weapons). Got back our remains, the remains of our great heroes from the Korean War. We got back our hostages,” Trump told reporters at the White House on Friday. “We hope we are going to be very much equally as successful. I’m in no rush for speed. We just don’t want testing,” he said.

Noting that the sanctions against North Koreans remain in place, Trump said both China and Russia were helping the US and he was also working closely with South Korea and Japan.

“But China, Russia, on the border, have really been at least partially living up to what they’re supposed to be doing,” he said.

“So we will have a meeting on the 27th and 28th of February, and I think that will be a very successful one. I look forward to seeing Chairman Kim. We have also established a very good relationship, which has never happened between him or his family and the United States. They have really taken advantage of the United States. Billions of dollars has been paid to them. And we won’t let that happen,” said the US President.

Trump said North Korea had tremendous potential as an economic force. “Their location between South Korea and then Russia and China - right smack in the middle - is phenomenal. We think that they have a great chance for tremendous economic prosperity in the future. So I look forward to seeing Chairman Kim in Vietnam,” he said.

“A lot has been accomplished. We’re dealing with them, we’re talking to them,” he said.

The US president had said after the first summit that he believed he and Kim will “solve a big problem, a big dilemma” and that by working together, “we will get it taken care of”.

Ronaldo on target as Juventus cruise before Atletico showdown

MILAN, FEB 16 (AFP): Cristiano Ronaldo set up Paulo Dybala to score early and added one himself with defender Leonardo Bonucci also on target as Juventus surged 14 points clear in Serie A with a 3-0 win over lowly Frosinone.

Coach Massimiliano Allegri was taking no chances, even against a side sitting second bottom of the table, ahead of next week’s Champions League last 16, first-leg tie at Atletico Madrid.

Dybala returned to the front line alongside Ronaldo and Mario Mandzukic with key defenders Bonnucci and Giorgio Chiellini both back from injury.

“The team is growing in terms of fitness, it’s a decisive moment for the season,” said Allegri.

Juventus are building towards next week’s game in Madrid and a top-of-the table clash against Napoli in the San Paolo Stadium on March 3.

“We struggled a bit after the winter break but now we are ready to face this important moment of the season both in the championship and



the Champions League,” added Allegri.

Juventus remain unbeaten this season but the reigning seven-time league champions had been held 3-3 by Parma two weeks ago.

Bonucci returned after three weeks out with an ankle injury along with captain Chiellini who limped off during their shock Coppa Italia exit on January 30.

Ronaldo set up Dybala to rifle in with his left foot after just six minutes in Turin as the Argentina forward, who has been

overshadowed since the arrival of the former Real Madrid player, scored his first league goal since November 3.

Ten minutes later Bonucci broke through after a desperate goalmouth scramble. Frosinone goalkeeper Marco Sportiello denied Mandzukic’s diving header with Bonucci in place to turn the rebound into goal.

Ronaldo slotted in his 19th Serie A goal and 21st in all competitions on 62 minutes with Rodrigo Bentancur crossing for Mandzukic who pro-

vided the assist for the Portuguese striker.

Ronaldo was then replaced by Federico Bernardeschi with the tie against Atletico in mind, with Sportiello denying Juventus a fourth goal keeping out a powerful Bernardeschi free kick.

“I’m happy for Paulo, he scored a good goal and that’s what strikers live for,” said Allegri.

“The game against Atletico Madrid will be very different. It’s crucial that we get a goal there, otherwise qualification would be rather diffi-

cult to achieve. “But this team is growing, we are even better than the first weeks (of the season).”

AC Milan, in fourth, travel to Atalanta, one place below in fifth, on Saturday in a battle for Champions League football next season.

Napoli host Torino on Sunday, with Inter Milan, in third, hosting ninth-placed Sampdoria.

Roma play relegation threatened Bologna on Monday after winning their Champions League last 16, first-leg tie against Porto 2-1.

I will always be there for development of football in Delhi: Chhetri



NEW DELHI, FEB 16 (PTI): Sunil Chhetri, the all-time leading scorer for India in international football, says he is always there to help develop the sport in the national capital, where he was brought up.

The 34-year-old Padma Shri was Friday conferred the first ever Football Ratna honour by Football Delhi, the association governing the sport in the city.

“I am honoured by the kind gesture of Football Delhi and recognis-

ing me with the Football Ratna award. My support will always be there for the development of football in Delhi and I am sure the current management is working hard to develop football in Delhi and make Delhi a model football state in India,” Chhetri said.

Football Delhi president Shaji Prabhakaran, himself a former player of repute and administrator at the All India Football Federation

and FIFA, presented the award to Chhetri.

“We are inspired by the spectacular achievements of Sunil. His professionalism, dedication, discipline and passion, on and off the field, is an example not only for the football fraternity but also for every Indian to dream big and achieve something spectacular in life,” Prabhakaran said.

“It is a great honour for us to confer the first ever Football Ratna to Sunil

Chhetri and we express our gratitude and thanks to Sunil for his time and inspiration to develop football in Delhi.”

On the occasion, Football Delhi also honoured Shubham Sarangi, youth player from Delhi who is currently the player of Delhi Dynamos squad for ISL. Shubham was part of AIFF Youth Academy since the age of 12 years and represented India in U-14 and U-17 youth national teams.

Case registered on missing idols after over 40 yrs

Kumbakonam (TN), Feb 16 (PTI): Four decades after an ancient Nataraja idol was stolen from a temple in Tamil Nadu, the state idol wing police have registered a case.

The idol worth Rs 50 crore then was stolen in 1972 from a Shiva temple in Thandanthottam village near here, police said. Earlier in 1971, five idols worth Rs 60 crore then were stolen from the same temple, they said. After the second incident of theft, the other idols in the temple were shifted to the safety locker at the Uppilappan temple here.

Though a complaint was lodged, no case was registered for the past 47 years, and the local police did not give a proper explanation as to why a case was not registered.

It is suspected that the stolen Nataraja idol was in England, from where it had been smuggled to America. Also, there were complaints that the idols in the locker had been replaced with fake ones and investigations were on to verify them.

Lyon ready for ‘game of season’ with Barcelona after Guingamp win

PARIS, FEB 16 (AFP): Lyon edged rock-bottom Guingamp 2-1 in Ligue 1 with a fabulous winner from captain Nabil Fekir, just days ahead of Barcelona’s visit for a Champions League clash.

Lyon consolidated third place Friday in Ligue 1 while resting a couple of key players and even taking their foot off the gas with Barcelona in mind.

“It’s our game of the year, it’ll be a big match, but we often do well in them,” Lyon president Jean Michel Aulas told French TV.

“Bruno (Genesio the Lyon coach) takes tactical risks and we have surprised (Manchester) City before, and this stadium was built for matches like this,” he added on their 60,000-capacity home.

“Many of the players had Tuesday on their minds but with Barcelona coming that’s normal,” said Genesio, mastermind of the four points Lyon took off City in the group phase to squeeze into the last-16.

“We have some doubts still about who is playing on Tuesday, but you’ll have to wait until Monday to find out,” Genesio added.

Ahead of their Sun-

day game with Saint Etienne, PSG still lead Ligue 1 on 59 points with Lille second on 49 and Lyon third on 46.

Martin Terrier put Lyon ahead after a scramble on 15 minutes before defender Leo Dubois was then overpowered five minutes later by Guingamp’s Cameroon midfielder Felix Eboa Eboa, who rushed in for a header at the far post shouldering the defender out of the way to make it 1-1. But then on 35 minutes Fekir controlled the ball on his chest, took a quick touch to set himself up for the shot and curled a fabulous left-foot shot into the top corner from outside the box.

Fekir, however, will miss the game against Barcelona through suspension.

“I’ll be in the stadium supporting my teammates from the stands and I’ll believe in them all the way,” said French international Fekir.

One other worry for Lyon was the loss of lively striker Moussa Dembele, who was replaced late on by Dutch forward Memphis Depay.

Earlier Friday, Nimes secured top flight survival with a 2-0 win over Dijon.

A day after being flagged off, Vande Bharat Express runs into trouble twice

NEW DELHI, FEB 16 (PTI): A day after it was flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India’s first semi-high speed train, Vande Bharat Express, ran into some trouble twice on Saturday while returning to Delhi from Varanasi, officials said.

The first incident occurred around 15 kilometres from Tundla junction in Uttar Pradesh, with officials calling it a case of “skidding wheels”.

“This disruption appears to be because of a possible cattle run over. The train was returning at night and cattle run over is a possibility at odd times,” Railway spokesperson Smita Vats Sharma said, adding this was not a commercial run, which is scheduled to start from Sunday.

According to sources, including several journalists on board the train, it was stuck near Tundla for over an hour. “It was a case of skid-

ding wheels after the train ran over cattle,” Northern Railway CPRO Deepak Kumar said.

After removing the obstacles, the train resumed its journey to Delhi at around 8:15 am, officials said.

However, it suffered a breakdown after 40 minutes at Hathras Junction and could resume journey after 10:20 am and is now running at a speed of less than 50 kmph, sources said.

Vande Bharat Express had hit 180 kmph during a trial run on a section of the Delhi-Mumbai Rajdhani route, thus becoming India’s fastest train.

The train had left Varanasi Junction at 10:30 pm for Delhi on Friday, nearly 45 minutes after reaching the holy city on its inaugural journey.

Train 18, which was rechristened Vande Bharat Express by Railway Minister Piyush Goyal, has been manufactured by the Integral Coach Factory, Chennai.

Working with Kiran More on keeping helped in Australia: Rishabh Pant

KUSHAN SARKAR

NEW DELHI, FEB 16 (PTI): A slight tweak in hand positioning and body posture was all that it took for Rishabh Pant to turn the tables after a tough stint behind the stumps in England and the fast-rising Indian wicketkeeper-batsman credits Kiran More for making it happen.

He faced sharp criticism for his wicket-keeping skills in adverse English conditions but Pant more than made up for it in Australia.

In England, where the red Dukes was seaming all around, a lot of byes were recorded against Pant’s name, many of them due to the ball moving in the air even after leaving the stumps.

However, things changed in Australia, where he pulled off 20 catches with a world record-equalling 11 scalps in Adelaide.

“Keeping in England was an altogether different experience. After that, I worked with Kiran sir at the

NCA on a few specific areas. It included hand-positioning and body posture. Every keeper has distinct movement and I tweaked it a little and it worked,” Pant told PTI during an exclusive interview.

While Pant didn’t elaborate on the specifics, More, who has been a respected coach as well as former chairman of the national selection committee, pointed out a few basic areas.

“Rishabh had a more sideways movement and I suggested a bit more open chested stance. It helps in balance and keeping a still head, something that is key to Mahendra Singh Dhoni’s success,” More said.

About the positioning of hands, More said, “I advised a very minor change like pointing the finger towards ground rather than the bowler. It helps one avoid injuries and success in taking catches goes up.”

For Pant, the endeavour is to improve everyday and working on his

glovework is a part of that process.

“When you make it to the team at a young age, the more you are keen to learn, the better you get at utilising the opportunities that come your way,” the 21 year old said.

The turning point for him was certainly the hundred at the Oval which gave him confidence and it’s effect showed in Australia where he was phenomenal both behind as well as in front of the stumps.

“When I got that hundred in England, the confidence rose to a different level. From there, I started constantly thinking that how can I improve in certain areas. The process of learning that started in England paid off in Australia,” said the heir apparent of Dhoni.

The ‘devil-may-care’ approach to batting has been his calling card and he asserts that the high stakes IPL games, where he plays for Delhi Capitals, and for India, have not bogged him down.

But isn’t there and insecurity that this approach may let him down when stakes are very high?

“Insecurities will always be there whether you play for India or for your franchise in IPL. But how do you beat those insecurities and perform, defines you as a player.”

“Stakes will always be high for India or Delhi Capitals, so if you let insecurities come in your way, it will be very difficult to focus on the job. One needs that balance to treat every game as same,” said Pant.

Having scored 684 runs in the last IPL season for Delhi (erstwhile Daredevils), Pant obviously wants a repeat and would prefer batting at the top of the order for the Capitals.

“As a batsman, I would always like to bat as high as possible but the team combination is also very important,” said Pant, who expects things to change for Delhi this time round.

“We have had a change in name,

jersey and New players have come in. It’s a good blend of youth and experience. Hope both our departments click this time and Delhi Capitals have a good tourney.”

With 277,000 followers on Twitter, Pant’s fan following is on the rise but for him it’s a by-product of his success on the field and nothing more than that.

As a young celebrity, he provided his perspective on how social media can cut both ways.

“You need to be careful about social media. Once you are well known, your personal space shrinks. You will get a lot of praise but one should also be aware that you will have to deal with negativity,” he said.

“Irrespective of social media’s influence, it’s the cricket that you play which will remain paramount. How to keep focus when you have hit a low patch and things are looking down, is something we all must learn,” he concluded.

Two States only just solution for Israel-Palestine conflict: UN chief

YOSHITA SINGH
UNITED NATIONS, FEB 16 (PTI): A “peaceful and just solution” to the longstanding Israel-Pal-estine conflict can only be achieved through cre-ation of two States living side-by-side in peace and security, UN Secre-tary-General Antonio Gut-terres has said, asserting that there is no plan B.

In his address to the Committee on the Exer-cise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, which was es-tablished by the UN Gen-eral Assembly in 1975, Guterres said on Friday that “based on relevant UN resolutions, long-held principles, previous agreements and inter-national law”, Jerusalem should be the capital of both States.

“Unfortunately, over this past year, the situ-ation has not moved in that direction”, he rued, pointing to protests that began along the border fence with Gaza last year that left hundreds dead and thousands wounded by Israeli security forces.

He also cited “secu-rity incidents and prov-ocations by Hamas and other militants in Gaza”, including the launching of rockets and incendiary kites that dangerously escalated the situation.

“Thanks to the UN and Egyptian mediation efforts, a major escala-tion was avoided”, he said, appealing to Hamas authorities in Gaza to “prevent provocations”.

The UN chief said under International Hu-



manitarian Law Israel too has a responsibility to exercise “maximum restraint”, except as a last resort.

Guterres said he re-gretted Israel’s decision not to renew the man-date of the Temporary International Presence in Hebron, saying “I hope an agreement can be found by the parties to preserve this long-standing and valuable arrangement”.

“Palestinians have endured more than a half-century of occu-pation and denial of their legitimate right to self-determination” with both sides continuously suffering from “deadly cycles of violence”, the Secretary-General said.

He indicated that leaders bore the re-sponsibility to reverse this negative trajec-tory and pave the way toward peace, stability and reconciliation.

Guterres praised the Committee for keep-ing the focus on the

ultimate objective of a “peaceful solution with two States coexisting in peace and security” as the only way to achieve the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.

“As I have said repeat-edly, there is no Plan B,” Guterres said.

He underscored that the UN firmly supports Palestinian reconcilia-tion and “the return of the legitimate Palestin-ian Government to Gaza” as “an integral part of a future Palestinian State”.

Noting that the ongo-ing humanitarian crisis in Gaza must be immediat-ely addressed, he detailed that some two million Palestinians remained mired in increasing pov-erty and unemployment, with limited access to adequate health, educa-tion, water and electric-ity, leaving young people with “little prospect of a better future”.

“I urge Israel to lift restrictions on the move-ment of people and

goods, which also ham-per the efforts of the United Nations and oth-er humanitarian agen-cies, without naturally jeopardising legitimate security concerns,” Gu-terres said.

Lauding the UN Re-lief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) for its “critical work” in Gaza, the occupied West Bank and across the re-gion, he called on the international communi-ty to “significantly” in-crease efforts to revital-ise Gaza’s economy.

Touching upon the risk of further unrest in the West Bank, the UN chief flagged that Is-raeli construction and settlement plans have expanded, including in East Jerusalem.

“Settlements are ille-gal under international law”, he asserted.

“They deepen the sense of mistrust and undermine the two-State solution”.

Gunman kills five in mass shooting at US manufacturing facility

CHICAGO, FEB 16 (AFP): Five people were killed and multiple police offi-cers shot Friday when a gunman opened fire in an industrial area on the outskirts of Chicago, the latest mass shooting to hit the United States.

The shooting took place at approximately 1:28 pm (1928 GMT), at a giant manufacturing complex in Aurora, Illi-nois -- a small suburb 65 kilometers west of central Chicago. Police said officers engaged in a firefight with the suspect, thought to be an employee, before he was shot dead. He was identified as 45-year-old Gary Martin.

Aurora police chief Kristen Ziman said five police officers were shot. Two were air lifted to Chi-cago-area trauma centers. “The other officers on the scene located gunshot vic-tims inside the building,” Ziman told a news confer-ence, putting the death toll at five people. Police did not release information on the officers’ conditions or identify the victims.

Police said they do not know the motive for the shooting, but wit-nesses told local media that the gunman was a disgruntled employee.

Witnesses said they locked themselves into nearby buildings as the gunman began firing off rounds. Aerial TV foot-age showed dozens of police cars, ambulances and fire trucks at the scene as officers with shields entered the complex.

Cognizant to pay USD 25 mn to settle India bribery charges

WASHINGTON, FEB 16 (PTI): Major American IT player Cognizant will pay USD 25 million to the US Security and Ex-change Commission to settle its India bribery charges, as Department of Justice filed criminal cases against two if its former top executives.

The two former exec-utives have been charged for their roles in facilitat-ing the payment of mil-lions of dollars in bribe to an Indian government official, the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) said. Cognizant has agreed to pay USD 25 million to settle charges that it violated the For-eign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), the SEC said.

The complaint alleges that in 2014, a senior Tamil Nadu official de-manded a USD 2 million bribe from the construc-tion firm responsible for building Cognizant’s 2.7 million square foot cam-pus in Chennai.

As alleged in the com-plaint, Cognizant’s Presi-dent Gordon Coburn and Chief Legal Officer Steven E Schwartz authorised the contractor to pay the bribe and directed their subordi-nates to conceal the bribe by doctoring the contrac-tor’s change orders.

The SEC also alleges that Cognizant autho-rised the construction firm to make two addi-tional bribes totaling more than USD 1.6 mil-lion. Cognizant allegedly used sham change order requests to conceal the payments it made to re-imburse the firm, SEC

said. The SEC charged Coburn and Schwartz with violating anti-bri-bery, books and records, and internal accounting controls provisions of the federal securities laws. The SEC is seeking permanent injunctions, monetary pen-alties, and officer-and-di-rector bars against Coburn and Schwartz.

In a separate state-ment, the Department of Justice said Gordon Coburn, 55, and Steven Schwartz, 51, have been charged in a 12-count indictment with one count of conspiracy to violate the FCPA, three counts of violating the FCPA, seven counts of fal-sifying books and records, and one count of circum-venting and failing to im-plement internal account-ing controls.

The allegations in the indictment filed Thurs-day describe a sophisti-cated international brib-ery scheme authorised and concealed by C-suite executives of a public-ly-traded multinational company, said Assistant Attorney General Brian Benczkowski.

According to the in-dictment, in April 2014, Coburn and Schwartz allegedly authorised an unlawful payment of approximately USD 2 million to one or more foreign government of-ficials in India to secure and obtain a necessary permit to open a new of-fice campus. To conceal Cognizant’s involvement in the scheme, Coburn, Schwartz and others allegedly agreed that a third-party construction

company would obtain the permit by making the illegal bribe payment and that Cognizant would re-imburse the construction company through phony construction invoices at the end of the project.

The indictment fur-ther alleges that in June 2014, after the co-con-spirators agreed that the construction company would make the bribe payment on behalf of Cog-nizant, the construction company secured the nec-essary government order for Cognizant to obtain the permit, allowing Cog-nizant to complete the development of the office campus and avoid mil-lions of dollars in costs.

Months later, the co-conspirators are al-leged to have knowingly caused Cognizant to fun-nel over USD 2 million to the construction compa-ny disguised as payment for cost overruns on the office campus when they knew that the actual pur-pose of the payment was to reimburse the con-struction company for the bribe payment.

According to the in-dictment, as Coburn, Schwartz and others had previously agreed, they hid the bribe reimburse-ment payment within a series of line items in a construction change or-der request to be paid to the construction compa-ny, thereby concealing the true nature and purpose of the reimbursement, falsify-ing Cognizant’s books and records, and circumventing and failing to implement its internal controls.



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENT YANGANG SUB DIVISION SOUTH SIKKIM

N.I.T. No. 282/GOS/R&B/Yang/SD

Dated: 16/02/2019

TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Assistant Engineer (Rabong), Roads & Bridges Department, Govern-ment 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: 584/R&B/PWD/Secy, dated 08.10.2018 &vide Notification No.556/R&B/Secy. Dated 28/08/2018, through competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction of the **Gram Pan-chayat Ward** where the work is to be executed.The details of works and time schedules are as under: -
STRENGTHENING, CARPETING AND DRAINAGE WORKS FROM GLVC ROAD TO NAMPRIK BUSTY

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Cost of work put to tender (in Rs)	Earnest Mon-ey @ 2.5%(in Rs)	Cost of Tender docu-ments(in Rs)	Comple-tion time	GPU/WARD
1	Strengthening, Carpeting and Drainage Works From GLVC Road to Namprik Busty Km 00.00 to km 1.00 Under Yangang Sub-Division.	69,67,028/-	1,74,176.00	5,000.00	12 months	GPU: 02 Ben-Nam-prik, Nam-prik ward no 07
2	Strengthening, Carpeting and Drainage Works From GLVC Road to Namprik Busty Km 1.00 to Km 2.00 Under Yangang Sub-Division.	65,75,408/-	1,64,385.00	5,000.00	12 months	GPU: 02 Ben-Nam-prik, Namprik ward no 07

Time Schedule: -

- Date of submission of application with bank Receipt For issue of Tender Documents (*excluding Tender Form*)4th March, 2019. (From 10.00am to 3.00pm)
- Date of issue of Tender Form on submission of TDR (as Earnest Money)6th March, 2019. (From 10.00am to 3.00pm)
- Last Date and Time of submission of Tender: - (**Venue:** GPK-02 Ben-Namprik)8th March 2019 (From10.00 am to 12.00 pm)
- Date and Time of Opening of Bid: (**Venue:** GPK-02 Ben-Namprik)8th March 2019 (1 p.m. onwards)

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:

- Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors/Firms of appropriate Class/Area (**Concerned Gram Panchayat Ward**).
- The intending tenders/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would be invariably signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender documents will not be issued to any person other than the **INTENDING TENDERER**. The application shall be submitted initially for each works listed above with all required documents.
- The application should enclose 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 Documents for verification.
- The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents (**excluding the Tender Form**) can be obtained during the period specified above from the office of the Assistant Engineer, Roads & Bridges Department, Rabong Sub Division on production of requisite Receipt from the Concerned Gram Panchayat Kendra, towards the cost of Tender Documents (Non-Refundable).
- Earnest money deposit @ **2.50%** in the State Bank of Sikkimshall be in the form of Deposit Receipt of Schedule Bank which includes deposits in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipt (TDR) in favour of the Senior Accounts Officer, Roads & Bridges Department, Namchi Circle. Tender Form shall be issued only on production of deposit receipts, to that Contrac-tor/Firm who has obtained the tender documents, on production of Deposit Receiptof 2.50% 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 work superscripted on it. Supporting documents listed at Sl. No: 3 (a) above should be enclosed with the offer.
- Sealed Tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box under their respective GPK’s (Panchayat Bhawan) 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 shouldsign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the General Direction and Conditions of contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and all other Taxes and Levies. Over writing and corrections 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 Schedule of Rates (SOR), the rates shall be as per the technically checked estimate/analysis. Decision of the PCE-cum-Sec-etary/Head of the Department will be final in this regard.
- The work value, scope and quantum of the 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 extra 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 produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.
- Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his/her 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 for 90 (Ninety) days. The work should commence within 15 (fifteen) days form the issue of Work Order.
- All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to be 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 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 incor-porated in 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 the notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.
- In case the man power employed by the contractors are from outside the State or neighbouring 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.
- 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.
- Use of explosive shall be regulated as under:
 - Transportation, Handling, storage and use of Explosives (if necessary) shall be in accordance with the pro- vision 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 author- ity shall strictly be adhered to with regard to transportation, storage, handling and use of explosives at all times. Proper daily record of receipt and issue of explosives shall be 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 stages.
- Damage of 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 contractor will have to pay all taxes and duties as applicable and notified by the State/Central Government and no claim shall be entertained in this regard whatsoever.
- The cost of Stock materials supplied from the Departmental store will be deducted from the contractor’s bills as per rules.

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Assistant Engineer,
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All Oscars will be presented live; Academy reverses its earlier decision

LOS ANGELES, FEB 16 (PTI): The Academy of Motion Picture Art & Sciences has announced a roll back of its decision to present four categories of Oscars during the commercial breaks.

In its attempt to keep the live telecast under three hours, the Academy had decided to present four categories -- cinematography, film editing, live action shorts and makeup and hairstyling -- during commercial breaks with the winners' speeches set to air later in the broadcast. Academy president John Bailey, a cinematographer himself, in an email to the members had said the change would be on a rotation each year, meaning that at least four different categories would use this format in 2020 and that the four mentioned would be exempt.

The news had to led to a huge controversy with many Hollywood A-listers such as George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Christopher Nolan, among others, urging the Academy to reverse its decision.

In a brief statement on Friday, the Academy's Board of Governors said, "The Academy has heard the feedback



from its membership regarding the Oscar presentation of four awards - Cinematography, Film Editing, Live Action Short, and Makeup and Hairstyling."

"All Academy Awards will be presented without edits, in our traditional format. We look forward to Oscar Sunday, February 24," it added.

Earlier, the American Society of Cinematographers had sent a letter to the

Academy urging a roll back of its decision. The letter was signed by directors Michael Mann, Alejandro G Inarritu, Guillermo del Toro, Denis Villeneuve and actors such as Brad Pitt, Robert DeNiro, Elizabeth Banks, Peter Dinklage and Kerry Washington. del Toro and his Mexican counterpart, Alfonso Cuarón were among the first to criticise the Academy's decision on Twitter.

Denis Villeneuve's 'Dune' to release in November 2020

Los Angeles, Feb 16 (PTI): Denis Villeneuve's next directorial venture, "Dune", has officially got a release date.

Warner Bros has announced the film will be release in the US in 3D and IMAX on November 20, 2020, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

The film, based on Frank Herbert's bestselling novel of the same name, features a star-studded cast of Timothee Chalamet, Dave Bautista, Stellan Skarsgard, Charlotte Rampling, Rebecca Ferguson, Josh Brolin, Javier Bardem and Jason Momoa.

Actor Oscar Isaac and "Spider-Man: Homecoming" star Zendaya are also in talks to board the film.

The story is set in the distant future and follows Paul Atreides (Chalamet), whose family assumes control of the desert planet Arrakis, also



known as Dune.

After Paul and his family are betrayed, the story explores themes of politics, religion, and man's relationship to nature, as Paul leads a rebellion to restore his family's reign.

Ferguson will portray

Atreides' mother, Lady Jessica, who escapes with him into the desert and helps him become a saviour in their eyes. Skarsgard will star as the evil Baron Harkonnen, and Bautista as the Baron's nephew.

Rampling will play the

Reverend Mother Mohiam, the emperor's truthsayer, a person who can divine intentions, suss out lies and manipulate people's emotional states.

The film's script has been penned by Eric Roth along with Villeneuve and Jon Spaihts.

Filming is expected to start in spring in Budapest and Jordan.

Mary Parent, Cale Boyter and Villeneuve will produce the project while Thomas Tull will serve as the executive producer alongside Brian Herbert, Byron Merritt and Kim Herbert.

Herbert's novel was previously made into a film in 1984 by David Lynch but was a box office disappointment. Troubled by rewrites and the alleged meddling of the studio, Lynch had removed his name from the film.



DIAZ DAYS! Cameron Diaz takes a stroll around town in The Big Apple.

Loving what you doing: Will Smith to Ranveer Singh on 'Gully Boy'

Mumbai, Feb 16 (PTI): Hollywood star Will Smith has praised actor Ranveer Singh for his performance in his latest film "Gully Boy".

The film, directed by Zoya Akhtar and also featuring Alia Bhatt, released on Friday and has been well-received by both the critics and the fans.

It features Ranveer as an up-and-coming rapper who sets out to achieve his dream by rhyming about his life on the Mumbai streets.

Smith, 50, shared a video on his official Instagram page where he congratulated Ranveer for the film.

"Yo Ranveer! Congrats man. I am loving what you doing, Gully Boy," the actor said in the video.

"I have seen old school hip hop, seen hip hop all over



the world. I am loving it. Go get it," he added.

On its first day at box office, "Gully Boy", produced by Ritesh Sidhwani and Farhan Akhtar, minted Rs 18.7 crore.

Smith is currently awaiting for the release of his Disney film, "Alladin". The actor is playing blue-skinned Genie in the Guy Ritchie-directed film.

'Luka Chuppi' has a different take on live-in relationships: Kartik Aaryan

Kartik Aaryan says his upcoming film "Luka Chuppi" has a different, fun take on live-in relationships.

The actor believes Indian society has become more realistic and being in live-in is no longer a big deal.

"Indian society today is more realistic... In a way it is good that our thinking is widening. People are open to thinking in a way which was not there earlier. We are in a good democratic situation where we are free to think, free to say and do things, which are not harming anyone else," Kartik told PTI.

Bollywood has made several movies on the theme of live-in relationship namely "Salaam Namaste", "Cocktail", "Shuddh Desi Romance",



"Katti Batti" among others, Kartik says "Luka Chuppi" is different from all them primarily because it is "live-in with family". "This is the first film which is saying that come live-in with family. It is the funny quotient of the film. This has never happened. This is the unique and interesting aspect about the film.

"'Luka Chuppi' was one script that I really loved. It is content driven film which has commercial aspect to it. We are happy that the trailer has got good response and there is positivity around the film," he said.

Also starring Kriti Sanon, the film is set to release on March 1.

ARIES: Are your emotions derailing your attempts at a healthy lifestyle, Aries? Instead of numbing the pain with a plate of comfort food or zoning out with yet another Netflix binge, get real about what you're feeling. Avoidance won't make the angst go away, especially if it's wreaking havoc on your wellbeing. Reach out to a close friend or trusted relative to work out what's been bothering you.

TAURUS: Reserve judgment Saturday, Taurus, and if that's not possible, at least give others an opportunity to tell their side of the story. You tend to put people's actions under review, but you could be unduly harsh with someone in your life. You never know: That cranky or unfriendly person could be struggling with a tough personal issue. Be compassionate, not critical.

GEMINI: A few frugal moves can go a long way, Gemini. Saturday's moon in your money house draws your financial goals into the spotlight. If you've got your sights set on a high-ticket item, you're going to need to pull

those purse strings a little tighter. Cut back on restaurant meals or give DIY mani-pedis a whirl. Fill up your travel coffee mug and reusable water bottle at home.

CANCER: A little exaggeration is totally harmless, right? Maybe not. With the moon in your sign Saturday, you're prone to embellishing, which could raise some eyebrows. Skip the hyperbole lest people question your credibility. Channel that larger-than-life romanticism into one of your creative ventures: a home decor project, song lyrics, a short story. But when dealing with others, keep it real.

LEO: Your snooze button gets a workout Saturday morning as the moon lingers in your sleepy twelfth house. You'll be a little slow on the uptake, so if you can, put off any challenging tasks until tomorrow, when la luna moves into Leo and reboots your energy. But don't let hibernation derail ALL productivity. You'll feel especially creative and compassionate, perfect for dreaming up DIY projects and connecting with loved ones.

LIBRA: FSaturday, the moon illuminates your ambitious tenth house, giving you laser-beam focus. If your career hasn't been advancing as fast as you'd like, don't despair. Saturday's lunar energy puts you back in the driver's seat, and you'll start gaining momentum again. Make clarity your goal and take a phased approach. For example: What would you like to accomplish before the end of this quarter?

VIRGO: There's strength in numbers, Virgo! Skip the solo act and pour your energy into a group effort this Saturday. If you're part of collective that's lost its team spirit, deliver a motivational pep talk. Is there a weak link in the chain? Meet privately to get to the bottom of things. If the slacker in question is not invested in the shared goal, you might amicably part ways.

SCORPIO: Tone down the snark, Scorpio. Under Saturday's outspoken vibes, be extra-conscious of those edgy comments and comebacks. Your zingers could wound a sensitive soul, especially if you dip those poison arrows in truth serum. Ouch! Text

your witty one-liner to a friend instead of posting it as a status update. Or maybe chuckle silently then keep it to yourself!

SAGITTARIUS: Privacy is underrated, Archer, especially on Saturday, when the moon flies below the radar in your eighth house. Catch yourself before you mindlessly invite a friend to drop over for tea when you really just need time for yourself. And honor those confidentiality agreements! When you feel the burning need to reveal a colorful story or share a controversial opinion, count to ten instead!

CAPRICORN: Assess your most important partnerships this Saturday, Capricorn. Are the two of you communicating clearly and deeply enough? With the moon activating your relationship house, it's a great day to have a heart-to-heart or catch up about much more than the superficial quotidian stuff. Are you on the same page about your 2019 goals and plans? Some compromises may be in order. Single?

AQUARIUS: Saturday's stars sound the call for healthy living, but avoid the

"no pain, no gain" philosophy. You don't need to force yourself through a deprivation-based diet or agonizing cardio class. Instead, take a brisk 30-minute walk with a friend or pet. Try a dance class or join an indoor sports team. Apply the same principle to your plate: Research nourishing recipes or sign up for a healthy meal delivery service like Sunbasket. There's no need to suffer through another iceberg wedge and bland grilled chicken meal!

PISCES: Saturday's passion-fueling Cancer moon can help you fearlessly express your grand ideas, including a creative project that has the potential to launch you into the public eye. Polish your image and branding, making sure they really reflect your essence. Work with a stylist or graphic designer if you need a savvy upgrade. Romance is on the lunar agenda so reserve the evening for a date night, whether you're meeting an online prospect or trying out a new restaurant with your longtime love.