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Sikkim Red Panda Winter Carnival 2019 kicks off
REBYNA RANA/IPR
GANGTOK, 17 JAN:

Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Ugen T Gyatso Bhutia inaugurated the three-day "Sikkim Red Panda Winter Carnival, 2019" here at MG Marg today. The Carnival is being organised by the Tourism & Civil Aviation Department in coordination with the Culture Department.

The Minister inaugurated the three-day Carnival by beating the Chabrun, a traditional musical drum, and releasing of doves for peace and prosperity. He then declared the Carnival open.

After the formalities, Secretary for the Tourism Department, TT Bhutia said that the event offers a wide range of activities for people of all ages. Under the vision of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling to make Sikkim a year round tourist destination, this carnival showcases the rich cul-

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Janta Mela Rorathang: CM calls for diligence from officials and patience from people

NITESH R PRADHAN
GANGTOK, 17 JAN:

Chief Minister Pawan Chamling today called upon the beneficiaries and officials to ensure that all benefits and grants earmarked for distribution today were completed today itself to save people from the hassle of making the rounds of government offices later.

He was addressing the Janta Mela held today at Rorathang, East Sikkim, covering beneficiaries from the block administrative centres of Rhenock, Pakyong and Regu.

Addressing those



who were left out from the Janta Mela grants and benefits, the CM said that the government will

ensure that all deserving beneficiaries receive the benefits before elections. "More than One lakh

people will benefit from this mela," he informed.

The CM also clarified that all Sikkimese

students in schools or colleges, be it private or government, will receive the grant of laptops.

He also added that all benefits have been to rural and urban with inclusive politics as hallmark of SDF government.

"Our change is constructive, qualitative and creative," stressed Chief Minister Pawan Chamling while addressing the gathering at the Janta Mela held today at Rorathang in East Sikkim.

After inaugurating the program, the Chief Minister handed over token grants/ benefits in

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BJP accuses Finance Dept of allowing Rs 44,260.13 cr to remain unclaimed

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 17 JAN:

A Bharatiya Janata Party delegation led by the Sikkim-unit president, DB Chauhan, and Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha vice president, Sancho Sungdyangmu, and publicity secretary Pemba Jangbo Sherpa met the Secretary of Finance, Revenue and Expenditure Department, Government of Sikkim, today.

In a press release issued today, the party has

said that the main reason behind the meeting was to submit a memorandum accusing the Department of "mismanagement and huge loss of public funds" amounting to Rs 44,260.13 crore by Sikkim Lottery.

According to the CAG (Comptroller Auditor General) report, different marketing agents have not deposited a sum of Rs 44,260.13 crore to government treasury and no steps have been initiated by the State government

and the concerned department so far.

The party has alleged that the marketing agents are selected by manipulating the process and there is no transparency in the tender process. For tender process, they call the highest bidder for optimum revenue benefit and this negotiation and practice of the Department has deprived the revenue benefit to the state, it is alleged.

Marketing Agents who have outstanding liabilities or dues are being allowed to participate in bid, BJP alleges. The company Tashi Delek Gaming Solution was embroiled in a legal battle with the State Government due to default in payment but the company was still allowed to participate in the bid.

Since the Department of Finance and Revenue is under the Chief Minister, the party has questioned his role on this matter.

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SYA gets new secy, Dhakal to take charge of Transport

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 17 JAN:

Sports & Youth Affairs Department will have a new Secretary in Dr Ram Kumar Tamang who comes in from Animal Husbandry Department where he was serving as Principal Director.

He will take over from SD Dhakal who moves on to take charge as Secretary, Transport Department.

The transfers were announced in an office order issued by the Department of Personnel today.

CATCH at Jorethang Maghey Mela

JORETHANG, 17 JAN (IPR): The Jorethang Maghey Sankranti Mela included free of cost health check-ups under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Annual and Total Check-up for Healthy Sikkim (CATCH) program at the Garib Uthhan Bha-

wan, Jorethang. The aim of the CATCH



program is to provide quality healthcare to the general masses.

Doctors, technicians and staff from Namchi

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Tourism & Civil Aviation Department
Welcomes you to the

Sikkim RED PANDA Winter Carnival 2019

Come experience the culture & tradition of **SIKKIM**
Where Nature Smiles

17th - 19th JANUARY

VENUE- M.G MARG | TIME- 8.00 AM ONWARDS

Logo of Sikkim Government, Inveshikalya, and SIDC

Mickma Tshering Lepcha

19th JAN 2019

VENUE: M.G MARG

5:00 PM ONWARDS

Logo of Sikkim Government, Inveshikalya, and SIDC

Handloom & Handicrafts BHUTAN

Nima Lepcha joins HSP

REBYNA RANA

GANGTOK, 17 JAN:

Former Nepali Bhutia Lepcha Sadbhawana Sangathan president, Nima Lepcha joined Hamro Sikkim Party today. He was inducted into the party by HSP vice president, Bhaichung Bhutia and others at the HSP office, Deorali.

Nima Lepcha, who led the Sadbhawana Sangathan in the 1990s, raised the issue of Nepali Assembly seat reservation and immigrant tag on Sikkimese Nepali population. He said he is joining HSP for raising these very issues.

I feel the young leaders under HSP with a fresh perspective to a persistent issue will be able to raise the issue better and in time resolve the issue once and for all, he said.

HSP executives also informed of a rally taking place under HSP on 19 Jan in Gyalshing raising the issue of Limboo-Tamang Assembly seat reservation. The rally is taking place from Kyongsa to Community Hall in Gyalshing.

"Ants move in groups" says Tourism Minister on SKM-HSP alliance talk

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK 17 JAN:

Minister for Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Ugen T Gyatso Bhutia today said that "tigers hunt alone and ants move around in groups" on the possible alliance between Sikkim Krantikari Morcha and Hamro Sikkim Party.

Expressing confidence that Sikkim Democratic Front will again form the government he stated that the party does not need an alliance.

"We will fight alone and we will not have alliance with anyone," he said.

On One Family, One Job scheme, the Minister stated that it is the first step towards becoming a first world state. He further said that the Chief Minister's vision behind this initiative is a futuristic one which the critics are failing to understand.

On how the government will arrange funds for this scheme, Mr Bhutia said, "That is not their lookout, as this is the policy of the government and it has resources and sources to make arrangements."

He added that the CM has made this programme with proper planning till the retirement and pension benefits of employees.

BJP accuses Finance...

"His period of Chief Minister-ship is one of the darkest periods in the administration of Sikkim and the revenue is quite nil rather, Sikkim has total external debt of Rs 43 thousand crore," the release states.

Through the memorandum, BJP Sikkim wants to draw the attention of the Department of Finance to look upon the matter seriously and take action.

The memorandum has given the Department an ultimatum of 15 days to issue a clarification failing which BJP Sikkim Chapter will use the democratic process to protest against the corrupt practice in government, the release adds.



EVM and VVPAT at South

JORETHANG, 17 JAN (IPR): Awareness about Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) in the upcoming Assembly and Lok Sabha Elections was held at the Jorethang

playground today as part of the SVEEP program. Enthusiastic voters participated in the hands-on practice of the EVMs and VVPAT organised by the Office of the District Election Officer, South District Namchi.

Jorethang Maghey Mela aims for zero-waste footprint



JORETHANG, 17 JAN (IPR): Jorethang Maghey Sankranti Mela was intent on being a zero-waste celebration this year and towards this end, the Maghey Mela Organizing Committee joined hands with the Communication and Capacity Development Unit (CCDU) of the State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD) in collaboration with the Zero Waste Group Sikkim towards a zero waste festivity.

Dustbins segregated into various kinds of bio-degradable and non-biodegradable category were placed around town marked separately for plastic, cartons, PET bottles, thermocol, paper and tetra packs.

The dustbins were installed at the main venue of the mela – the Jorethang Playground – so that the stakeholders could create a sustainable community-led initiative to manage the waste more efficiently.

Janta Mela Rorathang...

cash and kind to beneficiaries from different parts of the district.

Some of the items distributed on the occasion were Electric Rice Cookers, Water Filters, Compost Bins, Sound System, Samajik Seva Bhatta, Financial Assistance for purchase of religious robes, Oxen for Ploughing and Breeding, Milch Cow, financial incentive for setting up business Enterprises to disabled persons, Incentives under CM's Start-up Scheme, House allotment certificates under CMRHM Phase II, GCI Sheets, House upgradation grant, LPG, Induction Stove, Kadhai & Frying Pan, buffet Sets, torch Light, Sewing Machine, Photocopier Machines, Water Filters, Tents/Shamiyana, Pressure Cookers, Desktop Computers, Laptops to students and Self Help Groups, Power Tiller, GENEP tank – 50,000 litres, Community Vermicompost, RCC Tank – 10,000 litres, Post Metric Scholarship schemes to students, CM's Merit Scholarship Scheme, 1000 litres HDPE Tanks, Poly pipes, flexible/nylon pipes, and fabricated green houses. Likewise, buffaloes, poultry and piglets were also distributed under Animal Husbandry Department. Similarly, token incentives were also handed over to beneficiaries of 'Proud Mother Scheme', grant-in-aid to religious institutions under Ecclesiastical department, and incentives for community investment under State Rural Livelihood Mission.

The Chief Minister also handed over token allotment orders to eligible beneficiaries under 'Land Bank Scheme' to Sukumbasis (Landless).

Addressing the current political environment, he rebutted the opposition's call for change and added that unlike the destructive agenda of such parties, his government has given a happy, content present and a safe future to the people of Sikkim.

Stating that his next term in government will focus on making Sikkim the best in the world, the CM stressed that there was no alternative to the SDF in Sikkim.

"There is no alternative that's why I decided to run in this election as well," he said.

Further, he stated that his government has insulated Sikkim from disturbances in the neighbouring region and charted a developmental journey of peace and security.

Reminiscing his long journey in governance, the Chief Minister shared that it has been difficult to deal with the central leadership in Delhi but he has been able to convince them to fulfil all political demands of the state. Appealing to old time supporters of the party, the CM stated that they must now become active and ensure that Sikkim's future was secured.

He highlighted that the rich and the powerful will flee Sikkim in case of any turmoil here, but the employees and common citizens who will have no such options and will end up suffering the disturbed environment.

SKM convenes constituency-level meeting at Borong

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 17 JAN:

A constituency-level meeting of the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha for Barfung constituency in South Sikkim was held today.

During the meeting, 28 families aligned to Sikkim Democratic Front officially joined SKM, informs an SKM press release.

The meeting was attended by SKM acting president Kunga Nima Lepcha, secretary general Arun Uprety and other

senior leaders and workers of the party.

The release informs that the SKM acting president offered prayers at Pema Choeling Monastery at Borong, and later, in his address, he stressed that SKM stood for the protection of the people of Sikkim and will fight against all forms of injustice and suppression.

He also claimed that the people of Sikkim have been receiving various benefits due to pressure exerted by the SKM on the State Government.

Sikkim Red Panda...

ture, tradition and heritage of our state, he added.

Along with this we get to witness a wide range of promising talents emerging from all corners of Sikkim, said Mr Bhutia.

The Tourism Secretary said that this year's carnival also has participants from Bhutan, Nepal, Gorkhaland Territorial Administration and Gangjong Doeghar, Kalimpong.

He also extended his sincere gratitude to those present and who have been involved in organizing the event, and also toward Sikkim Police for always ensuring that the carnival runs smoothly.

The inaugural ceremony also saw the presentation of the "Dropa Drodung", a native drum-dance of the Tibetan Community. It was performed by Gangjong Doeghar, a group of artists from Kalimpong. Likewise, artists of the Taal Music Academy, Namchi performed the Maruni dance, artists of the G# School of Performing Arts Gangtok presented a violin performance, followed by an enthralling Snow Lion Dance by artists of Gangjong Doeghar, Kalimpong.

The Tourism Minister unveiled the five-foot tall statue of Red Panda - the State Animal and the official mascot of the Sikkim Red Panda Winter Carnival. This will be a permanent feature on MG Marg.

Mayor from the neighbouring country of Nepal, Manju Bhandari, and Executive Director, Chorten Dorji, Handicrafts Association of Bhutan were present as special invitees and each were presented a replica of the Red Panda, the official mascot of the Carnival by the chief guest, as a mark of respect and appreciation.

Movie buffs and budding filmmakers can head to Manan Kendra which will be hosting the Sikkim Film Festival. Food lovers can try different types of cuisines in various hotels and restaurants observing the Sikkim Food Festival. Additionally, IHM at Sajong and Hotel Mt. Jopunu at PS Road are organising a three-day basic program on preparation of different food items.

Live demonstrations by local artisans under the guidance of the Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom, entertainment corners for kids, for those into fitness; morning fitness programmes and those simply looking to have a good time, DJ nights and fashion show by Miss Sikkim contestants are a few major attractions taking place during the carnival.

The display of organic products at Manan Kendra will also be one of the highlights of the carnival. The cultural and musical extravaganza will have performances by local artistes and bands.

STDC is conducting helicopter joy rides where locals as well as visitors can grab the chance to take to the skies for a sight-seeing flight overlooking the beautiful landscape of Gangtok. Additionally, shops and establishments will be offering attractive carnival discounts.

CATCH at Jorethang...

District Hospital and Jorethang Community Health Centre were at hand to attend to the people.

After the necessary screening and checkups, patients detected with high blood pressure and diabetes were provided free medicines. Health cards were also issued to the patients.

SMIT to host national competition on Mobile Control Robotics



SUMMIT REPORT

RANGPO, 17 JAN:

The Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT), Majhitar, East Sikkim is all set to host a two-day workshop and National Level Competition on Mobile Control Robotics on 19 and 20 Jan. The event is organised by Revert Technologies in association with

E-Summit, IIT Roorkee, a press release informs.

SMIT serves as a zonal centre for the workshop, which along its length shall be guiding the participants on projects like line follower robot, mobile controlled robot, etc.

Also, in association with Finland Labs, the workshop ends with the prelims round of ROBO-

FEAST-2019, which is organised in Cognizance, the Annual Technical Fest of IIT Roorkee. The winners of the zonal centre shall be awarded a wild card entry to the finals of ROBOFEAST-2019 at IIT Roorkee. All the participants are to be awarded a workshop completion certificate, the release mentions.

Govt Deptt stalls at Jorethang Maghey Mela



JORETHANG, 17 JAN (IPR): The annual cul-

tural and traditional festival of the South District, Jorethang Maghey Sankranti Mela, was celebrated with much gusto from 15 to 17 Jan. This three day festival involves an array of activities along with traditional and government stalls, with the most prominent among these being the State

Government Departmental stalls.

The objective of such departmental stalls is to highlight the 25 years of achievements and progress made by the State Government departments along with various works undertaken on a daily basis.

This year also, several departments showcased their works ranging from

state government publications and calendars to organic products and schemes related to job orientation, legal aids clinic, health awareness schemes and many more.

The Jorethang Maghey Sankranti Mela provided a huge platform to these stalls for smooth dissemination of important information directly to the public.

ANTHYESTHI KRIYA



Anthyesthi Kriya of Lt. Bal Bdr. Lamichaney who left for his heavenly abode on 11/01/2019 falls on 22/01/2019. All relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to join us in offering prayer for the departed soul at our residence at Gale Tea Garden, Kharka Dhura, Rangli Rangliot, Dist. Darjeeling. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who stood by us during the time of bereavement.

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GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM LAND REVENUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

(DILRMP, E-GOV & GIS cell, SITCO Building, Deorali, Gangtok, Sikkim - 737102)

No: 149/DILRMP/LR&DMD

Date: 14/01/2019.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

1. INTRODUCTION

The Sikkim Geo-Tech Society under Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Government of Sikkim intends to implement a Web Based Application that will help the Government progress faster towards the policy goals and deliver services online to the public dealing with Land Records & Property Registration, under Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP). Therefore proposals are invited from reputed and experienced Information Technology firms to participate in competitive bidding process to design, develop & implement the "Sikkim Land Records and Registration Information System (SLRRIS)".

2. REP AVAILABILITY, PROPOSAL DUE DATE & QUERIES.

Interested firms may download Tender Document/Request For Proposal from the official website of the Department www.sikkim-irldm.gov.in. The last date for submission of proposals/bids is 31st Jan 2019 till 4 p.m. No proposals/ bids shall be accepted after the due and time. Query if any can be sent to the Assistant Director at spo-lr-sik@nic.in till 30th Jan 2019.

Sd/-

Assistant Director,

DILRMP, E-GOV & GIS cell, LD&DMD

SITCO complex, Deorali

Gangtok, Sikkim.

R.O. No. 600/IPR/Pub/Classi./18-19

Date: 17.01.19

SKM Nari wing submits memorandum to Governor on CM's remark

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 18 JAN: Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) Nari wing submitted a memorandum to Governor, Ganga Prasad today and requested his intervention regarding the Chief Minister Pawan Chamling's comments on menstruation which the party sees as highly objectionable. The delegation met the Governor at Raj Bhawan today.

The Nari wing stressed that "a person designated to hold the command of the State should know how to treat women. His words have strongly hurt the sentiments and pride of women". In return, the Governor assured action from his office.

Similarly, an SKM delegation also submitted a complaint with the State Women's Commission here in Gangtok.

The SKM delegation had Kala Rai (chief convenor-Nari wing), Pavitra Bhandari (general secretary-Nari wing), Bhim Kri Sharma (VP-Students wing), Prerna Darnal (secretary- SC wing), Rupa Mangar (convenor).

Experience a different Gangtok on Chopper Joy Ride



ARPAN PRADHAN
GANGTOK, 16 JAN:

If you want to enjoy the aerial view of Gangtok you should not miss the Chopper Joy Ride being offered by the Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation (STDC) as part of the Red Panda Winter Carnival.

Encouraged by the response and appreciation received from the local people and tourists regarding the Gangtok Joy Ride, STDC has decided to conduct the same kind of Gangtok Joy

Ride this year too during the three-day Red Panda Winter Carnival in Gangtok, said STDC Manager, Tejpal Pradhan.

This year's edition of Red Panda Winter Carnival is scheduled to be held from 17-19 Jan 2019 at MG Marg and other locations in Gangtok.

The Gangtok Joy Ride introduced by the STDC during the last winter carnival has been successful and received an overwhelming response. During the last edition of the Red Pan-

da Winter Carnival the STDC conducted more than 100 flights of Joy Rides on the Pawan Hans Helicopter in Gangtok which offered joy rides to more than a thousand locals and tourists.

This joy ride provides a thrilling experience and an aerial view of Gangtok at an affordable cost of Rs 1200, said Mr Pradhan.

Interested persons can book their Joy Rides at the STDC counter at MG Marg near Titanic Park and Burtuk Helipad.

SMIT students win at national Science and Engineering fair

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 18 JAN: Five Electronics and Communication Engineering students from Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT), Ayush Kumar, Battu Phalguna, Medha Mansi, Shruti Gupta and Taniya Khetawat won a special award at the Science and Engineering Fair, 2019 held from 08 to 12 Jan in Kolkata for their projects on smart embedded systems.

The five-day fair was organised by Birla Industrial and Technological Museum under National Council of



science museum, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India. The fair was attended by several engineering college students from

eastern India for presenting their projects on different emerging fields of engineering and sciences. SMIT students were

successful in grabbing awards for two projects. They expressed towards gratitude to their mentor Dr Dipanjan Bhattacharjee for his constant guidance and have also extended thanks to the SMIT management for bearing the entire expenditure for both the projects.

SMIT Director, Dr Ashis Sharma, congratulated the students for winning this prestigious award and advised them to continue their good work towards achieving excellence on artificial intelligence-enabled embedded systems.



ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
GANGTOK

Memo No:622/SD IV/R&B/2018-19/105

Date: 11/01/2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Assistant Engineer- iv, Roads & Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim , invites sealed tenders under single bid system from the eligible contractors of **Class IV Grade** enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department vide Notification No. 515/R&B/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 **concern Ward of 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 link road from Luing Highway to Changrang under Burtuk constituency in East Sikkim.	Luing-Parbing GPU			
	Km 0.00 to Km 2.00	84,76,992.00	2,11,925.00	5,000.00	12 months
	Km 2.00 to Km 3.00	42,38,496.00	1,05,970.00	1,500.00	18 months
	Km 3.00 to Km 4.00	42,38,496.00	1,05,970.00	1,500.00	18 months
	Km 4.00 to Km 5.50	63,57,744.00	1,58,944.00	5,000.00	24 months
2.	Construction of Road from Lower Burtuk via Luing, Kharka Gaon to Luing Thamidara road under Upper Burutk constituency in East Sikkim.	Luing-Parbing GPU			
	Km 2.00 to Km 3.00	42,38,496.00	1,05,970.00	1,500.00	18 months
	Km 3.00 to Km 4.00	42,38,496.00	1,05,970.00	1,500.00	18 months
3.	Construction of link road from SPWD road near Nandok Sec School to Devi Mandir, CNI Church leading via Nandok Gumpa under Syari constituency.	Saramsa – Nandok GPU			
	Km 1 st & 2 nd (1500m)	63,57,744.00	1,59,000.00	5,000.00	12 months
	Km 3 rd	42,38,496.00	1,06,000.00	1,500.00	12 months
4.	Construction of link road from Math-laybong PMGSY road via Ranipool PWD Road to Lower Rai Gaon Nandok under Syari constituency.	Saramsa – Nandok GPU			
	Km 1 st	42,38,496.00	1,06,000.00	1,500.00	12 months
	Km 2 nd & 3 rd	63,57,744.00	1,59,000.00	5,000.00	12 months
5.	Construction of link road from below Holy Cross School to Lumsey near Mechanical Store under Tadong constituency.	Tadong Muncpal Ward			
	Part I (500m)	21,19,248.00	53,000.00	1,500.00	12 months
6.	Construction of link road from below Holy Cross School to Lumsey near Mechanical Store under Tadong constituency.	Daragaon Muncpal Ward			
	Part II (500m)	21,19,248.00	53,000.00	1,500.00	12 months
7.	Construction of Road from Andheri Bridge NH 10 to Upper Samdur under Namcheybong constituency.	Ranipool Municipal Ward.			
	Part I Km 0.00 to Km 2.00	84,76,992.00	2,12,000.00	5,000.00	18 months
	Part II Km 0.00 to Km 1.50	63,57,744.00	1,59,000.00	5,000.00	18 months

TIME SCHEDULE:-

1.	Date of submission of application with (i) Demand Draft/ deposit slip for cost of tender documents drawn against account of respective GPU/ ULB and (ii) TDR of SBS as Earnest money to be drawn in favour of Accounts Officer, R&B, for issue of Tender Forms.	(Bank account number for DD can be obtained from respective GPU/ULB).
	For all works.	28 th & 29 th January 2019 from office of respective GPUs and ULBs.
2.	Last Date and Time for submission of Tender	
	For all works.	1 st of February 2019 (10.00 am to 1.00 pm) at respective GPKs/ ULBs.
3.	Date and Time for Opening of Tender	
	For all works.	1 st of February 2019 (2.00 pm) at respective GPKs/ ULBs.

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

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

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Date:16.01.2019

Assistant Engineer – IV
Roads & Bridges Department
Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok.

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SummitTIMES

The Inequality Index

Realities behind the smokescreen of surgical strikes and destruction on black money

While the nation was being distracted with pride over surgical strikes [the movie now] and spite vide tasteless references to power-cuts during Diwali, an economic miracle was underway. Yes, in a year during which the aftershocks of demonetization and the below-the-belt sucker punch of GST ensured that most of the country was so broken that wholesale price of onions could not even cover the storage costs billed for farmers, there were a privileged very few who laughed their way to the bank. In a vulgar reiteration of how far we have veered from the pretext of being a socialist state, arrived information that India's richest 1% mopped up 73% of the total wealth generated in the country in 2017. According to this new survey by international rights group Oxfam, the rich, who have always had it good in the easily co-opted governments of the past and through the years of liberalization, are clearly having even giddier days of profiteering in the current times of uber-nationalism and in-your-face majoritarianism.

Titled 'Indian income inequality, 1922-2014: from British Raj to Billionaire Raj?', a research paper by the two economists showed that income inequality in India was at its highest in 2014 since 1922, the year the country passed the Income Tax Act. The paper's findings are now in a full-fledged report, the World Inequality Report, published by the World Inequality Lab. According to it, 10% of Indians garnered 56% of the national income in 2014. To get some perspective, sample this - the top 1% of earners captured less than 21% of total income in the late 1930s, before dropping to 6% in the early 1980s and rising to 22% in 2014, the report reveals. In 2017, the richest 1% rolled up 73% of all earning in 2017! And here is some more context- the Oxfam report underlines that 67 crore Indians, comprising the population's poorest half, saw their wealth rise by just 1% in 2017. Our nationalist economists will see no problems in this figure and will point out that in comparison, globally, 3.7 billion people that account for the poorest half of population saw no increase in their wealth and that 82% of the wealth generated last year worldwide went to the top 1%.

But that can be no consolation, right?

And in case you are veering towards that conclusion, last year's survey had showed that India's richest 1% held a huge 58% of the country's total wealth - higher than the global figure of about 50%. In 2017, the wealth of India's richest 1% increased by over Rs 20.9 lakh crore during 2017 - an amount equivalent to total budget of the central government in 2017-18! Here is some more context- In India, it will take 941 years for a minimum wage worker in rural India to earn what the top paid executive at a leading Indian garment firm earns in a year!!

Clearly, for inclusive growth, the nation needs labour-intensive sectors to be supported so that more jobs are created; agriculture needs to be incentivized so that existing strength and wider sections of the population benefit and social protection schemes need to be reinforced so that more people feel more confident to take risks. Take a look at the major policy interventions imposed on the country in the last three years and the maliciousness with which they undercut all the sectors mentioned in the previous sentence becomes apparent. Could this bloodletting in the unorganized sector and agriculture and suspension of subsidies have contributed to the windfall pouring into the income accounts of the nation's richest? Why did no one notice this earlier? Was the dazzle of nationalist posturing so dazzling that it blinded all realities away? It clearly did, but we are still not taking note.

Rationality: research shows we're not as stupid as we have been led to believe

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Suppose you toss a coin and get four heads in a row - what do you think will come up on the fifth toss? Many of us have a gut feeling that a tails is due. This feeling, called the Gambler's Fallacy, can be seen in action at the roulette wheel. A long run of blacks leads to a flurry of bets on red. In fact, no matter what has gone before, red and black are always equally likely.

The example is one of many thought to demonstrate the fallibility of the human mind. Decades of psychological research have emphasised the biases and errors in human decision making. But a new approach is challenging this view - showing that people are much smarter than they've been led to believe. According to this research, the Gambler's Fallacy might not be as irrational as it seems.

Rationality has long been an important concept in the study of judgement and decision making. The highly influential work of psychologists Daniel Kahneman and Amos Tversky comprehensively showed that we often fail to make rational decisions - such as worrying about a terrorist attack but not about crossing the road.

But this failure is based on a strict interpretation of what it is to be rational - obeying the laws of logic and probability. It is not interested in the machine that must weigh up the evidence and reach a decision. In our case, that machine is the human brain - and like any physical system, it has its limits.

COMPUTATIONAL RATIONALITY

Although our decision making falls short of the standards required by logic and mathematics, there is still a role for rationality in understanding human cognition. The psychologist Gerd Gigerenzer has shown that while many of the heuristics we use may not be perfect, they are both useful and efficient.

But a recent approach called computational rationality goes a step further, borrowing an idea from artificial intelligence. It suggests that a system with limited abilities can still take an optimal course of action. The question becomes "What is the best outcome I can achieve with the tools I have?", as opposed to "What is the best outcome that could be achieved without any constraints at all?" For humans, this means taking things like memory, capacity, attention and noisy sensory systems into account.

Computational rationality is leading to some elegant and surprising explanations of our biases and errors. One early success consistent with this approach was to examine the mathematics of random sequences like coin tosses, but under the assumption that the observer has a limited memory capacity and could only ever see sequences of fi-

nite length. A highly counterintuitive mathematical result reveals that, under these conditions, the observer will have to wait longer for some sequences to arise than others - even with a perfectly fair coin.

The upshot is that for a finite set of coin tosses, the sequences we intuitively feel to be less random are precisely the ones that are least likely to occur.



Imagine a sliding window that can only "see" four coin tosses at a time (roughly the size of our memory capacity) while going through a series of results - say from 20 coin tosses. The mathematics show that the contents of that window will hold "HHHT" more often than "HHHH" ("H" and "T" stands for heads and tails). That's why we think tails will come after three heads in a row when tossing a coin - demonstrating that humans do make sensible use of the information we observe. If we had unlimited memory, however, we would think differently.

There are many other examples of this kind, where the optimal solution, once cognitive limitations are taken into account, is surprising. Our recent work shows that inconsistent preferences - a cornerstone of supposed human irrationality - are actually useful when you are unsure about the value of options available to you. Traditional economic rationality suggests that a bad option that you would never choose (from a menu, say) should not have any effect on which of the good options you do choose. But our analysis shows that bad, and supposedly irrelevant options, allow you to get a more accurate estimate of how good the remaining alternatives are.

Others have shown that the availability bias, where we overestimate the probability of rare events such as plane crashes, results from a highly efficient way of processing the possible outcomes of a decision. In short, given that we only have a finite amount of time to make a decision, it is op-

timal to make sure that the most critical outcomes are considered.

A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

The perception that we are irrational is one unfortunate side effect of the ever growing catalogue of human decision-making biases. But when we apply computational rationality, these biases aren't

seen as evidence of failures, but as windows on to how the brain is solving complex problems, often very efficiently.

This way of thinking about decision making is more akin to how vision scientists think about visual illusions. Take a look at the picture on the right. The fact that the A and B squares appear to be different shades (they aren't - see the video below) doesn't mean that your visual system is faulty, rather that it is making a sensible inference given the context.

Computational rationality leads to a deeper understanding because it goes beyond descriptions of how we fail. Instead, it shows us how the brain marshals its resources to solve problems. One benefit of this approach is the ability to test theories of what our abilities and constraints are.

For example, we have recently shown that people with autism are less prone to some decision-making biases. So we are now exploring whether altered levels of neural noise (electrical fluctuations in networks of brain cells), a feature autism, could cause this.

With more insight into the strategies the brain uses, we might be able to tailor information in a way that helps people. We have tested what people learn from observing a long random sequence. Those that viewed a sequence divided into short chunks (as we typically would in everyday life) did not benefit at all, but those that viewed the same sequence divided into much longer chunks rapidly improved in their ability to recognise randomness.

So the next time you hear people characterised as irrational, you may want to point out that this is only in comparison to a system that has unlimited resources and abilities. With that in mind, we are really not so dumb after all.

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Brexit: Theresa May survives confidence vote, but Brussels is in charge now

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Just 24 hours after suffering a historic defeat in parliament over her Brexit deal, the prime minister has survived a vote of no confidence in her government - thanks to the support of her backbench MPs. Up until this point, these same backbench MPs have been all too willing to vote against her and her Brexit deal.

The result was expected, given that a Conservative rebellion would have likely resulted in a general election that might have gone very badly for the party. Ousting the prime minister is less appealing when, instead of offering the potential for career advancement, there is a strong chance that it would instead lead to a demotion to the shadow cabinet.

With the very public plotting and scheming that has been displayed over Brexit, it is little wonder that British people have become profoundly mistrustful of their elected representatives and their motivations. What happens next is therefore crucial not only for the prime minister and the country, but also the public's faith in the nation's democracy.

The way forward is not clear and many in the EU would like to know just what it is the UK actually wants. In an attempt to find out, May has promised to consult with leading parliamentarians over the way forward. She has been criticised for not doing this sooner and, while it could perhaps throw up a fresh idea to move things forward, it is hard to see what assurances the prime minister or the European Union can give that would placate anyone.

RE-OPEN THE NEGOTIATIONS?

Realistically speaking the only way to get the major changes on the controversial issues would be to re-open Brexit negotiations with the European Union and extend the article 50 period. While there is some support for the latter, the former has not been an acceptable option on the continent for some time now. That doesn't appear likely to change.

Many prominent hard Brexit supporters have suggested that parliament's dismissal of the deal will put the EU under pressure. They think Brussels will come back to the negotiating table once the screws are turned. But, as things stand, this looks like misplaced bravado and even wishful thinking.

To suggest that the defeat of the deal in parliament will somehow force the EU to waver is a perfect display of the flawed logic that created this

the government may keep making parliament vote on the deal, or some version of it, until it passes, although the legality of this is now in question. If the deal cannot get through the Commons, there may be no other option but to leave without a deal. Conservative MPs therefore need to either get behind the deal or resign themselves to endorsing a no-deal scenario.

It is also decision time for Jeremy Corbyn and the Labour Party. Having failed to win the vote of no confidence and force their preferred option of a general election, they too have to either get behind the deal or consign the country to a no-deal scenario. That said, there is of course the ever-controversial option of a second referendum. Corbyn has resisted calls for this so far - but, with mounting pressure from MPs and the membership, as well as a desperate need for some distinctiveness on Brexit between the two major parties, it may prove hard to keep voting down the prime minister's deal without offering a viable alternative.

PARLIAMENT TAKES BACK CONTROL

Having successfully showed their desire and ability to assert themselves in the Brexit process in parliament, the MPs themselves may be the key to ending the deadlock. There is the looming threat that they will seize complete control of the issue, legislating to prevent a no-deal scenario from even being possible.

Given the historic defeat over the Brexit deal, it is not implausible that such a move could get the support it needs. However, if the EU refuses to budge on the deal or the timing of Brexit, it is again hard to see where this would ultimately lead. Despite claims that Brexit would allow the UK to "take back control", it still seems that it is the European Union that is very much in charge of the situation.

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situation in the first place. While the prospect of a no-deal Brexit is of course concerning to them, the remaining EU member states are prepared to weather the storm of a no-deal if they must. They would rather not have to, but if it is a choice between that or threatening the integrity of the single market and the European project itself, the choice is clear - and has been since before article 50 was even triggered.

A GOVERNMENT CORNERED

Ultimately, if a new deal is well and truly off the table, there are a limited set of options the government can pursue. Brexit could be cancelled or it could be put to another referendum. Neither are likely to be popular options within the Conservative Party. More likely, it has been suggested that



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World Archery refuses to recognise recent AAI elections

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NEW DELHI, JAN 17 (PTI): Archery's world governing body has refused to recognise the recent elections of the national federation, a development that might result in AAI's suspension and renew the administrative wrangling in the sport here.

The World Archery (WA) informed B V P Rao, who was elected president of the Archery Association of India (AAI) on December 22, that it does not accept the polls as they were conducted without approval from the General Body.

"...I regret to inform you that the World Archery Executive Board at this stage cannot accept the outcome of the General Assembly held on 22nd December and your election as president as well as the rest of the Board..." the world body said in a letter.

The WA said that the decision was taken because the constitution that was used to conduct the elections was "never formally approved" and only accepted by the returning officer.

"We ask you to provide us the full minutes of the General Assembly (of December 22) for verification of the above matter before 25th January 2019. Following the receipt of the minutes the World Archery Executive Board will take a decision on the possible suspension of the Archery Association of India," the letter written by WA Secretary General Tom Dielen, added. The development meant that the AAI office-bearers elected on December 22 under the supervision of former Chief Election Commissioner of India S Y Quraishi, who was appointed administrator by the Delhi High Court, will not be able to select Indian archers for international events.

Rao, a former IAS officer, was elected as president of AAI in the controversial elections, ending Vijay Kumar Malhotra's over four-decade long reign since 1973. The AAI was de-recognised by the government in 2012.

The world body also asked Rao to inform it about any decision by the Delhi High Court on the matter. "We have also been informed that this matter has been raised to the High Court which will decide on this in February. We ask you to inform us as soon as possible on the outcome," it said.

The IOA had sent a letter to Dielen this month, informing the world body that it does not recognise the elections held on December 22. "The amended constitution that formed the basis of the basis of the election of AAI held on 22 December 2018 does not have the approval of the AAI General Body. Further the amended constitution is not on lines with National Sports Development Code of India 2011," said the letter written by the IOA to World Archery.

The IOA informed that it did not send any observer to the AAI elections as it was not happy with the developments.

Olympic hero Phelps says he was scared of water as a kid

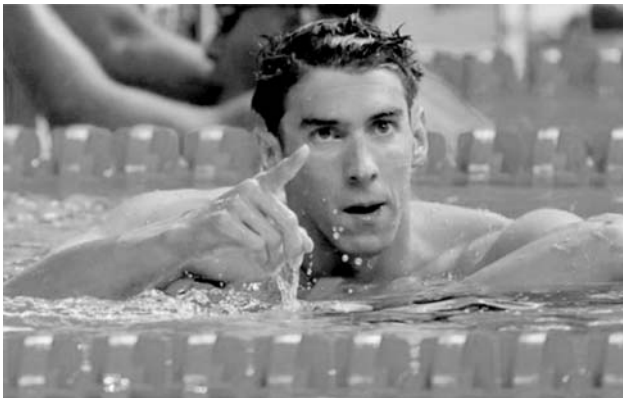
MUMBAI, JAN 17 (PTI): He may have been the greatest swimmer ever whose exploits in the pool include smashing almost all world records, but as a kid, Michael Phelps dreaded the water.

"I was somebody who was afraid to face the water as a kid, I guess I overcame that fear pretty fast," Phelps, the greatest Olympic athlete, said at an event organised by private equity fund Truenorth here late Wednesday.

Phelps, who has had 23 Olympic golds, including the record-making haul of eight at Beijing in 2008, said many children are like him, who are afraid of water, and that a non-profit initiative started by him a decade ago has so far taught 30,000 children about swimming.

Speaking about the 2008 games, Phelps said he was programmed to be just perfect during the eight days of pool competitions, which included a strong focus on exactly how much he drinks, swims, eats and sleeps.

Phelps recounted he had only 70 minutes between two competitions the 200-metre freestyle and anchoring the US team to a victory in the 800-metre relay - and had to manage a cool-down and a 400-metre



warm up for the next event after squeezing-in time for medal presentation for the first event.

"I just ran around the venue and made it in time for the start of the next race," he said.

He rewarded himself with a break a life first when he had taken time off after the 2008 games but contractual commitments with sponsors made him return to competitive swimming.

Phelps admitted that he was "faking it", not giving his best and underlined that the results are there to see for everyone - he won four golds at the London 2012 games.

Fall from sporting glory and some family issues led him into depression after the 2012 games, which included flirting with suicidal

thoughts as the purpose of living became difficult to find. A month of mental detox at a training centre later, he was back to water.

"I was able to just look at myself as a human being. I think that was the first time I had been really able to do that. For so long, I thought of myself as a swimmer. I didn't look at myself as a person," he revealed, adding that for the first time, he was "vulnerable".

Having fought the demons, Phelps focused on the next big task, the 2016 games in Rio de Janeiro, where he ultimately hauled five gold medals.

"It (the comeback) was for me. And that was the only reason I was coming back. I wanted to come back because I

wanted to finish on my terms, I wanted to retire from the sport and be able to hang up my suit the way I wanted to," Phelps said.

The only way to achieve this was the perfection in training sought by his long-time coach Bob Bowman, he added.

Phelps said all through his career, he laid a strong focus on training, which included being in the pool for every single day for six years in the early 2000s, which gave him an edge of training 104 days more per year than his competitors.

"I was willing to make that much more sacrifice as a kid because I had the chance to do something that nobody in history ever thought of or believed it was possible...

nobody else had the opportunity on the planet and there was only one Michael Phelps," he said.

The swimmer said his coach put him through the most rigorous training regimens, including working for any mishaps in water to ensure success and recounted one such tale of water seeping into his goggles in a race.

He said 25 metres into the 200-metre butterfly finals at Beijing, water seeped into the goggle and he became "blind". However, courtesy the preparations, he could swim the remaining 175 metres, including at least three turnarounds in the pool, by simply adjusting to the circumstances that involved counting the number of strokes, he said.

All through his career, Phelps said, he tried to be competitive, aim high and never rest on laurels.

"As a kid growing up, I wanted that feeling of winning an Olympic gold medal, breaking a world record and becoming a professional athlete. By 18, I had accomplished all three," he said, adding that he continued despite all this till hanging up the suit after the Rio games in 2016.

"I despised losing in anything I did. I hate losing more than I like winning," he said.

Saina enters quarters of Malaysia Masters, runs into Okuhara next



KUALA LUMPUR, JAN 17 (PTI): Ace Indian shuttler Saina Nehwal Thursday entered the women's singles quarterfinal of the Malaysia Masters with a straight-game win over Hong Kong's Pui Yin Yip here.

Saina, seeded seventh, took 39 minutes to tame Yip 21-14 21-16 in her second round encounter.

Saina will play second seed Nozomi Okuhara of Japan in the last-eight stage of the first Super 500 tournament of the year on Friday.

World no. 9 Saina holds an 8-4 overall head-to-head record against Okuhara, which includes back-to-back wins over the current world no.2 in the last

two tournaments -- last year's Demark Open and the French Open.

If Saina manages to go past Okuhara, the Indian might run into fourth seed Carolina Marin, who is placed in her half of the draw.

Later Thursday, seventh seed Kidambi Srikanth will take on Vincent Wing Ki Wong of Hong Kong in a men's singles second round match, while Saina's husband Parupalli Kashyap will be up against sixth seed Anthony Sinisuka Ginting of Indonesia.

In women's doubles, the Indian pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Siki Reddy will square off against Indonesia's Ni Ketut Mahadewi Istarani and Rizki Amelia Pradipta in a second round tie.

Wait gets longer for Pandya, Rahul after SC adjourns hearing to next week

NEW DELHI, JAN 17 (PTI): With the Supreme Court adjourning proceedings on all BCCI matters for a week, suspended Indian cricketers Hardik Pandya and K L Rahul's wait for a closure to the furore over their sexist comments got longer on Thursday.

Pulled midway out of the tour of Australia, provisionally suspended and lambasted thoroughly, the two cricketers' future was left uncertain after hearing was adjourned by the two-judge bench comprising Justices AM Sapre and SA Bobde following current amicus curiae Gopal Subramaniam's resignation on health grounds.

"Now that SC has taken cognisance of the case and already asked the new amicus to come back after a week, the CoA chief cannot appoint an ad-hoc Ombudsman as it will be contempt of court," a senior BCCI official told PTI on Thursday.

The appointment of an ombudsman was sought by the Committee of Administrators (CoA) to investigate the duo's comments on hookups with multiple women and being casual about it with their families, on the show 'Koffee with Karan' with film-maker Karan Johar.

With the bench nominating former Additional Solicitor General PS Narsimha as the new amicus, the case of appointment of a permanent or ad-hoc ombudsman will only come up as and when the new amicus takes charge.

Thursday's developments mean that the return of the two players, who have already missed the ongoing ODI series against Australia, could well be delayed beyond the New Zealand series which starts next week.

Asked what's the way out now, the official said, "An ad-hoc ombudsman

can still be appointed but only after the former ASG decides to take up the assignment and he is convinced that an ad-hoc ombudsman is a necessity for an early closure so that the cricketers can resume national duty."

After the two players were showcaused for their comments on the TV show, CoA chief Vinod Rai had recommended a two-match ban but his colleague Diana Edulji wanted a legal opinion from the BCCI's legal cell.

The legal firm said that Rahul and Pandya didn't violate the BCCI's Code of Conduct with their on-air comments but it would need an ombudsman to investigate the matter.

Edulji then proposed that CoA, along with BCCI members, form an inquiry committee to which Rai replied that the move will be in contravention to the Supreme Court order and he won't be a party to any such committee. "Had Diana been ready to go with the recommended punishment of two matches and not sought legal opinion, we wouldn't have reached this stage. Now everything is in a limbo.

"Now it's a legal matter and it can take time. All that one achieved through this ego tussle is that we have compromised the national team's interest," the senior official said.

It is learnt, even on Wednesday Rai had sent an e-mail to Edulji, requesting a quick closure of the matter, keeping the cricketers' future in mind. However, he got no response from the former India women's team captain. Edulji attended Thursday's hearing in the Supreme Court with her personal lawyer and told Rai in an e-mail that it was to "protect her own interest".

East Bengal take on Arrows as title race heats up



KOLKATA, JAN 17 (PTI): As the title race is getting tight by each clash, East Bengal will go full throttle against talented Indian Arrows in their I-League return-leg clash at Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, here on Friday.

The two teams met 10 days back with the Kolkata giants emerging winners but to the Arrows' credit, they put up a great fight and even scored in the dying stages against a team which boasts of a World-Cupper in their defence.

The young Indian Arrows squad coached by Floyd Pinto will look to sustain the momentum gained over the last five games, a period in which they notched up nine of their 13 points, placing them in the eighth position.

They registered their fourth win of the season four days back against Shillong Lajong, whom they swamped 3-0 at their home.

"The memories of the last match is still fresh and we can do much better than what we did. If we play every game according to the game plan, we can easily manage three points," said Pinto.

"I am happy with

my team's performance. They have improved a lot. Our previous game against Shillong was very good. East Bengal is a strong team and they have a good attack with good quality of players in the team. We will be giving our best, will play together and cover up for each other."

The hosts, however, have also played some solid football over the past few weeks though they felt the heat, when put under pressure.

Their Spanish coach Alejandro Menendez Garcia said, "We will keep giving our best shot. We are in the league and there are many matches left and if we play well, get the points and continue winning, we can still fight for the title. Tomorrow's match will be difficult because it is a young team, but they have good skills and play with high intensity. We need to match up to that."

With a game in hand, and a win enough to take them up to second on the table, the 'Red & Golds' will take on the Arrows with full force in front of home fans. But the pace and control of Arrows' young and talented boys can surprise any team on their day.

India eye perfect finish to historic tour

CHETAN NARULA
MELBOURNE, JAN 17 (PTI): Buoyant and self-assured in equal measure, India would be eyeing a maiden bilateral ODI series triumph on Australian soil after the path-breaking Test conquest when they take on the home team in the tour finale here Friday.

The three-match series is level at 1-1 after Australia won the first ODI in Sydney by 34 runs and India won the second in Adelaide by six wickets.

The Men in Blue have never won a bilateral ODI contest on Australian soil, and their only two series' wins in this format have come in 1985 (World Championship of Cricket) and 2008 (CB Series).

In fact, this is only the second bilateral ODI series India have played in Australia, losing 4-1 in 2016 when they toured here last.

Also, by winning this third ODI in Melbourne, India will finish the current 2018-19 tour without having lost a series here. They have previously drawn the T20I series 1-1, and then went on to record a historic first-ever Test series win here by a 2-1 margin.

While India will take winning momentum into this third ODI, their only worry at the moment is the fifth bowling option.

So far in the series, senior pacers Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Mohammed Shami have been impressive, while the two left-arm spinners Kuldeep Yadav and Ravindra Jadeja have provided control and breakthroughs in the middle overs.

In the absence of Hardik Pandya, India have

used a full-time seamer as their fifth bowling option both at the Sydney Cricket Ground and the Adelaide Oval. Khaleel Ahmed (0-55) and Mohammed Siraj (0-76) though failed to impress in their singular outings.

It becomes a particularly crucial aspect considering that India will go in with the same batting line-up as in the first two matches. With Virat Kohli not keen on bowling Ambati Rayudu again in the series, they need to get their five-bowler attack right on the money.

Seam bowling all-rounder Vijay Shankar and leg spinner Yuzvendra Chahal are in contention and both had a rigorous workout during the optional training session on Thursday at the MCG. Shankar provides the third seam bowling option, and as an extra batsman, elongates the batting line-up. However, the argument against Shankar is whether the Indian team management can trust him enough to deliver 10 overs on ODI debut.

Siraj struggled to do so and Kohli was left wondering how he would bowl him for a last three-over spell. This is where Chahal might prove to be a more reliable option, even if India have to play two pacers and three spinners.

The bigger boundaries at the MCG, and Chahal's ability to bowl economical and attacking spells as well as use the new ball within the first 10 overs, might be a factor in his favour.

If Kohli does pick Shankar for his ODI debut, it would disturb the set batting line-up and make space for Kedar Jadhav. The fifth bowl-

er's 10 overs can then be divided between Jadhav and Shankar. This move would mean one of Ambati Rayudu or Dinesh Karthik will be left out.

Karthik was handy in finishing the second ODI, while Rayudu has been rusty but seen as India's favoured number four option, making this a tough decision for the Indian captain.

Rayudu was part of the small group that took part in optional training on Thursday, along with Shankar, Chahal, Jadhav, Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Shikhar Dhawan.

Dhoni's form, which has been a constant concern for a while now, has been decent so far and he has two consecutive half centuries to draw confidence from.

Australia, on the other hand, have one selection worry due to pacer Jason Behrendorff's sore back. Billy Stanlake is expected to come into the playing eleven for a straight swap, as spelled out by skipper Aaron Finch. The hosts will be worried about lack of runs from their opening duo, Finch and Alex Carey, with their middle-order having to do the bull work in the last two matches.

Australia have won nine out of the 14 ODIs played against India at the MCG, and it should inspire them on Friday as they are still on the cusp of winning their first ODI series since January 2017.

Teams: India: Virat Kohli (c), Rohit Sharma, Shikhar Dhawan, Ambati Rayudu, Dinesh Karthik, Kedar Jadhav, MS Dhoni (wk), Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Ravindra Jadeja, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Khaleel Ahmed, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Vijay Shankar.



ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
SINGTAM

Memo No. 62/AES/R&B

Date: 11 / 01 / 2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Assistant Engineer-Singtam, Roads & Bridges Department Government of Sikkim, invites sealed tenders under single bid system from the eligible contractors of Class IV Grade enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department vide Notification No: 515/R&B/PWD/Secy, dated 12.06.2018 and 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 Concerned Ward of the Gram Panchayat Unit of Singtam-Khamdong Constituency 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	Const. of road from Beng to Bhirkuna (addl.)				
	Km 1st	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs. 1500.00	09 months
2	Const. of road from Phurkey Dhunga road (below St. Thomas School) to Badang				
	Km 1st	Rs. 21,19,248.00	Rs.52981.00	Rs. 1500.00	09 months
3	Const. of new road at Ramitey Dara				
	Km 1st	Rs. 21,19,248.00	Rs.52981.00	Rs. 1500.00	09 months
4	Const. of new road from Chandey to Pengring (addl.)				
	Km 1st	Rs. 21,19,248.00	Rs.52981.00	Rs. 1500.00	09 months
5	Const. of new road from Maney Gumpa to Thansing (addl.)				
	Km 1st	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs. 1,500.00	09 months
6	Const. of new road from Ganesh Mandir to Upper Thase via Subedi Gaon (addl.)				
	Km 1st	Rs. 33,90,794.00	Rs. 84,770.00	Rs. 1,500.00	09 months
7	Const. of new road from Ganesh Mandir to Milk collection centre (Chyan Dara to Ghataney gaon).				
	Km 1st	Rs. 8,47,702.00	Rs. 21,193.00	Rs. 1,500.00	09 months

TIME SCHEDULE:-

1	Date of submission of application with Bank receipt & TDR for issue of Tender Documents .	28th January 2019 (10.00am to 4.00pm) at resepctive Gram Prashashan Kendra where work is to be executed.
2	Last Date and Time for submission of Tender:	29th. January 2019 (10.00am to 1.00pm) at resepctive Gram Prashashan Kendra where work is to be executed.
3	Date and Time for Opening of Tender:	29th. January 2019 (1:30 PM) at resepctive Gram Prashashan Kendra where work is to be executed.

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:

- 1 Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors/Firms of appropriate Class/ Area.
- 2 The intending tenders/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would be invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender documents will not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDER. The application shall be submitted initially for each works listed above with all required documents.

- 3 The application should enclosed attested copies of the a) Goods & Services Tax Clearance Certificate (b) Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate along the application. It is mandatory to produce the original validated/Updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/Issue of the Tender Documents for verification.
- 4 The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents (excluding the Tender Form) can be obtain during the period specified in (As abovefrom the office of the Assistant Engineer-Singtam, Roads & Bridges Department, Singtam on production of requisite Bank Receipt of the State Bank of Sikkim towards the cost of Tender Documents (Non-Refundable) under the Head "0059-80-800" cost of Tender Form (Roads & Bridges).
- 5 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 Accounts Officer, Roads & Bridges Department, NirmanBhawan, Gangtok. Tender Form shall be issued only on production of toward deposit receipts of 2.50% earnest money.
- 6 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: (a)&(b)above should be enclosed with the offer.
- 7 Sealed Tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box in the office of the Assistant Engineer-Singtam, Roads & Bridges Department, Singtam, on the date and within the time indicated above.
- 8 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.
- 9 The Tenderer shouldsign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the General Direction and Conditions of the contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST 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.
- 10 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-Secretary/Head of the Department will be final in the regard.
- 11 The work value, scope and quantum of the work are subjected to change; the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the Department. No claim on this account is entertained whatsoever. If any claim is made, it shall be as per the agreement rates.
- 12 The Department reserves the rights to hold payments to the contractor unless test certificates are not produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.
- 13 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.
- 14 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.
- 15 All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to a part of the agreement to be entered with the contractor. Security deposit shall be collected by deductions from the running bills of the contractor @ 5.00% of the value of work done.
- 16 The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- 17 The recoveries of Royalties on Forest Produce shall be as per rates notified by the Government from time to time and applicable on the date of payment. In no case, claim of any contractor for deduction as per rates incorporated in Analysis of Rates or Schedule of Rates on the date of tender shall be acceptable.
- 18 Subletting of contract work is against the norms and it comes to the notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.
- 19 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.
- 20 In case the man power employed by the contractors are from outside the State or neighboring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractors to get them registered with the Labour Department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws.
- 21 Use of explosive shall be regulated as under:
 - (a) Transportation, Handling, storage and use of Explosives (if necessary) shall be in accordance with the provision of the India Explosive Act and General Guidelines, Circulars issued by the department and other competent authorities on the subject from time to time.
 - (b) The rules and regulations issued by the Sikkim Public Works Department or any other competent authority shall strictly be adhered to with regard to transportation, storage; handling and use of explosives shall be maintained by the contractor.
- 22 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.
- 23 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.
- 24 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.
- 25 The cost of Stock materials supplied from the Departmental store will be deducted from the contractor's bills as per rules.
- 26 The bidders shall produce a Certificate of Residence from the concerned Gram Panchayat Unit where the work is to be executed.

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GLEAMING GARNER! Actress Penelope Cruz glams it up in a red sequined gown at the Forque Awards Gala in Zaragoza, Spain.

We want to change names in our country, not system: Emraan

Emraan Hashmi fails to see any “logic” in the now revised title of his film, “Why Cheat India” and the actor believes the move reflects a mindset in the country where people are more invested in changing names and not the system.

The makers of the film had said the Central Board of Film Certification had objected to the original title -- “Cheat India” -- saying it was misleading. After thorough discussions with the board, producers changed the title to “Why Cheat India”, almost a week before its release this Friday. “In our country, we don’t want to change the system. We just want to change names as it’s the easiest thing to do. Sit in the comfort of your room, change names but don’t go out and change the system because that takes a lot of work,” Emraan told PTI.

Calling the move “ridiculous”, the actor said the board seems to have raised a question on the sensibilities of the audience. “Do you see any logic in that? I fail to see it. ‘Cheat India’ for them is a negative title. They have passed the title for the promos and I thought after watching the film they’d realise it’s even more relevant. I don’t think they attribute too much of sense to the audience. “That the audience won’t get it. You won’t end up cheating

the country of you watch ‘Cheat India.’ It’s ridiculous,” he said. Hashmi said the current development speaks volumes about the freedom of expression enjoyed by artists.

“Artists don’t have creative freedom. A lot of the stuff we



do, we self censor or cut it off. You’re not really spreading the wings and wanting to make the kind of film you want to make.

“You are always scared and on tenterhooks, ‘Oh, will they have a problem with this? You never know what they won’t like.’ It’s very surprising.” Hashmi said the censor board needs a “major rethink” in the way it functions.

Corey Stoll, Billy Magnussen join ‘Sopranos’ prequel

LOS ANGELES, JAN 17 (PTI): Actors Corey Stoll and Billy Magnussen have boarded the cast of prequel to hit HBO series “The Sopranos”. Stoll is best known for starring as the villain Darren Cross in Marvel’s “Ant-Man”, while Magnussen most recently featured in Cary Fukunaga’s Netflix series “Maniac”. The details of their characters have not yet been revealed.

They join Alessandro Nivola, Vera Farmiga and Jon Bernthal in the prequel, titled “The Many Saints of Newark”, reported Deadline. Nivola, best known for films such as “Jurassic Park III”, “Goal” series and “Disobedience”, will play Dickey Moltisanti. In the HBO series, Moltisanti is the

deceased uncle of Tony Soprano (James Gandolfini), and father of Christopher Moltisanti (Michael Imperioli). The character never appeared in the show as he was murdered prior to the drama’s timeline. He is credited along with Uncle Junior for establishing the New Jersey crime family.

The feature film will be directed by Alan Taylor. It has been written by show creator David Chase and Lawrence Konner.

The prequel will be set against the backdrop of the Newark riots of the 1960s when African-Americans and Italians clashed. Chase will produce the film via his Chase Films banner with Nicole Lambert as an executive producer.

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It's shortcut to creativity: AR Rahman on recreation trend

MUMBAI, JAN 17 (PTI): Academy Award-winner AR Rahman has said that the trend of recreating retro songs in the industry is nothing but a shortcut to creativity.

The composer said recreating classics is a safe, reliable “plan B” for artistes. “It (recreating songs) is shortcut to creativity. When they are doing a movie and they have a release date and don’t have something good enough they say, ‘Ok I have plan B’ and then do this. That’s what happens,” Rahman told PTI.

He said though there no one way to make music, things work differently in the West.

“Ideally a musical, what they do in the West is, they write the songs; the actors do their workshop, they play the music, tweak the screenplay and then it is finally made. So all that stuff is done before there,” he added.

Rahman was speaking at the launch of Nexa Music, which aims to provide aspiring Indian musicians a platform to compose



original music and lyrics.

He is one of the mentors for the participants, four of whom will get a chance to do 12 live events with the NEXA Music mentors across the country.

The composer said there are a growing number of aspiring singers who put their

work on the Internet but that does not promise quality. “Because of the Internet, today there’s no wall preventing someone to express what they want and put it out. But in the sea of so many things -- mediocrity and greatness -- everything is jumbled up. You can’t find where the diamond is,” he said. Rahman said the trick is to be self-aware and accept that even one’s flaws could be original.

“Sometimes the mistakes you make is an original thing. No one else will make the same mistake. Self-realisation is most important and it is also an art. It’s important to realise that even your flaw is original.”

What helps him, Rahman said, is the self-realisation.

“I look at my music objectively. I have 20 different ideas but I pick one. So you are never in the ‘whatever I do is gold’ zone. I filter and give it to the people. Then they filter and then it comes in. If something good is left out, I keep it for myself and develop it.”

ARIES: With the moon touring quicksilver Gemini and your innovative third house, your mind will be switched on by original ideas and probing conversations. But an opposition from people-pleasing Venus could obscure the full picture. Before you make any new commitments, invest the necessary time to dig a little deeper. Someone may be glossing over some inconvenient truths when sharing a different philosophy, or a potential project or partnership may not be quite as appealing when you examine the flaws under a magnifying glass.

TAURUS: PThere’s a fine line between sticking to your principles and not being so bull-headed that it turns people off to the positive elements of your message. Today, as the moon faces off with diplomatic Venus, observe how you defend your beliefs or “argue” your case. The one hot button word to avoid is “should.” If you’re trying to get an important point across, sell the benefits—and model it yourself to hopefully inspire people to learn more!

GEMINI: Looking for some fresh inspiration? Step right up! Today’s moon in Gem-

ini can deliver a truckload of new ideas, interesting people and fun prospects on your doorstep. You don’t have to try every single one on for size, but what a treasure trove to sort through! You’ll be open to different types of activities, so keep an open mind as you embrace the spirit of adventure. And with Venus tossing in a challenge from your partnership house, be more experimental in your social life.

CANCER: Not sure what’s really bugging you, Cancer? With your ruler, the moody moon, in your secretive twelfth house, it might not be a straightforward quest. What probably won’t help is trying to THINK your way through this, because whatever’s going on is probably emotional. Did you say something you regret—or did someone hurt you, intentionally or otherwise?.

LEO: With a curious Gemini moon activating your teamwork zone there is strength in numbers today. Before you dive into “do, do, do” mode, tap your social network for a little feedback. Their collective knowledge base is sure to

help you find exactly what you’re looking for whether it’s a great architect to design plans for your kitchen reno or tips on an upcoming travel destination. Your own online research could also save you a few extra steps today. Tap the hive mind and watch a few how-to videos for inspiration.

VIRGO: You’re usually the one helping other people become more efficient, but if you need a pep talk today, here goes. With an easily distracted Gemini moon in your career corner—and with an endless to-do list—you need to rein in your hyperkinetic brain and FOCUS. Close every window that you don’t need open to finish the task at hand. Silence all your devices and single-mindedly attack one project a time, not taking a break till it’s done. You may be amazed at what you’ve accomplished by happy hour!

LIBRA: With the moon in your expansive ninth house today, the sky’s the limit for what you can accomplish. Look beyond what others would call “limitations” and let your imagination be your tour guide. Think past the four walls that surround you and your usual network of resources.

Read some inspiring blogs, take a walk through an unfamiliar neighborhood, Spotify different music to rouse the muse.

SCORPIO: Are you so fixated on something that you can’t even recognize smart suggestions when they’re right in front of you? Today, with the moon in your strong-willed eighth house (the “Scorpio” house), you might have assumed a protective, defensive stance without realizing it.

SAGITTARIUS: With the moon in chaty Gemini and your partnership realm, you might loathe the idea of being on your own today. Can you call in sick (or healthy?) and take an adventurous day trip with your BFF? Or stay home with your boo and catch up on all the things you never have time for?

CAPRICORN: Stress is an energy, Capricorn, but with your hard-working ways, you don’t always realize when you’ve heaped a bit too much on your plate. Today, as a high-octane Gemini moon transits your health zone, you might be facing an unrealistic workload. But being the willful Sea Goat you are, you’re actually trying to pull this off. Pause for a cause—that cause being your wellbeing and

sanity! What can you delegate, outsource—or put off a few more days?

AQUARIUS: Drop that composed guard and let people—or at least someone—in on what’s really going inside of the cool-as-a-cuke Water Bearer. We’re not saying you have to make an emotional fashion statement by wearing your heart on your sleeve. But it takes a lot of energy to hold back your feelings—or tears, if that’s what wants to come. Pick someone you feel comfortable with and share something personal, even if you do as a “practice exercise!”

PISCES: With the moon hunkered down in your sentimental fourth house, you could get into “a mood” today, but you don’t have to be stuck there. Though you may feel like isolating yourself, the opposite is what’s going to get you through this. Reach out to a spirited friend and make a plan to get together for lunch or after work. Sometimes just getting it out of your system and being inspired by other people can remind you to keep on keeping on—even if you’re nursing the pain of a disappointment at the same time.