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Dawadis  
hold Deywali  
Kul Puja  
SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 22 JAN:  
Members of the Dawadi community residing in different parts of the world have been conducting 'Deywali Kul Puja' every three years. The prayers were held at the residence of Bhagirath Dawadi of Dawadi Gaon, Lingmoo-Pethang in South Sikkim, in a grand manner on 19 and 20 January this year and were attended by Dawadis from Myanmar, Nepal, Australia and different States of India. It is informed that the puja was started 55 years back and has been conducted 18 times so far at different places in Sikkim and Nepal.

## Gram Swaraj Abhiyan reaches Soreng



SORENG, 22 JAN (IPIR): The 'Gram Swaraj Abhiyan' or the 'Janta Mela' organised by the Department of Rural Management & Development for the year 2018-19 was held at the Soreng Ground which was attended by the Chief Minister, Pawan Chamling as the chief guest along with Minister, HRDD, RB Subba; Minister, RM&DD, SB Subedi; Minister, UD&HD, NK Subba; Minister, Health & IPR, AK Ghatani; Deputy Speaker (SLA), Sonam Gyatso Lepcha; MLAs; Chairpersons of various Boards; Advisors; HoDs from different departments and Dignitaries.

On the day, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for the Fire Station Building at Soreng.

In his address to the public present in the Janta Mela he reminded the public about the Government's commitment towards their welfare.

He mentioned that the people of Sikkim must realize that the "Janta Mela or the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan" is a one of a kind event and an initiative of the Government.

He mentioned that the government, since its inception, has always been there for the public in every way and that their policies are formulated for the citizens' benefit in the long run. He pointed out that they have always worked keeping the Sikkimese citizenry in mind.

Pawan Chamling advised all the Panchayats and officials to select genuine beneficiaries who are in dire need of such beneficial schemes of the government.

He also advised the youth of Sikkim to be innovation ready and always have a positive mindset with an attitude of looking forward in life. He also asked them to respect elders who are according to him the embodiment of God and hence every elder needs love and care from their families.

The Chief Minister handed over token grants/benefits in cash and kind to beneficiaries from different parts of the West District.

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 distribution of allotment orders to eligible beneficiaries under 'Land Bank' turn to pg02

## Sikkim to have 18 more polling stations for Election 2019

ARPAN PRADHAN  
GANGTOK, 22 JAN:

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer has begun preparations for Elections 2019 in earnest and is keeping busy prepping for the event.

"We have started preparations for Election 2019 systematically in phase-wise manner and have begun with the rationalization of polling stations. The total number of polling stations this time will be 567, an increase of 18 polling stations," informs Chief Electoral Officer, Sikkim, R Telang.

Speaking to Summit-Times, he explained that besides the training, Dis-

trict Collectors have also initiated the manpower planning required for the approaching elections, which includes planning on how many polling parties are required, vehicles required and the budget expenses.

He also informed that the Election Commission of India, at a video conference, directed the Chief Secretary and Director General of Police to review the preparation in the State and take stock of the law and order arrangements and subjects like the requirement of the central police forces during the elections.

## HSP to elect president on 24 Jan



REBYNA RANA  
GANGTOK, 22 JAN:

Hamro Sikkim Party (HSP) will be holding elections for the post of president on 24 Jan as decided in a meeting of its Central Executive Committee held today. The results will be announced on the same day.

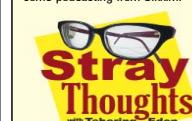
The meeting also designated 7 members of the CEC to form a committee to oversee and carry out negotiations with other political parties. HSP is open to any opposition party as long as they agree in principle to four issues, on which the HSP cannot compromise.

The issues are restoration of seats for the Sikkimese of Nepali Origin as well as the removal of the immigrant tag for this community, immediate allotment of reserved seats for the Limboo and Tamang communities as per the order of the Supreme Court, immediate declaration of tribal status for the remaining 11 left out communities as per the provisions of article 371F of the Constitution and, urgent and decisive action against the massive corruption in Sikkim and to work tirelessly towards making ours a corruption free state.

"Sikkim has the reputation of conducting fair and peaceful elections and we are 100% confident of maintaining this reputation with the cooperation and support of all political parties and the people of Sikkim," said Mr Telang.

The Chief Electoral Officer, Sikkim, also appealed to the people not to believe in rumors regarding the elections and seek information from authentic sources by calling the toll free help line number "1950" of the Election Commission which will be launched in the state on 25 January.

check out an experiment with some podcasting from Sikkim.



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## SKM condemns use of offensive language by SDF spokespersons

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 22 JAN:

Sikkim Kramtikari Morcha today came down heavily on SDF, especially its spokespersons, for the uncouth language used by them while commenting on Opposition parties at a press briefing here yesterday.

SKM spokesperson, Jacob Khaling, also countered the SDF defence of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling with regard to his recent comments and insisted that it is obvious from the speech in question that he was mocking and making light of menstruation.

He contended that the SKM Nari Morcha has raised its voice in defence of the modesty of women and that the SKM women had taken a principled stand by lodging an FIR in appropriate forum against the Chief Minister.

Countering the SDF's frequent allusion to SKM as a "goonda party," Mr Khaling stated that it was obvious to the people to which party met this criteria if one looked at the manner in which women are referenced in a public address.

As for the SDF claim of there not being any corruption case against the CM, Mr Khaling said turn to pg02

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(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

**NHIDCL invites bids/proposals for following works in the state of Sikkim:**

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Online Tender Id on CPP Portal	Bid Submission End Date
1	"Short term Improvement & Routine Maintenance from km. 0.000 to km. 16.000 of NH-510 in the State of Sikkim on Item Rate basis"	2019_NHIDC_432 683_1	11/02/2019 (Upto 1500 Hrs)

For further details please visit <http://eprocure.gov.in>&[www.nhidcl.com](http://www.nhidcl.com)  
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## 9<sup>TH</sup> National Voters' Day Celebration

on  
25<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
at Chintan Bhawan, Gangtok



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## Beti Bachao Beti Padhao celebration at Dzongu

WANGCHUK BHUTIA

MANGAN, 22 JAN:

As part of Beti Bachao (BBBP) week celebration, a programme was held at Gor Secondary school ground, Dzongu on 21 Jan. The programme was attended by Chairperson SNT, Pintsho Namgyal Lepcha as chief guest accompanied by CDPO, Dzongu, Netuk Lepcha Panchayat President cum ward Panchayats, Resource person from Hee Gyathang PHC and ICDS staffs.

The programme started with Signature campaign for BBBP and launching of BBBP stickers and door-to-door pasting of stickers.

CDPO Dzongu, in his



address, stated that this programme is conducted under the guidance of DM(N), Karma R Bonpo under BBBP, as this scheme and programme is looked after by the

Central Government. He also shared information about BBBP Pradhan Mantri Matritwa Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), Poshan Abhi-

yan-National Nutrition Mission. Resource person, PHC Hee-Gyathang, gave talk on health & hygiene, ill effects of alcohol consumption and drug abuse. She also conduct-

ed quiz competition on health and the winners were awarded prizes.

The chief guest in his address appreciated the programme conducted on BBBP.

Awareness Campaign on "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" was also held recently at Singhil ICDS wherein topics like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Poshan Abhiyan, POCO Act, health and hygiene and Sukanya Samridhi Yojana were discussed. The programme had outreach worker (IIPS), ANM Singhik PHC and CDPO as resource persons.

Similar programme was held today at Toong Naga GPU. The celebration will be held till 26 Jan, 2019.

## Futsal Association of Sikkim to conduct trials for National C'ship

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 22 JAN:

Futsal Association of Sikkim (FAS) will be conducting trials for National Futsal Championship on 27 Jan at Infiniti futsal arena, Tadong, from 7-9 a.m. The national championship is going to be held at Kerala on 20-24 Feb, 2019.

This was decided in an FAS meeting held today which also decided to finalise the Sikkim team for the nationals by 10 Feb.

## SKM Nari Morcha team meets National Women's Commission chairperson



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 22 JAN:

A seven-member delegation of Nari Morcha of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party met the Chairperson of the National Women's Commission, Rekha Sharma in New Delhi on Tuesday afternoon. The delegation was led by Nari Morcha chief convener, Kala Rai and has senior leaders Bhim Kumar Sharma, Pavitra Bhandari, Rupa Mangar, Prema Darnal, Jamyang Bhutia and Teni Doma Bhutia of Nari Morcha.

An SKM press release informs that the delegation submitted a memorandum and related video clip to the National Women's Commission Chairperson on the Chief Minister's remark on menstruation. The release adds that the Nari Morcha has already approached the Sikkim Police and the State Women's Commission.

The NWC Chairperson has assured Nari Morcha of investigating the matter to take appropriate action, the release mentions.

## Gram Swaraj Abhiyan...

Scheme' to Sukumbasi (Landless). This welfare Scheme is a recent government decision and entails allotting available Government lands to Sukumbasi.

In conclusion, the Chief Minister announced that festival of Bhumchu, Teej, Mangshire Purnima of Bhujel community, and Sanderpida of Mukhia community will be designated Government holidays.

## SKM condemns use...

that if the SDF and its government were so confident of having run a clean administration, they should have no problem opening themselves to a CBI investigation and settling the matter once and for all.

Sonam Bhutia of SKM also took issue with the choice of words used by SDF's KT Gyaltzen and accused him of debasing the level of political debate in Sikkim and pointed out that person born into a privileged family has no right to speak of class struggle.

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## ECI video conference takes stock of election preparedness



GANGTOK, 22 JAN (IPT):

A video-conference of the Chief Secretaries, Chief Electoral Officers, Director General of Police and senior officials of twelve States (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and West Bengal) was organized by the Election Commission of India, Sunil Arora.

A comprehensive review of agendas and strategies preparedness of the States prior to General Election 2019 was

including availability of budget, manpower, resources, SVEEP, planning, polling station arrangements and IT applications, including security, were discussed in detail and the preparedness of States on each of these parameters assessed.

Mr Arora informed that very soon officials from Election Commission of India will visit all the twelve States to take stock of the preparedness.

Different aspects of

Chief Secretary AK

conducting the election,

**SMTWA**  
celebrates 45th foundation day  
**YOGEN THATAL**

**SINGTAM, 21 JAN:**  
The 45th foundation day of Singtam Motor Transport Workers Association was celebrated by the association in Singtam today.

## KUTSE SHEGU

The 49th day Kutse Shegu of Late Lakpa Tsering Ethenpa (88 yrs.) who left for his heavenly abode on 10th Dec 2018 falls on Sunday the 27th Jan 2019.

All relatives, family friends & well wishers are requested to join us in offering prayers for the departed soul at our residence at "Ethenpa Villa", Lower Tadong, Gangtok. We also express our gratitude to all those who stood by us during our time of bereavement.

**Mrs. Pasang Lhamu Ethenpa (Pasang Guruma) (wife)**  
**Mr. Menla T. Ethenpa & Tshering Pem (son & daughter-in-law)**  
**Dr. Sonam T. Ethenpa & Chumki (son & daughter-in-law)**

**Mrs. Diki Yangzum Ethenpa & Karma Chankapa (daughter & son-in-law)**  
**Ms. Chobel S. Ethenpa (daughter)**  
**Mrs. Sangay Pema Ethenpa & Pemba Lama (daughter & son-in-law)**  
& host of grand children & Great Grand Children  
(M) 943-4031-333, 900-2136-777, 817-000-5544



## KUTSE ZHIPCHU SHERGU

Our gratitude to all our Friends, Relatives and well wishers for their support and love during the time of our bereavement Our beloved Late Mr Pem Deechen Denzongpa, Yapa Jantarey, to many of his Friends and Well Wishers and Managing Director of Yuksom Breweries passed away on 11th December 2018.

With humility we request all our Family, Friends and Well Wishers, to please join us in prayer for the Kutse Zhipchu Shergu at our residence at Tashi Chang, Yangtze on the 28th January 2019

The Yuksom Family,  
Tashi Chang,  
Yangtze, West Sikkim.



**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS  
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM**

No. 674/IPR/18-19

Dated. 21.01.2019

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The State Level Celebration of Republic Day, 2019 will be held at Paljor Stadium on 26th January, 2019. Being a national function, the programme will be attended by Honourable Governor of Sikkim and Honourable Chief Minister of Sikkim along with Honourable other high ranking dignitaries.

Due to security reasons, carrying of water bottles are strictly forbidden at the venue and all Government employees, PSUs and members of public representatives are requested to carry with them respective identity card to gain access to the venue.



SUMMIT REPORT  
RONGPO, 22 JAN:

International Human Rights Council (IHRC) Sikkim branch team visited Jorethang Mela premises where the incident of lathicharge occurred on 17 Jan.

During its two-day vis-

it, the four-member team, headed by president Sikkim Branch, Ganesh Sharma conducted an enquiry into the incident. They have also interacted with the victims and the public who were lathicharged by the police personnel.

Later, they visited the SDM office and Police Station, Jorethang where they discussed the matter with SDM Jorethang and SHO Jorethang and requested the authorities to investigate the case transparently.

R.O.No.: 609/IPR/PUB/Classi/18-19

Date: 21/01/2019

IPR DEPARTMENT  
Government of Sikkim

# Chief Secretary visits ICAR-NOFRI

**GANGTOK, 22 JAN (IPR):** Chief Secretary of Sikkim, Alok Kumar Shrivastava, visited ICAR-National Organic Farming Research Institute (NOFRI), Tadong, Gangtok today to interact with Scientists and other staff of the institute.

In the beginning Joint Director, Dr. RK Avasthe briefed him about the various ongoing research and extension activities. He visited the Research Farm of ICAR-NOFRI and held detailed discussions with various Scientists. He visited all the sections of the animal sciences and was briefed about different research programmes of goatery, poultry, dairy and pig-herd units.

He showed great interest in organic crop production research trials undergoing at NOFRI



micompost and manure production units of the Institute and showed satisfaction over the work being undertaken to address various issues pertaining to organic manure availability in the state.

Later Vanaraja backyard poultry day old chicks were distributed by the Chief Secretary to farmers of Sikkim.

He expressed satisfaction and lauded the Scientists for doing commendable work for the betterment of farming community of Sikkim. He appreciated the efforts put in by the ICAR-NOFRI team for the research work being carried and also congratulated them for their hard work and tremendous efforts towards development of organic agriculture in the state.

and was also detailed about various climate resilient technologies developed. He visited the micro processing unit for turmeric and ginger powder extraction and appreciated that organic products are being produced at the farm.

Joint Director also briefed him about various horticultural research activities in the development of profitable integrated organic farming system model in the context of Sikkim.

He also visited ver-

round vegetable production in low cost poly tunnels and low cost rain shelters and kiwi production technology for organic conditions.

Later he visited the agroforestry section and was informed about the ongoing research activities in the development of profitable integrated organic farming system model in the context of Sikkim.

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## Football coaching camp by United Bojoghari concludes

### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 22 JAN:**

A 15-day football coaching camp organized by United Bojoghari starting from 07 Jan concluded on Monday. The camp was attended by 35 boys and 5 girls aged below 15 years.

Certificates of participation and certificates of appreciation were provided to all the children and coaches from the boys club.

United Bojoghari has extended gratitude to the Penlong School Committee for their cooperation and for lending them the Penlong School ground.

## BSF hands over 31 stranded Rohingyas to Tripura Police

**AGARTALA/NEW DELHI, JAN 22 (PTI):** The BSF Tuesday handed over the 31 Rohingya Muslims, who were stranded on the India-Bangladesh border since January 18, to the Tripura police, after the paramilitary force and its counterpart, the BGB, failed to reach a decision during talks on the issue, officials said.

The Rohingyas were stuck in no-man's land, beyond the barbed wire fence along the Indo-Bangladesh border in Tripura since Friday last. The situation had led to a blame game between the Border Security Force (BSF) and its counterpart -- Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) -- with the two sides accusing each other of pushing them into their territories. Deputy Inspector General of the BSF Brijesh Kumar said, "The Rohingyas were behind the barbed wire fence since January 18. We took up the matter with the BGB and requested them to take them back to Bangladesh. They denied. Several rounds of talks with the BGB had failed. So, we handed them over to police."

A battalion command-level meeting was held at the Zero Line on Sunday, the officials said. Officials in New Delhi said the BSF informed the Home Ministry about the final result of the talks and gave the situation report.

After receiving the ministry's nod, the BSF signed the papers and handed over the 31 Rohingyas to the staff of the Amtoli police station in West Tripura district police at 11 am, ending the standoff with their Bangladeshi counterparts.



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER  
STATE PROJECT MONITORING UNIT, NATIONAL HYDROLOGY PROJECT  
WATER RESOURCES & RIVER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT,  
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM

## E-Procurement Notice

BID ID No.: - NHP-02/Online Tender-01 OF 2018-19

The Superintending Engineer(NHP),WR & R. D.D. invites items rate bids through e-procurement for **Supply and Installation of Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP) and Development of Rating Curve for Identified G-D Sites In Sikkim Under National Hydrology project**

The details of the bids are available at [www.sikkim-tenders.gov.in](http://www.sikkim-tenders.gov.in)

R.O.No: 616/IPR/PUB/Classi/18-19  
Date: 22.01.19

Superintending Engineer (NHP)

## Tourism and Civil Aviation Department Government of Sikkim

Paryatan Bhawan  
Tadong-Gangtok

### RE-TENDER NOTICE

NIT No. 352

On behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, the Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Government of Sikkim is inviting Re-tender for the work of "Development of Magarzong at Mangsari in West Sikkim" on Design, Built & Transfer (DBT) basis. For further details, the interested contractors may visit the Government website [www.sikkimtender.gov.in](http://www.sikkimtender.gov.in) which shall be uploaded w.e.f. 23.01.2019.

Dated: 21.01.2019

Place: Gangtok

R.O. No: 618/IPR/PUB/Classi/18-19  
Date: 22.01.2019

Sd/-  
Chief Engineer  
Tourism & Civil  
Aviation Department



## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER BALUAKHANI, GANGTOK-SIKKIM

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### (Change in Date of Final Publication of ELECTORAL ROLL)

This is to information of general public that final Publication of Electoral Roll in respect of Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls of intensive nature with reference to 01.01.2019 as qualifying date in all Assembly Constituencies of Sikkim will be on 31.01.2019 (Thursday) instead of 18.01.2019 (Friday).

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If your name is missing from electoral roll, please apply immediately. Process for additional of addition of names and correction of existing entries will continue even after final publication of electoral roll.

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Chief Electoral Officer, Sikkim.

R.O. No. 607/IPR/PUB/Classi/18-19

Date: 19.01.2019



## ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM

Memo No:-150/AES/R&B

Date:-21/01/2019

### 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 under Tumin-Lingi 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	Construction of Fair Weather Road from Dikchu Makha Road to Pengring in East Sikkim.				
Km 1st	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs.1,05,970.00	Rs. 1,500.00	09 months	
KM 2nd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs.1,05,970.00	Rs. 1,500.00	09 months	

### TIME SCHEDULE:-

1	Date of submission of application with Bank receipt & TDR for issue of Tender Documents .	6th February, 2019 (10.00am to 4.00pm) at resepective Gram Prashan Kendra where work is to be executed.
2	Last Date and Time for submission of Tender:	7th. February, 2019 (10.00am to 1.00pm) at resepective Gram Prashan Kendra where work is to be executed.
3	Date and Time for Opening of Tender:	7th. February, 2019 (1.00pm) at resepective Gram Prashan 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.

Sd/-

ASSISTANT ENGINEER  
SINGTAM SUB DIVISION  
ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENT

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Date: 22.01.19

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## Converts and Support

*The people will soon be important again*

Politicians in our country, as also in Sikkim, have lived in the make-believe world of sycophants and appearances for far too long to be able to see realities unless strained through the reassuring filters that suit and surround them. In their defence, it is not just politicians who take on such imagined sense of power, significance and influence, and one sees such attitudes among government officials, social and religious organisations, and yes, even in the media. It is however only the politicians who need to routinely lobby for direct endorsement of the people to remain of consequence and also stand a chance of deciding policy, hence it becomes important for their priorities to be aligned properly and political-speak nuanced with a better sense of proportion and pragmatism.

One could argue that selective perceptions would affect only individual fates and political careers, but it becomes important to marshal the debate on the right course when these impressions begin hogging public engagement. Take for instance the trend of claiming turncoats, a gimmick which gains currency every time elections come calling. These are fine as campaign-trail asides, but rankle when they become the centrepiece of announcements. One speaks here of the frequent claims and counterclaims of number of supporters gained and weaned away that compete for headlines on pg02 nowadays. While these displays may be necessary to send out a signal of increasing popularity or resurgence, they are not ladders on which political futures can be reached. To begin with, commitments so fickle that they the whiff of elections can signal an ideological shift can hardly be considered endorsement strong enough to power change. Anyone who has followed campaign politics in Sikkim long enough will know how these inductions are managed and of how routinely such claims are announced. At best, these are interesting sideshows to the circus of elections, not the essence of the election itself. Agreed, there are some crossovers which are politically significant in that they help open some unreach pockets, but to believe these to have the potency of changing political fortunes is misplaced and in fact demeaning to the intelligence of the electorate.

To believe that the voters cannot see through the political opportunism at the root of such election-time fluctuations in allegiance reflects an inexcusable disconnect with how and what the people think. The media might play along and ignore the obvious sour grapes/bountiful opportunism syndrome which defines a bulk of political positions in Sikkim, but that does not mean that the people do not see through things. Induction ceremonies and claims of winning new members, hence, are at best stepping stones to catch the attention of the people, an attention span that should then be held with policy and programme commitments to make voters seriously consider the options on offer.

At the end of the day, it is for the political parties in the fray and there leaders to decide where their priorities rest – whether it is to believe their own PR or work along with and among the people to expand their support base. The Opposition has often made the mistake of buying into the anti-incumbency fiction and the silent wave hallucination because anti-incumbency does not translate into votes by itself and the ruling front would be mistaken to believe that anti-incumbency is not a factor at all in Sikkim. At varying degrees, Elections 2014 proved the previous point rather effectively.

Also, given how small Sikkim is, all parties and leaders need to approach the people as a starting-from-scratch effort; past experience has shown that only those groups which reach out in earnest, and not on the crutches of past record or existing fatigue, win favour with the people. For those watching the "politics" from the sidelines, a wonderful experience will arrive soon when people will be able to twist the weak ears of leaders to make them listen; that is when the people also get to 'play' some 'politics'. It is not rare in these times to find groups of 10, or even less, come together and claim to speak for all the people of their constituency or community or section of society and communicate either support or condemnation of the sitting representative. In normal times, they would just be scoffed away, but in the uncertainty of an approaching election year, they will be cajoled, pampered, instigated, approached and placated. Counter groups are sponsored to offset the embarrassment that these groups might have caused and either way, it's the people who win because they become important again.

For the next few months, the people will wrest for themselves the opportunity to talk down to elected leaders and leaders wanting to be elected. In a setting where hierarchical protocols continue to be observed, this is a welcome, albeit brief, change. But then again, like the misplaced perception of new members meaning stronger influence, even this flicker of a more vociferous electorate is far from the realities that remain.

# What needs to be done to stop Zimbabwe's violent meltdown

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Zimbabwe is sliding into a violent meltdown and it's expected to worsen, unless there are some serious interventions.

Days of mass protests have been characterised by violence, looting and heavy-handedness by the police and army. It has led to the deaths and injury of many people, largely in Harare and Bulawayo's high-density areas. According to the Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum, at least 12 people have been killed and thousands injured.

In addition to placing many urban areas under military siege, the government has also shut down social media platforms such as WhatsApp, Twitter and Facebook. These are viewed as the avenue through which the opposition and other civil society bodies have been communicating messages of "anarchy". The internet has been shut down twice on separate occasions.

The deadly violence was triggered by President Emerson Mnangagwa's announcement of steep fuel price hikes on Saturday 9 January. Made in the dead of night, the announcement proved to be the straw that broke the camel's back for a largely peaceful, if not somewhat passive, populace that has borne the brunt of two decades of economic meltdown. Mnangagwa's regime increased the prices of fuel by a staggering 150%, making Zimbabwe's fuel the most expensive in the world.

The sharp fuel hike prompted the country's largest trade union body, the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions, and other civil society bodies such as the Crisis Coalition, to call for a three day mass stay away from work.

The reaction was hardly surprising. Conditions have become fertile for a massive militant mass revolt. Shortages of a lot of goods have become the order of the day. Long fuel queues, and incessant electricity and water cuts have not helped the situation for poverty-weary Zimbabweans.

Mnangagwa, and those he can rally behind him in the ruling Zanu-PF, need urgently to take steps towards forming a government of national unity, as has been done before in the country. This will require the opposition Movement for Democratic Change Alliance (MDC-Alliance) to get its act together by behaving maturely. Another urgent step that's needed is that the country's chaotic currency situation needs immediate resolution.

#### CURRENCY CRUNCH

Prior to the deadly protests, Zimbabweans en-

dured a tumultuous few months economically as the country's cash crunch worsened.

Just before Professor Mthuli Ncube was appointed Minister of Finance in September 2018, he said he wanted to phase out the country's quasi-currency, the bond note, nicknamed "dollars" by the market. The rationale behind scrapping the bond note was that it was promoting the black market, as individuals were using this quasi-currency to mop up scarce US dollars.



Ncube also argued that Zimbabwe needed to come up with its own proper currency, which could be recognised as legal tender.

The bond note was introduced in the second half of 2016 in a bid to ease the cash squeeze the country was facing as a consequence of using a multiple currency regime which was anchored by the US dollar. But a lack of investment in Zimbabwe, combined with few exports, meant that the US dollar was not readily available on the market.

The bond note was meant to fill the cash gap on the market. Instead, it spawned a flourishing black market last witnessed during Zimbabwe's dark days of hyperinflation in 2008. Dealers, including top government officials, used the quasi-currency to mop up scarce US dollars on the market.

The Zimbabwean government has consistently argued that the bond note is equivalent to the US dollar. But the market has suggested otherwise. Most retailers have a three-tier pricing system – US\$, bond notes or Ecocash, the country's PayPal-like service that is making transactions possible. The reason for

providing these options is the shortage of US dollars and the bond notes. Those that are available are largely in the hands of currency speculators.

The bond note's death knell, which was sounded by Ncube, has sparked panic and led to a devaluation of the quasi-currency. This in turn led to retailers increasing their prices of goods and services for people using bond notes.

The knock-on effect is that doctors, teachers and other civil servants are demanding that they be paid in dollars – not bond notes.

Shortages of foreign currency has also led to companies like Delta, the country's largest brewer, failing to import adequate raw materials for alcohol and soft drinks.

Zimbabwe's largest cooking oil producer, Oliveine, has also closed shop, citing a lack of foreign currency to import raw materials for their products.

#### WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

To stem the tide of the current crisis, before it totally overwhelms Mnangagwa and the ruling Zanu-PF, the president needs to immediately cease the brutal onslaught on civilians. In addition, Mnangagwa and his officials have to get off their high horse and facilitate talks that can lead to a government of national unity with the Movement for Democratic Change Alliance (MDC-Alliance).

This has proved to be successful before. A government of national unity was formed in the wake of the violent elections in 2008 that plunged the country into chaos. The 2009–2013 government of national unity helped to stabilise the Zimbabwean economy and brought the country back from the brink.

The MDC-Alliance also has to stop fomenting acts of violence that have become the party's hallmark since its leader Morgan Tsvangirai's death in February 2018.

Lastly, Zimbabwe needs to introduce its own currency so the cancerous black market that's been wreaking havoc on the economy can be eliminated.

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## A snapshot of our mysterious ancestor Homo erectus

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If you bumped into a Homo erectus in the street you might not recognise them as being very different from you. You'd see a certain "human-ness" in the stance, and his or her size and shape might be similar to yours.

But their face would be flatter, with a more obvious brow. And having a conversation would be hard – his or her language skills would be poor (although they could certainly craft a stone tool or light a fire).

Of course this is entirely hypothetical, as Homo erectus is now extinct. This enigmatic human ancestor probably evolved in Africa more than 2 million years ago, although the timing of their disappearance is less clear.

Homo erectus was in the news over 2018 thanks to new discoveries in the Philippines and China, which have transformed our understanding of this not too distant family member.

So who was Homo erectus? And could 2019 be the year we learn more about our mysterious ancestor?

#### WHERE AND WHEN DID THEY LIVE?

Homo erectus was first discovered in Java, Indonesia and then China – these are the famous "Java Man" and "Peking Man" fossils. Eugène Dubois' 1891 discovery on Java (originally called Pithecanthropus erectus) was a key piece of evidence in supporting Darwin's ideas of human evolution.

The recent discovery of stone artefacts in the Loess Plateau of China suggests that a hominin, probably Homo erectus, was living in the region by 2.1 million years ago. This evidence pushes back their presence in Asia back by at least 400,000 years.

Other ancient Homo erectus sites are present in the Caucasus region of Georgia (1.8 million years ago), on Java and in Africa.

Homo erectus is thought to have become mostly extinct following the emergence of modern humans – yet some specimens from Java have been dated (with some controversy) to as recently as 40,000 years ago. If this dating is correct, it suggests that they coexisted with Homo sapiens, although probably only in very small pockets in Indonesia.

The expansion of Homo erectus throughout the globe was the first time that a hominin species had ventured beyond Africa, and occurred 2 million years before modern humans replicat-

ed this great feat of exploration. They may have been encouraged to spread so rapidly by the expansion of grassland during this period, driven by climate change. This created more habitats for plant-eating animals and so increased the amount of available prey.

#### WHAT DID THEY LOOK LIKE?

Homo erectus was the first of our ancestors to physically resemble modern humans. They were taller and their brain was larger than previous homi-

nines to use fire and may have been the first to live in hunter-gather groups. They made stone tools in a style called the Acheulian, characterised by distinctive hand axes.

Despite this, their cognitive ability fell a long way short of modern humans. There is currently no evidence that Homo erectus was capable of undertaking modern behaviours such as using language or making art.

The importance of the recent discov-

This somewhat confusing situation is actually far clearer than the early history of Homo erectus where a wide range of names including *Anthropopithecus*, *Homo leakeyi*, *Pithecanthropus*, *Sinanthropus*, *Meganthropus*, and *Telanthropus* were used. The reason for this complexity is that Homo erectus (whatever you choose to call them) have a comparatively wide range of morphological characteristics making it difficult to decide how much diversity to include within the



nin species such as *Australopithecus* sp. or *Homo habilis*.

They had a slightly different face to us: it was flatter with more prominent brow ridges.

The long legs and the fact that they were fully upright meant Homo erectus individuals were efficient walkers and could cover larger ranges than their ancestors.

Their body shape also meant that they could control their temperature and water balance well and so were well suited for living in open forests.

#### WHAT DID THEY EAT?

Homo erectus were probably advanced scavengers who augmented their diet with some predation rather than sophisticated hunters. In fact, they probably occupied a similar ecological niche to hyenas today.

The importance of meat in their diets is still contested, with some researchers considering they were primarily meat eaters and others believing that they had a much broader diet.

#### HOW SMART WHERE THEY?

Homo erectus was much smarter than previous hominins, being the first

ery of archaeological material attributed to Homo erectus in the Philippines helps us learn more details about what this species may have been capable of.

Previously, it was widely accepted that Homo erectus was not able to undertake water crossings. This theory fitted with their presence as far as Java, but not across deeper water represented by the Wallace line to travel further east.

A discovery in the Philippines (and possibly in Sulawesi) overturns this, and opens the exciting possibility that Homo erectus may have been more capable sailors than we previously thought.

#### HOW ARE THEY RELATED TO US?

One of the most contentious aspects of Homo erectus is who to include in the species. While many researchers include a wide range of specimens from around the world as Homo erectus, some classify the African and Eurasian specimens as Homo ergaster. Others use the terms Homo erectus *sensu stricto* (ie. in the narrow sense) for the Asian specimens and Homo erectus *sensu lato* (ie. in the broad sense) for all specimens.

definition of the species.

What is clear is that Homo erectus sits somewhere on the human lineage as an ancestor to modern humans, serving as a transition from early hominins such as *Australopithecus* to *Homo heidelbergensis*, *Homo neanderthalensis* and *Homo sapiens*.

#### WHAT NEXT FOR HOMO ERECTUS?

No area of archaeology has seen such a vibrant change in recent years than how we understand our family tree. New species have been discovered (and debated) and the ages of the earliest examples of various species are constantly being revised. Unfortunately we only have limited fossils to work with and so new specimens and sites can quickly change our understanding of human evolution.

There is no doubt that ancient DNA studies will contribute to resolving this uncertainty – however DNA sequences have not yet been recovered from Homo erectus. We await this eventual discovery with bated breath!

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**ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENT  
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
SINGTAM**

Memo No:-.....

Date:-.....

**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 West Pendam 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 Che-wribotey Phakli Mamjee Jukepani to Pendam School in East Sikkim.				
	<b>Km 1st</b>	Rs. 4238496.00	Rs.1,05,970.00	Rs. 1500.00	09 months
	<b>Km 2nd.</b>	Rs. 4238496.00	Rs.1,05,970.00	Rs. 1500.00	09 months
	<b>Km 3rd.</b>	Rs. 4238496.00	Rs.1,05,970.00	Rs. 1,500.00	09 months

**TIME SCHEDULE:-**

1	Date of submission of application with Bank receipt & TDR for issue of Tender Documents .	4th February, 2019 (10.00am to 4.00pm) at resepective Gram Prashashan Kendra where work is to be executed.
2	Last Date and Time for submission of Tender:	6th. February, 2019 (10.00am to 1.00pm) at resepective Gram Prashashan Kendra where work is to be executed.
3	Date and Time for Opening of Tender:	6th. February, 2019 (1:30 PM) at resepective Gram Pra-shashan 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 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, Nirman Bhawan, 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 from 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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R.O. No.: 608/IPR/PUB/Classi/18-19  
Date: 21/01/19

**ASSISTANT ENGINEER  
SINGTAM SUB DIVISION  
ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENT**



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GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
SINGTAM**

Memo No:- /R&amp;B/AES

Date:-21/1/2019.

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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 Fair Weather Road from Dahal Chupalakha Gaon to Dhanbari PMGSY road in East Sikkim				
	<b>Km 1st</b>	42,38,496.00	105970	1500	09 months
	<b>KM 2nd</b>	12,71,549.00	31789	500	09 months
2	Construction of Fair Weather Road from PMGSY Road to Nursery Gurasay in East Sikkim				
	<b>Km 1st</b>	42,38,496.00	105970	1500	09 months
	<b>KM 2nd</b>	42,38,496.00	105970	1500	09 months
3	Construction of Fair Weather Road from Dhanbari PMGSY road to Kageythang in East Sikkim				
	<b>KM 1st.</b>	42,38,496.00	105970	1500	09 months
	<b>KM 2nd</b>	21,19,248.00	52981	1500	09 months

**TIME SCHEDULE:-**

1	Date of submission of application with Bank receipt & TDR for issue of Tender Documents .	29th January, 2019 (10.00am to 4.00pm) at resepective Gram Prasha-n Kendra where work is to be executed.
2	Last Date and Time for submission of Tender:	30th. January, 2019 (10.00am to 1.00pm) at resepective Gram Prasha-n Kendra where work is to be executed.
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**Ronaldo faces multi-million tax fraud fine in Madrid court**

MADRID, JAN 22 (AFP): Cristiano Ronaldo is returning to Madrid for a court date on Tuesday in which he could be fined 18.8 million euros (USD 21.4 million) for tax fraud as part of a deal reached with the Spanish taxman.

As part of an agreement arranged in June with the former Real Madrid hero's lawyers, prosecutors are also asking that the Portuguese attacker, who last summer left the Spanish capital for Italian champions Juventus, be handed a 23-month jail sentence.

However, Ronaldo would not spend a day in prison as sentences of up to two years are generally not enforced in Spain for first-time offenders in non-violent crimes.

The hearing, due to start at 9:50 am (0850 GMT), is expected to last just a few minutes as the deal is officially presented to the judge.

He in turn will give the final sentence on Tuesday or the coming days, according to a spokesman for the court in northern Madrid.

Ronaldo will not be given special treatment when he arrives and will have to climb up the courthouse steps amid a likely media scrum despite the five-time Ballon d'Or winner's lawyers asking he be allowed to enter the building by car to avoid the spotlight.

The court president refused the request, saying that despite his "great fame", he wouldn't "compromise security" at the building, according to a court document.

His request to appear via videoconference was also denied.

#### - OFFSHORE COMPANIES -

Madrid prosecutors opened a probe into Ronaldo in June 2017 and he was questioned in July that same year.

"I have never hidden anything, nor have I had the intention of evading taxes," he told the court then, according to a statement from the sports agency which represents him, Gestifute.

Prosecutors accuse him of having used companies in low-tax foreign jurisdictions -- notably the British Virgin Islands and Ireland -- to avoid having to pay the tax due in Spain on his image rights between 2011 and 2014.

His lawyers said there had been a difference in interpretation of what was and was not taxable in Spain.

The deal between Spain's taxman and his lawyers has allowed Ronaldo to avoid having to sit through a long trial that could have damaged his image and seen him handed a heavier sentence.

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The prison sentence was later reduced to a further fine of 252,000 euros, equivalent to 400 euros per day of the original term.

# Boateng to seize his chance after shock Barcelona move

MADRID, JAN 22 (AFP):

Ghanaian forward Kevin-Prince Boateng has vowed to make the most of his shock arrival at Barcelona, after a loan move for the journeyman from Italian side Sassuolo was sealed.

The leaders of La Liga said in a statement on Monday they had agreed a deal to take Boateng on loan until the end of the season, with an option to make the move permanent in the summer.

"The agreement includes an eight-million-euro (USD 9 million) purchase option," the club said.

The arrival of Boateng, 31, will provide much-needed cover for Luis Suarez up front in Ernesto Valverde's squad following the departure of Munir El Haddadi to Sevilla.

The fiery forward has been a successful stop-gap many times before, which Barca boss Ernesto Valverde valued in his decision to bring him in.

"He doesn't seem to



need much time to adapt, he knows his stuff and can start playing straight away," Valverde.

"He's comfortable in many positions, as a central striker or playing off another striker, and even deeper too," Valverde told the club website.

The player himself was upbeat about the move when journalists spoke to him at the air-

port in Italy.

"Barca, I'm coming!

I'm sad to leave Sassuolo but this is a great chance," Boateng said, according to a SKY Twitter feed.

"But don't ask me about Real Madrid. I only want to focus on Barcelona and I hope to score at Bernabeu for the next Clasico," Boateng said.

The player will be

presented to press and

fans Tuesday at noon on the Camp Nou pitch, the club revealed.

Born in Germany, the half-brother of Bayern Munich defender Jerome Boateng moved back to Serie A last year after helping Eintracht Frankfurt win the German Cup.

He has scored five goals in 15 games this season for Sassuolo.

"With experience of

playing in four of the big-est leagues in Europe, the Premier League, the Bundesliga, Serie A and La Liga, he is a man who has scored goals wherever he has been," FC Barcelone said.

The former Tottenham Hotspur, AC Milan and Schalke 04 player has previously had a spell in Spain, with Las Palmas in 2016-17.

## England begin crucial year with tour to unfancied Windies

Bridgetown (Barbados), Jan 22 (AFP): England are solid favourites although history is on the side of the underdog West Indies ahead of the first Test of the three-match series starting Wednesday at Kensington Oval in Bridgetown.

Riding a wave of five consecutive victories - eight in nine matches going back to the last English summer - which includes series wins over top-ranked India and an historic sweep in Sri Lanka, the tourists appear supremely confident of overturning the disappointments of their last two Caribbean campaigns.

England have only won one Test series in the West Indies in the past 50 years, a 3-0 triumph in 2004, and failed to live up to expectations in 2009, when they lost 1-0, and again in 2015 when a five-wicket triumph inside three days by the unfancied hosts at the same Kensington Oval venue resulted in a shared series.

While the weight of expectation will be on the visitors' shoulders, West Indies face a daunting task to halt a run of four consecutive defeats, all within three days, on a disastrous Asian tour late last year which saw them being brushed aside by both India and Bangladesh in two-Test series. England have a settled look to their team and took the weekend off training following two satisfactory two-day matches against a Cricket West Indies XI at the 3Ws Oval just outside Bridgetown. By contrast the West Indies squad reflects both a lack of continuity in selection and the parlous state of the domestic game.

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Anderson and Stuart Broad, who need just two more wickets to lift their combined tally of Test victims to 1,000.

#### - BRAVO BACK AFTER LENGTHY EXILE -

Another newcomer in the West Indies squad of 13, 30-year-old middle-order batsman Shamarh Brooks who averages 33 but has endured a poor season so far in the inter-territorial first-class competition, is unlikely to make the final 11 especially given the return to Test duty of Darren Bravo after more than two years out of the team.

Bravo's Test average of 40 and elegant left-handed style would normally make him an automatic selection except that a Twitter tirade against CWI president Dave Cameron in November of 2016 led to his alienation from the team until now.

A polarising figure in West Indies cricket at the best of times, Cameron has also become the centre of an internal squabble in the regional cricket administration with representatives of the Leeward Islands making public their dissatisfaction with the process of the appointment of Richard Pybus as interim head coach for the period covering the England visit, the 2019 World Cup and the India tour to the Caribbean in July and August. Pybus is viewed as a controversial figure in Caribbean cricket circles notwithstanding the his-

toric treble of successes in 2016 - men's and women's World T20 and Under-19 World Cup - when he was Director of Cricket. He returned to West Indies administration in the post of High Performance

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# Tiffany's Thoughts: Staying Social Media Strong in 2019

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With more than a staggering three billion social media users worldwide, the medium has had unquestionable impact on our lives: keeping us in touch with friends and family everywhere; connecting us with like-minded people irrespective of location; giving voice to individuals and meaningful movements like never before and; bringing us bountiful inspiration and laughter besides.

It's hard to ignore the negative impact social media is having on not just our productivity but also our mental & emotional wellbeing. As a slew of celebrities take social media breaks — Selena, Ariana and others — more of us are recognising the value of time away from our apps. Social consumption has been linked with increased anxiety, depressive symptoms

and low self-esteem as we unfairly compare our lives to the seemingly perfectly curated feeds of strangers. Also, much like an addiction, that like, follow or comment is driving a dopamine rush that we are seeking to recreate repeatedly.

I have a personal mission to help others cultivate stronger minds as much as body: we have the power to take control over our digital environment by making choices that shape not just our personal landscape, but also of others we are connecting with. These are my simple-but-effective tips on keeping your headspace strong in the social media sphere whilst creating a healthier, happier environment we consciously want to engage with:

#### SOCIAL MEDIA FREE AM & PM

Set a "do not disturb" function on your device to activate one hour before bed up to one hour after waking. Looking at social when you're tired (pm) or incoherent (am) is a guaranteed way to fuel your anxiety. Reserve that time for non-digital activities. Additional no, no — checking your phone during the night if you get up.

#### TURN ON HELPFUL FEATURES, TURN OFF NOTIFICATIONS

A host of tools have been introduced to take control over

how much time you spend on social — be that on your device or within an app itself. For example, Instagram's "Your Activity" settings allow you to set a daily time limit and chart your daily usage, which can help raise awareness for mindless scrolling habits. Next, turn notifications off: tracking every like, comment, and follow the moment it happens is an unhelpful distraction. Allow specific times to engage when you're fully present.

#### AVOID COMPARISON

Instagram in particular is a highlights reel of the big picture — we KNOW real life isn't inspirational glossy all the time. Remember there are humans at the end of a device and that most people will face similar challenges you might be experiencing at some point — they just aren't going to be shouting about it on social.

#### UNFOLLOW

Clear the bad energy. It's always worth asking yourself why certain people cause you to experience negativity, but if someone persistently triggers unhealthy responses or bad thoughts, simply unfollow. It doesn't matter if it's a super celebrity or someone closer to home. You are not obliged to waste energy on people who are bringing you down. There are plenty of inspirational, feel-good, encouraging people to engage with.

#### BE THE SOURCE

Staying social media strong is not just about our consumption habits, but what we are consciously putting out too. Think before you post or comment — are you fanning the flames of negativity, or sharing encouragement and positivity? We each have our part to play in making social media a great space for everyone.

#### RESPECT YOUR OFFLINE TIME

Out for dinner? Nothing is more off-putting than phone-tapping during a conversation at the table. Granted, you may want to pass a stunning plate of food but then put devic-

es away, out of sight. Human connection is precious and needs preserving. You don't need to document every given moment of life. Assign a social media free day and have some experiences for your eyes only and not through the lens of a device intended for others.

## Dermot Mulroney to lead '2 Men & a Pig'



Dermot Mulroney has been roped in to lead buddy comedy "2 Men & a Pig". According to The Hollywood Reporter, the indie project is set to be directed by Ted Collins from a script by James RW Cornetet.

The story revolves around two brothers and a ceramic pig named Charlie on one final road trip, where they become criminals on the run.

Mulroney will play Rick, while

Jim Connor will play his brother, Michael. Neal McDonough will play Texas Ranger Walkyre Alabama and comic Dina Nina Martinez will portray the role of Rosalita.

McDonough will also executive produce. Collins is also attached as producer along with Raz Cunningham. Mulroney was last seen in "Homecoming" in a recurring guest role with his "My Best Friend's Wedding" co-star Julia Roberts.

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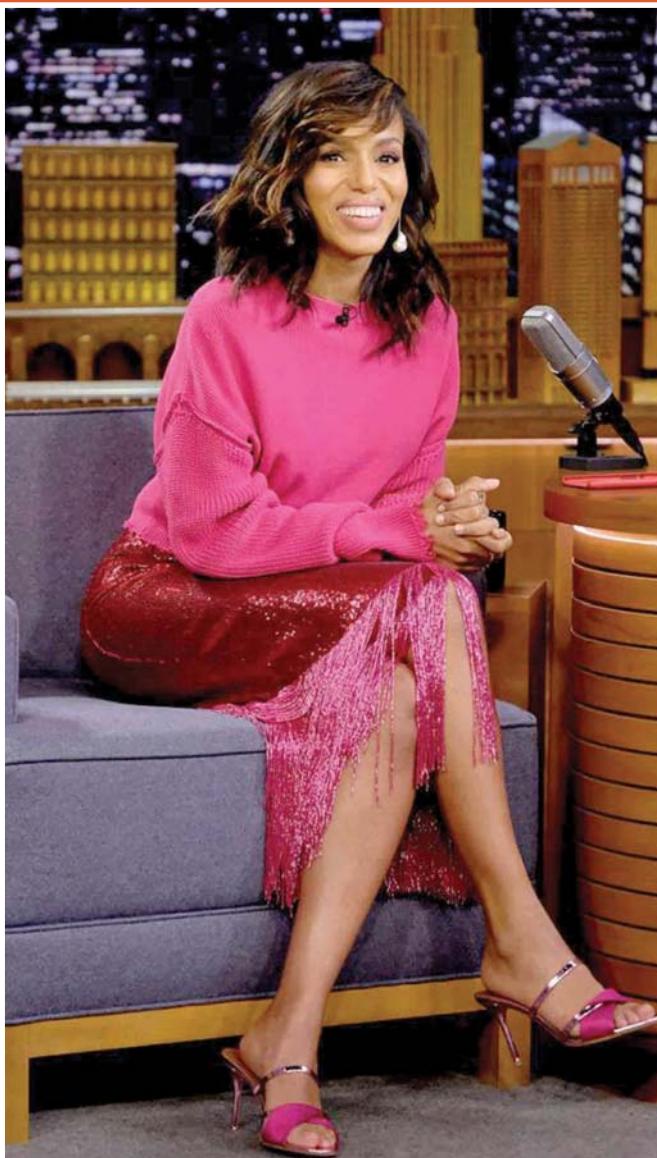


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**PRETTY IN PINK!** The Scandal star, Kerry Washington, pays a visit to The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon in NYC.

## Ryan Reynolds cancels surgery to promote 'Deadpool 2' in China

**LOS ANGELES, JAN 22 (PTI):** Ryan Reynolds cancelled his arm surgery to fly to China for "Deadpool 2" promotions, ahead of the franchise's surprise theatrical debut in the country. The 42-year-old star had injured his left



arm shooting the film and was scheduled to have surgery in New York on Sunday, but skipped the appointment.

Last week, Fox announced that a re-cut, PG-13 "Deadpool 2" would hit Chinese screens on this Friday. This was the first time the franchise has passed the country's strin-

gent censorship rules.

According to Variety, Reynolds told his fans in Beijing that he was not going to let the surgery interfere with his "dream" to visit China. "It's been a dream of mine for years to bring 'Deadpool' to China and Chinese audiences, so for me this is, uh, heaven on earth.

"This was more important (than the operation). I was not going to miss coming to China," the actor said.

Chinese fans have dubbed the titular character, played by Reynolds, 'Little Jianjian', which the studio has loosely translated to 'Little Bi\*chy Bi\*ch'. Reynolds, true to his wry humour self, said he believed he may have heard the moniker somewhere else before. "I feel like my wife gave that to me first, but I guess China can get the credit."

"(It's the) perfect Deadpool nickname. It could have been something much weirder, like 'Hunting Wolf Blood-Chucker.' I'll take Little Bi\*chy Bi\*ch any day; it's the most fitting," he quipped. He also went on to jokingly propose the new nickname as the title of the next "Deadpool" sequel. Last year, the PG-13 version of "Deadpool 2" was released in the US as a Christmas special titled, "Once Upon A Deadpool".

**ARIES:** Your ability to quickly read any room can be a blessing and a curse—as you know well, Aries. But what really pains you is when you keep those insights inside. Good news: Today, candid Jupiter and convivial Venus team up in your outspoken ninth house, giving you the courage to risk saying just exactly what you think!

**TAURUS:** Love is in the air—and if you don't take a chance on "we," Taurus, how will you ever know how amazing something might be? Today's rare hookup between risk-taker Jupiter and romantic Venus is lighting fireworks in your eighth house of sex and deep merging, making this THE day to strike up a conversation or send a racy photo to the hottie you've been tracking.

**GEMINI:** Where is that olive branch, Gemini? If you've been butting heads with a significant person, a soothing alignment between open-hearted Jupiter and fair-minded Venus in your seventh house of partnerships could bring blessed peace. Whether you've been having it out with a close friend or your romantic partner, today's reconciliation talks

could even move beyond rapprochement to a relationship uplevel.

**CANCER:** Share the love! Today, gracious Venus and expansive Jupiter unite in your sixth house of health and service. As you float along on these buoyant yet grounding waves of bliss, don't forget to thank the people who have helped you get here. If a colleague has gone above and beyond to support you, write a glowing testimonial.

**LEO:** Fairy tale endings...and beginnings and middles...are SO your thing, Leo, and today, as romantic Venus syncs up with starry-eyed Jupiter in your passionate fifth house, you might enjoy all three. If you're single, consider whether you've been looking for love in all the wrong places. You're most likely to stumble upon your soulmate while doing something that lights YOU up.

**VIRGO:** A life without friends is like the sky without stars, Virgo—and you know that better than most. Today, as caring Venus unites with effusive Jupiter in your fourth house of family and nurturing, you'll be

reminded that when it comes to your inner circle, you're blessed with the best. Letting loved ones know you care doesn't require grand gestures. A simple call or handwritten note of appreciation (who does THAT anymore?) could mean everything. Of course, with this grand alignment, you're welcome to go over the top!

**LIBRA:** Consciously gravitate toward new people and social experiences today, as romantic Venus and risk-taker Jupiter conspire in your communicative third house. You could be attracted to someone you never thought of "that way"—possibly a member of your social circle or a friend of a friend. If there are any sparks at all, why not go with it? At worst, you could end up with a fascinating new lover, BFF or creative collaborator.

**SCORPIO:** Perhaps the hardest part about saving money is simply getting started—but even the smallest contributions will eventually add up. Today is a great day to establish that nest egg as the two "benefice" planets—abundant Jupiter and magnetic Venus—hook up in your second house of in-

come and finances. Start by setting aside a small amount from every paycheck if that's all you can afford right now. The point is to take the first step by establishing a simple savings plan and sticking to it.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Unleash your creative genius! For the first time in more than a decade, magnetic Venus pairs up with your galactic guardian, lucky Jupiter, in YOUR sign. This is sure to fan the flames of inspiration. Quickly rearrange your schedule, pushing back mundane tasks to later in the week and utilizing today's rare mashup for working on projects that are near to your heart. When it comes to all things social and romantic, these two "great benefice" combine their positive traits and make you unbelievably charming!

**CAPRICORN:** Are you harboring a grudge or stewing in resentment? Step out of that emotional prison and throw away the key. Peaceful Venus unites with generous Jupiter in your twelfth house of closure and surrender. You DO have what it takes to confront the person, forgive them and the situation,

and move on.

**AQUARIUS:** Time for a new crew? Magnetic Venus and jovial Jupiter unite in your collaborative eleventh house today, instructing you to take inventory of your teams and friendships. Check whether the people in your life are delivering what you need. Do you play well together and push each other to new heights? As you evaluate, look at your own role. Are you letting people see your vulnerable side, or putting on a happy face to hide your resentment?

**PISCES:** Costume designer Edith Head famously said you can have everything you want if you dress for it. YOU know there's a lot more to it than that, Pisces, but it doesn't hurt to wear your confidence like a pair of Jackie O sunglasses—especially today, as magnanimous Jupiter unites with stylish Venus in your tenth house of public image and status. Don't let these heavenly power moves go to waste. Schedule breakfast or lunch at a restaurant where there's plenty of space for you to make your presentation—and for your client to sign on the dotted line.