

New buildings for Embassy in Nepal

are located in old barrack type, dilapidated structures scattered all over the India House Estate. These structures, besides being

inadequate for meeting the current space requirements of the Embassy, are in a state of deterioration, posing security risks.

Aid for Nepal water project

Indian Ambassador to Nepal Shiv Shankar Mukherjee recently laid the foundation stone for the extension and rehabilitation of the Manakamana Water Supply System in Gorkha, Nepal. The project will be executed by the DDC, Gorkha. The Govern-

ment of India is extending assistance of Rs 60.40 lakh for this project, which supplies water to Manakamana village and the surrounding areas. The project will also benefit more than 5 lakh pilgrims who visit the temple every year.

Two hydel power projects cleared

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The Narmada Control Board has accorded administrative sanction to the Rs 190-crore Lower Goi project in Badwani district, the Rs 185-crore Punasa Lift Irrigation project in Khandwa and Rs 26-crore for the 5-mw hydel power project at left bank of Omkareshwar project, all in MP.

The Lower Goi project in Badwani district would benefit 51 villages of Badwani, Rajpur and Thikri Tehsils, creating irrigation potential on 13,760 hectare. The Punasa lift irrigation project in Khandwa would benefit 110 villages of Khandwa Tehsil irrigating 35,000 hectare.

First Non-Destructive Testing Contract

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Geecy Industrial Services Pvt. Ltd, situated at Millennium Park, MIDC, Mahape, has signed a contract agreement with Bureau Veritas Russia, an international inspection agency for ultrasonic testing of LNG storage tanks and spheres, located at Prigorodnoye, Sakhalin Island, Russian Federation for Sakhalin Energy Investment Co. Ltd. This is the first time an Indian company has been awarded a Non-Destructive Testing Contract in

Russia, V.S. Haridas, Director, Commercial & Administration, Geecy Industrial Services said. The value of the contract is Rs 1.50 crore and the contract period is 10 months.

Tata Steel begins 2-MT expansion

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Tata Steel has launched its 2 million tonne expansion programme with the order on Outokumpu and L&T for setting up a 2-mt iron ore sinter plant, an official release said. Outokumpu is a technology leader in this field and has designed 300 such plants across the world, including the existing three sinter plants at Jamshedpur Works. The sintering process makes iron ore fines suitable for use in iron mak-



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