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“The soul should always stand ajar.

Ready to welcome the ecstatic experience.”

-Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)

## Drop BBMP Move on Skywalks

July 7: The wholly arbitrary and whimsical style of functioning of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has surfaced once again with the Palike council approving the construction of 28 new skywalks in various parts of the city. The resolution was approved without any discussion on the pros and cons of these structures and wider consultations on the suitability of the locations where they are proposed to be built. Defending this atrocious decision, city mayor G Padmavathi says that the skywalks “will be built on Develop, Build, Fund, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis by the advertisement companies” and there will be no financial burden on the BBMP.

First and foremost, the existing skywalks and underpasses have proved to be an utter failure. Thanks to their poor design and execution, most pedestrians have shown reluctance to use them and prefer to cross roads, risking their lives and limbs. A recent survey by traffic experts revealed that hardly 5% of people use these skywalks during peak hours. In many instances, these monstrosities have taken up the spaces meant for pedestrians and often acted as bottlenecks for the free flow of traffic. The skywalks on Sankey Road, Seshadri Road, Residency Road, K G Road, Chalukya Circle or Old Airport Road and the underpasses near City Market, Government Polytechnic or Nrupathunga Road, K H Road have been glaring examples of terrible planning that have resulted in urban waste. The latest decision of the BBMP to hand over the construction of 28 skywalks to a handful of “advertisement companies” is indeed shocking. Even assuming that they will hire engineering expertise to build these skywalks, can they be blamed for maximising their commercial interests rather than the convenience of pedestrians? Who will pay the price for such misadventures? The mayor's admission that some of these advertisement companies have been defaulters and they will be given contracts after clearing their dues is a clear indication that this is a scandal of mammoth proportions and powerful vested interests are at work. Not long ago, K Mathai, an assistant commissioner in charge of advertisements, had unearthed a scandal in illegal hoardings and had estimated that the BBMP should be earning at least eight times its current advertisement revenue of Rs 145 crore. But Mathai was shunted out without so much as an inquiry into his report.

Considering that in the guise of putting up skywalks, the BBMP is bartering away valuable land in prime locations like M G Road boulevard, near the Nimhans, the Silk Board junction and the Cantonment railway station for private promotion, the BBMP should withdraw the decision or the state government should intervene immediately and review the decision in larger public interest.

## NCST Tells YouTube to Remove all Jarawa Videos; Govt Body Wants no Content on Andaman Tribe on Social Media

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an Indian police officer. A second, shorter clip again focused on a girl's nudity, with men allegedly in military uniform nearby.

After the release of these video, the government had banned all tourist/commercial activities within five kilometres of the reserved area inhabited by aboriginal tribes like the Jarawas in the Andamans.

In 2014, there were reports of poachers

sexually exploiting Jarawa tribe women in exchange of alcohol and marijuana. Following this, an enquiry was set up by the then Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Ajay Kumar Singh.

Writing for Firstpost in 2014, Jay Mazoomdar had noted that the crimes committed against the Jarawas and the apparent heartlessness of the authorities towards them. He had also noted local MP

Bishnu Pada Roy's announcement of plans for widening of the Andaman Trunk Road which passes through Jarawa territory and constructing two new bridges to facilitate more traffic through the Jarawa reserve. He had juxtaposed it with President Pranab Mukherjee's plea to not completely destroy the Jarawas in the name of so-called development.

### QUOTATION

Sealed quotations are invited from bonafied suppliers for the supply of Full day Meals to the Participants participating in the XXIII Vice President of India Soccer Championship to be organized during 2017-18 at Car Nicobar. As per details are given below:

Sl.No	Items required	Rate per head
A-1	Morning Tea/Coffee (100 ml)	
A-2	Breakfast (a) 05 Nos. Puri (25 gm each), Chatpati/Potato Curry (100 gm) and one Boiled Egg OR (b) 05 Nos. Parota (40 gm each), Chatpati (100gm), Chutney (25 gm) with one Boiled Egg OR (c) 06 Nos Idli (25 Gm Each), Chatney (100 Gm) and one Boiled Egg	
A-3	Lunch Cooked White Ponni Raw Rice (250 gm), Dal/Sambar (100 gm), 01 Vegetable (50 gm), Papad (1 piece) & Salad (50 gm).	
A-4	Evening Tea Tea/Coffee (100 ml) with Samosa / Vegetable Puffs	
A-5	Dinner Cooked White Ponni Raw Rice (250 gm), Dal/Sambar (100 gm), Fish/Chicken (150 gm), Papad (1 piece) & Salad (50 gm)	
B-1	Get Together Dinner Fried Cooked Basmati Rice (200 gm), Chapati (30 gm each) 04 Nos., Vegetable Curry (75 gm), Mutter Paneer (75 gm), Fry Fish (100 gm), Chicken/Mutton Curry (150 gm), Papad (1 piece), Pickle (20 gm), Salad (50 gm) & 1 Sweet Dish.	
TOTAL		

### TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- The quotationer would be fully responsible for preparing the items in hygienic conditions & serving the items at BJR Stadium, Tamaloo, Car Nicobar.
- The quotationer should use sealed packed vegetable oil and Raw Ponni Rice only.
- The rate shall be quoted in figure and words.
- The minimum rate of total amount from Sl.No. A-1 to A-5 for full day meals will be accepted.
- No hike in price will be considered after acceptance of the rate.
- The tender indicating the rates should reach to the office of the undersigned on or before 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017 upto 3.00 P.M. and shall opened on the same day at 4.00 P.M. in the presence of tenderer if any present.
- Approved tenderer has to supply the meals as per the supply order issued by the undersigned.
- The tenderers should submit a EMD for Rs. 20,000/- in form of Demand Draft from any Nationalized Bank in favour of the Education Officer, Car Nicobar along with the quotation.
- Quotation without EMD will not be accepted.
- The optional/choice menu of Breakfast and Dinner should be supplied to the players on rotational basis.
- Successful Bidders should submit Food Business License and Medical Certificate from Medical Office, Car Nicobar regarding the health condition of all food handlers/Cooks before the start of Tournament.
- Rate accepted will be valid upto 31.03.2018.
- The Education Officer, Car Nicobar reserves the right to accept or reject one or all the quotations without assigning any reasons thereof.

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