

## **India offers Tech “Know How” to ASEAN in Telecom Sector**

India today offered the secure ICT products to ASEAN countries at competitive costs and also renewed its pledge to share “know how” and “know Why” as New Delhi is willing to provide long-term financing for buying Indian telecom products and services.

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## **MoU signed between NSFDC, M/O SJ&E & Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), M/O of Textiles**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation NSFDC, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles in the presence of Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment and Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani Minister of Textiles here today. Senior Officers of both the Ministries, DC (Handicrafts) and NSFDC were also present on the occasion.

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## **NDMA to conduct mock exercises on earthquake preparedness in Uttarakhand**

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) will conduct two mock exercises on earthquake preparedness in this week covering all districts of Uttarakhand

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## **News story: New Independent Reviewer**

# of Terrorism Legislation appointed

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The Home Secretary has appointed Max Hill QC as the government's new Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation.

Mr Hill has been a QC for 9 years and has extensive experience both defending and prosecuting complex cases involving terrorism, homicide, violent crime, high value fraud and corporate crime. He successfully prosecuted the 21/7 bombers, and appeared in the inquest into the 7/7 bombings. Mr Hill takes over the role from David Anderson QC, who has held the post since 2011.

Welcoming the appointment, Home Secretary Amber Rudd said:

I am pleased to announce that Max Hill QC has been appointed as Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation.

With the threat from terrorism continuing to evolve and diversify, it is vital we have robust oversight to ensure our counter-terrorism laws are fair, necessary and proportionate. Mr Hill brings a wealth of experience and legal expertise to help deliver this.

I am grateful to David Anderson QC for his service as Independent Reviewer and thank him for his considered reports and valuable analysis.

Max Hill QC said:

I am very pleased to have this opportunity, which comes at a time of heightened concern about the risk from terrorism which we all face in the UK. As a practising barrister with experience in both counter-terrorism and the rights of citizens facing allegations of serious crime, I look forward to working with participants at all levels and from all sides.

As part of his role, Mr Hill will be required to provide an annual report on his findings, which the government must lay before Parliament and publish. He will begin his tenure on 1 March 2017.

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## **Press release: Planned roadworks in and around the M25: weekly summary for Monday 20 February to Sunday 26 February 2017**

The following summary of planned new and ongoing road improvements over the coming week is correct as of 17 February 2017 but could be subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. All our improvement work is carried out with the aim of causing as little disruption as possible.

### **M1 junction 6a (M25), Hertfordshire: resurfacing**

Work to improve journeys by carrying out resurfacing will start this week. The dedicated link road from the M1 southbound to the M25 in both directions will be closed in both directions, between 10pm and 5.30am, from Monday 20 February for 5 nights. Work on Friday will start at 11pm. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the M1 southbound to junction 6 and the A405 to M25 junction 21a.

### **M3 junctions 2 (M25) to 4a Farnborough, Hampshire: smart motorway improvement**

Work to reduce congestion and improve journey times continues this week with narrow lanes a 50mph speed limit in place on both carriageways between junctions 2 and 4a, with a free recovery service operating 24 hours a day.

The southbound carriageway between junctions 2 and 4a will be closed overnight, between 8pm and 5.30am, from Monday 20 February for 5 nights. Work on Saturday morning will finish at 7am. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via M25 junction 13, A30 and the A327 to M3 junction 4a.

The northbound carriageway between junctions 4 and 2 will be closed overnight, between 8pm and 5.30am, from Monday 20 February for 2 nights. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A331, A30, M25 junction 13 and M25 junction 12.

The northbound exit slip road at junction 4a will be closed overnight, between 8pm and 5.30am, from Monday 20 February for 2 nights. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 4 and the A30.

The northbound carriageway between junctions 4a and 2 will be closed overnight, between 8pm and 5.30am, from Wednesday 22 February for 2 nights. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A327, A30, M25 junction 13 and M25 junction 12.

## **M4 junction 4, Heathrow Airport, Greater London: drainage survey**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out drainage surveys will start this week. The westbound exit slip road will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5am, on Wednesday 22 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 5 and return.

The westbound entry slip road will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5am, on Thursday 23 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 3 and return.

## **M4 junction 4b (M25), Greater London: drainage survey**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out drainage surveys continues this week. The dedicated link road from the M4 westbound to the M25 in both directions will be closed overnight, between 11pm and 5am, on Friday 24 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 5 and return.

## **M11 junction 6 (M25), Essex: resurfacing**

Work to improve journeys by carrying out resurfacing will start this week. The dedicated link road from the M11 southbound to the M25 anti-clockwise will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, from Monday 20 February for 5 nights. Work on Friday will start at 11pm. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via M25 junction 28 and return.

## **M25 junction 2 (A2), Kent: resurfacing**

Work to improve journeys by carrying out resurfacing will start this week. The anti-clockwise exit slip road will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5am, on Saturday 25 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 1a and return.

## **M25 junction 3 Swanley, Kent: vegetation clearance**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out vegetation clearance will start this week. The anti-clockwise exit and entry slip roads will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5am from Wednesday 22 February for 2 nights. A clearly signed diversion will be in place for the exit slip road via junction 2 and return. A clearly signed diversion will be in place for the entry slip road via junction 4 and return.

## **M25 junction 4 Orpington, Kent: vegetation clearance**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out vegetation clearance will start this

week. The anti-clockwise exit slip road will be closed overnight, between 11pm and 6am on Friday 24 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 3 and return.

## **M25 junction 10 (A3), Surrey: resurfacing**

Work to improve journeys by carrying out resurfacing will start this week. The anti-clockwise exit slip road will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, from Monday 20 February for 2 nights, and between 11pm and 6am on Friday 24 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 9 and return.

## **M25 junctions 10 (A3) to 11 Chertsey, Surrey: bridge joint replacement**

Work to improve journeys by carrying out bridge joint replacement on the structure that carries the M25 over the River Wey and the South West Trains railway line continues this week. The clockwise carriageway will be closed overnight, between 9pm and 8am, on Saturday 25 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A3, A245, A320 and the A317.

## **M25 junction 12 (M3), Surrey: smart motorway improvement**

Work to improve journeys by carrying out smart motorway improvement continues this week. The dedicated link roads from the M25 in both directions to the M3 southbound will be closed overnight, between 8pm and 5.30am, from Monday 20 February for 5 nights. Work on Saturday morning will finish at 7am. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via M25 junction 13, A30 and the A327 to M3 junction 4a.

The dedicated link road from the M25 clockwise to the M3 northbound will be closed overnight, between 8pm and 5.30am, from Monday 20 February for 3 nights. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via M25 junction 13 and return.

## **M25 junction 19 (A41), Hertfordshire: electrical repair**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out electrical repairs will start this week. The clockwise exit slip road will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5am, from Monday 20 February for 2 nights. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via M25 junction 20 and the A41.

## **M25 junction 20 Hunton Bridge, Hertfordshire: electrical repair**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out electrical repairs will start this

week. The anti-clockwise exit and entry slip roads will be closed overnight, between 11pm and 5am, on Friday 24 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place for the exit slip road via junction 18 and return. A clearly signed diversion will be in place for the entry slip road via junction 21a and return.

## **M25 junction 21a St Albans, Hertfordshire: resurfacing**

Work to improve journeys by carrying out resurfacing will start this week. The anti-clockwise carriageway between the slip roads will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, on Monday 20 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place for the M25 via the exit and entry slip roads.

## **M25 junction 21 (M1), Hertfordshire: resurfacing**

Work to improve journeys by carrying out resurfacing will start this week. The dedicated link road from the M25 anti-clockwise to the M1 northbound carriageway will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, on Monday 20 February. A clearly signed pre-diversion will be in place via M25 junction 21a, A405 and M1 junction 6.

## **M25 junctions 25 Enfield to 26 Waltham Abbey, Essex: tunnel maintenance**

Work to test and maintain the Holmesdale Tunnel safety systems continues this week. The clockwise entry slip road will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, from Wednesday 22 February for 4 consecutive nights. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 24 and return.

## **M25 junction 31 Lakeside, Essex: technology installation**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out technology installation will start this week. The clockwise entry slip road will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, from Wednesday 22 February for 2 nights. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 30 and return.

## **A2 Dartford Heath, Kent: resurfacing**

Work to improve journeys by carrying out resurfacing will start this week. The eastbound exit and entry slip roads will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5am, on Monday 20 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place for the exit slip road via M25 junction 2 and return. A clearly signed diversion will be in place for the entry slip road via the Black Prince Interchange.

The westbound exit and entry slip roads will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5am, on Tuesday 21 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in

place for the exit slip road via the Black Prince Interchange and return. A clearly signed diversion will be in place for the entry slip road via M25 junction 2 and return.

### **A3 Esher, Surrey: litter clearance**

Work to improve journeys by carrying out litter clearance will start this week. The southbound exit and entry slip roads will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5am, on Monday 20 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place for the exit slip road via the Painshill junction and return. A clearly signed diversion will be in place for the entry slip road via the Tolworth junction and return.

The northbound exit and entry slip roads will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5am, on Tuesday 21 February. A clearly signed diversion for the exit slip road will be in place via the Tolworth junction and return. A clearly signed diversion for the entry slip road will be in place via the Painshill junction and return.

### **A3 Painshill, Surrey: litter clearance**

Work to improve journeys by carrying out litter clearance will start this week. The southbound exit and entry slip road will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5am, on Wednesday 22 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place for the exit slip road via M25 junction 10 and return. A clearly signed diversion will be in place for the entry slip road via the Esher junction and return.

The northbound exit slip road will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5am, on Thursday 23 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the Esher junction and return.

### **A3 (M25), Surrey: litter clearance**

Work to improve journeys by carrying out litter clearance will start this week. The northbound entry slip road will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5am, on Thursday 23 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the Ockham junction and return.

The southbound exit and entry slip roads will be closed overnight, between 11pm and 6am, on Friday 24 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place for the exit slip road via the Ockham junction and return. A clearly signed diversion will be in place for the entry slip road via the Painshill junction and return.

### **A13 (M25) to (A1012), Essex: technology testing**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out technology testing continues this week. The A13 eastbound between the M25 and the A1012 will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, on Monday 20 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the dedicated link road between junction 30

and 31, A1306 and the A1012.

## **A13 (A1012) to (A1306), Essex: technology testing**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out technology testing continues this week. The A13 westbound between North Stifford and Wennington will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, on Monday 20 February and Wednesday 22 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A1012, M25 junction 31 and the A1306.

## **A13 (A1306) to (A1012), Essex: technology testing**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out technology testing continues this week. The A13 eastbound between the Wennington and North Stifford will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, from Thursday 23 February for 2 nights. Work on Friday will start at 11pm. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A1306, M25 junction 31, A1306 and A1012.

## **A282 (M25) Dartford – Thurrock Crossing: maintenance**

Work to improve journeys at the Dartford Crossing continues this week. The following closures will be in place with fully signed diversions in place during the northbound east tunnel closures for oversized vehicles:

- Monday 20 February (9pm to 5.30am) northbound west tunnel
- Tuesday 21 February (9pm to 5.30am) northbound west tunnel
- Wednesday 22 February (9pm to 5.30am) northbound west tunnel
- Thursday 23 February (9pm to 5.30am) northbound west tunnel
- Friday 24 February (9pm to 5.30am) northbound east tunnel
- Saturday 25 February (9pm to 5.30am) northbound west tunnel
- Sunday 26 February (9pm to 5.30am) northbound east tunnel

The QEII Bridge will have three (of four) lanes closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, from Monday 20 February for 5 nights. Work on Friday will start at 11pm.

## **A282 junction 1a Swanscombe, Kent: tunnel maintenance**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out tunnel maintenance continues this week. The northbound entry slip road will be closed overnight, between 9pm and 5.30am from Monday 20 February for 4 nights and on Saturday 25 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A282 southbound to junction 1b and return.

## **General enquiries**

Members of the public should contact the Highways England customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.



## **Media enquiries**

Journalists should contact the Highways England press office on 0844 693 1448 and use the menu to speak to the most appropriate press officer.