

**TBM of Sunkoshi Marin Diversion Multipurpose Project (SMDMP), Sindhuli, Nepal encountered and overcame adverse geological condition of Lesser Himalaya for third time.**

On October 10, 2023 (Ashoj 23, 2080) at chainage 9+226.988 m, the TBM of SMDMP was stuck due to the fragile geological conditions of the Lesser Himalayan Range with considerable amount of groundwater ingress.

We are happy to share the news, after 13 days of intensive work, TBM's stuck problem of Sunkoshi Marin Diversion Multipurpose Project (SMDMP) has been sorted by constructing bypass tunnel. Today, on October 23, 2023 (Kartik 6, 2080) after completion of all the works, the TBM was restarted and at present tunnel excavation by TBM is approaching towards the normal condition. This is the third time we faced TBM stuck problem in SMDMP.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the experts as well as the frontline workforces of COVEC (China), Consultant SMEC (Australia) and J/V partners and the entire SMDMP team for their day and night tremendous effort to overcome TBM stuck problem efficiently.

Happy Vijaya Dashami 2080 to All

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