

**Embassy of India
Thimphu**

Press release : Government of India provides support of Nu./Rs. 737 million towards key Infrastructure Projects in Bhutan.

The Government of India has released an amount of Nu./Rs. 737 million for key Development Projects being implemented across Bhutan. These bilateral Projects are being executed in the sectors of Road Infrastructure, Urban Development and School Infrastructure.

For development of critical infrastructure in 56 central schools of Bhutan, an amount of Nu./Rs. 325 million has been released for the Project **Existing Central Schools**. This Project is constructing facilities such as classrooms, auditoriums, sports infrastructure along with purchase of computers and furnitures, for equitable education facilities in remote regions and for better learning outcomes.

A number of Road Projects across Bhutan have been supported through this release, including **Improvement of Tareythang Road, Construction of Namchukhola - Sangbaykha Secondary National Highway** and the recently finished **Bajo Khuru Secondary National Highway**.

An amount of Nu./Rs. 125 million is also being released for **Construction and Replacement of Bridges**. The Project is being implemented across Bhutan by the Department of Roads to increase load capacity of a number of Bridges and making the Road network smooth and reliable. Funding support has also been provided for **Development of Urban Infrastructure in Kanglung** under which Water supply and Urban Renewal works are being undertaken in Trashigang District. For effective monitoring of Bhutan India Bilateral Projects, funds have been released towards **Strengthening of GOI Project Management**.

Underlining the importance of Bilateral Development Partnership between Bhutan and India, Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj said “India is privileged to be a development partner of Bhutan. We are particularly proud of our development cooperation with Bhutan through this difficult COVID journey in the last two years.

Importantly, India's development model always delivers to the people and it meets the expectation of Bhutanese society. We are confident that the Projects that will be launched through release of these funds will be completed soon, coinciding with Bhutan's economic recovery post-COVID."

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