## Embassy of India Thimphu

## Press Release: Provision of essential medical supplies to Bhutan

In keeping with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's assurance that India would stand by its close friend and neighbour, Bhutan in fighting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 6<sup>th</sup> consignment of medical supplies from the Government of India with 20,000 RT-PCR tests was handed over to the Royal Government of Bhutan at Phuentsholing, today. The prompt delivery of these RT-PCR test kits will assist the COVID-19 Taskforce in Phuentsholing to meet its testing targets and detect the extent of local transmission of COVID-19, given that Phuentsholing has been declared a 'Red Zone'.

India's 'gesture' to continue delivery of essential medical supplies is a reflection of the special bonds of trust and understanding between India and Bhutan that have existed over decades. Going forward, India will continue to extend all possible support to Bhutan to minimize the health and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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