

Embassy of India
Thimphu

Press Release: **Khenrab Yeedzin Syelden charms India with a #VaccineMaitri video**

She is cuteness personified, a sweet little girl from Bhutan, she is Khenrab Yeedzin Syelden. Although she is just seven years old, Khenrab has charmed India with an incredibly sweet message on #VaccineMaitri in which she conveys thanks for the gift of 550,000 doses of 'Made in India' COVID-19 vaccines from India to Bhutan. Her video message has been shared multiple times in social media circles, amongst eminent personalities and also extensively covered by the Indian media including the Hindustan Times, Times of India, India.com, Republic World and News18.

Khenrab Syelden's video message, that has her speaking in Hindi as well, has drawn adulation and affection through regional language tweets and Facebook posts in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, other States across the country and in metropolitan cities. In her adorable voice, Khenrab's two words "Shukriya Bharat" has touched thousands of hearts in India and Bhutan.

Khenrab is, no doubt, an icon of India Bhutan Friendship and showcases the strong people-to-people links between our countries. She had earlier presented the National Anthem of India as a tribute to the special relations between our countries on the occasion of Independence Day 2020. The 'India'- connect in Khenrab is strong as both her parents have pursued college education in Indian institutions.

In a special function organized at the Embassy of India, Thimphu on 31 March 2021, Ambassador of India Ruchira Kamboj presented Khenrab Syelden with a Certificate of Appreciation, a Smartphone and a Chocolate Hamper in acknowledgement of her unique contribution that has helped further strengthen India-Bhutan friendship at a people-to-people level.

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