

**Embassy of India
Thimphu**

**Press Release: Inauguration of Simtokha Zam, Thimphu - a Bhutan India
Development Cooperation Project.**

The newly constructed roundabout at Simtokha in Thimphu was inaugurated on 04 June 2022 by Lyonpo Dorji Tshering, Minister for Works and Human Settlement, Royal Government of Bhutan. The inauguration ceremony was also attended by officials from the Embassy of India, Department of Roads, Project DANTAK, Thimphu Thromde, Royal Institute of Management and Bhutan Power Corporation.

The roundabout has been completed as part of the PTA Project 'Construction and Replacement of Bridges' being implemented under Government of India's Project Tied Assistance to the Royal Government of Bhutan. Under the Project, a total of nine bridges are being constructed across Bhutan in the 12th Five Year Plan.

Calling the roundabout 'Gateway to Thimphu', Lyonpo Dorji Tshering underlined the importance of the Project by mentioning that the newly constructed infrastructure will constitute the first impression of Thimphu city by travellers from eastern Bhutan.

Four lanes have been constructed to ease the traffic congestion at the intersection which is a pathway to the central and eastern regions of Bhutan. The roundabout would allow smooth traffic movement and vehicular road safety for all types of vehicles. Nu. 64.04 million were incurred on construction of the roundabout.

The Project is an outcome of a successful collaboration between the Government of India, the Gross National Happiness Commission, Department of Roads, the Local Administration of Thimphu, Project Contractors, Engineers and workers. Government of India is committed to further its Development Partnership with the Royal Government of Bhutan for the well being and prosperity of the region.

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