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**India provides development assistance of Nu./INR 4110 million towards key infrastructure projects in Bhutan**

The Government of India released an amount of Nu./INR 4110 million for key development projects being implemented across Bhutan. These bilateral friendship projects are being executed in sectors such as physical infrastructure, education, culture, skill development, export promotion and trade facilitation.

For the 12th Five Year Plan of Bhutan, Government of India has committed an amount of Nu./INR 50 billion, which is being utilised for the implementation of 82 Project Tied Assistance (PTA) Projects, 524 High Impact Community Development Projects, Program Grant Support to the Royal Government of Bhutan and development of trade infrastructure and trade governance mechanisms under Trade Support Facility.

An amount of Nu./INR 1755 million has been released to support road and bridge construction projects being implemented across Bhutan. Some of the major projects under implementation include 'Improvement of Tshelingore-Khotakpa Road', 'Improvement of Gomtu Tading Road' and 'Khotokha Road', 'Construction of Talingthang – Dramaling Road', 'Improvement of Sunkosh Dagapela Highway' and 'Construction of Bridges' in various Dzongkhags of Bhutan.

Though this release, Government of India is also assisting in infrastructure development and up gradation of 58 'Central Schools' across Bhutan. The Project entails development of classrooms, ICT and Science labs, staff quarters and hostels in these schools for improving learning outcomes. Other education projects being supported through this release include development of infrastructure in 'College of Science and Technology, Phuetsholing', 'Samtse College of Education' and 'College of Natural Resources, Punakha'.

Funds have also been released to support the Development of 'Jigmeling Industrial Park' and 'Dhamdhum Industrial Park'. Other Bhutan-India Development Cooperation projects such as 'Transitional Trade Support Facility', 'Sangchen Choekhor Monastery Conservation Project', 'Upgradation of BBS Studio Facilities to high definition',

'Livestock Enterprise Development in Bhutan' and 'Waste Management Flagship' have been supported through this release of funds.

The Government of India remains committed to working together with the Government and the people of the Kingdom of Bhutan in further strengthening our close and unique ties of friendship and cooperation.

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