

**Embassy of India
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Press Release : Government of India provides grant of Nu./Rs. 846 million towards key development projects in Bhutan

Government of India has released an amount of Nu./Rs. 846 million to the Royal Government of Bhutan for the smooth implementation of various development projects in Bhutan. These Projects are in the sectors of Rural Development, Agriculture, Connectivity, Health, Industrial Development, Education and Digital Development.

An amount of Nu./Rs. 300 million has been released towards 80 **High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDPs)**, being implemented across Bhutan. These small development projects in the sectors of agri development, water supply, irrigation, farm roads and infrastructure are being implemented by various Dzongkhag administrations locally.

For upgradation of 20 **Boarding Primary Schools**, an amount of Nu./Rs. 225 million is being released. The Project is being implemented in 14 Dzongkhags by respective local administrations. Other initiatives for **Infrastructure Development in Paro College of Education** and **College of Natural Resources, Punakha** are also being supported through this grant.

An amount of Nu./Rs. 145 million has been earmarked for the **Development of Jigmeling Industrial Park**. The Project is being implemented by Department of Industries, Royal Government of Bhutan in Sarpang Dzongkhag. **Vector Borne Disease Control Program**, a priority health initiative for malaria control and prevention will also receive funding support under this grant.

To promote and support Bhutan's transition into a digital society, initiatives under Bhutan's flagship program **Digital Drukyul**, namely **Integrated Citizen Services** and **Enhancement of ICT Sector Capacity and Competency** will also receive funding to the tune of Nu./Rs. 122 million. These programs are geared towards promoting ICT literacy and training of ICT professionals in Bhutan and providing citizen friendly online Government services.

For the 12th Five Year Plan of Bhutan, Government of India has committed a financial support of Nu./Rs. 45 billion comprising Nu./Rs. 28 billion of Project Tied Assistance, Nu./Rs. 8.5 billion of

assistance towards High Impact Community Development Projects and Nu./Rs. 8.5 billion of Program Grant assistance.

The people and the Government of India stand resolutely committed to the long term well-being and prosperity of the people and the Royal Government of Bhutan.

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