

Embassy of India  
Thimphu  
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### **Visit of Ambassador Sudhakar Dalela to Phuentsholing**

1. Ambassador of India to Bhutan Sudhakar Dalela paid an official visit to Phuentsholing, Chhukha Dzongkhag (*district*) from 26-27 September 2022 – the busiest business and trading hub in the country.
2. The Ambassador interacted with senior government officials, including Dzongda (*governor*) of Chhukha Dzongkhag, Thrompon (*mayor*) of Phuentsholing Thromde (*municipality*), Regional Directors of government departments, and prominent members of the business community, to discuss ways to expand India-Bhutan cooperation across sectors. The Ambassador visited the newly-inaugurated pedestrian terminal at Phuentsholing, for the entry and exit of people at the India-Bhutan international border point, after Bhutan officially re-opened its borders for tourism.
3. In coordination with the Gross National Happiness Commission, the Ambassador undertook site visits to the Phuentsholing Sports Complex and the Gedu College of Business Studies, which have received development assistance from the Government of India for various projects, to benefit the people of Bhutan through sports and educational activities. He also visited the 336 megawatt Chhukha Hydropower Plant, jointly developed by India and Bhutan. The plant was commissioned in 1986-88 and is currently operated and maintained by the Druk Green Power Corporation Limited.
4. The Ambassador visited the Rice Fortification Plant and Quinoa Processing Unit operated by the Food Corporation of Bhutan Limited (FCBL) in Phuentsholing, and discussed avenues for bilateral cooperation and expansion of trade with CEO, FCBL and his team.
5. The Ambassador interacted with members of the Indian business community based in southern districts of Bhutan as well as with officials of the Consulate General of India in Phuentsholing, and had a productive exchange on strengthening bilateral ties.

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