

**Embassy of India  
Thimphu**

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**First India-Bhutan High Impact Community Development Project Committee  
Meeting of the 13th Five Year Plan  
(Thimphu, 4 December 2024 )**

The 1<sup>st</sup> India-Bhutan High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP) Committee Meeting between the Government of India and the Royal Government of Bhutan of the 13<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan was held on 4 December 2024 in Thimphu. The GoI delegation was led by Mr. Niteen S. Yeola, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Thimphu and the RGoB delegation was led by Ms. Pema Tshomo, Director, Department of Bilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade.

2. HICDPs have short gestation periods, covering areas such as drinking water supply, irrigation, rural connectivity, agricultural infrastructure, flood protection, tourism development, township infrastructure development, waste management, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas. For the 13<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan period of Bhutan, Government of India has committed an assistance of Nu. 100 billion (INR 10,000 Crores) of which Nu. 10 billion (INR 1,000 Crores) has been earmarked for HICDPs.

3. During the meeting, the Committee reviewed and approved 283 projects of total amount Nu. 4.1719 billion (INR 417.19 Crores) as the first batch of HICDPs for the 13<sup>th</sup> FYP period. It is expected that these projects will enhance accessibility and economic opportunity for the local community and contribute to improved livelihoods, job opportunity and food security.

4. The meeting was held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere in keeping with the excellent bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

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4 December 2024  
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