



On Monday Her Excellency Ms. Ruchira Kamboj, Ambassador of India to Bhutan, on behalf of the Government of India, handed over a consignment of critical medicines and PPEs for the management of COVID-19 cases in the country.

The handing taking session between their excellencies the Indian Ambassador and Health Minister was carried out in a modest ceremony at the Ministry of Health.

This warm gesture by the Indian government continues to bear testimony to the strong and unique friendship between the two brotherly countries.



Bhutan receives supply of essentials medicines from India

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India's Ambassador to Bhutan, Ruhira Kamboj, handed over a consignment of medical supplies including the Hydroxy-chloroquine tablets that have proved to be useful in the clinical management and recovery of covid-19 pandemic to the health minister Dechen Wangmo last Monday.

According to the press release from the Indian Embassy in Thimphu the consignment was handed over in keeping with PM Modi's assistance that India would standby its close friend and neighbour, Bhutan in fighting the effects of the covid-19 pandemic.

India's gesture to continue delivery of essential medicines is a testimony to the unique bonds of trust and understanding between India and Bhutan



over decades, states the press release.

"India would continue to extend all possible support to Bhutan to minimize the health and economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemics."

Lyonchhen Dr Lotay Tshering thanked PM Modi for critical medical supplies for the government of India donated under the SAARC COVID-19 emergency fund.

In the letter sent last week, Lyonchhen said the

generous medical assistance and facilitation of uninterrupted supply of goods into Bhutan despite lockdown in India was a true reflection of India's genuine friendship and care for Bhutan.

Lyonchhen said the supplies, critical even during normal times, are invaluable in this hour of coronavirus. "Thank you for keeping your words," he said.

The leaders of the South Asian Association for Regional Corporation (SAARC) initiated by PM Modi held a video conference to chart out a collective strategy about COVID-19 on 15 March this year.

One of the strategies was India's proposal to establish a COVID-19 emergency fund through a voluntary contribution from the SAARC Member States

Initially India donated USD 10-million for the emergency fund followed by Sri Lanka with USD 5-million. Bhutan announced that it could contribute USD 100,000.