

Embassy of India

Thimphu

PRESS RELEASE

Buddha Purnima Observed at the Embassy of India

Embassy of India, Thimphu observed Buddha Purnima, Day of *Sakyamuni* Buddha's Birth, Enlightenment and Mahaparinirvana, at *Mani Chukhor*, located inside the Embassy premises, on May 1. *Mani Chukhor* was consecrated by His Holiness the *Je Khenpo*, Trulku **Jigme Choeda**, on June 26, 1996, in the presence of then His Royal Highness Crown Prince **Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck**.

2. The Prayer Ceremony at the Embassy was conducted by Most Ven. Lam **Ugyen Dorji**, Lam Neten of Central Monastic Body of Bhutan with the participation of the Ambassador of India, Thimphu Dzungda Dasho **Minjur Dorji**, Thimphu Thrompon Dasho **Ugyen Dorji** and Zimpon Wom Dasho **Kunzang Dorji**, Embassy Officials, Members of the Indian and Bhutanese Community.

3. Buddha Purnima reminds of the enormous heritage of *Sakyamuni* Buddha, connecting India and Bhutan, as well as the significance and contemporary relevance of his teachings for the world. This heritage is also reflected in the presence of Bhutanese Monastic Complex at Bodh Gaya and Royal Bhutan Temple at Rajgir.

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