

Embassy of India
Thimphu

Press Release: Announcement of the Nehru Wangchuck Scholarship for 2021-22

The 'Nehru-Wangchuck Scholarship' is a prestigious scholarship programme on offer from the **Government of India** that is symbolic of the special relationship between India and Bhutan by providing **9 fully-funded scholarships every year** for Bhutan's best and brightest candidates to study in premier Indian Institutes.

2. In this vein, the Embassy of India, Thimphu invites all interested Bhutanese candidates to apply for the 2021-2022 Nehru-Wangchuck Scholarship Programme. Six scholarships would be available for Bhutanese civil servants for pursuing the following post graduate programmes in Indian institutions/universities: -

- (i) Master's Human Resource Management
- (ii) Master's in Data Science/Data Analytics/Big Data
- (iii) Master's in Urban Transport Planning/Transport Planning
- (iv) Masters of Education in Primary Mathematics/Primary Science
- (v) Master's in Structural Engineering
- (vi) Fellowship for Gynecology (Laparoscopic surgery etc.)

Application procedure may be accessed at:

<https://www.rcsc.gov.bt/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/NWS-2021-Announcement.pdf>

3. For non-Government individuals interested to further their academic careers, three scholarships are available for studying the following programmes in India :-

- (i) Master's in Construction Management
- (ii) Master's in Media and Communication
- (iii) Master's in Corporate Strategy

Candidates may peruse further details regarding the application process at:

<https://www.molhr.gov.bt/molhr/?p=42414#more-42414>

4. The Nehru-Wangchuck Scholarship was instituted on 19 June 2009 with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India and the Royal Government of Bhutan. This MOU was renewed on 17 January 2020 by both Governments to launch the 3rd phase of the Nehru Wangchuck Scholarship programme. As on date, a total of 105 Bhutanese have been awarded this scholarship, many of whom currently occupy key positions across the Royal Government of Bhutan. During the State visit of the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi to Bhutan in June 2014, the budget outlay for the Nehru-Wangchuck Scholarship was doubled from Nu 10 million to Nu 20 million per year.

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