

**Embassy of India**

**Thimphu**

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**Eight Researchers from Bhutan Selected for premier India Science and Research Fellowship (ISRF) Programme**

Embassy of India is delighted to inform that Eight **researchers from Bhutan have been awarded India Science and Research Fellowship (ISRF) Programme for 2021-22. The recommended researchers are:**

1. Ms Karma Yangzom, Lecturer Sherubtse College, Trashigang
2. Ms Yeshi Choden, Associate Lecturer, College of Science and Technology, Royal University of Bhutan, Rinchending
3. Mr Nimesh Chettri, Associate Lecturer, College of Science and Technology, RUB, Rinchending
4. Ms. Lily Gurung, Associate Lecturer, College of Science and Technology, RUB, Rinchending
5. Mr. Thongley, Associate Lecturer, Jigme Namgyel, Engineering College, RUB, Dewathang
6. Mr. Manoj Chhetri, Associate Lecturer, College of Science and Technology, Rinchending
7. Mr. Parshu Ram Dhungyel, Associate Lecturer, College of Science and Technology, RUB, Rinchending
8. Mr. Karma Wangchuk, Associate Professor, College of Science and Technology, RUB, Rinchending

2. Under the ISRF Programme for 2021-22, applications were received from Afghanistan, Thailand, Bangladesh, **Bhutan**, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka. These were reviewed by a panel of experts. Finally, 48 candidates were selected, including 8 researchers from Bhutan.

3. As part of India's initiatives to engage with neighbouring countries to develop S&T partnerships, Government of India launched ISRF Programme in 2015 for above eight countries to work in Indian Universities and Research Institutions. This has provided opportunity to the young researchers from these countries to get access to the state of art facilities available in the Indian institutes. Till date, about 168 fellowships have been awarded fellowship under this programme. A number of quality research papers have been published by awardees from 2015-2019.

4. India-Bhutan friendship has ushered into newer areas of STEM and more than 12 students are studying in IITs. This is a proud moment for India-Bhutan cooperation for capacity building in science and technology. Embassy of India congratulates all the selected researchers from Bhutan and wishes them all success for their future!

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