

Embassy of India  
Thimphu

Press Release: Special function to celebrate the spirit of India Bhutan Friendship as a tribute to His Majesty the King's 41<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary

A special function to celebrate the spirit of the exemplary 'India Bhutan Friendship' was held at the India House Estate on 19 February 2021 just ahead of His Majesty the King's 41<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary. The function commenced with a presentation of the song '*Ye Dosti Hum Nahin Torenge*' from the Bollywood classic '*Sholay*' by Yahoda Kharel, Rudra Kumar and Yanika Gurung - three Bhutanese students of the Nehru Wangchuck Cultural Centre to commemorate the friendship between India and Bhutan.

In her address, Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj paid a tribute to His Majesty the King of Bhutan and his wisdom, vision and compassion in steering the unique partnership and friendship between India and Bhutan. On behalf of herself and all those attending the function, she conveyed her warm wishes on the occasion of His Majesty's upcoming 41<sup>st</sup> birthday.

In his address as the Chief Guest, Dasho Kinga Singye, Foreign Secretary of Bhutan referred to the multi-faceted elements of bilateral cooperation between both countries. He also complimented the winners of the Photo Story competition that had brought to the fore several elements of the strong bonds of amity between both countries over the last five decades.

Dasho Kinga Singye and the Ambassador of India gave away the prizes to the winners of a Photo Story competition based on the theme of India Bhutan Friendship, jointly launched by the Embassy of India, Thimphu and Bhutan Echoes on 16 December 2020. The first prize-winning entry was a photograph submitted by Norbu Gyeltshen of the Reception hosted by His Majesty for Indian Teachers in 2018 organized as an event to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Bhutan. The other three winners were Dechen Choden, Milan Gurung and Kencho Wangmo whose photo entries depicted the unique bonds of friendship between both countries. All the prizewinners received a Merit Certificate and a smartphone with the latest features from the Embassy of India.

Here are the prize-winning photographs that reflect the true spirit of #BharatBhutanDosti:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> prize winning photo by NorbuGyeltshen</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> prize winning photo by DechenChoden</b>
	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> prize winning photo by Milan Gurung</b>	<b>Consolation prize photo by Kecho Wangmo</b>
	

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