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**Press Release : Ossey Bypass Road Project**

The Gelephu Trongsa National Highway is a key arterial road of Bhutan connecting central Bhutan with Gelephu, an important port of commerce with India. The highway had been facing frequent landslides at Ossey, 27 Km from Gelephu. To overcome this problem, and to maintain connectivity of Sarpang with Zhemgang, Trongsa and Bumthang, a new 4.22 km Ossey Bypass Road has been constructed with funding support of Government of India.

The new 4.22 km bypass road will provide an alternate route from the entire landslide zone of Ossey in Sarpang. The Road has been constructed by Department of Roads, Royal Government of Bhutan at Secondary National Highway (SNH) standards. The Project entailed formation cutting of the entire stretch, preparation of a Granular Sub Base (GSB), construction of side drains, cross drainages, permanent structures, slope protection works, road safety markings and installation of crash barrier. The works have been completed at a cost of Nu. 128 million.

The Embassy of India thanks the Gross National Happiness Commission, Department of Roads, the local administration of Sarpang, Project Contractors, Engineers and workers for their support in making this project a success. Government of India is committed to further its development partnership with the Royal Government for the well being and prosperity of Bhutan.

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