

**Embassy of India
Thimphu**

**Press Release: Inauguration of Milk Processing Unit at Gangtey Gewog under
Wangduephodrang Dzongkhag - a Bhutan India Development Cooperation
Project.**

Today, the Milk Processing Unit (MPU) at Gangtey Gewog in Wangduephodrang, built under the Bhutan India High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP) partnership, was inaugurated. Dasho Sonam Jamtsho, Dzongdag, Wangduephodrang Dzongkhag was the Chief Guest for the ceremony. Officials from the Embassy of India, Thimphu and the Royal Government of Bhutan were also present at the inaugural ceremony.

Livestock rearing is one of the main income generating activities of Gangtey Gewog. To further enhance rural income and food & nutrition security of the community, the Dzongkhag Administration formed a dairy group of 17 farmers in Yaekorwog and Eusa village of Gangtey Gewog. To facilitate the dairy group, construction of the Milk Processing Unit was undertaken under the 4th batch of High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDPs) being implemented with the support of the Government of India. Construction of the Unit commenced on 08 June, 2021 and was completed within a year on 07 May, 2022 at a cost of Nu.2.5 million provided by the Government of India.

The newly constructed Milk Processing Unit will benefit more than 80 households of Yaekorwog and Eusa village by providing reliable market for milk produced in the village and enhance income of the community.

The Project is an outcome of a successful collaboration between the Government of India, the Gross National Happiness Commission, Royal Government of Bhutan, the local administration of Wangduephodrang, Project Contractors, Engineers and workers. Government of India is committed to further its Development Partnership with the Royal Government of Bhutan for the well being and prosperity of the region.

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