

**Embassy of India
Thimphu**

Press Release: Inauguration of Football Ground Gallery of College of Language and Culture Studies, Trongsa - a Bhutan India Development Cooperation Project

The newly constructed Football ground Gallery of the College of Language and Culture Studies (CLCS), Trongsa was inaugurated on May 6, 2022 by Mr. Lungtaen Jyatsho, President CLCS and officials from the Embassy of India, Thimphu.

The College of Language and Culture Studies (CLCS), was established in 1961 at Semtokha in Thimphu. The institution was later relocated to Taktse in Trongsa, and is the premier institute for higher learning in the field of language and culture in Bhutan. The College was built during the 10th Five Year Plan with the financial aid of over Nu. 700 million by the Government of India. It offers a number of diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

With the growing number of students, construction of additional staff residential facilities and further development of existing sports complex were planned in the 12th Five Year Plan through GoI Project Tied Assistance. The completion of the full project entails a cost of Nu. 63.948 million. The construction of Football Ground Gallery, site drain, bench and sitting area have been completed at a cost of about Nu. 10.00 million. The newly upgraded sports facilities will provide enhanced opportunities for wholesome development of the students. The construction of staff residences is scheduled to be completed by July 2022.

The Embassy of India thanks the Gross National Happiness Commission, Royal University of Bhutan, the local administrations of Trongsa, 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 of Bhutan for the well being and prosperity of the region.

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