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**India provides development assistance of Nu./INR 851 million towards key infrastructure projects in Bhutan**

The Government of India released an amount of Nu./INR 851 million in February 2023 for key development projects being implemented across Bhutan. These bilateral friendship projects are being executed in sectors such as physical infrastructure, education and skill development.

For the 12th Five Year Plan of Bhutan, Government of India has committed an amount of Nu./INR 50 billion, which is being utilised for the implementation of 82 Project Tied Assistance (PTA) Projects, 524 High Impact Community Development Projects, Program Grant Support to the Royal Government of Bhutan and development of trade infrastructure and trade governance mechanisms under Trade Support Facility.

An amount of Nu./INR 425 million has been released as Program Grant to the Royal Government of Bhutan, to be used for projects in sectors critical for post-pandemic recovery.

Though this release, Government of India is also helping infrastructure development at the Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law in Paro, Bhutan's first law college. The college is being developed as a model construction project incorporating international best practices in construction quality and energy efficiency.

Funds have been also released to support construction of 20 Primary Boarding Schools in 14 Dzongkhags of Bhutan. The Project will help improve the access of education for rural and remote communities and help retain primary students closer to their communities.

Other Bhutan-India Development Cooperation projects such as 'Professional Development of Teachers' and 'Resurfacing of Samtse - Tashichoeling - Tendruk Road' have been supported through this release of funds.

The Government of India remains firmly committed to working together with the Government and the people of the Kingdom of Bhutan in advancing our close and unique ties of friendship and cooperation.

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