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#### **Press release : Ground Breaking Ceremony “Salang Tendrel” for Pasakha Dry Port, Phuentsholing**

Today, the Ground Breaking ceremony “Salang Tendrel” for Pasakha Dry Port was organised in Phuentsholing, Bhutan. Dasho Sonam Wangyel, Secretary, Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs, Royal Government of Bhutan graced the Salang Tendrel as the chief guest. Sh. Prashant Kumar Das, Consul General, Consulate General of India, Phuentsholing also participated in the ceremony.

The new dry port will contain facilities for export processing, help reduce transit time and lower the cost of freight movement across the border. The port will also help reduce the risk of damage and pilferage during the processing, storage and trans-shipment of cargo. The dry port has the potential to provide export related services to the exporters situated in western and central Bhutan. The cost of developing the Pasakha dry port is Nu./Rs. 1.7 billion.

Pasakha Dry port is being developed as a part of the Transitional Trade Support Facility (TSF) program under which the Government of India is extending support to the tune of Nu./Rs. 4 billion to the Royal Government of Bhutan during the 12th Five Year Plan. The trade support facility will help in improving trade infrastructure and promoting exports of Bhutan by enhancing credit flow to export intensive sectors. This support facility is in addition to the development assistance amounting to Nu./Rs. 45 billion committed by India to Bhutan during the 12th Five Year Plan.

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