

**Embassy of India
Thimphu**

**Viksit Bharat Run and Tree planting in Thimphu, Bhutan
28 September 2025**

The Embassy of India in Thimphu, in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India organised the Viksit Bharat (Developed India) Run on 28 September 2025, in the India House Eco-park. The Run represented a shared aspiration for growth and development under the vision for 'Developed India' by 2047, given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi. The participants recited the Viksit Bharat Pledge, where participants committed to contributing towards India's journey of becoming a developed nation by 2047.

2. The Run in Thimphu together with similar runs in over 150 international locations was a part of global celebration of service, fitness, and sustainability. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the Indian diaspora, local communities, students, professionals, and friends of India. More than 120 runners; 15 volunteers from Bhutan Olympic Committee and the Embassy team joined hands to make the event a success.

3. Following the Run, three saplings were planted under the campaign '#Plant4-Mother' or '#EkPedMaaKeNaam'. It underscored the link between personal responsibility and environmental sustainability and was an expression of respect for 'Mother' as well as to 'Mother Earth'.

4. The events were held as part of Seva Pakhwada – a fortnight of service (17 September - 2 October) being observed by Government of India. This promotes a sense of service, commitment and responsibility among public servants and government towards nation building.

5. The event was graced by His Royal Highness Dasho Jigyel Ugyen Wangchuck, who is the President of Bhutan Olympic Committee and the Ambassador of India. The participation of numerous Bhutanese friends of India in the events dedicated to noble causes reflected the close friendship between the two countries as well as the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – 'The whole world is one community'.
