Embassy of India Thimphu ***

PRESS RELEASE

<u>Visit of National Cadet Corps Delegation to Bhutan</u>

At the invitation of the Royal Government of Bhutan and as part of the bilateral youth exchange programme, a delegation of twelve Cadets of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) led by Lieutenant General Gurbirpal Singh, Director General of NCC, visited Bhutan from 12 – 18 December, 2023.

- 2. The delegation participated in the National Day celebrations in Thimphu on 17 December and had productive interactions with the officials of Ministry of Education and Skills Development, Bhutan Scouts and the Royal Bhutan Army. The delegation visited places of historical and cultural significance in Punakha and Thimphu. The delegation was welcomed at the Embassy for an interactive session on different aspects of close and unique ties of friendship and cooperation between India and Bhutan. The NCC delegation was thankful to the Ministry of Education and Skills Development, Royal Government of Bhutan, for arranging a productive programme for the Indian NCC delegation and for extending warm hospitality.
- 3. At the invitation of NCC, a Bhutanese Scouts delegation led by a senior official of the Royal Government of Bhutan will be visiting India in Janury 2024 under the youth exchange programme to witness the Indian Republic Day celebrations. During their stay in India, they will undertake visits to places of historical and cultural significance and interact with their Indian counterparts.

Thimphu, 20 December, 2023.