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Press Release

The Ministry of Finance, with the approval of the Royal Civil Service Commission, has launched the **Autonomous Bodies Procurement Cluster Services Office** in Thimphu. The initiative will initially serve 12 Autonomous Agencies: Royal Audit Authority, Election Commission Bhutan, Royal Civil Service Commission, National Statistic Bureau, Office for Attorney General, Cabinet Secretariat, National Council, National Assembly, Royal Institute of Management, Centre for Bhutan Studies and GNH Research, National Land Commission, & Dratshang Lhentshog.

The launch event, held on 20th October 2025 in Thimphu, was graced by the Hon'ble Secretary, International Boundary, Letho T Tangbi, National Land Commission.

This initiative forms part of the broader Public Financial Management (PFM) reforms aimed at strengthening procurement capacity and delivering more efficient services to budgetary bodies. The model is designed on the concept of **shared services**, with centralized oversight and a decentralized presence modality to ensure continuity of services with minimal disruption to agencies.

Under this arrangement, responsibilities for procurement activities previously managed by individual autonomous agencies will now be consolidated under the Cluster Office. The administration and performance management of these functions will be overseen by the Department of Procurement and Properties. All procurement services will henceforth be delivered through the Cluster Procurement Services Office, regardless of the location of the agencies.

The initiative is expected to enhance procurement performance and service delivery by:

- Improving efficiency of procurement personnel,
- Standardizing service delivery across agencies, and
- Promoting the strategic role of procurement in government operations.



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In the long term, this approach will enable specialization in sector-specific procurement, thereby laying the foundation for a professional and competent procurement workforce in the country. It will also optimize and rationalize the deployment of procurement personnel, eliminating the current practice of placing them individually within agencies.