

19th Monthly Coordination Meeting on GoI's Support for Bhutan's 13th Five-Year Plan

1. The 19th Monthly Coordination Meeting between the Embassy of India (EoI), Thimphu and Royal Government of Bhutan (RGoB) on cooperation under Bhutan's 13th Five-Year Plan was held on October 12, 2026. Director General, Department of Macro-Fiscal and Development Finance (DMDF), Ministry of Finance, RGoB and Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Thimphu led the meeting along with officials from the Indian Embassy and various ministries under RGoB.

2. The GoI side handed over cheques amounting to **Nu/INR. 2.90** billion (290 crores) to Ministry of Finance, RGoB, towards Government of India's commitment under Bhutan's 13th Five-Year Plan for the following projects:

(i) Development of Quality and fit-for-purpose Infrastructure for RUB Colleges: Nu/INR. 632.5 million (63.25 crores). The total project cost is Nu/INR. 1.91 billion (191 crores).

(ii) Human Resource Development and Skilling Programmes: Nu/INR. 492.4 million (49.24 crores). The total project cost is Nu/INR. 1.77 billion (177 crores).

(iii) Professional Development and Immersion/Exchange Programmes for Teachers, Education Leaders and Students: Nu/INR. 357.3 million (35.73 crores). The total project cost is Nu/INR. 1.69 billion (169 crores).

(iv) Safeguarding Crop Protection through Chain-Link Fencing (Phase-II): Nu/INR. 250 million (25 crores) for constructing 60 chain-link fencing projects of a total length of 399 km across 19 Dzongkhags in Bhutan. The total project cost is Nu/INR. 500 million (50 crores). Separately, under its phase-I, 193 chain-link projects of total length 1042 km across all 20 Dzongkhags at a total project cost of Nu/INR. 1.5 billion (150 crores) have been completed, with few under implementation.

(v) Redevelopment of the Phuentsholing Sports Association (PSA) Ground under Phuentsholing Thromde Enhancement Program (PTEP): Nu/INR. 148.9 million (14.89 crores). The total project cost is Nu/INR. 231 million (23.1 crores).

(vi) Establishment of National Weather and Flood Warning Centre (NFWFC) and Scientific Facilities, Thimphu: Nu/INR. 99 million (9.9 crores), which will include a 24X7 National Weather and Flood Warning Centre (NFWFC) in Thimphu. The total project cost is Nu/INR. 327.80 million (32.78 crores).

(vii) Digital Technology for Teaching-Learning at eight RUB Colleges: Nu/INR. 87.6 million (8.76 crores). The total project cost is Nu/INR. 331.75 million (33.17 crores).

(viii) Digital Skilling Programme under GoV Tech (Digital Drukylul): Nu/INR. 88.3 million (8.83 crores) covering around 1,00,00 citizens across all Gewogs. The total project cost is Nu/INR. 290 million (29 crores).

(ix) Development of physical infrastructure and facilities at Royal Institute of Management, Thimphu: Nu/INR. 82.9 million (8.29 crores). The total project cost is Nu/INR. 200 million (20 crores).

(x) Thimphu District Court Construction: Nu/INR. 36.5 million (3.65 crores). The total project cost is Nu/INR. 334 million (33.4 crores).

(xi) Renovation of Gelephu General Hospital: Nu/INR. 16.638 million (1.6638 crores). The total project cost is Nu/INR. 411 million (41.1 crores).

(xii) Programme Grant (9th tranche of direct budgetary support to Royal Government of Bhutan): Nu/INR. 250 million (25 crores).

(xiii) Infrastructure Development for Dratshang: Nu/INR. 299.20 million (29.92 crores). The total project cost is Nu/INR. 836.3 million (83.63 crores).

(xiv) Establishment of the Selwa Center-Bhutan's First Dedicated Center for persons with disabilities: Nu/INR. 44.25 million (4.425 crores). The total project cost is Nu/INR. 300 million (30 crores).

(xv) Construction of Khuru Kuenphen bridge on Bajo-Khuru SNH: Nu/INR. 16.30 million (1.630 crores). The total project cost is Nu/INR. 226.40 million (22.64 crores). With this, the entire project cost of Nu/INR. 226.4 million has been disbursed for the project.

3. The Coordination Meeting recalled the fifth Plan Talks led by the two Foreign Secretaries on 30th July, 2026 and meetings of the External Affairs Minister to Bhutan on 16-17th September, 2026 which appreciated implementation of India's support for Bhutan's 13th Five-Year Plan and ongoing projects. The Coordination Meeting reviewed progress and implementation aspects of the following Government of India-supported projects:

(i) Replacement/Reconstruction of existing major bridges on highways: 11 new bridges- Gektong Zam, Pakhadrang Zam, Revidrang Zam, Rollong Zam, Golingpong Zam, Chableychu Zam, Dramzang Zam (completed), Chumpathang Zam, Kuchidiana Zam, Tsangchuthama Zam and Choralum Zam are being constructed at a total project cost of Nu/INR. 1.08 billion (108 crores).

(ii) Development of Central Schools (39 schools, including 20 Central Schools and 19 cluster schools) covering infrastructure development and improvement, technological upgrades, green energy initiatives, and improvement of sporting facilities at a total project cost of Nu/INR. 6 billion (600 crores).

(iii) Accelerate e-mobility Uptake in Bhutan to procure 100 electric vehicles for Government Officials and 45 electric buses for public transport at a total project cost of Nu/INR. 1.21 billion (121 crores).

(iv) Construction of Government Offices: New offices for all ministries are to be constructed across two locations in Thimphu. The total project cost is Nu/INR. 1.63 billion (163 crores).

(v) Support to solar and wind projects: Support to solar and wind projects covering the installation of grid-tied rooftop solar systems at the Royal Bhutan Embassy in New Delhi, the College of Science and Technology, Jigme Namgyel Engineering College, and the Jigme Wangchuk Power Training Institute; last-mile electrification through solar energy in Shingphel and Lunana (Wachey and Esuna), alongside the distribution of portable solar lighting systems to high-altitude nomads; the supply of solar water heating systems, greenhouse solar dryers, and solar cold storage units; the deployment of solar lift irrigation and drinking water systems and a pioneering green hydrogen demonstration project; complemented by feasibility assessments for utility-scale solar initiatives, comprehensive skill development training, blended financing studies, and robust regulatory support for wind power generation and electricity trading. The total project allocation is Nu/INR. 1 billion (100 crores).

(vi) Multi-Disciplinary Super Speciality Hospital (MDSSH): A 200-bedded cancer hospital alongside a 430-bedded inpatient/outpatient department at the existing Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital (JDWNRH) and Thimphu General Hospital upon successful commissioning of MDSSH. The allocation for the project in 13th FYP is Nu/INR. 4 billion (400 crores).

(vii) Human Resource Development and Skilling Programmes by Ministry of Education and Skills Development (MoESD) with an allocation of Nu/INR. 183 million (18.3 crores) for in-service skilling programmes for tourism, construction, agriculture, production, ICT, city bus service, Bhutan Post and student-faculty exchange programme for RUB colleges.

(viii) Redevelopment of the Phuentsholing Sports Association (PSA) Ground under Phuentsholing Thromde Enhancement Program (PTEP):The project involves the comprehensive redevelopment and operational completion of the existing PSA Football Ground in Phuentsholing. The completed precinct will serve as a modern sports venue, public gathering space and town-core attraction capable of supporting football, community events, organized competitions and wider civic activities. The project is allocated Nu/INR. 231 million (23.1 crores), under the implementation of Phuentsholing Thromde.


