

Press Release: Release of fund for Nehru-Wangchuck Scholarship

The “Nehru-Wangchuck Scholarship” a prestigious scholarship programme, was instituted on 19th June 2009 with the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Royal Government of Bhutan and the Government of India. A sum of Nu. 100 million was earmarked for this program for a period of 5 years from 2015-2019. The objective of the Scholarship programme is the enhancement of human resource capacities in critical areas by providing opportunities for potential candidates to study in premier Indian Institutes. This scholarship programme is a reflection of the close and special relationship between the two countries.

On February 15, 2019, the Royal Civil Service Commission received a sum of Nu. 25 million for the “Nehru-Wangchuck Scholarship” from the Government of India (GoI) in the form of a cheque which was handed over by His Excellency, Shri Jaideep Sarkar, the Ambassador of India to Bhutan to Dasho Karma Hamu Dorjee, Commissioner of the Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC).



The first phase of this scholarship program was from 2010-2014, and with the renewal of the MoU on June 2014 for another 5 years, it progressed into the second phase. For the second phase, the allocation for Nehru-Wangchuck Scholarship was doubled from Nu. 10 million to Nu. 20 million per year. The Scholarship is available for both civil service as well as non-civil service sectors including Royal University of Bhutan (RUB).

Furthermore, to ensure that the scholarship is able to attract Bhutan's best and brightest, the slots were reduced and fixed at 8 per year during the second phase which enabled increase of entitlements for the selected candidates. To date, this prestigious scholarship has been awarded to 56 candidates in the first phase and 32 secured the award so far in the second phase.