**Ambassador's visit to Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project from 8-10 October 2014**

Indian Ambassador to Bhutan Sh. Gautam Bambawale visited Mangdechhu Hydroelectric project, a 720 MW Inter-Governmental model India-Bhutan bilateral project, to inspect and take stock of the progress of the project.

Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project Authority reported 42 percent physical progress and 45% financial progress . Dam underground works are expected to be completed by October 2015, while the dam itself will be ready by February 2017.  The project is on schedule for completion by end of 2017

Impressed with the progress of the project, Ambassador lauded MHPA for its scheduled progress, which, he said, would set a new bar for the implementation of such projects. Ambassador said that the  project is progressing well and it’ll be completed on time, by the end of 2017. He further added that MHPA is going to be a successful area of bilateral relations, and a case study to do such projects because of efficiency and proficiency with which the work is progressing.

Ambassador also stated that the Government of India is committed to the target of 10,000MW electricity by 2020. He said that Bhutan and India must first focus on completing the identified joint venture projects, while moving ahead on future projects at the right time.

Mr. AK Mishra, Managing Director of the project said that the Ambassador’s visit boosted the project authority’s morale and enthusiasm to work even harder. “It’s a matter of pride for the management and its officials to work even harder and give the best,” he said.