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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Bhutan's Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB) programme launched on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2021 in partnership with India**

Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB), a joint initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), launched its programme in Bhutan on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021. India was chosen as the Partner Jurisdiction and has provided the Tax Expert for this programme.

This programme is expected to be of about 24 months' duration through which India in collaboration with the UNDP and the TIWB Secretariat aims to aid Bhutan in strengthening its tax administration by transferring technical know-how and skills to its tax auditors, and through sharing of best audit practices. The focus of the programme will be in the area of International Taxation and Transfer Pricing.

Shri J.B. Mohapatra, Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) attended the launch through videoconferencing along with Mr. NipudGyeltshen, the Officiating Director General, Department of Revenue & Customs, Bhutan; Ms. RusudanKemularia, Head of the TIWB Secretariat; and other senior officers from Bhutan, UNDP, OECD, TIWB Secretariat and Foreign Tax & Tax Research Division of CBDT.

This programme is another milestone in the continued cooperation between India and Bhutan and India's continued and active support for South-South cooperation.

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