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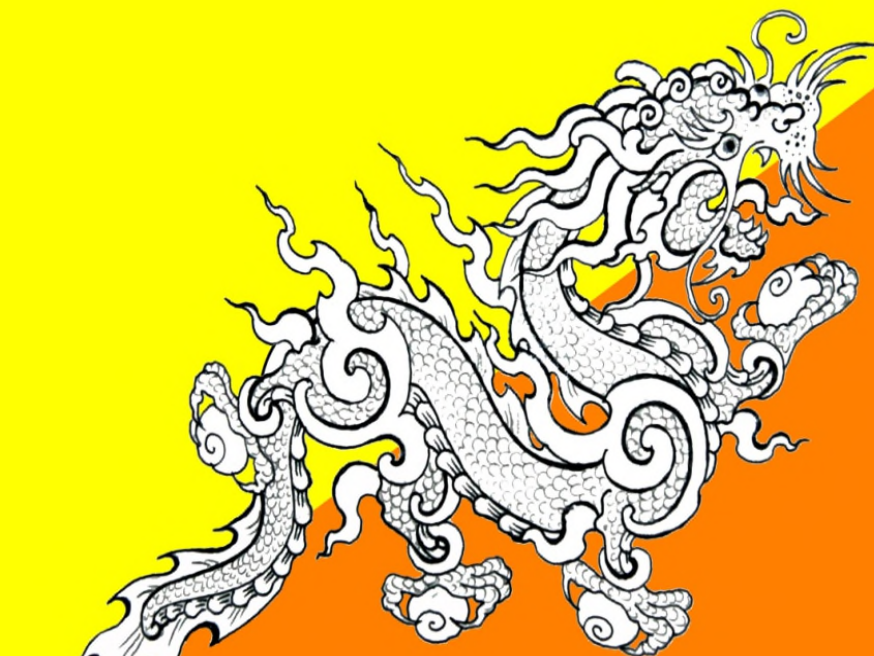
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## 2015 - ACTIVITIES

1. Construction of Punatsangchhu-I (1,200 MW), Punatsangchhu-II (1,020 MW) and Mangdechhu (720 MW) Hydropower Projects.
2. Training on Conventional Tunnelling was conducted in September 12 & 13, 2014 in Thimphu, Bhutan.



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# TUNNELS - UNDERGROUND WORKS





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# 1. Punatsangchhu - I Hydropower Project (1,200 MW)



Desilting chamber



10 m dia. HRT



24.5 m dia. Surge Shaft



Underground Power House

## Work Done

- Total UG excavation = 67,487.30 m<sup>3</sup>
- Total length of tunnels & galleries = 116m





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## 2. Punatsangchhu -II Hydropower Project (1020 MW)



Desilting chamber



Pressure Shaft



Head Race Tunnel



Surge Shaft

### Work Done

- Total UG excavation = 565,906.00 m<sup>3</sup>
- Total length of tunnels and galleries = 1174.79 m





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## Power House & Transformer Caverns

- Power house cavern (236 m x 23 m x 51 m) – excavation of machine hall
- Transformer cavern (215.4 m x 14 m x 26.5 m) - excavation







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### 3. Mangdechhu Hydropower Project (720 MW)



Desilting chamber



Head Race Tunnel



Surge Shaft



Power House

#### Work Done

- Total underground excavation = 883,234.01 m<sup>3</sup>
- Total length of tunnels and galleries = 5159.15 m



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# FUTURE ACTIVITIES





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# 1. Kholongchu Hydropower Project



- Run-of-the river hydropower project of 600 MW capacity.
- Total tunnel system = 27 km.
- 2 nos. underground desilting chambers of 350m x 13m x 17.5m
- Underground Power house and transformer caverns of 132m x 21m x 42.5 m and 130m x 16m x 24m

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## 2. Nikachhu Hydropower Project



- Run-of-the river hydropower project of 118 MW capacity.
- Total tunnel system = 21.50 km
- 2 nos. underground desilting chambers of 175 m x 11m x 7.5 m each
- Underground Power house of 67m x 19m x 41m