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## By-election following deaths draining coffers; ECB advises elected leaders to travel safe

■ The notification comes after eight elected local leaders died in vehicle accidents. By-elections for the vacant posts have cost the ECB Nu 3.149mn.

Lucky Wangmo  
from Thimphu

The Election Commission of Bhutan (ECB) has sent a cautionary advice to all the elected holders in the country to take extra care while travelling and driving.

Since the conduct of the first parliamentary and local government elections under the constitution, a total of six rounds of by-election had to be conducted till now, of which eight vacancies resulting from the untimely death of the elected members in vehicle accidents.

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## 200 Bhutanese to undergo beauty training

Alka Katwal  
from Thimphu

The Ministry of Labour and Human Resources has signed a memorandum of understanding with the International Institute of Wellness Studies (IIWS) in Noida, India, to train 200 Bhutanese jobseekers in beauty, hair and spa.

The program will not only provide training but also give placement once the trainees complete the course at five star hotels and spa chains across India.

ManavDhingra, the academic head of IIWS, said the Institute will refund the fees if the placement is not provided.

JitBdrBhandari, a program officer with the labor ministry, said they would ensure the safety of the students, mostly female, after concerns over frequent attacks on women in New Delhi.

PemaDema, a trainee's mother, told

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## Dasho Sangay Khandu is DHI chairman

Dasho Sangay Khandu who previously served as the Secretary of the National Land Commission is appointed as the Chairman of Druk Holding & Investments Ltd in accordance with the Royal Kasho issued on March 5.

In a career spanning more than 36 years, Dasho Sangay Khandu served both with the Royal Government of Bhutan



and in the corporate sector.

He was the CEO of Bhutan Development Finance Corporation Ltd (1992 - 1997), Royal Insurance Corporation of Bhutan Ltd and Druk Air Corporation Ltd (2000 -2005). He served in the capacity of Director and Director General in the Ministry of Trade & Industry and was promoted and appointed the Secretary of the National Land Commission in 2007.

Dasho Sangay Khandu has also served as the chairman and in the board of directors of many corporations. He was the conferred red scarf by His Majesty the King in 2009.

## Bhutan's biggest business summit ever begins Wednesday



Pema Seldon  
from Thimphu

The first Better Business Summit in Bhutan will bring together top leaders from business, government and international organizations to explore challenges and design solutions to business-related issues such as entrepreneurship, private sector growth and investment as they relate to Bhutan's growth economy.

Lyonchen Tshering Tobgay who will open the three-day summit on March 26 said the event will showcase Bhutan as a country ready for business. "While,

as a nation we seek to increase exports of Bhutanese goods and services as well as foreign investments in Bhutan, the Better business summit will allow the government to show the private sector and the world that we mean business through better policies and increased competitiveness," he said.

The summit will see interaction amongst top leaders from business, government and international organization in a mix of facilitated workshops, panel discussion and televised debates. Plenary Sessions will be designed to explore major trends and issues with high profile decision-makers

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