



### **Press Release: SAARC Development Fund Celebrates SAARC Charter Day**

December 8, 2017, Thimphu-On the occasion of the 33<sup>rd</sup> SAARC Charter Day, SAARC Development Fund on Friday organized two programmes in Thimphu to celebrate SAARC Charter Day. SDF team gathered at 12:30 PM in Thimphu Ecological Park for a plantation ceremony to mark this important day.

To commemorate the 33<sup>rd</sup> SAARC Charter Day, SDF team also joined the important government officials in Thimphu to lit 1,000 butter lamps in Tashichhodzong.

Dr. Sunil Motiwal, CEO, SDF also organized a meeting to mark SAARC Charter Day and to brief the stakeholders on the ongoing SDF funded projects in Bhutan. The meeting brought together high-ranking government officials, resident Ambassadors, heads of international organizations, civil society representatives and implementing agencies of SDF funded projects, among others.

Dr. Sunil Motiwal, CEO of SDF, said that *“SDF, as an umbrella financial institution for SAARC project and programs is fully committed to promote regional integration and economic cooperation among the SAARC Member States through project funding and collaboration.”*