



**Reflection on COVID Pandemic
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- First case in Bhutan detected on March 6, 2020
- Increased quarantine to 21 days
- August 11 National Lockdown
- Unemployment increased
- Tourism hardest hit sector
- Government spending curtailed due to lockdown
- Hydropower sector not affected

Growth projected to dip - 2% in 2020

His Majesty the King's intervention:

- Health of the people as important as the economy
- Interest paid by the Government
- Loan repayment deferred until June 2021
- Cash transfer to unemployed
- Government to ensure liquidity
- Central bank working on plan to decongest banks' balance sheet by taking over NPLs

- Capital injection to improve CAR to continue providing credit
- Exploring cheaper source of funds
- Improve digital banking
- Focus on capacity building
- Introduction of new products
- Credit Guarantee Scheme