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Citizen pens story of Bhutan's progress

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Kolkata: One is used to reading books on Bhutan written by foreigners. But, perhaps for the first time, a young Bhutanese has penned a book on her native land. Former Bhutanese diplomat Lily Wangchuk quit her job and used her experience to write

Facts About Bhutan — The Land of the Thunder Dragon, and it is already making waves in her country.

The book deals with the last 100 years of the country's history — from 1907 to 2007. Wangchuk will not rest till she has made her book popular in India, where she had studied and worked for quite some time. It is this endeavour that brought her on a trip to the city.

Interestingly, she belongs to a distinguished family, which has maintained close ties with the Bhutanese royal family since 1887, when the last civil war of the country was fought. Her great-grandfather helped the first king of Bhutan, Ugyen Wangchuk, win the Battle of Changelimithang and ascend the throne to establish monarchy. Later, he became the head of the council of advisors for the king. Her family has played a key role in Bhutan's governance since.

Lily's next venture will be a guide to Bhutanese cuisine.



Lily Wangchuk