

**CURRICULUM VITAE OF  
LYONPO JIGMI Y. THINLEY  
MINISTER FOR HOME AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS,  
ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN**

1. **Name** : Lyonpo Jigmi Y. Thinley
2. **Date of Birth** : 9 September, 1952
3. **Place of Birth** : Zangling, Bumthang, Central Bhutan
4. **Academic Qualifications** :
  - 1974 : BA (honours), Delhi University, India
  - 1976 : MPA the Pennsylvania State University, USA
5. **Present post** : Minister, Ministry for Home and Cultural Affairs
6. **Recent Positions held in the Government:**
  - 2003-2004 : Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Head of the Government
  - 1998-2003 : Minister for Foreign Affairs
  - 1998-1999 : Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Head of Government
  - 1994-1998 : Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Bhutan to United Nation's Office and other International Organizations in Geneva. He was also accredited simultaneously as Ambassador to the following countries:-
    - a) Austria
    - b) Denmark
    - c) Finland
    - d) The Netherlands
    - e) Norway
    - f) Sweden
    - g) European Community
    - h) Switzerland
  - 1994 : Deputy Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs
  - 1992-1993 : Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs
  - 1990-1992 : Governor, Eastern Bhutan
  - 1987-1989 : Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Bhutan to the United Nations, New York
  - 1986-1987 : Director and head of the Department of Education
  - 1982-1986 : Secretary, Royal Civil Service Commission
7. **Current positions in various bodies and organizations:**
  - a. President, Center for Bhutan Studies
  - b. Chairman, Druk Air Corporation (National Airline)
  - c. President, The Youth Development Association of Bhutan
  - d. Counselor, Asia Society, New York, USA
  - e. Member, National Assembly of Bhutan.

8. **Publications:**

- i. "Design For a Better System of Education in Bhutan". Penn State university, USA, 1974.
- ii. "Decentralization for - Effective Dzongkhag Administration and Development", royal Bhutan Press, Thimphu, 1979.
- iii. " A Kingdom Besieged ( Bhutan: Perspectives on Conflict and Dissent; Hutt)", Kiscadale Ltd, UK, 1994.
- iv. "Gross National Happiness and Human Development", Thimphu, The Centre for Bhutan Studies, July, 1999.
- v. " Globalization as seen by Developing countries ( Globalization: the Argument of our Time)", The Centre for Bhutan Studies, Thimphu, June, 2002.

The minister has also given lectures on various topics at major international gatherings and Universities in the USA, UK, India, among others.

9. **Awards:**
- a. The grand order of the 'Druk Thuksey'
  - b. 'Coronation Medal' for meritorious public service
  - c. Alumni Fellow Award, Pennsylvania State University, USA

10. **Hobbies:**
- a. Gardening and golf

Mr. Thinley is married and has three children.