



# DE-SUUNG ZHABTOG

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## DID YOU KNOW?

### Completion of Udzorong Water Project

On July 24, 2022, the re-construction of the Udzorong drinking water project in Trashigang Dzongkhag was completed and handed over to the beneficiaries.

The project will provide clean, safe, and dependable drinking water to 442 households across four chiwogs in the Udzorong gewog. The four chiwogs have a combined population of approximately 2210 individuals. The overall expense of the project was 28.45 million Ngultrum.

Over the course of 13 months, about 113 De-suups were engaged to complete the job. The project was substantially more complex than previous water projects in the country.

The project was a part of the water flagship project of the Royal Government of Bhutan-De-suung National Service collaboration.

## Kaja Throm, a small town for organic local produces with an adjacent Dinosaur park

A temporary vegetable town was built close to Thimphu's Centenary Farmer's Market (CFM) under His Majesty The King's Royal Command. The temporary town will serve as a replacement for the CFM, which is now being renovated.

Alpha teams B and D were deployed to the site on July 7, 2022, for two days to clear and clean the land and set up tents. The following day, the teams constructed a kitchen in the area.

Alpha team B is made up of 33 De-suups ( 11 males and 22 females). Alpha team D consists of 31 De-suups ( 20 males and 11 females). For three weeks, the teams worked on the project. They assisted with carpentry and tile installation on the ground. The teams are currently working on fencing and the construction of the dinosaur park within the region.

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## ABOUT THE GUARDIANS

On February 14, 2011, the De-suung Integrated Training Programme began in Tencholing, Wangdue Phodrang. De-suung, which means "Guardians of Peace," is a Royal Initiative of His Majesty The King.

His Majesty The King Commanded the establishment of De-suung in response to an overwhelming supplication from the youth for an opportunity to offer their voluntary service to the nation. Thus, De-suung was created as an avenue enabling those who wanted to volunteer their time and energy in service of the nation and people.

The Training Programme's foundation is based on the spirit of volunteerism and the positive influence of community service, integrity, and civic duty ethics and values.

De-suungs actively volunteer during disasters, participate in social service activities, and offer service to others throughout their lives. In other words, as lifelong members of the De-suung Organization, trainees progressively improve their ability to bear their daily duties and responsibilities.

• Batches Trained

50

• Female Trained

11,694

• Male Trained

18,331

• Total Trained

30,025



## Kaja Throm (continued)

The dinosaurs were presented to His Royal Highness Gyalsey Jigme Namgyel Wangchuck on the occasion of His Royal Highness's Birth Anniversary in 2020. They were presented by Mr. Kampon Tansacha, President and owner of the Nong Nooch Tropical Garden in Pattaya, Thailand. There are 17 dinosaurs, two of which are made of rubber and the rest of which are made of cement.

On July 13, 2022, the Kaja Throm, as it has been named, finally opened its doors to the public. Farmers and local sellers sell organic, local vegetables and fruits at the Throm.

Out of 304 De-suups (179 men and 125 females), 25 De-suups (females) from the CFM team are stationed at the Kaja Throm, with four attending to visitors at the information desk, 11 performing morning duty, and 10 undertaking night duty. There are also 13 male De-suups on night duty.

Teams from the Royal Bhutan Police, Royal Bhutan Army, Forestry, and the Thimphu Thromde are also involved in the project's numerous tasks.

## DE-SUUNG TAKSHEL, PARO



Over 100 Paro De-suups have been working to beautify the Taktsang trail, the Taktsang base, and the horse marsh area since the launch of De-suung Takshel at Ramtangka (Taktsang base) last week. They have also cleaned and removed litters as part of the De-suung Takshel effort.

The De-suung Takshel was initiated under the command of His Majesty The King. The effort aims to make every Dzongkhag garbage-free, keep monuments and Lhakhangs beautiful and green, and to increase awareness among visitors about the importance of waste management.

In collaboration with the Tourism Council of Bhutan and the Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs, the De-suung Takshel at Phajoding Monastery in Thimphu will soon begin.



## DISASTER MANAGEMENT TRAINING, PHUENTSHOLING

On July 27, 2022, the Disaster Management Coordinator and a team from the De-suung Regional Office in Phuentsholing conducted a one-day disaster management training and mock exercise for De-suups and police officers QRT of the Pasakha Sub-sector.

The training's goal is to have protective measures in place to limit the severity of future disasters, to detect potential errors and danger, and to improve coordination between De-suups and Royal Bhutan Police (RBP) while dealing with disasters. The training was attended by 21 De-suups (13 males and 8 females) and officials from RBP Pasakha sub-sector.

The De-suung organization would like to express profound gratitude to the RBP Officer Commander of the sub-sector for initiating the training, and the Disaster Management Coordinator and the De-suup team for jointly making the event a success.



## 15,000 TSHATSHA PREPARATION, ZHEMGANG

On July 24, 2022, 16 De-suups (6 males and 10 females) volunteered to prepare tshatsha, which are miniature ritual cakes, with the assistance of Zhemgang Dzongkhag employees and residents. Currently, the activity is taking place at the Zhemgang Menloem Chenmo ground. The tshatsha will be placed at the Tamala Dratsang stupa, which is 65 kilometers from Zhemgang town.

Tamala Dratshang provides food to the engaged De-suups on behalf of the Dzongkhag, which handles logistics.

Due to a lack of volunteers, it is anticipated that the 10-day project to create 15,000 tshatshas would be extended. Presently, the activity has been running for five days.

Zhemgang's Dratsang committee is in charge of organizing the activity.



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## NYAMRO CHRONICLES



### *“A journey of fruitful experiences”*

For the past two years, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on the lives of many. Many people, especially youngsters, were left jobless. During this time, many indulged and invested their time in mobile gaming and various unhealthy habits.

I graduated from high school amidst the pandemic. Unfortunately, I couldn't go for further studies. Like the saying goes, "If there is a will, there is a way." I held onto my will to do something productive. Soon enough, I heard about the new De-suung intake. I joined the 42nd batch of the De-Suung Integrated Programme and trained for a month.

After the training, I served at Super Zone 13 during the second nationwide lockdown. Following that, I served at the Phuentsholing border (SBD), the second layer of Trashigang (NBD), and the Centenary Farmer's market recently.

So far, my journey as a De-suup has helped me gain fruitful experience. I have developed vigilance and good communication skills. It has helped me use the leadership skills that I have always had in me. It was due to this skill that I got to serve as a Gojay at the Sarpang Border.

Though the journey wasn't easy, I am happy to have had the chance to be around energetic and enthusiastic people. They have encouraged me to do better.

With so many new De-suups and people looking up to us, my humble advice to my Nyamros is to take these little steps, though hefty, to achieve success later on in life.

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## DE-SUUNG FIRE SERVICE (DFS)



✔ 25 De-suup volunteers successfully completed a month-long training program and attachment as 5th batch De-suung Fire Service (DFS) from Fire Service Division, RBP. So far, 119 De-suups have completed the Fire training.