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His Majesty The King visited the De-suung National Service (DNS) Water Project in Gelephu.

His Majesty The King visited the De-suung National Service (DNS), Gelephu Landmark Water Project on the 17 June. During the course of his visit, His Majesty interacted with the 70 De-suups (18 female and 52 male), as well as the Engineers and technicians who are currently engaged in the project.

During the visit, His Majesty highlighted the importance of discipline, the safeguarding of every individual, and the significance of each and every life. In order for the participants to improve their abilities, His Majesty encouraged them to obtain as much knowledge and experience as they could from the Project.

His Majesty was accompanied by the Dzongdag of Sarpang Dzongkhag, Dasho Lobzang Dorji.

DID YOU KNOW?

A total of 466 De-suups (175 Female , 291 Male) are engaged in various ongoing De-suung National Service (DNS) - Water Projects as of June 21.



Female = 175. Male = 291 . Total = 466 De-suups

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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-suups 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.

Since its beginning, De-suung has trained a total of 27,888 De-suups.



DROLMA WANG LUNG AT HAA

On June 19th, the empowerment and oral transmission of Goddess Tara "**Drolma Wang Lung**" took place at Lhakhang Karpo in Haa.

The Laytshog Lopen, the Zhung Dratshang, and the Lam Neten of Haa presided over the program. Twenty-three Nangchoe De-suups took part in the auspicious ceremony together with 35 other De-suup volunteers (18 De-suups from Haa and 17 De-suups from the De-suung Skilling Program, Haa). The Drolma (Tara) Tshogpa and the Zhung Dratshang coordinated the event.

Fifteen Royal Bhutan Police (RBP) controlled traffic and crowds, while 14 Red Cross Society members from Haa helped in serving the guests. The program also included 15 local volunteers who assisted with cooking and kitchen duties.

The other guests included Drangpoen, Dzongrab, the Super Intendant of the Royal Bhutan Army, and Thrizin of Haa Dzongkhag. Thousands of worshippers attended the program to receive the Wang Lung.

GOMPHU WATER PROJECT - A STORY OF COMPASSION



The Gomphu Water Project under Trong Gewog in Zhemgang Dzongkhag was one of the initiatives under the De-suung National Service (DNS) Water Project. It was carried out with the collaboration of the Royal Government of Bhutan (RGoB) and De-suung. The DNS Water Project aims to help the community provide safe and dependable drinking water while also teaching De-suups new skills and practical understanding of water management infrastructure. The project began on June 2, 2021, the day of our beloved 4th Druk Gyalpo's coronation, and was completed in 5 months. The project was completed by 65 De-suups with the help of the Royal Bhutan Army and technical aid from Zhemgang Dzongkhag and the Ministry of Works and Human Settlements (MoWHS).

While the water project was underway, De-suups involved in the project built a toilet for an old couple who lived nearby, Agay Wangda and Angay Wangmo. The couple had lost their sole child in 2020 and were unable to care for themselves due to the difficulties associated with old age. The couple were in their nineties and had no one to help them with the extra daily responsibilities.

The De-suups, appropriately referred to as the guardians, volunteered to build basic sanitation facilities for the old couple. The OIC and IC also pitched in to support the couple, who were in desperate need of a proper water closet. Agay Wangda and Angay Wangmo were overjoyed and conveyed their gratitude to His Majesty the King and De-suung for their assistance and support.

IN FOCUS



MID-TERM ASSESSMENT - DSP CULINARY ARTS (INTERMEDIATE)



The key to success in practical tests is preparation and attention to one's work. The practical assessment is the final measure of abilities and competencies.

The practical assessment at the De-suung Skilling Programme (DSP) Culinary Arts preparation began a week before the actual day, which lasted one week (from June 13th to June 18th). With 26 De-suups (13 Female, 12 Male) enrolled in the program, the training commenced on April 15, 2022 and will end on July 9, 2022.

It was the first official week in which the De-suups were in charge of preparing a variety of dishes, ranging from appetizers to desserts and plate components. Guests from the hospitality industry and the DSP Steering Committee evaluated the results.

The De-suups were divided into seven groups throughout the practical examination. They had one day to serve a five-course meal, plus an apéritif and an intermezzo. The courses were given to the five groups, and the remaining two groups were tasked with serving the guests.

Personal grooming, personal hygiene, HACCP compliance, economical use of materials, cleanliness of the work station, storage, and handling of appropriate equipment and instruments were among the criteria used to evaluate the De-suups. The De-suups were showered with compliments at the end of the week, and the food was even likened to Michelin-starred restaurants. The De-suups who are receiving the extensive training hope to garner the best skills and knowledge. They aspire to work at the national and international level in the future.



CURRENT AFFAIRS - FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On June 15, Samtse De-suung FC won the Samtse Women's Football Tournament. De-suup Ngawang Nidup, with the help of De-suup Khamsum Wangdi, manages the winning squad, which consists of 16 De-suups. The event began on June 4, with six teams participating. The championship game was held at the Samtse Public Ground. Over the course of the tournament, Samtse Desuung FC went undefeated.

In the Gelephu Women's Tournament, Sarpang De-suung FC took the runners-up trophy. The team from the Police Training Institute of Jigmeling emerged victorious in the competition. The championship game was played on June 14 in the midst of rain and a throng of fans. The event was graced by the Thrompon of Gelephu, Dasho Tshering Norbu. Sarpang De-suung FC was defeated by three goals.



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NYAMRO CHRONICLES



“The past represents an experience, the present represents an experiment, and the future represents hope.”

To me, every moment at the Water Project represents an adventure. After finishing my De-suup training, I felt like the happiest person on the planet. When I was given the opportunity to serve in various De-suung National Service (DNS) Water Projects in Kalapang, Mongar, Udzorong, Trashigang, and Gidakom, Thimphu, my joy was multiplied.

I learned a variety of skills while serving in the Water Projects, including masonry, plumbing, and the construction of water collection chambers. I discovered that such initiatives improve people's quality of life. It eases the daily stress of water scarcity for everyone. The increased supply and availability of water reduces disease vulnerability. Water projects around the country have significantly increased crop productivity and raised everyone's standard of living. Unused land has also been put to use as a result of the establishment of such projects.

My heart is full today. I am inspired by His Majesty The King's vision and care for the Bhutanese people. For example, during the pandemic, I was grateful to have received financial assistance from Druk Gyalpo's Relief Kidu. It is fair to say that my humble and minor efforts to serve our selfless King and country have provided me with valuable experience. I am a better and wiser person now as a result of the opportunities I have had as a De-suup.

To the next De-suups and Nyamros, I'm proud to have had this kind of experience, and I'm sure you will too, so that we can work together to shape Bhutan's future.

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UPDATE



Nationwide De-suup Deployment (Hospitals, Escorts, Offices, Vegetable markets, Kuzu kitchen, call centers, patrolling, etc.) as of June 21, 2022.

FEMALE 440 | MALE 444 | **TOTAL 884 De-suups**

