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DID YOU KNOW?

Launch of the DSP in 'Stone Carving 2.0'

The De-suung Skilling Programme (DSP) in Stone Carving (second cohort) was launched on September 29, 2022, in Paro with 15 De-suup trainees and 4 assistant trainers (from the first cohort). Mr. Jack Jason Carter from the USA is the expert trainer for the two-month long program.

The Chief Guest, Zimpon Wom Sonam Thinley (domain lead and member of the DSP Steering Committee), in his opening address, thanked Mr. Carter for his engagement and requested the trainees to be passionate, diligent, responsible, and disciplined. He reminded the De-suups to pay special attention to details and utilize the wonderful opportunity provided by His Majesty.

Mr. Jack Carter has about 30 years of experience. During the ceremony, he shared that the De-suups would see the benefits at the end of the training and experience terrific satisfaction by changing a piece of stone into something special.



Trans Bhutan Trail inaugurated by His Royal Highness Prince Jigyel Ugyen Wangchuck

On September 28, 2022, the Trans Bhutan Trail was inaugurated by His Royal Highness Prince Jigyel Ugyen Wangchuck, Representative of His Majesty The King and President of the Bhutan Olympic Committee, at the historic Semtokha Dzong.

The Honourable Prime Minister, Chairman of the National Council, Speaker of the Assembly, Cabinet members, and various trail partners and supporters were also present at the event.

The Prime Minister led a walk from Semtokha to Punakha, covering over 40 kilometer. The Prime Minister also hosted a reception at Dochula to welcome hikers, guests, and journalists.

For the ceremony, 200 De-suups were deployed from Dochula to Punakha to accompany the guests on the trek.

The De-suung Office, a Trans Bhutan Trail partner, has deployed over 1000 De-suups for treks and trail maintenance thus far. Furthermore, as part of the launch effort, the De-suups have successfully completed the construction of four emergency bridges in Thimphu, Punakha, and Trongsa. The De-suups have cleared the rest places and performed additional maintenance on the 403-kilometer trail from Haa to Trashigang.

The De-suups of Trongsa, Mongar, and Trashigang are clearing the land and re-establishing the trail for scouts who are currently trekking from Haa to Trongsa.

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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

52

• Female Trained

12,395

• Male Trained

19,225

• Total Trained

31,620

DE-SUUNG RIMDRO



- ✓ On September 20, 2022, the De-suung Rimdro was held at the De-suung Clubhouse in Thimphu. The event was presided over by His Eminence, The Laytshog Lopen.

Officials from the Office of Gyalpoi Zimpoen, De-suung, Royal Bhutan Army, Royal Bhutan Police, Royal Bodyguards, De-suung water projects, and Gyalsuung participated in the ceremony alongside the De-suung Nangchoe team. The event was held to spread peace and to relieve the De-suups of their misfortunes (Koen Barchay).

CROWD CONTROL



- ✓ During the Yarney Lingkor march of monks from Tango who had been in retreat for 45 days, 11 De-suups were deployed for crowd control.

On September 24, 2022, the walk began at 8:30 a.m. from Dondena to Pangrezampa, then to Chandagang, Begana, and back to Dondena. On the same day, at 7 p.m., the spiritual journey came to an end.



DE-SUUNG TAKSHEL

- ✓ De-suung Takshel began on July 24, 2022 and ended on September 17, 2022. Over 2000 De-suups have been deployed so far, with more than 100 De-suups deployed every day for the program.

Job description

1. Dismantling of construction at Ramthangkha, Paro
2. Toilet maintenance
3. Horse trail maintenance from Sangchokor to Ramthangkha in Paro

At the moment, four De-suups are on duty in Ramthangkha, Paro. They are also in charge of raising awareness about garbage management.

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SRC UPDATE

The 10th batch of Specialized Refresher Course (SRC) training started on September 1, 2022 at RBG Dechencholing in Thimphu. The training will be completed on November 1, 2022. The SRC training comprises of 40 female De-suups and 79 male De-suups.

Particulars:

1. November 3, 2022 - 20 trainees will leave for Gelephu
2. November 4, 2022 - 99 trainees will be attached for a month with various RBA wings - 35 SRC trainees to Wing XII Tencholing, Wangdue Phodrang ; 34 trainees to Commando Wing Shaba and 30 trainees to Wing XI Damthang, Haa.



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NYAMRO CHRONICLES



Recognition for De-suung service

We have always been blessed with the visionary leadership and selfless service of our Monarchs. De-suung will be amongst the many legacies of His Majesty The King's reign to strengthen the peace, unity, and security of our country. De-suung, The Guardian of Peace, is the brainchild of His Majesty The King's mission in society to promote the spirit of volunteerism, the positive influence of ethics, and the values of community service, integrity, and civic responsibility.

The De-suung office in Zhemgang hereby submits De-suup Kinley Duba's (DS(40)20-10074) details for his excellent service to the De-suung institution. He is from Zurphel under Zhemgang and is currently serving as one of the most determined and diligent De-suup in Zhemgang Dzongkhag. The following are his achievements and services to the Dzongkhag and nation as a De-suup:

1. Three months at Gelephu on the southern border during the first and second lockdowns.
2. Deployed as a Lead Gojay for a month-long Million Fruit Plantation Program. He was deployed in Trong Gewog with 11 De-suups.
3. Two months as Gojay at the Club House.
4. 20-day Moenlam Chenmo duty. He led the team of 21 De-suups.
5. Coordination of Search and Rescue (SAR) efforts with the DDMO and the Dzongkhag De-suung office.
6. Assistance with the Water Flagship Project Closing Program in Gomphu and Tshaildhang as part of the advance team and as a chef.
7. Participated in the third batch of SAR training at Lobesa for one month.
8. Served as an Instructor for the 5th Batch SAR Training at Lobesa for a month.

9. Conducted Basic Search and Rescue Training for more than 60 Zhemgang Dzongkhag De-suups (Panbang and Zhemgang personnel, including RBP personnel).

10. Five-day NADPM survey in Upper Zhemgang.

11. Five-day MOWHS survey.

12. Escort duty to Gelephu for sample collection of Upper Zhemgang.

13. Quarantine Service.

14. A month of school COVID-19 duty.

15. Town patrolling during the COVID pandemic at Zhemgang town.

16. Acquired several accident cases and provided SAR services as needed.

17. Crowd Management and Control at National and Dzongkhag Events.

18. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he coordinated the funeral program for the 47th batch of De-suups in the Dzongkhag.

With utmost respect and dedication, we thank His Majesty The King for the encouragement and inspiration to volunteer during any disaster operations, participate in charitable activities, and be of service to others throughout their lives as a lifelong member of the De-suung fraternity. Kinley Duba said that it brings him pride, happiness, and a sense of patriotism and achievement in life to be a part of such a noble project. "De-suung is a privilege and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I never wanted to miss," he said. "We pledged to serve our Supreme Commander once and for all." He also added that he has grown to be an emotionally grounded, cerebrally adept, spiritually connected, and socially responsible person after having donned the orange uniform. He believes he has made a big difference in his life.

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BORDER OPENING DEPLOYMENT



- ✓ On September 23, 2022, Bhutan reopened its borders to tourists after being closed for two and half years on account of the COVID-19 pandemic. De-suups were deployed at the four border sites; Phuentshlong, Samtse, Gelephu and Samdrup Jongkhar.

Phuentsholing

Total De-suups deployed - 62

Male - 1

Female - 61

The 62 De-suups were divided into 3 groups; each group for the three entry gates.

1. Pasakha Aley ICP - 10 female De-suups
2. Thuenlam ICP - 8 female De-suups
3. Pedestrian terminal - 1 male De-suup and 43 female De-suups

Samtse

Total De-suups deployed - 25 (all females)

25 De-suups were divided into 5 groups; each group for the five entry gates

1. Pugli CP in gomtu - 5 De-suups
2. Gomtu BCP - 5 De-suups
3. Samtse ICP - 10 De-suups
4. Bimtar ICP - 2 De-suups
5. Jitti ICP - 3 De-suups

Gelephu (IPC main gate)

Total De-suups deployed - 32 (2 males, 30 females)

Samdrup Jongkhar

Total De-suups deployed - 20 De-suups (All females)

1. SJ border gate - 10 De-suups
2. Phuntsho Rabtenling gate- 5 De-suups
3. Jomotshangkha border gate - 5 De-suups

In addition, there were 29 SRC deployment.

1. Samdrup Jongkhar gate - 9 De-suups (4 males, 5 females)
2. Samrang gate - 10 De-suups (4 males, 6 females)
3. Jomotshangkha gate - 10 De-suups (10 males)