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DID YOU KNOW?

Closing ceremony of DSP Driving Light Vehicles 7.0

The De-suung Skilling Programme (DSP) in Driving Light Vehicles 7.0 (Thimphu) concluded on October 29, 2022. Twenty De-suups participated in the programme, and out of 16 eligibles, 14 De-suups received their licenses after undergoing tests organized by the RSTA. 22 De-suups from earlier cohorts of DSP driving also attended the RSTA tests and received their licenses. De-suup Ugyen Dorji, De-suup Karma, De-suup Dorji Wangchuk, De-suup Passang, De-suup Karma Lethro, De-suup Sonam Tenzin and De-suup Yeshe Dema are the instructors.

Dasho Tshering Wangchuk (domain lead and member of the DSP Steering Committee) congratulated the De-suups on their successful completion of training and reminded the De-suups to be determined and competent to assist in the nation-building process and to be responsible for safeguarding our sovereignty at all times.



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His Holiness The Je Khenpo presented certificates of appreciation to the De-suung Head Office

Beginning on October 9, 2022, 230 De-suups were assigned to the Kanjur Lung duty at Kuensel Phodrang in Thimphu. De-suups assisted the Zhung Dratshang with crowd management, catering, traffic control, cleaning, and serving the attendees. Considering the dedication and perseverance of De-suup volunteers during the event, His Holiness The Je Khenpo praised their efforts and presented certificates of appreciation to the De-suung Head Office at the conclusion of the month-long Kanjur Lung. The deployed De-suups will continue to serve for a week-long Moenlam Chenmo that began in Kuensel Phodrang on November 5, 2022.

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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.

• Batches Trained

52

• Female Trained

12,395

• Male Trained

19,225

• Total Trained

31,620

NADPM PIN AWARDING CEREMONY



✓ On November 2, 2022, Dasho Zimpoen Wom Sonam Thinley gave National Accelerated Dog Population Management and Rabies Control Programme (NADPM & RCP) Service Pins to the De-suups who served (met attendance requirements) in scouting teams during the Thimphu combing phase.

A total of 31 De-suups received the pins. Officer on Special Duty, Officiating Director General, De-suung Lt. Col. Sisir Chettri, and core group members were also present during the event. The ceremony was held at the National Veterinary Hospital in Thimphu.

SPECIALIZED REFRESHER COURSE (SRC) PIN AWARD CEREMONY



- ✓ Dasho Tshering Tobgay, the former Prime Minister and coordinator of the Specialized Refresher Course (SRC), gave blue pins to the 10th Batch SRC De-suups who finished the one-month SRC training and one-month attachment with the army wings in Damthang, Commando, and Tencholing.

Dasho also presented De-suups with green and red SRC pins upon completion of their two-month southern border service in the Gelephu and Umling regions. Before their deployment to the south, the De-suups underwent a five-day weapons refresher training.

Ten SRC De-suups were awarded blue pins, while seven received green and red pins. The pin award ceremony was held at De-suung Club house, Thimphu.

FIRE TRAINING IN CHANGZAMTOG -UPDATE



Ongoing Programmes:

1. Triangle of fire
2. Classification of fire
3. Classification of fire extinguishers
4. Operation of extinguishers
5. Fire hose drill
6. Fire hydrant drill

Rescue Training Programme

1. Interdiction of rescue equipment
2. Classification of rescue ropes
3. Base and anchoring
4. Repelling and lowering practice

There are 15 more lessons to accomplish in the next 18 days.
The whole duration of training is thirty days.



UPDATE ON KAJA THROMS IN THIMPHU AND PARO

- ✓ Kaja Throms in Thimphu and Paro have become one of the best venues to shop for local and organic goods as well as for people to congregate. The live music that occurs every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening uplifts the spirits of both children and adults. Facilities like speakers for announcements and music, as well as the look and taste of the place, add to its vitality.

There are currently 40 De-suups assigned to Kaja Throm Duty in Thimphu and 31 (three De-suups assigned to vegetable, fruit, and cereal stand duty) in Paro. Deployed De-suups are involved in maintaining the cleanliness of the location. The De-suups also perform night duty, which begins at 8 p.m. and ends at 7 a.m. When the throms are closed for the day, the De-suup crew on duty patrols the entrance and keeps watch for trespassers at the entry gates.



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NYAMRO CHRONICLES



GROWING OLDER AND WISER

My name is Karma Jurmin, and I am from Ura in Bumthang. I was among the oldest trainees in the 39th batch of the De-suung Training Programme at the Military Training Center in Wangduephodrang.

As the first group from Thimphu, I was sent to the Northern Border Duty in Merak, Trashigang. Following that, I trained at the Royal Bodyguard Center for the 4th SRC training cohort. After that, I was sent to the second wing of the Royal Bhutan Army. My first deployment with the SRC was to Jomotshangka. I received the first blue SRC pin, followed by the green pin 70 days later.

I was stationed at the Punakha border for two months and have just returned from the SRC's first deployment of weapons. I was given the first red pin and volunteered to head up a team of De-suups to plant a Million Fruit Trees Plantation (MTFP).

My other deployments include 37 days of community patrols, 70 days of northern border duty, 240 days of specialized refresher course, and 104 days of Million Fruit Tree Plantation.

Through my responsibilities, I hope to show the young De-suups that anything is achievable at any age. To all my young Nyamros, seize the opportunity when it presents itself. Do your share and serve as representatives of De-suung. We are unified and will remain so forever in devotion to our nation. Lastly, I would like to thank the Bumthang Regional Coordinator. He is the reason why I am a De-suup in the first place.

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WIND UP



- ✓ The National Accelerated Dog Population Management and Rabies Control Programme (NADPM and RCP), one of De-suung National Services (DNS), concluded in Trashi Yangtse on November 4, 2022. The combing operation began on July 29, 2022, in the Dzongkhag with eight De-suups and Department of Livestock team led by Dr. Sonam Choden. Since August 15th, four De-suups have been working as a small, mobile team to make sure that all free-roaming dogs in Trashi Yangtse have been sterilized and vaccinated against rabies.

Several months prior to the launch of the NADPM and RCP on March 29, 2022, 1,141 De-suups were engaged in on-the-job training throughout the country.