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DID YOU KNOW?

Closing of DSP - Footwear and Product Development

The De-suung Skilling Programme (DSP) on "Footwear and Product Development" closed on November 16.

The Institute of Skills and Management Studies (ISMS), Thimphu, was the training provider, and 19 De-suups participated in the program for a duration of three months in Thimphu.

Dasho Tshering Wangchuk (Domain Lead and Member of the DSP Steering Committee) awarded certificates to the trainees. Mr. Jigme Dorji, Executive Director, and trainers of ISMS were also present. The Chief Guest congratulated the De-suups and reminded them to strive for perfection.



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Recitation of seven-lined supplication to Guru Padmasambhava- prayer ceremony at Kuenselphodrang

A total of 80 De-suups (44 males and 36 females) were deployed to Kuenselphodrang on November 15, 2022 for monitoring and assisting in the 100,000 recitation of seven-lined supplication to Guru Padhamsambhava (Tshikdoen Seldoan) prayer ceremony.

The five-day religious ceremony is being presided over by Lam Namkhai Nyingpo Rinpoche and will end on November 23, 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-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 COORDINATION HUBS



- ✓ The deployment of De-suups will be carried out from the magazines in the future. This is carried out to enhance coordination of De-suups in Thimphu where there are over 7000 De-suups at the moment. Therefore, there will be four mega zones and mega hubs to cater to the service of the community.

The coordination hubs will also serve as the search and rescue center for the mega zones. In future, all activities such as reporting & briefing will be carried out at the respective mega hubs. The mega hubs will also create the opportunities for the De-suups to walk in and work from the hub.

Start date: September 4, 2022

End date: NA

Number of De-suups: 8 males and 4 females

Location: Changidaphu, C2 megazone, Thimphu

MOENLAM CHENMO



- ✔ A total of 157 De-suungs were deployed for the Moenlam Chenmo, which occurred at the Samtse Higher Secondary School's football ground. Lam Yeshe, the Lam Neten of Samtse, presided over the Moenla Chenmo. Volunteers for the religious ceremony also included 33 personnel from the Royal Bhutan Police (RBP), scouts, teachers, students, the Red Cross, and 20 people each from Norgaygang, Tendril, and Pemaling Gewogs.

The ceremony was also attended by the Dasha Dzongdag of Samtse, Dasha Drangpoens (Samtse and Dophuchen Dungkha), Dasha Dungs (Trashocholing and Dophuchen Dungkha), 15 Gups of the 15 Gewogs, and the regional and sector heads of various agencies.

The event was organized by the Samtse Dzongkhag Administration and Samtse Dratshang.



THIMPHU CLEANING CAMPAIGN

✓ De-suups were divided into five groups to carry out the cleaning campaign in Thimphu's various places. On November 16, the first group cleaned from Olakha till the Welcome Gate in Thimphu.

On the next day, 140 De-suups (48 males and 92 females) which included trainees from 6th batch of the Fire training, De-suups instructors, Deployment team from Headquarters, and De-suups from National Environment Commission (NEC) were divided into four teams to cover the Chuzom, Namselling, and Sisina areas.

The Chuzom team comprised of 26 De-suups (25 females, 1 male, and 2 NEC De-suups). The team collected 25 bags of waste.

The Sisina team comprised of 22 De-suups (5 females, 15 males, and 2 NEC De-suups). The team collected 80 bags of waste.

The Namseling team comprised of 20 De-suups (5 females and 15 males). The team collected 40 bags of waste.

The fourth group which comprised of the Fire trainees formed the banner team and put up the banners of awareness from the Welcome Gate.

The teams collected 145 bags of waste in total from the cleaning areas. Five waste collector vehicles were arranged by the Thimphu City Corporation for the initiative.

DSP: DRIVING



- ✓ On November 16, 2022, 20 De-suups completed the month-long De-suung Skilling Programme - Driving training at Tongling center in Radhi, Trashigang. The closing ceremony was graced by the Dasha Dzongdag of Trashigang with the Gup, Superintendent of Police (SP) and the eight instructors also in attendance.

The trainees were awarded certificate of completion.



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NYAMRO CHRONICLES



MID-LIFE MIRACLE

My name is Namgay. I am 50 years old, and I am from Lobesa, in Punakha. I was always very interested in becoming a De-suup. Hence, I was overwhelmed when we, the ex-monks, were given the opportunity to undergo the 36th batch of De-suung training in 2019.

Right after the completion of my De-suung training, I underwent D36 training in Gelephu in December of 2019. During the pandemic, my first duty was for a month with the Food Corporation of Bhutan (FCB) to unload the rice bags. After that, I served for 24 days in Lobesa during the first lockdown. I was also among the first batch of Southern Border Duty (SBD) de-suups deployed at Gelephu for 33 days. When I got back to Lobesa, I was put in charge of Search and Rescue (SAR) for the second group for 23 days.

After that, I was appointed the Gojay of the quarantine facility for the students of Thinleygang. Later, I served the physical distance at Lobesa for 11 days.

I was appointed Gojay for Punakha Dzong Zhabtog for 71 days. I finished the year 2020 by getting training at the Military Training Academy in Lobesa on how to handle weapons in a special way. I also served for 24 days during the second lockdown in Punakha. Following that, I had the opportunity to attend 38 days of Search and Rescue training in Lobesa.

I decided to go and serve SBD again. This time, I led the team and served as Gojay for SBD Gelephu for 3 months and a week (97 days).

In January 2022, I served NBD for 4 months (120 days) in Tashi Yangtse. After that, I served as the Gojay for Thimphu Greening as well as the Gojay for the Thimphu Welcome Gate Project Gojay for 4 months. I also participated in the Trans Bhutan Trail bridge construction for 10 days.

I want to thank His Majesty from the bottom of my heart for letting us become De-suups and giving us the chance to serve His Majesty and our country. Before De-suung training, I was terminally sick and not able to work properly. It's a miracle that all of my illnesses have vanished since becoming a De-suup. I believe that by working with a pure heart and dedication, we can achieve enlightenment in this life.

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WIND-UP



PROJECT INFORMATION

Name of the scheme:- Khangdari-Godari Irrigation scheme, Yangner, Trashigang

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

LENGTH OF CANAL:- KANGDARI CHANNEL-1.6KM
 GODARI CHANNEL-0.8KM
 CANAL TYPE :- HDPE PIPE & OPEN CANAL
 HDPE PIPE SIZE :- 225MM (2X870M)
 OPEN CANAL :- 1.53KM
 NAME OF SOURCE :- JAMKHAR DRANG TOED.
 PROJECT COST :- Nu. 15.8 MILLION

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMMAND AREA :- 136.94 ACRES (CHUZHING)
 BENEFICIARIES :- YANGNER & JAMKHAR GEWOG
 BENEFICIARY :- 154 HOUSEHOLDS

DESUUPS DEPLOYMENT INFORMATION

NUMBER OF DESUUPS :- 60
 (REGULAR) :- 61

✓ On November 14, 2022, the Honorable DASHO DZONGDAG of Trashigang presided over the closing ceremony of the 3.5-kilometer-long Khangdari-Godari irrigation channel in Yangnyer Gewog. Approximately 60 De-suups have been engaged so far for the project. Col. Tsheten of the Royal Bhutan Army, the NS coordinator, the DZONGKHAG HEAD QUARTER, the Director from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, the Superintendent of Police (SP), DASHO DRANGPOEN, the representative from Dratshang, DT Thrizin, a few sector heads, Gewog officials, and beneficiaries were also in attendance at the closing ceremony.

The session concluded with the presentation of a certificate and His Majesty's Soelra to De-suups and project authorities. The project required more than ten months to complete.