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DID YOU KNOW?

On the auspicious occasion of Her Majesty The Gyaltshen's 32nd Birth Anniversary, H.E. the Chairperson of the National Council, Tashi Dorji, Dasho Tashi Wangyal and Zimpon Wom Dasho Sonam Thinley attended the inaugural of the Advanced Tour Guide Course under the De-suung Skilling Programme (DSP) in Punakha.

39 De-suups will be involved in the programme for five weeks.



Our Heartfelt Prayers...

Coinciding with Her Majesty The Gyaltshen's 32nd Birth Anniversary, De-suup volunteers hoisted 42 Zhabten prayer flags at the accident prone areas at Chuzom, Thimphu to offer respect, gratitude and heartfelt prayers for His Majesty and Her Majesty's eternal wellbeing.

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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.

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DE-SUUNG PRAYER



Particulars

1. March 26, 2021- Just a day before the NADPM & RCP began, the Nangchoe Team finished reciting 100,000 counts of Sangay Menla at Changjiji Lhakhang.
2. Every night for seven days, the Nangchoe Team recites, chants, and prays for the De-suups who have perished in unfortunate incidents. The De-suung family has lost 50 De-suups since 2021.
3. The Nangchoe Team also performs rituals and prayers for the ailing De-suups at the hospital who are suffering from a serious long-term disease.
4. The Nangchoe Team, led by one of the Zhung Dratshang's Four Lopens, delivers prayers for the deceased of a De-suup's family.
5. The Nangchoe Team lights butter lamps and recite prayers for The King, the country, and the people of Bhutan during natural disasters and tragedies, such as the current pandemic. The festival is hosted in monasteries across Bhutan, including Dodedra, Tango, and Semtokha, and is now taking place in Thimphu's Memorial Chorten.
6. The Nangchoe Team assists in serving, ushering, and washing dishes on auspicious days such as Zhabdrung Kuchoe, Duechen Ngazom, Lhabab Duechen, and others, mostly to relieve the monks in the monasteries of chores, allowing them to focus on their prayers.
7. In Memorial Chorten, a recitation of Droelma is currently taking place. Hundreds of thousands of prayers are recited for His Majesty the King and the Royal Family's long life and good health. The programme is led by the Losel Yangseling Anim Dratshang with the Nangchoe Team consisting of 30 De-suups.

Desuung Nangchoe was first initiated in 2016 under the command of His Majesty The King to celebrate the Birth Anniversary of Gyelsay Jigme Namgyal. The programme includes activities such as tree planting, cleaning campaigns, blood donations, and prayer chanting. In the same year, the first 10 million counts of Guru Rinpoche's prayers were recited in Thimphu's Memorial Chorten. His Holiness The Je Khenpo presided over the final five days of the event.

The Nangchoe Team has already covered a variety of recitations for the country, including Jigten Wangchuk, Sangay Moenla, and other Kurims (Rituals for Longevity). Soon after, Dratshang Lhentshog, under the command of His Majesty The Fourth King, took over the coordination and guidance of the Nangchoe team. Following that, the De-suup Re-skilling Programme was expanded to include two new programmes: De-suup Kurim and Nangchoe Program.



PIN AWARD CEREMONY



On June 4, coinciding with Her Majesty The Gyaltshen's 32nd birthday, Pins were awarded to De-suups who have served in the National Accelerated Dog Population Management and Rabies Control Programme (NADPM & RCP), one of the De-suung's National Services.

A total of 32 De-suups (15 male and 17 female) received pins at the De-suung Clubhouse (DCH) in Thimphu. The pins were also sent to other De-suups who worked on the project in different Dzongkhags.

Zimpon Wom Dasho Sonam Thinley presided over the ceremony and presented the pins.



CLEANING CAMPAIGN

To commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Her Majesty The Gyalttsuen on June 4, Cleaning campaigns were conducted in various Dzongkhags throughout the country.

The campaign was held as a humble tribute to Her Majesty The Gyalttsuen's commitment to environmental protection and care. It was also intended to aid in the completion of the "Plogging" challenge.

In Jampeling, Trashigang and Rabdheyling, Sarpang, 40 De-Suups from the patrolling team, SPCST, CRRH, De-Suup+ undergoing attachment at CRRH and Quarantine rest period carried out the cleaning campaign.

The campaign was carried out in the two respective Dzongkhags by the De-suung offices of Sarpang and Trashigang, contributing to the nationwide cleanliness drive. The Dzongkhag Coordinators were in charge of the operation.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

TRANS BHUTAN TRAIL



The International Trails Day falls on the First Saturday of June every year. This year, it coincided with the Birth Anniversary of Her Majesty The Gyaltsuen on 4th of June.

Trans Bhutan Trail, in partnership with the Bhutan Scouts Association, planned a Trail adoption walk across nine TBT Dzongkhags to commemorate the occasion. The trek also included the respective De-suung focal officers from each Dzongkhag. It also represented the adoption of the specific trail that the schools had walked on. The event was a great start to the TBT's Trail Adoption initiative, which will continue indefinitely. The initiative encourages schools in the country to adopt a trail in the coming days.

While on the trail, the schools also took part in the Plogging Challenge, which was organized by Yellow Bhutan to commemorate Her Majesty The Gyaltsuen's Birth Anniversary. This program brought together a total of 17 schools and around 700 students.

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De-suung Specialized Refreshers Course

The 9th batch of Specialized Refreshers Course (SRC) training started on June 6 in Lobesa, Punakha. The one-month long training includes two-weeks Weapon Training and Riot Control Drill. The opening ceremony was graced by the DT Commandant Colonel Tshering Nidup and Training Officer Lt. Colonel Tshewang Rinzin



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Male = 70, Female = 30, Coordinator = 1

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Total = 101





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- ✓ The 50th batch of the De-suung Accelerated Training Programme began on June 6, in MTC (Tencholing), Wing I (Tendruk), Wing V (Tashichholing), Wing IX (Pelrithang), Wing X (Dewathang), RBPTI (Jigmeling), and RBG (Dechenchholing) training centers .

The 50th batch of trainees consists of **1260 males** and **880 females (2140 total)**, who are currently unemployed, and have a minimum education qualification of Class X.

The training will conclude on June 26, 2022.