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His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Gyaltsuen graced the 12th De-suung Raising Day celebrations at the Changlimithang Stadium on 14th February, 2023

DID YOU KNOW?

De-suung Skilling Program

Introduction to Mental Health Course will start on 3rd April, 2023 for a duration of one month. This course will educate participants on mental illness and addiction issues and the services available at the community and national levels.

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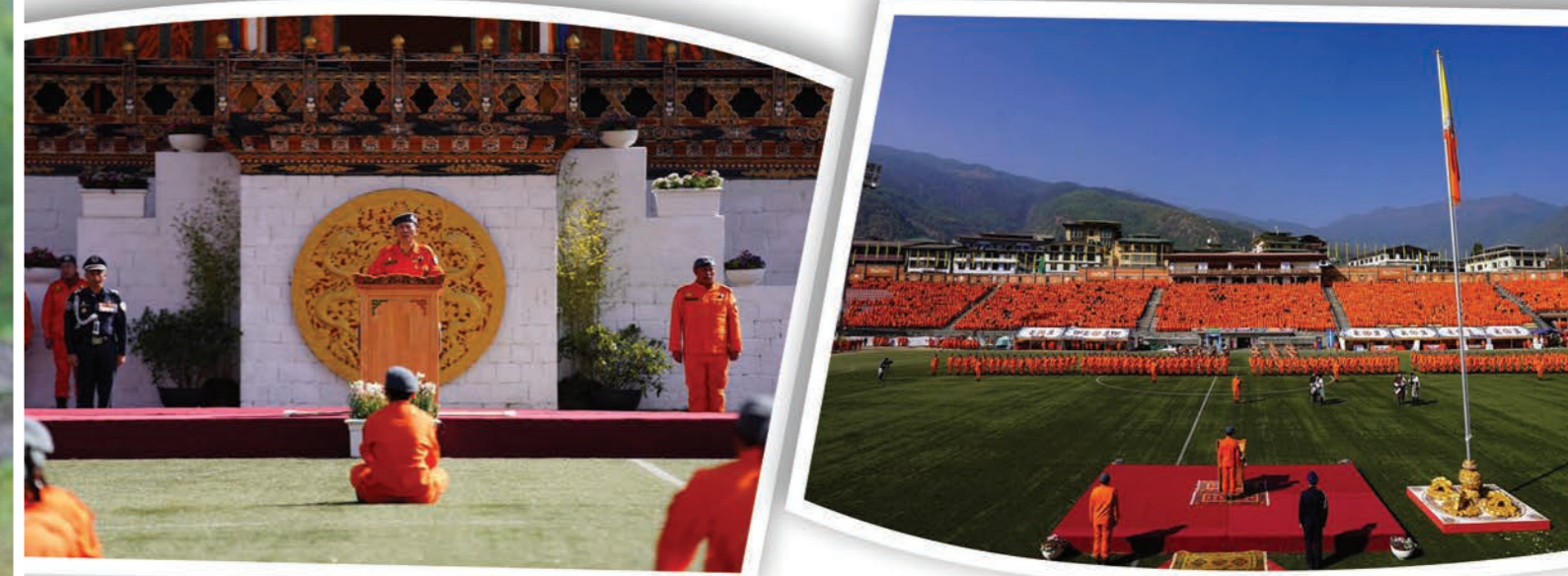
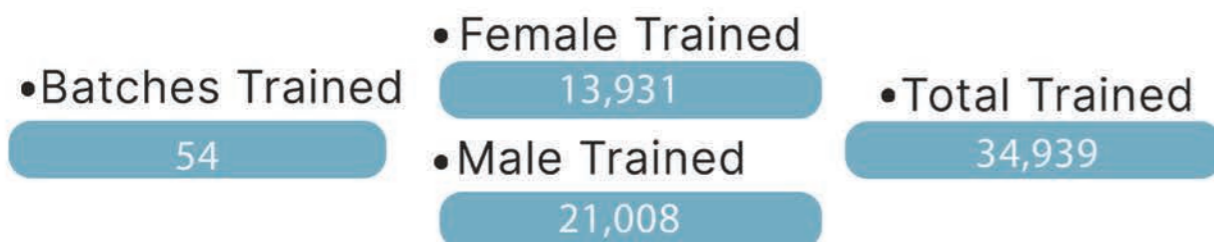
ABOUT THE GUARDIANS

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.



De-suung marked its 12th Raising Day on 14th February, 2023 with around 8,000 De-suups from across the country joining the celebrations.

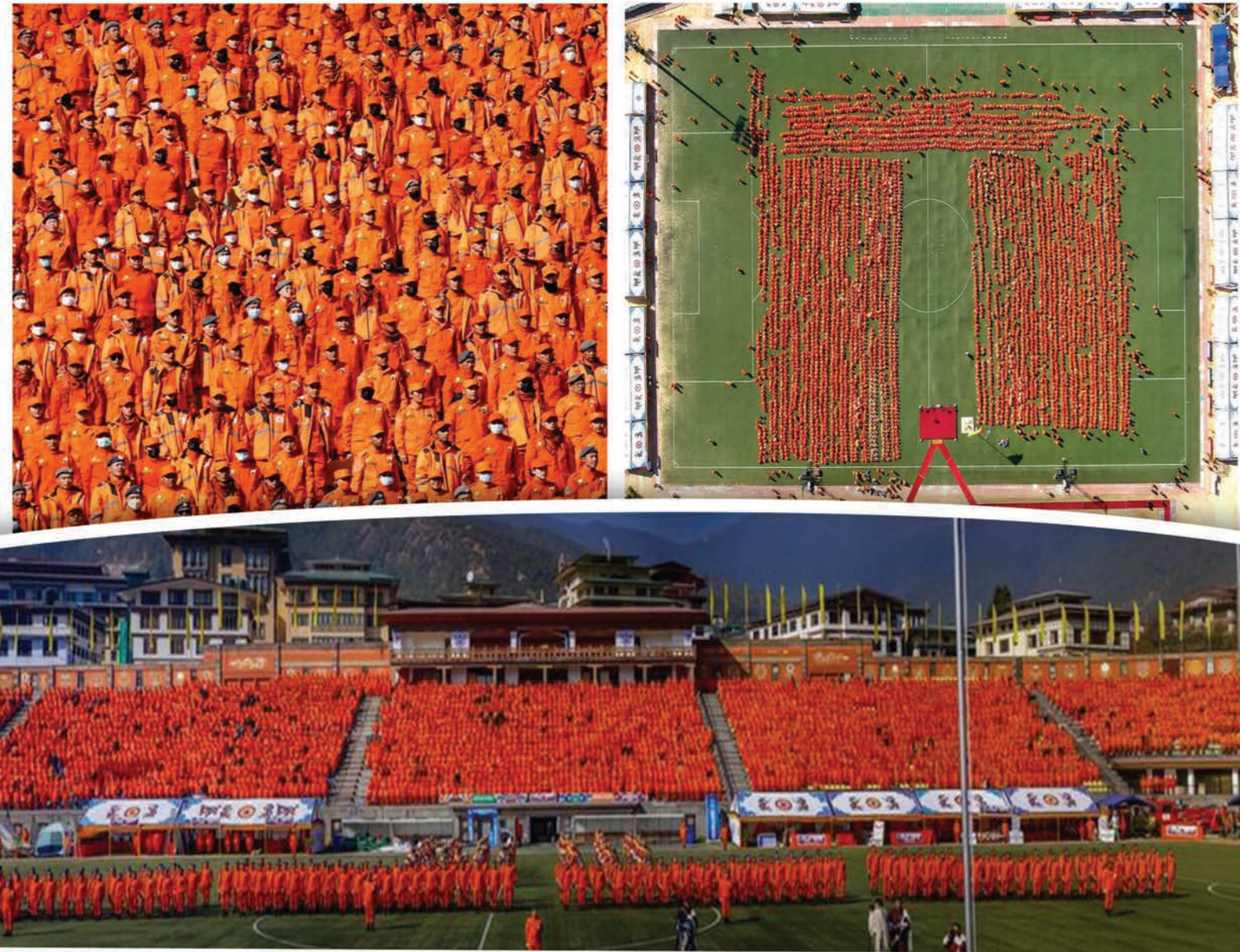
De-suung was established by Royal Charter in 2011 as a platform for trained volunteers to offer their services to the nation. Since then, 34,939 volunteers have been trained as De-suups in 54 successive training programmes. The 55th training programme is still going on.

The 12th De-suung Raising Day celebrations included Drill Performance, entertainment, and an exhibition of the many projects initiated by De-suung. The Chief Guest, Lyonchen Dasha

Dr. Lotay Tshering, outlined the most significant De-suung and De-suup services to the nation. Thanking them on behalf of the people of Bhutan, the Prime Minister said that De-suung is a splendid demonstration of the profound spirit of commitment and loyalty of the Bhutanese people for the nation, and expressed confidence that with His Majesty's guidance and leadership and the dedication of the people of Bhutan, we can look forward to the future with optimism



NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS



- ✓ De-suungs have volunteered during all national disasters and large national events since its inception, lending a helping hand whenever needed. Since 2020, De-suung began the Accelerated Training Program to allow for greater numbers of volunteers to become De-suungs during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The work of tens of thousands of De-suungs were critical to Bhutan's successful response to the pandemic. In 2020, De-suung National Service was initiated in accordance with His Majesty's Command that opportunities be created for Bhutanese youth to be part of projects of national importance and generational impact.

- ✓ De-suups have been engaged in several National Service Projects. De-suups in partnership with related RGOB agencies, have completed 34 Water Projects to build secure water supply infrastructure across Bhutan, while 6 projects are ongoing.

A special cadre of De-suups, the Alpha team, was engaged to help build accommodation and spaces for work and training for the projects and has completed close to 120 construction projects since 2020.

A yearlong pilot project for Road Construction at Kurizam, Gyalpozhing is a start to allow De-suups to support the construction of high-quality critical infrastructure in Bhutan. The De-suung for Gyalsung project is similarly engaged in building infrastructure at the 5 Gyalsung Academy sites.



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MFTP AND NADPM



✓ The million fruit tree plantation was initiated in early 2022 to plant high-value fruit trees across Bhutan. The second phase of this project began on

✓ The National Accelerated Dog Population Management Programme initiated in March 2022 has carried out mass sterilization of stray dogs, microchipping and registration of strays and pets and is an ongoing project.



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NYAMRO CHRONICLES



DESUUP: THE GLEAMER OF HOPE

Desuup, the guardian of peace which the word itself stance true, is birthed from an intellect of our visionary King, Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuck, the fifth Druk Gyalpo of Bhutan. Desuung is one of the many prodigious initiatives done by the great fifth, to promote and instill the sense of volunteerism in human beyond their proficiencies. The sheer volunteerism, the right values and the ethics, that is etched in the mentality of the DESUUPS had touched the heart of many people elsewhere in their lifeline.

Somewhere in the valance of our country, lots of cries and woes be heard. The ambulances are in rush, and the police cars are in push. The sirens are amplified. People are in their last breath where they had been met with the tragic accident. The site is filled with ocean of red where people are petrified to respond to the scene. DESUUPS stands headlong and attends the hasty response. Desuups had been always an epitome of inspiration to many people. The spirit of volunteerism and the integrity, gleams in the soul of the society. Desuups had been inculcating lots of constructive vibes, ever since the start of the desuung program. It is certainly that the best words in the thickened oxford dictionary are not enough to describe the exertion done by the desuups. In the hushed night, when everyone is in deep slumber, people are screaming, shouting for aid. The desuung has become identical with solidarity and assistance to the people around communities and cities because the revelation of this programme is to promote peace and unity through spirit of companionship and cooperation in the nation. Ever since the start of desuung, the desuups had been volunteering in any situational adversity, altruistic work and responding to the any nations call which depicted the enormous approbation in the people's heart.

Early then, when the prevailing pandemic had forayed in our country, Desuups had been shouldering the responsibilities to combat the deadly virus so that the people in the nation would be all safe. During national lockdown in our country, heroes of orange (Desuup) had been serving at their best and competences. Be it in torrential rain or in scorching sun, or in the worst scene of natural calamity, Desuups, the heroes of orange had been always, delivering their best service to keep our people all safe and protected. Desuups had been always playing the vital role, not letting viruses to get in the way of people's glorious life. But in other extend, our desuups had been in execrable state because the prosaic spirit of volunteerism had been remained unnoticed. The spirit of volunteerism, attending the disaster response and attending any national events with a ridicule always in high are simply the reason that desuups are the center of admiration by the people. Desuups sweating in hot and humid, freezing in cold and icy, tanned in the sun, and wet in the rain, those giving the best of their best to TSA-WA-TSUM are the source of inspiration to those who stays ideal and inactive.

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De-suung has also partnered with various government agencies to: carry out greening and beautification of towns and cities, which has included the development of green urban spaces, the construction and management of Ka-Ja Throm farmer's markets, building tanks and water supply systems for the breeding of Sturgeon and Crawfish by the Ministry of Agriculture; developing and maintaining the Trans-Bhutan trail and other important trails and historic sites; and partnering with DGPC for the construction of a new Hydropower plant.

Alongside these National Service Projects, De-suung also initiated the De-suung Skilling Programme, which has carried out over 300 programmes to train De-suups in a variety of wide ranging skills. The De-suung Skilling Programme was initiated as a gesture of appreciation from the State to the youth of Bhutan, for their exceptional services to the Nation during the pandemic. More than 7,500 De-suups have been trained in one or more of the programmes, and there is ongoing support to enhance their skills and help translate these skills into livelihoods.