



DE-SUUNG ZHABTOG

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Italian Language Skilling Program will begin on May 10th, 2023, and will last for a duration of three months. The program aims to teach participants basic Italian grammar and vocabulary, Italian pronunciation and accent, as well as Italian culture and customs.

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His Majesty The King arrived in Thimphu on 14th March, having concluded a weeklong tour of the South.

His Majesty travelled to Gelephu and Samdrup Jongkhar, and visited Gyalsung Academy sites, various ongoing De-suung Water Projects and De-suung Skilling Programme centers, and the Jigme Namgyel Engineering College in Dewathang. His Majesty also met with Dzongkhag and regional sector heads and private sector representatives.

His Majesty The King visited the Phibsoo Wildlife Sanctuary.

The Royal Tour began on March 8 in Gelephu, where His Majesty met with De-suups undergoing the 56th batch De-suung training, which is also a pilot BMT Training, intended to be used for Gyalsung.

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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

55

• Female Trained

14,625

• Male Trained

21,509

• Total Trained

36,134

UNSTOPPABLE FLARING OF FIRES ACROSS THE COUNTRY: A CONCERNING SITUATION



- ✓ In less than a month, a series of fire incidents have occurred across the country, causing significant destruction and concern. On 22nd February, a fire broke out in Chang Debsi, resulting in the destruction of a large forested area nearby. Just a week earlier, on 9th February, a six-unit semi-permanent staff quarter of Gidakom hospital caught on fire, adding to the alarm. Not even a week had passed when a bungalow at Shari Gewog in Paro was engulfed in flames on 5th March. A similar incident was reported in Dop-Shari Gewog in Juka Village, where a semi-permanent house was razed to the ground. On 10th March, the situation worsened when several families were left homeless due to a fire that started from army colony in Thimphu, spreading towards the Changjiji housing colony. The very next day, the fire destroyed three traditional Bhutanese houses in Lungkha Village of Dzomi Gewog in Punakha.

Despite the devastating impact of these incidents, the De-suup volunteers along with firefighters have come together to contain the fires and prevent them from spreading further.

It is crucial for individuals and communities to be aware of fire safety measures and take necessary precautions to prevent fires from breaking out. It is our collective responsibility to come together as a community and support each other during times of crisis to build a safer and more resilient society.

De-suups in action



Recently, a fire disaster in the army colony has caused significant damage, leaving the area in dire need of cleaning and debris removal. To show gratitude and thank the Royal Bhutan Army for their sacrifices in safeguarding the country, more than 200 desuups have volunteered to help in mopping and debris removal.

Dessups have come forward to support the Royal Bhutan Army in their time of need, reflecting the strong bonds and unity that exist in our society.

Their efforts have been instrumental in facilitating the cleaning and restoration process in the affected areas.

It is heartening to see such acts of kindness and generosity in times of crisis. They are a testament to the strength and resilience of our society, and the willingness of our people to step up and help each other in times of need.

In conclusion, the volunteer efforts of the desuups in mopping and debris removal after the fire disaster in the army colony is a beautiful example of how a community can come together to support each other. We are proud of the desuups and their service to our nation.

14th Batch SBD



A group of 22 De-suups have voluntarily offered their services to RBP for a period of three months, starting from 14th March. This batch is a part of the 346 young De-suups who have already completed their service as SBD Lhamozingkha. It is important for the De-suups to understand that since they are attached with the Police, they must follow the instructions of the Police Commander and perform their duties strictly in compliance with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). This will ensure the safety and security of both the De-suups and the public they are serving. The De-suups should also be aware that if they face any emergency situations, such as family problems or job-related issues, they must inform the respective incident commander by submitting an application. The De-suung Headquarters assures the welfare of the De-suups on ground, and they will be provided with necessary assistance if required.

Moreover, the De-suups are also advised to maintain the dignity and sanctity of the uniform they wear, which is His Majesty's gift to them. They must never consume alcohol in uniform and always show respect towards their uniform and the Royal Bhutan Police.

We wish the 14th SBD batch a successful and fulfilling service in Lhamozingkha.

De-suung Skilling Program



- ✔ De-suung Skilling Program in Community Based Rehabilitation (2nd Cohort) was closed on 13 March 2023 at the DSP Training centre in Phaduna, Punakha. 20 De-suups attended the training for duration of 2 months. Mr. Tshering Norbu and Mr. Tshering Penjor from JDWNRH were the expert trainers. Desuups from the first cohort and second cohort of this program will undergo the Intermediate course in April 2023.

Drangpon Ugyen Jamtsho, Punakha Dzongkhag was the Chief Guest and awarded certificates to the trainees. The Chief Guest congratulated the De-suups and reminded them of their core values of the training and wished them to make the best use of the knowledge that has been provided.



NYAMRO CHRONICLES



As a young girl, I was always drawn to the color orange. It was my favorite color, and I loved anything that was orange. However, little did I know that this color would have a significant impact on my life and shape my future.


I joined the Desuung fraternity because of the color orange. It was the color that represented dedicated and selfless service to the nation. As a Desuup, serving the community and the needy brought me immense joy and satisfaction. It made me realize the importance of being there for one another and serving our country with utmost dedication.

One of the proudest moments in my life was being able to serve my country during the Covid 19 pandemic. It was a challenging time for the entire nation, and being a part of the Desuung team, I felt a sense of responsibility to serve and support my fellow citizens. It was a challenging but rewarding experience, and it instilled in me a sense of patriotism and love for my country.

Even now, as I am living in a foreign land, my heart is still for the color orange and my beautiful and peaceful nation. Being a Desuup has been one of the most defining experiences of my life, and it has taught me the importance of serving others and being a responsible citizen.

In conclusion, I am a proud Desuup. The color orange, which first drew me to the Desuung fraternity, has become a symbol of service, sacrifice, and patriotism for me.

Serving my country as a Desuup has been an honor, and I will always cherish the memories and lessons that I have learned as a part of this incredible organization.

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Northern Border Deployment (NBD)



During the COVID-19 pandemic, the border areas of Bhutan required a significant number of security personnel to prevent the spread of the virus. Desuup fraternity, a volunteer organization, assisted the Armed forces in patrolling the border areas of Bhutan. The Northern Border Areas, located at high altitudes between 4000m to 6500m, were particularly challenging, but the journey was also an adventure given the beautiful views.

The Northern Border Deployment was initiated in 2020, and approximately 903 Desuups have served in NBD. Desuup Tshering Wangchuk served the highest number of days, i.e., 434 days, in NBD.

On March 10th, 2023, NBD was lifted, and all the duties were briefed and debriefed at Trashiyangtse Dzongkhag Guesthouse. Despite the challenging conditions they faced, Desuups played a vital role in ensuring the security and sovereignty of Bhutan. Desuups have been involved in various activities like disaster response, community services, and other social work, which has strengthened the nation's sense of community and resilience.

Overall, Desuups contribution to the nation's development and progress is commendable, and their service is greatly appreciated by the people of Bhutan.