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Official Newsletter of the Guardians



19th March 2023:

On the most auspicious Birth Anniversary of His Royal Highness Gyalsey, Ugyen Wangchuck, the De-suung family joins the nation in offering our sincere prayers for the good health, long life and the wellbeing of our Precious Gyalsey.

Happy 3rd Birthday la.

DID YOU KNOW?

De-suung Skilling Program

certain high areas in Thimphu experienced first snowfall of the year on 21st March.

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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

55

• Female Trained

14,625

• Male Trained

21,509

• Total Trained

36,134

19TH MOENLAM CHHENMO



The 19th Moenlam Chenmo (Great prayer for world peace), Trashi Yangtse commenced on 16th March at Chorten Kora. It was being presided over by His Holiness, the 8th reincarnation of Desi Tenzin Rabgey, Jigme Tenzin Wangpo with over hundreds of monks from various dratshang and lobdras under Trashi Yangtse Rabdey. Thousands of devotees gathered and prayed for the well being of all sentient beings and world peace. It concluded on 21st March. In the Moenlam Chenmo, a total of 15 desuups were deployed to provide assistance. Out of these, 10 desuups were assigned for crowd control duties, while 5 desuups were responsible for catering.

ZHAM WATER PROJECT COMPLETED



Coinciding with the 3rd Birth Anniversary of HRH Gyalsey Ugyen Wangchuck, the Longorchu Irrigation water project at Zham, Minjey gewog, Lhuentse was inaugurated on 19th March 2023.

The project was implemented under RGoB-De-suung National Service partnership project to enhance the current plan in order to provide secure irrigation water supply to boost the production and paddy yields. The area had been left fallow for longer period and most of the farmers had grown crops on small-scale for subsistence as it was characterized by low crop yields and production. With the completion of the new irrigation scheme it will provide irrigation water available throughout the seasons moreover it will significantly accelerate agriculture production and cash income through cropping intensification and agriculture commercialization.

The project will benefit 42 households of Zham village irrigating 380 acres of cultivable land.

The project was estimated at Nu 32 million. Around 57 De-suups we're engaged in the project for a duration of eighteen months. They have constructed 1 Intake, 1 sedimentation, 2 BPT, trasmission Pipe 6 Km and 4 distribution tank

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Hon'ble Dasho Dzongda of Lhuentse Dzongkhag and attended by officials from MoAL, Dzongkhag Administration, Desuung office, RBP and relevant stakeholder.

5th batch SAR refresher course



The 5th batch Search and Rescue Refresher Course for the Desuups was held from 13th March to 17th March 2023, in Lingmithang, Mongar. The course aimed to refresh and enhance the skills of the Desuups in search and rescue operations. Sixteen Desuups, comprising 14 males and 2 females, participated in the course, with one Desuup serving as the instructor.

Search and rescue operations are critical in emergency situations, and the role of the Desuups in such situations cannot be overemphasized. They are trained to respond to emergencies and provide support to those in need. The refresher course provided an opportunity for the Desuups to refresh their knowledge and skills, making them better equipped to handle emergency situations.

The course covered various aspects of search and rescue operations, including identifying and assessing emergency situations, developing search and rescue plans, conducting search and rescue operations, and providing medical support to the affected individuals. The course also emphasized the importance of teamwork, communication, and leadership in search and rescue operations.

8th Batch De-suug Fire Service Training Program



- ✓ The 8th batch De-suung Fire Service opening ceremony took place on March 23rd at the Fire Service Division (FSD), RBP with 30 de-suups, consisting of 18 males and 12 females.

The ceremony was honored by the presence of Dasho Karma Tenzin, Zimpon Wogma, who was the chief guest of the event.

The main objective of the training program is to provide the De-suups with the skills and knowledge required for basic fire management, including fire prevention and suppression techniques. Additionally, the training will cover fire engine drills and coordination mechanisms. The program will last for one month, after which the de-suups will be attached to the FSD for another month.



NYAMRO CHRONICLES



Since 2014, I have always dreamed of joining the De-Suung family. I remember seeing one of my friends serving the nation wearing an orange uniform, and I was immediately captivated. Although I knew that I didn't have to wear a uniform to serve my country, the De-Suung organization has always held a special place in my heart as it is closely associated with His Majesty's vision for Bhutan. When I returned to Bhutan after finishing my degree, I was thrilled to have the opportunity to do my accelerated De-Suung training as part of the 39th batch at the Military Training Center (MTC). I felt a sense of pride and excitement as I donned the iconic orange uniform and began my training. However, my time as a De-Suung member was not without challenges. Shortly after I completed my training, the pandemic hit our country, and I was called upon to serve for almost a month. It was a challenging time, but I was grateful for the opportunity to contribute in my own small way. After the initial wave of the pandemic subsided, I went on to join the Guma water project at Guma Gewog under Punakha Dzongkha. I spent almost a year working on the project, and it was an incredibly fulfilling experience. I was able to use my skills and knowledge to help improve access to clean water for the people of Guma, and I felt a strong sense of purpose and accomplishment. Following the completion of the water project, I joined the De-Suung Club House as part of the DSSU team. I worked there for more than a year, and it was a wonderful opportunity to continue my service to the nation. I learned a lot during my time there and was able to work alongside some truly inspiring individuals.

Finally, I was privileged to receive a contract employment offer from DGRK as part of the Logistics Team.

In conclusion, my journey with the De-Suung family has been an incredible one so far. From my initial fascination with the orange uniform to my various roles within the organization, I have been grateful for the opportunity to serve my country and work alongside some truly remarkable individuals. I look forward to continuing my journey with De-Suung and making a positive impact in whatever capacity I can.

 Kinzang Choden
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55th Batch De-suup orientation Program



The 55th De-suup orientation program, held on 20th March at Lungtenzampa Middle secondary school in Thimphu, was a resounding success. With a total of 151 De-suups in attendance, including 46 male and 105 female members, the program proved to be an informative and engaging event.

The 55th batch of De-suups had recently completed their 3-week accelerated training program on 25th February 2023, and the orientation program was aimed at providing them with further guidance and information about their duties as De-suups. A team from the Desuung headquarters delivered a briefing to the 55th batch, outlining the various roles and responsibilities of De-suups, as well as the expectations placed upon them.

With a total of 36134 members, the De-suup program has proven to be an effective means of mobilizing volunteers to support the community during times of need.