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Thimphu Greening



On 25th March, Desuung Head Office along with Thimphu Thromde, Ministry of Agriculture and livestock, Royal Commission for Urban Development and Tashichodzong Garden Project have energized 400 De-suups on Saturday around 2pm to beautify Thimphu Throm along the Norzin Lam.

The main assignment for volunteered De-suups were to re-organise flower garden, repairing and repainting railings, foot path beautification, drainage cleaning, repairing missing slabs and removing the logs along the footpath.

The actual program was to create awareness among the business owners and residents about the importance of staying clean, as the saying goes, "cleanliness is next to godliness".

The program which started on 25th March will prolong for next 4 to 5 working days owing to the maintenance required for the places so called as melting point of the country.

Furthermore the De-suung office have planned to initiate beautification works and cleaning campaign in other major towns in different Dzongkhags, as well as De-suung fertility seeks cooperation and nonstop supports from local residents, business owners and institutions to create such noble projects a successful one.

DID YOU KNOW?

25 Desuups are Deployed at Kaja Throm.

90 Desuups are Deployed at CFM including Night Duty.

55 Desuups are Deployed at Royal Takin Preserve Center.

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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

PARO GREENING



- ✓ Cleaning, greening, and beautification of Paro town is an important Des-ung initiative in partnership with the Dzongkhag Administration, National Seed Center, and Royal Project, to have positive impact on environment, health, and overall quality of life for its residents. Paro has been an important destination and entry exit point for majority of tourists visiting Bhutan.

The most important visiting season being the popular Paro Tshechu. We must collectively work towards making Paro clean, organized, green, and beautiful to ensure we keep Paro on the list of destinations for visitors/tourists. The objective of the cleaning and greening is to encourage waste reduction, increase green spaces and raise awareness about the importance of a clean and green environment by encouraging residents to take action.

Further cleaning and greening Paro and Thimphu require the participation and cooperation of all stakeholders, including businesses communities, residents, government agencies and youths.

International Zero Waste Day



Thimphu celebrated the International Day of Zero Waste for the first time on 30th March, 2023. This special event was made possible through the collaboration of different organizations, including the De-suung office, Thimphu Thromde, Dzongkhag Administration, Bhutan Red Cross Society, Taxi Association of Bhutan, Guide Association of Bhutan and Department of tourism.

Around 211 De-suups and other volunteers from various agencies gathered to clean up the whole Thimphu city. They were divided into 19 groups, covering the different places of the town from Changzamtok, Kala Bazar, Changjiji, Olakha, Babesa, Motithang, Changangkha, Kawajangsa, Main city and CFM areas.

On 14 December 2022, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed March 30 as the International Day of Zero Waste to promote sustainable consumption and production patterns, supporting the shift towards circularity, and raising awareness about how zero-waste initiatives can contribute to the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development.

The waste industry contributes significantly to the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. The adoption of zero-waste initiatives aims to promote sound waste management and waste prevention, thus addressing the triple planetary crisis and improving health and well-being.

LUGI RAWA LAM ZIMCHUNG RENOVATION BUMTHANG



Twenty-two De-suups volunteered for the renovation and reconstruction of Lama Zimchung. The site is located in Lugeraw, which is situated under Bumatang Chokhor gewong, and is also one of the renowned pilgrimage sites in Bumthang.

On March 25th, 18 male and 4 female De-suups walked for 2 hours from the road point to an elevation of 3300 Alt meters above sea level to reach the zimchung reconstruction site. The De-suups assisted with labor work in rebuilding the Lama Zimchung for 3 days and 2 nights.

However, the reconstruction work was not completed, and according to the Bumthang Regional Coordinator (RC), they are planning a re-trip program soon to complete the pending work at Lugeraw's Lama Zimchung in Bumthang.

The Project “CHOE GO”



The project "CHOE GO" is a unique initiative that was inaugurated on April 4, 2022, by a team from the DSP office, two engineers, and De-Suups at Chubachhu Thimphu. The project is expected to last for 15 months. The project is progressing well as per the plan under the guidance of experts and cooperation from volunteers, and the team is expecting to complete the project soon.

The project initially had 61 De-suups volunteers, but at present, there are 45 De-suups consisting of 28 males and 17 females, along with 6 carpenters (civil), 2 engineers, and 1 Thai expert. It's noteworthy that 60 percent of the De-suups volunteers are on OGT from Trongsa Dzongkhag, where they have finished multiple construction training.

This project is unique as it involves the construction of a permanent structure using 90 percent Glulam wood, which is rare to find. The floors of the building are solar heating, which makes it an eco-friendly project. The project is for De-suung, and it will be a De-suung integrated service center where they can showcase what they have learned from DSP.

The project has designated spaces for various activities, such as Zumba, Fablab, bakery, cafe, bistro, photo studio, mobile shop, hair salon, bike showroom, jewelry, ceramics shops, and other activities. The project is a great initiative to showcase the skills and expertise of De-suups and to provide them with an opportunity to learn new skills while contributing to the community.



NYAMRO CHRONICLES



Nothing has changed my life more than my decision to join the De-suung fraternity. Being a De-suup has imparted an unprecedented sense of nationality and the essence of being a true Bhutanese.

I believe I share the same feelings with my fellow De-suups. I was blessed with the opportunity to answer the nation's call during the dark phase of COVID-19.

As a De-suup, I served with the patrolling team, movement card division, and in the deployment department at the De-suung headquarters for months.

Being a De-suup has changed my outlook, and I am now an integral part of society with deeper commitments toward our shared responsibilities and common values.

De-suung has brought me a step closer to being a true Bhutanese, and elegantly attired in brilliant orange, the radiance of His Majesty's vision for a better Bhutan shall flourish beyond eons.

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FOREST FIRE AT ZHEMGANG



On 27th March, a forest fire broke out in Zhemgang Crashpai Pam at 1 PM. The fire started near the roadside, making it easier for firefighters to contain it from spreading to other areas. Fortunately, with the dedication and quick response from Desuup volunteers and other firefighters, the fire was completely contained by 3 PM on the same day.

8 Desuups were deployed when the fire broke out.