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De-suung for Gyalsung



“De-suung for Gyalsung” (DFG) program was initiated under the command of His Majesty The King to meaningfully engage De-suups in learning skills in the construction. The De-suups are expected to learn, skill, reskill and up-skill themselves in the construction sector at five Gyalsung project.

At present around 660 Desuups are deployed in the five GA sites. The DHQ in collaboration with Gyalsung Infra plans to deploy around 9000 De-suups to the GA.

To further enhance the skill of De-suups, the Gyalsung Infra provided opportunity to train De-suups in the sector of “Advance Plumbing- Product installation of faucets & sanitary” at Kolkatta, India and “Steel works and power training” at Rajhasthan, India.

DID YOU KNOW?

Currently, 35 Desuups have been deployed at the Royal Bhutan Army (RBA) campus in Thimphu for beautification and landscaping purposes.

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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

TSHECHU



- ✓ The Paro Tshechu is an annual religious festival that takes place in Paro, Bhutan. It attracts a large number of locals and tourists from all over the world and is one of the biggest and most popular festivals in Bhutan. This year, the festival started on March 2nd and ended on March 6th. A total of 124 desuups were deployed for various duties during the festival, including 9 desuups for preparation, 20 desuups for crowd control, 55 desuups for traffic management, and 40 desuups for town patrolling. The festival is known for its colorful and vibrant dances performed by monks dressed in traditional Bhutanese attire. The dances are accompanied by traditional music played on drums, horns, and other instruments and tell stories from Bhutanese mythology and history. The festival usually takes place in the spring, with the exact dates varying each year according to the Bhutanese lunar calendar.

In addition to the Paro Tshechu, the Tsirang Tshechu also took place from March 28th to March 31st. 17 desuups were deployed for Tshechu duty during this festival. The Tsirang Tshechu is another popular religious festival in Bhutan, known for its lively dances and colorful costumes.

SRC Pin Ceremony



30 SRC Desuups who had just completed their two-month deployment at Gelephu were awarded upgraded SRC pins by the SRC Coordinator, Dasho Tshering Tobgay, on April 3rd at De-suung Headquarters.

GYENCHA JEWELRY



Gyencha
Gems and Jewellery



This is the first business venture of authentic Bhutanese handcrafted jewelry made by Bhutanese youth. They are using high grade American raw materials and equipment to create custom jewelry. Each piece is unique and handmade, no two pieces are exactly alike, and the perfect gift for yourself or someone you love. Kezang Lhaden is 22 years old and is from Trashigang. She graduated from High School and was not sure what she would do next. It wasn't until she did the DSP on Fashion Jewelry and Metal Smithing that she became confident she wanted to create beautiful jewelry.

Phub Dorji is 22 years old and from Wangduephodrang. As the youngest of 7 siblings, he considers himself lucky to complete his high school graduation. He enjoyed playing sports and learning new skills like video editing rather than studying. When he did the DSP in Metal Smithing he found out that he enjoyed carving out Dzongkha calligraphy in his designs.

Tshering Wangchuk will soon be teaching the basic Metal Smithing skills in the upcoming DSP course, which will be followed up with the Intermediate training by the American expert trainer, Mr. Michael McRae.

LIGHT INSTALLATION IN HAA DE-SUUNG CLUBHOUSE



On 1st March, a group of 14 De-suups volunteered for the installation of street lights around the Haa De-suung clubhouse. The group comprised of 8 male De-suups and 6 female De-suups, who had come forward to offer their services for this important community project. Over the past month, the De-suups have been working hard to install the street lights, which are expected to be completed by mid-April.



NYAMRO CHRONICLES



The presence of a single positive desuup can make a significant difference across the country, even before and since the COVID-19 pandemic began, thanks to the wise vision of our supreme commander who aims to benefit all citizens of our country.

I joined desuup to be one of the individuals who can help make our country a better Bhutan. Growing up aspiring to wear the green uniform, I aspired to be a military officer, which I couldn't fulfill. However, taking the desuup training and becoming a De-suup was the closest I could get to serving my country as a true volunteer.

After joining the De-suung training and completing it, the way I was trained to be a disciplined and responsible person has not only taught me how to be a better person on a personal level, but also how to be a responsible citizen. Serving our country in times of need and during difficult times instilled in me a sense of responsibility towards my beloved country and my supreme commander. My duty as a De-suup was motivated by the love for my country and my unconditional respect and dedication to my supreme commander. Joining desuup is a desire and a life skill that makes a lot of difference in society and benefits each and every individual.

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Fire at Majathang in Samtse



On 2nd April, a fire broke out at a two-storied semi-permanent structure in Majathang, located 200 meters above Samtse Gewog. The ground floor of the structure was made up of stones cemented by mud, while the upper storied was made of wood. Unfortunately, the fire completely razed the building to the ground. The incident happened at around 12:40 pm.

Upon hearing about the incident, an investigation team along with fire and rescue personnel and 16 De-suups who were engaged in cleaning the Samtse town area marched to the location to provide assistance. The De-suups were able to provide immediate aid and support to the affected individuals, helping to put out the fire and prevent further damage to the surrounding area.

The cause of the fire is yet to be determined, but the incident highlights the importance of fire safety and preparedness. It is essential for individuals and communities to be aware of fire safety measures and take necessary precautions to prevent such incidents from occurring.