



DE-SUUNG ZHABTOG

Official Newsletter of the Guardians



Midnight Duty Call



DID YOU KNOW?

The 57th batch of Desuung training program will begin on April 16th at five different training centers and will involve 1190 Desuups.

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Genuine Gratification from De-suup fraternity

Let's express our gratitude to Samzingkha's RBA night duty personnel, the Fire Division, RBP, and our DFS De-suups for their efforts in putting out a fire that had started at 1:05am on 11th April. The fire broke out above Samzingkha on the way to Tandin Nye, however with continuous support form volunteers the raging fire was completely extinguished by 1:49am, including proper mopping up. More over the night duty personnel at Samzingkha (RBA) immediately called 110 RBP and responded to the fire outbreak, with bond of togetherness the fire was successfully contained within an half and hour .

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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-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

LOENTSE FIRE



- ✓ On April 9th, at around 1pm, a forest fire broke out above Loentse (Pangzhikha, Samtengang). A total of 56 De-suup personnel were deployed during the fire incident, along with RBP personnel and officials from the forest department team. The fire took two days to be contained due to the continuous flow of wind, and the geographical terrain became another drawback in the effort to contain the forest fire.

Lhamoidzingkha SBD



On the night of March 29th at Lhamoidzingkha SBD, the poles supporting the roof of the dining room gave in, bringing the whole roof down due to heavy rain and strong winds. On March 30th, De-suups and army personnel collected fresh poles to erect the roof again. Some of them stayed back to clean up the debris left behind by the storm.

On April 4th, 2023, the reconstruction was initiated with some help from local people, as requested by the RBP O.C of Lhamizingkha.

People involved were:

- 5 De-suup personnel (Soledar OP)
- 2 RBA personnel
- 3 local people

On April 7th, 2023, work resumed and the team completed setting up the side wall/barrier, which helps keep the dogs away. With this, 100% of the work was completed that day.

[12:46 PM, 4/12/2023] +975 77 27 88 32: On 8th April, four male and two female Desuups from Trashigang Dzongkhag participated in a mock drill as a rescue team alongside the health department of Trashigang Dzongkhag. The Desuups were trained to provide efficient and effective assistance during emergency situations.



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MIRACLE AS A DE-SUUP

Becoming a De-suup is one of the most unforgettable miracles that has happened in my life. I never thought that I would have the opportunity to serve my nation in such a meaningful and impactful way. As a civil servant, I have always been committed to serving my TSA-WA-SUM with utmost dedication and sacrifice. But the experience of being a De-suup has been transformative. It has given me a renewed sense of purpose and a deep appreciation for the power of volunteer service.

Through De-suup, I have had the chance to work alongside some of the most dedicated and inspiring people I have ever met. The satisfaction I feel from being able to make a difference in the community is immeasurable, and knowing that I am playing a vital part in supporting the well-being of others is truly overwhelming. The privilege of serving my king and country during these unprecedented times is an opportunity that I hold dear to my heart. As a Desuup, I am fortunate to work close to what my heart desires - serving my fellow citizens. I have also been humbled by the generosity and kindness of the people I have met while serving as a De-suup. The gratitude and appreciation that De-suup receives from the community are truly heartwarming.

As I continue to serve as a De-suup, I am constantly reminded of the importance of community service and selflessness. I pledge to do so with even greater dedication and commitment. I will work tirelessly to fulfill the aspirations of my King and make a meaningful impact on the lives of those around me. It is an honor to serve as a De-suup, and I will continue to do so with pride and gratitude.

I feel truly blessed to have been given the chance to become a De-suup. Thank you, Your Majesty, for this invaluable gift. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all my De-suup comrades for being an inspiration to me and countless others. I believe that our work as De-suups is an important part of building a stronger, more resilient Bhutan, and I am honored to be a part of this effort.

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Mock Drill in Trashigang



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MONITORING OF WATER PROJECT



Inspired by His Majesty The King's vision, which was expressed during his address to the people of Bhutan on September 12, 2020, regarding the importance of conserving water resources, improving public access to water, and engaging youth in this national endeavor, the Royal Government of Bhutan, in collaboration with De-suung, initiated a total of 42 projects in the country. To date, 36 of these projects have been successfully completed and handed over to the community. These projects were built with vigor and commitment by our youth and must be properly conserved and maintained. With the increasing number of projects being completed, a simple and understandable Monitoring & Evaluation framework is required. Therefore, this M&E framework has been developed with the goal of monitoring and updating the status of completed projects.

This M&E form has been developed to:

- i) Monitor the state of all water projects completed under the RGOB - De-suung Water Project.
- ii) Note any issues, problems, and repairs required.
- iii) Submit any issues and problems encountered to relevant stakeholders

KURIM AT PANGRIZAMPA



De-suups deployed for Kurim at Pangrizampa.

A 9-day Kurim started at Pangrizampa College of Astrology on April 11. To manage the large number of people who come for daily blessings, a total of 9 De-suups have been deployed for crowd control. Their core duty is to ensure that citizens can move through the crowd smoothly, with proper alignment and smooth passage for those engaged in religious activities at Pangrizampa. The yearly conducted Kurim is done for the well-being of the people and to dispel negative karma and obstacles, including those caused by natural calamities and other negative omens. The Kurim will end on April 19.