



DID YOU KNOW?

40 Desuups have been deployed as zhabtog for the Kabum Wang Chadri at Autsho, Tshenkhar Gewog, Lhuentse Dzongkhag from April 14th to May 1st.

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His Majesty The King concluded 9-day Royal Tour of the southern dzongkhags and arrived in Thimphu on 23rd April.

During the Tour, His Majesty visited Punakha, Tsirang, Sarpang and Gelephu, Samdrup Jongkhar, Samtse and Phuentsholing, meeting with members of the community represented by sector heads, civil servants, local leaders, and the private sector. His Majesty also granted Audiences to the participants of the 57th Batch Accelerated Desuung training programme. The 57th Batch training is ongoing simultaneously in Dewathang, Tendruk, Tashicholing, Jigmeling, and Tashigatshel. With 1,159 participants, the 57th batch training takes up the number of DeSuups trained so far to 38,935.

His Majesty also visited the Gyalsung Academy site being developed in Jamtsholing, Samtse, and met with the people working on the site, including participants of the Desuung for Gyalsung programme, who are being trained on the job in high-quality infrastructure development works.



APPRECIATION FROM THE COO OF THE ROYAL BHUTAN ARMY



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Chief Planning Officer
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Dear Tandin,

1. I write to thank the Desuup fraternity for the tireless support rendered by the Desuups to the Royal Bhutan Army during the unfortunate fire incident on 9th March 2023 in Lungtenphu and in re-construction of the family quarters in the same area. On completion of the re-construction of the family quarters, the Desuups have beautified the area by planting trees, flowers and creating a rock garden.
2. Ever since the Desuung institution was raised by His Majesty The King in 2011, Desuups have been omnipresent and involved in different kinds of service to the community. The Armed Forces and their families are fully appreciative of the concern and volunteerism shown by the Desuups in rebuilding the lives of the families who lost all their belongings in the tragic fire incident.
3. I am sanguine that the Desuups will continue doing the good job that you are doing and realize His Majesty The King, our Supreme Commander in Chief's vision.
4. Please thank all Desuups once again for their service, on behalf of the Armed Forces.

*With regards,
Sincerely
Batoo*

✓ The De-suung Office was honoured to receive a message of appreciation from the COO of the Royal Bhutan Army, expressing gratitude on behalf of the RBA to the De-suung fraternity for the support rendered during the fire incident at Lungtenphu in March, and for their voluntary work to rebuild family quarters that were lost. COO Lt. Gen Batoo Tshering also noted that the rebuilding efforts extended to developing gardens including a rock garden, and planting trees and flowers to make the area more beautiful than before.

COO has asked the De-suung Office to convey the warmest appreciation of the Armed Forces and families to the De-suups for their spirit of volunteerism and for being ever ready to serve.

DE-SUUNG ZHABTOG

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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

Punakha Kaja Throm Inauguration



Punakha Kaja Throm was graced by H.E. Minister for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Lyonpo Tandi Dorji, coinciding with Zhabdrung Kuchoe - a momentous occasion for the town and its residents.

The event was also attended by H.E. the Prime Minister, the Chairperson of the National Council, and other members of the NC.

The inaugural event was marked by a series of delightful events that drew large crowds from all over the region. Located at the site of an old market shed in Khuruthang, the Kaja Throm features gardens, green spaces, art and garden installations, public toilets and conveniences, as well as areas for vegetable and fruit vendors to display their product.

The opening ceremony was accompanied by live music performances by Bhutanesse artists like Ugyen Panday, Baby Floyd, and other famous singers.

DSP has several stalls displaying craft products and food stalls, as well as Garuda- a cafe and bar.

Overall, the opening of Kaja Throm at Khuruthang, Punakha was a resounding success.

Thimphu Greening at Kaja Throm, Thimphu



The Thimphu Greening Project at Kaja Throm was a great success thanks to the hard work and dedication of 25 Desuups, 14 of whom were male and 11 female. The project started on March 15, 2023, and was completed on April 27, 2023.

During the project, the Desuups cleared the area of litter and debris and planted a variety of beautiful flowers and plants to enhance the natural beauty of the surroundings. Among the plants they planted were California poppy, Hosta, Piptanthus, Rhododendron, Vaccinium, Forsythia, Ceratostigma, and Cottonstar.

Their efforts have not only made the area more visually appealing but also helped to promote environmental sustainability and create a more pleasant environment for the local community and visitors alike.




NYAMRO CHRONICLES



Proud to be Desuup.

As a Desuup, I feel proud and honored to serve my country and community. It is a great feeling to be able to contribute to the well-being of others and make a positive impact on their lives. Being a Desuup has taught me the importance of selflessness, discipline, and teamwork. Furthermore, as a Desuup, one can be a positive role model for others in your community by demonstrating good behavior and leadership. Remember, even small actions can make a big difference in your community. Being a Desuup is not just a job or a duty, it is a calling. It requires courage, dedication, and a willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty. We have answered that call, and for that, we should be proud. As a Desuup, we have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others. Whether it is providing assistance during a natural disaster, helping to maintain law and order, or simply lending a listening ear to someone in need, our service is invaluable. So be proud of being Desuup. We have earned that pride through hard work, dedication, and commitment to serving others. We are making a difference, and that is something to be celebrated.

Overall, being a Desuup has been a fulfilling and rewarding experience, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve my king, country, and community in this capacity.

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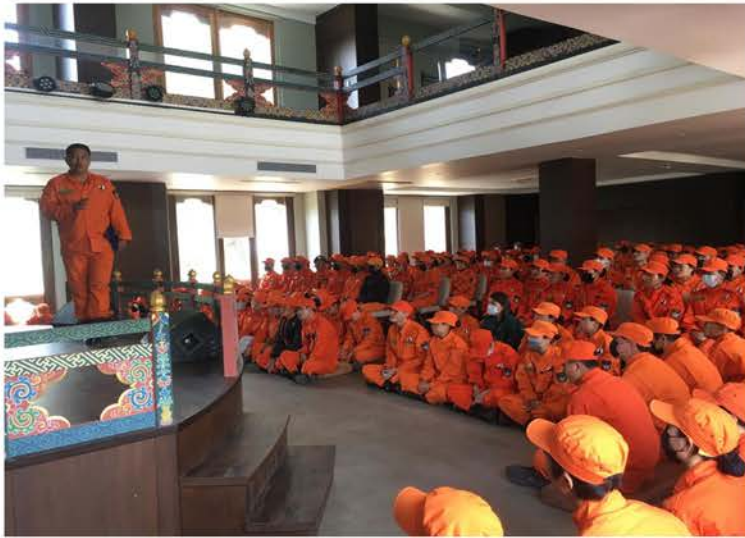


Zhabten Prayer Flags maintenance at Kuensel Phodrang



On April 25th, 35 De-suups volunteered to replace damaged prayer flags along the roadside of Kuensel Phodrang. Some prayer flags were worn out and needed to be replaced, and some poles were unstable. With the immediate help of the volunteers, the damaged prayer flags were replaced and properly installed along the roadside from the Hindu temple towards the Buddha points. It took almost 6 hours to completely replace and remove the damaged prayer flags and poles, which were actually started at 9 am and completed at 2 pm.

Local Deployment



On 28th April 2023, a total of 210 Desuups were registered for Thimphu local deployment that is scheduled to start from 1st May and last until the end of June. These Desuups attended a briefing session at the DCH auditorium hall, they were provided with important information regarding their roles and responsibilities during the deployment period.

During the briefing, the Chief Planning Officer gave a speech highlighting the dos and don'ts that the Desuups need to follow while they are on duty. The CPO emphasized on the importance of discipline, punctuality, and teamwork to ensure the success of the deployment.

Following the CPO's speech, individual Gojay's, who are responsible for supervising the Desuups, gave a brief history of their ongoing work and its status. The 210 Desuups were divided into different duty locations.