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DID YOU KNOW?

Total of 82 De-suups Completed Their Courses in Various Disciplines of Flowers Arrangement, Floriculture, Community Based Rehabilitation (intermediate) and Tailoring on Monastic robes at the DSP Centre, Phaduna, Punakha.

Announcement

Their Majesties, The Druk Gyalpo and Gyaltseen are happy to share the news that Her Majesty is expecting their third child, due in early autumn.

Their Majesties wish to thank everyone for their continued good wishes and prayers.

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PASSING OUT PARADE



His Majesty The King granted an Audience to the participants of the 56th batch De-suung, Pilot Basic Military Training in Wing IX, Pelrithang on 17th June 2023.

His Majesty was accompanied by Lt. General Batoo Tshering DYG, DRT, DW, DT, DK, Chief Operations Officer, Major General Chimi Dorji, DNY, Chief of Police and Brigadier Pema Dorji, DNY, RBG Commandant.

With the latest batch of trainees, there will be 37,792 Desuups (22,372 male and 15,420 Female) who have received training since the programme was initiated in 2011.

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✓ His Majesty The King graced the Passing out Parade of the Pilot BMT 56th Batch Desuung training at Pelrithang, Gelephu on 17 June, 2023.

The 56th batch De-suung training, which began in March this year, was developed as a special programme to pilot part of the Gyalsung training which all Bhutanese youths will receive beginning next year.

It was designed to be as close to the Gyalsung training as possible, with the training centre close to one of the Gyalsung Academies, and taking place at the same time of year. 500 young men and women participated in the 3-and-a-half months training programme, which consisted of Basic Military Training, National Education, and Life Skills Development.

Speaking at the Passing-out-Parade,

His Majesty said that in the course of nation-building, we embark on some goals that can be achieved quickly, and others which span generations and millennia, fuelled by a sense of providence.

His Majesty said that Bhutan's uniqueness grew out of the efforts of multiple generations over a thousand or more years, and has shaped our identity as a nation. Such a legacy can only be built over time and with continuous effort, and the Desuung and Gyalsung programmes are part of our endeavour to reinforce our heritage.

His Majesty thanked the young participants for choosing to volunteer their time for the programme, which represents the first steps towards Bhutan embarking on a new journey. "You helped our future generations take the first steps forward," His Majesty said.



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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

57

• Female Trained

15,420

• Male Trained

22,372

• Total Trained


37,792



NYAMRO CHRONICLES



Since childhood, I have always dreamt of serving my country when I grow up. At one time, I thought I could fulfill this dream by joining the military, but circumstances prevented me from doing so. Later on, I decided to study harder and dedicate myself to a government service, never anticipating that I would become a member of a De-suup family, which allowed me to make a small contribution to my country. Over the past three years, as a member of the De-suung family, I have had opportunities to serve in various capacities, including SBD (Jomotsangkha, Gelephu, Phuntsholing), the 4th and 5th Lockdowns, the national digital identity program, and the De-suung head office. Through these experiences, I have come to understand the true meaning of John F. Kennedy's quote: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country". The size or number of services provided is not what matters the most; what truly matters is the satisfaction in your heart, knowing that you have made a difference. Given the chance, I would be more than willing to step forward in the future to serve the tsa-wa-sum, and I will never forget that I am a De-suup and will always be willing to do anything for my country.

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Pemagatshel Cleaning Campaign



A total of 12 Desuups from the Zobel unit actively participated in the cleaning campaign on 10th June 2023. The team worked together for approximately 4 hours to complete the assigned tasks. The cleaning and dismantling activities at Guru Phodrang, as well as the dismantling of the temporary duty shed at Mongling, were carried out efficiently and effectively by the Desuups of the Zobel unit. The team demonstrated dedication and commitment in completing the assigned tasks within a short period of time. The pending tasks of whitewashing the chorten, attending to the steps railing, and flower plantation will be undertaken during the next campaign. These efforts contribute to the preservation and maintenance of cultural heritage sites, ensuring a clean and pleasant environment for locals and visitors alike.

The coordinator extends sincere thanks and appreciation to all the participants who actively took part in the cleaning and dismantling campaign. The Zobel unit coordinator kindly requests Gojay's assistance in procuring the required lime to facilitate the preservation and beautification of Guru Phodrang.