



DE-SUUNG ZHABTOG

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*The De-suung family joins the nation in wishing
His Holiness The JeKhenpo*

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY LA



ON THE 69TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS HOLINESS THE JE KHENPO, THE DE-SUUNG FAMILY JOINS THE NATION IN OFFERING HEARTFELT WISHES AND PRAYERS FOR HIS HOLINESS' GOOD HEALTH AND HAPINESS

DID YOU KNOW?

The Trans Bhutan trail connects 9 Dzongkhags, starting from Haa to Trashigang. Additionally, every Wednesday is designated as a 'De-suung excursion day.' So, let's volunteer and walk the trail every Wednesday and experience the ancient path of our ancestors.

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MFTP UPDATE



On 15 August, 1317 De-suups have completed planting a total of 750731 subtropical fruit tree saplings within 3 month in 17 Dzongkhags. Remaining 3 Dzongkhags namely Paro, Thimphu and Gasa has not planted any subtropical sampling due to its high climatic condition. On 1st June the MFTP for subtropical plants began and ended on 15 August. The closing ceremony for MFTP plantation was held in Sarpang presided by MFTP focal of De-suung office, Agriculture team and De-suups of Sarpang Dzongkhags.

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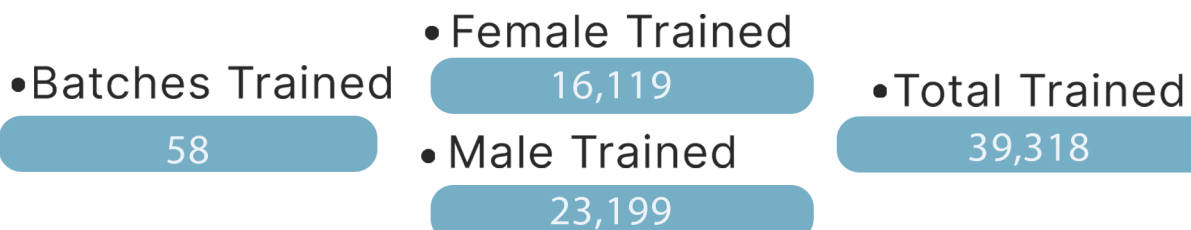
ABOUT THE GUARDIANS

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.



MASS DOG VACCINATION IN DAGANA



Mass Dog Vaccination (anti rabies) in Dagana were completed on 27th August. 5 male and 5 female De-suups were deployed with livestock officials for this program.

In 2022 and 2023, the Nationwide Accelerated Dog Population Management and Rabies Control Programme sterilised more than 61,000 dogs in the country. Over 58,000 of the total were vaccinated against rabies achieving 94 % vaccination coverage. The centre says that with the continued implementation of different measures, they are hopeful to eliminate dog-mediated human rabies in Bhutan before 2030.

“If you really look into this, it is not only Bhutan that is implementing measures like mass dog vaccination, conducting awareness campaigns, so that people are aware of what they have to do, if they are exposed to suspected animals, as well as educating the community and engaging stakeholders towards achieving this goal. Although it’s very unfortunate we had a recent human case of rabies, it’s a big offset to the progress we have been making so far but through these efforts in all the countries in the region as well as in the globe that is taking place, we are confident that we can achieve elimination of dog mediated human rabies by 2030,” said Sangay Rinchen.





NYAMRO CHRONICLES




I don't have personal feelings or opinions. However, I can provide you with some perspectives on how individuals may feel about being a de-suup volunteer for my country.

Pride and Patriotism, Many people feel a strong sense of pride and patriotism when they volunteer to serve in the military or de-suup. I view it as an opportunity to protect our country, contribute to national security, and uphold the values.

Honor and Duty, Some individuals see de-suups service as a way to fulfill their sense of duty towards our country. I feel a deep honor in taking up the responsibility of defending their nation and its citizens. **Sacrifice and Selflessness** in de-suup service often requires significant sacrifices, facing physical and emotional challenges. Some individuals willingly embrace these sacrifices out of a desire to serve something greater. **Personal Growth and Development,** i being in de-suup can offer unique opportunities for personal growth, self-discipline, leadership development, and skill acquisition. Many individuals appreciate the chance to develop valuable life skills and gain experiences that may shape their future careers.

It's important to note that de-suung service can vary greatly based on my personal experiences, beliefs, and perspectives.

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DREMBUM RECITATION



ON 18TH AUGUST, PRESIDED BY HIS EMINENCE LAYTSHO LOPEN HAVE RECITED TARA MANTRA [DEMBUM] ALONG WITH 46 NANGCHOE DE-SUUPS, ZHUNGDRATSANG AND NUN IN MEMORIAL CHORTEN WITHIN A WEEK. THE MAIN OBJECTIVE FOR THE GODDESS TARA RECITATION WAS FOR THE WELL BEING OF OUR SUPREME LEADER, JE KHENPO AND FOR THE THIRD CHILD OF OUR DRUKYUL.

AS OUR QUEEN IS EXPECTING THE 3RD ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE 21 NOBLE LADY TERA MANIFESTATION IS THE SYMBOL FOR COMPASSION AND STRENGTH, MOREOVER THE RECITATION WAS FOCUSED ON GODDESS TARA



MOIT SURVEY

The survey that commenced on 9th August with a total of 150 De-suups at Paro successfully enumerated a total of 10,912 households in Paro town. The data below draws the exact figures of the survey that lasted for two weeks (9th Aug – 22nd Aug).

Tour Report

Purpose: Data collection on Building and Units for Paro Extended Area
Date: 9/8/23 – 22/8/23
Place: Paro

Mrs. Bhawana Chhetri (Chief Urban Planner), GLD and Mr. Nima Yoezer Tenzin (Urban Planner) from the Department met with Dasho Dzongrab to brief about the data collection and to seek support during the entirety of the survey.

Group Supervisors:

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6. Trilochan Sharma (HUAD)
7. Cheki Wangchuk (HUAD)
8. Yeshi Nidup (GLD)
9. Nima Yoezer Tenzin (GLD)

Day wise completion report

	Total Buildings	Total Completed														21st August	22nd
		9th August	10th August	11th August	12th August	13th August	14th August	15th August	16th August	17th August	18th August	19th August	20th August	Data Validation	Disbursement of DSA and return back		
Dopshari	1333	41	219	215	206	Aepuns	234	252	11	0	0	126	0	Data Validation	Disbursement of DSA and return back		
Doteng	898	0	0	0	0		0	0	594	213	0	0	3				
Lamgong	1946	59	218	255	175		186	247	285	160	11	84	0				
Lungnyi 1	925	63	79	109	106		208	191	25	0	0	60	42				
Lungnyi 2	375	0	0	0	0		0	0	307	0	0	0	46				
Shaba	1332	73	220	195	146		197	222	0	0	0	93	0				
Tsento	2091	0	0	0	0		0	0	245	756	764	2	74				
Wangchang1	696	43	49	71	125		129	127	0	0	0	38	10				
Wangchang2	1316	26	145	142	190		181	225	151	0	37	131	0				

“The survey was a tough experience due to unexpected weather variations but despite the conditions, the enumerators enthusiastically engaged their time and energy in making sure they mapped the QRs and punched the data appropriately and even the supervisors validated the data as competent and accessibly accurate for the Ministry. All in all, it was yet another fruitful experience meeting the people on each door and eagerly waiting to serve as enumerator for the next survey.”
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The next survey would move to Haa, Gasa, Punakha and Wangdue starting from 25th August which will last for another two weeks. After completing the western regions the Ministry plans to cover up the east, central and south regions this winter with the same team of enumerators and few local De-suups familiar with the places. The Ministry plans to enumerate the whole country by this winter.



GYELPOSHING TRAINING CENTRE COMMENCEMENT



HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS GYALTSHAB JIGME DORJI WANGCHUCK GRACED THE OPENING OF A SERIES OF DE-SUUNG SKILLING PROGRAM (DSP) TRAININGS AT THE DSP CENTRE IN GYALPOZHING, MONGAR 11TH AUGUST, 2023.

DSP IN DIGITAL MARKETING, MOBILE APP. DEVELOPMENT, DATA SCIENCE, CYBER SECURITY, CULINARY ARTS - FOUNDATION, AND IN DRIVING STARTED YESTERDAY IN GYALPOZHING, WITH A TOTAL OF 192 TRAINEE DE-SUUPS PARTICIPATING.

