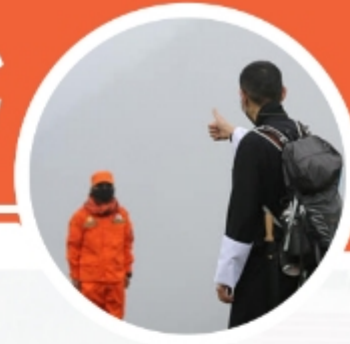




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Ending Humble Prayers and Sincere Respects on This Day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LA



The De-suung Headquarters is deeply honored to welcome the newly born Princess, the third child, and the first daughter of Their Royal Majesties. On September 9th, 2023, coinciding with the 25th day of the 7th month of the Female Water Rabbit Year, in Linkana Palace, Thimphu, marked the birth of a Royal Princess destined to achieve greatness for the well-being and happiness of the citizens of the country.

DID YOU KNOW?

DTSC Gyelposhing and the De-suung Regional Office, in collaboration with BAFRA Mongar, have commenced a Sensitization and Mass Campaign for the Collection of Snails (GALS) in Gyelpozhing on September 5, 2023. Approximately 70 Desuups have participated in the campaign.

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HARACHU WATER SUPPLY PROJECT



7th September 2023: The Harachhu water supply project, an initiative under the Desuung National Service Program, was jointly undertaken by Department of Livestock, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and Desuung Office. Officially launched on 13th December 2022, this nine-month project was completed on 31st August 2023. The project will ensure reliable water supply for sturgeon farming. The water sourced from Gerichhu will lead to commercial rearing of sturgeon, notably for breeding and the lucrative 'caviar' production. Throughout the duration of the project, around 93 Desuups were engaged in close collaboration with technical staff of National Research and Development Centre for Riverine and Lake Fisheries as well as Bhutan Sturgeon Farm. The overall expenditure for the project amounted to Nu. 47.6 million. The source is located approximately 3 km from the farm area which would supply clean and reliable water to rear around 7000 nos. of fish. The main structures include 1 silt trap, 4 ARV chambers, 3 washout, 3 BT tanks, 1 intake and one distribution tank. Activities like road formation cutting, pipe trenching, HDPE pipe jointing, back filling, formwork, casting and plastering were major activities of the project. The project was handed over to Department of Livestock on 7th September 2023 in presence of the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.



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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.





NYAMRO CHRONICLES



Without the service of De-suup, our communities, and indeed our country, would have most likely ground to a crumbling halt during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is because of De-suups, who gave it their all, that our country was shielded and secure throughout the pandemic and continues to be so.

Being a De-suup, however, is not always a walk in the park. It demands an indomitable attitude. De-suups are required to be spirited and adaptable. "The indomitable spirit is an attitude every person must nurture," explains De-suup Norbu.

I am Norbu, and this is my life journey from my Bachelor of Arts degree from the Moscow State Institute towards becoming a country Desuup. At the age of 34, I began my career as a marketing executive in one of the private media houses in Thimphu. From there, I ventured into the tourism sector and was doing well for myself until the pandemic disrupted my plans and progress. Still, I was confident and never let it get me down. "When one door closes, a new one opens," I smiled, and so it was in my case; I joined the De-suung when the pandemic struck in 2020.

Some of my core responsibilities and duties are:

- * 1st Southern Border Duty - SBD (Samtse) - 24th July (2020).
- * Ration loading and unloading at FCB, Thimphu, from 12th August to 8th September (2020).
- * 3rd SBD (Gelephu) - 4th September till 4th November.
- * Town patrolling from 4th November to 23rd November (Thimphu).
- * 1st NBD Gojay from 24th November till 2nd February 2020-2021 at (Trashigang and T/yangste sectors).
- * 4th SRC - RBG Gojay at Dechencholing (14th February to 4th March).
- * SRC Attachment Wing 2, Ramitey (Phuentsholing) for 40 days.
- * Attached with Dessuung Headquarters.
- * Served as a disaster focal person.
- * Coordinated QFC (Quarantine Facility Construction) at Samdrup Jongkhar/Gelephu and Phuentsholing.
- * Coordinated SAR 3rd - 5th.
- * Completed 4th SAR training.
- * 10th Desuup Plus training.
- * 4th Fire training (DFS).
- * Helped in national accelerated dog population management.
- * Road construction coordinator.
- * 4th and 5th Lockdown FOD (Front Line Operation Desk Coordinator).
- * Search and Rescue - refresher course done.(SAR)
- * Two month Southern border SRC deployment.
- * Search and rescue focal person.
- * Coordinated the construction of BMT center (Basic Millitary Training Centre)
- * Completed SAR refresher's course and SRC refresher's course

Till now, I have volunteered for 1,186 days, and I'm willing to continue my duties until my last breath as a De-suup. I am extremely grateful to HIS MAJESTY the King for providing people like me the opportunity to be of service to the country and the people of our nation.

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SANGAY YOEPAMAY KAWANG



ON SEPTEMBER 10TH, THOUSANDS OF DEVOTEES GATHERED AT THIMPHU TASHICHHO DZONG TO RECEIVE THE BUDDHA AMITABHA EMPOWERMENT (SANGAY YOEPAMAY KAWANG) FROM HIS HOLINESS THE JE KHENPO, IN HONOR OF THE BIRTH OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GYALSEM. IT IS BELIEVED THAT HIS HOLINESS THE JE KHENPO GAVE THE BUDDHA AMITABHA KAWANG FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HE WAS ENTHRONED AS THE RELIGIOUS LEADER OF BHUTAN, A ROLE HE HAS HELD FOR ALMOST 27 YEARS. HOWEVER, IN RECENT YEARS, UPON THE REQUEST OF LAYTSHOG LOPEN, HIS HOLINESS SCRIPTED THE AMITABHA EMPOWERMENT RECITATION AND WAITED FOR A FAVORABLE OMEN TO BESTOW THE EMPOWERMENT UPON THE PEOPLE OF BHUTAN. ON SEPTEMBER 11TH, THE AMITABHA EMPOWERMENT WAS FINALLY DELIVERED TO THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, ALONGSIDE 40 NANGCHOE DE-SUUPS, 60 BACKUP DE-SUUPS FOR CROWD CONTROL, AND DE-SUUPS FROM THE HEAD OFFICE. THIS CEREMONY WAS PRIMARILY DEDICATED TO HONOR THE BIRTH OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GYALTSEM, THE FIRST PRINCESS ROYAL COUPLE.

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The 59th Batch of the Accelerated De-suung Training Program concluded on September 4th, 2023, comprising 904 males and 880 females, totaling 1,784 participants. The three weeks of training concluded at MTC (Tencholing), RBPTI (Jigmeling), Wing I (Tendruk), Wing V (Tashichholing), Wing IX (Pelrithang), Wing X (Deo-thang) and SRPF (Tashigatshel) and as of now, the De-suung fraternity has grown to a total of 41,102 members



SAFF INTERNATIONAL EVENT



FROM SEPTEMBER 2ND TO 10TH, 2023, 50 DE-SUUPS WERE DEPLOYED AT CHANGLINGMITHANG FOOTBALL STADIUM FOR SECURITY DUTIES DURING THE SOUTH ASIAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION (SAFF) CHAMPIONSHIP, WHICH INCLUDED PARTICIPATION FROM 6 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING BHUTAN. THE COMPETITION WAS HELD IN THE UNDER-16 CATEGORY, AND THE SAFF U-16 CHAMPIONSHIP, WON BY INDIA, CONCLUDED ON SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2023.

FURTHERMORE, DE-SUUNG FRATERNITY IS COMMITTED TO CARRYING FORWARD THE SAME SPIRIT TO THE UPCOMING WORLD CUP QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT BETWEEN BHUTAN AND HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 17, 2023.

