



THE CONSECRATION CEREMONY



Tashi Rabney at Druk Migyur Dechen Dzong in PemaGatshel was held on September 22, 2023. His Royal Highness Gyaltshab Jigme Dorji Wangchuck graced the Rabney, with prayer ceremonies presided over by His Eminence Tsugla Lopen. The event was attended by His Excellency the Prime Minister, the Hon'ble Home Minister, Lam Netens, Members of Parliament, Dzongdags, Drangpons, RBP officials, and LG leaders from nearby Dzongkhags.

Hundreds of people from 11 Gewogs of PemaGatshel and neighboring Dzongkhags joined in the festivities and took part in this historic event. A total of 36 unemployed De-suup volunteers were deployed for crowd control, serving (Drangzhab), and waste management. Employed De-suups were also assigned to cooking and catering. Additionally, 8 De-suups were involved in providing entertainment.



DID YOU KNOW?

Trashigang Dzongkhag, in collaboration with Dasho Dzongdag, Dasho Drangpon, Dasho Dzongrab, Dasho OC Division-IX, Dzongkhag staff, Trashigang shopkeepers, and 16 De-suups, participated in a marathon themed "WASTE MARATHON DAY" in Trashigang. Approximately 700 kgs of waste were collected in and around the town area.

Let's appreciate the good work of all the participants and continue organizing programs like this so we can maintain the cleanliness and beauty of our country.

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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-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

59

• Female Trained

16,999

• Male Trained

24,103

• Total Trained

41,102

THIMPHU TSHECHU



The four-day annual Thimphu Tshechu that started on 24th September ended on 26th September blessed by the Guru Tshengye Wang. Thousands of people dressed in their best attire filled the Tendrelthang in Tashichodzong to receive the blessings. More than 200 De-suups were deployed during the four day festival. Their main duties included crowd management, public service, assisting the police, VIP security and smoothness of the festival.

“Due to Covid-19, in the past few years we could not celebrate festivals. Though we eagerly wanted to celebrate and spend the holidays with our families and loved ones, we couldn’t. De-suups, during pandemic served the nation with selfless dedication and successfully contained the virus. Due to this reason we are able to sit here with our families and enjoy the festivals we love and to this day too, we see De-suups showing up everywhere ready to serve willingly. This gives a sense of pride in ourselves that there actually are Guardians of Peace dressed in orange ready and prepared to safeguard our peace and prosperity. Kadrinchoe la De-suups, Kadrinchoe la Mewang Chog.”- Sonam Dema, Civilian.

Thimphu Tshechu was first inaugurated by the 4th Desi, Gyalsey Tenzin Rabgye in the 15th century to commemorate the birth anniversary of Guru Padmasambhava and still the nation celebrates the auspicious day. To ensure the peace and prosperity of such festivals, the De-suung Headquarters is pleased to state that the De-suung Fraternity will furthermore promise to volunteer in such events to come.



WANGDUE TSHECHU



The Wangdue Phodrang Tsechuu was observed on 21st September in the autumn season. The Tshechu is well known for the Raksha Mangcham (Dance of Judgement Day) which portrays the overall trial system after death in the court of the death. Many different kinds of mask dances were performed during the festival. It concluded on 24th September with the unfurling of the Guru Tshengye Thongdrel (8 manifestations of the great dispeller of obstacles and negative actions, the great Guru Padmasambhava). As there was thousand of devotees who came for blessing, our De-suup fraternity from Wangdue Dzongkhag has deployed 84 Nyamros for crowd controlling, serving the VIP, crowd security in recreation area, managing traffic area and managing the waste disposal.



GYETSA WATER PROJECT INAUGURATED

BRINGING CLEAN WATER TO BUMTHANG COMMUNITIES

Bumthang, Bhutan - September 28, 2023 - In a momentous ceremony attended by esteemed officials, the Gyetsa Water Project in Bumthang, Bhutan, was inaugurated today. This vital initiative, undertaken as a partnership project between the Royal Government of Bhutan (RGoB) and the De-suung National Service program, promises to bring clean and safe drinking water to the Gyetsa, Buli, and Buli Dratshang communities within the Chumig Gewog.

The Gyetsa Water Project is a beacon of hope for the region, addressing the pressing issue of contaminated water sources, marked by excessive silt content and discoloration. The Gewog administration, Chumig, recognized the urgent need to identify a perennial and reliable water source that could cater not only to present but also future water demands in the area. Consequently, this ambitious project was conceived and realized.



Key project details include:

- 1. Partnership Collaboration:** The Gyetsa Water Project is the third successful collaboration between the RGoB and the De-suung National Service program in Bumthang Dzongkhag.
- 2. Community Impact:** This initiative stands to benefit the Gyetsa, Buli, and Buli Dratshang communities, comprising a total of 65 households.
- 3. Budget:** With a cost estimate of 7.578 million Bhutanese Ngultrum (BTN), this project signifies a significant investment in ensuring the health and well-being of
- 4. Project Components:** The Gyetsa Water Project encompasses various crucial components, such as the construction of a 5.3 km transmission line, a 5.2 km distribution line, an intake tank, an FCR (Ferro-Cement- Reservoir), a BPT (Break Pressure Tank), four ARVs (Air Release Valves), 55 public tap stands, and the establishment of three multi-tap facilities to cater to the Dratshang community.

GYELPOSHING TRAINING CENTER BEAUTIFICATION

93 local De-suups from Monggar, in collaboration with De-suups from DTSC (De-suung Training and Skilling Center), have commenced the process of clearing, greening, and beautifying the new De-suung Training Center in Gyelposhing, Monggar. This center was previously occupied by GCIT and will now serve as a De-suung training center for training new batches of De-suups, as well as conducting DSP (De-suung Skilling Program) Training. Currently, we have approximately 6 DSP courses underway. The beautification work has already been completed, and all the local De-suups who volunteered for the beautification project have been released from their deployment on 22nd September. The beautification project began on July 15, 2023.





NYAMRO CHRONICLES



I am De-suup Kezang Chhoden.

Joining De-suung was never part of my initial plans, but witnessing the dedication of my fellow De-suup Nyamros, in serving our beloved king and country inspired me to become one of them.

After completing my De-suung training, I was deployed as the 8th batch SBD in Samtse. My commitment to serving in this capacity was so strong that I continued my service until the 10th batch SBD. Following my SBD duty, I volunteered for the Wooling Water project under Orong gewog in Samdrup Jongkhar. Subsequently, I joined the serving team during Kuenkhyen Kabum Jaklung event at Kuensel Phodrang, Thimphu.

Currently, I am volunteering for Paro-Thimphu highway beautification project. Prior to joining this program, I gained skills in plumbing and tailoring through the De-suung skilling program.

From the day I became a De-suup, I have wholeheartedly served our king and country with immense pride and joy while wearing our orange uniform. Each encounter with De-suup nyamros has been a valuable learning experience, and I look forward to continuing my growth. I am committed to serving with this happy heart of mine and will do so until my last breath. It is an honor to contribute to our nation's progress in every way I can.

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59TH BATCH ORIENTATION



The 59th Batch Orientation was held on 19th September 2023 at DHQ, Thimphu. There were a total of 1402 freshly passout De-suups from various Training centers attending the orientation.

The Orientation mainly focuses on advocating the passouts about De-suung App, De-suung Code of Conduct, Deployment, Volunteerism and Kidu Applicability.

