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DID YOU KNOW?

On December 12th, 2023, 700 De-suup volunteers, including those from Thimphu De-suung headquarters, cleaned the Thimphu area. Let's have pride in keeping our country clean and beautiful.



The De-suung Family joins the nation in extending heartfelt wishes to the people of Bhutan for a joyous National Day, filled with prosperity, unity, and happiness!
Happy 116th National Day!
Palden Drukpa Gyalo!

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116th National Day

On Bhutan's 116th National Day, De-suups played a significant role in the celebrations held on December 17th. Approximately 1200 De-suups volunteered during National Day. Some were involved in renovating Changlimithang Stadium, while others contributed to plantation and beautification work. Around 200 De-suups showcased their talents in dance, 117 BMT De-suups took part in the contingent drill, and 100 De-suups volunteered for packaging goodie bags. Additionally, about 700 De-suups engaged in cleaning activities, with some deployed for crowd management, night patrolling, serving, and other tasks.



The anticipation of the entire nation was palpable as thousands of Bhutanese, both within the country and around the world, watched with rapt attention as His Majesty The King delivered the National Day address from the platform. The historic announcement about the groundbreaking project in Gelephu added to the significance of the occasion.

Even before 10 pm on the eve of the 116th National Day, thousands of Bhutanese gathered around Changlimithang, united in anticipation.



National Day commemorates the coronation of His Majesty the First King, Gongsar Ugyen Wangchuck, in 1907, and the subsequent unification of the country under the Wangchuck dynasty. Defying the winter chill, Bhutanese families adorned in their finest kiras and ghos filled the streets to express solidarity. The stadium reached full capacity by 3 am, with over 1,000 Bhutanese choosing to watch the live telecast at Thimphu's clock tower.

Pelden Drukpa Gyalpo!



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116th National Day Celebration in the Other Dzongkhags.

Not only in Thimphu, but across all other dzongkhags, the 116th National Day was celebrated with fervor. De-suups volunteered to mark this special occasion by serving our country through various roles, including crowd management, entertainment, drill, night patrolling, and other duties. The 116th National Day stands out as one of the most memorable days for all Bhutanese.



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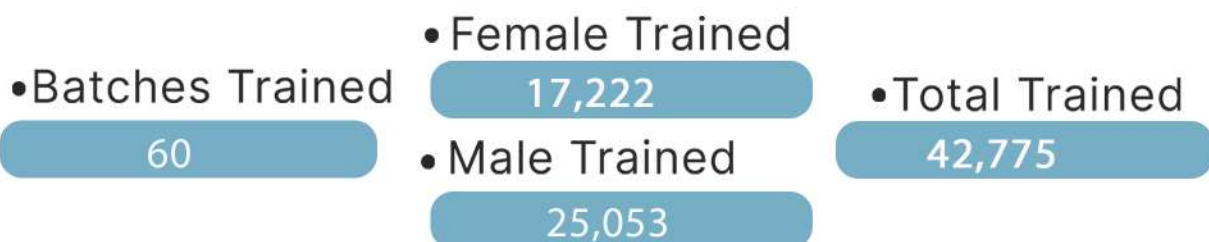
ABOUT THE GUARDIANS

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.



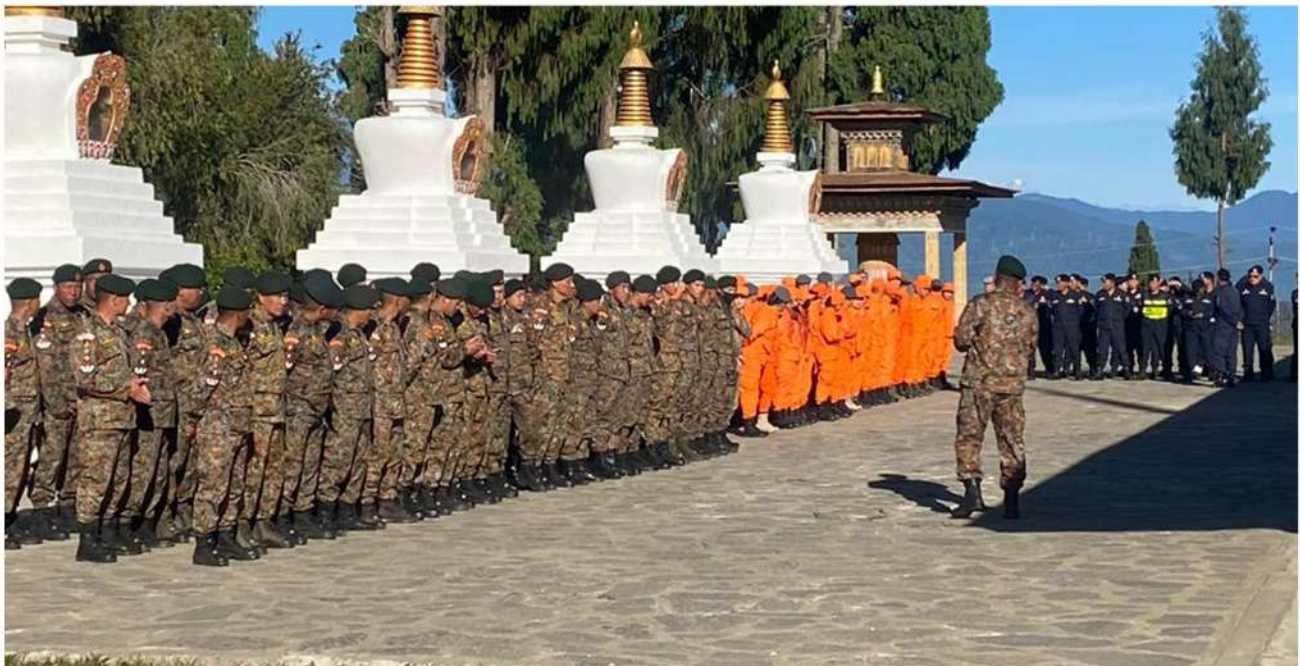


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Primary Round Election.

During the 4th Primary Round Election in Bhutan, 1289 De-suups volunteered across the nation. With a total of 728 polling stations, each station had two De-suups collaborating with the police and army. Their primary role was to assist elderly citizens who came to vote. The oldest voter, a 98-year-old lady, stood out among them. Some voters with disabilities encountered challenges understanding the rules and party logos. At the end of the day, everything proceeded smoothly and successfully.





The Phuntshopelri Water Project

The Phuntshopelri Water Project, Gomtu, Samtse.

A RGoB-De-suung National Service partnership project.

The project was proposed to augment the existing scheme where the existing source was never sufficient due to increase in population and decreasing in source yield in recent times. To overcome this issues, the Gewog Administration has proposed this project to be augmented by identifying new, perennial, and reliable water source that could cater present as well as future water demands for communities and neighboring area.



The project was the collaborative effort between Desuung National Service, Dzongkhag Administration, Samtse and Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (MoIT). The project's scope was significant, intending to serve 85 households, 71 in Lhachuthang and 14 in Gombadara benefiting 447 people.

The project was inaugurated on 14th December 2023, and formally handed over to beneficiary gewog. The inauguration ceremony was honored by Dasho Dzongdag, Dzongkhag administration, Samtse as chief guest, along with officials from MoIT, Dzongkhag and gewog Administration, Desuung office, RBA, and relevant stakeholders. Throughout the construction period, a dedicated team of 70 De-suups worked tirelessly with support from Royal Bhutan Army (RBA) and technical experts from Dzongkhag Administration and MoIT involving huge transmission line of 10.34kms before the onset of the Monsoon Season with the total budget of Nu.3.4 Million.



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I am immensely grateful to my king for his unwavering leadership, guidance, and protection—an inspiration to his people. His visionary approach was evident during the pandemic when he introduced the De-suung accelerated training program, providing equal opportunities for the unemployed.

As one of the beneficiaries, I seized the golden opportunity to participate in the De-suung training program, completing it in August 2020 at Tencholing, Wangdue. Subsequently, I accomplished the first batch SRC at Dewathang, Samdrupjongkhar. Eager to serve my country, I took on diverse roles:

- * Medicine Delivery Team (Samdrupjongkhar Hospital) - 2 months
- * Quarantine Duty (Samdrupjongkhar) - 3 months
- * Crowd Control (Samdrupjongkhar) - 2 months
- * Southern Border Duty (Samdrupjongkhar) - 3 months
- * SRC Attachment with Wing X (Dewathang) - 1 month
- * Office Attachment (Samdrupjongkhar) - 2 years

Having completed a course through the De-suung Skilling Program at Trongsa, I am currently serving as the Date Manager at Samdrupjongkhar De-suung Office. I express profound thanks for the opportunities and privileges granted under his kingship, creating a safe and prosperous environment. His ability to inspire and motivate is unparalleled, and I extend heartfelt gratitude for his contributions to our kingdom. My loyalty and devotion to him are unwavering, and I am committed to contributing to the betterment of our realm under his esteemed leadership.