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DO YOU KNOW ?

The MFTP3, involving 572 De-suups across 18 Dzongkhags and encompassing 177 Gewogs, was activated last week. Fieldwork in two Dzongkhags, Gasa and Bumthang, is scheduled to commence in the first week of March.

The De-suung Family takes great privilege and honor in offering our profound prayers and good wishes for the long life and good health of His Majesty The Druk Gyalpo.

May Bhutan continue to enjoy harmony, prosperity, and happiness under His Majesty's benevolent reign

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13TH YEARS OF DE-SUUNG

The De-suung Integrated Training Programme started on February 14, 2011, at the Military Training Centre, Tencholing, Wangdue Phodrang. This program teaches volunteers basic skills to help during disasters.

The program's goal was to get ready and empower citizens to help build our nation. It focuses on teaching values and organizing volunteer activities that teach responsibility, teamwork, volunteering, and leadership following a set of rules.

The program aims to create peace, harmony, and togetherness by encouraging volunteering and teamwork in our country. De-suungs, the volunteers, have done important work at home and abroad.

On February 14, the 13th De-suung Raising Day was celebrated in all 20 dzongkhags. There were prayers and offerings to His Majesty, followed by cutting a cake. Also, they launched the 5th De-suung annual magazine.

As we look back on these accomplishments, let's hope that the spirit of De-suung will keep guiding us together, showing unity, kindness, and strong commitment, which represent our special nation.

We should dedicate all our efforts to His Majesty The King, whose great ideas and leadership guide everything we do.





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Passing Out Parade.

1,342 De-suup were trained for 21 days from February 5th to February 25th. During this time, there were four training centers where our new batch was trained: 373 De-suup were trained in Wing 1 (Tendruk), 449 in Wing IX (Pelrithang), 229 in Wing X (Deothang), and 291 in RBPTI (Jigmeling). In Wing 1 (Tendruk) training center, there were 27 De-suups with no education, 66 with middle school qualification, 157 with a 12th-grade qualification, 10 with a diploma, 66 with a degree, and one with a master's degree.



The youngest was 18 years old, the oldest 46, with an average age of 24 for the De-suups trained. The total number of De-suups trained has now risen to 44,117 (25,731 male and 18,386 female) up to the latest 61st batch.



Punakha Tshechu.

30 De-suups were involved in crowd management, serving, and night patrolling in the entertainment area alongside police personnel during the Punakha Tshechu.

The Punakha Tshechu takes place each February or March inside the incredible Punakha Dzong, the ancient capital of Bhutan.

The event is scheduled for the first month of the lunar year and ends with the Serda, which is a colourful procession that re-enacts an episode of the war against Tibet in the 17th century.



It is unique for being the only festival with a procession like this. This vibrant festival features masked dances, religious ceremonies, and cultural event.

De-suups also assisted in security check-ups at various entry gates, not only during the Domchoe held from February 16th to 18th but also during the subsequent Punakha Tshechhu, which took place from February 19th to 21st.



Our vibrant De-suups were engaged in religious acts, crowd management, night patrolling, and serving, alongside generous Bhutanese sponsors. According to the Punakha Dzongkhag administration, approximately 10,000 people came forward to receive blessings during Domchoe, while around 200 tourists enjoyed the rich culture.



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10TH Batch of DFS

De-suung Fire Service Welcomes 10th Batch of Volunteers. The 10th batch of De-suung Fire Service commenced their training on February 19th, comprising 30 dedicated De-suups. Over the course of two months, these volunteers will undergo rigorous training, including a one-month attachment at the Fire Service Division, RBP Changzamtok.



Since its inception, the De-suung office has successfully trained and awarded DFS certificates to 310 De-suups, marking a significant milestone in bolstering fire safety efforts across communities.

The opening ceremony of the 10th batch saw Dy. Chief Operations Officer (G), of RBA, Brigadier Ngawang Jigme, grace the event as the Chief Guest, emphasizing the importance of community involvement in fire prevention and response.





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Suchhu Hydropower project.

On February 14th, 2024, at Suchhu Hydropower Project: A two-day training session on Disaster Management and Emergency Preparedness concluded today, coinciding with the celebration of the 13th De-suung Raising Day. Dasho Drangpon of Sangbay Drungkhag honored the occasion with his presence.



Jointly organized by the De-suung Head Office and Vajra, the training engaged 38 De-suup employees. of the company. The sessions encompassed practical exercises on First Aid, Fire Drills, Rappelling, and Casualty Packing and Evacuation utilizing traverse lines.

This training not only benefits the company but also extends to the broader community, preparing individuals to respond effectively during emergencies. Thus, it aligns with the overarching objective of the De-suung program.



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National Service Update.

WATER PROJECT

Project site: Lhayul A&B Water project

Total desuup deployed :74

Scheme: Drinking

Start Date: 18th 2024

Project site: Gyetsa Water Project

Total desuup deployed:65

Scheme: Drinking

Start Date: Sep 28th 2023

GYALSUNG PROJECT

Project site: Tareythang Gyalsung Project

Total desuup deployed: 166

Project site: Jamtsholing Gyalsung project

Total desuup deployed: 119

Project site: Khotokha Gyalsung Project

Total desuup deployed: 534

Project Site: Pemathang Gyalsung Project

Total desuup deployed: 365

Project Site: Bondeyma Gyalsung Project

Total desuup deployed:105

De-suung National Service for Gyalsung formally inaugurated on 2nd May 2022

De-suung For Gyalsung formally inaugurated on 1st Jan 2023



NYAMRO CHRONICLES



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His Majesty's farsighted vision for the inception of De-suung has not only benefited thousands of youth and the nation, but it has also transformed me into a better man for the nation. The De-suung trainings have shaped and transformed my mind, body, and speech. My mind has been driven towards a sense of volunteerism, my body is prepared to sacrifice for the nation, and my speech spreads the importance of De-suung and its impact on the country. De-suung training has made me aware of His Majesty's vision and care for the country, instilling a deep sense of patriotism and inspiring me to contribute in small ways to nation building.

As a De-suung, I have never ceased my service. In the beginning, during the first pandemic, I was deployed to Bumthang as part of the patrolling team, ensuring the essential supply of food. I volunteered there for a year. Later, during the second nationwide lockdown, I eagerly volunteered for Southern border deployment in Samtse, serving in the 1st batch at various outposts and points of entry.

To enhance my skills, I pursued SRC training and was subsequently deployed to Gelephu Southern Border Duty. Upon completion, I seized the opportunity to volunteer at the De-suung headquarters in Thimphu. Over the course of three years, I was assigned responsibilities overseeing Southern Border /Northern Border deployment, coordinating drills for events like De-suung raising day and national day. I also honed my firefighting skills during lockdowns and took part in projects like the Thimphu-Paro highway beautification project and maintaining the Trans Bhutan Trail.

Being a De-suung has profoundly shaped my identity. I am immensely grateful to His Majesty the King for granting us the opportunity to serve our country. Each day, I hold His Majesty in my prayers, fully aware of our privilege to be guided by such a dynamic leader. Regardless of the path I choose, I will forever cherish the honor of wearing the orange uniform and remain prepared to serve our nation and our King. Pelden Drukpa Gyelo

