



# DE-SUUNG ZHABTOG

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## DO YOU KNOW ?

The 61st Batch of the Accelerated De-suung Training Program will commence from February 5th to February 25th, 2024.



**THE DE-SUUNG FAMILY EXTENDS HEARTFELT WISHES FOR A JOYOUS NEW YEAR. MAY THE COMING YEAR BE FILLED WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF VOLUNTEERISM, AND MAY OUR UNWAVERING DEDICATION CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR BELOVED KING AND COUNTRY.**

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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

60

• Female Trained

17,222

• Male Trained

25,053

• Total Trained

42,775





## Annual Moenlam Chenmo of Punakha.

The Laytshog Lopen of the Central Monastic Body presides over the 7th Annual Moenlam Chenmo of Punakha. Approximately 700 monks and nuns are reciting prayers for the well-being of sentient beings and to bring peace and harmony to the world. The Moenlam Chenmo will last for six days and is organized by the Punakha Dzongkhag Administration Moenlam Chenmo committee.

Following the ceremony, a five-day Druk-Nang-Duechhey Rimdro will commence from Friday. This ritual, performed once every twelve years in the Dragon Year, aims to cleanse obstacles and foster peace and harmony in the country.

A total of 173 De-suups from Punakha are deployed for serving and crowd management, comprising 81 male De-suups and 92 female De-suups.







## Inauguration of Lhayual Water Project, Sarpang.

On January 18th, 2024, a significant event unfolded in Lhayul, Chudzom gewog, Sarpang Dzongkhag, as the Lhayul Water Project was inaugurated under the auspices of the Royal Government of Bhutan (RGoB) and De-suung National Service. This vital initiative, aimed at enhancing the community's water infrastructure, spans a transmission length of 22.10 km and a distribution length of 9.20 km.

It stands as a testament to the commitment of the government towards the welfare of its citizens. The project is poised to benefit eight villages, including a Basic Health Unit (BHU) and a local school, with a total population of 1337 and 156 households.



The inauguration ceremony was graced by Lam Neten of Sarpang Dzongkhag along with the official from Sarpang Dzongkhag Administrations, De-suung Office, Royal Bhutan Army (RBA), Ministry of Information and Technology (MOIT), Gewog Administration, and the enthusiastic participation of the local community. This collaborative effort not only symbolizes the completion of a crucial project but also marks the beginning of a new chapter in the lives of the people of Chudzom gewog. As water flows into homes, it brings with the promise of improved health, education, and overall well-being, creating a more sustainable and resilient future for this vibrant community. This is the 4th water project executed at Sarpang Dzongkhag. 70 Desuups will complete the project over a span of 6 months.





## DFS 9th Batch

30 De-suups have successfully completed a two-month course at the Fire and Rescue Service Division, RBP Changzamtok, covering forest fire fighting, structural fire safety and suppression, evacuation, coordination, and search and rescue procedures. This marks the conclusion of the 9th batch of the Desuung Fire Service (DFS).







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## The Royal Takin Preserve Zoo.

On December 29th, Team Takin Zoo organized the closing ceremony. The actual renovation of the Royal Takin Project began on October 19, 2022, and has taken almost 16 months to date. The 1st and 2nd phases have concluded successfully, and the 3rd phase is now underway. The project commenced with the deployment of 58 De-suups, comprising 38 males and 20 females. In July, 71 De-suups (36 males and 35 females) were deployed for major tasks.



Currently, there are 35 De-suups (18 females and 17 males) as the project coordinator reduced the total strength since July, focusing on smaller tasks like area beautification, weeding, cleaning, and loading/unloading construction materials.

The De-suups have volunteered with full dedication to the nation, completing landscaping and renovating footpaths and the cafeteria, constructing a water tank, toilets, a Japanese arch bridge, cafeteria, and fitting pipelines—major tasks.

The 3rd phase is in progress, involving the completion of another half of the pedestrian walkway bridge and area beautification activities like a rock garden,



wood park, picnic spot, pond, canopy, and children's park. To date, 281 De-suups (151 males and 126 females) have been deployed at the Royal Takin Preserve Zoo.





## **The De-suung Basketball Championship Tournament.**

The De-suung Basketball Championship Tournament, which commenced in Thimphu on January 17th, 2024, concluded on the 22nd at Chang Court Basketball Center.

The presence of Dasho Zimpon Karma Tenzin, Lt. Col. Sisir Chhetri, and Chief Planning Officer Tandin Dorji added excitement to the event.



Team Doros, comprised of Paro De-suups, secured the first place, with the Dream Team securing the second position and Team Dudes in third place. Thirteen teams participated in the tournament, including two from Paro De-suups. We extend our gratitude to all supporters, RBA referees, and athletes who contributed to the success of the event.





## NYAMRO CHRONICLES



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**In the heart of my professional journey, I had the distinct privilege of working with De-suung, an experience that leaves deep memories in the canvas of my life. The chronicle begins with the crisp morning air of my first day, the anticipation and eagerness to contribute to a cause greater than myself. As a member of the De-suung family, each day unfolded with unique challenges and opportunities. From rigorous training sessions that tested physical endurance to moments of camaraderie that forged unbreakable bonds, my time with De-suung became a transformative chapter. My experience unravel stories of self-discovery, resilience, and a shared commitment to serve the community. Through the role of HRO at De-suung Headquarters, I had the honor of capturing the untold tales of unsung heroes within the organization, revealing their unwavering dedication to duty. As the HRO, I navigated the intricacies of human resource management in an environment that required both resilience and adaptability. The experience at DHQ became ordeal, progressing not only my professional growth but also instilling a deep sense of responsibility, accountability and integrity. In a testament to the impact of this journey, I now find myself having the opportunity to serve in a different organization. The experiences at De-suung serves as the base for my success, a testament to the skills honed and the values learned during my tenure.**

**In expressing appreciation, I extend my gratitude to the dynamic leadership at DHQ, whose guidance and unwavering support shaped my path. I beleive my journey to be an exemplification for other Nyamros to draw inspiration from the testament - "Hold the vision, Trust the process." My narrative connects through different landscapes of both physical and mental spirit. Whether it was participating in disaster relief operations, engaging in community outreach programs or daily coordination and support services, every experience left a lasting mark on my perception of service to the Tsa-Wa-Sum.**







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In the quiet moments, I reflect on the deep-rooted lessons learned—lessons of leadership, compassion, and the strength that surfaces when individuals unite for a common cause. My experience highlights the essence of De-suung, not just as an organization but as a collective heartbeat, beating with the rhythm of service and sacrifice. As I embark on this new chapter of my life, I carry with me a sense of gratitude for the priceless lessons and friendships cultivated. It stands as a testament to the extraordinary individuals who exemplify the spirit of De-suung—a spirit that continues to inspire, creating a legacy that transcends time. With eagerness, I anticipate future opportunities with De-suung, and wherever destiny leads me, I will be a lifelong De-suup. In this era of transformation, we stand united under One Vision, and I wholeheartedly commit my efforts to ensure the realization of that vision, for the triumph of our nation.