



# DE-SUUNG ZHABTOG

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## DO YOU KNOW ?

De-suups hosted 300 Lungdar for His Excellency Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India, aiming to bring luck, longevity, prosperity, and happiness, and to express gratitude to India for their strong and supportive friendship with our country, Bhutan.



On the auspicious occasion of His Excellency Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day state visit to Bhutan on March 22nd and 23rd, 2024, De-suups, the Guardians of Peace, embraced their responsibility wholeheartedly. Approximately 5343 De-suups participated in various roles, including security, mass deployment, assistance with serving, and ERT. They were divided into two groups stationed in Paro and Thimphu, where the Prime Minister's presence was required. In Paro, 637 De-suups participated on the first day and 570 on the second day. Similarly, in Thimphu, 2264 De-suups were deployed on the first day, and 1872 on the second day. The De-suups felt honored to contribute to the successful event and strengthen the bond between the two nations.

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**In loving memory of our De-suup Nyamro, late Dasho Leon Rabten.**



In orange bright, he proudly stood,  
with courage, strong and understood.  
To heroes bold, his heart he'd lend,  
A helping hand, a faithful friend.  
With steadfast will, he'd lend his aid,  
In hearts, his kindness never fades.  
By all, he's cherished, loved so dear,  
For every smile, for every tear.  
Though he's gone, his presence near,  
In whispered winds, in memories clear.  
Watching over, from up above,  
Guiding gently, with endless love.  
In our days, his spirit thrives,  
In laughter shared, in tears we strive.  
Though we'll miss him, never fear,  
Rest in peace, till we meet.

His Majesty The Druk Gyalpo awarded the King's Pin (Silver) to late De-suup Leon Rabten (Posthumously). In honor of the late Leon Rabten, a dedicated De-suup, this award acknowledges his exemplary service and selflessness. Leon's legacy shines through his commitment to a life of simplicity and purpose. In commemorating De-suup Leon Rabten, the Silver King's Pin stands as a reminder of enduring lessons—lessons of humility, empathy, and the true essence of service to the Tsa-Wa-Sum. His legacy continues to inspire, fostering a collective commitment to carry forward the spirit of selfless dedication.



## Tumdra Amai Nye

**De-suups Ensure Safe Maha Shivaratri Pilgrimage at Tumdra Amai Nye.**

On March 8th, this year's Maha Shivaratri festival saw De-suups deployed at Tumdra Amai Nye, located in Darla Gewog under Chhukha Dzongkhag. This sacred site attracts over fifty thousand Indian devotees annually to worship Lord Shiva. Pilgrims endure a challenging journey, walking barefoot for up to twenty hours while fasting.

Since 2015, De-suups, in collaboration with the Bhutan India Friendship Association (BIFA), have managed the large crowds at Tumdra Amai Nye. This year, 120 De-suups (45 Female & 75 Male) were deployed from March 6th to 11th, 2024, from Phuentsholing and upper Chhukha.



De-suup activities included crowd management, emergency response, assisting special groups, ensuring safety measures, and supporting pilgrims during descent. Their efforts brought peace and joy to the pilgrimage, earning respect and gratitude from pilgrims and devotees.



## International Marathon in Bhutan.



Bhutan's International Marathon was held on the 2nd of March 2024 in Punakha. The competition comprised two categories: the 42-kilometer full marathon and the 21-kilometer category. It attracted nearly 232 national participants and 60 international runners.

Due to significant audience interest, De-suup nyamroos took on various roles in the event. A total of 46 De-suups, including 19 males and 27 females, were deployed to ensure the smooth running of the event.



They were responsible for managing the crowd, delivering food to the runners, attending to their needs, providing directions, and operating the Aid Stations.



## Orientation for 61st batch De-suups

On March 4th, the De-suung headquarters hosted a 61st batch De-suung orientation program that saw the participation of 224 De-suups. This program aimed to equip them with essential knowledge and skills necessary for their roles in serving the community and the nation.

The orientation covered a diverse range of topics, providing valuable insights and guidance to De-suups:

- \* Introduction to the Guardians of Peace Family.
- \* Guidelines on dos and don'ts.
- \* Importance of respecting field Gojays.
- \* Prohibition on roaming in uniform.
- \* Overview of community services.
- \* Understanding the De-suup identity.
- \* Explanation of De-suung deployment pattern.
- \* Discussion on three types of skills:
  - \* Skills for obtaining licenses.
  - \* Skills leading to certifications.
  - \* Skills for employment.





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## Update on Southern Border Duty .

The Southern Border Duty was established on June 24, 2020, in Samtse, Phuentsholing, Samdrupjongkhar, and Gelephu to prevent the movements of people across the borders, as a precaution measure against COVID-19. It played a notable role in guarding the borders and fighting against COVID-19 and it is still an ongoing project, now expanding to several more places.



In 2024, it began on March 1st in 10 sectors: Gelephu, Samtse, Phuntsholing, Chukha, Sarpang, Samdrup-Jongkhar, Jomotshogkha, Mathanguri, Lhamozhingkha, and Nganglam.

It involved the total participation of 854 De-suups, comprising 782 male De-suups and 72 female De-suups. This is a short extract of an experience shared by the highest deployed personnel.

"I am Sonam Dorji, DS (39)20-9469, an unemployed De-suup serving at the Southern Border Duty in Samtse.



To share a brief account of my journey, I joined the duty with the Royal Bhutan Police in June 2020. It was an extraordinary journey and an honorable moment to serve the country at such a bold time. I have learned more than I ever thought, I would at the duty, particularly things such as ambushes and patrolling, which I had previously only learned in theory. My knowledge was expanded when I gained firsthand experience on the ground, which was a thrilling experience. Additionally, and most importantly, I have learned to communicate and maintain a professional relationship with people, especially at the border, with outsiders." - De-suup Sonam Dorji



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## Mass Cleaning Campaign

A mass cleaning campaign was held on 11th March 2024 as a voluntary community service by De-suups of Thimphu. The mass cleaning campaign centered on litter picking, seeding and watering the winter Jasmine planted along the expressway, started from the welcome gate till Changlimithang and Centenary Farmer's Market (CFM) which were of about 6 km in total. The day saw a total participation of about 200 De-suups. Some people stood out in kindness and offered refreshments to the De-suups working along the way as a gesture of support.

This voluntary effort was organized in an attempt to secure the flourishing Jasmine Plants along the super highway and to compliment the beautification of our city with the said flowers. Generally, such event was regulated in order to maintain and sustain the green and clean environment.





## NYAMRO CHRONICLES



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**Serving King, Country, and Community: My Journey with De-suups in Bhutan.**

In my pursuit of dedicating my efforts to the welfare of Bhutan, I am proud to share my journey as a member of De-suup. Joining De-suup has been a commitment to serve the King, country, and the people of Bhutan—an endeavor that has proven to be both fulfilling and impactful.

One of the defining moments in my association with De-suup was during the challenging times of the COVID-19 lockdown. De-suups played a crucial role in supporting communities and ensuring the well-being of citizens across the country. The spirit of unity and selflessness within De-suup members was truly evident as we worked tirelessly to provide assistance, distribute essential supplies, and offer comfort to those affected by the pandemic.

The strength of De-suup became even more pronounced during various community service initiatives. As a De-suup, I actively participated in cleaning campaigns, contributing to the cleanliness and hygiene of our surroundings. Additionally, engaging in efforts such as forest fire prevention demonstrated our commitment to preserving Bhutan's rich natural heritage.

De-suup's emphasis on community service aligns seamlessly with Bhutan's unique philosophy of Gross National Happiness (GNH). By actively involving ourselves in activities that benefit the community, we contribute to the overall well-being and happiness of the nation. Each initiative undertaken by De-suup not only serves a practical purpose but also fosters a sense of togetherness and shared responsibility among Bhutanese citizens.

Joining De-suup is not just a voluntary act; it is a commitment to embody the principles of compassion, unity, and service. The organization's dedication to serving Bhutan and its people has undoubtedly left a lasting impact on communities across the country.

In conclusion, my experience as a De-suup has been a profound and transformative journey. Through various community service activities and our crucial role during the COVID-19 lockdown, I have witnessed firsthand the positive change that can be achieved when individuals come together for a common purpose. Serving the King, country, and people of Bhutan as a De-suup is not merely a duty; it is a privilege and an honor that continues to inspire me to contribute to the well-being of this beautiful nation.