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Highlights

Soft Ice Cream Manufacture



GEF Projects in Monggar

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Dairy Product Diversification: Soft Ice Cream Manufacture



Members of the Zhonggar dairy group have resolved to venture into soft ice cream production following an intensive three-day hands-on training on diversifying dairy products. This initiative has been made possible through the financial support provided by the CARLEP project. The launch of commercial milk ice cream production took place on November 19th, 2023, coinciding with the 61st Annual Mongar Thegchok Norbulung Tshechu. The honorable Dasho Dzongdag graced the inauguration ceremony.

The production will offer two variants of soft ice cream, each with distinct flavors, catering to consumer preferences.



Emphasizing the importance of hygiene in the production process, Dasho Dzongdag advised the group members to ensure a clean production line for the safe delivery of these food products to consumers. The group has committed to maintaining the brand's "uniqueness" and aims to process 10 kilograms of ice cream mix daily, resulting in approximately 180 cones of freshly made ice cream. This endeavor is anticipated to generate supplementary income, contributing to the improvement of livelihoods within the community.

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GEF (Global Environment Facility) Project Activity in Monggar Dzongkhag

GEF Ecotourism project seeks to mainstream biodiversity conservation into tourism development in Bhutan as a long-term strategy to mitigate threats to biodiversity and to generate sustainable conservation financing and livelihoods. The project demonstration approach focuses on landscape-scale covering two protected areas (PAs) of Bumdeling Wildlife Sanctuary (BWS) and Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary (SWS) as well as in the five Dzongkhags (districts) of Lhuentse, Mongar, Trashigang, Trashi Yangtse and Zhemgang.

The GEF Ecotourism activities in Mongar Dzongkhag are as follows:

1. Birding development along TBT from Latongla to Zhongar

An allocation of nu. 9.177 million has been made to birding development along TBT stretching from Latongla to Zhongar. This allocation is designated for the execution of the following sub-activities:

- 1.1 Improvement of birding trail and amenities
- 1.2 Site development at Richanglu

The works have been awarded and it is expected to be finished before the end of next fiscal year. This project seeks not only to establish a premier destination for birding enthusiasts but also to bring a substantial boost to tourism and foster economic opportunities for the local community.



2. Trail enhancement and amenities development from Phurjulabtsa to Jaiphu

The trail, extending from Phurjulabtsa to Jaiphu, spans approximately 3km with an allocation of nu. 1.6 million. The enhancement of trail has been completed, and the construction of 2-unit toilet and canopy at Shamey is ongoing. Additionally, plans include the construction of canopy and swing at Jaiphu.

The trail not only promises to attract local tourists but also holds the potential to bring substantial benefits to the local community. It is going to create an enjoyable experience for the visitors, contributing to the overall prosperity of the region.



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Fruits for a Better Livelihood: Third Phase Million Fruit Tree Plantation

The third phase of the Million Fruit Tree Plantation (MFTP) nationwide is scheduled to commence in February 2024. The selected crops for this phase include apple, almond, pecan nut, mango, mandarin, bear lime, macadamia nut, avocado, and agarwood. All Bhutanese farmers interested in participating in this initiative are eligible to request seedlings.

Monggar Dzongkhag will be facilitating the collection of requests or indents during the first week of December 2023. Those interested are encouraged to get in touch with their respective Gewog Agriculture Extension or the Dzongkhag Agriculture Office. For further information, please contact us at #17645356 or via email at Ktnzin2005@gmail.com.

Number of trees planted in phase I and II:

Phase	Mango	Citrus	Avacado	Dragon Fruit	Passion fruit	Litchi	Bodhi tree	Lime	Soursop	Macadamia	Gauva	Almond	Kiwi	Walnut	Pecan nut	Apple	Peach	Pear	Persimmon	Chestnut	Plum	Apricot	Total	
Phase I	1832	461	3955	1488	5953	521	610				72	2902	2438	1489	776	2834	3319	11305	11305	304	667	83	52314	
Phase II	6373	14787	11863	5265				6518	3506	416		8238	5430	5378	6879									74653
Total	8205	15248	15818	6753	5953	521	610	6518	3506	416	72	11140	7868	6867	7655	2834	3319	11305	11305	304	667	83	126967	

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Women Empowerment: IDEVAW-2023

On 25th November 2023, the MSTF-CBSS Fraternity in Monggar organized a commemorative event to mark IDEVAW-2023 under the theme: "Empower Her: Preventing Violence Against Women & Girls."

Dasho Dzongrab graced the occasion, symbolically lighting a butter lamp and sharing valuable insights on combatting DV/VAWG, emphasizing a strategic approach for the way forward. Dasho highlighted the necessity of establishing a comprehensive database containing information on cases handled at both national and Dzongkhag levels. This database would serve as a vital resource for all stakeholders involved.

Prior to Dasho's arrival, members of the MSTF-CBSS engaged in discussions regarding strategic plans and programs aimed at actively implementing awareness and sensitization campaigns within communities. These plans were presented to Dasho, highlighting the importance of engaging key stakeholders for effective action and prompt service delivery to clients.



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A Glimpse into the Philippine Destination

1. Sightseeing Extravaganza: A Photographer's Delight

The meticulous planning of the sightseeing areas demonstrated a deep understanding of what makes this destination truly special. Almost every sites offered a diverse and picturesque settings for photography, aligning with the current trend where visitors predominantly invested their time. In addition, a very good sightseeing along with integrated service with well package tourist service was given the utmost importance.



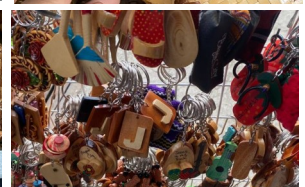
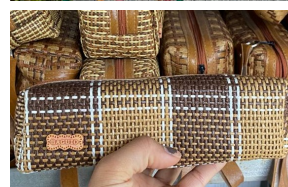
2. Community Involvement: A Harmonious Blend

Local communities contribute innovative ideas for manmade product development, with each corner narrating a distinct story. Local businesses and artisans have seamlessly woven themselves into the fabric of various attraction, creating a symbiotic relationship that benefits both residents and visitors. The entrance are usually made so attractive with minimal entry fee to explore the actual environment inside. Communities exhibit a strong sense of ownership and pride in their contributions.



3. Igorot Stone Kingdom: Manmade attraction

The Igorot Stone Kingdom is a captivating manmade tourist attraction, seamlessly blending meticulous craftsmanship with cultural richness. Visitors are treated to a unique and immersive experience, exploring the careful design and cultural significance of this must-visit destination. Additionally, the site serves as a hub for small businesses, enhancing the overall charm of the place.



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Annual Mongar Thekchen Norbu Choeling Tshechu



Bazaar Bonanza: Annual Tshechu Stalls

Throughout the five-day Annual Tshechu, held from November 18th to 22nd, 2023, the Dzongkhag public ground hosted a total of 216 stalls. These stalls were diversified, showcasing various products such as cuisine, garments, toys, and more. Additionally, engaging games were set up for entertainment purposes. The primary aim of these stalls was to generate funds in support of the annual Tshechu. The details of the stalls are as follows:



Sl. No.	Plot Type	Size	Nos	Rate of each plot including waste management charge of Nu.
1	Hotel	5 m Front	22	11,000/-
2	Jumbo	4 m Front	20	11,000/-
3	General	4 m x 3 m	146	7000/-
4	Games	As per requirement	10	7000/-
5	Kids Play station		12	6,000/-
6	Others		6	-
Total Nos of plot:			216	

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10 bedded Hospital at Nagor under Silambi Gewog



The construction of 10 bedded hospital at Nagor under Silambi Gewog was awarded to M/s Sonam Jamtsho & Bros Construction Pvt. Ltd, Lhuentse at a contract price of Nu. 35.603 million and contract agreement was signed on 26.7.2022.

The stipulated contract duration is 20 months with the completion date of 25th Feb 2024. Collaboratively, the Dzongkhag Engineering and Health Sectors prepared the design drawings and cost estimates for the project. Currently, the construction is progressing ahead of schedule, and it is anticipated to be completed by the end of Dec. 2023, two months earlier than the initially projected completion date.



The hospital, upon completion, will offer a range of services, including dental & eye consultations, ultrasonography, x-ray facilities, child delivery service, counseling, immunization, and dedicated

5-bed male and female wards, in addition to general patient consultation. The timely completion of this hospital project is expected to significantly benefit the people of two gewogs, Silambi and Gongdue.

Project Information

Acquired Land: 3.018 Acre

Approved budget: 35 million

Funding Source: RGoB

Estimated Amount: Nu.35,603,323.00

Work order Amount: Nu.34,191.498.00

Contract Duration: 20 months

Start Date: 26.07.2022

End date: 25.02.2024

Date of site possession: 25.07.2022

Name of Proprietor: Mr. Sonam Jamtsho

Name of Firm: M/s Sonam Jamtsho & Bros Construction Pvt Ltd, Lhuentse

Contributed by Karma, Site Engineer

All is Well That Ends Well: Academic Year End and Examinations Update

The home examination for classes IV, V, VII, IX, and XI was conducted smoothly in Monggar Dzongkhag from November 13th to November 25th 2023. Consequently, students from the aforementioned classes are now on their winter vacation, commencing immediately, and are expected to resume classes on February 10th, 2024.

Regarding the Board exams for classes VI, VIII, X, and XII, originally slated to begin on November 29th, 2023, these examinations have been rescheduled to commence on December 2nd, 2023. This adjustment is due to the forthcoming general election of the National Assembly. The Board exams will conclude on December 15th, 2023.

The Dzongkhag administration extends best wishes and good luck to all students participating in these examinations.

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4th Parliamentary Election (National Assembly) 2023-2024



Primary Round Voter Turnout			
Voter Turnout	Male	Female	Total
Total Registered Voter	18579	20148	38727
EVM Voter Turnout	6075	7574	13649
Postal Ballot Turnout	5913	5856	11769
Total Voter Turnout	11988	13430	25418
Total Turnout Percentage	64.52	66.66	65.63

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