



Inauguration of Kaja Throm at Gyalpoizhing: The First KaJa Throm in the East



On 4th June 2024, coinciding with the 34th Birth Anniversary of Her Majesty, the Gyaltshen, Gyalpoizhing KaJa Throm was inaugurated by His Royal



Highness, the Gyaltshab, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck. The opening ceremony was attended by Dasho Tashi Dorji (chairperson of DSP), Zimpon Wom, Dzongdags, Drangpoens, Lam Netens, SPs and Thrizins of six eastern-Dzongkhags, civil and public servants and the public.

A lhabsang thrusoel presided by Lam Neten was performed in the morning. The formal opening was marked by recitation of trashi tsekpa

and unfurling of tashi khadhar by HRH, the Gyaltshab followed by various entertainment programs from schools, De-suups and Dzongkhag dancers.

In the evening, following dinner, O'Strangers Band and artists (Sonam Wangdi's Group) entertained the public with the musical items. Along with DSP's food and delicacy stalls, various youth groups and farmers gathered to sell their produce.

Highlights

- Dignitaries Visit
- DT Chairperson's Visit to Gewogs
- Nationwide Stargazing Event
- Opening of Nature-based Recreational Park



Dignitaries Visit

Sherig Lyoenpo Reception



As it was Lyoenpo's first visit to the Dzongkhag after the assumption of office, the officials offered Lyoenpo trashi khadar. Lyoenpo discussed pertinent educational plans for the 13th FYP with the

On 25th May 2024, Lyoenpo Yeezang De Thapa, Minister for Ministry of Education and Skills Development was received by Mongar Dzongkhag headed by Dasho Dzongdag, Dasho Drangpoen, Dasho SP, DT Thrizin and regional and sector heads. Lyoenpo was en route to Sherubtse College, Kanglung as the Guest of Honour for its Convocation.

officials over lunch which was granted by Lyoenpo to the attendees. After lunch, Lyoenpo departed for Trashigang.



RCSC Commissioner Reception



phu, his new place of posting. A luncheon was hosted by the Dzongkhag to the attendees. Prior to the current title, Dasho served as the Dzongdag of Tashiyangtse Dzongkhag.

On 19th May 2024, Mongar Dzongkhag headed by Dasho Dzongda and the sector heads received Dasho Babu Ram Sherpa, one of the four Commissioners of the newly appointed 4th RCSC Commission. The officials present congratulated Dasho on his new post and offered trashi khadar.



Dasho and his entourage were travelling to Thim-

Dzongkhag Tshogdu Chairperson's Official Visit to 17 Gewogs



Recently, a team led by the Dzongkhag Tshogdu Chairperson, Deputy DT Chairperson, Planning Officer, and DT Secretary visited all 17 Gewogs in Mongar Dzongkhag to inform the public on several pertinent points and issues. These included sensitization on the LG Act and LGRR, particularly the roles and responsibilities of Dzongkhag Tshogdu and DT Chairpersons; Gelephu Mindfulness City and the Million Fruit Tree Plantation, both the visions of His Majesty; and the importance of upholding Driglam Namzha (national etiquette), especially among youth. They also addressed issues of do-

mestic violence, teenage pregnancy, community engagement, and gender equality and provided information related to the 2024 National Assembly Elections and the 13th Five Year Plan (FYP) of the Dzongkhag. The team also discussed with people on disaster awareness-related topics particularly regarding earthquakes, floods, windstorms, forest fires, and structural fires; and emphasized waste management and the importance of hoisting the national flag on the National Day and during His Majesty's Birthday.

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Knowledge Exchange Program in Uganda – Experiential Tourism



Equator Zero Line

Experiential tourism in ecotourism offers travelers hands-on, meaningful experiences with nature and local cultures. Instead of just sightseeing, visitors engage in activities like wildlife tours, conservation projects, and cultural exchanges with locals. It also supports sustainable practices and provides economic benefits to local communities. By directly interacting with their surroundings, travelers learn the importance of protecting the ecosystems they explore, making their trips more rewarding and responsible.

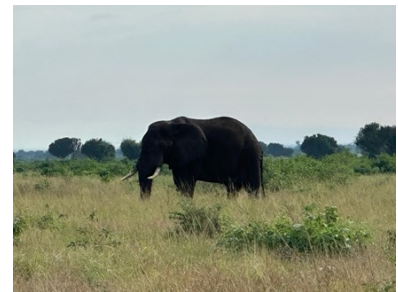
periential tourism within the ecotourism sector under the GEF Ecotourism Project. During the visit, the team engaged in various activities that showcased Uganda's rich natural and cultural heritage. The team participated in guided Mountain Gorilla tracking, Chimpanzee sighting, learning about local conservation efforts and observing the diverse flora and fauna in their natural habitats. The team



Coffee Plantation Experience



The team also embarked on an exciting 'Game Drive' (*A "game drive" is a guided tour in a safari vehicle through a wildlife reserve or national park to observe and photograph*



wild animals in their natural habitat) along the Kasenyi Plains in Queen Elizabeth National Park, where the team had a wonderful experience observing wild animals and birds up close.



Mountain Gorilla

also took part in community-led projects, such as Coffee planting and sustainable farming practices, which highlighted the importance of preserving the environment. Cultural exchanges with BATWA community provided insights into traditional practices and lifestyles, fostering a deeper appreciation for Uganda's unique cultural landscape.

A delegation team led by the Honorable Secretary of Ministry of Industry Commerce & Employment (MoICE) and Dzongdags from Lhuentse, Monggar, Trashigang and Zhemgang and officials from the Department of Tourism recently visited Uganda, Africa from 28th April till 2nd May 2024 to explore opportunities in ex-



BATWA Community



Eco-lodge Lounge

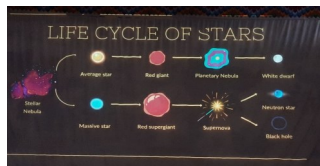
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Nationwide Stargazing Event



The Division of Telecom and Space under GovTech Agency has initiated Bhutan Astronomical Society on 21st February, 2024 coinciding with the Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the King. The program aimed to promote the study and understanding of astronomy and space sciences in Bhutan which will focus solely on providing educational aspects in astronomy. Overall, the BAS will play a vital role in promoting scientific literacy, curiosity about the cosmos, and

the overall development of science and technology in Bhutan. The Bhutan Astronomical Society organized and facilitated a nation wide stargazing event from 1st April till 30th May 2024. Accordingly, a total number of 45 participants including teacher's and students from the three nearby schools of Mongar and 15 participants involving civil/corporate employees took part in the event held on 6th May 2024 at the MPH of Mongar HSS.



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Trail and Demonstration of Portable Electric Fencing



In order to provide choice to the farmers on different type of fencing. National Plant Protection Centre (NPPC) based at Thimphu have set up trial and demonstration in the few selected Dzongkhags and Gewog. The materials and technical are supported through NPPC with labour contri-

bution from the beneficiary. This is indeed supplied with superior quality of materials with high tech version. The result and the farmer's feedback will determined the propagation and expansion of this technology to the other communities at large. Following four gewogs are selected and established as a trial run and monitor the result and bring detail report to the Dzongkhag and Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.

Gewog	Location	Area covered	HHs covered	Length (Km)
Dramedtse	Jamtshogpa	14.56	12	1
Silambi	Silambi	11	6	1
Saling	Ngantangla	3	2	1
Chaling	Chulibi	13	12	1.2
Total		41.56 acres	32	5.2

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Enhancing Professional Growth Through MOESD's Immersion Program– An Experience Sharing

Immersion program, MoESD's initiative, has provided new opportunities for school



staff to visit educational institutions in India. Through this program, I visited the Pallavan Learning Center and Vasant Valley School, which was transformative, highlighting the value of gaining new perspectives.

Traveling to Thimphu was a refreshing break from my routine. The immersion journey allowed me to connect with colleagues, share experiences, and discuss good practices in our schools. The Pallavan Learning System emphasized a comprehensive development roadmap focusing on cere-

bral, emotional, spiritual, physical, and social growth, highlighting often overlooked elements. Vasant Valley's innovative card system for managing disciplinary issues and academic performance, which involves continuous monitoring and feedback, could improve student habits and reduce negative behaviors in our schools.

Vasant Valley School does not administer exams until Class VIII and has no records of failures in higher classes. While this approach is intriguing, it may not suit our context due to varying levels of parental support. Vasant



Valley's success is influenced by high fees (Rs. 350,000 per year), student dedication, consistent parental involvement, and the use of English from the foundation level.



Overall, the immersion program was educative and rejuvenating. Traveling and interacting with 40 principals for a shared mission was a remarkable experience. Thank you, MOESD, for introducing the immersion program, and to our Dzongkhag administration for the opportunity to participate.

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Empowering ESP/GSP Staff through Skills4Life Program

On 21st and 22nd May 2024, a two-day training on mushroom cultivation



and basket weaving (waste management) as a part of the Skills4Life program for ESP/GSP staff was conducted in Mongar HSS. The mushroom cultivation program attracted 18 participants, while 4 participants took part in basket weaving. Attendees included individuals from various schools in the Dzongkhag and health

staff from ERRH, and PHCs. In the opening of the program, Dasho Dzongdag graced the event and highlighted the importance of applying the acquired knowledge post-training and maintaining continuity. The program concluded with Dasho Dzongdag awarding certificates to the participants. Similarly, on 27th and 28th May 2024, training on basic house wiring was conducted at the Old DT Hall. The training saw 37 enthusiastic participants from various schools in the Dzongkhag and health staff from ERRH, and PHCs. Dasho Dzongdag graced the opening

of the event and highlighted the importance of skills in daily life. The program concluded with Dasho Dzongdag awarding certificates to the participants as usual. For the staff under the Dzongkhag, this program was conducted for those ESP/GSP staff who could not attend the earlier trainings conducted at the beginning of this financial year. As for participants from ERRH, Mongar, this is done as per the request of the NMS to the Dzongkhag to aid in the coordination of the said trainings.



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Opening of Nature-based Recreational Park at Rechhanglu, Lingmethang



This Recreational Park is handed over and will be operated by the Youth Group of Masang-Daza village consisting of five members as of now. The Recreational Park consists of (a) trekking and cycling, (b) zip line, (c) hot stone bath, (d) sky walk, (e) tent and campfire facilities, (f) cafeteria and a wonderful place for picnic and other recreational activities.



Nature-based Recreational Park at Rechhanglu was opened to the public from 6th June 2024 onwards in the presence of Dasho Dzongdag, Dasho Drangpoen, Project Manager from UNDP/GEF Ecotourism Project, officials from Department of Tourism, CFO and Forestry Officials from Mongar, Gup of Saling Gewog, regional heads and the people of Lingmethang.

The park was developed by the Mongar Forest Division in collaboration with the Dzongkhag and is a part of UNDP/ GEF Ecotourism Project “mainstreaming biodiversity conservation into tourism sector in Bhutan” being implemented by the Department of Tourism, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Employment.



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PICTURE STORIES



From KaJa Throm Inauguration at Gyalpoizhing on 4th June 2024.

Welcoming New Members



On 13th May 2024, the Dzongkhag Administration joyfully extended a warm welcome to 12 new members joining the family: 5 Jr. Engineers, a contract teacher, an Admin. Asst., 2 drivers, and 3 ESP/GSP personnel who were recruited by the Dzongkhag. Following an orientation by the HR Section, Dasho Dzongdag graciously met with them, expressing the importance of serving our nation with unwavering dedication and

utmost loyalty. Similarly, on 5th June 2024, a new GAO for Tsamang Gewog joined the Dzongkhag. The GAO was recruited by MoHA and prior to joining the Dzongkhag, she has attended Ministry's orientation and onboarding program.

The Dzongkhag wholeheartedly extends its best wishes to them for success in all their professional endeavors.

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O'Strangers Band



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