



Handing Taking of GC Roads



Following the directive of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, Thimphu, the



Dzongkhag Administration formally handed over the GC Road to the Department of Surface Transport, Regional Offices, Lingmethang, Tashigang, and Samdrup Jongkhar. The Handing Taking Over ceremony was carried out in the presence of Dasho Dzongdag on June 28, 2024, and was attended by all the Gups of the 17 Gewog Administrations, as well as officials from the regional offices and the Dzongkhag engineering sector. The timely maintenance of the structures will hereafter be managed by the respective



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Welcoming new Dasho Dzongrab



On Sunday, 23rd June 2024, an auspicious day, the Dzongkhag Administration of Monggar is pleased to welcome the new Dzongrab, Dasho Sangay Dawa. Prior to his transfer, Dasho Sangay Dawa served as the Drungpa of Sakteng Drungkhag under Trashigang Dzongkhag.

Dasho was warmly received at the Dzong gate by Officiating Dzongrab, Local Government Members, and heads of regional and sector offices. He was then escorted to the chamber of Dasho Dzongdag for a courtesy call. Following this, Dasho visited the Goenkhang to offer prayers. At the Dzong Dochel, he was greeted by the Lams and Lopens of the Dratshang and escorted to the Kuenrey to offer prayers in the presence of Venerable Lam Neten.

A traditional zhugdrel phunsum tshogpa and marchang ceremony took place in Dasho Dzongrab's office. The official handing-taking ceremony was presided over by Venerable Lam Neten and attended by Dasho Dzongdag, Dasho Drangpon, Dasho SP, and DT Thridzin. Lams and Lopens, Khenpo, Regional Heads, business community members, Sector Heads, and the staff of the Dzongkhag joined in offering Trashi Khadhar to Dasho Sangay Dawa.

With his extensive experience and wise leadership, the Dzongkhag Administration looks forward to working closely with Dasho Sangay Dawa for the further development of Monggar Dzongkhag and the nation. We wish Dasho a very successful and happy stay.



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Dignitaries Visit

Hon'ble Attorney General visited Monggar Dzongkhag



Hon'ble Attorney General Dasho Sonam Tashi and officials from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), Thimphu visited Monggar Dzongkhag on 20th June, 2024 and engaged in conducting a day

long legal awareness program in the new DT Hall. The program was attended by Dasho Dzongdag, Dasho SP, Dasho OC, DT Thridzin, Gups and Mangmis, Regional Heads, Sector Heads, officials of the Thromde and Dzongkhag Municipality.

The awareness program focused mainly on the roles and functions of the Office of the Attorney General, mechanism and procedures to provide legal services from the regional offices followed by question and answer sessions on legal issues. Further, the program was conducted based on the legal mandate of



the OAG and with particular objective to create an avenue for the Dzongkhag and Gewog officials to know the primary functions of the OAG and legal services that can be availed in the process of executing the functions in the local governments and clarify the kinds of legal services that can avail from the regional offices and OAG headquarters.

Since it was the Hon'ble Attorney General's first formal visit to the Dzongkhag after assuming office, Dasho Dzongdag and the participants presented Trashi Khadar as a mark of respect and good fortune.



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Commencement of Mid-Term Examination



The Mid-Term Examination for all schools under the Education Sector of Monggar Dzongkhag for classes IV-XII took place from 17th to 28th June 2024 for Lower Secondary,

Middle Secondary, and Higher Secondary Schools.

Exams for the Primary and ECRs were held from 21st to 28th June 2024. Meanwhile, classes from Pre-Primary to class III, which do not have examinations, continued with

their regular classes until 28th June 2024.

After the mid-term examinations, all schools under Monggar Dzongkhag will be closed for summer vacation from 29th June to 15th July 2024. The normal academic session will resume on 16th July 2024. We wish all teachers and students a fruitful and enjoyable summer vacation.



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A Glimpse into Philippine's Tourism

The training experience was enriching. The program deepened our understanding of governance structures and partnership dynamics within Community-Based Tourism (CBT) groups. Learning about effective community engagement in tourism initiatives was particularly valuable, as it underscored the importance of fostering local participation and ownership in sustainable development efforts. Moreover, the significance of storytelling in tourism, which helps shape visitor experiences and perceptions, can be replicated in our sites, given our rich culture, traditions, and practices. Meeting with the head and staff of the Intramuros Administration was informative. The autonomy granted to



the Intramuros Administration has been pivotal in the preservation, restoration, and development of Intramuros as a historical monument. Their responsibility and accountability have led to outstanding outcomes, transforming Intramuros into a center of tourist attraction. Intramuros offers a rich



glimpse into the history of the Philippines with its well-preserved buildings, churches, plazas, and museums. This architectural and cultural heritage has been well maintained, making Intramuros a vibrant destination for tourists seeking to explore Philippine history.

Visiting Congress Hall and meeting with the congresswoman provided valuable insights. The roles of the Members of Parliament in Bhutan closely mirror those of their counterparts in the Philippine Congress. Both are tasked with legislative functions, representing the concerns and voices of their constituents, and participating in the oversight and scrutiny of developmental activities in Philippine history.



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Visit by Chairperson of Guide Association of Bhutan



The Chairperson of the Guide Association of Bhutan, along with 25 tour guides, met with Dasho Dzongdag, Dasho Dzongrab, and DT Thrizin of the Dzongkhag Administration, Monggar, on June 27, 2024.



During this meeting, the eco-tourism achievements of the Dzongkhag were highlighted by Dasho Dzongdag, who showcased various eco-tourism sites, including:

- The eco-trail from Phurjurlapta to Jaiphu
- The birding trail from Latongla to Zhongar along the TBT
- The newly inaugurated Richanglu recreational park

Dasho Dzongdag also shared future plans to attract more tourists to Monggar. These plans include extending the trails from Jaiphu to Pongchula and developing agri-tourism initiatives.

The Chairperson and the tour guides discussed the reasons for the lower tourist arrivals in the eastern region and provided recommendations to

ensure more frequent tourist visits to the eastern Dzongkhags. The collaboration between the Dzongkhag and the Guide Association of Bhutan (GAB) aims to promote tourism and enhance livelihoods in the eastern Dzongkhags.



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7th GOWA- Connecting talents with the labour market



Even the distance of almost 3 hours and 15 min ride, to the destination could not stop Galay Wangchuk a 23 years old job seeker to attend GOWA. He along with his friends woke up as early as 4:30 am in the morning and started their journey of more than 82 kilometers, to get themselves equipped with the basic labour market information and the services provided by the regional office.

Galay shared that he and his friends got the information from the Gup of Lumang Gewog encouraging them to attend the event. They shared that it was something new to them and were pleased to have attended the program, edifying them on the various labour market opportunities and connecting them with the potential employers. Like Galay, Pema Meto a 26 years old job seeker attend the program all the way from Merak with her friend with a glimmer of

hope to be employed after receiving the SMS, inviting to the event. Likewise, there were many other youths happy to have attended the 7th GOWA and to learn that the government supports youth in various forms of vocational training, overseas employment, employment service center, and entrepreneurship programs, career guidance services and Youth Livelihood and Engagement Pro-

gram (YELP). Making it easy for young talents in entering the labour market.

With the services available online, the participants were also briefed on the Bhutan Labour Market Information system (BLMIS). Around 17 potential employers submitted their vacancies in sales and services, Hospitality and administrative and accounting for on-the-spot recruitment. The participants enrolled themselves for the vacancies that they are interested in and met with the employers. The office will do follow up in the coming days.

This time, GOWA has exceeded our expectations, bringing together business owners and job seekers of Trashigang dzongkhag in one platform.

This is the 7th GOWA event funded by the Department of Employment and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Employment organized by the Regional Office of Industry Commerce and Employment, Monggar at Trashigang Middle Secondary School Hall, on 12th June, 2024. The Event was attended by 41 youths and 58 potential employers making the event a success along with the collaborative support from the local government and Trashigang Middle Secondary School.

1 Got talent? Join us
ABILITY GROWTH
SKILL
LEARNING KNOWLEDGE

2 Open to:
Employers, Jobseekers, laid off, ect.

3 Where?
Multipurpose Hall (MPH) of
Trashigang Middle Secondary
School

4 When?
Wednesday 12th June, 2024
10:00am onwards

4 Get registered for the Event
Visit the MoICE website at www.moice.gov.bt
Regional Office of Industry, Commerce and
Employment, Monggar.
Contact us at: #04-642123 or 17978846

Regional office, Monggar

They were also oriented towards the Labour and Employment Act 2007, concerning the rights of employees, job security and working conditions that they are protected by. In addition, along with the business owners the job seekers were also introduced with the updated Trade and Industry rules 2023.



Book Keeping training to executive members of Community and Non-Wood Forest Products



As the community forestry is rapidly becoming a significant movement as rural communities that empowers to manage their natural resources sustainably. In addition, to meeting forest product needs through good environmental stewardship, community forestry gives rural communities scope for income generation and poverty reduction through the marketing of timber, firewood, non-wood forest products and ecosystem services and through group governance mechanisms ensuring equitable sharing of benefits and costs amongst the members of community forestry management groups. Owing to this, Divisional Forest Office under Department of Forest and Park Services had established community forests and Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFPs) management group in the rural communities upon realization of enormous benefits to rural communities. Moreover, good support by the National Forest Policy guided by the National Strategy for Community Forestry (2020). Presently Monggar Dzongkhag owns 28 community forests and 10 Non Wood Forest Products (NWFPs) groups.

Department of Forests and Park Services has developed various training modules to support Non-Wood Forest Products Groups and

Community Forest Management Groups for improving group capacity on management and governance for functioning and good operation of groups, out of which one is record and book keeping training. For strengthening record and book keeping in community-based forest product businesses, Divisional Forest Office, Monggar had conducted three days training w.e.f 18th to 20th June, 2024 for executive members of CFs and NWFPs groups of Monggar Dzongkhag at Zhonggar Hotel with the fund support from Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO), and trainers are from the same office which they ac-



quired Trainer of Training (ToT) for it.

The aim of record and book keeping trainings is to strengthen the competencies of the executive committee in keeping proper records on the use and sale of forest products, to facilitate the accountability of the committee to the group, to enhance transparency and, moreover, to assess and improve the business. The training imparted necessary record and book keeping skills targeted and customized to the businesses of the NWFP /CF groups.



During the training, there were 49 executive member participants from 24 CFs and 3 NWFPs groups (with 10 female and 39 male) under Monggar Dzongkhag.

Training was imparted based on parameters of module developed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests adamantly for the CF and NWFPs groups. The parameters of module consists with maintaining of membership registration, membership registration fee collection, money receipt, attendance register, minutes of meeting, stock register, stock receipt, cash book, bank, receivable, payable, net income statement, loaning scheme, and other prerequisites that are



required for a proper functioning of CFs and NWFPs groups.

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Food processing training



A two day training program was organized to Drameitse women's self-help group. Financial support for two days training was funded by the National post-harvest center. The objective of the program was to provide product development training through value addition. The self-help group comprises of 6 female members. The processing equipment was provided through Queen's Project Office (QPO), Thimphu.

The groups are trained on products processing, namely candy, cookies and bread. The wild apple, amla and persimmon are the primary raw materials used to processed candy. The other raw materials used are flour of maize, finger millet and quinoa to process cookies and bread. The processed candies will be supplied to OGOP, Thimphu.

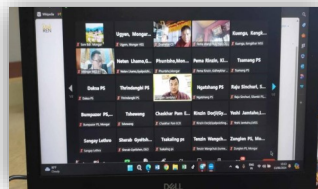


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Virtual Meeting with the Principals

A virtual meeting was held on June 13, 2024, chaired by Dasho Dzongdag and attended by Principals, Vice Principals, Acting Principals, and Teacher In-Charges. The primary purpose of the meeting was to disseminate directives from the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Minister of the

aimed at enhancing student learning outcomes and improving Gross National Happiness (GNH) scores. This effort emphasizes collaboration between the education sector and schools. During the meeting, Dasho Dzongdag emphasized the importance of reinforcing Drig-Lam Namzha and instilling Bhutanese values. The participants also deliberated on setting realistic learning outcomes for various subjects. As a result, the schools resolved to establish learning targets, taking into consideration the Dzongkhag and National Mean Marks for the 2024 academic year.



Ministry of Education and Skills Development (MoESD) regarding the establishment of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

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Modern dairy shed with cow mat flooring– Towards achieving clean milk production



The dairy farming significantly impacts society particularly by enhancing the economic status of the farmers in rural area. It has been one of the main sources of livelihood for the farmers' of Kengkhar Gewog. To improve the quality of milk and ensure sustainable production, a wide range of activities were supported through CARLEP project and Gewog financing. Through the subsidy support, 58 household have constructed hygienic dairy shed and purchased 15 numbers of cow mat in fiscal year 2023-2024. The clean dairy shed furnished with rubber cow mat would create a comfortable environment to animals to

optimize production potentials and prevent management related diseases like mastitis. The beneficiaries are members of dairy farmers' group that has been linked with school feeding program and supplies butter and cottage cheese to Kengkhar Middle Secondary School. Further, group had assured to supply dairy products to

tion and adopt the modern method of dairy farming where productivity will be enhanced without compromising the animal welfare.



Gyalsung Academy, Bondeyma. The interventions are expected to reduce the microbial load in the milk thereby improving the quality of dairy products. Further, it is expected to transi-

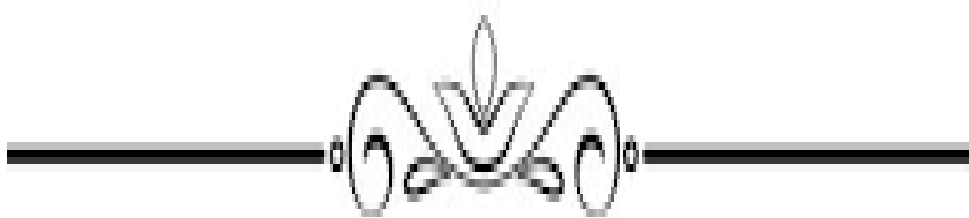


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DeSuups before fielding to the gewogs for Million Fruit Tree Plantation.



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