



13th Plan Coordination Meeting with the LGs



A six-day coordination meeting focused on the implementation of Bhutan's 13th Five-Year Plan (FYP) took place from July 15th to July 20th, at the Royal Thimphu College which was organized by the Office of Cabinet Affairs and Strategic Coordination (OCASC).

The meeting brought together key representatives from local governments (205), Dzongdas, Thrompons, planning officers, central ministries, and various stakeholders to review progress, address challenges, and align strategies for the effective execution of the FYP. The coordination meeting has been immensely valuable in aligning the local initiatives with the national strategic goals of the 13th FYP. It provided the LGs with a clearer understanding of the macro-fiscal framework and how we

can effectively manage our resources.

On July 18, the 13th Plan was officially launched by HE the Prime Minister of Bhutan in presence of foreign dignitaries and development partners.

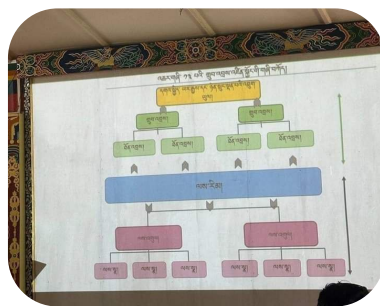


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- First Coordination Meeting
- Agriculture Technology Enhancement
- Inauguration of SEN Building
- An Agreement signed between FCBL and vegetable suppliers

1st Coordination Meeting on the 13th FYP

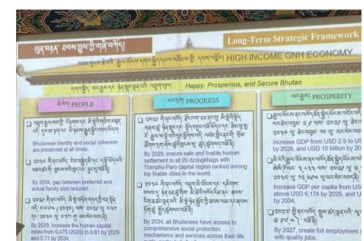


On 31st July 2024, the Dzongkhag Administration con-



vened a coordination meeting with Regional Heads of various offices under Monggar Dzongkhag on the 13th Five-Year Plan (FYP). The Dzongkhag planning sector provided a comprehensive overview of the historic 13th FYP, while Regional Heads offered valuable insights and recommendations for its successful implementation. The meeting also addressed pertinent professional issues and outlined its way forward. In addition, Dasho Dzongdag shared updates and

information on the Gelephu Mindfulness City initiative, as conveyed by His Majesty the King during recent audiences. Moreover, Dasho Dzongdag also informed the gathering about the latest developments of the Gelephu Mindfulness City.



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Agriculture Technology Enhancement



During the last two phases of the Million Fruit Tree Plantation (MFTP), a majority of households received non-grafted walnut and peach seedlings. In

contrast to grafted seedlings, non-grafted seedlings take longer duration to reach the fruit bearing stage. With the aim to promote high-value crops like almond and soft-shell walnut through expedited production, the Department of Agriculture, Thimphu, has initiated a mass grafting program for almond and walnut plantation throughout the country.

Given that the optimal time for grafting most temperate fruit seedlings falls within the months of February and March, a grafting program for almond and wal-

nut varieties was scheduled from February to March 2024 covering 315 households.

Table I. Gewogs and scion woods allocated for grafting

SN	Gewog	Almond scion woods (no)	Walnut scion woods (no)	Total scion woods (no)
1	Kengkhar	635	0	635
2	Monggar	226	0	226
3	Ngatshang	653	235	888
4	Shermuhoong	0	166	166
5	Silambi	0	221	221
6	Tsakaling	795	0	795
7	Tsamang	0	191	191
Total		2083	1039	3122

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Inauguration of SEN Building



On 18th July, the newly-constructed SEN Building in Mongar MSS was officially inaugurated in a simple yet meaningful ceremony and handed over to SEN unit of school. The officials from Education office, Principal and teachers attended the event.

The Dzongkhag in general and the Education Office and the school in particular would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Education and Skills Development (MoESD) and the donor who enabled the construction of the SEN

Building. Your generosity will benefit numerous students and educators by providing a state of the art facility for learning, teaching, and growth. Your support has established a lasting legacy that will inspire and educate for generations to come. There are 11 SEN teachers and 36 students who are currently present in the institution.



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Welcoming New Members to the Family



The Dzongkhag welcomed 11 new regular and 8 contract teachers to its civil service fraternity today.

Dasho Dzongrab, in his opening remarks, congratulated the teachers for their achievement and thanked them for choosing to serve the nation as a whole and Mongar Dzongkhag in particular. Dasho also touched upon other important topics including the need to serve the nation with utmost dedication and be exemplary human beings. The day-long orientation program covered the civil service code of conduct, HR-related matters, vacancies of teachers in different schools, and the placement among the schools. They were placed in different Higher Secondary and Middle Schools based on need. Prior to their appointment, they had undergone 18 months of PG training at Samtse and Paro Colleges.



Similarly, on 15th July 2024, the Dzongkhag welcomed Mr. Tempa Tshering, Agriculture Extension Supervisor of Gongdue Gewog. The Dzongkhag extends its warmest welcome to the newest members and wishes them success in their future endeavors.



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Agreement Signed between aggregator and FCBL to supply vegetables to Bongdima Gyalsung



On 15th July 2024, The vegetables will be supplied to the Gyalsung academia which is situated in Bongdima, Gyalpoishing by a group of selected suppliers from the seven Gewogs under the Monggar Dzongkhag. The agreement was signed between the Food Cooperation of Bhutan Limited (FCBL) and the supplier from the Monggar Dzongkhag in the presence Dasho Dzongrab and



Dzongkhag Agriculture sector.



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General Staff Meeting



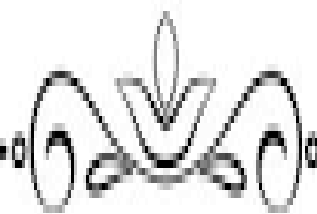
The Dzongkhag Administration, Monggar held a general staff meeting on July 29, 2024. During the meeting, the Policy and Planning Unit presented a brief overview of the 13th Five-Year Plan and the Staff Welfare Scheme (SWS). This was followed by a talk on Gelephu Mindfulness City by Dasho Dzongdag.

The meeting also provided an opportunity for the staff, particularly the Elementary Service Personnel (ESP) and General Service Personnel (GSP) staff to raise the issues and challenges they face in their daily duties. The main objective of the meeting was to listen to the concerns of the staff and find solutions to address and improve the working conditions

and overall job satisfaction in the Dzongkhag.



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