



Drukyl's Son: Celebrating the 9th Birth Anniversary of HRH, the Gyalsey



On this joyous occasion of the 9th Birth Anniversary of His Royal Highness Gyalsey Jigme Namgyel Wangchuck, Monggar Dzongkhag joins the nation in extending our



heartfelt felicitations and prayers for His Royal Highness's long life and good health.



heads, offered butter lamps, prayers and Zhabten at the Dratshang Kuenra.



To commemorate the significant day, on 5th February 2025, led by Bumdhey Lam and Lop Umzey of Monggar Rabdhey, Dasho Dzongrab, Dasho Drangpoen, DT Thridzin, monks, and sector and regional



Highlights

- 5th NBSAP conducted
- Little CEOs program launched
- Celebrating Chess Masters
- 7-stage Water Pump for Kengkhar
- BES strives for 10+ Million Trees

For Better Collaboration: Entry Meeting by MPs



On 8th January 2025, an Entry Meeting was held at DT Hall, with the members of parliament represented by Dasho Neten Wangchuk (MP of Monggar Constituency). The meeting was attended by Dasho Dzongdag, Dasho SP, Dasho Dzongrab, along with sector and regional heads.

During the meeting, the Members of Parliament shared updates on resolutions,

discussions on bills, the Annual Report, the Action Taken Report, and other matters deliberated in the National Assembly. Participants highlighted the issues and challenges encountered during the implementation of acts and policies at the grassroots level and proposed recommendations to address these challenges in the public interest.



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5th National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plan



The Regional Consultation Workshop on the Bhutan National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plan (NBSAP) was organized by the National Diversity Centre, Thimphu, from 15th to 17th January 2025, at Deothjung, Trashigang. Participants from five Dzongkhags—Monggar, Trashigang, Pemagatshel, Trashiyangtse, and Samdrup Jongkhar—

attended the event.

The workshop saw the participation of approximately 65 representatives from various sectors, line departments, the private sector, and local government bodies. Monggar Dzongkhag was represented by Thrizin Wom, Dzongkhag Engineer, Dzongkhag Agriculture Officer, Dzongkhag Livestock Officer, a survey official, Forestry Official, Thromde Ngotshab, BFDA, and a representative from the farmer's organization from Ngatshang.

Funded by UNDP in collaboration with the Bhutan Biodiversity Centre, Serbithang, Thimphu, the primary objective of the workshop was to validate the 5th draft National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plan before its submission for endorsement by 2nd

June 2025. The workshop focused on a two-pronged approach:

1. Sensitizing different stakeholders.
2. Enhancing the value and quality of the draft NBSAP.



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For a Better Dzongkhag Administration: General Staff Meeting



The Dzongkhag Administration conducted its first general staff meeting for the year 2025 today at the Old DT Hall. It was chaired by Dasho Dzongdag and attended by Dasho Dzongrab, sectors heads and

more than 90 staff under the Dzongkhag headquarters including ESP/GSP. Dasho Dzongdag talked about transformations and reforms circling around the noble vision of EEB10XP and GMC and shared invaluable insights and learnings from the Executive Forum conducted by RCSC.

While Dasho Dzongrab talked about the importance of teamwork and other critical reminders, the HR Section presented on the notable changes in the BCSR 2023. Finance related topics including SWS report, eDATS



and salary advance procedures were presented to the attendees by the Dzongkhag Finance Officer.

The one-day session saw interactive participation from all the staff in sharing concerns, grievances, and suggestions while pledging to work for the achievement of Dzongkhag-level and national goals.



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SBSP Little CEOs Launched in Mongar



The much-anticipated Student Business Seedling Program (SBSP), featuring the vibrant Little CEO initiative, officially launched today at Mongar Higher Secondary School, marking a significant milestone in fostering entrepreneurial spirit among Bhutanese youth and promoting balanced regional development.

The opening ceremony was graced by Hon'ble DASHO DZONGRAB, with distinguished attendees including the Superintendent of Police, the Regional Director from ROICE, the Principal, senior officials from the Dzongkhags, and

24 enthusiastic participants from Mongar and Trashigang. Targeting students from classes IX to XII, this two-week program is designed to:

- Master the fundamentals of entrepreneurship.
- Develop practical skills to launch business ventures.
- Tackle real-world challenges with innovative solutions.
- Learn the basics of creating business plans.
- Pitch innovative ideas to a panel of judges.

The program aims to ignite creativity, build leadership skills, and inspire participants to become change-makers within their communities. Beyond the classroom, these budding entrepreneurs will serve as ambassadors of innovation, sharing their learnings and spearheading impactful initiatives in their schools and beyond.

In his inspiring keynote address, the Chief Guest emphasized the im-

portance of entrepreneurship and to seize the opportunity to learn and apply entrepreneurship skills beyond the classroom. This program, funded under the Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP), is a collaborative effort between the Department of Employment and Entrepreneurship (DoEE) and the Financial Institutions Training Institute (FITI). It aims to equip Bhutanese youth with the skills and mindset needed to thrive in a dynamic global landscape. The program which started on 15th January and ended on 29th January 2025.



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Celebrating Mongar's Chess Masters



The National Chess Tournament, organized by the National Chess Federation, was successfully held in Thimphu on 23rd and 24th January 2025. The event brought together the best chess players from across the country, providing a competitive platform for skill development and strategic gameplay. The Mongar Youth Centre selected Mr. Tobden Singye and Ms. Sonam Deki after having a serious

competition to select the best players to participate at the national level.

Among the participants from different regions at the National Level. Mr. Tobden Singye of delivered an impressive performance, securing the runners-up trophy, highlighting his strong performance in the tournament. Additionally, Ms. Sonam Deki from Losel Yangchenling Nunnery, Yakpogang, who also played for Mongar Youth Center, won the Best Player trophy among nuns, showcasing her exceptional strategic thinking and determination.

Participating at the national level allowed players to enhance their critical thinking, decision-making, and strategic planning skills. The exposure to high-level competition also improved their analytical abilities and concentration, which are essential in chess.

The tournament not only provided a learning experience but also motivated young players to pursue chess with greater passion and dedication. The event concluded successfully, fostering a spirit of sportsmanship and encouraging the growth of chess in Bhutan.



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For a Data-driven Decision-making: IALC-2025



Dzongkhag Statistics Unit in collaboration with Agriculture statistics division of National Statistics Bureau, conducted field operations for IALC-2025

(Integrated Agriculture and Livestock Census). The training for Tshokpa and

Enumerators was conducted from 22nd December 2024 to 24th December 2024 at Wangchuk Hotel Mongar.

The primary objective of the integrated census is to assess the characteristics and performance of crops and livestock farming in the country. Additionally, the census is aimed at achieving the following specific objectives:

1. Record and maintain reliable information on Bhutan's crop production and livestock population and production for the development and implementation of food security programs
2. Establish accurate and reliable data on Bhutan's crop production, livestock population and production for planning and monitoring development programs.
3. Collect information on crop and livestock indicators, such as annual crop production, livestock population, categorized by characteristics such as crop type and

animal breed to aid in the development, promotion and monitoring of economic growth.

4. Provide time series data on the crop production, and livestock population and production to support the development to support the formulation of sectoral investment strategies.

The IALC 2025 was a complete enumeration covering all crop growers and livestock rearing households in the country. Enumeration Area The enumeration area for the IALC 2025 shall be the area covered by the enumerators in a day, in most cases this is a village of their respective Gewog. Statistical unit of enumeration The statistical unit is the individual holdings e.g. households, institutions, corporate entities, etc. Data collection for the IALC was begun on 1st January 2025. The field operation has successfully completed within stipulated timeline. 17 enumerators recruited from native chiwogs, 28 Tshokpas, carried out the field enumerations.



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BES Strives to Cover 10+ Million Trees by 2030



Bhutan Ecological Society (BES) conducted a stakeholders meeting on 21st of January 2025 at Old DT hall with aims to disseminate and deliberate the information on Bio Sistema and 10+ million trees plantation project to all the Gups, Extension Supervisors of 3 Dzongkhag: Trashiyantse, Lhuentse and Mongar. The main focus of the meeting was on upscaling of biogas

production and supply of fruit trees and mangroves at household levels. It was mainly focused on the effectiveness of Bio Sistema, cost sharing and community labor recruitment mandates, their objective and goal. With multiple benefits and importance of its own, mainly with reduction to import of LPG gas, use of firewood and minimize in production of CO₂ (eco-friendly).

Another ambitious BES project was 10+ million plantation of fruit trees and mangroves across the country by 2030. With motive to reverse the fallow land and provide self-sustainability to the rural livelihood, BES are equipped at providing the fruit trees and non-fruit trees at their desired demand. With the plantation project exercising multiple benefits to the community and environment as

whole, BES is exploring efficient ways in which this ambitious project can be implemented at grassroots level. The setbacks related to project of this size were also emphasized and discussed with the floor. Most of the colleagues, senior civil servants and local leaders were seen with commitment and dedication during the meeting, exchanging their views, suggestion feedbacks with the representative of BES. The meeting was indeed fruitful as the participants were in position to clear their doubts regarding the project and get the definite idea of it through presenter. In conclusion the meeting was successful as all the stakeholders were briefed and explained regarding Bio Sistema and 10+ million tree plantation project alignment.

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Handing Taking of 7-stage Water Pump at Kengkhar



der Kengkhar Gewog, covering approximately 70 households.

This project, executed under the Water Flagship Program at a cost of Nu. 36.80 million, includes the construction of water pumping houses, intermediate tanks, source tanks, service reservoirs, pipelines, installation of pumps, HT and LT cable lines, and substations. This initiative will significantly address the water challenges

faced by the community, ensuring a reliable 24/7 water supply for the residents.

Upon the successful completion of the seven-stage water pumping system from Sungakare to Shajula under Kengkhar Gewog, Mongar Dzongkhag, by M/s. Peljore Lhundup Construction Private Limited, the Dzongkhag Level Tender Committee and Kengkhar Gewog Administration have officially taken over the project and handed it over to the public. The scheme will benefit two chiwogs un-



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Welcoming New Members to the Family



in close consultation with relevant authorities and the teachers themselves, ensuring a strategic distribution based on school-specific needs and individual ranking in the BCSE.

To facilitate a smooth transition, the Education Sector or-

ganized a placement and orientation program for the new recruits. During this session, the Dzongkhag HRO on HR policies, civil service rules, and the professional code of conduct. This initiative aimed to equip the teachers with the necessary knowledge and understanding of their roles and responsibilities within the education system.

The Officiating Dzongda formally welcomed the new teachers, extending heartfelt congratulations on their successful selection through the civil service examination. In his address, he underscored the importance of serving with commitment, dedication, and integrity to enhance the quality of education in Mongar and to uphold the aspirations of His Majesty the King. May your journey in shaping the future of our children be fulfilling and impactful.

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