



Carnival of Mongar: Celebrating a King's Legacy



The Mongar Carnival, held from 21st to 23rd February 2025 at Kaja Throm, Gyalpozhing, was a vibrant tribute to His Majesty the Fifth King's 45th Birth Anniversary. Organized by Mongar Dzongkhag and hosted by Gyalpozhing HSS and Lingmethang HSS, the carnival embodied the theme "A King's Legacy: Festivity, Joy, and Grandeur". The carnival unfolded with a colorful parade showcasing Bhutan's rich traditions, followed by a variety of cultural performances by students from different schools. The audience enjoyed both traditional and modern dances, along with musical performances by singers from Thimphu. The days and nights filled with laughter and joy brought together people from all walks

of life to express gratitude and loyalty to His Majesty the King in an atmosphere of much excitement. The smiles with glee and a vibrant crowd were an embodiment of unity and happiness of the community. Far from just a festival, the Mongar Carnival was a symbol of love, uni-



ty, and allegiance to His Majesty the King. Bringing the event together was Dasho Dzungdag of Mongar Dzongkhag, whose commitment to the initiation of such programs and to their successful overall delivery put into strong relief his unwavering loyalty and dedication to the King and the people, making it a cherished one in the very heart of Mongar Dzongkhag.

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Highlights

- **Carnival of Mongar**
- **HM's Birth Anniversary Celebration**
- **Million Fruit Tree Program**
- **One-child One-Egg Program Launched**
- **Garmani Eastern POL Depot Consecrated**

Women Empowerment in Local Governance



An awareness program on women empowerment and building confidence in local governance was conducted across 17 Gewogs under Mongar Dzongkhag

from 11th to 20th February 2025. The program was conducted through the financial support from BCMD (Bhutan Center for Media and Democracy). The awareness program focused on exploring the underlying reasons for women's lack of confidence, identifying key challenges, and discussing the necessary support mechanisms to boost their confidence and encourage active participation in the opportunities they get.

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Nutrition for All: One-Child, One-Egg Program Launched



On 21st February 2025, coinciding with the 45th Birth Anniversary of the 5th King, His Excellency Lyonpo Yonten Phuntsho, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock inaugurated the official roll out of One-Child, One-Egg initiative in Zunglen Primary School, a historic school in Drepung Gewog where the King had played

the football barefooted during the royal visit in 2009. The occasion was graced by the presence of country's representative of FAO, officials from MoAL, LG officials, staff and student of Zunglen PS and public of Zunglen Chiwog.

One child, one egg is a joint initiative of the Royal Government of Bhutan and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to enhance the children's nutrition by providing one egg per child per day. Through the initiatives, it is aimed at addressing the nutritional deficiencies particularly in the school going children's during the formative years. In the first phase, the initiatives will cater

30 feeding schools across the country benefitting around 33000 students and gradually cover all the schools.



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Meeting on the Situational Analysis on Search and Rescue Teams Formation



The Department of Local Governance and Disaster Management (DLGDM) under the Ministry of Home Affairs successfully convened a three-day Stakeholder Meeting from February 25-27, 2025 in Phuntsholing. The meeting was aimed at conducting a comprehensive situational analysis for the formation of Search and Rescue (SAR) Teams at various levels, including National, Dzongkhag, Thromde, Dungkhag, and Gewog.

Key stakeholders, including representatives from the Royal Bhutan Police (RBP), Desuung Office, Gyalsung, National Search and Rescue Training Centre (NSARTC), and Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC), participated in the meeting, comprising a total of 27 members from these agencies.

The meeting focused on several key objectives, including assessing the current status of SAR Team formation across multiple levels, developing SOPs for SAR operations that are standardized at all levels, and enhancing coordination and collaboration between agencies to improve SAR response capabilities. The outputs of the discussion included the formulation of comprehensive SOPs for SAR operations to ensure uniform adoption



across all agencies and levels that strengthen partnerships among participating organizations to enhance collaborative SAR response efforts.

The fruitful discussions and shared insights during this meeting have set the foundation for more effective and efficient SAR operations throughout the country. We are eager to implement the agreed-upon action plan and enhance our collective response to emergencies.

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Celebrating the 45th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the King



day, it is a moment to honor the remarkable legacy of Your Majesty.

The event began at 9:30 AM with Chhipdrel procession and was graced by Ven. Lam Neten of the Mongar Rabdey. It was marked by offering Marchhang and the offering of Zhabten for His Majesty The King.



Monggar Dzongkhag extends our heartfelt felicitations on the occasion of His Majesty's 45th Birth Anniversary. As we celebrate this significant



On the auspicious occasion, we renew our pledge and commitment to serve the Tsa-Wa-Sum under Your

Majesty's dynamic, compassionate and visionary leadership.

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Million Fruit Tree Plantation Opening program in the east for the first time

The Million Fruit Tree Plantation (MFTP) program has made impres-

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The inaugural event at Kidheykhar shedra, launched by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, aligned with the birth anniversary of His Majesty the King of Bhutan, on 21st February 2025 and highlighting the national significance of this initiative.



It was witness by communities of Kidheykhar, De-Sung, Monks, ARDC, Agriculture field staff, CARLEP, Department of Agriculture



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Oath of Affirmation of Office

The newly elected Gup of Dramedtse Gewog and Tshogpa of Daag Chiwog under Silambi Gewog, Monggar Dzongkhag,



took the Oath of Affirmation of Office 19th February following a bye-election. The Election Commission of Bhutan conducted the bye-election in accordance with the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2008, after the passing of the previous office-



holders.

The bye-election for Dramedtse Gup was held on November 6, 2024. Among the three candidates, Tenzin Jamtsho secured victory with 560



votes out of a total of 1,120 votes cast. The other candidates, Karma Wangchuk and Ugyen Tshering, received 194 and 366 votes respectively.

Similarly, the bye-election for Daag Chiwog Tshogpa under Silambi Gewog took place on December 12, 2024. Rinchen Lethro emerged as the winner with 63 votes out of 96 total votes cast, while his opponent, Choten Dema, secured 33 votes.

The Dzongkhag warmly welcomes Gup Tenzin Jamtsho and Tshogpa Rinchen Lethro, wishing them success in their new roles and expressing confidence in their leadership within the local government.

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Audit Exit Meeting held for FY 2023-2024.



The Audit Exit Meeting for the financial year 2023-2024 was conducted on February 19, 2025, in the new

DT Hall. The meeting was attended by a three-member Audit Team led by the Assistant Auditor General from the Office of the Assistant Auditor General, Bumthang. Also present were Dasho Dzongdag, Gups, Sector Heads, GAOs, and other relevant Dzongkhag staff.

Emphasizing the importance of accountability and transparency, the meeting facilitated discussions on audit mem-



os and observations. The concerns and viewpoints of the individuals involved were

carefully considered to ensure a fair and balanced review.

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Welcoming New Members to the Family



Mongar Dzongkhag is delighted to extend a warm welcome to four new members joining its family. This includes two Accounts Assistants who were transferred from other agencies and two newly recruited officials.

Mr. Jigme Wangchuk, a Senior Accounts Assistant, has joined the Dzongkhag after serving in Trashi-yangtse Dzongkhag. Similarly, Mrs. Tashi Gyelmo, an Accounts Assis-

tant, has transferred from ARDC Wengkhar. In addition to the transfers, Ms. Sonam Dechen has been recruited as a Livestock Supervisor under the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MoAL). Likewise, Ms. Dorji Wangmo has joined as a Surveyor under the National Land Commission Secretariat (NLCS). Both new recruits have successfully completed their orientation programs under their respective parent agen-



cies before assuming their roles in Mongar Dzongkhag.

The Dzongkhag Administration extends its heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all four members as they embark on this new chapter of their professional journey. We look forward to their contributions and are confident that their dedication and expertise will add great value to the Dzongkhag.

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Hon'ble Minister of Industry, Commerce and Employment Visits Mongar Dzongkhag



His Excellency Lyonpo Namgyal Dorji, the Minister for the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Employment (MoICE) met with officials, local

leaders, school principals, and job creation. The visit highlighted the business representatives at Ministry's efforts to promote inclusive economic growth and employment Mongar. HE provided an update on national developments and the Ministry's ongoing programs.

The interactive session allowed participants to raise concerns, which he addressed by reaffirming the government's commitment to business support, regional economic growth, and



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Sensitization report on Accelerating Maternal and Child Health Program



As per the directives from MoH and Dzongkhag Administration, a one-day sensitization program on

month for up to 33 months, contingent on ANC visits, PNC visits, immunization, and exclusive breastfeeding.

LG functionaries are responsible for raising awareness, supporting health workers, and addressing complaints. The session included presentations, discussions on maternal healthcare challenges, and recommendations such as increasing financial support, expanding eligibility, and ensuring program sustainability.

Accelerating Maternal and Child Health Program (AMCHP) was held on 7th February 2025 for Local Government representatives across 17 Gewogs and Thromde. The program aimed to enhance the utilization of maternal, neonatal, child health, and nutritional services by ensuring LG members understand the program, support implementation, and prevent mismanagement.

The project, funded by the World Bank for three years, targets pregnant women and mothers with children under two years, prioritizing the socially and economically vulnerable. Beneficiaries, automatically selected through the Tracking Information System (TIS), receive Nu. 1500 per



The program concluded with appreciation for the participants' engagement

and the Ministry of Health's continuous support, reinforcing a shared commitment to improving maternal and child health.

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MSTF-CBSS Community Consultation meeting (RENEW, Pema Secretariat & NCWC)



A consultation meeting was held regarding the establishment of the RENEW community service center in the Monggar Dzongkhag. The feasibility assess-

everyone, whereby holistic services (prevention and intervention) can be provided whenever necessary.

The safe space will also provide counselling, legal aid and case management services. In addition, the center will also be providing awareness and sensitization programs, livelihood skills training and youth engagement programs. The safe space is expected to be operational from April with the joining of case manager and the center manager.



ment of the center was conducted, whereby the necessary renovations will be done with the fund support from the UNICEF. The safe space will be in the heart of Monggar town.

Having RENEW safe space in Monggar would be of immense benefit to



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Consecration Ceremony of the Garmani Eastern POL Depot



The consecration ceremony of the Garmani Eastern POL Depot was presided over by Ven. Lam Neten of Mongar Dratshang, accompanied

by Lams, Lopens, and monks, who conducted the Lhabsang Thruesel ritual in the morning.

The inaugural ceremony was honored by the presence of His Excellency, Lyonpo Namgyal Dorji, Minister for Industry, Commerce, and Employment. The event was also attended by Dasho Dzongdag, Dasho Drangpon, Dasho



SP, local government leaders, the proprietor of M/s. Passang Construction, as well as regional heads from Mongar and Gyalpoizhing.

The Hon'ble Minister's presence, despite his busy schedule, underscores the Ministry's commitment to strengthening fuel security in the region. The participation of esteemed dignitaries highlights the collective dedication to enhancing energy security and distribution. This milestone reflects meticulous planning, dedicated efforts, and a significant step forward in ensuring a reliable fuel supply.

The establishment of this depot was made possible through the generous financial support of the Government of India under TFS, with a total project cost of Nu. 324.684 million. Spanning 10.33 acres, this state-of-the-art facility is designed to optimize operations, enhance



maintenance capabilities, and ensure efficient fuel and LPG distribution across the region.

At present, the depot houses underground storage tanks with a capacity of 1,000 KL each for petrol and diesel. However, due to budget constraints, only 114 KL of petrol and 111 KL of diesel are currently stocked, with plans to gradually reach full capacity as funding allows. Additionally, the depot has stocked 6,143 LPG cylinders.

The newly built residential and emergency infrastructure will significantly improve the capacity to store and distribute fuel and LPG, ensuring preparedness for natural disasters and emergencies. This facility stands as a testament to progress, resilience, and a collective commitment to the well-being of communities in the region and neighboring Dzongkhags.



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February Month in Pictures



Birth Anniversary of His Majesty The King

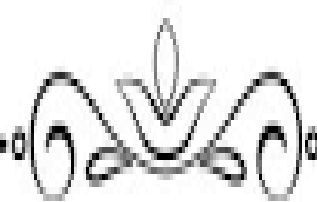
February Month in Pictures



Carnival of Mongar at KaJa Throm, Gyalpoizing



Welcome Ceremony of Dashi Dzongdag from the Desuung Training



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