



The 63rd Annual Mongar Tshechu



The 63rd Annual Mongar Tshechu was celebrated with profound spiritual devotion and a dazzling display of cultural splendor from 27th to 30th November 2025, preceded by the sacred Thru ceremony on 25th November and the Cham Juk on 26th November. The auspicious event was graced by the esteemed presence of the Mongar Dratshang Lam Neten, Dasho Dzongdag, Dasho Drapoen, Dasho SP, Dasho Dzongrab, DT Thrizin, Gups and regional as well as sector heads, along with thousands of devout practitioners. Their collective presence elevated the spiritual ambience and added great dignity and unity to this revered annual celebration.

Over the course of four vibrant days, an array of sacred mask dances, traditional songs and religious performances

were exquisitely showcased by the monks of Mongar Dratshang and the mask dancers of Mongar Dzongkhag. These deeply symbolic rituals, rooted in centuries-old traditions offered blessings, spiritual merit and profound inspiration to the gathered devotees.

The Tsechhu concluded gracefully at the Dratshang Kuenrey with the awarding of prizes and commendations to all participants in recognition of their unwavering dedication and contribution. The successful culmination of the festival once again reaffirmed the community's enduring commitment to safeguarding Bhutan's rich spiritual and cultural heritage, while simultaneously embracing opportunities to enrich visitor experiences and promote the region as a vibrant cultural and spiritual destination.



In a new effort to promote tourism in Eastern Bhutan, special hospitality tents were set up exclusively for visiting tourists, where they were warmly received with welcome tea and presented with thoughtful souvenir gift packs to enrich their cultural experience. This initiative has played a significant role in attracting more tourists to the region while simultaneously stimulating the local economy by encouraging greater visitor engagement, supporting local artisans, and strengthening the overall tourism value chain.

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Commemoration of 70th Birth Anniversary of Fourth King



Monggar Dzongkhag joined the nation in celebrating the 70th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo with deep devotion and gratitude. The day began with the offering of a thousand butter lamps and Zhabtoen at the Dratshang Kuenrey, setting a solemn and spiritual tone in honor of His Majesty's extraordinary legacy.

Thousands gathered at the public ground joined by LG leaders, regional officials, civil servants, teachers, students, business communities and the public in a powerful display of unity. The celebration featured vibrant cultural

performances by dancers, students, teachers, and civil servants, while the sacred Zhana Ngacham by Mongar Rabdey added spiritual grandeur. A Guard of Honour by the Royal Bhutan Police and De-Suups further underscored the nation's profound respect for His Majesty's exceptional leadership.

The event radiated joy, national pride and heartfelt reverence, reflecting the deep admiration of the people of Monggar for the Fourth Druk Gyalpo. The celebration concluded with

Tashi Lebay, symbolizing collective gratitude, harmony, and the nation's shared aspirations.



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Commemoration of the 17th coronation day



Monggar Dzongkhag, in collaboration with Mongar Dratshang, joined the nation in commemorating the 17th Coronation Day of His Majesty the Fifth Druk Gyalpo. The celebration was marked by heartfelt prayers and expressions of gratitude, reflecting the deep respect and devotion of the people towards His Majesty.

The occasion served as a tribute to His Majesty's bound-

less compassion, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to the peace, stability, and prosperity of the Kingdom. It highlighted the enduring guidance and visionary leadership that continue to inspire the nation.

Venerable Lam Neten, Dasho Dzongdag, Dasho Drangpon, Dasho SP, Dasho MI, Dasho Dzongrab, Thrizin, along with other sector and regional heads, offered prayers and conveyed their best wishes for His Majesty's long life, good health, and continued well-being. Their collective devotion underscored the nation's heartfelt reverence and loyalty to the Fifth Druk Gyalpo.



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Inauguration of the RENEW Community Service Center – Advancing Safe Spaces for All



On 3rd November 2025, the RENEW Community Service Center was officially inaugurated at Zhongar Park, with Dashi Dzungdag gracing

the occasion as the chief guest. The event saw the presence of Dashi Drangpon, the Superintendent of Police, Officers Commanding from Gyalpoizhing and Mongar, representatives from Mongar Rabdey, local government leaders, regional and sector heads, and members of the business community. Also in attendance were Ms. Fawzia Hoodbhoy, UNICEF Deputy Representative to Bhutan, Dr. Meenakshi Rai, Program Director of RENEW, along with officials from UNICEF and RENEW.

The RENEW Community Service Centers, often referred to as Safe Spaces are designed to deliver comprehensive support to women, girls, and other vulnerable groups. They focus on strengthening protection, offering livelihood and life skills training, and providing essential services such as counseling, child protection, and case management. By fostering greater community participation,

these centers play a vital role in combating gender-based violence (GBV) and promoting child protection awareness.

Key Services Offered Include:

- **Case Management:** Personalized guidance and support for survivors.
- **Counseling & Psychosocial Support:** Assistance for trauma recovery and mental well-being.
- **Child Protection Services:** Ensuring the safety, rights, and welfare of children.
- **Livelihood & Skills Training:** Building economic independence and confidence for survivors.
- **Awareness & Advocacy Programs:** Promoting community understanding of GBV, child protection, and mental health issues.

The launch of the center represents a major stride toward building safer and more supportive environments, reflecting the combined efforts of RENEW, UNICEF, and local partners to empower and uplift those at risk.

The center is poised to serve as a key platform for safety, empowerment, and community-led initiatives, helping to advance a culture of protection, inclusiveness, and sustained support for all.

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Druk 7-Star EXPO



The Druk 7Star Expo, organized by Druk Street eEvent, a private firm in collaboration with the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Employment (MoICE) and the Mongar Dzongkhag Administration, conducted five days Expo Trade fair starting from 15th of November and lasted till 19th November 2025. The opening ceremony was graced

by Dashi Dzungdag, Dashi Drangpon, regional heads, and sector heads.

The expo served as a vital platform to unite diverse business communities and strengthen the local economy by offering broader market exposure and engagement opportunities. With 48 stalls showcasing products ranging from kitchenware, clothing, fitness equipment, home décor, carpets, furniture, and books to various food items, the event attracted international business participants, bringing significant economic benefits to the Dzongkhag—from hoteliers to local retailers. It fostered valuable business linkages, supported enterprise development, and enhanced cross-border commercial relationships, enabling local entrepreneurs to better understand import-export gaps, business dynamics, operational modalities, pricing strategies, and market penetration opportunities.

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Health Transformation 2.0 – Strengthening Dzongkhag Health Administration



In accordance with the Ministry of Health's directives and as stated in letter No. ERRHM/ADM-01/2025-2026/3744 dated 6th November 2025 from the Officiating Medical Superintendent of Mongar Regional Referral Hospital (MRRH), the administrative and management responsibilities of all 20-bedded hospitals and below have been formally transferred from MRRH to the Dzongkhag Health Sector. This transition marks an important realignment aimed at strengthening decentralized health service governance.

The handing- and-taking-over ceremony was convened on 19th November 2025 at the Dzongkhag Mini Conference Hall, graced by the Hon'ble Dasho Dzongdag. The occasion was attended by the Dzongrab, the Officiating Medical Superintendent, and key officials from Public Health, Finance, Human Resources, Procurement, and Information & Technology divisions of both the Dzongkhag Administration and MRRH. Their presence underscored the institutional significance of this structural shift.

With this reform, the Dzongkhag now oversees 28 health facilities including 3 ten-bedded hospitals, 20 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and 5 Sub-Posts. This transition is expected to ease the administrative workload of health professionals, enabling them to devote greater attention to clinical services and patient care. To ensure continuity and effective coordination during the interim period, Mr. Tshering Dorji, Public Health Officer, has been designated to officiate as the Dzongkhag Health Officer (DHO) in addition to his regular duties until the appointment of a new DHO.

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Bidding farewell to HRO



As she transitions to the Human Resource Development Division at the Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC). Since joining Mongar Dzongkhag in 2022, Madam Wangchuk Lhamo has been an invaluable member of the team, contributing her skills, dedication, and professionalism to the smooth functioning of the administration. Her commitment and diligence have left a lasting impression on colleagues and the wider community, and her presence will be deeply missed.

The Dzongkhag Administration warmly bids farewell to Madam Wangchuk Lhamo, HRO, as she transitions to the Human Resource Development Division at the Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC).

As she embarks on this new chapter of her career, the Dzongkhag Administration extends its heartfelt appreciation for her significant contributions and unwavering service. We convey our best wishes for her continued health, happiness, and success in all future endeavors, confident that she will excel in her new role and continue to inspire those around her with the same passion and dedication that marked her tenure with Mongar Dzongkhag.



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Strongman Competition at Mongar Dzongkhag



The Dzongkhag-Level Nyagoe (Strongman) Dendhur selection for Mongar was held on 15th November 2025 at the Mongar Middle Secondary School football ground. The event, graced by Dasho Dzongrab, drew a large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators, reflecting the growing popularity and excitement surrounding this traditional test of strength and endurance. Participants from across the Dzongkhag came together to showcase their physical prowess, determination, and competitive spirit.

A total of thirteen contestants from the Gewogs of Chaskhar, Drametse, Jurmey, Mongar, Saling, Tsakaling, and Tsamang competed fiercely. Emerging victorious was Mr. Choney Dorji, 31, from Chaskhar Gewog, who completed the challenge in an impressive 3 minutes and 37

seconds. The second place went to Mr. Cheten Zangpo, 28, from Drametse Gewog, finishing in 3 minutes and 53 seconds, while the third place was claimed by another participant, Mr. Cheten Zangpo, 29, also from Drametse Gewog, with a timing of 4 minutes and 28 seconds.

As the Nyagoe of Mongar, Mr. Choney Dorji will represent the Dzongkhag in the prestigious Druk-Gi-Nyagoe Dendhur competition during the upcoming National Day celebrations. The top three winners were awarded cash prizes of Nu. 30,000, Nu. 20,000, and Nu. 10,000 respectively. The event was successfully organized by the Bhutan Broadcasting Service (BBS) in collaboration with the Mongar Dzongkhag Administration, reflecting the shared commitment to promoting traditional sports and celebrating

strength and talent of the local community.



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Strengthening Technical Capacity



field visit to the ongoing blacktopping site at Zunglen Chiwog and the asphalt plants at Nuchi and Kurizam. The

The Dzongkhag Monitoring Committee, along with all engineers of Mongar Dzongkhag, conducted a

visit aimed to enhance the technical skills of the engineers through hands-on practical training on blacktopping works, providing them an opportunity to gain valuable field experience.

During the visit, the team carried out key inspections, including measuring bitumen mix temperatures, observing the operation of the paver machine, supervising the rolling process, and monitoring quality as per the checklist. They also reviewed the asphalt plant mix processes and conducted a field test before approval. The Dzongkhag extends sincere appreciation to Dasho Dzongdag and Dasho Dzongrab for initiating this technical exercise and looks forward to similar learning opportunities in the future.

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The Glimpse of Annual Monggar Tshechu

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