



Inauguration of the Planning and Economic Development Sector (PEDS)



established Planning and Economic Development Sector (PEDS), marking a key step toward improving integrated planning, economic management, and data-driven decision-making. The event was graced by Dasho Dzongdag, Dasho Dzongrab, Dratshang members, and sector heads. It began with a prayer for auspiciousness and the unveiling of the sector's signboard, symbolizing a new phase in the

Coinciding with an auspicious

zakar, Monggar Dzongkhag Administration officially inaugurated the newly

Dzongkhag's development efforts. The Dzongkhag Planning Officer has been appointed as the Officiating Head of PEDS. During the inauguration, the formal mandates set by the Royal Civil Service Commission were shared with officials and stakeholders, outlining the sector's mission to deliver more coordinated and results-oriented governance.

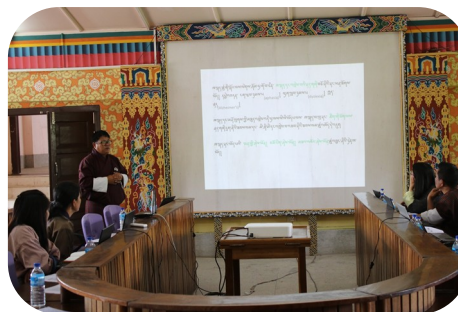
PEDS comprises three key roles: the Planning Officer, who oversees long-term strategies and resource alignment; the Economic Development and Marketing Officer, who supports enterprise growth and market linkages; and the Dzongkhag Statistical Officer, who ensures data-informed planning through research and analysis. This unified structure is designed to enhance collaboration, improve development outcomes, and align local initiatives with national goals.

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Highlights

- Inauguration of PED Sector
- Inauguration of Zhongar Football Tournament

Re-iterating the importance of National Language Dzongkha-Dzongkha Unicode Training



On 14th July, 2025, the Dzongkhag Human Resource Section in collaboration with the Dzongkhag Tshogdu Secretary commenced a five-day Dzongkha Unicode Training at the new DT Hall. A total of 15 relevant and interested staff from various sectors under the Dzongkhag are participating in the training.

The program is designed to equip participants with essential skills, including hands-on practice in Dzongkha typing, understanding the structure and layout of the language, using Unicode tools and installation methods, as well as typing in Dzongkha using Microsoft Word and Excel, among other key competencies.



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Awareness Program on Procurement Regulations (PRR) 2025, SBDs, e-Government Procurement (e-GP) system, and GIMs platform



The Department of Procurement and Properties conducted an awareness program on the Procurement Regulations (PRR) 2025, SBDs, e-Government Procurement (e-GP) system, and GIMs platform, which was attended by members of the Dzong-

khag Tender Committee, Dasho Drungpa, Gups, Sector Heads, GAOs, and regional offices in and around Mongar Dzongkhag with participants of 93 in day one and 43 in day two. The session is aimed to enhance understanding of the upcoming regulatory changes, promote the use of digital procurement systems, and ensure transparent, efficient, and accountable procurement practices.

On first day, the session was on Procurement Regulations (PRR) 2025, e-tools, SBDs, e-Government Procurement (e-GP) system, rebate collection

procedure for HDPE pipe and cement and sensitization on centralized pro-



curement of laptops and desktops. On the second day, the team covered the training of the Government Inventory Management System (GIMs).

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Football for Health and Unity: “Mongar Hosts Zhongar Open Monsoon Departmental Football Tournament (Season I)”



On July 19, 2025, the Dzongkhag Administration in collaboration with the Mongar Sports Association, officially launched the Zhongar Open Monsoon Departmental Football Tournament (Season I). The opening ceremony was graced by the MSA President, Dasho Dzongdag and attended by Dasho



Drangpoen, Dasho Dzongrab, DT Thrizin and other sector heads. A total of 14 departmental teams from across Mongar Dzongkhag are participating in the month-long tournament which runs from July 19 to August 17, 2025.

The tournament is being organized;

- i. To commemorate the 70th birth anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo.
- ii. To promote public health by addressing non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and encouraging active lifestyles among civil servants and the wider community.
- iii. Beyond sports, the initiative also seeks to boost the local economy and strengthen community ties.

It serves as a platform to foster community spirit and encourage meaningful public engagement, emphasizing the importance of health, wellness and

unity.

Additionally, the event aims to strengthen inter-departmental relationships, promote youth participation in sports, and cultivate a culture of teamwork, discipline and leadership among civil servants and community members. By encouraging sportsmanship and healthy competition, the tournament also contributes to enhancing mental well-being, reducing stress and creating a more vibrant, connected and resilient society in Mongar.



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Welcoming new members to the Family



Monggar Dzongkhag officially welcomed nine newly appointed PGDE teachers into its education sector. These new recruits include two teachers for Accountancy, three for Dzongkha, and one each for Biology, Economics, Geography and Counselling. Their placements were strategically aligned with the specific needs of various schools within the district. To facilitate their integration, the Dzongkhag Education Sector organized a dedicated placement and orientation

program. Additionally, the Human Resource Section provided an overview of HR policies, civil service rules, and the professional code of conduct to ensure a well-informed start to their careers.

In addition to the new teachers, Monggar Dzongkhag also welcomed two new staff members to its administrative team. Mr. Ugyen Thinley, appointed as the Gewog Administrative Officer (GAO) for Ngatshang Gewog and Mrs. Tashi Wangmo, the newly transferred Administrative Assistant for the HR Section, joined from Khini Lower Secondary School under Trashiyangtse Dzongkhag.

As part of their welcome, the new members had the opportunity to meet Dasho Dzongdag in a formal courtesy call. Dasho congratulated them on their successful selection through the

civil service examination and reminded them of the vital role teachers play in nation-building. He encouraged them to uphold integrity, dedication, and professionalism in their duties.



Dasho also emphasized the importance of their contributions toward strengthening the education system in Monggar, fulfilling His Majesty The King's vision, and supporting the goals of the Gyalsung Military and Citizenship

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A Humble Farewell to our Staff



The Dzongkhag Administration recently held a heartfelt farewell program to honor three esteemed colleagues; Mr. Jigme Dorji, Principal Engineer; Mr. Tandin Dorji, Civil Engineer; and Mr. Phuntsho Dorji, Surveyor who have been transferred to the Regional Office for Infrastructure Development in Monggar. This gesture of appreciation recognized not only their professional excellence but also

the lasting impact they made on the Dzongkhag through their commitment, teamwork, and tireless service in the field of public infrastructure.

The farewell ceremony took place in the Mini Conference Hall and was graced by the presence of Dasho Dzongdag, Dasho Dzongrab and several sector heads. The gathering reflected the high regard in which the three officers are held, with words of gratitude and warm wishes expressed by colleagues and officials. Their contributions have played a significant role in the successful execution of various development projects, helping to shape and uplift the physical landscape of Monggar Dzongkhag.

While their departure marks the end of a valued chapter within the Dzongkhag Administration, it also opens a new door for professional growth and broader regional engagement. The administration expressed deep appreciation for their dedicated service and conveyed optimism for continued collaboration in their new roles.



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Pilot Sistema Biogas Installed at Tshokila Village under Chhaling Gewog

A pilot Sistema Biogas unit was successfully installed on January 3, 2025 at Mr. Sonam's residence in Tshokila village, Chhaling Gewog. Led by the Bhutan Ecological Society (BES), Bhutan Biogas (NDDC) and the Dzongkhag Livestock Sector, the initiative aims to promote clean energy and sustainable farming.



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Unlike the dome-type biogas plants already serving households in Chali Gewog, the new Sistema Biogas is portable, easy to install, affordable and suited for smallholder farmers. Mr. Sonam, a dedicated livestock farmer with ten cattle, now uses biogas for daily cooking and bio-slurry as fertilizer reducing his family's dependency on LPG and inorganic fertilizers.

The system not only cuts household expenses and labor but also supports organic farming, improves waste management, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions—aligning with Bhutan's climate goals. Sonam shared, *"We no longer use LPG cylinders since installing the biogas unit all our cooking is now done with biogas."*

Following its success, a community awareness program was held, resulting in 23 households expressing interest in adopting the technology. Installations are underway with support from partner agencies.

This pilot project highlights how simple innovations can deliver clean energy, better farming, and stronger climate resilience paving the way for wider replication across rural areas.



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Five Day Summer Engagement Program



The Monggar Youth Center, in partnership with RENEW (Respect, Educate, Nurture and Empower Women) successfully conducted a five-day **Summer Engagement Program** from July 3 to 9, 2025. Designed to provide meaningful engagement for young people during their school break, the program focused on education, skill-building and raising awareness on key youth issues. A total of 59 adolescents; 22 boys and 37 girls aged between 6 and 18 actively participated in this enriching initiative.

Throughout the program, participants explored a range of

topics centered on personal growth, social responsibility and healthy decision-making. Sessions covered important areas such as an introduction to RENEW and community support services, gender awareness, prevention of sexual and gender-based violence, Damtsi values (emphasizing integrity and responsibility), mental health, child online safety, teenage pregnancy, peer pressure and substance abuse. Additionally, the program encouraged reading habits as part of cognitive and emotional development.

To promote holistic well-being, the program also included a variety of recreational and creative activities like arts and crafts, aerobics and basic training in chess, table tennis, and badminton. The closing ceremony, held on July 9, 2025, was graced by the Chief Dzongkhag Education Officer (CDEO) of Monggar Dzongkhag who applauded the participants and encouraged them to carry forward the values and lessons learned during the program.

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Strengthening Urban Collaboration: Meeting with Property Owners and Business Communities of Monggar Town and LAPs



The Monggar Dzongkhag Administration held a successful stakeholder meeting at Wangchuk Hotel with over 190 participants, including property owners and business representatives from Monggar and nearby areas. Dasho Dzungda presented upcoming plans focused on urban planning, infrastructure development, town beautification, improved public services, and support for local businesses. He also addressed issues like water supply, waste management, business signage, and emphasized the importance of community involvement and the Health Trust Fund.

Dasho Dzungrab highlighted the Health Trust Fund as crucial

for providing uninterrupted access to essential medicines and healthcare services. He called for continued public support to ensure its sustainability for the benefit of all citizens, reaffirming the administration's commitment to a strong and reliable health system.

The Royal Bhutan Police stressed the need for stricter safety protocols in entertainment centers and greater accountability from business operators. They

also encouraged stronger collaboration between businesses and law enforcement to enhance public safety. The meeting reflected a shared vision for inclusive development and a safer, more vibrant Monggar



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Success Story: Timely Completion of GSB Laying under Sherimuhung Gewog, Monggar



The Granular Sub-Base (GSB) laying project from Sherimuhung Dzongkhag Road to Gangmung Chiwog Farm Road was successfully completed by M/s Thongja Construction, Monggar for a contract value of Nu. 9,187,515.00, funded by the Government of India (GOI) under the Special Development Project (SDP). Despite a 9-month contract period (starting April 10, 2025), the contractor completed the 4.7 km GSB work ahead of schedule, showcasing excellent project execution

without compromising quality. The work scope includes (a) Construction of Plum L-drain, (b) Installation of boulder cross-drainage structures and (c) Laying of GSB over the full road length

Key Success Factors:

1. Financial Soundness – Ensured uninterrupted cash flow, timely procurement, and workforce payment.
2. Strong Management – Effective planning, daily monitoring, and swift on-site decision-making.
3. Material Availability – Timely procurement and stockpiling of local materials avoided delays.
4. Favorable Site Conditions – Ring road to the project site accelerated the transportation of materials

without much hindrances.

5. Timely social and regularity clearances – Proactive of the contractor to process the clearances during the mobilization period.
6. Adequate machineries at the site – One of the standout features of this project was the deployment of machinery in excess of what was stipulated in the tender documents.
7. Segmented Labour Deployment – Several workforces were divided into focused groups, each assigned to a specific stretch of the road.

The project's success was also supported by consistent supervision from Gewog and Dzongkhag Administrations, ensuring transparency and quality control through regular testing.

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July Month in Pictures



Opening Ceremony of Zhongar Open Monsoon Departmental Football Tournament (Season I)



KHP Team



MHSS Giants Team



Match Day Officials & Team Captain



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