



Saleng Tendrel of Dorjilung Project



to launch construction of vital access roads and bridges. The ceremonies were conducted simultaneously at Kurizampa and Rewan, by the Venerable Lam Netens and Monks from the dratshangs, underscoring the national importance of the projects.

The Mongar Dzongdag attended the Salang Tendrel at Kurizampa as the Chief Guest, where he underscored the national significance of the Dorjilung Hydropower Project. In his address, he emphasized the Project's anticipated contribution to the country's GDP, its role in generating employment, and its potential to enhance rural livelihoods

On an auspicious day, 8th August, 2025, the 1,125 MW Dorjilung Hydro-power Project (DHPP) began its formal commencement with Salang Tendrel ceremonies

through improved market opportunities for agricultural produce. He also reminded the gathering of the need to safeguard Bhutan's cultural values and traditions as development progresses. This ceremony comes after the July 28, 2025, contract signings with M/s KD Builders Pvt. Ltd. and M/s Chimmi RD Construction Pvt. Ltd.

The contracts, valued at Nu 479.26 million, cover the construction of 29.10 kilometers of access roads and two major bridges across the Kurichhu River, with completion targeted within one year. The Project has committed to adhering to rigorous environmental, social, and occupational health and safety standards throughout the implementation of these works.



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Highlights

- 8th DT Session
- General Staff Meeting
- Saleng Tendrel
- Common Examination

Dzongkhag Common Examination

The Dzongkhag Common Examination (DCE) was introduced to standardize student assessments across schools, ensuring fairness, quality, consistency and to reduce the expenses of conducting the examination in school level. Initiated through the Annual Dzongkhag Education Symposium, the program was implemented with strong coordination among school leaders and stakeholders. Question papers underwent both school-level and Dzongkhag-level moderation by teachers to ensure quality aligning with curriculum standards. Printing and binding were successfully completed through the collaborative efforts of Mongar HSS, Kidheykhar HSS, and Gyalpozhing MSS, followed by secure distribution to schools starting from 6th June 2025. The Dzongkhag Administration also extended welfare support to acknowledge the hard work of all the teachers and staff involved.

The Education Sector would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to all schools and teams involved in conducting the examination fairly under the leadership of Dasho Dzongdag, Mongar.

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8TH DT SESSION OF MONGGAR DZONGKHAG



The 8th Dzongkhag Tshogdu (DT) Session of the 3rd Local Government for Monggar Dzongkhag started on 18th August 2025 at the old DT hall. The session began with traditional ceremonies like Marchang and Zhue-Drey Phuensum Tshokpa. The Chairperson, along with Dasho Dzongdag launched the Annual Report for the 2024–2025 financial year in front of all members. Presentations were made on the progress of developmental activities, the budget for 2025–2026 and activities approved at the Gewog Tshogdes.

Members also discussed various issues and challenges faced by the gewogs. Hon'ble Dasho Tshering Wangchen, the National Council Member also attended the session.

On the second day, all Local Government members and officials from Dzongkhag and regional offices attended the meeting. The session mainly focused on budget proposals from both Dzongkhag Administration and the Gewogs for 2025–2026, making sure that the plans are in line with national goals. Members talked about important road works including black-topping of Silambi–Weringla road, repairing the Tsamang Gewog road and placing reflectors from Korila to Ngatshang. The Road Act and Regulations was also reviewed with inputs from regional offices.

The Dzongkhag Tshogdu became a

platform for deep discussions on development priorities and challenges in Monggar. Members showed their commitment to work together for progress in the Dzongkhag. The session ended



with prayers, His Majesty's Zhabtoen and Tashi Moenlam marking unity and dedication toward national aspirations and the goal of economic prosperity.

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General Staff Meeting for the Financial Year 2025–2026



The Dzongkhag Administration convened its first General Staff Meeting for the Financial Year 2025–26 on 4th August 2025 at the Old DT Hall.

In his opening address, Dasho Dzongdag underscored the importance of minimizing public expenditure in line with

the nation's renewed vision and mission. He further highlighted the need to align with the E2B10X vision, achieve annual deliverables, and adopt a transformative mindset.

Dasho Dzongrab presented several key agendas, which were thoroughly discussed and resolved during the meeting. The Finance Officer also delivered a brief presentation on the latest SWS updates and statistical highlights.

The meeting concluded with an interactive session, where staff members raised queries, sought clarifications, and shared constructive recommendations. The Dzongkhag conducts its staff meeting at least twice in a financial year.

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Livestock Sector Coordination Meeting



The Dzongkhag Livestock Sector of Monggar conducted two-day sector coordination meeting from 28–29 August 2025 at Zhongar Hotel. The meeting aimed to create an important platform where we come together to re-

flect, share insights, and chart the way forward for the sector. Dasho Dzongdag graced the meeting on 2nd day and shared an important message emphasizing the sector's key objective of contributing to economic growth and ensure the delivery of quality services to the public.

Highlights of the meeting:

- Preparation of Dzongkhag Plan and Geog AWPB 2025-2026 with-

in fund allocation allotted to the sector.

- Prioritization of plan for Sector's Key Deliverables 2025-2026 for production of 32 MT of Ghee, 5MT of Fish and 700,000 numbers of Cage free egg (Local Egg)
- Physical and Financial Achievements of FY 2024-2025
- Subject matter presentation on Breed intensification through AI and thereof.
- General discussion on HR management, Staff welfare, Farm Registration System, Quality Based Milk Payment System and implementation of CSM 2025.

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Inauguration of the Regional Health and Medical Research Centre at ERRH, Mongar



On August 2, 2025, the Regional Health and Medical Research Centre was inaugurated at the Eastern Regional Referral Hospital (ERRH), Mongar. Established within the Traditional Medicine Unit, the Centre aims to promote evidence-based healthcare, encourage innovation and improve public health in eastern Bhutan. The inauguration began with sacred rituals

King, seeking blessings for the Centre's success.

The event was attended by the Hon'ble Dasho Dzongdag of Monggar as Chief Guest, along with Dasho Drangpon, Dasho Dzongrab, Directors from the National Medical Services and KGUMSB, the ERRH Superintendent, and many healthcare professionals. A

including welcome address highlighted the Centre's importance, followed by presentations from MECRIT and ERRH on the objectives, research status, and future plans. The Chief Guest in his keynote address emphasized the need for research-based solutions to tackle health challenges and improve patient care.

The new Centre marks a milestone in strengthening Bhutan's health system through research and innovation. It is expected to become a hub for advancing healthcare knowledge and practices, benefiting both eastern Bhutan and the wider nation. The program ended with a vote of thanks by ERRH's Research Focal, acknowledging all partners and stakeholders for their support and contributions.

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Inaugural Ceremony of Regional Office of Infrastructure and Development



The Regional Office of Infrastructure Development (RoID) in Monggar was recently inaugurated, marking an important milestone in strengthening infrastructure planning and technical services in eastern Bhutan. The office is tasked with supporting four Dzongkhags—Monggar, Lhuentse, Trashigang and Trashiyangtse by providing expertise in planning and design. Its establishment reflects the government's forward-looking strategy to promote modern, sustainable infrastructure development while decentralizing services so that local administrations can access technical support more efficiently without relying entirely on central

agencies.

The inauguration was presided over by the Dzongdag of Monggar and attended by notable dignitaries, including the Drangpon, Dzongrab and various sector heads of the Dzongkhag. Their presence underscored the collective commitment to improving regional infrastructure through cooperation and shared responsibility. The event also highlighted the importance of coordination between government leaders, sector representatives and local communities to ensure that the RoID functions as an integrated part of the broader governance and development framework.

Mandated to oversee technical planning, design preparation and execution of project drawings, the RoID office will serve as a central hub for infrastructure development in the eastern region. Its role is expected to improve efficiency, reduce delays and strengthen local technical capacity while ensuring that projects are aligned with regional priorities. By fostering innovation and providing timely professional support, the office is positioned to significantly enhance project delivery and contribute to long-term regional development, ultimately benefiting communities across the four Dzongkhags.

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Welcoming New Members to the Family



On 5th August 2024, Monggar Dzongkhag Administration welcomed nine newly appointed contract teachers to its family and placed them in various schools under the Dzongkhag on a critical-need basis. The new recruits in-

cluded three General Teachers, two General Substitutes, three Science Teachers, and one Mathematics Substitute.

During a courtesy meeting, Dasho Dzongdag formally received the teachers and highlighted the importance of their role in nation-building. Dasho urged them to embrace their responsibilities with selfless dedication and a positive mindset. The teachers also attended an orientation program organized by the HR Section, followed by a briefing session led by the Education Sector.

These teachers joined their respective schools with effect from 15th August 2025.

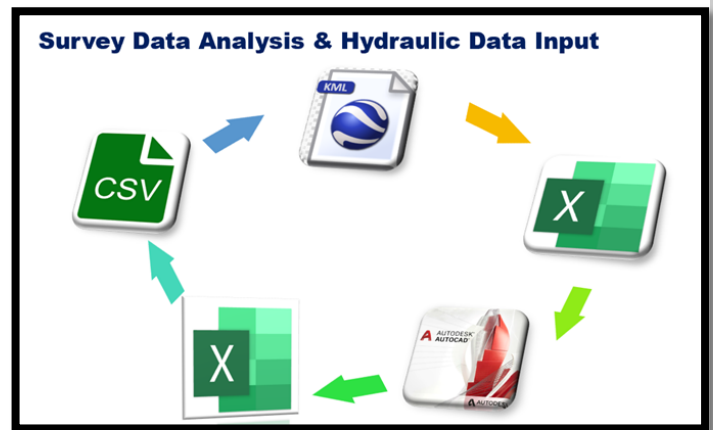
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In-house Hands-on Training on Water Supply Designing using Data Surveyed through RTK and SW Maps

The traditional methods of water supply surveying using Abney levels and altimeters have now been replaced with modern tools such as SW Maps and RTK surveying equipment. However, many engineering staff members lacked adequate knowledge in data analysis while working with these technologies. To address this gap, the Dzongkhag Engineering Sector, with the approval of Dasho Dzongdag, organized a three-day in-house hands-on training led by Mr. Lobzang Tshering, Assistant Engineer. The program aimed to enhance the technical capacity of the engineering staff, aligning with the goals and aspirations of the sector.

The training focused on essential aspects of water supply surveying and system design, beginning with source yield calculations, system layout, and storage capacity estimation. Participants were introduced to a structured design approach using the RWS Designing Software (Excel-based) and were also familiarized with the fundamentals of hydraulic design. Practical sessions helped engineers learn step-by-step data analysis processes, including converting survey data between SW Maps, Excel, AutoCAD, and Google Maps. These exercises boosted the participants' confidence in handling surveys and verifying alignments effectively.

Importantly, the training addressed challenges faced in water supply schemes, which often fail due to poor hydraulic design and inadequate surveying. By strengthening technical skills, this initiative is expected to ensure more reliable and sustainable water supply systems. Moreover, the knowledge gained can also be applied to farm road design and other engineering works, expanding the overall capacity of the staff. The Engineering Sector expressed gratitude to Dasho Dzongdag for approving this valuable program and emphasized the need for more such capacity-building opportunities in the future.



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Dzongkhag Finance Committee Meeting



The Dzongkhag Finance Committee (DFC) convened its meeting on 7th August 2025 to deliberate on financial matters of the Dzongkhag. However, due to the urgent engagement of key officials, the session could not be concluded on the scheduled date. Conse-

quently, the meeting was resumed on Monday, 11th August 2025, to ensure all necessary discussions were carried out effectively. The committee's primary focus was to review and finalize activities to be implemented under the approved budget outlay of Nu. 96.894 million, ensuring that resource allocation was done systematically and in line with the developmental priorities of the Dzongkhag.

The deliberations emphasized aligning the planned activities with the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and Annual Deliverables to ensure accountability and measurable progress.

Each activity was carefully prioritized to maximize the impact of the available budget while addressing the pressing needs of the Dzongkhag. The finalized proposals will be presented during the upcoming Dzongkhag Tshogdu scheduled on Monday, 18th August 2025, for endorsement by the members. Upon approval, the endorsed activities will be submitted to the Ministry of Finance for further consideration and implementation support, thereby reinforcing the Dzongkhag's commitment to transparent and result-oriented financial planning.

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Zhonggar Open Monsoon Departmental Football Tournament (Final)



The grand finale of the **Zhonggar Monsoon Departmental Football Tournament 2025** was held on 16 August at the Monggar Public Ground, attracting hundreds

of football enthusiasts from across the district. The event was graced by DASHO DZONGDAG, DRANGPON, DASHO SP and other distinguished guests, adding further significance to the occasion. A total of 14 departmental teams under Monggar Dzongkhag participated in the tournament which was organized to commemorate the 70th birth anniversary of the Fourth Druk Gyalpo. Beyond the celebration, the tournament sought to foster friendship among departments, promote physical well-being by addressing non-communicable diseases (NCDs), strengthen community bonds and boost the local economy.

Prior to the much-anticipated final, spectators were treated to an exhibition match between the Regional Legends and the M-Dzong Legends. The match highlighted the enduring skills and passion of former players, leaving the audience inspired. With an exciting display of teamwork and experience, the Regional Legends secured a 2–0 victory, setting an energetic tone for the main event that followed.



The championship clash saw **Brother's United (ERRH)** face off against **MHSS Giants (Mongar Higher Secondary School)** in a thrilling contest. Both teams fought valiantly, ending regular time in a 2–2 draw, which pushed the match into extra time. Brother's United took control in the 95th minute with a decisive goal and sealed their triumph with another in the 107th minute, emerging as champions of the 2025 tournament. The Mongar Sports Association extended heartfelt appreciation to all participating teams for their dedication and to the officials whose tireless efforts ensured the smooth success of the event.

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August Month in Pictures



Dzongkhag Tshogdu Thrizin



Dasho Dzongdag



Dasho NC (L), Dasho Drangpoen (M) Dasho SP (R)



Dasho Drungpa & Dasho Dzongrab



DT Members



Closing Ceremony

Scenario of the 8th DT session of the Monggar Dzongkhag

August Month in Pictures



Chief Guest Dasho Dzongdag



Legends of Dzongkhag



Legends of Regional Heads



Entry of team with National Flag



Introduction of Players



Match Day Officials (Final)



Entry of team with National Flag



Entry of team with National Flag



Entry of team with National



Brothers United (Champion)



MHSS Giants (Runner-Up)



Mr. Tashi Yezer (MVP)

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

August Month in Pictures



Celebrating 70th Birth Anniversary of His Holiness the Je Khenpo of Bhutan



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