



## Celebrating Academic Excellence: His Majesty’s Certificates Awarded to 2024 Toppers

Dasho Dzongdag, accompanied by DEO, HRO/ICT officer visited schools across the Dzongkhag to honor the toppers of 2024 with the prestigious His Majesty’s Certificates for Academic Excellence. A total of 70 students from various schools were recognized for their remarkable achievements.

Sl No	School category	No. of HM certificates recipient
1	Middle Secondary School	29
2	Higher Secondary School	19
3	Central School	6
10	Primary School	16
Total =		70

In his address, the Dzongdag not only congratulated the awardees but also spoke of the exciting future that awaits the younger generation. He encouraged students to embrace a growth mindset, to keep learning and experimenting, and to gather as many skills and experiences as possible while still in school. Referring to the vision of the

Gelephu Mindfulness City (GMC), he reminded them that Bhutan is opening new doors of opportunity—opportunities that will require creative, capable, and compassionate young people ready to shape the nation’s journey ahead. Above all, the Dzongdag urged students to see education as more than grades: as the foundation for becoming kindhearted human beings and leaders who will contribute meaningfully to nation building.



Contributed by: Dasho Dzongdag

### Highlights

- Awarding certificates to academic toppers 2024
- Sensitization talk on “Crime & Drugs”
- Commencement of Zhongar Traditional Archery Championship

### Welcoming New Teacher



On 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 2025, JICA Volunteer, Ms. Kurumi Ueyama joined Monggar Dzongkhag as the Physical Education teacher for the Middle Secondary School. Ms. Kurumi graduated with a Degree in Bachelor of Arts in Sport Science from the Nippon Sport Science University in 2023. She will in the school for two years.

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## Consultation meeting on National Tourism Policy



The Chairperson and two esteemed members of the Economic and Finance Committee of the National Assembly of Bhutan made an official visit to Monggar Dzongkhag as part of their consultative engagement with local stakeholders. The visit aimed to gather ground-level perspectives on the National Tourism Policy and its implications for re-

gional development. A consultative meeting was convened with the participation of Dzongkhag sector heads, local government leaders, hoteliers, representatives from the Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), and the Monggar Taxi Association. The discussion provided a valuable platform for meaningful dialogue between policy-makers and local stakeholders.

During the meeting, participants actively shared their views, experiences, and concerns related to the tourism sector's performance, particularly highlighting the challenges faced both before and after the COVID-19 pandemic. Issues such as limited infrastructure, policy implementation hurdles, and the need for more inclusive tourism strategies were discussed in depth. The session proved to be insightful and constructive, contributing to the Committee's ongoing effort to refine national policies in alignment with the realities and aspirations of local communities.

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## Farmer Registration System (FRS)

A nation-wide survey was successfully conducted under the **Farmer Registration System (FRS)** with the goal of registering all rural farmers engaged in agricultural activities across Bhutan. The FRS is designed to create a centralized and detailed database that captures vital agricultural information, including land ownership, farm infrastructure, livestock facilities, and other key farming resources. This database will serve as an essential tool for guiding evidence-based policymaking, improving agricultural planning, and delivering targeted services to farmers. The initiative reflects the government's strong commitment to advancing data-driven agricultural development and ensuring that every farmer and their assets are properly documented.

The survey was carried out over a two-month period, from **August to September 2025**, through close coordination among relevant agencies. Data verification was done in collaboration with the **National Land Commission** for land ownership confirmation and the **Census Department** for household authentication, ensuring both accuracy and consistency. The program received generous funding support

from the **European Union (EU)** and the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Bhutan**, demonstrating international cooperation in strengthening Bhutan's agricultural information systems. In **Monggar Dzongkhag**, a total of **6,496 households** were successfully registered under the FRS, marking a significant achievement toward building a reliable and inclusive national agricultural registry.



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## Stakeholder Engagement on Patient Safety 2025 – Mongar

A two-day stakeholder engagement meeting on enhancing patient safety and improving healthcare quality in



Bhutan began on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in Mongar Dzongkhag, aligning with the global celebration of World Patient Safety Day. The event was graced by the Honorable DASHO DZONGDAG, who inaugurated the program attended by key officials from the WHO Country Office, the Department of Health Services, the Department of Clinical Services, Medical Superintendents, Chief

Medical Officers, Dzongkhag Public Health Officers, Quality Assurance focal persons, and other relevant stakeholders.

Anchored on this year's global theme, "Safe care for every newborn and every child," the meeting centered on discussions about ongoing initiatives, key challenges, and strategic approaches to improve healthcare safety and service delivery. Participants shared insights and experiences across various domains, including Gynecology and Obstetrics, Pediatrics, Pedodontics/Dental Services, Surgical Services, and Traditional Medicine, emphasizing the importance of integrating both modern and indigenous healing practices to ensure holistic healthcare.

During the session, the Health Services Quality Assurance Division (HSQAD) presented the 2024 Bhutan

Healthcare Quality Assurance Report, highlighting progress and areas for improvement. The Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Division also introduced the newly endorsed Health Services Rules and Regulations 2025, scheduled for implementation with nationwide monitoring and compliance inspections starting 15th March 2026. Organized by HSQAD under the Department of Health Services, in collaboration with the Department of Clinical Services, NMS, and supported by the World Health Organization (WHO), the meeting aimed to identify existing service gaps and develop a sustainable roadmap to strengthen Bhutan's healthcare system for the well-being of all citizens.

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## CARE-LG Project Training



As per the instructions from DLGDM, the Planning Officer went to Tashigang as a trainer to train Dzongkhag and Gewog Officials on Climate Adaptation, Resilience, and Engagement in Local Government (CARE-LG) Project from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September. Together with two co-trainers, the

training sessions were facilitated for officials from three Dzongkhag Administrations: Tashigang, Samdrup Jongkhar, and Pemagatshel as well as Gups, Mangmis, GAOs, RNR staff, and Tshogpas from 9 Gewogs under Tashigang, 4 Gewogs under Samdrup Jongkhar, and 10 Gewogs under Pemagatshel.

A total of 108 participants attended the training, which was held in 3 batches. The participants were introduced to the CARE-LG project, including its goals and objectives. They were familiarized with the Gewog Adaptation Plan Template and the Environment and Social Safeguard Checklist. Under the project, the identified Gewogs are

required to prepare project proposals, each with a budget ceiling of Nu. 6.00 million aligned with climate adapta-



tion priorities and submit them to DLGDM through their respective Dzongkhag Planning Officers for approval.

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### GBV and CP Case Management



(RENEW Case Managers and CBSS Focal Points) were trained on various procedures and steps to be followed during case management, along with the importance of collaboration with various stakeholders to give services in accordance with the needs of the clients.

The training also included role-playing exercises that helped participants apply their knowledge in simulated scenarios, allowing them to practice their response strategies. Additionally, the training provided an opportunity for participants to share their experiences and challenges faced in the field, fostering a supportive network among case managers. The training equipped participants with valuable insights and tools to enhance their capabilities in addressing and managing cases effectively, ultimately aiming to create safer environments for vulnerable individuals in their communities.

The Planning Officer, who is also the RENEW CBSS Focal Point of Monggar, attended the Gender-Based Violence and Child Protection Case Management Training in Thimphu from 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September, 2025. The participants

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### Training on Organic Farming and Organic Certification at Tsirang- 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

Economic Development and Marketing Officer, attended a



five days training from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September, on Organic farming and Organic Certification including third-party certification that was organized by

market opportunities.

The training was attended by around 50 participants, including farmers, farmer groups, aggregators and government officials to enhance their knowledge and skills in organic certification and standards. The training helped in gaining knowledge on Bhutan Organic Guarantee System (BOGS), the Bhutan Organic Standards (BOS) and the Local Organic Assurance System (LOAS), along with the training on farm daily management, Internal Control System, soil fertility, and plant protection technologies under organic management followed by field visits.

Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, through the National Centre for Organic Agriculture (NCOA), in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) under the Technical Assistance for Agrifood Systems project. The training aligned with MoAL's 13<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan, seeks to transform the agrifood sector and promote high-value organic exports, the program responds to persistent challenges in the organic sector, such as limited awareness of certification processes, pest and diseases issues, shortage of bio-inputs and constrained



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## Consultation Meeting on the Amendment of the Penal Code of Bhutan 2004



A half-day consultation meeting on the proposed amendment to the Penal Code of Bhutan 2004 was convened on 12<sup>th</sup> September at the Dzongkhag Tshogdu (DT) Hall. The session was led by the Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Committee of the National Council, who provided a com-

prehensive briefing on the rationale and key areas of the proposed changes. The event brought together representatives from the Dzongkhag Administration, Local Government leaders, and other relevant stakeholders, reflecting a diverse and inclusive platform for dialogue.

The main purpose of the meeting was to solicit public feedback and gather insightful recommendations to ensure that the amendments align with the evolving social, legal, and cultural context of the nation. Participants actively engaged in discussions, expressing their perspectives and concerns on the implications of the proposed revisions. The consultation underscored the importance of participatory lawmaking, fostering a shared understanding between policymakers and the public to strengthen justice, fairness, and accountability within Bhutan's legal framework.

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## Commencement of Zhongar Traditional Archery Championship



The inaugural ceremony of the Zhongar Traditional Archery Championship (Season I) for the gewogs under Monggar Dzongkhag was formally held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at the Ridaza Traditional Archery Range. The event was honored by the esteemed presence of the MSA President, Dasho Dzongdag alongside other distinguished dignitaries including Dasho Drangpoen, Dasho SP, Dasho Dzongrab, DT Thrizin, Gups and sector heads.

This year's championship features the participation of 20 teams who will compete over the course of 19 days to claim the title. The competition will strictly adhere to the Zhongar style of archery and will be conducted under the best-of-three system for two days of play.

The tournament has been organized with the following objectives:

1. To preserve and promote the cultural heritage of traditional archery.
2. To strengthen community bonds and encourage healthy competition among the gewogs.
3. To foster youth engagement and transmit cultural skills to future generations.

The opening match was played between the Sherimuhoong Gewog team and the MAZA DAMCHEN team (Drepoong Gewog). At the end of the first day, both the team secured one set each, resulting in a draw. The match is scheduled to resume the following day to determine the winner.



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## Sensitization Talk on “Crime & Drugs”

On 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025, from 10:15 AM to 2:00 PM, the



Deputy Chief of Police from the Crime and Operations Department, HQ Thimphu, conducted a sensitization session on “Crime & Drugs” for officials and stakeholders in Monggar Dzongkhag. The session was attended by a wide range of participants, including Dzongkhag and Court offi-

cial, school Principals, Gups, Desuups, cab drivers, and shopkeepers. The talk aimed to raise awareness and provide sensitization on the current situation of crime and drug abuse both within the Dzongkhag and nationwide.

During the session, the Deputy Chief of Police emphasized the shared responsibility of all stakeholders and community members in making their Dzongkhags, Gewogs, and localities free from crime and drug-related issues. He highlighted that while the focus has been placed on the Greater Monggar Community (GMC), other Dzongkhags are encouraged to adopt the same level of commitment and proactive measures. The program successfully engaged a total of 520 participants, fostering a collective understanding of the crucial role each individual plays in promoting safety and social well-being.

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### September Month in Pictures



**Marchang Ceremony**



**Welcome Speech by GS**



**Wisdom by Chief Guest**



**Sherimuhoong Gewog Team**



**Drepoong Gewog Team**



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### Opening Ceremony of Zhongar Traditional Archery Championship 2025

### September Month in Pictures



**Chaskhar MSS Academic Toppers 2024**



**Dramedtse HSS Academic Toppers 2024**



**Gyalpoizhing HSS Academic Toppers 2024**



**Kengkhar MSS Academic Toppers 2024**



**Kidheykhar HSS Academic Toppers 2024**



**Lingmethang MSS Academic Toppers 2024**

**Pictures with Academic Toppers of various schools with Dasho Dzongdag**

### September Month in Pictures



Mongar HSS Academic Toppers 2024



Mongar MSS Academic Toppers 2024



Nagor MSS Academic Toppers 2024



Yadi HSS Academic Toppers 2024

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