



Honoring the Promotion Recipients



The Dzongkhag Administration convened a modest promotion ceremony on 12th January 2026 at the New DT Hall to honor and celebrate the accomplishments of eight committed staff members. The promotees included one Principal Livestock Health Officer, one Executive Architect, one Assistant Engineer (Electrical), one Senior Procurement Assistant, two Senior Administrative Assistants, and two Technicians. Gracing the occasion, Dasho Dzongdag conveyed his heartfelt congratulations and urged the officials to exemplify high-impact leadership in line with the RCSC roadmap, while aligning their service and professional conduct with the aspirations articulated in His Majesty's National Day Address 2025. He also emphasized the importance of teamwork, unwavering dedication, and a renewed sense of purpose in advancing the Dzongkhag's mission and strategic objectives.

In addition to the ceremony, the Dzongkhag Administration proudly acknowledged a total of 56 employees who were promoted with effect from 1st January. This included 13 officials from the Dzongkhag Administration (MDA), 37 from various schools, 2 from the Renewable Natural Resources (RNR) sector, 2 from the Dzongkhag Veterinary Hospital (DVH), and 2 teachers under the ES category. The Administration extends its sincere appreciation and congratulations to all the promotees and remains confident that they will continue to serve with enhanced responsibility, professionalism, and commitment in their respective roles.

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Water Storage Tanks Transform Farming in Thangrong Gewog



Thangrong Gewog, located about 75 kilometers from Monggar Dzongkhag headquarters, is home to around 350 households, most of whom depend on agriculture for their livelihoods. In recent years, the gewog has made significant progress in strengthening water security through the construction of household-level water storage or reservoir tanks.

With financial support from the Gewog Development Fund (GDF), cement was provided to households for tank

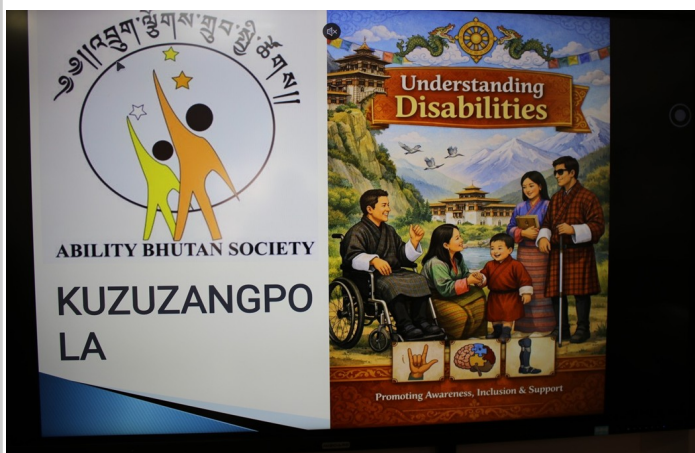
construction, while other materials and labor were contributed by the beneficiaries themselves through a cost-sharing mechanism. This approach encouraged ownership and active participation from the community.

So far, nearly 90 percent of households have successfully completed the construction of water storage tanks. A few tanks are still under construction, and some households have yet to begin, but plans are already in place for upcoming activities. Farmers have shared overwhelmingly positive feedback, noting that the tanks have greatly improved water availability for both farming purposes and household chores.

Compared to neighboring areas, Thangrong Gewog now experiences fewer water shortage problems, even during dry periods. The initiative has enhanced irrigation reliability, supported crop production, and reduced daily water-related hardships. Overall, the water storage tank project stands as a successful example of community-driven development, contributing to improved livelihoods and sustainable water management in the gewog.

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Disability Awareness Program



The Ability Bhutan Society conducted an awareness programme focused on disability issues and the promotion of social inclusion for persons with disabilities. During the session, the team stressed the critical importance of early intervention for infants and young children, emphasizing that timely support is essential to ensure they have equal access to opportunities and services from the very beginning of their lives.

They further underscored the importance of strong collaboration among relevant organizations, local communities, and parents in supporting and nurturing children with both mental and physical disabilities. Such collective efforts are vital in enabling these children to attend school, participate actively in society, and develop their unique abilities and potential. The Ability Bhutan Society is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) committed to empowering children with disabilities by providing specialized training, guidance, and support to help them build skills, confidence, and independence.



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Welcoming New Members



Ms. Kajal Kumari

Mr. Thinley Tenzin, CDLO

Mr. Tashi Tshewang

The Mongar Dzongkhag Administration also formally welcomed Mr. Thinley Tenzin upon his appointment as the Chief Dzongkhag Livestock Officer, following his transfer from Chhukha Dzongkhag, where he served as Deputy Chief Livestock Production Officer and Mr. welcome Mr. Tashi Tshewang, a graduate in Animal Science from the College of Natural Resources (CNR), who joined the civil service with effect from 1st January 2026. He will be posted as the Geog Livestock Supervisor at the RNR Extension Center, Dramedtse.

Administration also extends a cordial welcome to Ms. Kajal Kumari from Bihar, India, who has joined Gyalpoizhing Hospital on a two-year contract, and wishes her every success in her service with the Dzongkhag.

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Mid-Year Budget Review Meeting for FY 2025-2026



The Mongar Dzongkhag Administration held its Mid-Year Budget Review Meeting for the Financial Year 2025–2026 on 12th January 2026. The meeting was presided over by Dasho Dzongdag and attended by all sector heads. In his opening address, Dasho emphasized the guiding principle of “Leadership as One and Delivery as One,” underscoring the need for collective responsibility and coordinated efforts in achieving the Dzongkhag’s targets. The session then proceeded with comprehensive presentations by the Finance Officer and respective Sector Heads, covering the overall budget status, financial performance, and physical progress of activities across sectors.

The deliberations centered on effective budget utilization, necessary re-appropriations, and the surrender of certain activities where required. Participants engaged in constructive discussions aimed at enhancing efficiency, strengthening accountability, and ensuring the timely execution of planned programmes. The review meeting served as an important platform to assess mid-year progress, address implementation challenges, and reaffirm commitments toward achieving the set goals within the financial year.

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The 11th Moenlam Chenmo Coordination Meeting



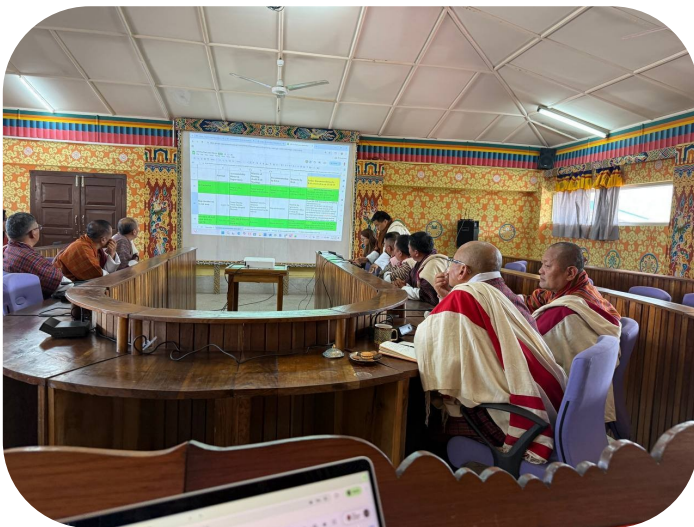
A coordination meeting for the 11th Moenlam Chenmo was convened today at the New DT Hall, jointly chaired by Dasho Dzongdag and Lam Neten, Deputy Chairperson of the Moenlam Chenmo. The meeting was attended by Dasho Drangpoen, Dasho SP, Dasho Dzongrab, Weringla Dungpa, regional and sector heads, as well as the Gups. The session focused on clarifying the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders to ensure the smooth planning and effective execution of the event, which is scheduled to

take place from 10th to 14th February 2026.

During the meeting, the Finance Officer presented the overall financial statement of the Moenlam Chenmo to promote transparency and keep all participants well informed. The discussions concluded with a clear delineation of responsibilities and a shared commitment among all stakeholders to work collaboratively towards the successful organization and conduct of the 11th Moenlam Chenmo in Mongar.

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The Audit Observation Meeting



The Dzongkhag Administration convened a meeting to-

day with sector heads and Gewog Gups to review and deliberate on past audit memos, and to formulate appropriate responses to the outstanding observations. The session provided a platform for thorough discussion, clarification, and coordinated action among all concerned officials.

The meeting was organized with the objective of expediting the resolution of pending audit issues, in accordance with the Royal Audit Authority's notification requiring the settlement of all outstanding memos by 10th March 2026. Participants reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring timely compliance and strengthening accountability in administrative and financial management.

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Village Health Worker (VHW) Training on the Revised VHW Training Manual (6th Edition)

A ten-day Village Health Worker (VHW) Training was



conducted from 8th –17th January 2026 at Saling Gewog Centre, Monggar Dzongkhag, bringing together 42 VHWs (21 male and 21 female) from various gewogs of the dzongkhag. The training provided a valuable platform for learning, experience sharing, and strengthening community-level health service delivery.

The programme was based on the Revised Village Health Worker Training Manual (6th Edition), which aligns with current national health priorities, policies, and community



health approaches. The primary objective was to enhance the knowledge, skills, and competencies of VHWs to enable them to deliver essential community-based health services, support preventive and promotive interventions, and act as a crucial link between communities and nearby health facilities.

The training adopted a participatory and skills-based approach, combining interactive lectures, group discussions, demonstrations, role plays, case studies, simulations, and hands-on practical sessions. Pre- and post-tests, along with practical skill assessments, were conducted to measure knowledge gain and competency development, particularly in first aid.

Key thematic areas included health promotion and behaviour change communication; first aid and emergency care; Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH); nutrition across the life course; communicable and non-communicable diseases; mental health and psychosocial well-being; environmental health and WASH; community-based disease surveillance; and supportive supervision and referral systems. Emphasis was placed on early risk identification, timely referral, effective communication, and community mobilization.

The ten-day programme was structured progressively, beginning with foundational concepts and health promotion, followed by intensive first aid training, Reproductive Maternal Neonatal Child and Care (RMNCAH), nutrition, disease prevention, mental and environmental health, surveillance, and supportive supervision. The training concluded with post-assessment, participant feedback, certificate awarding, and closing remarks.

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