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Celebration of 63rd Birth Anniversary



Participants wore white cap inscribed with "Happy Birthday Your Majesty Jigme Singye Wangchuck", carried their own pack lunch (pot luck) and refreshments (supplied through voluntary contributions from business, civil servants and others), sang National Anthem and hoisted National Flag, sang birthday messages to His Majesty the Fourth King, advocated on waste management as they walked through their route, and collected wastes along 11KM stretch enroute. The wastes collected were then ferried by refuse collectors dispatched for each team. In total, 3400KG of wastes were collected in a single day along 55 KM stretch. Later, the participants also offered thousand butter lamps inscribed as "K4:63", offered birthday cake, sang longevity prayers, performed cultural program by students, and advocated on Constitution of Bhutan to the gatherings. More than 750 people came together to observe the day.

Commemoration: The Great Fourth Druk Gyalpo Jigme Singye Wangchuck turned 63rd on November 11, 2018. To commemorate the day, Tsirang initiated a unique program to mark the day as "63rd Birth Anniversary Fourth Druk Gyalpo Jigme Singye Wangchuck, Constitution and GNH Day". Five remarkable places were chosen that covered 11 KM distance from the Dzongkhag administrative block. These were Thangrey, Barshong, Changchey, Lungsigang and Khrihang. Every par-

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World Toilet Day: Nine among 12 Gewogs now have 100% clean flush toilet accessibility in Tsirang. This was announced during the World Toilet Day observed in Dunglagang Gewog on November 19, 2019. Nationally, 41 Gewogs now have access to clean flush toilet among which Mongar Dzongkhag had first covered the entire district with clean toilet accessibility while Samdrup Jongkhar has just covered its accessibility. Tsirang is expected to gear up its 100% coverage within a shortest span of one year. The clean toilet construction project has thus far implemented in 11 districts. A report book named "Handwashing in School- Knowledge Attitude Practice (KAP)" and "Mensuration Hygiene Management (MHM) in Schools and Nunneries" were also jointly launched by the Hon'ble Chief Guest and other dignitaries. Dasho Dr. Ugyen Dophu, the then Hon'ble Secretary of the Ministry of Health graced the day long event. This is the 6th year to observe the day by the Ministry of Health.



Reminder: Please be informed that Damphu Municipal area is under CCTV surveillance.

Nine Dzongkhag Participated in the Two-Day inter-Dzongkhag Football Tournament



Games and Sports: The first ever Inter-Dzongkhag Football tournament was organized by Tsirang Sports Association (TSA) in Damphu public ground for civil servants working in the Dzongkhag administration (only) and saw its participation from nine districts namely Haa, Sarpang, Zhemgang, Wangdue Phodrang, Thimphu, Gasa, Dagana, Trongsa and Tsirang.



While this event was organized to promote games and sports spirit among office goers and to deter fastest growing life-style related non-communicable diseases, it was also objectively organized to further deepen the social integrity and community bonding.

Dagana team, through its goodwill messages, has mentioned that they were awed and mesmerized in this eventful program. It stated "Past two days has not only been enriching experience but it has inculcated in us the unity among group members, team spirit and accepting the defeat with grace.

This event of yours has helped in uniting friends from different Dzongkhags, which otherwise, is next to impossible".

Other participating teams too expressed their similar congratulatory messages. "This has given us interaction, communication, brought introduction, and feels that we have known for years giving sweet heart aches to depart besides its destinies" stated Zhemgang team.

Tsirang Sports Association looks forward to organize such tournament in the years to come.

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Grassroots Football Tournament Organized



Games and sports: The grass-root level football tournament was organized in Tsirang Dzongkhag under the aegis of Tsirang Sports Association. Participated by 13 schools, the tournament gathered 365 students girls and 332 student. The tournament

organized were for boys under 10, 12 and 14 years old while it was under 12, 14 and 16 for girls. Semjong Primary School took the first position under 10 years category for boys, Damphu Lower Secondary School under 12 years boys category, Semjong primary school under 12 years girls category, Salami Primary School under 14 years female category, and Mendrelgang Central School under 16 years old girls category. Attended by Dsho Dzongda with heart warming advises and motivational statements, the tournament came to a successful end on September 29, 2018.

Open Table Tennis Tournament Organized



Table tennis: An open table tennis tournament was organized in Damphu Lower Secondary School. The participants were from school, business community, out-of school youths, entrepreneurs, and civil servants.

Organized by Tsirang Sports Association (TSA), the school sports instructors under the aegis of education sector helped in the successful conduct of the tournament. The participants took away home prizes in all categories including men's singles, women'singles, and men's doubles.

Although initially planned for women's doubles, this category could not be conducted since there were less women participant.

The student volunteers and the school sports instructors were also given away mementos as well. This kind of tournament was first initiated in September 2016 and it's the third consecutive year thus far. However, TT enthusiasts are not very encouraging since the participant turn over is not up to expectation.

However, this event shall remain an annual program under the aegis of Tsirang Sports Association. This year, the tournament was organized in October 2018.



SEN: To better enhance educational opportunities for children with special needs, Ministry of Education launched the Special Education Needs (SEN) programme in Damphu Lower Secondary School on November 13, 2018. The launch of this SEN programme is an outcome of a survey conducted by the Education Ministry in 2017 which saw that Damphu Lower Secondary School alone has 20 students which needed special care and attention. The data shows that there are more than 600 students which requires special needs across the country.

Sponsored by UNICEF, officials from ECCD and SEN Division, Dzongkhag administration and regional office attended the program.. *Photo courtesy: kuenselonline.com*



In picture: Second open Inter-School Taewonndo competition was held in Damphu Central School. 124 students participated during the event. The occasion was organized by Tsirang Sports Association (TSA) and was graced by Hon'ble Dasho Dzongda.



In picture: The new Professional Development Center of the Royal Audit Authority was inaugurated by Dasho Ugen Chewang, Chairman for Druk Holding and Investment on November 01, 2018 coinciding with the Coronation Day of His Majesty the King.

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