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Vision

An economically vibrant, culturally rich, organic Dzongkhag with peaceful and knowledgeable society co-existing in perpetual harmony with the pristine environment.



We the Civil Servants, Local Governments, Rabdey, business communities and people of Tsirang Dzongkhag would like to join on the joyous occasion of 111th National Day Celebration.

We take the opportunity to pay gratitude to our monarchs for their selfless sacrifices to the nation and we vow to serve the Tsa-Wa-Sum with utmost loyalty, integrity, and dedication.

Tsirang at Glance

Tsirang is noted for its gentle slopes and mild climates. The dzongkhag is also noted for its rich biodiversity; however, it is one of the few dzongkhags without a protected area. One of Bhutan's longest rivers, the Punatsang Chhu or Sankosh river flows through the district.

Tsirang Dzongkhag is covered the area of 639 Sq.KM at an altitude of 1700 meter above sealevel. It does not have Drungkhag Administration and has 12 gewogs with 60 chiwogs and 101 villages.

Tsirang has only one General Hospital located in Damphu, seven numbers of BHU grade II and 20 out reach clinics (ORC). In terms of Human resources in Health sectors, there are 3 doctors, 1 dungtsho, 2 sowai menpa, 25 nurses and 18 health assistants.

There are 3 central schools, 1 higher secondary school, 2 middle secondary school, 1 lower secondary school, 11 primary schools, 2 extended schools, 18 non-formal education, 7 early child care development (ECCD). Number of school enrollment is 8484 and there are 372 teachers consisting of males and females, which has pupil to teacher ratio is 23.

It has 11 renewal natural resources center (RNRC), 1 veterinary hospital, 2 milk processing unit. Tsirang has total cultivated dryland of 6434 acres and 3803 acres of wetland. 32 numbers of power tiller and 127 KM of electric fencing and 6 farm shops.

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Tsirang's Landmark



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

**Promoting
Opensource-Ubuntu**



In the advent of 12 FYP, ICT Office is taking an initiative of using Opensource Operating System and Applications in the offices of the Dzongkhag Administration. ICT Office thoroughly research over the net and selected the Ubuntu as an Operating System since it is user friendly and easy to use similar to windows and macintosh. Over the Micorsoft Office, we chose Libre Office as it comes in bundle with operating system. Libre Office provides what Microsoft office offer, and user can easily pick up.

At the time of the writing of this articles, we are using Ubuntu 16.04 LTS and mostly I will write about the 16.04 version as I have not laid my hand on other version but I swear, it will never be different from version to version with only slightly changes.

Ubuntu 16.04 means developed in 2016 and release to the users in the month of April. It has the desktop appearance similar to MacOS. I installed ubuntu 16.04 in the Dell Desktop

computer and it did not give any incompatibility issues of drivers.

When selecting Opensource, I checked its advantage and disadvantage of using which I will outline below.

Benefits of using Opensource:

- Opensource is free software with sourcecode and user has a choice to modify code according to one's need.
- Wide-range of Opensource operating system are available to the users.
- Several whitehat hackers contributes to the overall security of the Linux. Therefore, security experts can immediately identify the security flaws in the linux.
- Unlike other operating system, it doesnot need high specification computer to operate Ubuntu.

Disadvantage of using Opensource:

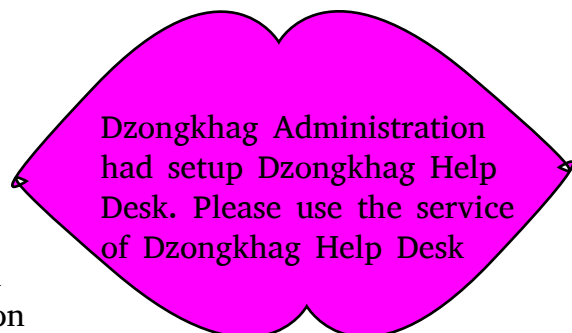
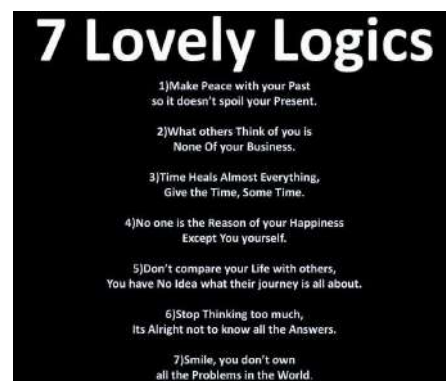
- Opensource is not popular like windows, so the user face difficulty in using the Linux operating system and applications.
- Incompatibility issues with drivers, but now many vendors are making available drivers for Linux too.

ICT Office will roll out the Opensource implementation to the gewogs administration

in the phase wise as it require users to understand the Opensource.

Challenges in implementation

Most of us are windows operating system user and difficult for user to transition from windows to opensource overnightly. I am keeping my finger crossed, users may embrace opensource with love like they did for windows.



“So the responsibility falls squarely on the shoulders of our civil servants to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in utilizing our scarce resources.”
HM the King JKNW(Dec 17, 2018)

Mass gathering of Education fraternity for the first time

Tsirang Dzongkhag Education sector organized its first ever get together for teachers and principals on 15th December 2018 at Damphu central School. It was intended to bring together all teachers and staff under Tsirang Dzongkhag on the theme - Rethinking Education: Sharing Responsibilities and Accountability for Better Result.

The presence of Dasho Dzongdag, Dzongrab and the sector heads added the significance of Education fraternity gathering.

The school wise cultural presentation brought life on the occasion. It was touching to witness a memorable

Civil service awards

Civil servants working for more than ten, twenty and thirty years under different capacities in Tsirang dzongkhag were awarded Civil Service Award medal and Certificate on the auspicious day.

There were 62 recipients in total for the award. Among them 10 were gold medal, 12 silver medal, 37 bronze medal and life time award is 3.

moments of farewell to outgoing teachers and principals with Trashi khadhar and hugs by Dasho Dzongdag.

The four schools were presented with letter of appreciation for their outstanding achievements. Damphu Central School was presented with a certificate of appreciation for the best practice in School Agriculture Program; Beteni Primary School for maintaining Welcoming Toilet; Barshong Primary School for Community Services through CBS and Gopini Primary School for the Best Flower Garden.

The Dasho Dzongdag presented the Tashi Khadhar and Certificate to the Principals, teachers and staffs who are transferred to other

Dzongkhags. Later the Dasho Dzongdag gave the heart touching messages to the gathering, which covered on our own cultural values, success without revenge, emotional intelligence, commitment, professionalism, and being resourceful and build on what you have in your hand.

According to Chief DEO such event is organized for fostering good relationship among teachers and between dzongkhag sector heads for better coordination. This event will be annual event henceforth.



Bronze medal is awarded for the civil servant who completed 10 years of dedicated and utmost service to the Tsa-Wa-Sum, silver medal for the 20 years and gold medal for 30 years of services. It is the annual event of civil servants to remind civil servants of their sacred duties bestow upon them by Tsa-Wa-Sum. Event was coordinated by the offtg.HRO Mr.Tashi Phuntsho and grace by Dasho Dzongdag. Among the

12 silver medal recipients, Dasho Dzongdag was also one of them. To the gathering Dasho Dzongdag told that the medal which you receive today is awarded to you on recognition of your dedicated services, you should take pride and pledge to serve your best to the community.

“If, in the next 10 to 15 years, we achieve all our national objectives, the credit will go to our public servants. However, if we fail, it will mean that the public servants have failed.”

HM the King JKNW (Dec 17, 2018)

Five days training conducted on Disaster Management

On 7/1/2019 the five days intensive training was provided to twelve Gups and the civil servants working in different agencies under Tsirang dzongkhag with the financial and technical support from Department of Disaster Management in collaboration of Dzongkhag Disaster focal person.

During the training the participants were imparted not only the theory but also with the practical know-how to combat the disaster. The participants tested the recently set up fire hydrant and smoke detector in the dzong. They were taught on handling of fire hydrant. Participants have to develop the contingency plan of their respective agency at the end of the training.



Open Marathon for healthy living

Tsirang Sports Association organized the open marathon in two category. Above 40 yrs old and below 39 yrs old. For female above 40 yrs old have to run 10 KM distance and for male is 12 KM distance. Male below 39 yrs old are set to 15 KM of distance and female participants is 12 KM.

The cash prizes upto 5th position is arranged for all

categories and there were certificates for the completion of the race.

The participants were lifted to the starting point by the buses and kickoff the race at 7:30 in the morning.

All the winners were awarded the cash prize and certificate by Honourable Dasho Dzongdag. In the 40 yrs above category Dasho Dzongdag also participated in the race and successfully completed the distance.



“It must always be our constant endeavour to perform better, carry out our tasks with greater efficiency, effectiveness and grace, and become exceptional in the world.”

HM the King JKNW(Dec 17, 2018)

**Appointment of Kudung
6/1/2019**

Tsirang Namgyel Chholing Dratshang appointed new Kudung on the 1st day of 12th month of the Earth Male Dog year corresponding to 6/1/2019. Every year on this day Kudung is replaced by new Kudung.

Dasho Dzongdag as a Chief Guest grace the promotion ceremony along with Gups,

sectorheads and public of Tsirang in the Lhakhang. Ceremony was proceeded with the Zhugdrel Phuensum and Tashi Khadhar offering.

Along with Kudung, Chamju and Champoen was also



ICT Tips and Tricks

Problem: An application is frozen
Solution: Force quit the application. On a PC, you can press (and hold) Ctrl+Alt+Delete (the Control, Alt, and Delete keys) on your keyboard to open the Task Manager. On a Mac, press and hold Command+Option+Esc. You can then select the unresponsive application and click End task (or Force Quit on a Mac) to close it.

**NCWC consultative
meeting 28/1/2019**

National Commission for Women and Children conducted one day consultative meeting with the Sector heads, regional heads, volunteers of Tsirang Dzongkhag in the conference hall of Dzongkhag Administration. The meeting was chaired by Offtg. Dasho Dzongdag.

The Director of NCWC in her opening remarks mentioned that NCWC is for gender equality though many people think that commission is only for children and women. Commission is supporting male victims of domestic violence.

The whole day meeting was deliberated on the formation of Dzongkhag Women and Children Committee (DWCC) and term of reference of DWCC. The committee consist of seven members which includes Dasho Dzongdag as chairperson, Legal Officer as member secretary, Kidu Officer, representative each from RBP, School, Hospital and community. This committee will render any kind of help to the victims of domestic violence and collaborate closely with RENEW and other volunteers. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is presented on the case management for women and children in difficult circumstances and

implementation of online Central Management Information System.

The toll free number 1098 is setup in NCWC for the consultation and to lodge complaint of domestic problem, where it is handled by experienced counsellor.



“I also hold sacred my duty to ensure the success of democracy and I shall work to lay the strongest foundations for a vibrant democracy within my reign.”

HM the King JKNW (17 Dec, 2012)

Celebration of His Majesty's 39th Birth Anniversary



“For no matter what challenges lie ahead, it is only Bhutanese citizens who can protect and safeguard Bhutan.”

HM the King JKNW (17 Dec, 2012)

Sensitization of One Gewog One Product Flagship Project.

A team from The Queens Project led by Hon'ble Zimpon Wogm Dasho Tashi conducted a half day sensitization meeting with the Dzongkhag Agriculture, Livestock, Planning and Extension Officers. The meeting was co-chaired by Dasho Dzongdag.

The main objective of the meeting was to identify one product each from a Gewog to foster in furtherance of One Gewog One Product (OGOP) project. The team presented on the vision and mission of the OGOP and the strategies developed in order to achieve the target. The team principally covered on the following areas:

1. How can the project support? OGOP is a Flagship program that supports every Dzongkhag through materials conveyance for construction of collection centers if need be, Trainings of the farmers, funding to purchase machineries and in packaging (value additional products) areas. These are some greens area that the Dzongkhag could avail from the OGOP project to any aspiring citizens.
2. Current and prospective products for income generation. The team also presented the future potentials that each Gewog could produce and cater the market in a diverse area. The current OGOP coverage in Tsirang is only five Gewogs namely, Dunglagang, Patshalling and Sergithang for Honey

Production, and Mendrelgang and Tsholingkhar for Turmeric Powder production. To this, the Dzongkhag administration agreed to further identify all the remaining Gewog and submit their Product list to the project office on or before 15th March, 2019. The meeting successfully ended with gracious vote of thanks by Dasho Dzongdag to the Queens Project Team who reassured the utmost cooperation for all future endeavour.

Reported by
Karma Wangmo
Planning Officer



“I am confident because our people are unique. Our people are proud citizens who love our country and take it as our sacred duty to serve the nation.”

HM the King JKNW (17 Dec, 2011)

**Artificial turf handed over to
Tsirang Sport Association
29/01/2019**

Honourable President of Tsirang Sports Association and the General Secretary of Bhutan Football Federation(BFF) signed Memorandum of Understanding today at BFF's Office, Thimphu on the Handing and Taking over of Astro Turf Football ground of Tsirang with effect from 1/02/2019. The ownership of the football ground shall be with TSA.



Reported by Wangchuk, SFO

**Audit Entry Meeting
30/01/2019**

As provided under Articles 25 section 1 to 7 of the Constitution of Kingdom of Bhutan and Audit Act 2018, Regional Royal Audit Authority Office conducted half day Audit Entry meeting with the sector heads and staffs of Tsirang Dzongkhag. The meeting was co-chaired by offtg.Dzongdag and Assistant Auditor General.

RAA presented to the floor that auditing will carry out as per ISSAI and RAA Auditing Standard. The auditing is for the year 2017-2018 due to the time constraint and many activities carried out, audit team will look on the thrust

area of capital activities, travel expenses and procurement of goods and services. The gewog administrations will not be auditing.

Dasho instructed the sector heads and officials to furnish the required documents during auditing to resolve the issues on time and no officials will go on long duration leave.

The meeting also deliberated on the rate of labour wages, on this note, AAG clarify saying that minimum wage rate for labour is Nu.215 where you should not pay less than minimum wage rate but paying more should not be problem with adequate justification over the local charges of labour in the

market.

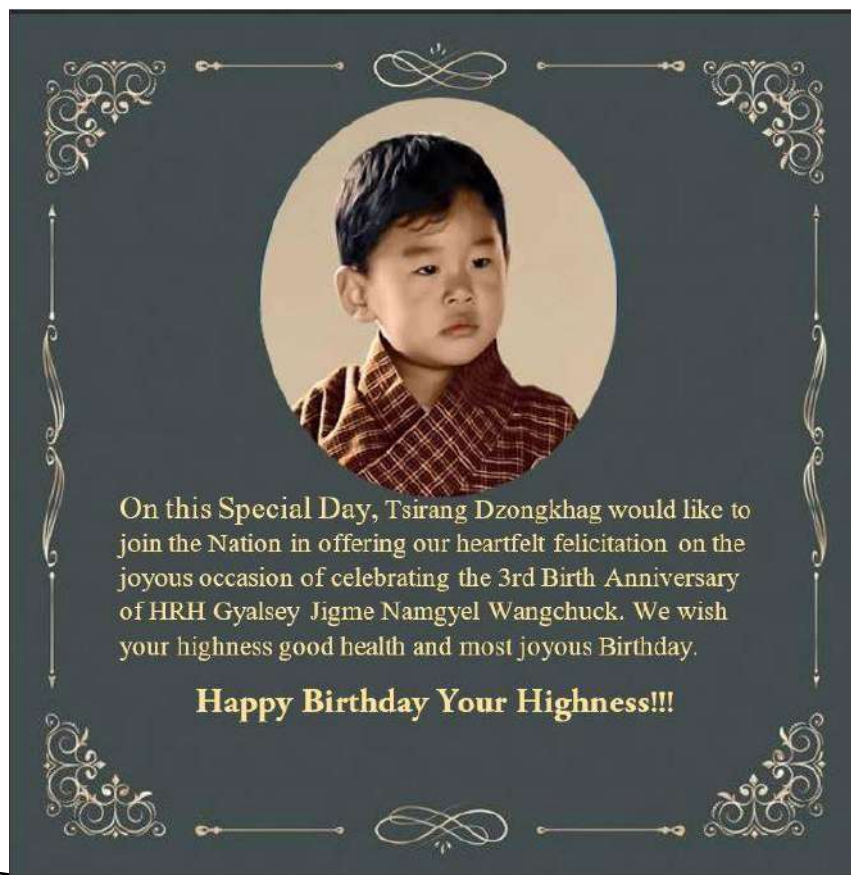


**Honourable Prime
Minister brief stoppage
in Tsirang**

On 31/01/2019, Honourable Prime Minister had a brief gathering with the officials of Tsirang Dzongkhag. Team lead by Offtg.Dasho Dzongdag received the Prime Minister at Royal Guest House and offered prayers and Tashi Khadhar to His Excellency.

Honourable Prime Minister and entourage left to Thimphu.

“Democracy can only flourish if all Bhutanese uphold the rule of law, if there is good governance, if corruption is eradicated, and if the delivery of public services is fair and effective.” HM The King JKNW (20 May, 2011)



On this Special Day, Tsirang Dzongkhag would like to join the Nation in offering our heartfelt felicitation on the joyous occasion of celebrating the 3rd Birth Anniversary of HRH Gyalsey Jigme Namgyel Wangchuck. We wish your highness good health and most joyous Birthday.

Happy Birthday Your Highness!!!

Under 16 Girls Team won Runners Up



Under the age of 16 years girls team participated in the ongoing National Football Tournament in Gelephu.

Team lifted runners up and the coach presented the Trophy to Honourable President of Tsirang Sports Association.

Reported by Wangchuk, SFO

Civil servants and family hosted picnic 9/2/2019

Celebration mood of Losar and His Highness Gyalsay Birthday was not yet over, the civil servants and their family gathered at Burichu for another celebration in the form of Dzongkhag Picnic. Picnic idea was initiated by Hon'ble Dasho Dzongdag in order to know each other better not limited to staffs but also with the family members. The picnic was held from the afternoon of

8/2/2019 till the lunch on 9/2/2019. Lam Neten of Tsirang Namgyalcholing Dratshang, Dasho SP, Regional head, Local government officials and business communities also joined on 9/2/2019 for lunch. The varieties of cultural program was presented by staffs and their family to the gatherings. The Hon'ble Dasho Dzongdag presented the gift to the Khangyer group on the recognition of their selfless duty. The gift were bought with the contribution from the sector heads.



Glimpses of Picnic

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“We must never set each other apart based on religion, regionalism or ethnicity. We must always refer to ourselves as citizens of Bhutan, all equal and all alike.”

HM the King JKNW (Dec 17, 2010)