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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.

Phutenchu at Glance

Phuentsenchu Gewog is located north-east of the Tsirang Dzongkhag sharing border with Wangdue, Trongsa and Sarpang Dzongkhag. The Gewog has total of 132.32 sq. km in area with elevation ranging from 700 to 1300 meters above sea level. Approximately 68.2 % of land is under forest cover comprising mainly of broadleaf and chirpine species, while land under agriculture use consist of 15.3 %. It has a total population of 2693 under 14 villages. The Gewog has total of 313 households out of which 79 households are re settlers.

Gewog has one community primary school, RNR center, Gewog Office and two ORCs. It has been connected with farmroad via Tsirangtoe Gewog. Mobile network coverage is 97%, while electricity coverage is about 97.3%. RWSS coverage is 99%.

Agriculture and livestock farming are the predominant occupation of the Gewog. Paddy, millet and maize are the chief cereal crops grown. While citrus is major cash crop, now people are cultivating cardamom in a colossal amount since it has ready market and fetch good price.

The Gewog is administratively divided in five Chiwogs namely Tashichholing(Burichu), Noorbuthang (Manithang), Sherzhong (Phaladey), Peljorling (Dhanseri) and Tongshingang (Maley). The Gewog has total of 13 villages and has total population of 2682. The major ethnicity of Gewog consists of Sharchops, Kengpas, Lhotsampas and others.

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Phutenchu's Landmark



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

Citrus Canopy & Nutrient Management

Background

Tsirang Dzongkhag is well known for production of Manderine orange (*Citrus reticulata*) besides other fruits and vegetables for income generation. However, during the recent years the production has been declining mainly due diseases particularly citrus greening or Huanglongbing (HLB), a disease caused by a vector transmitted pathogen commonly known as citrus psyllid and management issues. The Dzongkhag produced 6461 MT in 2017 and the production has declined to 3820 MT in 2018.

Interventions/Concern

Despite of many research and on-firm trials on the control of the diseases, the result has been not so successful. The use of chemicals has been proved effective in controlling the vector that transmit the disease and other pests, but the farmers are reluctant to use any chemicals due to religious sentiments and other policy, health and environment concern. So, there is not much option to intervene and manage the declining orchard other than planning and implementing the most

acceptable interventions.

Action Taken

Creating awareness and conducting Citrus Canopy and Nutrient Management (CC&NM) has improved the health of the citrus trees as per the research recommendations and the past experience and observations, the Dzongkhag has been conducting CC&NM



as an annual event since few years back and this year too the Dzongkhag has conducted CC&NM in 12 geogs covering 484hhs with the fund of Nu. 295117(Two Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand One Hundred Eleven) from the annual RGOB funding.

Activities

The activities mainly includes theory and practical on:

1. Creating awareness on the declining orchard and their management issues
2. Canopy management to remove death, disease and damaged limbs and thinning of branches
3. Citrus orchard nutrient management and weeds control

Observations/Impact
With the past experience and observation, the intervention has proved successful and many of the declining orchard has revived and gained it's health and vigor. The farmers also noticed the health regain of the trees and observed quality fruits after the adaptation of the technology. As per the research findings too, there is no cure for the diseases, however the farmers can reap satisfactory yield provided their orchard is well managed to improve the health of the trees and orchard in general.

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Dzongkhag Administration had setup Dzongkhag Help Desk. Please use the service of Dzongkhag Help Desk

"Whatever work you are tasked to do - be it for the country, for your family, or for your business - you must give it your 100 percent.....step by step, we will build a nation and take it forward."

- HM the King JKNW (09 Nov, 2013)

Promoting culture through civil servants

Culture Section initiated the programme of training on Driglam Namzha to the civil servants working in the dzongkhag. Two days training was conducted in the Dzongkhag DT hall from 25-26th March. The training was attended by sector heads and staffs, which total to around 28 civil servants.

According to the letter from Culture sector stated that it is paramount to know our culture and custom which is inevitable for Bhutanese.

During the training participants were trained in offering "Marchang", how to receive the Guest of different

position and authority and to prepare "Thokey". The training was graced by Offtg.Dzongdag, Dasho Namgay Dorji.



Religious Discourse to students



On 5/4/2019, His Venerable Lekshed Lupon from Zhung Dratshang, in Tsirang on two days visit. Lupon Rinpoche visited Damphu Central School and Damphu Lower Secondary School and met with teachers and students. He gave discourse on buddhist philosophy and other essential lung (Mani and Bendza Guru lung) to the gatherings. He also gave wang at the end of the programme. He moved to Sarpang Dzongkhag.

Exhibition of Cattle

On 8 March 2019, the cattle show was organized by Dzongkhag Livestock sector with an aim to create awareness on improved dairy cattle breed and sustainability dairy production. It was held in the Salami under Kikorthang gewog.

The show was graced by Hon'ble Dasho Dzongdag

with the sector heads and regional heads. Public of nearby area also joined the events.

The panel of Judges were from Regional Livestock Development Center, Wangdue. Around 200 cattle of Jersey crossbred of different category were evaluated.

The owner of the winning cattle were awarded cash prizes by the Chief Guest.



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"We cannot afford to let corruption and mediocrity creep into our system and we cannot afford failure."

-HM the King JKNW (09 Nov, 2013)

Consultation meeting between Dzongkhag and DCSI

On 28 March 2019 the consultative meeting was carried out in the Dzongkhag Conference Hall between the dzongkhag and the officials from Department of Cottage and Small Industry (DCSI), Thimphu. The meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Dasho Dzongdag.

The meeting was attended by Semjong Gup, GAO, Culture Officer, Environment Officer and Land Record Officer and officials from DCSI and APECS consultancy.

The meeting discussed about the preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) on establishing of cottage and small industry at Changchey under Semjong Gewog.

After the meeting, the officials led by Dzongkhag

Economic Development Officer, Mr. Langa Dorji visited the site at Changchey for the feasibility of establishment of cottage and small industry.



Minister In-charge of Sarpang and Tsirang



On 2nd March, 2019, Hon'ble Minister for Ministry of Information and Communications, Lyonpo Karma Donnem Wangdi, who is also the Minister In-charge of Tsirang and Sarpang Dzongkhag had a brief halt at Tsirang. His Excellency was accompanied by Hon'ble Minister for Economic Affairs. Dzongkhag sector heads lead by Dasho Dzongdag and Dasho Dzongrab served lunch at Royal Guest House. It was

followed by offering Tashi Khadhar to both the Lyonpos by Dasho Dzongrab, Dasho SP, Dasho OC and Sector Heads. Entourage were on the way to Gelephu from Thimphu.

APA Review meeting

On 2/4/2019, the dzongkhag sector heads and concern engineers lead by Dasho Dzongdag gathered in the conference hall for APA review meeting. The meeting was coordinated by Planning Officer since the Dzongkhag APA was signed between Dasho Dzongdag and Hon'ble Prime Minister last month. The Planning Officer informed the floor that the meeting is just to inform about the recently signed Dzongkhag APA of 2018-2019. She presented the 10

LGKRA since our dzongkhag falls on low land, which has only 10 LGKRA however high land Dzongkhag like Gasa has 11 LGKRA. The dzongkhag has 67 success indicators (SI) from 10 LGKRA out of which 14 SI are achieved and 53 SIs are on track and none in Risk as of 1/4/2019. Floor deliberated on how to speed up the progress of the SI which are on track and some of the sector and staff thought out of the box.

Dasho Dzongdag commended for their achievement and also reminded the floor not to be complacent with the achievement, we have to again work hard to achieve the rest which are on track.

I know that the Bhutanese are good. We are strong and capable. We know what it means to suffer and we will never let a good opportunity go to waste."
 - HM the King JKNW (09 Nov, 2013)

Dzongkhag Schools Athletic meet

Four schools under Tsirang met in the ground of Damphu Central School for their annual dzongkhag Athlete. The event was jointly organized by the BAAF and TSA. in the athlete, participants from Mendrelgang Central school, Tsirangtoed Central School, Damphu LSS and the

host school.

The event was graced by Dasho Dzongdag as the chief guest. Dasho spoke to the gathering that sport is very important as it gives a healthy body, which leads to a healthy mind. He also pointed out that some will not be winners today but do not take it negative and withdraw from the sports. Winner are those who never gives up.

The winners were awarded

certificate by the chief guest and the winners will participate in the coming regional sports.



Zorig day Observed

Venerable Lam Neten of Namgaycholing Dratshang conducted the Zorig day at Melamthang in Tsirang. The event witnesses more than hundreds of vehicle to receive the blessing from the Pel Dueki Khorlo (Zorig Deity, Image below).



The monks lead by Lam Neten performed Lhasang Thruesel (cleansing of

machineries to ward off evil) to all the vehicles gathered. The day was also celebrated in the Threma Lhakhang ,which was presided by Lama of Threma Lhakhang. The Zorig Day is observed annually, which falls every year on the 15th day of the third lunar month ,which correspond this year on 19/4/2019.

The first Zorig Day was celebrated in 2002, then had gained its momentum till date.



ICT Tips and Tricks

Speaking of installing programs, we highly recommend VLC for all computers. The free and open-sourced software makes it easy to play practically any file format you throw at it. You can download from <https://www.videolan.org/vlc/index.html>. The app works with Mac, PC, Linux, Android, and iOS!



"As I have always said it is not a question of whether we have the capability to achieve success. The question is, "Will we make the decision to stand up and take responsibility?"

- HM the King JKNW (09 Nov, 2013)

Glimpses of Events happened in Tsirang



2 May 2019



Tsirang Tshehu



Social Issue Advocacy by MSTF



Offering of Karmay Tongchhoe to our Beloved Yab Dasho Ugyen Dorji, who passed away peacefully on 12/5/2019



"I will serve my country without fear and without hesitation."

- HM the King JKNW (09 Nov, 2013)

Dzongkhag Rimdro for well beings of civil servants



Dzongkhag Rimdro was conducted for one day on 28/4/2019 presided over by Venerable Lam Neten and monks from Namgaycholing Dratshang. The Rimdro is coordinated by the civil servants with the financial contribution from their own. It is done for the welfare and well being of all the civil servants working in the Dzongkhag and also for the peace and security of the Country.

The regional heads and local government officials joined us for the prayer and to receive blessings.

National Teachers Day celebrated in Damphu



Coinciding with the Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the Third Druk Gyalpo, the Father of Modern Bhutan and King who introduced the modern education for the first time in Bhutan. The 2nd May of every year since four years ago, Bhutan also celebrates the Teachers Day

to pay tribute to our Nation Builders.

This year National Teachers Day was celebrated in Damphu, the event was graced by Honourable Minister of Education, Lyonpo J.B.Rai. The hundreds of Teacher and student from Tsirang took part in the celebration. During the celebration, Education Ministry unveiled the Bhutan Professional Standards for Teachers and also drew the lottery, in which the lucky winner will get an opportunity to travel to India and third country.

The day was concluded by Tashi Labey.

Offer Karmay Tongchey and monlam



Dasho Dzongdag led the sector heads, gups and Dasho OC, RBP offered Karmay Tongchey (thousand butter lamp) and Monlam in the morning of 6/5/2019 for the diseased in a tragic bus accident of 4/5/2019.

The Monks of Namgaycholing Dratshang led by Venerable Lam Neten offer prayers in the memory of victims and early recovery of injured passengers.

Public Private Policy Awareness workshop

Half day awareness workshop on Public-Private Policy (PPP) was conducted in the conference hall to the sector heads, local government officials and business communities. The workshop is conducted by the Public Private

Policy Division under Ministry of Finance. According to Resource person Mr. Namgay Dorji, Sr. Program Officer that PPP is the alternative of the traditional procurement.

He shared the objectives of PPP and why do we need PPP? He also highlighted that since 4-5 years, our government has continuous resource gap. With the PPP, it will help the government to bring down the resource gap. It will help to manage the public assets for long term by collaborating with the private.

"As King, I have dedicated my service and have worked unhesitatingly and tirelessly in the interest of the nation and the people of this country."

- HM the King JKNW (29 Jul, 2013)

Dzongkhag School Sports Meet

Four Schools under Tsirang Dzongkhag gathered at Damphu Lower Secondary School. They were here to represent their school in the Dzongkhag Schools Sports Meet. The school sports meet starts from 12/5/2019 for 3 days till 14th May.

The sports meet day is graced by Dasho SP, RBP and he was received by Teachers, Students and Dzongkhag sector heads.

Total of 435 students from Damphu LSS, Tsirangtoed

Central, Mendrelgang Central and Damphu Central School are participating and 20 School Sports Instructor (SSI) from Dagana, Sarpang, Gelephu Thromde and Tsirang, who are technical officials are involved in supporting and coordinating the DSSM.



The students will compete in outdoor games like football,

volleyball, basketball and indoor games like table tennis, badminton and chess for three days.

In the opening, football match played between Mendrelgang Central School and Damphu Lower Secondary School.

Dzongkhag School Sports Meet is funded by Education Sector of Dzongkhag Administration



National Book Fair

Twelfth National Book Fair is open on 21/5/2019 at Damphu Lower Secondary School football ground by Honourable Dasho Dzungdag. Book fair will open from 21/5/2019 till 24/5/2019.

Organizer welcome the Chief Guest and shared the information to the book owner about the terms and conditions laid out by Ministry of Education.

Chief Guest unveiled the new publication books. In the opening remark by Dasho Dzungdag that book is the window to the past, present and future. He also highlighted that we are not

many book readers and urge all the participants to make a habit of reading. He reminded the school teachers and librarians to buy quality books, which contain vital information and had great influence and benefit to our students.

The schools of 14 dzongkhags are participating in the 12th National Book Fair.



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"I would say that rather than a gift, democracy is the responsibility given to the people to further strengthen the country."

- HM the King JKNW (29 Jul, 2013)