

A Carnival of Mongar: Arts, Talents, and Creativity Through Youth Engagement



In commemoration of His Majesty's 44th Birth Anniversary, Mongar Dzongkhag coordinated A Carnival of Mongar, a first of its kind in the Dzongkhag with the theme youth engaging youth through art, talent and creativity. The six-day program was held at Mongar public ground between 19th and 24th February 2024. However, build-up program for youth such as futsal and basketball competition among the students of the nearby schools were conducted way before the event's commencement. The event was a noble initiative of Dasho Dzongdag with Principals of the three nearby schools (Mongar HSS, Mongar MSS and Kidheykhar HSS) as the core members and the overall coordinators. The program was conducted with four main objectives: to gather and rejoice in the honor of His Majesty's Birth Anniversary, to offer a platform to the youth to showcase their talents, to make Mongar a vibrant and lively town, and to boost economic progress of Mongar town. In order to give a national-level experience to the youth and the crowd, the Carnival Committee hired Druk Events for the whole lighting and sound system and stage management. The same firm was hired for the 25

stalls which were then rented to interested business people. The various stalls consisted of restaurants, cafes and bars, art and craft shops, ice cream candy shops, fast food corners, and games corners. A separate space was designated for games for the small kids.

On 19th February 2024, the inaugural ceremony of the Carnival was held at Mongar public ground graced by the esteemed presence of the Chief Guest Hon'ble DASHO DRANGPON and attended by dignitaries including Ven. Lam Neten, DASHO DZONGDAG, DASHO DZONGGRAB, DASHO SP, DT THRIDZIN, LG leaders from Chali, Drepong and Monggar Gewogs, Regional and Sector Heads, Sponsors, Principals, teachers and students.



The proceedings commenced with the offering of His Majesty's Zhabten followed by the official inauguration by the Chief Guest, DASHO DRANGPON pressing a button on the laptop, underscoring the significance of digital technology in the present era. Following Steering Committee's opening remarks and the chief guest's words of wisdom, cultural performances were presented by the students of Mongar HSS, Mongar MSS and Kidheykhar HSS, showcasing the diverse traditions and talents of the region. Additionally, a thought-provoking talk by one of the youth participants, Master Kinga Rinchen Dradrol from Dradrol's Page, a popular youth blogger on Facebook, currently a student of Gyalpoizhing HSS provided insight and inspiration, sharing his experiences, potential of innovation and digital world and the bad

side of social media. Following this, the guests and participants visited stalls eating from eateries, purchasing products and engaging in games.



In the afternoon, Rigzar dance competition was held among the students of the 10 Middle Secondary and High Schools under the Dzongkhag with Mongar MSS as the coordinator. During the night, youth engagement program and programs from the volunteers were presented on stage, showcasing their talent and interest.

On 20th February 2024, the program started with the offering of His Majesty's Zhabten followed by dances performed by the students. A renowned team of Bhutanese artists also joined the celebration. In the afternoon, Boedra dance competition amongst 10 schools was held with Mongar HSS as the coordinator. The anticipation soared as the afternoon approached, promising a spectacle of cultural richness and youthful talent. As usual, the day concluded with youth overtaking the stage with their talents and mesmerizing the crowd gathered.



On the third day i.e. 21st February 2024, the morning event took place at Monggar Middle Secondary School. In the afternoon, youth engagement program were presented. At 8 PM, the Live Music Show by the Artist Group led by Mr. Namgay Tenzin (aka Namgay Jigs) started, sweeping off the crowd with cheers, applauds and excitements. In between the performances of the Artists, youth and talented individuals from the locality performed. Lucky Draw with attractive prizes was also coordinated during the three nights of Live Show. The same schedule of youth engagement programs in the morning and Live Show at night was followed on 22nd and 23rd Febru-



ary 2024 as well with the Live Shows lasting until 3 AM in the morning.

On 24th February 2024, following the youth engagement programs in the morning, open talent hunt for the youth who registered was conducted by Kidheykhar HSS as the main organizer. This was followed by declaration of results of various competitions, prize awarding and Lottery Draw. After that, the Mind Behind the Carnival, Hon'ble Dasho Dzongdag said his closing remarks followed by stall hopping by the Chief Guests, Invitees and the members present. The event of the day and the whole Carnival concluded with the Jam Session coordinated by Kidheykhar HSS.

The mega event was primarily funded by the generous sponsors within and outside the Dzongkhag. The Carnival received the support of a total of 61 sponsors ranging from companies to business firms to financial institutions to individuals. The sponsors were

classified in six groups (Mega/Diamond/Gold/Silver/ Others and Sponsors in Kind) based on the type of support they rendered. While security of the event was taken care of by RBP and Desuung, the MRRH provided emergency health services.

The Carnival Steering Committee and the Sub-Committees would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors, teachers and students, RBP, Desuung, MRRH, regional offices and the people who helped in making this event a huge success.

MEGA SPONSORS

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4	Passang Construction	Thimphu
5	Somson Company Pvt. Ltd	Gyalpoizhing, Monggar
6	Sonam Jamtsho & Bros Construction Pvt. Ltd	Lhuentse
7	Dorji Lhendup Construction	Thimphu
8	Pelden Construction	Thimphu
9	Chimmi RD Construction	Thimphu

CARLEP Meeting on AWP and Budget



On 27th February, 2024, the Office of Program Management hosted a workshop to craft the Annual Work Plan and Budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 with an objective to develop a budget-aligned plan to boost sustainable rural agriculture, promoting climate-smart practices and enhancing local capacities, in line with CARLEP's mission at Wangchuk Hotel. Chaired by the Program Director of OPM, CARLEP-IFAD, the meeting saw 42 attendees, including Regional Heads from ARDC-Wengkharg,

RLDC-Kanglung, RAMCO-Mongar, and Dzongkhag Agriculture and Livestock sector heads. Also present were Finance Officers, Koufuko International Limited representatives, Focal Accountants, and EDMOs from the six eastern districts.

On 29th February, 2024, participants also attended the Regional Implementation Committee Meeting (RPIC) chaired by Dasho Dzongda, Mongar. Committee members included Dasho Dzongdas from Trashigang, Samdrup Jongkhar, and Lhuentse, tasked with endorsing the 2024-2025 FY Work Plan (AWP&B).

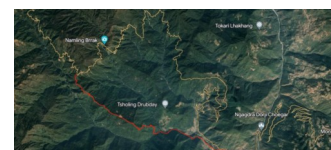
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Birding Structures along TBT

The Dzongkhag Administration has developed birding structures along the Trans Bhutan Trail (TBT) from Latongla to Zhongar with financial support from UNDP-GEF. The trail from Latongla to Zhongar covers almost 20 kms and drops from the highest elevation of 2741 masl to the lowest elevation of 680 masl.

Mongar is known for being one of the birding hotspots not just in Bhutan but also one of the finest birding spots in the world. A total of 301 species of birds were recorded along the TBT from Latongla to Zhongar while conducting the survey. The survey also revealed a signifi-

cant presence of both resident and migratory bird species, including several vulnerable and near-threatened ones. Some of the birds that can be spotted in the region include the Beautiful Nuthatch, Rufous-necked Hornbill, Ward's Trogon, White-bellied Heron, Black-necked Crane, and the Satyr Tragopan among others. The diverse range of habitats within the region contributes to the high bird species count, making it an attractive destination for birding enthusiasts.



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Dignitaries Visit

Home Minister's Visit



On 6th February 2024, Hon'ble Home Minister, His Excellency Lyonpo Tshering, visited Mongar Dzongkhag. Dasho Dzongdag, Dasho Drangpoen, Dasho OC, Sector Heads, Regional Heads, and the Mongar Rabdey, warmly welcomed Lyonpo and

conveyed their warm congratulations and Tashi Khadar at Wangchuk Hotel.



Lyonpo was en route to Namdroling, Autsho, Lhuentse from Samdrup Jongkhar.

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Health Minister's Visit



On 27th February 2024, Lam Neten, Dasho Dzongdag, Dasho Drangpoen, Superintendent of Police, DT Thrizin, sector heads, regional heads, and Gups offered Tashi Khadar to Hon'ble Health Minister, His Excellency Lyonpo Tandin Wangchuk. During talks with Gups, Lyonpo emphasized tackling doctor and nurse attrition in

line with the 13th FYP. After the meeting, Lyonpo visited ERRH to address health professionals' concerns, emphasizing their crucial role and toured different units, interacting with patients and attendants. On 28th February, Lyonpo visited the Mother and Child Hospital Construction site en route to Autsho, Lhuentse.



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Fruits of Future: Million Fruit Trees



On 5th February 2024, coinciding with the Birth Anniversary of HRH, the Gyalsay, Mongar Dzongkhag planted 8 kiwi plants at Nyartse, Tsakaling. The opening ceremony was graced by Tormazhong Lama, and attendees included representatives from the Dzongkhag Administration, Gewog Administration, ARDC-Wengkhaz, Desuung, and nearby farmers. A total of

25 participants gathered to pray for the Gyalsay's long-life and prosperity of the country as a whole. During the event, participants were educated on the importance of planting millions of fruit trees and were briefed on the technical aspects of planting methods.



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Harmonizing Progress: Coordination Meeting



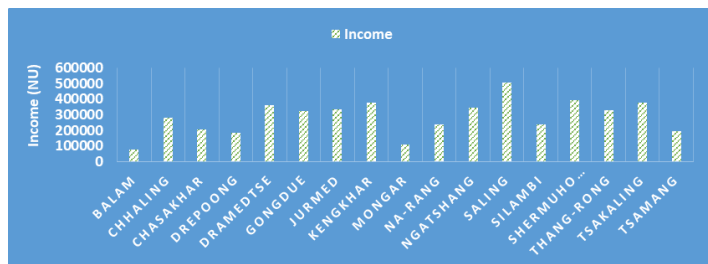
On 26th February 2024, the LG leaders (Gups of 17 Gewogs) and the Dzongkhag Administration, including Dasho Dzongdag and sector heads, met for a coordination meeting. The main agenda was the second tranche release to the Gewogs and clarifying misunderstandings about the 50% release. Additionally, discussions covered

issues regarding bills, land tax, contract implementation, the 13th FYP, and HR-related matters. The outcome of the meeting not only resolved existing doubts but also offered valuable insights and ideas for more effective activity implementation in the future.



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From Orchard to Table: The Thriving World of Mandarin Production



Mandarin citrus serves as the primary cash crop in Mongar, grown across all 17 gewogs, predominantly in subtropical areas. However, its cultivation faces challenges from various pests and diseases, including the Chinese fruit fly and citrus shield bug, leading to significant fruit loss annually. Despite these hurdles, the market for oranges has seen positive outcomes in 2023, particularly in Gongdue Gewog, with

farmers benefiting from favorable market prices. Total income from orange sales in Mongar Dzongkhag is estimated at Nu.4.881 M, with oranges being marketed to various outlets, notably in Samdrup Jongkhar and Nganglam.



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On the Road to Relaxation: Our Staff Picnic Getaway



The Annual Staff Picnic 2024 took place on February 25, 2024, at Konbar Primary School ground. The event served as an opportunity for all staff members of the Dzongkhag to foster camaraderie and unwind after days of diligent work in the office. This year's picnic held special significance as it coincided with bidding farewell to our outgoing Dasho Dzongrab, who is being transferred to Pema-

gatshel Dzongkhag. The day was filled with joy as staff members eagerly participated in the program, coming together to celebrate and cherish the bonds they had formed.



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Celebrating Academic Toppers

Coinciding with His Majesty's Birthday Celebration, the academic toppers from various schools within the Dzongkhag were recognized and awarded prizes by the Chief Guest of the event, Ven. Lam Neten. Further, top three schools in the Dzongkhag were also awarded certificates of excellence. This initiative is undertaken to honor children for their exemplary hard work, dedication, and diligence. By acknowledging their efforts, the goal is not only to motivate the awardees to continue striving for excellence but also to inspire others to put in greater effort. Through this recognition, the Dzongkhag

BHSC: SCIENCE				
NAME	PERCENTAGE	SCHOOL	RANK	
Damcho Dema	80.75 %	Monggar HSS	FIRST	
Pema Loday	79.03 %	Yadi HSS	SECOND	
Kinga Rabten	79.00 %	Monggar HSS	THIRD	
BHSC: ARTS				
NAME	PERCENTAGE	SCHOOL	RANK	
Pema Wangdi	84.25 %	Dramedtse HSS	FIRST	
Cheten Tshering	84.00 %	Monggar HSS	SECOND	
Pema Yangchen	81.83 %	Yadi HSS	THIRD	
BHSC: COMMERCE				
NAME	PERCENTAGE	SCHOOL	RANK	
Cheki Wangmo	85.00 %	Monggar HSS	FIRST	
Pema Dema	81.75 %	Monggar HSS	SECOND	
Tshering Zangmo	79.02 %	Monggar HSS	THIRD	
BCSE - X				
NAME	PERCENTAGE	SCHOOL	RANK	
Tashi Wangmo	91.02 %	Monggar HSS	FIRST	
Thukten Lekden Namgay	90.04 %	Dramedtse HSS	SECOND	
Tsheltrim Dema	90.02 %	Dramedtse HSS	THIRD	
CE - VIII				
NAME	PERCENTAGE	SCHOOL	RANK	
Sonam Dekar	92.43 %	Kengkharr MSS	FIRST	
Kinzang Thinley	91.98 %	Dramedtse HSS	SECOND	
Tshering Dorji	91.21 %	Dramedtse HSS	THIRD	
CE - VI				
NAME	PERCENTAGE	SCHOOL	RANK	
Sonam Kinga Yuden	94.06 %	Monggar MSS	FIRST	
Pema Thinley	94.01 %	Jurmey PS	SECOND	
Rada Wangchuk	93.08 %	Monggar MSS	THIRD	

aims to instill a sense of pride in the accomplishments of these young individuals who are the future leaders of our nation.

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Managing Excellence: Cascading PMS Training



On 6th February 2024, Dasho Dzongrab with support from Dasho Dzongdag, Chief DEO and Chief DE conducted a sensitization on PMS (Performance Management System) cascading to the sector heads. This was done in line with one-day Performance Calibration Training Workshop for Executives, Secretaries and P1 Officers conducted

by RCSC that Dashos and Chiefs attended between 15th to 26th January, 2024. The sensitization focused on setting OKRs, KPIs and Performance Standards.

Similarly, Cascading PMS to the school leaders was conducted at Gyalpoizhing HSS on 4th and 5th February 2024 with Kidheykhar Principal as the main facilitator in collaboration with CDEO and HRO. The two-day workshop emphasized on the changes in the MaX dashboard for the schools and developing KPIs among other important topics.

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CARNIVAL PICTURE STORIES



Dancing and Singing Performances



Stalls



Fun Games



Sl. No.	Lucky Draw Giveaway Prizes	Lucky Draw No.	Winner
4		1894	
5		4308	Thimley Jamphel, Kangkar
6		2685	Jampal Yangchen, Mendis

Sl. No.	Lucky Draw Giveaway Prizes	Lucky Draw No.	Winner
10		0912	
11		4475	
12		5255	

Sl. No.	Lucky Draw Giveaway Prizes	Lucky Draw No.	Winner
1		2003	
2		1088	
3		0519	

Lucky Draw Prizes



Hired Artists



Guest Speaker Dradrol with Mascots



Fast Food Stall



Panda Mascot



Sports Winners



Welcoming New Members



On 8th February, 2024, the Dzongkhag Administration warmly welcomed 16 new teachers with Tashi Khadar from Dasho Dzongdag. The teachers comprised of fresh B.Ed graduates and the first batch of

contract teachers regularized after getting through BCSE. During the day-long orientation program, topics including civil service code of conduct, HR matters, teacher vacancies in various schools, and placement procedures were covered. The teachers were subsequently assigned to different schools according to the identified needs.

The Dzongkhag expresses its best wishes to them for success in all their professional endeavors.

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