



26th Annual Dzongdag's Conference

The 26th Annual Dzongdag's Conference was successfully held in Bumthang from 14 – 19, April 2025 on the theme



“Promoting Local Area Potential-Based Economic Development (LAPBED) Governance, in alignment with the priorities of the 13th Five

Year Plan. Hon'ble Home Minister chaired the conference. The conference featured a series of important presentations from various Ministries and RCSC, focusing on current policy directions, reforms, and implementation frameworks. Key discussions included:

- A. Disaster preparedness and contingency planning.
- B. Information sharing on GMC from the GMC office
- C. Experience sharing on various subjects from the Dzongkhags

D. Rationalization of Dungkhags

To promote well-being and camaraderie, the conference also included a range of fitness and recreational activities, such as basketball, volleyball, khuru, Deogor and morning walk, encouraging physical health and strengthening peer bonds. HPM graced the conference on the last day and urged the participants to think and act like CEOs-leaders empowered to drive change, foster innovation, and deliver results for the people they serve. The conference concluded with a renewed sense of responsibility, unity, and purpose in building a forward-looking future anchored in service, integrity and excellence.



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Awarding Outstanding Student Performers



Dasho Dzongdag with Academic Topper under Mongar Dzongkhag

On 30th April 2025, Dasho Dzongdag along with DEO & HRO paid an official visit to the Mongar Higher Secondary School, and awarded prestigious academic excellence certificates to 24 student toppers for their exceptional performance in the calendar year 2023. In his address, Dasho

commended the recipients for their dedication and academic excellence, urging them to continue aiming for higher achievements. He also took the opportunity to motivate the rest of the student body to work harder with the aspiration of earning such recognition in the years to come.



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Welcoming a New Member to the Family

The Monggar Dzongkhag Administration extends a cordial welcome to two Agriculture Supervisors, two STEM teachers, and an Assistant Economic Development and Marketing Officer. Mr. Dampay Chedup and Mr. Tashi Namgay Doya, appointed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, have joined the Dzongkhag after completing their orientation. Both hold a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture from



the College of Natural Resources and a Diploma from Israel under the

RGoB



STEM teachers Mr. Rahul Keshwami (Mathematics) and Mr. Rakesh Bisht (ICT) have been posted to Monggar Higher Secondary School. Mr. Paras Adhikari, appointed as Assistant Economic Development and Marketing Officer, joins following completion of the Foundation In-service Training (FIT) at the Royal Institute of Management. He holds a BSc in Sustainable Development from the College of Natural Resources and

scholarship. previously served with the Tourism Council of Bhutan.

During an introductory meeting, Dasho Dzongdag underscored the responsibilities of civil service and encouraged the new officers to maintain high professional standards and serve effectively at the grassroots level. The Administration is confident in their capabilities and looks forward to



their valuable contributions to the Dzongkhag.

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A Farewell to Madam Deokar (PA to Dasho Dzongdag for successful supernuation

The Dzongkhag Administration extends its heartfelt farewell to Madam Deokar, Personal Assistant to the Dasho Dzongdag who has formally retired from civil service as of 13th April 2025.



On the occasion of her superannuation, the Dzongkhag Administration expresses its deepest appreciation for her exemplary service, unwavering commitment and tireless dedication to the Dzongkhag and the Tsa-Wa-Sum.

Over the course of an illustrious 37-year career, beginning in Chukha Dzongkhag in 1988, Madam Deokar has served with distinction in multiple capacities including Immigra-

tion Sub-Inspector, Typist, Office Assistant, Administrative Assistant and most recently, Personal Assistant. She also assumed the role of Officiating Procurement Officer during interim periods, showcasing her versatility, dependability and commitment to ensuring continuity in service delivery.

Renowned for her professionalism, strong work ethic and passion for continuous learning, Madam Deokar has set an enduring benchmark for her colleagues. Her leadership in organizing and coordinating the Serving Team during national and Dzongkhag-level events further highlighted her collaborative spirit and dedication to community service.

Madam Deokar retires leaving behind a legacy defined by integrity, excellence, loyalty and qualities that will continue to inspire civil servants for years to come. As she transitions into this new phase of life, the Dzongkhag Administration conveys its sincere gratitude and best wishes for her continued well-being, happiness, and personal fulfillment.

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Bilateral Meeting to discuss cross-Sectoral Land issues



officials from Rural, Urban and Land Management Divisions held a coordination meeting with the Dzongkhag.



A team from NLCS HQ led by the Director General and comprising the Chief of the Rural Land Division and

other relevant sectors to improve coordination, communication and resolution of overlapping land use issues.

The meeting was attended by Dasho Dzongdag, the Land Sector, and relevant sector heads and stakeholders.

The objective was to strengthen cross-sectoral collaboration among Dzongkhag Land Record Sector officials and other relevant sectors to improve coordination, communication and resolution of overlapping land use issues.

This collaborative effort aims to enhance service delivery, support timely decision-making, and build public trust in land governance.

The initiative aligns with RCSC's 10X Vision, promoting integrated, people-centered, and sustainable land management practices that reflect community needs and national priorities.



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Strengthening Local Economy and Women's Empowerment Under LAPBED

The Local Area-Based Potential Economic Development (LAPBED) gov-



ernance initiative, supported by EU funding, employs an area-based planning approach to promote inclusive and sustainable development in rural communities. The initiative focuses on strengthening local governance structures to encourage active com-

munity participation and empower marginalized groups, particularly women. In response to three consecutive years of drought and rising temperatures that have severely affected maize production—the primary staple crop—coffee cultivation has been introduced as an alternative and resilient economic activity in Kengkhar & Jurmey Gewogs. Women's groups have taken a leading role in this transition, engaging in the cultivation, processing, and marketing of coffee. Their involvement has not only revitalized local economic activity but also enhanced social networks, fostered self-reliance, and improved household incomes. By addressing climate-related vulnerabilities and

promoting gender-inclusive economic opportunities, the LAPBED initiative significantly contributes to community-led development and long-term rural resilience.



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Economic Stimulus Program



The Economic Stimulus Program is noted as one of the crucial elements in reviving the economy. However, the progress of ESP so far has been slow calling for diagnosing issues both within and among the stakeholders. The Economy and Finance Committee of the National Assembly, therefore, agreed to carry out a public hearing on the Economic Stimulus Program.

And as a part of preparation for public hearing and also to gain clear understanding of issues, the members of the Economic and Finance Committee: Hon. Tshewang Rinzin and Hon'ble Naiten Wangchuk started a consultation meeting with ESP stakeholders of Mongar Dzongkhag on 7th April, 2025. The stakeholders constituted farmers, business communities, In charge of Community

Centers, Regional heads of Banks, Gewog Thrizin, relevant sector heads of the Dzongkhag and Dasho Dzongrab as a representative of the Dzongkhag.

The consultation deliberated on the wide range of issues and gathered insights and recommendations of stakeholders. The feedback gathered from this consultation will help in enriching the deliberations of public hearing, and in formulating the effective recommendations in addressing



the issues on the ground. Besides, it will also contribute in tailoring ESP as an effective tool in reviving the economy

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Land Development monitoring report



Land development is the part of CARLEP activity. A total of 0.766 million is allocated to Thangrong gewog in the financial year 2024-2025. Under the project funding 17 households has been benefited covering 18.58 acres of dryland. The stone

wall is fenced around the field as the beneficiary contribution.

Meeting some of the beneficiary in the field expressed that this is indeed special activity directly benefiting the marginal land holders. He is optimistic that yield and production will be double in the coming years, he added this is the prepared for many generations to come, he calls as the sustainable development per say.

A team also visited pineapple production area in Narpontang village. The plants are doing good and some



have started fruiting and last year plantation is in fact better in the field.

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Entry Meeting of National Council Member, Mongar



Wangchen visited Mongar as part of his constituency visit.

On April 8, 2025, he met with Dasho Dzongda, Dasho Dzongrab and Dzongkhag sector heads. During the meeting, he briefly presented the resolutions of the 34th National Council and highlighted the agenda for the upcoming 35th session. Dasho Dzongrab also presented the pro-

Hon'ble Member of the National Council, Dasho Tshering

posed activities under the 13th Five-Year Plan (2025–2026) and the approved Phase I of the SDP (Small Development Projects) for Mongar Dzongkhag.

Dasho Tshering Wangchen will continue his visit to various Gewogs where he will meet with Local Government officials and the public.



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