

# SAMDRUP JONGKHAR DZONGKHAG

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## Dzongkhag Profile



### Vision

**A self reliant Dzongkhag co-existing in peace and harmony with enhanced socio-economic standards, rich natural resources and cultural heritage.**

### Mission

**To enhance rural livelihood with good local governance in line with culture and environment.**

Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag is situated in the Southeastern corner of the country, sharing its southern and northern borders with the Indian states of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh respectively. To its west lies Pemagatshel Dzongkhag and to its north lies Trashigang Dzongkhag. It has a population of 40,766 (20,786 male and 19,980 female), with 4808 households and an area of 1877.94 sq. km, constituting around 4% of the country's total area.

Administratively, the Dzongkhag is divided into two Dungkhags; Jomotsangkha and Samdrupchoeling and sub-divided further into 11 Gewogs, Dewathang, Gomdar, Langchenphu, Lauri, Martshalla, Orong, Pemathang, Phuntshothang, Samrang, Serthi and Wangphu. There are 191 villages and 58 Chiwogs spreading across the 11 Gewogs. In addition, there is one Gyalyong Thromde and two Satellite towns.

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## The Fifth Royal Bhutan Flower Exhibition

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2019**

The **5th Royal Bhutan Flower Exhibition (RBFE)** was held in Samdrup Jongkhar on the theme, **“Clean and Beautiful Spaces”**, on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2019 coinciding with the birth anniversary of His Majesty The King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck.

His Majesty The King and His Majesty The Fourth Druk Gyalpo graced the opening of the 5th Royal Bhutan Flower Exhibition at the Tendrel Thang along with the members of the Royal Family. The Prime Minister, accompanied by the Ministers and government officials attended the exhibition, along with the Ambassador of India to Bhutan, and officials from the neighboring Indian state of Assam. Towards the afternoon, His Majesty the King and His Majesty the Forth Druk Gyalpo graciously walked across the newly completed Dungsam bridge, thus opening for traffic, and subsequently came to blessed as bridge of peace and harmony. Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag was chosen for the exhibition in the light of historic and geographic importance, as a border town and gateway to the eastern part of our country.



*-Kezang Yuden, Asst. ICT Officer*

## **28<sup>TH</sup> DZONGKHAG EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY-4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2019**

The 28<sup>th</sup> Dzongkhag Education Conference was convened from 28<sup>th</sup> February to 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at Minjiwoong Central School with the theme of “**Enhancing professionalism and linking vision through sharing and learning good practices**”.

The objectives of the conference and reason for choosing venue at Minjiwoong CS were:

1. Provide platform for every school to host the DEC.
2. Provide participants with opportunity to familiarize with new places and exchange good practices between host and participating schools.
3. Acknowledge good works and initiatives of the schools under Jomotsangkha Drungkhag, to the inspiration of Principals participating from other schools.

The 5 days DEC embraced in essence, mass participation of Principals/representatives from all the schools under the Dzongkhag, in exchanging good practices of respective schools and linking to the overall vision of Education policy.

Result Analysis Presentation was made to keep abreast of the performance of the schools and to give further improvement of academic results in both Home and Common Examinations.

The sessions included visit to schools. Presentations on IWP and Moderation Criteria, Policy, Action Plans, SSA, SIP, 12<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan, ECCD and SEN/NFE/Disaster Program, Life Skills Education Program, Commitment and Pledges were held on 3<sup>th</sup> March. The last day included sessions such as NFE/CLC policy, Plans, updates and way forward, Auditing System, Audit Observations, and Prevention of Memos.

The closing session was graced by Dasho Drangpon, Jomotsangkha Drungkhag. Preceded by a brief welcome note, Chief DEO presented an overview of the 5 days program. Awarding of recognition certificates to the Principals of Jomotsangkha MSS and Martshalla CS for having achieved 100 % academic result and highest qualifying % in class X-BCSE was the most important part of closing session.



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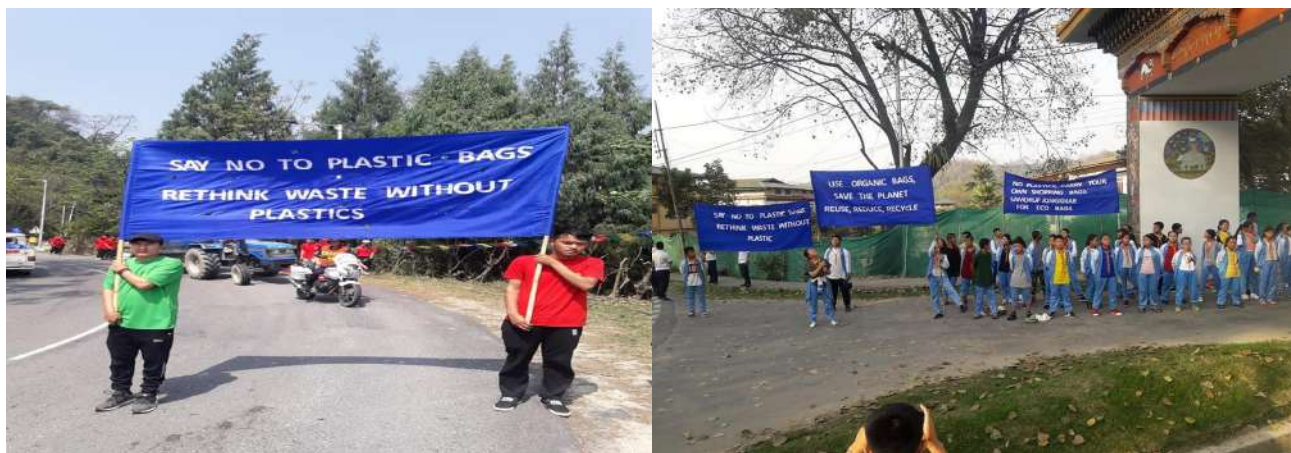
*-Rinchen Gyeltshen, Chief Dz. Education Officer*

## SAY NO TO PLASTIC BAGS

**Date : 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The Dzongkhag and Thromde Administration in collaboration with Samdrup Jongkhar Initiative (SJI), Royal Bhutan Police, volunteers from Samdrup Jongkhar Middle Secondary School and Jigme Namgyal Engineering College conducted a mass cleaning campaign and plastic ban advocacy on 16/3/19.

The volunteers were organized in groups with banners advocating on plastic ban, while they also collected waste materials across streets and along national highways between Dewathang to Samdrup Jongkhar town.



The use of filter water and methods of reusing were demonstrated during the campaign. ban on plastic was reinforced with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019 to which whole public of Samdrup Jongkhar supported the initiative of the government.



**-Sachin Limbu, Dz. Environment Officer**



## **“TB – One of the Public Health Issue”**

**Date: 24th March 2019**

Tuberculosis (TB) is an infectious disease caused by the bacillus called *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. Tuberculosis being an age old disease, it still remains as one of the major public health problems globally, regionally and nationally. On 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 as a part of the aggressive fight against Tuberculosis/Multi Drug Resistance (TB/MDR) and ending TB by 2030, the World TB Day (WTD) was observed on the theme: **“It’s time to find, treat and End TB - Access services for screening, treatment and prevention”**.

### **Objectives:**

- 1.To create mass awareness and educate staff and students about TB and MDR-TB
- 2.To identify missing cases of TB and initiate treatment
- 3.To seek support from relevant agencies and public to end TB.

In line with the above objectives, Dzongkhag Administration, Samdrup Jongkhar joined the global, regional and national community to observe this very important day at Orong Central School on 24/03/2019. Principal of Orong Central School welcomed all the participants gathered at the event and shared some of the pertinent issues related to health. After welcome address by the Principal, Health Coordinator of the school read out the Message from Her Excellency Lyonpo Dechen Wangmo, Minister of Health to the gathering. The Chief Guest, Hon’ble Dasho Dzongdag gave a remarkable talk on TB and other pertinent public health and social issues in the country, community and schools. Dr. Kezang Wangdi (GDMO) gave a detailed talk on topics related to TB. The program concluded with School health counselor Mr. Khenrab Yoesel proposing a wonderful vote of thanks to the participants.



**-Dawa Gyeltshen, Dz. Health Officer**

## APA for FY 2018-2019 Signed Through Video Conference

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Our era has seen evolving of digital technology to influence in our daily lives. All kinds of tasks, be it on regular or specific purposes requires digital proficiency to connect between individuals more rapidly, effortlessly and cost-effectively.

For the first time ever, the APA signing of FY 2018-2019 took place with 20 Dzongkhag and Thromdes through video conference. DASHO DZONGDAG signed the APA of FY 2018-2019 with Honorable Prime Minister through video conference in DASHO's Chamber. Dzongrab, Drungpas and Sector heads joined the signing.



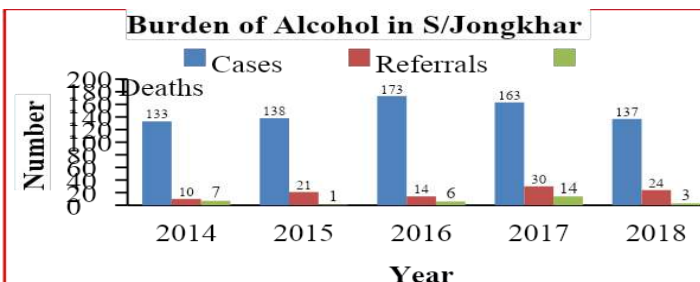
*-Kezang Yuden, Asst. ICT Officer*

## Alcohol Harm Reduction in Samdrup Jongkhar

**Date: 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Alcohol is an old issue and still the talk of the town. Alcohol offering is a part of our culture and tradition. Besides harming our health, consuming alcohol is one of the factors for creating multiple social issues in society. As per the National Health Survey 2012, consumption of alcohol is high in eastern part of Bhutan, Pemagatshel Dzongkhag 53% and Samdrup Jongkhar with 28%. As per Kuensel, alcohol is a lucrative business. It contributes about Nu 1B to the government coffer, but the economic burden of alcohol on the country is four times its returns. The annual hospital treatment cost of treating alcohol liver disease in the country was estimated at Nu. 26 million in 2015.

As an approach, in line with the National Policy and Strategic Framework to reduce harmful use of



alcohol 2015-2020's guidelines, the Dzongkhag conducted awareness program in strategic areas. The

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## Alcohol Harm Reduction in Samdrup Jongkhar

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topics covered were NCDs, Reproductive Health, Teenage pregnancy, Attending ANC, Pap smear, Institutional deliveries, Breastfeeding, Mental problems, Suicide and Alcohol.

SI	Area Conducted	M	F	Total	Health	Harmful Use of Alcohol	Social
1	Jomotshangkha BHU I	20	6	26			
2	Jomotshangkha Business	7	20	27	-Liver cirrhosis -Death -Depression Birth Defects		-Domestic violence -Relationship issues -Arguments/conflicts
3	Dewathang Gewog	15	2	17			
4	Menchari	16	6	22			
4	Arong Farm	12	10	22			
5	Orong LSS	192	171	369			
6	OHSS	266	153	419			
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>902</b>			
					<b>Legal</b>	<b>Occupational</b>	<b>Financial</b>
					-Drunk Driving -Arrest for misconduct -imprisonment -crimes	-Lead to inefficiency -loss of job -Decrease productivity -Absenteeism	-Bankruptcy and debt -Financial hardship -Economic Loss -Healthcare cost

The presentation was jointly facilitated and resourced by the Dzongkhag Alcohol Member Secretary, Drungkhag Administration, Gewog Administration and Health Sector. Issues, activities and Alcohol Harm Reduction Actions (ARA) Plans were discussed and requested to include in the local government plan to implement locally and effectively. The fund was supported by Dzongkhag Administration, Samdrup Jongkhar.



**-Dawa Gyeltshen, Dz. Health Officer**



## The Wait is finally Over for Tshothang Chiwog of Lauri Gewog

**Date: 2nd April 2019**

Tshothang Chiwog under Lauri Gewog got its first elected Tshogpa this year. Tshothang is considered one of the smallest and remotest Chiwog under Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag. For the last 13 years, the Chiwog remained without Tshogpa, owing to the unavailability of interested aspiring candidate. The Chiwog was then declared vacant Demkhong during the last Local Government Election, in 2016. However, the importance of the role of Tshogpa was realized when there are several Chiwog functionaries that has direct link with Gewog and Dzongkhag Administration.

Subsequently, the Chiwog requested to for election of Tshogpa, routing through Gewog and Dzongkhag administration to the Election Commission. The Election Commission, in pursuance of Sections 577, 579 & 197 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2008 called for election of Tshothang Chiwog Tshogpa on 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, 2019.

There were a total of 290 voters under the Chiwog, of which 122 were postal voters. On the poll day, the Returning Officer received 80 postal ballots which all counted “yes” vote for the candidate. At the polling station, a total of 53 voters came forward to vote on EVM in which 49 voted “yes” and 4 voted “no”. As such, **Mr. Pema Darjay** was elected with 98% yes vote from the total of 175 voters. The total turnover was 60%.

Similarly, bye-election was also called in Narphoong Chiwog under Gomdar gewog after untimely demise of the incumbent. However, it had to be rescheduled with no nomination papers being filed within the notified date. The re-scheduled notification was called on 25<sup>th</sup> of May, 2019. All the election preparatory activities were carried out in strict compliance to the notification issued by the commission. There were 242 registered voters in the chiwog. During the poll day on the 20th of June, 2019, 107 exercised their franchise. Of 57 EVM voters 56 voted “Yes” and 1 “no” and similarly of 50 postal ballots received by the Office of Returning Officer 49 voted “yes” and 1 for “no”. **Mr. Sherab Tenzin** was elected with 98% yes votes. The total turnout is at 44%.



**-Yonten Phuntsho, Asst. Electoral Registry**

## **“My Waste, My Responsibility”**

**Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019**

Coinciding the Coronation Day of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019, the Zero Waste Hour “My Waste, My Responsibility” was graciously launched by Her Majesty The Gyaltseen. It was initiated to instill a change towards proper waste management and practice sustainable consumption lifestyle leading towards safe, healthy and clean environment.

Driving towards that mission, the Dzongkhag Administration observed one hour (between 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM depending on the convenience) to clean our own surrounding areas on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of every month.

The Zero Waste Hour was observed on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2019 from 4pm to 5pm for one hour in Samdrup Jongkhar. The Dzongkhag staffs were organized into different groups for cleaning the surrounding areas in their respective places. There was not much of waste within our areas but had more of grass cutting works.



*-Sachin Limbu, Dz. Environment Officer*

## **Freshwater Aquaculture farming ( fish farming) for the youth members of Dorangthang, under Pemathang Gewog, Under Samdrup Choling Dungkhag(2019).**

Under the command of HRH, the Gyeltshab on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018, Youths aquaculture development programme at Dorangthang, Pemathang had been initiated integrated with piggery, through Dzongkhag fishery development services.

By location, the farm is located at the elephant movement zone, which frequents threat agriculture farming. In order to the wildlife threats, the Dzongkhag Livestock Sector designed trench type fish pond that can withstand elephant and other wildlife threats. Into 7 fishponds of 50 meter in length, 155000 numbers of six different species of fingerlings were impounded.

The expected income by taking 50 % of fish, with an average weight of 300-400 grams each, comes around 23 million tones of fresh fishes, every after 12 months of culture period production, which approximately comes to Nu 4.6m. culture management properly.

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## **Freshwater Aquaculture farming ( fish farming) for the youth members of Dorangthang, under Pemathang Gewog, Under Samdrup Choling Dungkhag(2019).**

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Through fish growth check up, the results were ascertained to be very effective and satisfactory till date. The group members were well motivated with lucrative income from fishery program business. With less investment against more income generating capacity, the aqua-farming was taken with keen interest and learning by the youths. And trench type fish pond with rectangular size is below:



*-Chang Chung, LPS-Fishery*

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### **Signing of Delivery and Performance Agreement (DPA)**

**Date: 18th June 2019**

The Delivery and Performance Agreement (DPA) is the standard agreement between the Director General of Education and the principal and board chair of schools that have chosen to become an Independent Public School (IPS). It is a non-negotiable document of succinctly stated expectations around the mutual responsibilities of the central office, the school and the board in relation to the enactment and support of greater autonomy.

The DPA underpins the important role played by the board in school governance and provides IPS communities with confidence that the Department will continue to provide the school with resources and support, clearly stated expectations around the exercise of more autonomy to improve outcomes for young people and the management of human and financial resources, assurance that these outcomes will be monitored and reported and guidance about the key responsibilities of the principal and the school board.

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## **Signing of Delivery and Performance Agreement (DPA)**

**Date: 18th June 2019**

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So for Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag, Karmaling Higher Secondary School and Phuntshothang Middle Secondary School were chosen to become an Independent Public School (IPS) and signed Delivery and Performance Agreement (DPA) as an Autonomous school.

The Principals signed the Delivery and Performance Agreement (DPA) as an Autonomous school with Dasho Dzongdag and Director General of Ministry Of Education.



*-Ngawang Choden, ICTA*

## **National Level Professional Development Program**

**Date: 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

National Level Professional Development Program was provided to all the teachers of Bhutan within respective Dzongkhag/Thromde. It was organized from 4-23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2019 with fund support from Ministry of Education.

Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag/Thromde jointly conducted Professional Development Program at Karmaling Higher Secondary School, Garpawoong Middle Secondary School, Samdrup Jongkhar Middle Secondary School and Samdrup Jongkhar Primary School. The opening of First Day PD of 1<sup>st</sup> cohort at Samdrup Jongkhar Primary School was graced by Dasho Tharchin Lhendup, Dzongdag, Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag while opening at Samdrup Jongkhar Middle Secondary School by Dasho Karma Sherab Thobgyal, Thrompoen, Samdrup Jongkhar Thrompoen on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

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## National Level Professional Development Program

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**-Rinchen Gyeltshen, Chief Dz. Education Officer**



## Welcoming of new Chief District Engineer

**Date: 10th July, 2019**

Dasho Dzongdag, Dzongrab and the Sector heads of Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag Administration, welcomed the newly posted Chief District Engineer, Mrs. Pema Dechen.



*-Kezang Yuden, Asst. ICT Officer*



## **Screening Program for Diabetes, Hypertension, hepatitis-B, STIs, HIV, Body-Mass Index (BMI)**

**Date: 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Dzongkhag Health sector conducted screening program for Diabetes, Hypertension, hepatitis-B, STIs, HIV, Body-Mass Index (BMI) for all staff of Dzongkhag administration, Samdrup Jongkhar led by Dasho Dzongdag and Dasho Dzongrab on 10th July 2019. The program also covered Dratshang Rabdey and Thromdey population. Based on the result, appropriate health advises were also provided to the individuals to enhance health promotion and prevention of NCDs.



*-Dawa Gyeltshen, Dz. Health Officer*

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## **" SEE THE PERSON, NOT THE DISABILITY "**

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

The officials of Ability Bhutan Society conducted meeting with Dasho Dzongrab and Sector heads of Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag Administration, where the importance of empowering individuals with disabilities were pointed out, so that they can live independently and with dignity within Bhutanese society.



*-Kezang Yuden, Asst. ICT Officer*

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## The HM certificate Award Program

**Date: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

The awarding of His Majesty the King's certificate for the academic toppers of 2018, was commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 and concluded on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, covering 26 schools and a college, under the Dzongkhag.





**The HM certificate Award Program****Date: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019***Cont.. from page 15*

*-Rinchen Gyeltshen, Chief Dz. Education Officer*



## Inauguration of Day Feeding Program

**Date: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

Inauguration of Day Feeding Program was graced by Dasho Dzongdag Tharchin Lhendup at Rikhey PS under Dewathang Gewog, Dasho Lamdra Wangdi at Jangsa PS under Langchenphu Gewog and Dasho Lobzang Dorji at Pemathang LSS under Pemathang Gewog on 31st July, 2019.

A total of 380 students (94 students at Rikhey PS, 21 students at Jangsa PS and 265 students at Pemathang LSS) will be benefitted from new Day Feeding Program which commenced from 1st August, 2019. Gup, OC, Tsampa, Mangmi, Gewog Administrative officers, Tshogpas, and parents of each respective school participated for the program. DEOs, Principals, teachers, and staff coordinated the program. Gups, and Parents conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to Royal Government of Bhutan, and Ministry of Education for blessing their children with Day Meal (breakfast and lunch). The program helped in improving health through nutritious food and balance diet, improve academic performance, and reduce absenteeism.



*-Ngawang Tshering, Deputy Dz. Education Officer*

## National Voters Day

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

The Election Commission of Bhutan celebrated National Voters' Day (NVD) on 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 based on the theme of "Participation as a Natural Responsibility through Democracy club meets engaging and empowering our Youth" nationwide. The celebration venue for the NVD, 2019 was set at Samdrup Jongkhar Middle Secondary School with 14 Democracy Clubs of the Dzongkhag. There were a

## National Voters Day

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

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total of 96 democracy club members who participated for the day excluding respective coordinators. Pre-division of members into four houses that is Taag, Seng, Chung and Druk were done by the Dzongkhag Election Office using random sampling method. Each house consisted of 24 members and was divided based on criteria set in agenda issued by ECB. There was a Legal Officer from the ECB head office and a few students from Samdrup Jongkhar Middle Secondary as observers for the day.

The celebration was graced by Dasho Dzongdag, Dzongrab and sector heads of the Dzongkhag Administration.



*-Rigzen Lhendup, Dz. Election Officer*

## World Vegetarian Day

**Date: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

To promote the joy, compassion and life-enhancing possibilities of vegetarianism. "World Vegetarian Day" was celebrated on October 1st, at Samdrup Jongkhar Dratshang. Dasho Dzongrab, Sectors Heads and staffs of Samdrup Jongkhar Administration Joined hand with Samdrup Jongkhar Dratshang in celebrating the day.

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## World Vegetarian Day

**Date: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

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*Ngawang Choden, ICTA*

## Zero Waste Craft Training

**Date: 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

The zero waste craft training on curving products from PET Bottles and other plastic waste was conducted on 4-7 November, 2019. The four days training program was organized by the Dzongkhag Environment Office in collaboration with Samdrup Jongkhar Initiative (SJI).

A total of 20 women participants from the civil servant attended the training. The main objective of the training program was to create awareness on reducing usage of plastics, reuse and recycle to make other products such as carrying bags, flower vase, kitchen utensils and others. The training wholeheartedly focused on empowering women and generate income from recycled products. It's expected of The the participants to further train other people in future and continue the trend.

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## Zero Waste Craft Training

**Date: 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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*-Sachin Limbu, Dz. Environment Officer*

## Signing of Annual Performance Agreement

**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Annual Performance Agreement signed between Dasho Dzongdag, Dasho Dzongrab, Dasho Drungpas, 11 Gups (joined by respective GAOs) and Sector Heads of Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag Administration today at DT hall.



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**Signing of Annual Performance Agreement****Date: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019***Cont.. from page 20**-Kezang Yuden, Asst. ICT Officer**Cont.. on page 22*



## Outreach Health-care Service Program (Ultrasound services)

**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Dzongkhag health sector, in coordination with S/Jongkhar hospital, outreach health-care service program (Ultrasound services) has been initiated for the people of five Gewogs since this services are not available in their health centers such as Phuntshothang, Martshalla, Gomdar, Orong and Wangphu Gewogs. Currently people have to travel all the way to Samdrup Jongkhar or Dewathang hospital to avail ultrasound services. Especially, pregnant women are most affected due to lack of such services in their Gewogs/health centers. Due to benefit of this program for the people, this story is also been covered by Bhutan Broadcasting Service (BBS) on 24th Nov. 2019 (After 8:00 PM News hour). This program is being supported through Dzongkhag Health sector's approved annual budget (Capital) for conducting mobile health camp.

**Objective:** To improve quality and accessibility of health care services for the people of far-flung areas where ultrasound services are not readily available at their nearest health facility. Since the portable ultrasound machine is not available in the district, it was requested and borrowed from Trashigang hospital just for this program.

**Follow-up and monitoring:** All the cases detected were provided appropriate health education for self management or further advice on control and prevention aspects.

Severe cases were either referred to hospital for tertiary care while some are advised to repeat the investigation at Samdrup Jongkhar hospital to monitor their health conditions. Ultrasound technician will be reviewing and monitoring those patients who are recorded as abnormal findings.



**-Pema Tshewang, Sr. Dz. Health Officer**



## The inauguration of Community Learning Centre at Jomotshangkha Dungkhag

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

The inauguration of Community Learning Centre at Jomotshangkha Dungkhag was graced by Dasho Dzongdag on 28th November, 2019. The inauguration function was attended by Dasho Dzongrab, Dasho Drangpon, Thrizin, RBP, Regional and Cooperation heads of Jomostangkha Dungkhag, Gups of Langchenphu, Lauri, Serthi and Phuntshothang, Chief Forest Officer of Samdrup Jongkhar, Chief Program Officer, NFCED, Dy. Chief TEO of Samdrup Jongkhar Thromde, Principals of Phuntshothang Middle Secondary School, Minjiwoong CS, Jomotsangkha MSS and Jangsa PS, CLC managers of Phuntshothang and Jomotsangkha, Learners of Jomotsangkha CLC, NFEC of Jomotshangkha Dungkhag and teachers and students

The program consist of livelihood skills such as tailoring, literacy skills (yikur Namzha) and life skills.



*-Rinchen Gyeltshen, Chief Dz. Education Officer*

## Consecration Ceremony of the Raw Ginger Processing Plant

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

The Bhutan Green Products, the Raw Ginger Processing Plant based at 3 kilo meters away from Samdrup Thromde had done consecration ceremony on 27<sup>th</sup> December, an auspicious day to produce ginger oils and ginger based products from locally grown ginger with an installed capacity of 60 MT per annum. It is proposed that in the first year of its operation, the project will produce 30 MT of ginger oil and its capacity utilization will increase by 5% annually. The project's final product will be sold in the regional and international markets besides supplying to the local food industries, high-end hotels. The project is ideally located at Samdrup Jongkhar Thromde under LAP-IV (3 Kilo) in Samdrup Jongkhar.

The project which is first of its kind in Bhutan aims at achieving the following key objectives:

- To add value to the locally grown ginger mainly for exports.
- To create a sustainable source of income generation opportunities for farmers and rural entrepreneurs.
- To create employment avenues for job seekers and farmers.
- To earn convertible currencies such as INR, Euro, US\$, etc. by exporting the value added products.

The Dzongkhag Agriculture Sector is closely working with BGP to create market link between farmers and buyer (BGP) by forming groups in ginger growing areas. Moreover, with fund support from CARLEP project, BGP will soon benefits with Raw Ginger Processing Machines worth of million.





## Glimpse of 112th National Day Celebration at Samdrup Jongkhar Middle Secondary School.

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019





## Glimpse of 112th National Day Celebration at Samdrup Jongkhar Middle Secondary School.

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019**





**CELEBRATION****29<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Her Majesty Ashi Jetsun Pema Wangchuck**

29<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Her Majesty, Gyaltsuen celebrated by Dzongkhag and Dratsang jointly on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. The Dzongkhag staff led by Dasho Dzongrab and Monks led by Venerable Lam Neten offered butter lamps followed by Shabten and prayers for Her Majesty's good health, peace and prosperity.

Long live Her Majesty !!!

**39<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary Celebration of His Majesty the King**

*On this auspicious day  
of the 39<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary  
Of His Majesty The King,  
**Samdrup Jongkhar Dzong-  
khag** joins the nation to offer our  
humble prayers for His Majesty's  
long life and good health—and  
everlasting peace, prosperity and  
happiness in our great nation.*

## **64th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty, our beloved Fourth Druk Gyalpo**



On the joyous occasion of the 64th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty, our beloved Fourth Druk Gyalpo, Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag Administration, Dratshang, RBA, Regional heads and the people of Samdrup Jongkhar join the nation to offer our deepest respect, heartfelt felicitation and prayers for His Majesty's good Health and long life.

Dratshang, Dzongkhag Administration, RBA and Regional heads offered karma Tongchoe and recite zhabtoen for His Majesty's long life.





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