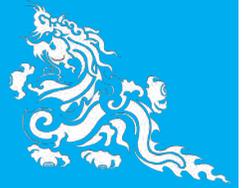


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When most villages in the country are facing increasing instances of goongtong, Merak in Trashigang is an anomaly

## ECB prepares for 2018 elections

MB Subba

The two newly formed political parties, Druk Gaki Tshogpa and Druk Kuenphen Tshogpa, are yet to register with the Election Commission of Bhutan (ECB).

According to ECB, the promoters of the political parties are in the process of carrying out preparatory work such as mobilising members and support.

Citing Rule 3.3 of the Political Parties Rules and Regulations 2015, ECB clarified that an applicant party will enjoy the rights and privileges of a political party under the Constitution only after it is registered and notified so by the Registrar of political parties. Once a party obtains its registration certificate, the party, its candidates and supporters, are obliged to follow the Code of Conduct as laid down in the Election Act and the political party rules and regulations.

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## Development help curb goongtong in Merak

Younten Tshedup, Merak

**M**erak is situated 3,500 metres above the sea level. Snow-capped mountains border the beautiful high-land village in the north.

It is a bright and sunny day. Merak remains covered in thick fog for good part of the year. The village has homestay facilities for local and foreign visitors, not a bad idea for a short escapade for the adventurous.

Far away from the madding crowd, Merak is a close-knit community. The people here share a strong sense of attachment. For a villager here, the world constitutes cattle, land, and their fellow residents, nothing more.

The clustered community is made up mostly of double-storey houses that remain locked for almost nine months. But there is not a single abandoned

household. Here in Merak, there is no Goongtong.

Trashigang has recorded the highest number of goongtong, 1,055, according to a latest finding. While the rest of the country is experiencing an increasing number of goongtong cases annually, Merak hasn't registered a single case of goongtong so far.

Developmental activities have played a large part in preventing goongtong.

Phurba, who is the mangmi of Merak, said: "We now have electricity and telecommunication facilities, and safe drinking water. We have a road that connects the gewog to the dzongkhag. Why do we have to leave our village?"

Phurba said that if development had not come to Merak, people would have wanted to abandon the village. "In my view, goongtong happens because people look for improved living standards. We have no such problems here." Pg.2

### Briefly

#### RCSC extends PE registration

» Royal Civil Service Commission announced yesterday that the e-Registration deadline for Bhutan Civil Service Examination 2017 has been extended till today.

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# Development help curb goongtong in Merak

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And so it is. Merak today has more households than thram records.

The former gup Gayden said: "With the increasing number of people, there is not enough space for construction of new houses. We have families where three generations are living together because there is no land for new constructions," adding that the number of households have increased from 260 in 2013 to 301 this year.

"There was a time when no goong was awarded and the number of households remained constant," said Gayden. The issue was resolved and now the gewog is experiencing an increasing number of households.

Lifestyle is another factor that prevents gootong in Merak.

Ghayden said: "We are not prepared to work in a urban setting. If we leave our homes here, where will we go, and what would we

be doing? We belong here in the mountains. There is no reason why we should leave our village."

Sangay Wangmo, a resident of the village, said that when times were hard, they survived in the community together.

"We had no proper drinking water. For a bowl of rice, we had to travel days to exchange with the cheese and butter we produced," said the 68-year-old. And she asked: "Now that we have everything we need at our doorstep, why must we leave our homes and go some place else?"

Sangay Wangmo has children living in Thimphu and Samdrupjongkhar. She said that although they have settled in the urban areas, her sons make a point to visit the village once a year with their children. "The children love the place. Except for the weather, Merak has everything that towns and cities offer. What we have more is beauty and space."

Summer is a time when



Motorable roads including electricity and telecommunication facilities have now reached Merak

the herders return to the village from the pastureland high up. Students are on their vacation. This is the only time of the year when every house in Merak is opened. It is a time for reunion and gatherings. The annual community

kurim is also observed during this time.

Tashi Tshewang is busy preparing a cultural show for the kurim along with his friends. A class X student of Dungtse Central School in Phongmay, Tashi Tshewang

said that every vacation he comes back to Merak. "Most of my friends at school talk about going to Thimphu. I prefer coming to Merak. I can't think of going anywhere."

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ECB also made clear that media cannot promote the cause of a political party in their reporting. "If you [the media] would like to inform the readers, you may do so, but without promoting the cause of a particular party," ECB said.

The founder of the Gaki Tshogpa, Cheku Dukpa, said the party would finalise its manifesto soon. "We are hoping to register our party by the end of the month. We are looking for members from each gewog, not just from the dzongkhags," he said.

Cheku Dukpa said that in terms of support and membership, his party is on a sound footing. "We intend to change the landscape of politics. We are going to offer much excitement in the near future."

Cheku Dukpa, who has met ECB officials twice to seek advice on the party registration process, said: "We will hold our first party convention soon." A party elects its office bearers,

including its president, at a convention.

The Kuenphen Tshogpa's promoter, Jigme Drukpa, said that his party held its first convention in June. He was elected president of the party. The party has its head office in Thimphu.

"We are planning to register our party within this month," he said, adding that he has already submitted some of the documents that are required for registration, to ECB. He said he has submitted the names of party members and officer bearers, including the president.

Some of the members of the party, he said, are in the civil service and will be revealed at an "appropriate time."

However, Jigme Drukpa said that due to the formalities involved, registering a political party is not easy. "ECB is guiding us with the registration processes."

According to the Political Parties Rules and Regula-

tions, an application for registration should be made to ECB a month after its formation. The name of the political party, party symbol, the names and addresses of its president, secretary, treasurer, and other office-bearers, should also be submitted along with other relevant documents.

According to the Political Parties Rules and Regulations, a party's membership should be "broad-based with cross-national membership and support in all dzongkhags".

The applicant party must also submit the names of registered members from each dzongkhag along with the accounts of the fees and voluntary contributions received as on the day of the submission of the application.

A political party cannot launch door-to-door member registration drive. Registration of new members can only be carried out in the party office.

### Elections 2018

ECB has started preparing for the third parliamentary elections to be held in 2018.

The National Council will complete its term in May 2018, while the National Assembly will dissolve in August. Assuming that the prime minister does not dissolve the Assembly prematurely, elections could be held in late October 2018.

In the case of the Council, however, elections could be held before May 2018 so that the third National Council starts its term as soon as the current Council members complete their term. This is because the Council is a "continuous House".

ECB said that it has already issued public advisories to avoid the time periods of February to May 2018 and August to October 2018 for any programmes and activities that involve public gathering. Also, ECB has advised all prospective contestants that census be transferred in the constituency

of their choice.

ECB stated that it has advised all those interested to contest the elections on ensuring mitsi (census registration) in constituency of their choice.

According to ECB, all 20 dzongkhags are also finalising the customised strategy for each dzongkhag focusing in particular on voter turnout, which was the theme of the "fifth Biennial ECB Conference" as well as the stakeholder's discussion forum for Successful Third Parliamentary Elections 2018 held recently at Paro.

After the successful conduct of the second local government elections 2016, ECB conducted "The Learning from Experience Programme" of local government elections 2016 with various stakeholders including the media and received their feedbacks and recommendations based on the actual experience. This was done to enhance and improve the electoral process, ECB said.

# Former Chang gup charged for violating Land Act, 1979

**Tashi Dema**

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) charged the former Chang gup Naku for illegal encroachment of government of land in Thimphu.

The miscellaneous hearing of the case was conducted yesterday at the Thimphu dzongkhag court.

OAG, in their charges, stated that after the 1994 glacial lake outburst flood in Punakha, the government acquired land belonging to 33 people along the banks of Phochu to construct river protection wall.

Of the 33 landowners, 11 landowners also owned land in Tsalumaphey in Thimphu.

OAG stated that of the 11 landowners, one Mindu Zangmo, despite taking money as compensation from the government was allotted land compensation in Thimphu by the then home minister Dago Tshering. "Nine other landowners, after learning that Mindu Zangmo was allotted land compensation in Thimphu, approached the home ministry in November 1997 for land compensation."

In December 2001, a committee, led by the then home

minister Thinley Jamtsho, the then Commission Officials and the then home secretary, approved the land compensation to the nine owners with the condition that it should be from the extra land registered in their names.

OAG stated that before the committee approved the land compensation, a 46 decimal wetland belonging to late Namgay Lhamo was sold to gup Naku by her son Namgay.

The main contention here was that although the committee clearly stated that land compensation should be within the owners' extra

land, gup Naku took land compensation in a different location. "He measured the land compensation on a government land by creating fictitious plot number 347A," OAG stated.

It also stated that although the land ownership transfer had to be processed through court, gup Naku's thram was not processed through court. "The land by then was registered in another fictitious plot number 132 from map K7/19SW."

The land, after registering into gup Naku's thram number 852 was divided between

Sangay Khandu and Tseten Dorji into 10,019 sqft each.

OAG pleaded the court to sentence defendant gup Naku between three months to three years and seek restitution of the two plots from Sangay Khandu and Tseten Dorji in accordance with section 6.20 of the 1979 Land Act.

OAG also requested the court for restitution of Nu 400,725 from the defendant for the illegal use of the government land. "The court should also penalise the defendant as the court deems necessary for the crimes committed."

## OAG charges former Chang gup and land officials for encroaching on state land

**Tshering Palden**

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) charged former Chang Gup Naku, two land record officials, and two others for fraud, forgery, and collusion in the sale of 50 decimal government land in Babesa in 2000 at the Thimphu dzongkhag court yesterday.

Between 1999 to 2000, Gup Naku had allegedly colluded with two former employees of Department of Survey and Land Record (DSLRL) Pema Wangdi and Kezang Tenzin in fraudulently selling 50 decimal government land near Barb Lhakhang to Dil Maya Sharma.

Gup Naku is alleged of arranging with Yangchen Dema to sell the apple orchard registered with her mother by manipulating the plot size to 55 decimal. During the new sathram (land registration certificate) compilation in 2000, Pema Wangdi and Kelzang Tenzin had allegedly tampered the chazhag thram (main document) record with DSLR and falsified a field form (kappa) in altering the original plot size from five to 55 decimal.

In August 2000, an agreement was drawn between late Sonam Choden and Dil

Maya Sharma purporting that Sonam Choden is transferring 55 decimal apple orchard to Dil Maya Sharma as a gift in recognition for Dil Maya Sharma taking care of Yangchen Dema's daughter in school.

In December that year, the Thimphu dzongkhag court passed the judgment clearing the transfer of land to Dil Maya Sharma.

As part of the procedure, Gup Naku had certified to court that late Sonam Choden had 55 decimal apple orchard with thram number 300.

However, the irregularity in the size of the land was discovered by the DSLR when the court judgement was sent to the home ministry for making necessary updates in the main land record.

Accordingly, it was rectified in 2001 that thram 300 of late Sonam Choden had only five decimal and not 55 as transacted between the parties.

As per the 1967 chazhag thram or the main national land records, Sonam Choden the late mother of Yangchen Dema owned an apple orchard of five decimals near the Barb Lhakhang in Thimphu.

OAG filed two counts of charges against Yangchen Dema. She faces deception charges for having allegedly

colluding with Gup Naku and signing an agreement and application documents.

Lobzang Gonpo had signed as Sonam Choden's guarantor in the agreement drawn between her and Dil Maya Sharma and the land transfer application form.

Pema Wangdi, who was the team leader of the survey team surveying the land in Chang gewog, had allegedly tampered the forms, measured and included 50 decimal extra in the thram. He is charged for encroachment of government land under the Land Act 1979. He is also charged with forgery under the Thrimzhung Chenmo 1953.

The then land record assistant, Kezang Tenzin is charged with forgery and tampering official record, Chazhag thram and to make it appear that late Sonam Choden had 55 decimals.

The former Chang Gup, Naku is charged for encroachment of government land and forgery of internal agreement between late Sonam Choden and Dil Maya Sharma.

This is one among four cases that the OAG has filed against the former Chang gup for illegal land transactions.

## Ambassadors call on Prime Minister

**Staff reporter**

Lyonchhen Tshering Tobgay met the Ambassadors of Turkey, Spain and Myanmar to Bhutan at the Gyalyong Tshogkhag yesterday. Lyonchhen welcomed the Ambassadors to Bhutan and congratulated them on presenting their Credentials to His Majesty The King and being appointed as the new Ambassadors to Bhutan.

Lyonchhen thanked the Ambassador of Turkey to Bhutan Sakir Ozkan Torunlar, for the contribution to the Health Trust Fund and informed the Ambassador that all essential drugs are procured from the fund. "The government is almost reaching the target of doubling the trust fund. Our Fourth King has established a system of providing free health care and we have to continue this legacy," Lyonchhen said. Lyonchhen and the Ambassador discussed aviation and tourism among others.

Lyonchhen also thanked the people and government of Spain for the support extended to Bhutan through the European Union. "Besides India, EU is our biggest developing partner," Lyonchhen said.

Ambassador Jose Ramon Baranano Fernandez said he and his country is "open to co-

operating with Bhutan in every possible field." Lyonchhen and Ambassador Fernandez discussed water management, environment, agriculture, tourism, climate change and sports.

Ambassador of Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Bhutan, Maung Wai, said during his meeting with the prime minister that he is familiar with the Gross National Happiness concept and admire this concept. "Myanmar can learn a lot from this country."

Discussing water management, Lyonchhen informed the Ambassador that the government has decided to set up a Water Commission. Lyonchhen also informed him about the government's initiatives to protect the environment and watersheds.

Lyonchhen and the Ambassador also discussed hydropower, health and tourism. Lyonchhen said that by cooperating in the areas of mutual interest the two countries could learn from each other's success and failure.

Meeting Lyonchhen, the Ambassador of the Argentine Republic to Bhutan, Maria Cristina Ueltschi, said that she is looking forward to working with Bhutan. Lyonchhen and the Ambassador discussed agriculture, tourism and water management among others.

## Alternative facts matter

**B**hutan's struggle with rampant use and abuse of controlled substances is a national issue. It is no secret that the ban on tobacco has cultivated a black market that law enforcement agencies are unable to crack. Yet, we appear to be in denial.

Recent developments show that we are struggling with facts and figures. We dispute the happiness ranking and question the credibility of institutions that conduct surveys. The labor ministry took it even further by questioning its own methodology in conducting labour force surveys.

Now, we have the Bhutan Narcotics Control Authority issuing disclaimers. It claims that the high use of tobacco at 29 percent and marijuana at 12 percent as reported in a health survey are incidents of one time use and not of regular use. It further claims that the problematic uses of tobacco and marijuana in schools are about 6.6 percent and two percent respectively.

Raising such concerns and clarifications are important. But it is still problematic when the main agency that is responsible to control controlled substances takes consolation in its figures that report a low incidence of tobacco and marijuana. The health ministry and World Health Organisation (WHO) conducted the health survey. Just as BNCA, these institutions are the authorities in their own right. If we accept WHO awards and take pride in our claims of having eliminated measles, it could be problematic when the same organisation's report is questioned, if only to defend one's own findings.

BNCA's survey was also conducted in schools and, save for the key findings, it has not yet published or released its report. It is hoped that the agency has not also kept this report under lock and key just as it has kept safe the report of crewmembers that tested positive for controlled substances. If it must defend its findings, it must share its report. Its mandate is to control the use and abuse of controlled substances, not to control information that are important to people. It must worry as much about the one time use of tobacco and marijuana among students as it does about those who are regular users.

But more than going on the defensive and issuing disclaimers, our institutions must start accepting alternative facts. The issue here is not so much about who is saying what, but about what is being done about the drug problem that has gripped the lives of so many of our young.

That BNCA is the lead authority with the mandate to address the issue of substance abuse in the country is not questioned. But in battling the drug menace that is robbing the country of its present and its future, the priorities of agencies dealing with the problem must align. We must work collectively. We must look beyond institutional differences when issues of public health concern arise. We must accept that we have a problem, a grave one that is, just as those dependent on controlled substances are counseled to accept. Institutions such as the BNCA cannot personify the denial syndrome, which consume those abusing drugs.

### MY COUNTRY, MY TOWN



**Security conscious:** Is the way one's got to be nowadays when literally everything's up for grabs Photo by Pelden, Langjophakha

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### MY SAY

## Water shortage in Olakha

Sir,

The continuous rainfall has left road blocked and water over flowing onto the streets and roads. We see water everywhere, but almost all the taps in Olakha run dry.

This is the situation of tenants who live in Olakha. We see empty pipes strewn over the road like wires. Those who have vehicles take empty cans to get water. They are lucky they have

something in the end.

But what about those who have no cars and have to depend on the water supply? Where will they go to get a bucket of water?

I have noticed and experienced this situation again and again. When it rains, the local water source is left without water or the city water is not sufficient to fill the tanks.

We have used up the water that is stored at home.

We call our owners in hope that the problem would be solved. But in the end they are also helpless after finding problems at the source.

I request the concerned authorities, on behalf of the Olakha residents and families to look into this with urgency.

*Pema Olakha*

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# Roadblocks cleared but travellers cautioned

Phurpa Lhamo

The many roadblocks that had occurred across the country have been cleared, but due to continuous rain, risks to the travellers and the chances of the roadblocks happening remain.

Roadblocks on the Gyelposhing-Nganglam highway have been cleared. Department of Road's (DoR) site engineer Sanman Tamang said vehicles as yet are allowed to ply only during the day.

"The road is very small currently. We will have to widen it, which might take around 12 days," Sanman Tamang said.

DoR engineer Dhan Raj Chhetri said that the road between Yadi-Korila in Monagr, which was blocked on July 10, opened to traffic by evening. Trashigang-Samdrupjongkhar highway, which was blocked since July 10, was cleared yesterday.

Roadblock at Ossey on

Gelephu-Tingtibi highway opened to traffic on the evening of July 10.

"The road is not stable and we are working to expand it," said DoR engineer Kharananda Gautam.

The roadblock at Reotala on Trongsa-Zhemgang highway was also cleared yesterday. However, the block at Dzongkhaglum is yet to be cleared. Chief engineer with DoR, Tougay Choedup, said that the block at Dzongkhaglum could take about three days to be cleared.

Sunkosh-Dagana roadblock is expected to be cleared today. Executive engineer with DoR, Pema Choda, said the boulders and landslides continue to occur.

The Manitar-Raidak-Lhamoizinkha roadblock is yet to be cleared.

Kharbandhi-Pasakha-Manitar and the Phuntsholing-Hallaley-Samtse highways opened yesterday.



Yadi-Korila block between Mongar and Trashigang highway was cleared on July 11

Road Safety and Transport Authority (RSTA) has cautioned the public to avoid travelling via Assam as the bridge at Champa has been damaged.

Chief Transport Officer, Karma Pemba, said there has been several cancellation of the public transport service because of the roadblocks.

"If the bus are somehow stuck at a block, we try and help them by transshipping passenger and by diverting the route," he added.

## Nu 11B non-performing loans

Tshering Dorji

Non-performing loans (NPL) increased by 26.64 percent (from Nu 8.99B to Nu 11.39B) between March 2016 and March this year.

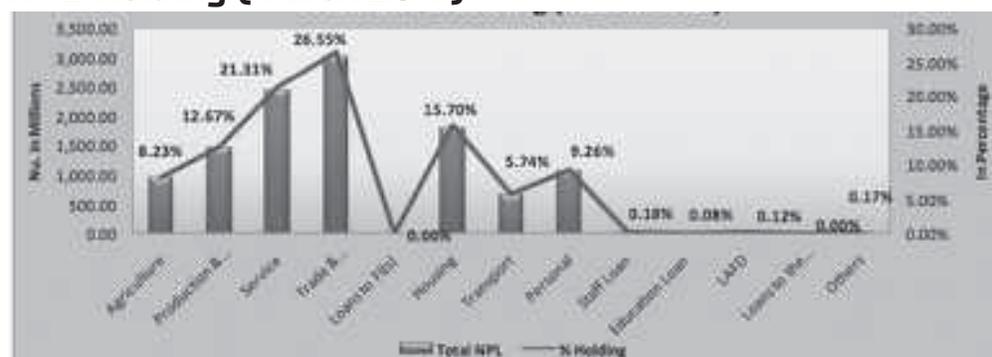
According to figures from the Royal Monetary Authority (RMA), total loans from the financial sector has also increased from Nu 79B to about Nu 92B in the same period.

NPL is the sum of borrowed money upon which the debtor has not made his scheduled payments for at least 90 days.

NPL has significantly increased between December 2016 and March this year, during which period, total loans from the financial sector also increased by 3.6B.

Gross NPL ratio (the ratio of NPL to total loans) of the entire financial sector has increased to 12.38 percent in March 2017 as compared to 11.38 percent

### NPL Holding (March 2017)



in March 2016. This means of the Nu 92B loan disbursed in the economy, Nu 11.39B are bad debts.

Of the total NPL of Nu 11.39B, more than half or Nu 6.03B was classified as sub-standard loan defaulting by 91 to 180 days. Another 39.35 percent consists of expired loans and loans under litigation cases. NPL amounting to Nu 883M defaulted from 181 to 365 days.

Trade and commerce has the highest NPL to loan ratio of 25.11 percent, followed by

agriculture sector with 19.16 percent, and transport sector with 13.95 percent. This means a quarter of loan made towards trade and commerce are non-performing.

Once the value of non-performing loans exceeds a certain level, the bank's profitability suffers because it earns less money from its credit business. Banks need to put aside some funds in case they need to write down or write off the loan at some point in time.

A financial expert said

NPL also reveals the economic performance of the country. For example, trade and commerce sector is not doing well because people are defaulting on loan repayment.

Likewise, the agriculture sector defaulting Nu 937M, which is almost 20 percent of the total loan disbursed for agricultural activities, is not a good indication in the agrarian society where more than half of the workforce is concentrated, he said.

However, a banker said

the NPL figures not alarming and that it is well below the threshold.

Of the Nu 20.85B in the housing sector, Nu 1.78B is identified as NPL with a ratio of 8.5 percent. In production and manufacturing, the NPL ratio is 11.6 percent, meaning Nu 1.44B of the total Nu 12.5B are bad debts.

The RMA's financial sector review report attributed the growth in loan to strong demand in the housing, service and tourism, and trade and commerce sectors.

It was revealed that housing sector has the highest loan with Nu 20.86B (22.67 percent), followed by service and tourism sector with Nu 18.24B (19.83 percent), and trade and commerce sector with Nu 13.09B (14.23 percent).

These sectors together constitute 56.74 percent of the total loans for March 2017.

## India to compensate Nepali traders affected by GST

The Indian government has agreed to compensate Nepali traders who are being levied higher duties on various logistic services since the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on July 1.

The Indian side has also assured that GST will not breach the provisions of the Nepal-India Trade and Transit Treaty. These commitments were made during the Nepal-India commerce joint secretary level meeting held in the Indian capital of New Delhi on Tuesday. A 20-member Nepali team, comprising officials of the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and representatives of the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, had attended the meeting. The Nepali delegation was led by Commerce Joint Secretary Ravi Shankar Sainju, while the Indian team was led by Commerce Joint Secretary Bhupendra Bhalla.

"The Indian side said issues raised by Nepal will now be forwarded to the GST Council. The council will come up with appropriate measures to address

our concerns within one-and-a-half months," said Sainju.

During the meeting, the Indian side also acknowledged the failure to convey information to smoothen cross-border trade following GST's implementation, Sainju added.

India has enforced the GST as 'One Country One Tax' regime eliminating 17 difference types of taxes, charges and fees and replaced them with a single tax structure classified under five categories. The GST slab ranges from zero percent to 5, 12, 18 and 28 percent depending on the nature of the transactions. The tax is being levied on every transaction of goods and services, except on exempted goods and services, goods that are outside the purview of the new tax regime and transactions which are below the prescribed threshold limits.

With the Nepal-India Trade and Transit Treaty in effect, the Indian government is supposed to waive the tax to the Nepal bound traded goods. The bilateral treaty talks about providing free transit route to the landlocked country.

However, with implementa-

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tion of GST, Nepali traders had witnessed delayed movement in exports and imports of goods to and from third countries via India, which was blamed largely on the confusion over the implementation of the tax. In addition, Nepali traders were also being affected by an increase in logistic service charge on goods imported from third countries.

According to traders and freight forwarders, the authority at the Kolkata Port earlier used

to impose 15 percent logistic service charge on goods imported from third countries. With GST coming into effect, that charge has been raised to 18 percent.

Since GST's implementation, the Kolkata Port authority has also started imposing 5 percent service charge on Nepali products exported to third countries. Previously, no service charge used to be levied on Nepal's exports.

Showing concern on the

problems that Nepali traders have been facing since the implementation of GST, Nepali government had been requesting the Indian side to waive the new tax on Nepal bound traded goods. Sainju said the Indian side agreed at the meeting held on Tuesday, to refund the extra tax imposed on concerned traders provided the transaction was done through the formal channel.

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**Announcement:** This is to inform public that M/S Passang Construction has been renamed to M/S OPKC Construction Private Limited.

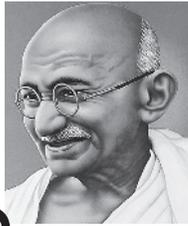
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Courtesy BNB

## Wisdom wise

Honest disagreement is often a good sign of progress.



Mahatma Gandhi

## History

### Jamgon Ngawang Gyeltshen

Jamgon met the two princely Dung-Brothers with whom he exchanged scarves and with whom he was seated on an equal level. Jamgon in return satisfied their desire for religious discourse. The two Dungs of Hemis became devoted to Jamgon after being impressed by his high spiritual instructions. From that time on, they decided of their own accord to take a lower seat in token of respect for their new spiritual master. During Jamgon's subsequent stays at Hemis, the two Dungs and other disciples requested him to give empowerments. For almost a year, he gave empowerment ceremonies of Drukpa Kagyud teachings. The King and his ministers were among those who attended, and at the end they gave many offerings by way of symbolic payment to their Lama.

## LIFE and WORKS

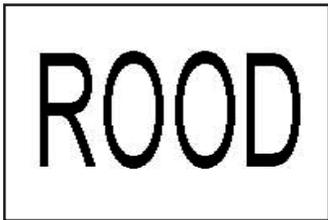
## A WORD a day

### Insurgents.

n. A rebel or revolutionary.

An attack by armed insurgents.

## REBUS



ANSWER: Back door

## Sudoku

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	3							6

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

### How to play

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3 X 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

4	8	2	5	1	3	6	7	9
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5	2	9	7	3	6	1	8	4
1	3	4	8	9	5	2	6	7

Answer

## CANE AND BAMBOO

### Products

Agency for Promotion of Indigenous Crafts

### Chang-tsey



**Name:** Chang-tsey (ཆང་ཅེ།)  
**Material:** Bamboo  
**Weight:** 3kg - 5kgs  
**Purpose:** Carrying firewood, grass, etc..  
**Indigenously produced in:** Rukha, Wangduephodrang Dzongkhag.

Chang-tsey is woven using either bamboo or cane strips. The weaving is compact enough to make it strong as it is used as a container for fermenting local wine. However, for the people living in the higher altitudes, it is used for many other purposes.

## Daily Living

### Life



Because people remain ignorant of the fact that their life is infinitely precious and at one with the eternal universe, they live indifferent to the dignity of other people's lives.

- Daisaku Ikeda

## Legal Terminologies

- འདུས་ཚོགས། གཟུགས། Body
- ལུས་ཉེན་ལུ་ གཞོན་འཚོ་བཀལ་བ། Bodily injury
- གཟུགས་ཀྱི་འགུལ་བསྐྱོད། Bodily movement
- གཟུགས་ཀྱི་ཆ་ཤས། Body organ/part

To be continued...

## eco tip.

### Use a pressure cooker

This is a terrific way to save time, money, and energy all at the same time. Pressure cookers can take up to 70 percent less time (and less energy) to cook a meal, and they're more versatile than one might think: They can make chili, pot roast, soup, whole chickens, corn bread—and even desserts!

## BC



## World's most coal plant projects are in four Asian countries

Two Asian countries, China and India, account for the majority of an estimated 2,457 new coal-fired power stations either planned or in construction worldwide, as per the Energy and Climate Intelligence Unit, UK.

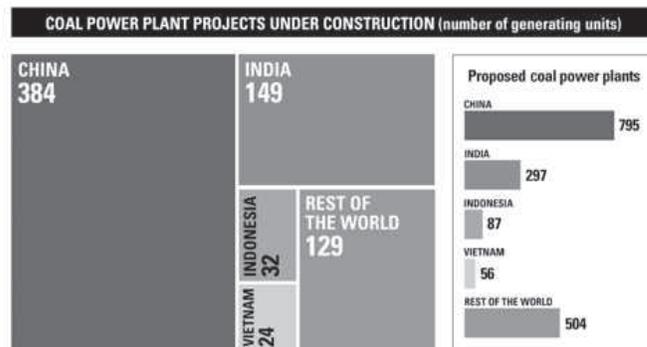
While China has 384 coal power plants under construction, India has 149. Other growing Asian economies like Indonesia and Vietnam have 32 and 24 coal power plants under construction, respectively. The rest of the world, on the other hand, has 129 coal power plants under construction.

China also has 795 proposed coal power plants, whereas India has 297, Indonesia has 87 and Vietnam has 56. The rest of the world has 504 proposed coal power plants in the offing.

Together, China, India, Indonesia and Vietnam have

### World's most coal plant projects are in four Asian countries

China, India, Indonesia and Vietnam have the world's four biggest coal-fired power plants in pipeline. Together, they represent 82% of the 718 units globally under construction.



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Source: Energy & Climate Intelligence Unit, UK

pipelines of 1,824 coal power plants either planned or under construction, according to the Energy and Climate Intelligence, UK.

China is looking to peak its overall coal consumption by 2020. The country's coal-fired power generation has fallen since 2013 and old coal-fired

plants are being shut. China is also ramping up its renewable and nuclear power.

India is adding 15-20GW of coal capacity annually, although some 390GW of coal projects from 2010-2015 have also been cancelled. India also has ambitious objectives for wind and solar energy, targeting an ad-

ditional 140GW wind and solar capacity by 2022.

Both nations, however, are also experiencing the fallout of being dependent on coal for energy production. In both China and India air pollution has become a major environmental

concern.

Curbs such as India's carbon tax on coal would be expected to impact investment decisions for new coal power plants.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### ROYAL SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF NATURE

RSPN/Adm.02.03/2017/

Royal Society for Protection of Nature in Thimphu would like to invite quotations from eligible national Printing firms, printing for annual report and newsletter 2017-2018 FY.

ToR and list of items can be obtained from the Adm./HR Division during office hours upon payment of **Nu.200 (Non-refundable)**. For details visit our website at [www.rspnbhutan.org](http://www.rspnbhutan.org) or contact RSPN@ 322056 during office hours. The last date of submission is on or before **12th of August 2017** at **12.00 noon** which will be opened on the same day

**Adm/HR Coordinator**

### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



#### NORKHIL BOUTIQUE HOTEL & SPA

Doe Bum Lam, Thimphu

Norkhil Boutique Hotel & Spa, a new 4 star luxury hotel located at Doe Bum Lam due to open in September 2017, is pleased to announce the availability of the following post:

- 1) Finance Manager – 1 post**  
Experience Required: Minimum of 3 years' of experience in the relevant field at a hotel
- 2) Driver – 1 post**  
Experience Required: Minimum of 3 years' of driving experience is required

Interested candidates are requested to send in your application along with your detailed CV and other relevant documents to [recruitment@norkhil.com](mailto:recruitment@norkhil.com) latest by **19th July, 2017**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview. For further information, please call **17171715**.

### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

#### MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Directorate Services, Thimphu

MoEA/Pro/03/16-17/830

Department of Trade, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Thimphu invites sealed bids for the supply of office equipment and computers from the eligible Bhutanese suppliers having valid trade licence.

The bidding documents can be downloaded from the website [www.moea.gov.bt](http://www.moea.gov.bt) for free of cost. The date of submission of the bid is on **14/08/2017 at 1 pm** and will be opened at **2:30 pm** on the same day. For clarification, please contact - **00975-2-324217** during office hours.

**Procurement Officer**

### SEALED BID AUCTION



#### GYELSA-TEWA REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS PVT. LTD.

GRED Pvt. Ltd. will sell the following Real Estate Properties through "SEALED BID" to the **BEST BID** price offered.

- OFFER OPENS w.e.f 1st July 2017
- OFFER CLOSES at 1200 hrs on 15th July 2017
- Venue: Sheeree Square, 4th Floor.

List of properties for sealed bid:

- |                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| i. Duplex          | ii. Bungalow    |
| iii. Buildings     | iv. Land        |
| v. Apartments      | vi. Shop spaces |
| vii. Storage Space |                 |

**(Please collect the bid forms from Sheeree Square, 4th Floor or Contact: 17564277 & 17872620)**

#### Information

We are conducting the sealed bid to liquidate our Ready Home Stock. This sealed bid offer gives you the best purchase plan to suit your need. You can purchase with different payment modalities i.e cash payment, loan transfer, Installment and properties exchange. Our reserved price for the present stock has been maintained at the lowest to encourage many buyers.

An opportunity to buy and invest in GRED.

# Could harvesting rainwater solve water shortage?

Tenzin Namgyel

Gungthramo, Punakha: Even as monsoon rain drips from the roof of her small hut, Tandin Beda rushes out to collect water from her neighbour to drink and wash. She has been depending on her neighbour for water for the last five years.

Every morning, the mother of two goes to her neighbour Tashimo's to fill her plastic buckets and jerry cans. The water she takes back will be enough just for a day. Gungthramo is one of the villages in the dzongkhag that faces shortage of water.

"I am tired of begging water," said Tandin Beda. "I hesitate to bother my neighbour everyday. When there are guests and relatives at Tashimo's, I do not get water. It is not easy begging water in front of other people."

If the villagers knew how to harvest rainwater, it would bring much relief and the problem of water shortage eased, especially during monsoon. None here has heard the term 'rainwater harvesting'.

In two weeks, the country received 4,654.9mm rain. During monsoon, between June and August, the country's river systems, springs and streams swell with excess water. Untapped rainwater is let go down drains and gullies.

Drinking water shortage is increasingly becoming a problem in some communities of Samdrupjongkhar, Mongar, Phuentsholing, and Gelephu.

Could introducing rainwater-harvesting technology be a solution, small though it may be in scale, in the places where there is water scarcity?

## Feasibility of harvesting rainwater

Some 1,049 households of 36 villages in Mongar, Samtse, Pemagatshel and Tsirang have accessed to adequate drinking water after Tarayana Foundation brought rainwater harvesting and water management projects in the communities.

In Khengkhar, Mongar, 54 households depend entirely on rainwater for drinking. The gewog had been suffering from water shortage due to drying of sources.

The foundation, one of the most active non-governmental organisations in the country, provided the villagers with gutter, pipes, and construction materials to build tanks. Some families were provided sintex to store water. Rainwater is collected using gutter and pipe and stored in tanks to be used when there is water shortage.

The foundation's programme officer, Jamyang Phuntsho, said that most of the water sources in Kang-



Tandin Beda collects water from her neighbour

her have dried because of climate change and other factors.

"People were in dire need of water. After we helped them with rainwater harvesting technology, they now have adequate water to drink," said Jamyang Phuntsho.

In Samtse, Tsirang and Pemagatshel, the foundation helped build water tanks,

supplied pipes, educated people on water management practices, encouraged water source protection, and trained them on water safety and usage. The foundation's focus also includes designing of storage, distribution systems, and rehabilitation of communities.

The rainwater harvesting and water management

programmes are part the foundation's on-going project under Climate Resilient Water Harvesting for Rural Areas. Funded by UNDP-GEF through the National Environment Commission, the project aims to achieve sustainable and green economic growth by providing water in vulnerable communities.

## Harmonising Won-Buddhism and Happiness

Karma Cheki

A joint workshop on happiness was held between members of the Centre for Bhutan Studies and GNH, and Wonkwang University of South Korea yesterday in Thimphu.

Wonkwang University's executive director of administration Won-Buddhism, reverent Hahn Eun Sook said the participants learnt about the government policies of happiness during the workshop.

She said that Bhutan's concept of happiness em-

phasising harmony, not only between human beings but also with nature is similar to the teachings of the founding master of Won-Buddhism, Sotaesan Park Jung-bin included in one of The Fourfold Graces, the grace of all living beings. "GNH and Won-Buddhism have the same goal of bringing happiness not only to individuals but also to the world."

President of CBS, Dasho Karma Ura, while presenting the concept of GNH said that the main objectives of GNH are to make individuals un-

derstand the things that can make them fundamentally happy without government policies.

He also said that in a larger context, the government's policy and investments could be properly directed through the empirically generated data conducted every four years.

He said that although people do not say it, people have to feel three things to get happiness. "People have to feel meaningful, have a feeling of aesthetic values, meaning

feeling happy when something appears harmonious and feeling fundamentally happy when we think we have done something ethical."

Dasho Karma Ura said the world's current measurement of happiness is based on measurement of subjective wellbeing, which is not a rich concept. "It does not have a good basis to suggest policies, and seems that its measurement is biased towards material development."

Chairman of the board of trustees with Wonkwang

academy, Shin Soonchul (PhD) said Wonkwang University is a private Korean school founded by Master Sotaesan Park Jung-bin. His successor master Jeongsan established it in 1946. "Bhutan, Wonkwang University and won-Buddhism have common goals to bring peace, harmony and happiness in the world."

The workshop was organised by Wonkwang University and coordinated by the honorary consul general of Bhutan to Korea HY Kim.

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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### DRUNGKHAG ADMINISTRATION, DOROKHA

DD/ZHEYOG-14/2016-2017/3191

Drungkhag Administration, Dorokha is pleased to announce the following post vacant for contract appointment as detail given below:

Sl. No	Position title and position level	Number of Slot	Minimum Qualification	Age limit	Place of Posting
1	Cooks, GSP-II	6		18-50	Dorokha Central School, Denchukha Lower Secondary School and Dorokha BHU-I
2	Washer-Man, GSP-II	2		18-50	Dorokha Central School and Dorokha BHU-I
3	Night Guard, ESP	2		18-50	Dorokha Central School and Dorokha BHU-I
4	Caretaker, ESP	1		18-50	Denchukha Lower secondary School

The application should be submitted to HRD section, Dorokha on or before **21st July 2017** with the following documents.

1. Duly filled up RCSC job application form
2. Security Clearance Certificate
3. Medical Fitness Certificate
4. No Objection Certificate, if employed
5. Training or Merit Certificate, if any.

Shortlisted candidates will be call for the interview. For further clarification, please contact 17161038.

**DRUNGPA**

## NOTICE INVITING TENDER

### MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS

Department of Air Transport, Paro International Airport

DoAT/ADD/EMS/2017-18/1757

The Department of Air Transport invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following works:

Sl.#	Name of work	Class	Bid security	Date & time of submission	Date & time of opening
1	Construction of entry exit gate in Paro International Airport	M/W3	2% of quoted bid price	August 11, 2017, 12 noon	August 11, 2017, 2:30 pm
2	Construction of airside fencing and gate in Bumthang Domestic Airport	M/W3	2% of quoted bid price	August 11, 2017, 12 noon	August 11, 2017, 2:30 pm

The complete set of bidding documents shall be available for download free of charge from our website, [www.doat.gov.bt](http://www.doat.gov.bt) or [www.cdb.gov.bt](http://www.cdb.gov.bt) from **July 17, 2017**.

For further queries, please call **08-272168/08271146** during office hours. All potential bidders are requested to visit the department's website regularly for amendments, if any.

**Director**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### KHESAR GYALPO UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES OF BHUTAN

IIHMR UNIVERSITY

Jaipur (India)

IIHMR University offers full tuition fee waiver to Bhutanese students (one in each discipline) who wish to pursue 2 year MBA degree in the following disciplines:

- (i) MBA Hospital & Health Management
- (ii) MBA Pharmaceutical Management
- (iii) MBA Rural Management

The selected students will have to take care of their boarding, lodging & travel. The academic programmes will start on **August 5, 2017**.

For more details please visit our website:

[www.http://iihmr.edu.in](http://www.http://iihmr.edu.in). May also contact on phone: **91-141-3924700/9414005072**.

**Procurement Officer**  
**KGUMSB**

## NOTICE INVITING SEALED QUOTATION

### BHUTAN CRICKET COUNCIL BOARD

Thimphu

BCCB/ADM/2017/285

Bhutan Cricket Council Board invites sealed quotation from the eligible suppliers (holding valid licences) for the supply of the cricket synthetic Mat (with Glue) and cricket nylon Nets. Tender documents are available with Administration and Finance Section from **13th July 2017 till 24th July 2017**, Thimphu during office hours upon payment of **Nu. 200/- (non-refundable)**. Sealed tenders have to be submitted on or before **Friday 28th July 2017 before 12:00 noon**.

Bids will be opened on the same day at **2:30 pm** in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.

For queries please contact Administration & Finance Section, JoJo's Building, Room no# 59 at **02-333186** during office hours.

**Administrative Officer**

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## VACANCY RE-ANNOUNCEMENT

### DZONGKHAG ADMINISTRATION, MONGAR

Ref. No. MD/HRS-03/2017-2018/ 287

Dzongkhag Administration, Mongar is pleased to reannounce the following vacancies on consolidated contract:

Sl.#	Post	PL	Slots	Minimum Qualification
1	General Teacher	P5B	3	General Bachelor's Degree, B.Ed or PGDE
2	Dzongkha Teacher	P5B	1	Bachelor's Degree in Dzongkha
3	English Teacher	P5B	2	Bachelor's in English
4	Physics/Maths Teacher	P5B	1	BSc. in Physics/Maths, B.Ed or PGDE in relevant field

Candidates fulfilling the above criteria should be submitted to the Human Resource Section with the following documents latest by **24th July, 2017**.

1. RCSC Employment application form with two passport size photographs
2. Copy of academic transcripts
3. Security clearance certificate in original
4. Copy of Citizenship ID card
6. Medical fitness certificate in original
8. NOC from concerned agencies if employed
9. Age limit for employment – 18 to 40 years

The short-listed candidate will be intimated through telephone on **24th July, 2017** and the selection interview will be held on **28th July, 2017** and the required documents are to be produced in original at the time of interview. For details contact at Telephone No. **04-641205** or **641611** in the HR Section during office hours or login to [www.mongar.gov.bt](http://www.mongar.gov.bt).

**DZONGDAG**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### BHUTAN EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION PHUENTSHOLING

BEA/ADV-18/2017/1696

The Management of Bhutan Exporters Association would like to inform all the general members (registered) that the 12th Annual General Meeting for 2017 will be held on **24th July 2017 at Regional Revenue & Customs Office (RRCO) Phuentsholing at 2:30 PM.**

Therefore, BEA would like to request all member exporters to kindly attend the scheduled meeting.

**General Secretary**



## NOTICE INVITING BIDS

### BHUTAN POWER CORPORATION LTD. (Registered Office, Thimphu)

Procurement Services Department, Thimphu

21/BPC/PSD/NIQ/423

In connection to the invitation of bids published in the Kuensel issue of **June 24, 2017** for the supply and delivery of First Aid Boxes, the Procurement Services Department (PSD), Bhutan Power Corporation Limited (BPC), Thimphu, would like to inform that the bid submission date has been extended by another two weeks (**i.e. till July 25th 2017**)

**General Manager**

## INVITATION OF BIDS

### MINISTRY OF WORKS & HUMAN SETTLEMENT, THIMPHU

MoWHS/Pro-Sect/NIT/2017-2018/460

#### Contract Identification No.: MoWHS/Tender-Framework/2017-2018/01

The Central Store, Directorate Services, Ministry of Works and Human Settlement would like to invite sealed bids from eligible bidders for carrying out the Transportation of Goods -fiscal year 2017-2018.

Particular	Bid Submission date and time	Bid opening date & time	Bid security (Nu.)	Bid opening venue
Annual Rate for Transportation of Goods-Fiscal Year 2017-2018	14/08/2017 10:30AM	14/08/2017 11:00 AM	200,000.00	Conference Room No. 3 MoWHS, Thimphu

1. All the bid shall be accompanied by the Bid Security drawn in the favor of Dy. Chief Account Officer, MoWHS, Thimphu in the form prescribed in the BDS.
2. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Asst. Procurement Officer, MoWHS, Thimphu, through Email Address: [sonam@mowhs.gov.bt](mailto:sonam@mowhs.gov.bt).
3. The detail terms and condition on the bidding instruction(s) is/are available for download from the Ministry Website. [www.mowhs.gov.bt](http://www.mowhs.gov.bt) from **July 13th, 2017** at free of cost. The bidders are encouraged to visit our web-site regularly for any additional information or changes made thereof in connection with this bidding process.

**Director, Directorate Service**

## NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

### BHUTAN POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(Registered Office, Thimphu)

Renewable Energy Department, Central Maintenance Division, Begana: Thimphu

CMTD/BPC/Acc-08/266

CMTD, BPC, Begana invites sealed quotation for the supply of electrical and mechanical miscellaneous items and street lighting items 2017. Bidding documents can be purchased from the office of General Manager, Renewable Energy Department, BPC, Thimphu from **July 14th 2017** during office hours on payment of **Nu. 500 (non-refundable)** addressed to Deputy Finance Officer, Finance and Accounts Section, BPC, Thimphu. Complete sealed bid must be submitted to the office of GM, RED, BPC, Thimphu latest by **August 15th 2017 at 3:00 PM** and will be opened on the same day at **3:30 PM**. For more information contact Chief Manager, CMTD, BPC, Begana at Phone : **00975-2-361075**.

**Offtg. Chief Manager**



## Tennis coaching camp popular among students

Nima and Tshewang Choden

A total of 116 students under the age of 14 are participating in the summer tennis-coaching program at the National Tennis Centre in Changlimithang from July 4.

There were 102 players who participated in the summer coaching camp last year. The tennis federation is also organising a similar summer coaching camp in Dewathang Wangduephodrang and Phuentsholing this month.

The coaching camp in Dewathang, which started on July 3 had more than 70 students participating. The initiative was conducted there on the request of the armed force families to keep students engaged during the summer break.

The federation will also conduct the camp in Wangduephodrang this month. The summer coaching camp is held to keep youth meaningfully engaged during their school break.

Karma, 39, who stays in Begana has enrolled her three children for the camp. She said that her children spend their vacation watching television and playing games online. "This keeps them involved in physical sport and engages them meaningfully during summer break," she said.

The summer coaching camp is also an opportunity for the federation to select potential players for regular coaching. It is a platform where the federation explores the potentials and skills of young players.

Head Coach Tshering Namgay said the summer camp helps develop the skills of young players independently.

He said the students are taught self-discipline and value education to help them explore their potential and enable them to develop mental strength. "The camp is focused on wholesome development of students," the coach said.

The federation conducts summer and winter coaching camp every year. Regular coaching programs are conducted during schools days on a regular basis for players who get selected during the camps. They are also given opportunities to take part in the in-country tournaments like India-Bhutan Friendship Tennis Championship. The championship is the biggest platform for amateur players to compete with experienced players from abroad.

In collaboration with private schools, it also provides potential players with scholarship to pursue higher studies.

Two coaches assisted by four junior coaches are con-



students learn the basics of tennis at the National Tennis Centre

ducting the coaching camp at the National Tennis Center.

With the federation receiving increased number of students enrolling for the coaching events yearly, they are faced with challenges of being unable to give the students with adequate time and required skills.

Head Coach Tshering Namgay said the Federation is in need of more courts to provide students proper space and enough time to practice.

"The training is restricted and needs to be improvised. The federation can host international tournaments if we have four or five tennis court,"

he said.

Each student has to pay a registration fee of Nu 300 for the summer coaching camp.

The federation provides balls and rackets for the players. The summer camp ends on July 14.



### TOMORROW'S Good day

- to consecrate
- to perform *Ihasung*
- to appoint to new post
- to marry
- to celebrate
- to enter in a new house
- to hand and take over office
- to shift house
- to start new business
- to roof house
- to sow seeds
- to plant trees and flowers

### Bad day

- to venture on a journey
- to sell land

A good day for rituals (*laza*) for those born in the ox year. Generally a good day (*sogza*) for those born in the tiger and rabbit years.

A bad day (*shedza*) for those born in the rat and pig years.

## FLIGHTS

DRUKAIR				
Date	Route	Flight No.	Departure	Arrival
July 14	Bangkok to Paro via Bagdogra	KB 131	04:30 am	08:00 am
July 14	Paro to Bangkok via Kolkata	KB 120	04:05 pm	09:20 pm
July 14	Paro to Delhi	KB 204	09:25 am	11:10 am
July 14	Delhi to Paro	KB 205	12:15 pm	03:05 pm
July 14	Paro to Kathmandu	KB 400	11:55 pm	01:00 pm
July 14	Kathmandu to Paro	KB 401	01:40 pm	03:15 pm
July 14	Paro to Dhaka	KB 300	07:00 am	08:00 am
July 14	Dhaka to Paro	KB 301	09:00 am	10:00 am

DOMESTIC				
Date	Route	Flight No.	Departure	Arrival
July 14	Paro to Bumthang	KB 1002	09:00 am	09:35 am
July 14	Paro to Bumthang	KB 1003	09:55 am	10:30 am

Note : All timings in local. Timings are subject to change. Call Drukair toll free No. 1300 for latest flight information.

BHUTAN AIRLINES (TASHI AIR)				
Date	Route	Flight No.	Departure	Arrival
July 14	Paro to Bangkok via Kolkata	B3700	10:35 am	04:05 pm
July 14	Bangkok to Paro via Kolkata	B3701	06:30 am	09:55 am

Note : All timings in local. Timings are subject to change. Call Bhutan Airlines toll free No. 1234 for latest flight information.

### WEATHER

JULY 12 2017

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**SUNRISE : 5:15 am**

**SUNSET : 7:00 pm**

	Max	Min	
Gasa	18	12	
Trongsa	21	15	
Bumthang	22	16	
Sarpang	28	23	

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