

WISDOM FROM GOLDEN THRONE



"...Our future cannot be average; the capabilities of our youth cannot be average. We have to strive for strength and greatness, and the average trap will be our biggest obstacle. Every step of the way, each and every single year, we have to evolve, adapt, and upgrade.

We shouldered all our responsibilities with solemnity- we did not ignore or consider less important certain aspects of our work, but carried it all out to the best of our capabilities. .."

- Compiled by Dechen P Yangden and Tandin

OUR PRODUCTS



Name: Ren . **Price:** Nu 700/-
Description /Purpose: It is a traditional basket mostly used for serving food to massive gathering.



Name: Zem. **Price:** Nu 3500 /-
Description /Purpose: storing important possessions and assests at home. It is also utilized to carry things while travelling as it was done during olden days.



Name: Ara Palang
Price: Nu 600/- to 800/-
Description /Purpose: store and carry fluids during the bygone days. hoard ara in the villages when they had to attend festivals, rituals and cultural celebrations

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HISTORICAL PLACES



Legend of Kheng Buli Tsho (lake)

Bhutanese history has always been an intriguing subject embedded with myths and legends which makes it very difficult to decipher the facts of it. The same fate is shared by the legendary *Buli Tsho*. Although it has filled Zhemgang with its aura, there is no authentic source of its origin still making all *Zhemgangpas* deliberate on it.

According to Choni Zangmo 64, popularly known as *Tsho gi Aum* and probably the connoisseur of the subject, said that lake came from Bumthang during her great, great grandmother's time and took shelter in her house and she was gifted with churner and jewels. Thus, from then the history of conducting rituals of offering began by *Bulipas* and in return it is believed that *Buli Menmo* bestows them with blessings of protection and well-being.

Even to this day the lake never failed to amaze people with its supernatural exhibits.

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REMINDERS

1. Submission of agenda for 3rd Sectoral Coordination Meeting (September 28, 2018)
To be submitted to Dzongkhag Planning Unit
2. Sectoral Coordination Meeting (October 2nd , 2018)

Dzongkhag Planning Unit to Coordinate

3. Mass Cleaning Campaign (September 28, 2018) Environment Officer and Municipal Office to Coordinate

INFOCUS (CONT..)

(Dasho Dzongdag) Experience

1. Sr. Auditor, Royal Institute of Management (01/11/1997-31/12/1998).
2. Sr. Auditor, Royal Audit Authority (01/01/1999-2002).
3. Sr. Auditor, National Assembly Secretariat (18/06/2002-31/12/2005).
4. Human Resource Officer, Human Resource Section, National Assembly Secretariat (01/01/2006-30/06/2009).
5. Chief Admin. Officer, Human Resource Section, National Assembly Secretariat (01/01/2009-07/07/2015)
6. Chief Admin. Officer, Administration & Finance Division (MOH), Secretariat Services, Ministry of Health (08/07/2015-14/03/2016)
7. Director, Secretariat Services, Cabinet Secretariat (15/03/2016-17/07/2018)
8. Dzongda I (03/08/2018-Till Date)

Aspirations

Zhemgang Dzongkhag is socially and environmentally rich dzongkhag. In addition to this, it also has all the basic infrastructure and financial capital well in place. Nevertheless, despite being socially vibrant and environmentally diverse, Bhutan Poverty Analysis Report 2017 has placed Zhemgang in the second highest poverty rate with 25.1 %. This is mainly due to lack of income generation activity and appropriate business opportunity and policies. Some of the focus areas to alleviate poverty in the dzongkhag are its two rich capitals: Social and environmental capital. The dzongkhag should work on developing community based tourism, nature based tourism and agro based business.

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REGIONAL NEWS

Ossay road block affects businesses in Zhemgang

It's been over half a month now since the roadblock at Ossay on the Gelegphu - Zhemgang highway occurred. The road is yet to be cleared to traffic. It has caused problems not only for the travellers but also the shopkeepers and other businesses in Zhemgang. While roadblocks are common at Ossay during monsoon, Zhemgang business community says the current block is the worst ever. They are transporting goods via Panbang and Nganglam, which entails them additional expenditure. An excavator operator was hit by a falling boulder while carrying out road clearing works recently. DoR officials say if the weather favours, the road would be opened to traffic in about a week's time.

- Reported by Pema Samdrup

GEWOG IN FOCUS- BARDO



Bardho Gewog is one of the remotest Gewog of the Dzongkhag. It shares its boundary with six other Gewogs of the Dzongkhag and two Gewogs of Mongar Dzongkhag: Silambi and Saleng Gewogs. The Gewog is dissected by steep slopes, deep gorges and narrow valleys.

The Gewog is administered from the Gewog centre established in Khomshar village, which is one Dolam from the road head (Nimshong). There are seven villages in the Gewog deriving its name either based on beliefs, landscape, time of settlement etc.

Bardo: In the past, Bardho comprised of two Dungs of Kuther andTunglabi. Since these two place occupied by Dungs falls in the centre between Bumthang and Zhemgang, this locality was renamed as Bardho, meaning in the middle.

Khomshar:- derived its name after people had abundant resources and time for work and enjoyment (Khom) and also for practicing religion, and shar (beginning/raise).

Phulabi: initially belongs to herdsman who settled in a small plain land on the hill, later became a village. Phu-la means mountain/hill and bi means plain.

Langdurbi: In the past, Royal family owned Tsamdo (grazing land) and royal herder used to bring their cattle for grazing. After reaching the present land Langdurbi, the herders used to make their bull fight. - 'plain of bullfight'

Digala: Once, old man went to dig yam for his family. While he was digging, instead of yam, man dug out a pot (Deeg) and the old man became very happy (Ga). Thus, name deg-gala derived from this.

Population: 4125, Household: 319, Area: 210 Sq.km,
Wet land: 365.017 Acre, Dry Land: 3432.166 Acre.

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