



NAZHOEN PELRI SCHOOL (NPS) OFFICIALLY OPENS

To commemorate the 115th National Day of Bhutan 2022 and to give wings to our precious Druk Gyalpo's vision of 'Locally rooted and globally competent' youths, the Nazhoen Pelri School (NPS) of the Bhutan Youth Development Fund (YDF) was formally opened on 16 March, 2023 in Thimphu to provide a high quality alternative ECCD/Primary education programme for the children aged 2.5 to 8. The School currently has 10 students.

NPS is a progressive school offering an alternative education through Place-Based Education (PBE) approach by a team of very credible Bhutanese Educators.



WELCOME CEREMONY FOR THE PRINCIPAL AND TEACHERS OF NPS

Four teachers/facilitators and the Principal of NPS were formally welcomed by the YDF Secretariat on 10 January, 2023 by offering a Tashi Khaddar.

ADOLESCENT SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY (ASE) PROJECT

To promote skilling and to facilitate adolescents and youth to equip with 21st-century skills from an early age, UNICEF Bhutan is partnering with the Ministry of Education (MoE), the Department of Youth and Sports (DYS), Bhutan Youth Development Fund (YDF), and Loden Foundation to rollout Adolescent Skills and Employability (ASE) project through 64 schools and 10 youth centers to equip at least 10,000 young people with an adequate set of new skills that would help them to navigate in their life.



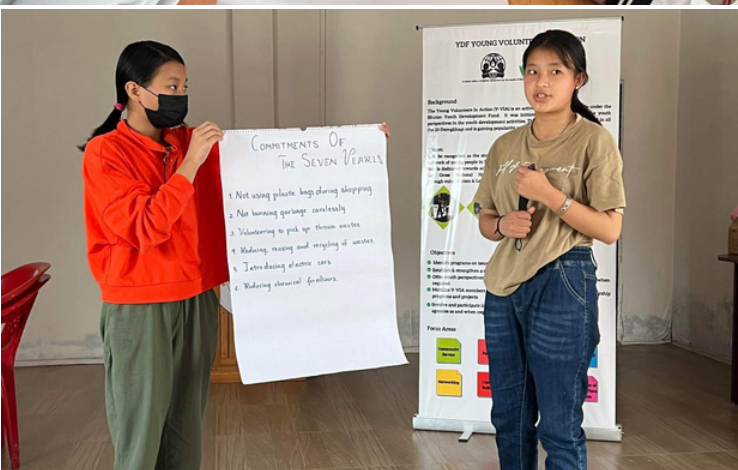
WHILE(IN)G VACATION IN GELEPHU

To keep the children in Gelephu meaningfully engaged during their winter vacation, the Bhutan Youth Development Fund (YDF) organized a 10-day long 'While(in)g Vacation' camp from 10-20 January, 2023.

A total of 42 young people aged 10-18 were introduced to various education programmes while keeping it fun and engaging.

The young people were involved in a series of activities such as leadership training, dance sessions, sports activities and art and craft classes. As a part of the camp, they also performed skits based on current youth issues like bullying, addiction and discrimination.

"I learned about environmental conservation and climate change. I also got to mingle with friends who came from other dzongkhags. I could showcase my talents to my friends," said Chundu Zangmo, a participant.





CEO OF ATAL INCUBATION CENTER, INDIA VISITS YDF INNOVATE BHUTAN

On 29 March 2023, Dr. M.S Shivakiran, the CEO of Atal Incubation Centre at Sri Krishnadevaraya University from India visited Innovate Bhutan to deliver talks on innovation back in the country and share practical insights and some of the challenges and opportunities in business to the group of Bhutanese entrepreneurs.



GWC PRODUCTS DISPLAY AT PARO

With an objective to promote the Green Weaving Centre (GWC) and introduce green products to the guests (including walk-in guests), the GWC green products were displayed at the Zhiwaling Resort in Paro on 4 and 5 March, 2023.





YDF SIGNS AN MOU WITH TETON SCIENCE SCHOOLS (TSS)

On 9 January 2023, the Bhutan Youth Development Fund (YDF) and the Teton Science Schools (TSS), Wyoming, USA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for modality of working between YDF and TSS for the next 5 years for the My Gakidh Village School (MGVS) education project.

TRAINING/WORKSHOP FOR FACILITATORS

From 10-13 January 2023, a team from Teton Science Schools (TSS) conducted an Outdoor Education Workshop to officials from YDF education team and the faculty members of NPS and MGVS.

Similarly, training on Place-based Education (PBE) for ECCD facilitators including facilitators from NPS, MGVS and Ministry of Education (MoE) was organized from 22-28 January, 2023 at Bjimthangkha Primary School, Wangduephodrang.





KHENPO JOINS BHUTAN INSTITUTE OF WELL-BEING (BIW)

Following the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Dratshang Lhentshog and the Bhutan Youth Development Fund (YDF) on 3 November 2022 on coordinating spiritual and well-being programmes for the young people in the country, Khenpo Kuenga Tshering officially joined the Bhutan Institute of Well-being (BIW) on 24 January 2023.

The office swearing-in ceremony was conducted with a solemn adherence to the tradition to bring about the right condition and auspiciousness.

The Khenpo will organize and conduct mindfulness and contemplative education programmes through research to model and teach in a variety of settings, starting with the youth programme under YDF and people with substance use disorders undergoing treatment programs at the BIW. Moreover, the Khenpo will link with Dratshang Lhentshog to support organizations that aspire to develop GNH inspired conditions in their respective areas.



GNH JOURNEY WORKSHOP

The BIW hosted a two-day Gross National Happiness (GNH) Journey workshop for Druk School teachers in Thimphu with an aim to facilitate self-exploration and contemplation on mental well-being and leadership skills.

Funded by Druk School, the workshop was held from 9-10 February, 2023.



49TH YDF MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

The 49th YDF Management Board Meeting was held successfully on 7 March, 2023.

Her Majesty Gyalyum Tseyring Pem Wangchuck welcomed teachers (facilitators) and the Principal of Nazhoen Pelri School (NPS) with Tashi Khaddar.



Thank You



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