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*Pema Khandu, Agriculture Extension Centre, Minjey, Lhuentse*



*Pema Tsheten, the youngest farmer*

With increasing rural urban migration particularly among youth, declining farm labour and increasing unemployment, the need to engage youth in farming has become important. The MoAF encourages youth of Bhutan especially for those in the village to stay back and for those in urban centres to come back to farming

and for them various measures are being put in place such as supporting them to begin commercial farming.

While many youth opt to leave their homes and head to urban centres or continue schooling for those in their teens, one such youth had decided to stay home not by choice but situation

has compelled him to.

This is Pema Tsheten, 15 years old brought up by his grandmother at Bragong village, Minjay Geog in Lhuentse. Pema studied at Minjay Lower secondary school till 6th standard and had to leave School

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in 2015 to take over from ageing grandmother who could not carry on. Perhaps, it's a case of one too old to farm and one too young to farm. But either way, one has to make a decision. As a young boy, Pema decides to be the youngest farmer in the locality due the situation which he has to confront and tougher from here on.

He stays with grandmother and a younger brother. The family owns about 1.5 acres of dry land and another 60 decimals of wet land. He has picked up winter vegetables like broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, spinach and raddish in about an acre of land. The family raises few cattles, cultivate about an langdo of maize for fodder. Apart from these, he also cultivates potato, beans and chilly like any other or in fact better than his older neighbors.

Pema is an active member of the Bragong vegetable group and he has now joined the Dairy group as well supplying vegetables to the Minji Lower Secondary School through which, he earns about Nu. 6,000 a month sufficient for the family to sustain.

Recently, the Dzongkhag and the geog extension has selected Pema as one of the beneficiaries of the supports provided under the CARLEP – IFAD support to the Dzongkhag and geog agriculture development. Through this, Pema attended the first exposure trip outside his village with his neighbors and that was to Lingmetahng, Mongar and Wengkhar to see some farming works coordinated by the geog Extension Centre.

Apart from technical guidance provided by the Agriculture Extension Centre, Pema along with other farmers in the locality was provided with basic production supports from the project such as a set of low cost poly house, pipes for irrigating his vegetable nursery, sprinklers and seed. It took him



two days to establish the low cost poly house with help from his neighbors and guidance from the extension centre and looks forward to a good season and better income. The Dzongkhag has also agreed to support him establish a mixed fruit orchard later in March 2017 when the geog begins the years demonstration orchard development.

While the hard and challenging work ahead will make Pema mature and take up the challenges, he still holds the youngest farmer in Lhuentse to be supported by the project.

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## Final Call for Papers: Bhutan Journal of Animal Science

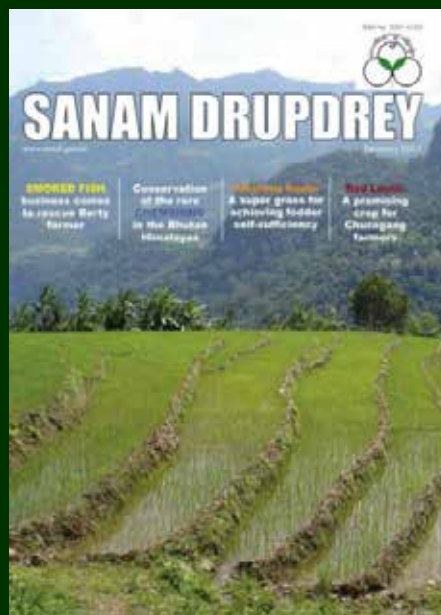
This is the final call for papers for the upcoming Volume 2, Issue 1, March 2018 of Bhutan Journal of Animal Science. The manuscript/paper can be submitted via email to [kesangwangchuk@rocketmail.com](mailto:kesangwangchuk@rocketmail.com). The email must bear the subject line "BJAS: Paper Submission".

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For details, please visit <http://www.moaf.gov.bt/call-for-papers-bhutan-journal-of-animal-science>.

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## Call for submission of articles for RNR-Magazine 2018



ICTD is in the process of bringing out the 8th issue of the RNR-Magazine (Sanam Drupdrey) which will be published in February 2018.

Therefore, we would like to request you all to kindly send your articles on success stories, breakthroughs, cultivation tips or any write-up related to the RNR Sector to [ictd@moaf.gov.bt](mailto:ictd@moaf.gov.bt) on or before 16 November 2017 for further action.

Please note the following few points:

- Report/article should not consist of more than three pages
- Relevant picture should be sent separately in picture format (not in MSWord) with a maximum resolution as possible
- Proper credit for writer/contributor with designation and office should be mentioned
- Please mention subject as 'Sanam Drupdrey' while submitting your article to [ics@moaf.gov.bt](mailto:ics@moaf.gov.bt) to avoid confusion

With this, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all for your significant contribution in making the earlier issues of Sanam Drupdrey a success.

For any query, please contact ICTD at 323765/321142 (Extension 117).



## Handing over:

# Duenmang Tshachu to Nangkor Gewog

*Pema Gyeltshen, Zhemgang Forest Division*

Zhemgang Forest Division has officially handed over the newly constructed two storied Guest House and modified & extended Tshachu ponds to the Community of Nangkor Gewog Administration on 14th October 2017 in presence of Dasho Dzungda & Dasho Dzunggrab, Zhemgang Dzongkhag. His Excellency the Minister, Ministry of Economic Affairs has graced and observed the handing/taking ceremony which was executed in between the Offtg. Chief Forestry Officer, Zhemgang Forest Division and the Gup, Gewog Administration, Nangkor Gewog, Zhemgang. Other officials from Dzongkhag and Gewog Administration have also witnessed the occasion. The Nu.10.9m project has been supported by BTFEC for community based Management program which will benefit not only the people of Khen Rig Nam Sum but also the visitors from across the country who visits Tshachu.

The activities under the project include:

1. Construction of two storey Guest House with open attic which can accommodate 100 peoples
2. Modification and extension of 10 ponds
3. Construction of new Nekhang
4. Extension of footpath with rest bench, canopy and protection railing from Praling to Tshachu
5. Providing wire mesh below the cliff to protect from falling stones
6. Construction of waste disposal and erection of information and notification boards



### Brief History

Located at the bed of Mangdechu at an elevation of 218 mtrs above sea level, the history of Duenmang Tshachu dates back to 8th century where a hunter from Kamjong village has discovered the leakage of hot spring from the cliff in course of searching the shot deer which fell off the steep cliff. Hunter has reported about the existence of hot water leakage from the rock to one of the Drupthog who endorsed as Tshachu. Later, Guru Rimpoche blessed the Tshachu and his Nay is currently found at the Tshachu. The Tshachu was officially recognized in 1972 with the construction of suspension bridge which connects Gongphu and Duenmang Chiwog with Praling (the nearest road head). The medicinal benefits of Duenmang Tshachu

include gastric, skin diseases and relief from body ache.

The successful completion of renovation and construction work at Tshachu is expected to ease the accommodation problem faced by visitors during winter. It is being recorded that an average of 4000 to 6000 visitors visits Tshachu annually. The camping of visitors on other side of the river will not only jeopardize the environmental carrying capacity but also puts the lives of visitors in danger due to falling boulder. Thus, the support of BTFEC for the project will scientifically benefit in conservation of rich biodiversity and religiously help all the visitors who visits Tshachu. The project has opened the door for Duenmang to become ecotourism destination in long run.

**Leisure**

**Nobel Prize**

A man is driving down a country road, when he spots a farmer standing in the middle of a huge field of grass. He pulls the car over to the side of the road and notices that the farmer is just standing there, doing nothing, looking at nothing. The man gets out of the car, walks all the way out to the farmer and asks him, "Ah excuse me mister, but what are you doing?" The farmer replies, "I'm trying to win a Nobel Prize." "How?" asks the man, puzzled. "Well, I heard they give the Nobel Prize . . . to people who are out standing in their field."

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**RNR Extension Manual 2018**

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Please send your changes for incorporation and comment/feedback, if any, latest by 15 November 2017 at [ictd@moaf.gov.bt](mailto:ictd@moaf.gov.bt).

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## The Ministry's week

### Youths of Lhuentse takes up poultry farming

A poultry farm with five hundred capacity birds were handed over to the youths of Jarey. The activity as a part of the poultry and commercial organic farming is one the five projects of His Majesty's People's Project (URS Pilot Projects) that was launched by His Royal Gyaltsab in March 2017. The project is aimed to create job opportunities for youths including the school leavers to encourage them get back home

and start agricultural activities. Today, at an initial stage, the project benefits seven youths of Jarey. Fifteen more youths are expected to be joined in the near future. The Dzongkhag Livestock Sector has invested a total of Nu. 0.8 million for farm construction including input supply of 500 nos. of pullets, feed for 3 months, electrification, feeder installation and automatic bell drinkers.



### 2nd Royal Highland Festival celebrates unique cultural heritage

Highlanders from Wangdue, Thimphu, Paro, Haa, Trongsa, Bumthang, Trashigang, Lhuentse, Trashiyangtse and Gasa along with officials and tourists gathered for the 2nd Royal Highland Festival at Langothang, Laya. His Majesty The King graced the opening of the festival with a theme, Highlands-The Pride of the Nation. The festival celebrated the unique cultural heritage and legacy of the highland

communities of Bhutan attracting many visitors both from within and outside. It also served as a forum for visitors to experience life in the highlands and learnt about the resilience and beautiful highland people and culture. One of the festival attractions was the Laya run which began from Ponjothang, the nearest road point. Seventy three men and 23 women took part in the run including tourists.



### Harvesting of Upland Paddy and Soyabean at Minjay Geog

With the first ever harvest of chili from the site, yet another second reaping on 23 October from His Majesty's pilot project, URS, with the upland paddy and soya bean about 3 acre and 0.65 acre respectively. With support from Wengkhar, ARDC and Dzongkhag Agriculture sector, the field day was organised at Minjay Geog in Lhuentse. The day was

organised with the intervention of modern harvesting (paddy cutter) and old based sickle harvesting. Similarly, Paddy paddle thresher and old practice of thrashing at stone was demonstrated to replicate and use of simple new technology which at least could broadcast the differences between new and old practices.



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