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“Throughout my reign I will never rule you as a King. I will protect you as a parent, care for you as a brother and serve you as a son. I shall give you everything and keep nothing; I shall live such a life as a good human being that you may find it worthy to serve as an example for your children; I have no personal goals other than to fulfill your hopes and aspirations. I shall always serve you, day and night, in the spirit of kindness, justice and equality.”
 -His Majesty The King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck

Gasa Dzongkhag is honored to dedicate the 2nd issue of volume 2 of "Good to Great Gasa -News and Views" to this joyous occasion of the 11th Coronation Day of His Majesty The Druk Gyalpo Jigme Khesar Namgay Wangchuck. The family of Gasa would like to join the nation in humbly offering our heartfelt prayers, offerings and felicitations for His Majesty’s Longevity and peaceful golden reign of the Dragon kingdom. We would like to take this honor to once again offer our sincere loyalty to the Wangchuk Dynasty. We humbly take this privilege to share our web of stories to the outside world. Let our dream of reaching the people with updated current events and new developments happening here in Gasa be realized. We genuinely hope that this issue will open our world to you all.

Wishing the people of Bhutan a joy-filled Coronation Day!!
 Palden Drukpa Gyallo !!

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HAPPY READING!



Achievement Report of Khatoed Gewog Agriculture Sector

-Agriculture Sector

Khatoed gewog consist of five chiwogs with 56 house hold which is actively involved in agriculture activities. Khatoed gewog is the only an organic gewog with a certification of three product namely garlic, potato and carrot. Some vegetables and fruits are certified as a local assurance product. From last year 2017 an organic product was reached to consumer table at high end hotels in Thimphu.

Initiative and innovative brought under Khatoed Gewog by an agriculture sector are:

i. Shiitake Mushroom cultivation and its achievement:

With the aim of producing shiitake mushroom in the Dzongkhag the gewog had cultivated 10,000 billets which will be the source of income for farmers. This year alone farmers had produced almost 1000kgs. of fresh mushroom in market. They have cultivated an additional of 6000 billets in 2018.



ii. Commercial garlic production.

With the aim of small volume high price commercial garlic production was initiated in the gewog from 2016 -till data. Every year farmers produce 4000-5000kgs. of garlic in large area.



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iii. Promotion of Commercial organic carrot.

With the introduction of an organic group, commercial of an organic carrot is initiated in the gewog with the aim of supplement the income generation for farmers. Almost 3 acres of area are under carrot cultivation.



iv. Land Development and Paddy cultivation

To meet self-sufficient policy of rice in the country, gewog had developed land terrace almost 7 acres in 2017 and 3 acres in 2018 for paddy cultivation. This year cultivation of paddy was started with the production of 1333.3kgs. from an acre of land.



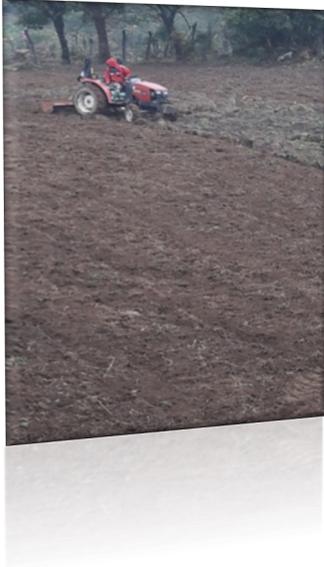
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v. Conversion of fallow land to cultivation land

Farm track were introduced to convert fallow land into cultivable land. With the farm mechanization program every year almost 15 acres of fallow land were brought under cultivated land.



vi. Commercial organic potato production.

With the introduction of organic commercial farming of potato farmers are fetching good income from it. Every year there is increasing of cultivation area in the gewog. In total farmers cultivate about 24 acres of potato with the production of 5000-5500kgs.acre.



vii. Marketing of an organic product

To strengthen the Gasa Rangshing Sanam Detshen group, this is the only certified group in the country for producing an organic product like potato, garlic, carrot and other vegetables. To reach the produce product in the market one should organize a market linkage and it is carried out by the gewog agriculture sector. In total we had marketed almost 6000kgs of potato, 2000kgs of garlic, 1500kgs of carrot and others vegetable too.

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viii. E-Fencing of field.

To combat wild life problems the gewog agriculture had supported the farmers with E-fencing materials and visited the field and had installed E-fencing for farmers. Almost 10Kms. of E-Fencing was done in 2018.



iv. Low cost poly house Establishment

In 2018, 27 numbers of low-cost poly house were established in farmers field through the support from dzongkhag Agriculture office. Farmers have raised the nursery for winter crop.



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4TH ROYAL HIGHLAND FESTIVAL

23rd-24th October, 2019



Our Success Stories and Gratitude!!



Graced by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Dr Lotay Tshering and other Dignitaries, the fourth edition of Royal Highland Festival conducted from 23-24 October 2019 at Langothang, Laya Gewog located above 3800 masl was a grand success. The festival created awareness to tourists and Bhutanese on the yak based livelihood, existence of nomadic culture and scenic beauty of Laya. The festival also provided new economic avenues for the highlanders through home stays, packed pony services and sale of yak related products. Gasa Dzongkhag and highlanders were fortunate for being imparted a great source of pride and assurance in highland culture and livelihood sustainability.

Thank you for attending our festival and generously supporting us!!!

We are overly excited to inform that with the blessings showered by Their Majesties, a two day program was great success with a varied program of admirable events from all participating Highland Dzongkhags, wonderful display of yak based products and enticing programs from celebrities. Various other entertaining programs such as the animal parade, horse race, cattle show, strongwomen competition, sling competition, cross-country race, tug of war and lottery draws for people of Laya besides various cultural dances further appealed some two thousand souls.

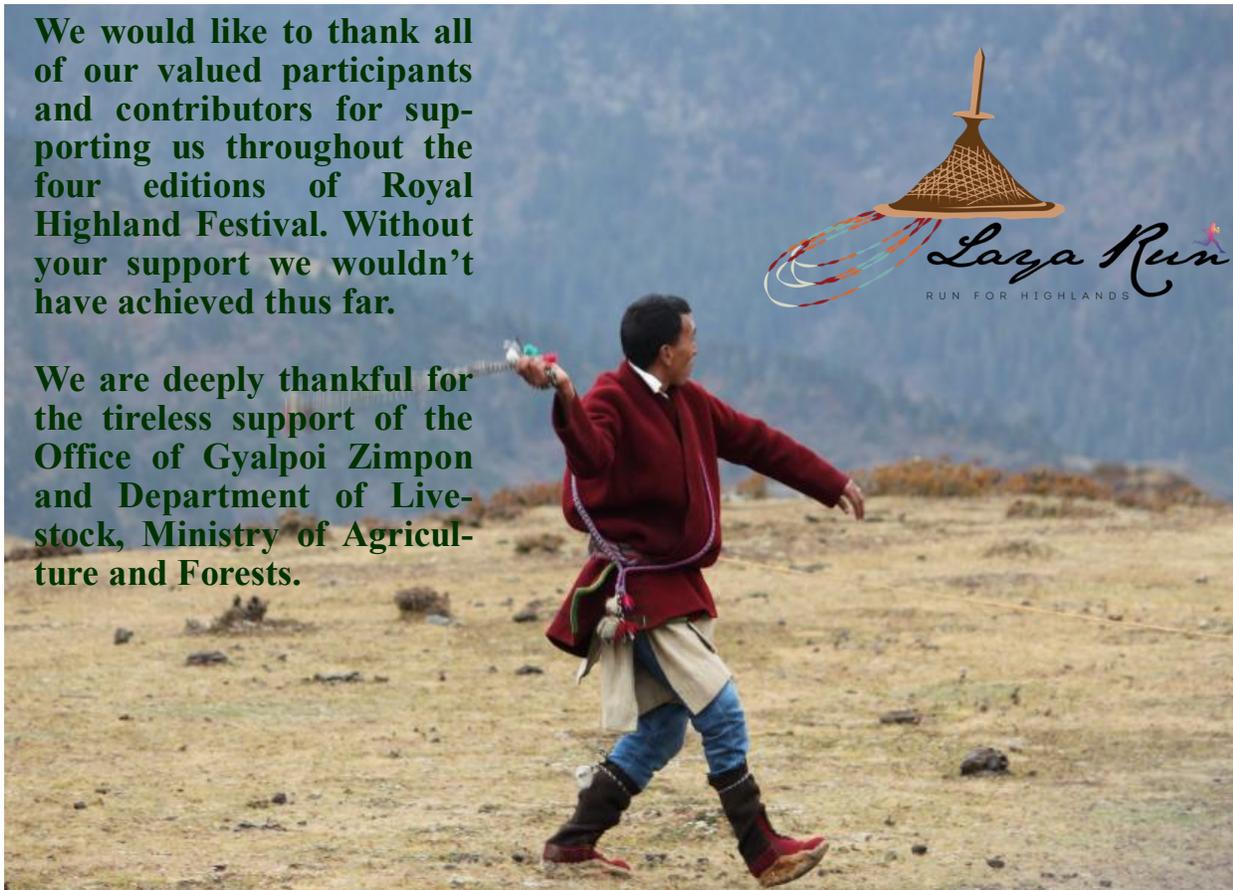


The 25 km Laya run starting from Ponjothang to the festival ground was one of the icon of the festival. This year amongst a total of eighty-nine participants (32 female & 57 male), Choki, 25 years old from Laya bagged the title completing the run in 2.31.07 mins and Pema Gyamtsho, 30 years old from the Royal Bhutan Army completed the run in 1.55.11 mins securing the first position in the female and male category respectively. Both were cheerfully offered Tashi khaddar, a medal and took home a cash prize of Nu.70,000/- each. Four male and six female foreigners took part in the challenging run as well.

4TH ROYAL HIGHLAND FESTIVAL

We would like to thank all of our valued participants and contributors for supporting us throughout the four editions of Royal Highland Festival. Without your support we wouldn't have achieved thus far.

We are deeply thankful for the tireless support of the Office of Gyalpoi Zimpon and Department of Livestock, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests.



We would like to once again thank all our esteemed contributors, supporters, participants and volunteers for the festival and Laya Run. Big thank you to all the lovely audience as well.

Thank you for attending our festival and generously supporting us!!! We look forward to continued support in the future.



Aesthetic programs and the future of Gasa

- The Dzongkhag Beautification Progress report.



Background

Gasa is one out of the twenty districts located at north west of the kingdom of Bhutan, characterized by high scrapper mountain with permanent snow cover at the highest elevation above 5400 meters above sea level and lowest elevation of 1500 meter that forms the part of eastern Himalaya.

The human settlement is sparsely distributed over the valley and mountains collectively grouped into four blocks (gewog) known as Lunana, Laya, khatoe and khamed. The uniqueness of their culture and tradition are key ecotourism products that attracts international tourist beside beautiful natural landscape and other organized events (Royal Highland Festival and laya run).



Gasa Tshachu (hot spring) is a key attraction of local tourist within Bhutan. With the pre-condition believes that we bhutanese are usually brought up with, soaking, bathing, inhaling this holy water is believed to cure internal illness and other diseases.

The maximum temperature of hot spring recorded till date is 53 degree centigrade with lowest around 41 degree centigrade. Winter season is the busiest and crowded period of the year. Indeed, Gasa Tshachu has highest overall contribution in terms of revenue to central government with mean contribution of two million (Nu. 2,000,000/-) annually. Other similar ecotourism products that attract internal tourist with the properties to heal illnesses are Jagoe menchu, Tokey menchu, zep menchu etc... all located within the vicinity of gasa tshachu.

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Before the legalization of cordyceps (*ophiocordyceps sinensis*: the valuable and highly economical fungi) by the great fourth, His Majesty the fourth king in year 2004 for the benefit of highlander, the people of two block (laya and Lunana) are told to be depending, primarily on herding yak and sheep. After more than a decade of legalization of fungi and with grooming current international market (demand) on this unique caterpillar fungi, highlander is the wealthiest of all in the Gasa. The record-breaking price offered for this Chinese caterpillar fungi received at neighboring Bumthang district per kilogram was around thirty thousand in year 2016.

The vegetation is mainly dominated with 30% Mixed conifer and conifer, 10% Alpine scrub, 10% alpine meadows, 1% glacier lake and water bodies, 4% percent broadleaved, 45% with rock outcrops (rugged mountain with permanent snow cover like #Gangchen Singye, gangchen Taag and continues chain of northern table mountain that borders with Tibetan autonomous region).



Gasa Dzongkhag is an economical source to major river like punatshangchu that turbines two nationally importance mega hydropower. It acts as water tower of major communities, settled along the valley downstream, besides providing safe and rich intact vegetation cover for crucial wildlife of internationally significance. Gasa harbor major habitat of national animal 'Takin' (*Budorcas taxicolor whitei*), and other flagship and umbrella species. The Dzongkhag area totally falls under protective and conservational jurisdiction of second largest national park, Jigme Dorji National Park.

Gasa is a new and recently curved district that was once functioning under administrative control of neighbor district Punakha. People of Gasa celebrated the silver jubilee a year before. With the new hopes and aspiration, communities are yet to be connected with modern facilities like road and lights. Indeed, it's just been few months where Dzongkhag secondary highway has been blacktopped and few ongoing.

The civil servant serves remotes area of country (and of course for Gasa district) like Lunana block (gewog), which is nine days journey through high glacier mountains and rugged terrain facing life threatening mountain/altitude sickness. They are proudly catering basic mandates of their respective agencies to the communities, their stakeholder.

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Rationale

With modern development booming in with least care and attention to natural aesthetic beauty and with haphazardly construction and infrastructure creeping in day by day, the wastes are snowballing without sparing remotest places, which is sought after place by many Bhutanese and internationalist. Foreseeing these threats, our visionary monarch, the fifth king has envisaged *Dzongkhag Beautification Sector* through royal command to uphold and carter landscaping and beautification works in the respective district.

Progress

The remote gasa is up for the challenge to keep its surrounding environment “refreshing, safe, clean, well-organized and alluring in all times to come for our national integrity, national pride, healthy communities and for the brighter future”. The noble vision bloomed from the golden throne.



A. The beautification sector kick started the site development works in beautifying it’s jurisdiction from *Gentagang* reception point with the believe, “It will never rain roses (when we want to have more roses we must plant more trees). The different avenue plants and design are being adapted best suited to the topography and landscape of the area based on locally available materials.

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B. To have sustainable production of flower and avenue plant, a 20/5m green house and 30 decimal nursery sheds are constructed with the material support from Department of Agriculture and constructive support of dzongkhag GSP and ESP. The seed of hope is sown with the budgetary support (0.050 m) from Dzongkhag Cultural Sector to make Gasa aesthetic and glory in near future.



The variant alpine flower seed was sowed with low germination rate even inside green house as well as in open air after few months of monitoring and care giving. The research trail is completed for this season. The hope is to collect native locally available flower seed and go for wild collection if we have to add colors to already greenery.

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The locally available rose and hibiscus cutting is germinating well with the help of root hormone.



C. Due to low germination and few choosy flowers and other avenue plants being survived given the severe climatic condition, we brought matured wild avenue plants to be adapted and acclimatize here at Gasa.



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D. Avenue plantation.

With the budgetary support from Jigme Dorji National Park funded by PHPA-II, a sum of Nu 0.1 million were used to rehabilitate the Gasa Tshachu area with variant of avenue plants. An area of 2 hectare is brought where aesthetic landscaping program.

The species planted are, wild cheery, dogwood, apricot, acer and salix species.



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The Dzongkhag Beautification Sector was entrusted for decorating the melachenmo ground best suit to its landscape and the objectives of committee member. The avenue plants and flower were purchased with sum of nu 0.05 million from Thimphu. The work was completed with a week period during August first week.

**Challenges and the constraint**

Gasa being less populated area have more scope to complete first round of beautification and landscaping work as compare to other dzongkhag however, with lack of *budgetary support* from central government and the dzongkhag itself, there is less the sector can do. In addition, the harsh weather with cold to very cold seasons makes it difficult for seasonal flower to germinates and flower.

The lack of *work force* aids fuel to the fire. Site development work without budgetary support have no scope to employ any worker for planned site development activities. With single person running the single sector without supporting staff proved me difficult. Since beautification work required to be more of blue color job than to be in office, with dzongkhag ESP/GSP already involved in their designated responsibilities, multitasking them and requesting them time and again is costing time leading to delaying and failure of plan. Just to be coordinating the regional and dzongkhag staffs without budget is proving meaning less with no required materials in hand for them to fulfill the desired goal. To promote youth and rural entrepreneur on floriculture and landscaping will still remain in plan with current scenario.

Beautification and landscaping are more than just gardening and floriculture. One need to be expert in carpentry, masonry, driver and rich money lord. Without having any of those qualities, beautification works is less charming, falling back to square one.

Till date I have been spending the money from my personal pocket and adjusting from TADA to carryout beautification activities. Paying the royalties to Park offices, buying gravels from contractors, refreshment for volunteers, hiring private utilities car etc. are some expenditure till date. The other locality-based challenges are free ranging cattle damaging the beautified site.

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Way Forward

With the hope and dream to fulfill the command and to make gasa more glorious and aesthetic, the site development activities at Tshachu, mini town, gewogs, and other important site including dzong area is tabulated with provoking youth and community floriculture entrepreneur in near future.

The glory of gardening and landscaping: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with a nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just on with the body, but the soul and good intentions from caregiver. They thrive because someone has to expend effort on them. Beside free ranging domesticated animal that target avenue plants and flower, the year-round freezing climate condition is the biggest challenge that favors the growth of few selective plants and flowers. Gasa has just two seasons: cold and very cold and its paramount for any well-wisher to aspire beautification works to visualized the time prodigiously for brighter and beautiful future.

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TELECOMMUNICATION

TashiCell has officially launches 2G&4GLTE services in Laya Gewog of Gasa district.

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Brief report on organic products of Gasa
Ranshin Sanam Datshen

1. Background

The Gasa Dzongkhag was declared as an organic since 2004 by then the Ministry of Agriculture which is now restructured as the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests. The farmers refrained from using synthetic fertilizers and plant protection chemicals ever since the Dzongkhag was declared as organic considering the environmental and health benefits in addition other associated benefiting principles. However, not a single product was certified as organic which hindered the sale of organic produce in getting comparatively higher price in absence of organic certificate from the competent authority.

In order to overcome the said problem and also to contribute towards achieving the National vision of becoming organic by 2020, the Dzongkhag Administration in 2015 initiated the formation of Gasa Rangshin Sonam Detshen in Khatoed, Gewog, comprising of 50 members officially registered with the Department of Agriculture Marketing and Corporative (DAMC) and also with the National Organic Program (NOP) with an aim of producing certified organic potato and Garlic to start with.

The group members fully complied with the required norms, procedures and guidelines for certification and finally their Potato, Garlic and Carrot products have been successfully certified as organic vide certificate No. BOCS/Gasa/GP/ of the Bhutan Agriculture and Food Regularity Authority, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests on 10th October 2016.

Thus, Gasa in close collaboration with Department of Marketing and Cooperatives (DAMC), initiated contract marketing for certified organic products through conducting meetings with proprietors/managers and representatives of high-end hotels and through writing letters to institutions such as schools, hospitals and with private booths.

2. Objective

- * To establish guaranteed marketing linkage between buyers and sellers.
- * To achieve a vision of Good to Great Gasa (self-reliance).
- * To inculcate the sense of interest and pride in organic farming.
- * To generate income in long run through sale of organic products.

3. How buyers and sellers linkage commenced with the high-end hotels

In an effort to promote domestic market for the organic produce, a promotional shipment was attempted on November 17, 2016 with 1735kgs of certified potatoes at Centenary Farmers' Market (CFM), Thimphu with support of the Department of Agricultural Marketing and Cooperatives (DAMC) organized the event.

The promotion was successful, in that it was very well received by the consumers and hotels. The hotels committed to support organic potato farming provided the producers can ensure consistency in supply and quality. However, appropriate modalities, such as buyers and sellers meet and contract farming needs to be explored to link the producers with the main consumer groups. Accordingly, a series of meeting was held with the proprietors, managers and representatives of hoteliers in Thimphu.

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On November 24, 2016 a consultation meeting on organic crop production in Gasa Dzongkhag was convened at DoFPS Conference hall with an objective to discuss on crop selection and marketing strategies. The meeting was attended by Dzongdag of Gasa Dzongkhag, Director, DAMC, Program coordinator, NoP, Dy. CHO, DoA, RQO, BAFRA and other representatives from MoAF. After deliberations on the crop, seed & seedlings selection, the meeting decided to take-up three crops, namely potato, garlic and carrot for the up-coming season 2017.

On the marketing aspect, it was agreed to go for client based and contract farming with high end hotels in Wangdue, Punakha and Thimphu. The retail market at CFM, Thimphu would also be considered as an alternative market. Thus, a buyers (high-end hotels) and sellers meeting was agreed to be convened upon receiving the cost of production, cropping calendar and other relevant information's from the concerned agencies. Export market exploration would also be taken up in near future.



Therefore, a buyer seller meets between the certified organic farmers' group, Rangshin Sanam Detshen from Khatoed Geog, Gasa and the high-end hotels in Thimphu was convened by the DAMC with support from NoP on January 11, 2017 at FCBL, Changzamtog, Thimphu. The meeting was mainly aimed at bringing the organic farming society one step closer to the high-end market and also to discuss the needs of the hotels, negotiate price, workout produce delivery modality, and collect demand for organic produce from the hotels. During the meeting it was agreed on the following prices for the three certified organic products (Garli, Carrot and Potato).

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Consequently, on February 9, 2017, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in Thimphu between the 11 high-end hotels (buyers) within Thimphu and farmers' group, Rangshin Sanam Detshen from Khatoed Geog, Gasa (Seller)

After signing of the MoU between buyers and sellers, on June 14, 2017 an organic farmers' group of Khatoed Gewog, Gasa delivered **its first consignment of certified organic vegetables namely garlic, carrot and potato to the hotels within Thimphu. To mark the delivery of the first consignment**, a small event was organized with the buyers, sellers and officials from Ministry of Agriculture and Forest (MoAF) at Taj Tashi.



4. Status and delivered records of products to hoteliers

As stated above, the actual delivery of the products kicked off from June 14, 2017. In the year 2017 during the cropping season, the group has marketed a total of 1780 kgs (1.78mt) of garlic, 2757 kgs (2.7mt) of carrot and 9136 kgs (6.14mt) of potatoes. Likewise, in the year 2018 during cropping season they have supplied 4500kg (4.5 mt) of potatoes, 1300kgs (1.3 mt) of carrot and 2500kgs (2.5mt) of garlic.

5. Production status

The group has potential to produce about 18 MT of garlic from an area of 24.64 acres, 60.80 MT of potato from 19 acres and 10.9 MT of carrot from 8.4 acres respectively every year the season. From the total production on an average 2.78MT of garlic, 9.14mt of potatoes and 2.7MT of carrot could only take up by the hoteliers and stakeholders and the surplus produces has to find market and sell it to other vendors.

Details of income generated from certified crops

Sl. No	Income generated from sale of products	Amount (Nu)	Remarks
1.	Potato	1,38,800/-	
2.	Garlic	86,595/-	
3.	Carrot	60,620/-	
TOTAL INCOME GENERATED		2,86,015/-	
4.	Expenditure (Transportation)	68,000/-	Delivered 17 times @ Nu.4000/- in Thimphu & Punakha
5.	Payment made to group members during the time of delivery	8500/-	17 times @ Nu.500/-
	Net income generated by the group (Nu.2,86,015/--Nu.76,500/-)	2,09,515/-	

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6. Issues and Challenges

- Arranging of vehicle for transportation of produce was difficult as most of the time the Dzongkhag pool vehicle gets coincides with some other Dzongkhag activities. Therefore, the transportation problem would be solved if the group could own one vehicle.
- The first consignment for supply of certified products could deliver to the hoteliers for about 20 weeks or five months rough support and cooperation both from the buyers and sellers. However, during the initial stage of delivering of the products the group encountered issues and challenges in mismatch of the demand from the hoteliers which was not as per the MoU signed.
- The group learned and experienced that delivering products every week was tedious and tiring task with only less quantity demand received from the hoteliers incurring huge losses to the group during transportation and paying daily allowance for the EA, driver and farmers.
- The maximum consumers were found to be not aware of the benefits of consuming organic produce and their income level is also likely to determine their purchase power.
- The farmers or group members are still not expert or good in grading and packaging of the products which fails to meet the quality of product during supply.

7. Way forward

- The Dzongkhag would continue to promote organic farming in future in collaboration with the relevant stakeholders, agencies and organizations.
- In order to create conducive environment for meeting of producers, potential buyers and other relevant stakeholders in drawing an agreement, the technical and financial support from relevant agencies under MoAF would be very crucial and urgent for the coming season (2018).
- The dzongkhag is also planning to have a contract farming system especially with the organic group and Chuniding food which has capacity to take-up huge quantity of products whereby the producers shall sign an agreement with the buyer at an agreed quantity and price at the beginning of cropping season.
- Clear MoU signing with proper planning should draw between buyers and seller at the beginning of the product to have a constant supply and not to have mismatch of demand and supply during the season.
- From the coming season the group suggested and proposes to supply the products on monthly bases not in weekly since delivering weekly was tedious and tiring task for the group and Dzongkhag and even finding difficulty in availing transportation vehicle from the Dzongkhag.
- The Dzongkhag agriculture sector in collaboration with relevant agencies under DoA will provide training to the group on grading and packing of products to ensure quality of products in the coming season.
- Dzongkhag is planning to grow other vegetables and certify as organic and expand the market to other districts as well and outside the country too.

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དགོ་འདུན་གྱི་དབུ་ལྷིད་མཛད་དེ་
འགོ་བ་རིགས་དུག་སེམས་ཅན་ཐམས་ཅད་གྱི་དོན་ལུ་དམིགས་ཏེ་
ཚོས་དང་ལམ་སྲོལ་བཟང་ རོ་ཚུ་ ཉམས་པ་སོར་ཚུད་དང་མི་ ཉམས་
གོང་འཕེལ་གཏང་གནང་སྟེ་ཡོད་པ་གི་མ་དོ་བ་ གཞུང་ལས་འབད་
དུང་སེམས་ཅན་སྲོག་གཙོད་བཀག་དམ་འབད་དགོ་པའི་ཐབས་ལམ་
སྣ་ཚོགས་གྱི་སློལ་ས་ བགོ་བ་བདེ་སྲོད་འབད་དང་འབད་ཞིན་ ཡོད་ནི་

འདི་གིས་ ད་རེས་ནང་པར་མི་ཆེ་འབྲིང་ཚུང་༣ གེར་སློ་ སེམས་ ཚོས་ལུ་འགྱུར་ཏེ་ དགོ་བའི་ལྷ་ལུ་བཙེན་མི་གཙོད་རྩ་ཨིན་
དེ་སྡེ་ལུ་ཕ་ད་ ད་ཏོགས་ཞལ་བཞུགས་ པའི་སྐྱེས་ཚེན་དམ་པ་སྐྱབས་ རྗེ་དོ་རྗེ་འཆང་མཚོག་གི་དབུ་གཙོས་

ཚོས་སློར་བཞུགས་མི་ སློབ་དགོས་ སློམ་ཚེན་
ཨ་ཏི་ མཁས་མཚོག་འགོ་དཔོན་

ཡོངས་ལུ་ལྷན་རྒྱལ་ལས་མེན་ མི་སེར་ སོ་ནམ་པ་
ཚུ་ལུ་ལས་བརྟེན་ལུ་སྤྲུལ་སྟེ་ ཚོས་གངས་ ་ཤེས་
གཏོགས་མེད་མི་ཚུ་ལུ་དྲན་སེའི་ ཆེད་ལུ་བ་ཅིན་
ང་བཅས་རའི་མི་ཆེ་འདི་རྟག་པ་ བརྟན་པ་མེད་
པའི་ལར་ མཚོད་མེ་རླུང་གི་གཡལ་ དོ་བཟུམ་
འཚེ་བ་མི་རྟག་ཐལ་དོ་ཡོད་པ་ལས་ དགོ་བའི་ལྷ་
ལུ་བཙེན་དགོ་པ་པའི་ཚོས་གངས་ནི་ ལྷ་རོ་གཅིག་



-འཕྲིཐུད།

ནད་གཞི་དང་སྒྲིམ་སྒྲིམ་སྒྲིམ་སྒྲིམ་

བྱིས་མི། སློལ་འཛིན་སྡེ་ཚོན།

གི་ནད་ལུ་དུས་བབ་ལྷན་པར་ཅན་ ཚེས་ ༥, ༡༠, ༡༥, ༢༥, ༣༠ ཡོད་པའི་ནད་ལས་ ཡོངས་སྒྲུགས་ལུ་ ཡར་སྡེའི་
 ཚེས་ ༥, ༡༠, ༡༥, བཅི་སློལ་ཡོད་པ་ཀུན་གྱི་མཁུན་གསལ་ཆེ་ འདི་གི་ཡང་མ་དོ་བ་ རང་ལྷན་དང་པ་ཚོས་འཕུལ་གྱི་
 དུས་ཚེན་ལྷོ་ལོ་གཅིག་ གསུམ་པའི་ཚེས་ ༡༠ ལུ་ཞབས་དྲུང་སྐྱེ་མཚོན་ བཞི་པ་ས་གཞུ་བའི་དུས་ཚེན་ལྷོ་ལོ་གཅིག་
 ལུ་པའི་ཚེས་ ༡༠ ལུ་གྲུ་རུ་རིན་པོ་ཆེའི་འཁྲུངས་དཀར་དུས་ཚེན་ དུག་པའི་ཚེས་ ༤ ལུ་ གདན་བཞི་ཚོས་འཁོར་སྐྱོར་
 བའི་དུས་ཚེན་ཟེར་ ཡོ་གཅིག་ནད་ལུ་ དུས་ཚེན་ལྷན་པར་ཅན་ བཅི་སླུང་ལུ་མི་ཡོད་པ་འདི་ནད་ཀུན་གྱི་སྤྲིག་པའི་ལུ་ལུ་
 འཛེམས་ཏེ་དགོ་བ་སྤང་དགོ་པའི་གསོལ་འདེབས་ལུ་ཨིན་ཡིག་ལགས།



(བྱིས་མི་ རོ་རྗེ་དབང་གྲགས་)
 རྫོང་ཁག་སློལ་འཛིན་སྡེ་ཚོན།

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 1st JUNE 2018-30th SEPTEMBER 2018

Events

April

- 7th-Graced by Her Excellency, Lyonpo Dechen Wangmo, Minister for Ministry of Health World Health Day was observed in Gasa Dzongkhag with the theme: Universal Health Coverage: Everyone, Every where "Towards Elimination of Cervical Cancer in Bhutan."
- 16th-Livestock sector provided training for four days starting which covers feed and fodder conservation, development and herd management to the people of Laya Gewog.
- 17th-Dzongkhag Administration shifted the offices inside the Dzong corresponding to the auspicious day.
- 20th- volleyball tournament organized by Royal Bhutan Police, Division II

June

- 4th- Gasa Dzongkhag offered heartfelt wishes to the joyous and auspicious occasion of the 29th Birth Anniversary of Her Majesty The Gyaltsuen Jetsun Pema Wangchuck
- 4th- Livestock Sector has organised two days training on understanding of Business Environment for MPU operation to dairy farmers group.
- 5th- Hon'ble Dasho Tshering Yangden, Commissioner and the team began her familiarization tour from Gasa Dzongkhag offering prayers in Gasa Tashithongmoen Dzong
- 6th-Gasa Rangzhin Sanam Dhetshen received the best organic farmers' award
- 7th-Culture Section of Dzongkhag Administration has organised a valuable 'Driglam Namzha' training for the staffs and LG leaders of the Dzongkhag
- 11th- The two days 8th Dzongkhag Tshogdu for Gasa Dzongkhag was successfully concluded.
- 12th-Sensitization workshop on APA Quality Assurance Framework and Government Performance Management System by the team from National Technical Committee, GPMD, Thimphu.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM 1st JUNE 2018-30th SEPTEMBER 2018

Events

July

2nd-Gasa Dzongkhag joined the Nation in observing Zero Waste Hour
“My Waste, My Responsibility”

7th-Offered prayers and ritual for Goendrap, a local deity of Punakha

8th- Basic food cooking skills for second batch was conducted by the
Dzongkhag Administration in collaboration with Tourism Council of
Bhutan

11th-Gasa welcomed new Dasho Drangpoen.

15th-Gasa offered deepest felicitations to the Government and people
of India on the 73rd Independence Day of India.

17th- Gasa Dzongkhag offered our heartfelt welcome to the Prince
Hisahito to Bhutan and His Excellency the Prime Minister of India,
Shri Narendra Modi to the Kingdom of Bhutan

29th-The 9th Dzongkhag Tshogdue of Gasa Tashithongmoen Dzong
concluded

September

5th-Gasa Tashithongmoen Dzong was officially handed over to the
Dzongkhag Administration after the successful completion of
conservation works.

10th-The opening function for the construction of Telecom office and
resident is inaugurated by Lam Neten of the Dzongkhag Dratshang.

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Events

September

12th-Gasa Dzongkhag humbly welcomed Sherig Lyonpo for his visit in the Dzongkhag

19th-Finance Minister, Lyonpo Namgay Tshering was wholeheartedly received by the Dzongkhag.

October

2nd-Gasa Dzongkhag was blessed with a new Dzongdag, Dasho Rinzin Penjore

5th-'Bum Tashi' was escorted to Phupi Lhakhang from Gasa Tashothong moen Dzong in a traditional chipdral ceremony

13th-Gasa Dzongkhag humbly joined the Nation in paying our heartfelt prayers and gratitude to the Royal Couple for their continuous love and blessings.

13th- Gasa Dzongkhag wished all the runners for Snowman Calibration Run 2019.

27th-Gasa Dzongkhag shared success stories and showed deepest gratitude for the support in 4th Royal Highland Festival

TASHI DELEK!!!!