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Keeping the Force Informed and United



60 years of service, sacrifice and security.



FELICITATION NOTE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Royal Bhutan Police

September 1, 2025

To the Gallant Men and Women of the Royal Bhutan Police, Retired Pioneers, and all the well-wishers:

On this profoundly auspicious day, as we celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Royal Bhutan Police, I am deeply honoured to extend my heartfelt felicitations and profound gratitude. Sixty years ago, under the visionary guidance of our beloved Third Druk Gyalpo, His Majesty Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, the foundation of our noble force was laid—a legacy steeped in service, integrity, and unwavering dedication to the Tsa-Wa-Sum.

From the humble beginnings of a small force of 555 men in 1965 to the modern, dynamic institution we are today, our journey mirrors Bhutan's own path of progress. Through decades of change, the RBP has stood as a steadfast guardian of peace, guided by the timeless principles of Driglam Namzha, Buddhist compassion, and our sacred duty to uphold the security and happiness of our citizens. Your courage in the face of adversity, your sacrifice in remote outposts, and your commitment to justice—even in the most challenging circumstances—embody the soul of Bhutan.

Today, as we navigate new frontiers—from cyber threats to transnational crime—your resilience and adaptability continue to inspire. The RBP remains a beacon of trust and excellence, whether in disaster response, community policing, or preserving our cultural heritage. This anniversary is not merely a milestone; it is a testament to the lifelong dedication of our retirees, the vigour of our serving officers, and the silent strength of our families who stand by us.



As Chief of Police, I reaffirm our pledge:

To serve with humility, protect with valour, and evolve with wisdom, always anchored in His Majesty The King's vision for a secure, harmonious Bhutan. Let us march forward with renewed zeal, honouring the sacrifices of our pioneers while embracing innovation for a safer tomorrow.

YOUR SERVICE, SACRIFICE, AND DEVOTION TO THE TWA-SA-SUM

FROM A FEW TO A FORCE: The Journey of the RBP



From its humble beginnings in 1965 with 555 officers, the Royal Bhutan Police has grown into a nationwide force—visible in every dzongkhag and trusted in every community. Over six decades, the RBP has safeguarded law and order, responded to disasters, tackled emerging crimes, and contributed to global peace efforts. As Bhutan moves towards 2030, the RBP continues to evolve—modern, resilient, and people-first force anchored in its timeless duty to protect the Tsa-Wa-Sum.

We extend gratitude for all the insights. While some pieces express individual perspectives, all content aligns with RBP's values of integrity, service and protection. Your feedback is invaluable—share suggestions for future issues at plhazin@rbp.gov.bt

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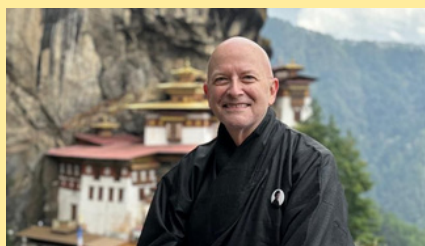
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THE EARLY YEARS: FOUNDATIONS OF POLICING (1961–1979)

1961

- ✓ Bhutan begins its first Five-Year Plan.
- 🛡️ Law and order were managed by civil administrators and the Royal Bhutan Army.
- ⚖️ A need for a dedicated police force was strongly felt.



1st September 1965 — Birth of the RBP

- 👑 By royal command of His Majesty Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, the Royal Bhutan Police is established with 555 personnel.
- ◆ Guided by **HRH Prince Namgyal Wangchuck** (Paro Penlop)
- ◆ Dunga Bap Dada appointed Head of Police in the South
- 📅 Police Raising Day is celebrated every year on 1st September.

1966

- 🎓 First Bhutanese officers — Lieut. Karma Gayleg & Lieut. Lal Bahadur Basnet — sent for Indian Police Service training.
- 🗣️ “Lieut. Lal Bahadur reflects on a lifetime of service” — see page 8.



1968

- 🏛️ RBP placed under the Ministry of Home Affairs, under Lyonpo Tamshing Jagar.
- 🇮🇳 Indian Government sends Indian Police Training Team (IPTT) to assist.

1975

- 🎓 After the Indian Police Training team's departure in 1975, RBP began training at Dradul Makhang (an RBA camp later renamed Zilnon Namgyeling by His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche).
- 🏛️ The RBP training center was eventually relocated to Jigmeling, Sarpang.



1976

- Motor Vehicle Act is drafted.
- RBP serves as Bhutan's licensing authority until 1996, when the task is handed over to RSTA — but enforcement remains with RBP.



1979

Dasho Kezang Namgyal becomes the first Chief of Police.

60 YEARS OF HONOR AND DEDICATION

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STRUCTURING THE FORCE (1980–1993)

1980



Bhutan enacts:

- Police Act (1980)
- Prison Act (1982).



RBP is structured into:

1. Headquarters
2. Training Centers
3. Police Ranges:
Phuentsholing,
Gelephu, Samdrup
Jongkhar



1984–1990



RBP becomes part of Drakha Sum under His Majesty's Supreme Command.



Police ranks and insignia align with RBA.



Organizational restructuring:

- Divisions led by Superintendents of Police (SPs)
- Officers Commanding (OCs) as key unit leaders

Played a vital role during the Southern unrest to restore peace.

1992

Prison Services Division is established.

1993

Royal Bhutan Armed Police established at Tashi Gatshel, now the Special Reserve Police Force (SRPF).

MODERNIZING AND EXPANDING (2001–2015)

2001

Fire Services Division established.

2008

RBP plays a central role in Bhutan's first democratic elections — ensuring peace and stability.

2003

Security Division formed at RBP HQ — protecting VIPs and vital infrastructure.

2009

The Royal Bhutan Police Act 2009 is enacted — defining powers, structure, and mandates of RBP.
Prison Act of Bhutan was also enacted repealing the earlier act



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PRISON ACT OF BHUTAN, 2009

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ROYAL BHUTAN POLICE ACT, 2009

2010

2015



RBP ensures national security during major events like the SAARC Summit and Royal Wedding.



Police Service Board formed in 2012 — strengthening personnel policies.



Service Rules & Regulations revised.



Major training upgrades at the Police Training Institute, Jigmeling.

60 YEARS OF HONOR AND DEDICATION

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & INNOVATION (2015-2020)

CRIME PREVENTION & COMMUNITY POLICING



- **Gewog Gadey:** Localized police services for better community ties.
- **Police-Youth Partnership Program:** Strengthening trust with youth.
- **Out-of-School Youth Program:** Targeting at-risk youth.
- **Friends of Police:** Volunteer force for public-police collaboration.
- **Mobile Community Policing:** Reached 205 gewogs.

TECHNOLOGY & INFRASTRUCTURE



- **Safe City Project:** CCTV systems rolled out in Thimphu, Phuentsholing, Gelephu and other dzongkhags.
- **Housing:** New quarters for officers and families.

PRISON REFORMS & REHABILITATION



- **Open Air Prisons (OAP)** introduced for low-risk inmates.
- **Rehabilitation:** Religious discourse, Non-Formal Education, and remission for good conduct.

STRENGTHENING CAPACITY & INCLUSION (2020-2025)

CRIME DETECTION & FORENSICS



- Improved detection rates through enhanced capabilities.
- **Serbithang Forensic Lab:** Advanced crime-solving technologies.

GENDER & CHILD PROTECTION



- Women & Child Protection Desks set up nationwide.
- Promotion of a gender-friendly work environment.

DISASTER & EMERGENCY RESPONSE



- **National Center for Search & Rescue (Tashigatshel):** Boosting disaster preparedness.
- **Formed Police Unit:** Trained for UN peacekeeping deployments.

 **RBP AT 60: STILL STANDING STRONG**

VISION 2030 FUTURE READY POLICING



Transforming today's force for tomorrow's challenges

To keep pace with an evolving world, the Royal Bhutan Police envisions a force that is technologically empowered, trusted by the community and resilient to modern and emerging threats. This future-ready police service will be prepared to navigate regional and global dynamics while remaining anchored in Bhutanese values.

At the heart of Vision 2030 lie five strategic pillars:



**SMART
POLICING**



**PEOPLE-FIRST
POLICING**



**FUTURE-
READY POLICE
PERSON**



**GREEN AND
RESILIENT
SYSTEMS**



**ETHICAL
GOVERNANCE**

AI,
drones,
smart
CCTVs,
digital case
files, &
cybercrime
response
units

Youth
partnerships,
community
engagement,
and
protection for
women &
children

Trained in
cybercrime,
crisis
response,
digital
forensics,
and
leadership

Green and
resilient
systems
through
solar-
powered
stations, e-
vehicles, and
digital-first
services

Ethical
governance
with zero
tolerance for
corruption,
modern
laws, and
data-driven
decision-
making



These pillars build on initiatives already underway: a dedicated cyber-crime unit, increased roles for women in leadership, institutionalised community policing, trials of AI-assisted surveillance, digital reporting channels and a social-media policy. Vision 2030 weaves these strands into a coherent plan for a police service that is future-ready and deeply rooted in its commitment to serve the people of Bhutan.

**“Our future is not just secure —
it's **smart, ethical, and people-first.**”**

– RBP Management

A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Bhutan's first IPS trained officer

Amid the lush rice fields and prayer flags of Tsirang, Lal Bahadur nurtured a simple yet powerful dream—to *serve the King, Country, and People*. That dream began to take shape in the mid-1950s when he earned a government scholarship to Kalimpong, India—a hub of learning for Bhutanese students of the time.

Inspired by His Majesty the Third Druk Gyalpo's vision, Lal Bahadur returned determined to give back. He joined the Royal Bhutan Army, trained under Indian instructors in Haa, and in 1965, *stood among 555 selected to form the newly established Royal Bhutan Police*.



Amid Tsirang's lush landscapes, Lieutenant Lal Bahadur and his wife share a tranquil moment.

It was the beginning of a lifelong journey in service and leadership.

A Himalayan Trailblazer



EARLY YEARS IN UNIFORM

Handpicked by HRH Namgyal Wangchuck, he and Late DASHO Karma GALEK were sent to the Central Police Training College (CPTC) in Mount Abu, Rajasthan—the same institution that trains India's elite Indian Police Service (IPS) officers. The experience had been both humbling and intense.

"We trained day and night—in law enforcement, crime prevention, forensics, tactical drills, even horse riding," he recalls. "Our drill instructor, Spadigam, was ruthless but brilliant. He demanded the best—and unknowingly, shaped me to lead."

Following six months of hands-on police duty in Madhya Pradesh, he returned to Bhutan with a fire to serve. He trained the 8th batch of RBP officers and proudly stood among them as they passed out—not just as their commander, but as a mentor who believed in their potential.

Guarding the Nation with Heart

He later served as Officer-in-Charge at Chuzom Check Post, ensuring road safety, managing disaster responses, and keeping the peace. Eventually, he was entrusted with VIP and VVIP security, coordinating high-level protection for Royal family members and international dignitaries—a career highlight he still cherishes deeply.

Message to the Future Police Personnel:

*"Lead with integrity.
Speak with respect. Think critically. Train your body and mind. The path is tough, but the honour is unmatched."*

**"POLICING IS NOT JUST A JOB —
IT'S A LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO PEOPLE, SAFETY, AND INTEGRITY."**

RECOGNITIONS

A Legacy of Friendship, A Future of Service



RBP Thanks the Government of India for Decades of Unwavering Support

India's friendship with Bhutan continues to uplift the Royal Bhutan Police—from the foundation laid in 1965 to today's powerful show of support.

At a recent ceremony, six new firefighting vehicles worth Nu. 40.74 million were handed over, part of a Nu. 72 million commitment to boost Bhutan's fire and rescue services.

From fire engines and housing to a landmark Nu. 900 million grant for infrastructure and training, India's steady support has shaped a more capable, service-driven police force.

"Your assistance continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our personnel and in the safety and security of our nation."

~ The Chief of Police



RBP Thanks the Government of Japan

The Royal Bhutan Police extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Government and people of Japan for their enduring support and generous contributions toward strengthening Bhutan's firefighting and community policing capabilities. The recent handing over of fire pump vehicles under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP) marks yet another milestone in a longstanding friendship rooted in mutual respect

and compassion. Since the first donation in 1972, Japan has gifted 39 firefighting vehicles and 14 community patrol vehicles, enabling the RBP to safeguard lives and serve even the most remote communities with renewed resolve. We remain deeply thankful for this unwavering partnership and the spirit of solidarity it represents.

NEW INITIATIVES AND POLICY UPDATES



RBP'S NATIONWIDE ADVOCACY DRIVE: BUILDING A SAFER BHUTAN.

From bustling towns to remote villages, the Royal Bhutan Police is taking proactive steps to empower citizens with knowledge and strengthen trust through impactful awareness campaigns. Over the past two months, a wave of sensitization programs has swept across Bhutan, targeting students, monks, business owners, drivers, and parents—with one clear message:

‘Safety is a shared responsibility.’

GRASSROOTS IMPACT: POLICE AT YOUR DOORSTEP

RBP's Mobile Community Policing (MCP) reached far-flung gewogs like Laya and Shenga Bjimi, where officers:

- Taught fire safety during monsoon.
- Warned against counterfeit currency and online scams.
- Encouraged Neighborhood Watch programs to deter burglaries.

"We feel safer knowing police are just a call away," shared a villager in Trashiyangtse.

GUARDIANS OF THE DHARMA: MONKS JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME

In historic dratshangs like Dechen Phodrang and Gangteng, over 500 monks learned about:

- **Discipline & Law** – Their role as moral leaders in crime prevention.
- **Protecting Sacred Sites** – Preventing theft and vandalism of religious artifacts.
- **Social Media Pitfalls** – The dangers of misuse, including "Tiktoking in robes."

YOUTH AT THE FOREFRONT: SHAPING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Over 5,000 students from schools and colleges engaged in interactive sessions on:

- **Cyber Safety** – How to spot scams and avoid digital traps.
- **Drug Laws** – Harsh realities of substance abuse and legal consequences.
- **Gender Sensitivity** – Understanding consent and combating sexual violence.

"Prevention is better than cure," echoed SSP Division VI at Tsirang's youth camp, inspiring students to make informed choices.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC CRACKDOWNS

- **Fuel Stations:** Phuentsholing businesses trained to thwart fuel smuggling and enhance fire safety.
- **Taxi Drivers:** Yangtse operators pledged zero tolerance for drunk driving and overloading.
- **Bolero Drivers:** Gelephu's transport workers underwent drug tests and road safety drills.

A UNIFIED CALL TO ACTION

With His Majesty's vision as the guiding light, RBP's initiatives are more than just awareness—they're a movement. "Crime prevention begins with you," urged DCOP COD at Phobjikha's mass gathering of 463 attendees.

NEW INITIATIVES AND POLICY UPDATES

ENHANCED PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH PORTABLE CCTV INITIATIVE

The Royal Bhutan Police is taking crime prevention to the next level with its new Portable CCTV Program. This initiative combines cutting-edge technology with comprehensive training to create safer communities across Bhutan.



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Strategic Surveillance Deployment:** Portable CCTV units are being installed in crime hotspots, at public events, and across remote areas
- **Trained Professionals at Work:** various police personnel across the field divisions have completed intensive hands-on training.
- **Proven Crime Deterrent:** These systems have already shown success during investigations.

BEHIND THE SCENES:

- Officers trained in proper logbook maintenance
- Strict chain-of-custody protocols established
- Real-case scenario simulations conducted

"This program reflects our commitment to His Majesty's vision of a secure Bhutan," Crime and Operations Department. *"The public can feel safer knowing these additional eyes are helping protect our communities."*

NDOVU OFFICE INAUGURATED AT PARO AIRPORT TO STRENGTHEN ANTI-DRUG EFFORTS

On 25th July 2025, the Deputy Chief of Police (Crime and Operations) inaugurated the new Narcotic Drugs and Other Vices Unit (NDOVU) office at Paro International Airport, emphasizing enhanced vigilance against drug trafficking. The event, attended by officials from the Department of Air Transport (DoAT), Division-I, and NDOVD, included a briefing on combating drug smuggling. A stakeholder meeting with representatives from DoAT, BCAA, Customs, Immigration, BFDA, and airlines reinforced inter-agency collaboration, with discussions on refining NDOVU's Standard Operating Procedures to secure the airport from illicit activities. The collective resolve was reaffirmed to safeguard the nation's interests under TSA Wa Sum.



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE



During the second week of August, the Traffic Division has intensified enforcement against unsafe overtaking and reckless driving for 7 days. The Highway Flying Squad used mobile cameras (on bikes, police, and private cars) to monitor violations. Additional personnel will ensure strict compliance with all traffic rules.

TRAININGS

RBP Enhances Community Safety with Stop & Frisk Initiative



RBP's Division XI trained 58 officers/NCOs on July 7 in standardized Stop & Frisk protocols, combining legal theory with practical techniques.

Following the training, Division XI deployed teams for night patrols during summer break. Officers engaged suspicious youths with professional frisking and guidance to prevent late-night risks, combining crime prevention with community outreach for safer neighborhoods.



Fire Safety Training Conducted at Wangditse Lhakhang

Fire and Rescue Services Division (FRSD) trained Wangditse Lhakhang staff in fire hose/extinguisher use on 09th July 2025. Pending pump repairs, the team will return to complete hydrant system training, ensuring full preparedness to protect this important heritage site.



RBP Strengthens Financial Accountability Through Sensitization Meeting

The Royal Bhutan Police launched a two-day sensitization program on July 11 for Field Division Accountants from all 18 LC holder divisions, following audit findings of fund misuse. The session, opened by DCoP (Admin & Finance), reinforced financial discipline, procurement compliance (PRR 2025), and accountability measures, with presentations on audit lapses and corrective actions. This initiative underscores RBP's commitment to transparent and responsible financial management.

Capacity Building Training for Security Personnel of RMA



RBP is conducted a 3-day security training (24-26 July) for RMA's 14 personnel, covering surveillance, emergency response, firearms handling, and fire safety. Led by 4 RBP experts and opened by Governor Dasho Penjore, the program combines theory with practical drills to strengthen protection of vital financial infrastructure.

Procurement Awareness Program

RBP hosted a procurement awareness session on 22 July for 84 personnel, covering PRR-2025, eGP, and e-Tools implementation. The training strengthened understanding of modern procurement systems among officers and staff.

TRAININGS

Fire Safety Training Conducted for RMA Security Personnel



FRSD trained 9 RMA security staff in fire safety on 24 July, covering fire theory, prevention, and hands-on extinguisher use. The 45-minute session strengthened emergency response capabilities at the vital installation.



Fire Safety Training Conducted for Royal Thimphu College.



Fire and Rescue Services Department conducted a comprehensive fire safety and prevention advocacy session for 38 student leaders of RTC, covering theoretical and practical demonstrations, including the fire triangle, fire classification, types and operation methods of fire extinguishers, fire prevention measures, a live fire extinguisher demonstration, and an LPG fire extinguishing demonstration, submitted for your kind information.



Field Drug Testing Training

On 22nd July 2025, NDOVD and BFDA jointly conducted a Field Drug Testing training at NDOVD Conference Hall from 0900-1200 hrs, attended by 11 NDOVD personnel and 2 Paro Airport police. The session covered practical testing techniques, safety protocols, and legal procedures through theory, live demonstrations, and precautionary measures, enhancing participants' skills in accurate substance identification and handling. This collaboration strengthens drug enforcement capabilities.

Strengthening Fire Safety Measures at Phuentsholing Pedestrian Terminal



Fire safety measures at Phuentsholing's Pedestrian Terminal was strengthened through stakeholder meetings and training. Key agencies coordinated on risk assessments, monthly drills, and equipment checks. Over 150 immigration and police personnel underwent hands-on firefighting training, culminating in a successful mock drill on August 1. The initiative highlighted improved emergency response while identifying areas for further refinement in safety protocols.



Under the visionary guidance of His Majesty The King, something deeply transformative is unfolding within the RBP training grounds. This is not just a course. It's a calling. A bold new training program, crafted specifically for the Gelephu Mindfulness City, is turning 303 recruits into mindful guardians of a modern Bhutan.

A CURRICULUM DESIGNED WITH VISION

The indoors curriculum of the first five month covers three profound subject areas:

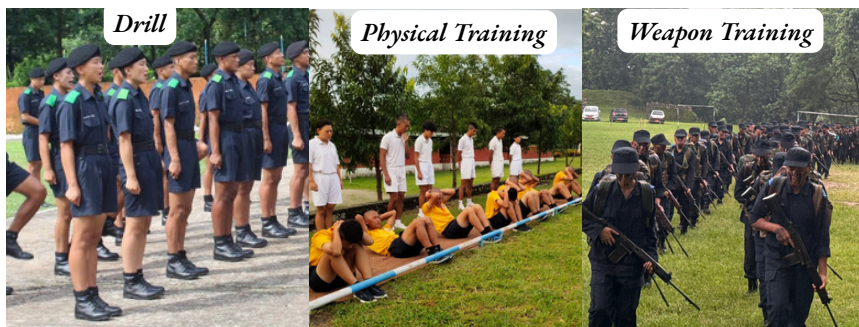
- ✓ **Legal Studies:** Practical law enforcement knowledge
- ✓ **Police Science:** From investigation, digital literacy and forensics to tactical deployment and urban policing—recruits learn to navigate the complexity of a modern city with confidence.
- ✓ **Social Science:** Where it all comes together—mental resilience, emotional intelligence, leadership, human rights, and public service etiquette.

After the five-month basic course, recruits shall undergo **two months of specialization** in six mission-critical areas:

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|--|--|
| 1. Fire and Rescue Service; | 2. Critical Infrastructure and VIP Security; |
| 3. Emergency Response and Disaster Management; | 6. Prison Management and Security |
| 4. Public Order Management and Riot Control; | |
| 5. Traffic Management and Enforcement; and | |

Beyond the Classroom

- Hands-on simulations, team drills, and *mentorship*
- *"Learn, Relearn, Unlearn"* approach for adaptability
- First aid, mental health, and public safety modules with expert trainers



Outdoor training builds readiness, discipline, and teamwork



New computer lab equips recruits for digital policing.



Mentorship: Instructor guide groups of 10-15 recruits



Riot control gear

NOT JUST TRAINED — TRANSFORMED

What does it take to serve in a city envisioned as a global center for peace, compassion, and innovation?

The answer lies in the foundation of this training:

- Discipline rooted in purpose
- Leadership shaped through resilience
- Professionalism anchored in values
- Mindfulness as a way of life

Every recruit is being shaped not just to follow orders—but to lead with integrity, to think critically, and to serve with heart.

We are building police persons who are ready to respond to crises, uphold the rule of law, gain the respect of the people and represent the nobility of our institution,"

~ The Training Team.

A CHEF'S CHALLENGE TO RBP

"Keep excelling—but shout louder! Your community-first approach could inspire global policing. Share your story through social media, trainings, and exchanges. The world needs this model."

And to Every Personnel:

"Never stop learning. Whether you're a chef or a cop, growth is how we serve better."

When I first arrived in Bhutan, what caught my attention wasn't just the breathtaking mountains—it was the visible, approachable presence of the Royal Bhutan Police.

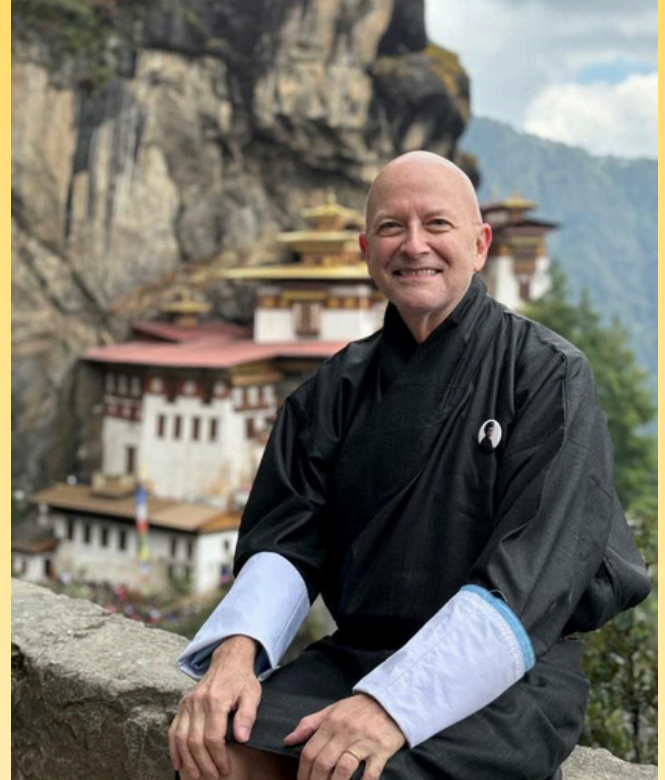
What impresses him the most? The small, often overlooked details- Spotless uniforms, carefully tended rose gardens, and the way police personnel carry themselves with pride.

"You can tell a lot about a force by how they carry themselves, and the RBP does it with pride," he adds.

From his global lens, Bhutan's approach to policing feels like a breath of fresh air.

"In cities like New York, community policing only picked up recently" he recalls. "But in Thimphu, you see officers walking the streets, engaging with people—not just enforcing rules but building relationships."

Mr. William Bill, USA



Mr. William Bill, an international chef instructor from the United States, has been living and working in Bhutan as part of the DSP Skilling Program. With an impressive background that includes serving at the White House under two U.S. Presidents and working alongside the U.S. Armed Forces, his insights come from a deep well of experience, discipline, and global perspective.

More importantly, he praises the RBP for the way they interact with the public—with empathy, calmness, and strength. He recounts a personal incident where he was stopped for a traffic violation.

"The officer was firm, yes, but never confrontational. That's true professionalism."

***"IN BHUTAN, PEACE ISN'T ENFORCED -
IT'S NURTURED, LIKE THE ROSES OUTSIDE THE DSP TRAINING FACILITY."***

FEATURE:

On Duty, On Paws: Meet the Dogs Behind RBP Operations

From four paws to forty—RBP’s Canine Unit has come a long way since it was first set up in 1983 with just four dogs and handlers trained in India. Their first mission? Tracking escaped prisoners and finding missing persons.

Today, with 40 trained dogs and 38 dedicated handlers stationed across Bhutan, the Canine Unit plays a vital role in:

- 🔍 Detecting narcotics, explosives, and tobacco
- 🚨 Tracking criminals and missing persons
- 🛡️ Supporting frontline enforcement across the country



A BOND BEYOND DUTY



Handler Peljab Cheki Dorji and Labrador ‘Karma’ have worked side-by-side for 4 years.

“In one operation, Bobby detected drugs hidden inside a fuel tank. He just sat down and looked at me. I knew he had found something,” Peljab Cheki recalls.

Handlers feed, train, and care for their dogs daily—building trust that can’t be faked. But challenges remain, from limited training tools to kennel budgets.

📌 DID YOU KNOW?

- 🦴 Police dogs can distinguish individual human scents—even days after a person has left the scene.
- 🐾 A Labrador’s nose has up to 300 million scent receptors. A human? Just 5 million.
- 🎯 RBP dogs can detect explosives, narcotics, tobacco, and even track lost persons.
- 🏠 Each RBP handler is paired with one dog—building long-term trust and teamwork.

TRAINING, TEAMWORK & TRUST



Every dog undergoes continuous training. *“When the bond is strong, the dog will follow the handler without fear.”*

“A confident handler makes a confident dog.”

RBP also sends selected handlers abroad for upskilling—bringing back techniques that strengthen the whole Unit.

REAL CASES, REAL IMPACT: RBP’S CANINE UNIT IN ACTION

The Canine Unit has played a crucial role in solving several high-profile cases:

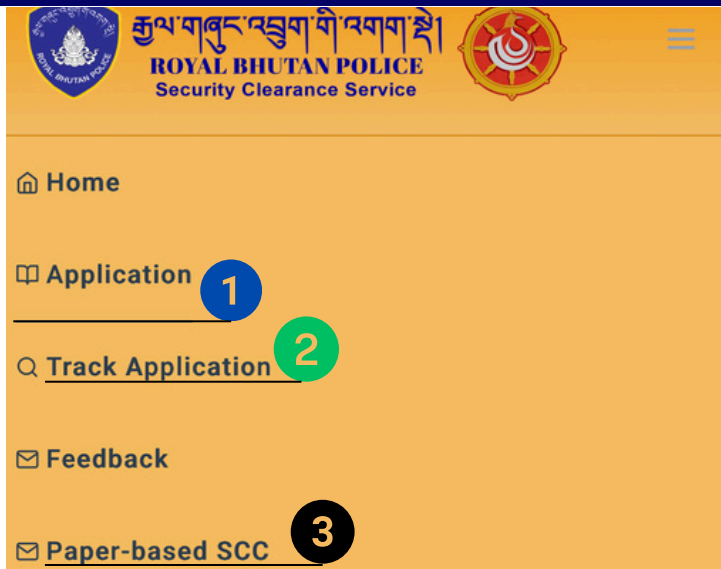
- 🏠 Wangbama: A trained dog followed a footprint trail that led straight to a suspect’s hideout, where stolen goods were recovered.
- 🌲 Paro: A dog sniffed out stolen items buried deep in a forest.
- 🚗 Thimphu: Near Memorial Chorten, a detection dog uncovered narcotics stashed in a car trunk.

These are just a few examples of how RBP’s dogs are not just partners—but vital assets in law enforcement operations.

*They don’t need sirens or uniforms. With sharp senses and precision, the dogs of the **RBP Canine Unit** are making a real difference—on patrol, at check points, & at the heart of investigations.*



FEATURE : HOW TO GET YOUR SECURITY CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (SCC). In 4 Simple Steps | Valid for 1 Year



1 Online SCC Application (via Bhutan NDI App)

Step 1: Install Bhutan NDI App

Step 2: Visit scs.rbp.gov.bt

Step 3: Click "Application" → Enter CID → click on "check your name" to save → select your DOB → Choose SCC Type (General/Election/Arms)

Step 4: Submit!

NOTE: ✗ Election/Arms License denied if past criminal record exists.




2 To Track Application Status

Enter CID + DOB → Check approval progress (no NDI login needed).

DON'T MISS THIS!

- Certificate is valid for 1 year from date of issue
- You may renew 1 month before expiry
- If your current SCS needs to be valid for a longer period, contact ICT Division.

QUICK RECAP

- ✓ Use Bhutan NDI App
-  Your online SCC must be approved first before applying for a paper-based version.
-  SCC is Valid for 1 year
-  For Paper-based SCC, Biometrics is needed (above 7- 8 yrs)

3 Paper-Based SCC (For Ex-Country Use)

Prerequisite: Your online SCC must already be approved.

Steps:



- Go to "**Paper-Based SCC**" on the dashboard.
- Fill the *online SCC form for Paper Based SCC*
- Add Dependant? Fill dependant details → Click "Add Dependant" to save.
- Submit (online form auto-sent to Department of law and order)
- Download undertaking pdf → Print, fill & sign (applicant/ guarantor if abroad/ applicant residing abroad may print, fill, affix legal stamp, sign, scan & send).
- Wait for an email from dloscc@moha.gov.bt (email from Department of Law and Order).
- Following details must be attached separately:

Applicant's:

1. Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss)
2. Date of Birth
3. Gender (Male/Female)
4. CID No:
5. Passport No.
6. Occupation in detail:
7. Name of Working agency/University/School:
8. Present address
9. Minimum qualification
10. Contact No.
11. Email / Social media account
12. Purpose of visa
13. Country/State
14. Name of Consultancy:
15. Consultancy Contact No:
16. Date of Form Submission:

- Submit in person at Room No. 38, RBP Headquarters with: Printed email from dloscc@moha.gov.bt, the above applicant's details & the undertaking PDF that is Signed with legal form affixed

SPECIAL CASES

-  **Applicants Abroad?** Add dependents → Guarantor (**MUST BE A CLOSE RELATIVE**) submits forms.
-  **Age 7/8+?** Submit biometrics (softcopy → hardcopy in 1 month).



TRAFFIC POLICE NOTICE



TECH UPGRADE
(New AI mode)
Spots excuses
before you make
them



SMILE! YOU'RE ON 4K SPEED CAMERA!

Our flying squads are like
paparazzi – but for traffic violations

DRIVER'S CHECKLIST

- ✓ Valid Driver's License
- ✓ Up-to-date Registration & Roadworthiness Certificate
- ✓ Working lights/brakes (If it doesn't blink or stop, neither will we)
- ✓ Standard number plates (Fancy fonts? Save them for Losar cards)
- ✓ Legal silencers (Your bike isn't a rock concert- keep it quiet)
- ✓ Tyres with tread (Bald tyres = Bold fines)



RADAR GUNS DOESN'T KILL BUT SAVES LIVES



WHAT IT CATCHES:

- Speeders / Usain Bolt wannabes
- Lane hoppers ,worse than kids in a bouncy castle
- Rolling stop offenders, your car isn't a ballerina

"DRIVE SAFE. ARRIVE ALIVE"