

# THE BLUE LINE



Keeping the Force Informed and United



### **NEW INITIATIVES**

#### AFIS NOW INSTALLED IN EVERY DZONGKHAG Fingerprint Services at Your Doorstep

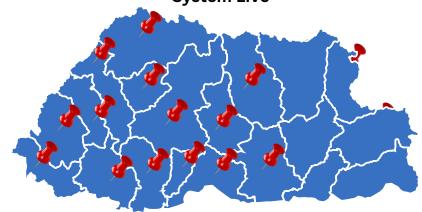
The Royal Bhutan Police now operates the **Automated Fingerprint Identification System** (**AFIS**) across all 20 Dzongkhags, guaranteeing faster service delivery, accurate identity verification, and enhanced crime detection.

This nationwide rollout means the public no longer needs to travel far for fingerprint registration and verification. Every dzongkhag police station is **digitally equipped & operational**, making biometrics accessible to all.

#### What AFIS Means for You

- Services available locally, no long travel
- Faster processing & record retrieval
- Improved investigation accuracy
- Better support for legal & clearance needs
- Real-time biometric identification

## All Dzongkhags : Fully Equipped, Clerks Trained & System Live



AFIS Coverage: 20/20 Dzongkhags | 100% Operational

• For enquiries & biometric services, visit your nearest Police Station.

#### STRENGTHENING SAFETY THROUGH BHUTAN-ZURICH PARTNERSHIP



From 16–18 October 2025, His Excellency Mario Fehr, Minister of the Department of Security of the Canton of Zurich, and Mr. Lars Mulli, Director, visited the Royal Bhutan Police to further advance long-standing cooperation in fire safety and road safety.

The delegation formally handed over ten three-tiered extension ladders to the Fire and Rescue Service Division and observed practical demonstrations at the FRSD Container Training Facility.

They also met the Chief of Police to discuss ongoing projects and future areas of collaboration, including the development of a volunteer fire brigade.

The delegates visited the Traffic Division to see modern enforcement equipment supported under the partnership, followed by a live demonstration at Namseling. They also inspected fire safety installations at Wangduephodrang Dzong and commended the strong preparedness measures in place.

The RBP expresses deep appreciation to the Canton of Zurich for its continued support since 2015, which has significantly strengthened Bhutan's fire response, emergency readiness, and traffic management systems.

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#### INAUGURATION OF ICP GASHARIBALEY STRENGTHENS EASTERN BHUTAN'S BORDER MANAGEMENT



The Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Gasharibaley, Nganglam, was formally inaugurated and handed over to the Integrated Check Post Management Division. Located along the Gyalposhing, Nganglam highway in Pemagatshel Dzongkhag, which borders Assam, the operational ICP fills a critical security and monitoring gap in a region that serves as a vital lifeline for five eastern districts.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF NDOVD PHUENTSHOLING & APPOINTMENT OF SP

IThe Office of NDOVD, Phuentsholing, was formally inaugurated on 15th October 2025 by the SSP, Division III. This new office will henceforth oversee the NDLEU (Narcotic Drugs and Law Enforcement Unit) and NDLEC (Narcotic Drugs Law Enforcement Cell) offices across the four southern regions: Chukha, Samtse, Sarpang, and Samdrup Jongkhar.



#### PUNAKHA POLICE STATION CONDUCTS SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING



A three day in house Search and Rescue (SAR) training was successfully conducted by the Punakha PS rescue team for the personnel of the Khuruthang traffic unit and Lobesa Community Police.

The primary objective of this training was to enhance the preparedness of personnel at the district level to effectively respond to various emergencies.

As a core part of the preparedness plan, the trained personnel from the Lobesa Community Post and the Khuruthang traffic unit will now act as first responders during emergency incidents within their jurisdiction, ensuring quicker and more effective initial action.

### PRISON SERVICES DIVISION COMPLETE RIOT CONTROL DRILL TRAINING

The two-day Riot Control Drill training for the personnel of PSD Chamgang successfully concluded today, with a total participation of 107 personnel.

On behalf of the SSP, PSD, sincere thanks were extended to the instructors for their dedicated efforts throughout the training.



### **TRAININGS**

# Capacity Building Training on Forensic Toxicology and Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances



A two day Capacity Building Training on Forensic Toxicology and Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS), organized by the Crime and Operations Department, commenced today, 8th September 2025, at the RBP Headquarters for 21 officers nationwide. The program, designed to enhance investigative skills and law enforcement capacity in drug-related cases, is being conducted on a voluntary basis by Dr. R. K. Gupta, a retired Deputy Director with 38 years of experience from the State Forensic Science Laboratory, Chhattisgarh, India.

# 115 NLCS Officials Complete Integrated Training Programme

A total of 115 officials from the National Land Commission Secretariat (NLCS) successfully completed the 21day Integrated Training Programme (the 18th batch conducted by the SRPF) at the SRPF & National Search and Rescue Training Centre (NSARTC), Tashi Gatshel. The training, designed to instill discipline, foster teamwork, and nurture unity among NLCS staff to strengthen professional values and institutional cohesion, concluded today with a closing ceremony graced by the Secretary of the National Land Commission.



# RBP Concludes Advanced Document Examination Training



The Royal Bhutan Police, in collaboration with the Office of the Austrian Honorary Consul, successfully concluded a three day Advanced Document Security and Examination Training from 24th to 26th September 2025 at RBP Headquarters. Led by Austrian expert Mr. Markus Senfter, the training attended by 15 officers from various divisions built on the first session held in April and further strengthened RBP's skills in document authentication, international best practices, and fraud detection. The closing ceremony was graced by the Deputy Chief of Police (COD) and officials from the Austrian Consulate, marking an important step in enhancing investigative capability and professional excellence within the organisation.

### **TRAININGS**

Course on "Investigation of Cyber Crime Against Women, Children and Safety of Women,
Their Related Issues Forensic Aspects of NCL"Royal Bhutan Police Officers"

10-11-2025 to 14-11-2025



### RBP officers Completes Training on Investigation of Cyber Crime Against Women and Children.

Five officers from the Royal Bhutan Police successfully completed a week-long course on "Investigation of Cyber Crime Against Women, Children, and Their Safety Related Issues" at the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI), Hyderabad, from 10 to 14th November 2025, under the Government of India's Project Tied Assistance (PTA)

Six officers from the Royal Bhutan Police (RBP) have completed a ten day training program on "Social Media Monitoring and Investigation" at the North Eastern Police Academy (NEPA), Meghalaya (12 to 21 November 2025), under the Government of India's Project Tied Assistance (PTA).

The program provides practical training on the evolving landscape of social media crime, digital forensics, AI in monitoring, and cybersecurity to strengthen the officers' competence for effective digital investigations.



### 93rd INTERPOL General Assembly Opens in Marrakech



The 93rd INTERPOL General Assembly, held from 24 to 27 November 2025 in Marrakech, Morocco, brought together representatives from all 196 member countries under the theme "Connecting the World for a Safer Future."

The meeting focused on strengthening global cooperation against cybercrime, terrorism, and organized crime, with discussions on dismantling scam centres, enhancing policing capabilities, advancing women in policing, reviewing the Silver Notice pilot, and encouraging ratification of the UN Convention Against Cybercrime.

The Assembly remains a key platform for shaping international security priorities and law enforcement collaboration.

### **TRAININGS**

# **Scientific Investigation Training**



RBP Officers Commence Advanced Twenty officers of the Royal Bhutan Police (RBP) have commenced a two-week specialized training program on "Advanced Scientific Investigation" at the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI), Hvderabad. from November 24th December 2025, funded by the Government of India under the PTA framework.

> The intensive program focuses on the "Science of Investigation," covering crucial areas such as Forensic Psychology, DNA Profiling, Forensic Ballistics, Cybercrime & Digital Forensics, Financial Crimes, and Cross-Border Crime Cooperation, with participants scheduled to visit top scientific laboratories to enhance their practical knowledge.

Five officers from the Royal Bhutan Police (RBP) attending are three-day training specialized course Investigation of Cryptocurrency and Dark Web Crimes (01-03 December 2025) at the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI), Jaipur.

Funded by the Government of India under Project Tied Assistance the framework, this collaborative program with Indian participants is aimed at capabilities strengthening the investigators in both countries to respond effectively to emerging cyber-enabled threats. The **RBP** appreciates Government of India's continued support for law-enforcement capacity building.

### **RBP Officers Attend Cryptocurrency and Dark Web Investigation Training**



### **RBP Personnel Undergo CBT & SEL Training for Child-Centered Justice**



An intensive week-long training on Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) was successfully conducted for police personnel at the Youth Development Rehabilitation Center (YDRC) from 25th-30th November 2025, through a collaboration between Nazhoen Lamtoen and the Royal Bhutan Police (RBP), with support from UNICEF Bhutan.

This crucial training strengthens the RBP's capacity to adopt a trauma-informed and child-centered approach, equipping police personnel who act as first responders and daily caregivers with vital skills. Participants learned how thoughts, emotions, and behaviours are connected, along with strategies for stress communicating with management, empathy, creating a safe, supportive environment to guide young people toward healing, responsibility, and resilience.

### **RECOGNITIONS**

Six RBP Officers attended the 77RR Indian Police Service training in SVP National Police Academy, Hyderabad, India and brought home the following awards





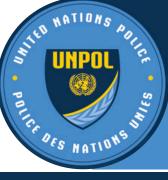
The BSF Trophy for Proficiency in Outdoor Subjects was awarded to Lieutenant Rigzen Chophel



**Lieutenant Pelden Dolma** won the Medal for Best Lady Probationer in PT



**Lieutenant Kuenga Lhendup** won the Medal for Best Gentleman Probationer in PT



### **Feature: Serving with the United Nations**

The Royal Bhutan Police extends its duty beyond borders in the pursuit of peace.

Far from home, under the blue flag of the United Nations, the RBP has extended its service to the cause of global peace. What began as a duty to protect harmony within Bhutan now reaches communities across the world, where RBP personnel help rebuild safety, trust, and hope.



His Majesty The King graciously grants audience to the inaugural deployment of Royal Bhutan Police officers for the Individual Police Officer mission.

Since 2014, more than a hundred RBP officers and NCO/ORs have taken part peacekeeping, serving Individual Police Officers (IPOs) in post-conflict regions, as seconded officers at the UN Headquarters in New York, and soon as part of Bhutan's own Druk Formed Police Unit (DFPU). Each role represents a different facet of contribution Bhutan's the international family of peacekeepers.

The DFPU, established under Royal Command in 2017, has already achieved Level III in the UN Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System, a remarkable milestone that brings Bhutan one step closer to deploying its first formed police contingent abroad. With trained police persons and an exceptional 40.63% female representation, the DFPU reflects strength, the RBP's growing discipline, and inclusivity.



Drone view of DFPU personnel engaged in Public Order Management (POM) training, enhancing operational preparedness and coordinated response.



16 officers and one NCO shall be deployed soon to the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in South Sudan. Through these experiences, RBP persons not only serve the world - they also bring the world's lessons home. They return with broader perspectives, sharper skills, and deeper empathy, enriching the way policing is practiced across Bhutan. Guided by the noble vision of His Majesty The King, the Royal Bhutan Police remains steadfast in its duty, to serve with integrity, to uphold peace with compassion, and to represent Bhutan with humility and honor on the global stage.

#### FROM WORDS TO EVIDENCE: THE TRUTH NOW HAS A LAB

Bhutan's justice system takes a historic leap from confessions to forensic science.

For decades, Bhutan's justice system leaned on confessions to solve crimes. But confessions can be coerced, unreliable, and unfair. Many lives were caught in limbo as cases dragged on, waiting for forensic results from abroad.

That chapter is over. On 23 November 2023, the Royal Bhutan Police inaugurated the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) at Serbithang, Thimphu, a turning point that moved Bhutan from confession-based policing to science led justice.



The Forensic Science Laboratory - Bhutan's new hub of truth and justice.

### **₫ SCIENCE AT THE SERVICE OF JUSTICE**

Inside the state of the art facility, evidence speaks louder than words.

- DNA profiling, fingerprint lifting, and digital forensics ensure accuracy.
- Cyber Crime experts analyze phones, computers, and digital trails, exposing hidden truths.
- CCTV integration cross-checks witness statements and timelines.
- Plans for a national DNA database will link suspects to unresolved crimes, strengthening crime detection like never before.

#### WHY IT MATTERS

- Justice Delayed, No More: Evidence no longer waits months for results overseas. Investigations are faster, sharper, and credible.
- Innocence Protected: In one past case, a young man spent five months in custody until foreign forensic tests proved his innocence. With the FSL, such injustices can now be prevented.
- Millions Saved: In just 20 months, the lab has processed 103 DNA cases, saving the nation over Nu. 8.5 million in overseas courier and analysis costs.

#### A NEW ERA FOR BHUTAN

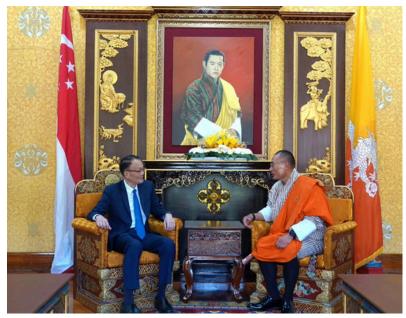
From murder and rape to burglary and sensitive religious offences, complex cases are now solved with scientific precision. Trained professionals, international standards, and upcoming forensic training for all investigators ensure that the system is built to last.

This transformation is more than technological. It is about fairness, credibility, and trust. The FSL stands as a beacon of truth, protecting the innocent, convicting the guilty, and restoring faith in Bhutan's justice system.

"Science is now the strongest witness in Bhutan's courts."

### **FEATURE**

### RBP AND SPF UNITE FOR A SMARTER, SAFER FUTURE IN POLICING



Singapore Police Commissioner calls on the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bhutan



Singapore Police Commissioner calls on the Hon'ble Home Minister of Bhutan



Singapore Police Commissioner calls on the Hon'ble Chief of Police of Bhutan

The Royal Bhutan Police (RBP) and the Singapore Police Force (SPF) are joining hands to build a Smarter, Safer, and More connected future in policing.

At a bilateral meeting on 27 October 2025, both sides explored new areas of collaboration in **digital technology**, **cybercrime**, **forensics**, **community policing**, **and capacity developmen**, reaffirming their shared vision of a professional and future ready police force.

The SPF delegation, led by Commissioner of Police Mr. Hoong Wee Teck, met the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bhutan, Hon'ble Home Minister of Bhutan, and the Hon'ble Chief of Police of RBP, exchanging ideas on how technology, AI, CCTV, and modern forensics can transform policing in Bhutan.

With around 50 RBP officers already trained in Singapore, the partnership is getting momentum. Both sides are now working to **institutionalize** this cooperation through a **joint statement and subsequent MoU,** marking a renewed chapter in friendship and collaboration.

This growing partnership embodies Bhutan's commitment to building a modern, innovative, and resilient police force, one rooted in shared values, mutual respect, and a collective pursuit of excellence



### THE INTERNET IS NOTAS BIG AS YOU THINK

# 1. IT FEELS VAST. IT ISN'T.

We imagine the internet as endless a place where things disappear.

### The truth is simpler. And scarier.

- One tap reaches thousands
- One post spreads in seconds
- One mistake never disappears
- Screenshots don't forget

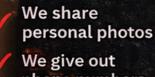
# THE INTERNET IS SMALL. CROWDED. PERMANENT.

And we step into it every day unguarded.



### 2. OFFLINE VS. ONLINE: A DANGEROUS DOUBLE STANDARD

- **✓** We zip our bags
- ✓ We hold our phones close
- ✓ We avoid strangers
- **✓** We stay alert



- phone numbers
- We reveal locations & routines.

We overshare emotions & moments

To a crowd we cannot see.

Or control.

OFFLINE, WE GUARD EVERYTHING. ONLINE, WE GUARD NOTHING.

# 3. THE MYTH OF "SAFE ONLINE SPACES"

The internet feels friendly, Familiar, Safe.

#### That's the illusion.

- One photo can become a deepfake
- One message can be a trap
- One joke can follow you forever
- One private moment can become a public shame

### THAT IS THE REAL DANGER.

**THINK** BEFORE YOU TAP. PAUSE BEFORE YOU POST.

THE INTERNET NEVER FORGETS.



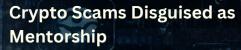
#### 4. THE DIGITAL DANGERS GROWING AROUND US

### **Deepfake Exploitation**

Photos manipulated into explicit content in minutes

## Al-Propaganda & Misinformation

Malicious synthetic videos designed to create division.



Fraud disguised as "investment training"

**Tiktok Gambling Networks** *Harmless live sessions turning into organized crime* 

### CRIMINALS NO LONGER BREAK INTO HOMES

#### THEY BREAK INTO MINDS

### 5. SO, HOW DO YOU STAY SAFE?

Few habits can protect you massively:

- ✓ Don't trust unknown profiles
- ✓ Don't overshare photos & personal info
- ✓ Never send pictures you wouldn't want leak
- Blur your background during video calls
- Report suspicious accounts immediately
- ✓ Teach children & teens digital caution
- Always think before you click "send" or before you click on a link

Your common sense is the real premium security plan.



### 6. THE FINAL THOUGHT

The danger isn't the internet.

The danger is how casually we walk into it.

Your digital safety is not automatic

So the next time you pick up your phone, Ask yourself;

"Would I do this in a crowded marketplace?" If the answer is no, do not do it online.

THE INTERNET NEVER FORGETS.
SO PROTECT YOURSELF BEFORE YOU POST.

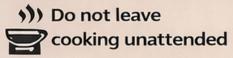


### **FEATURE: BE FIRE SAFE AT HOME**

**REMEMBER: PASS** to Use a Fire Extinguisher



### డ్రు Kitchen Safety



 Regularly check LPG cylinders and connections for leaks

### Electrical Safety

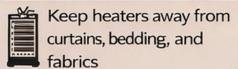
- Avoid overloadingsockets.
- Repair or replace faulty wiring immediately.



### **♦** Open Flames

- Never leave fires unattended.
- Extinguish flames completely after use

### **Meating Equipment**



### **♦** Gas & Fuel Safety

- Turn off gas regulators when not in use.
- Smell gas? Ventilate immediately and do not use flames

### **☐** Safe Exits

- Keep doors, corridors and stairways clear of cutter
- Ensure quick and easy evacuation at all times



Royal Bhutan Police · Fire & Rescue Services Division Call 1010 for Emergencies

# WINTER DRIVING WARNING

Don't slide into 2026!





RBP is watching... DRIVE RESPONSIBLY!

### **FEATURE**



# WINTER BREAK: STAY SMART, STAY SAFE.

Simple rules to avoid trouble.













· RBP | 113 Emergency | 1098 Child Helpline

### LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER

As the New Year begins, the Royal Bhutan Police extends its warm wishes to every home across Bhutan for a year filled with safety, peace, and hope.

Safety is not ensured by laws or uniforms alone. It is strengthened through the everyday care, vigilance, and shared sense of responsibility that bind us together as a community.

The Royal Bhutan Police remains firmly committed to working in close partnership with our communities to protect life, uphold peace, and safeguard our shared future.

