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## Royal Government of Bhutan

## **Press Release**

## Ministry of Finance and De-Suung Skilling Programme Forge Historic Partnership in **Advancing Bhutan's Tax Reforms**

Bhutan today stands at the threshold of a historic economic transformation. To prepare the nation for the implementation of the new Income Tax, Goods and Services Tax (GST), and Excise Duty Acts from 1 January 2026, the Ministry of Finance (MoF), in collaboration with the De-Suung Skilling Programme (DSP), has recruited 47 De-Suup personnel who will serve as frontline enablers of reform.

A rigorous selection process was held in Thimphu from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025. A total of 154 candidates were shortlisted and 96 attended interviews, leading to the final selection of 47 De-Suups.

These De-Suung personnel will join on two-year contract in Supervisory and Support capacities. Before assuming their roles in Regional Offices across the country, they will undergo intensive orientation and training programmes designed to equip them with the skills necessary to support the Ministry in this national reform agenda.

This collaboration reflects not only an administrative necessity but also a symbolic union of national service and public policy, where the spirit of volunteerism and professionalism converge in service of Bhutan's future.

"The Ministry of Finance is deeply grateful to the De-Suung Skilling Programme for this partnership that strengthens our preparedness for reform. These recruits will not only reinforce institutional capacity but also carry forward the spirit of service and trust upon which our nation is built." – Ministry of Finance.

"This collaboration stands as a testament to how government organisations and DSP's industry partnerships can work together to create meaningful career opportunities for the nation's youth."-DSP

The integration of De-Suups into Bhutan's reform journey ensures that when the new tax system takes effect, it will be more than a technical change. It will be a collective step forward, powered by youth, service, and shared national vision.

As the Kingdom prepares for this new fiscal era, the message is clear: when policy meets purpose, and when service meets statecraft, Bhutan moves forward together.