

RTC Media Club News-letter

Fall 2015



Dear readers,

We are very happy to present the first RTC Media Club Newsletter to you all. This newsletter is not just a newsletter but the reflection of the hard work of club members, the lessons that shaped us and courage to do better.

We would like to thank all the RTC Media Club members for supporting us in producing this first e-newsletter. Thank you for believing in each other. It is through the making of this newsletter that we taught each other the importance of quality over quantity. We learned that even a small group can work with devotion and actually make a difference.

We hope that everyone enjoys reading this, although we had more stories and events to fill in this first publication, this is start for us and If you have any suggestions on how to improve the quality of the newsletter please email us on 102073dec@rtc.bt or 101933nim@rtc.bt.

For our Faculty members, kindly contact the Club Adviser kinchhot@rtc.bt. We thank our Library department, Ms. Alice for her contribution and the initial support for the Club members. Looking forward to the next semester (Spring 2016), we promise you all that more is yet to come.

You may want to tell us topics for 'Open Mic' events, contribute stories to the Newsletter and tell us events that you may organize so we can cover your events. Until then, we wish our RTC community- Best wishes as Fall 2015 comes to a close.

Thank you.

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Mountain Echoes speaks in RTC



On 22nd August Royal Thimphu College hosted four speakers in the college's auditorium as a part of sixth edition of the Mountain Echoes. RTC had the privilege of hosting another session of speakers this Fall 2015. The four speakers were Ruchira Gupta, Jamie Zeppa, Rocky Singh and Mayur Sharma. Ruchira Gupta has helped many women to escape the shadow of human trafficking. She visited the mountains of Nepal to write a story where she came to know that women in that village were taken to Mumbai and explored. She then started her journey of fighting for those innocent victims. The hall echoed with her words, "Go forward, courage is contagious".

Jamie Zepp, the author of **Beyond the earth and the sky** shared about her book. She also spoke about her stay in Bhutan and how much Bhutan had changed since then. She read some of the extracts from the book and narrated the incidents from the book to the students. Her use of certain Sharchop words in her talk made the audience laugh. Rocky Singh and Mayur Sharma who work in television show explored the different varieties of Indian cuisines. Their talk was a fulfilled one, as the speakers constantly cracked jokes and shared about their journey. They encouraged the students to step out and start exploring. They organized a small game for the audience. Each person was made to hold the hand of other in line and fight their thumbs against each other. "This is so exciting. I have never been to one before. It has been a great experience and I look forward to more of Mountain Echoes", said Tashi Yangzom, a first year student studying English and Environment.

Exam Wishes



"Be patient and have faith in yourself. Everything will work out for the best. I would like to wish everyone the best for your exams"

–Sushila Rai

Success is a gift of hard work and dedication. I wish all my RTC family a very best of luck for the final exams

–Sangay

Lhakpa

Yoenten Lopen performs Goenpi Tong Tshog in RTC



The Student Government Body of Royal Thimphu College organized college a *Rimdro* on the 23rd of September for the wellbeing of RTC family and to pray for the 60th birth anniversary of fourth Druk Gyelpo.

More than 600 devotees joined the event including the College President, Dean's and Faculty members along with the students. The ritual was performed by Yoenten Lopen, and twelve monks from the Tashichho Dzong in Thimphu. On the first day, few monks started making *Torm* (offerings) and decorating alters with fruits and packages (tshog) for the ritual. The next day started with *Lhap Sang* ceremony at 6am and ended with the *Tashi Moenlam*. The ritual was *Goenpi Thong Tshog* where the students offer thousands of fruits and packages to god in order to get blessings and for the wellbeing of college, country and all sentient being. And finally, cultural club entertained all the guests with cultural dance performances. Student leaders with help of Student Services Department and Dzongkha Lopens were fully engaged in this day long activity. Nima Dorji, studying Political Science and sociology in 3rd year said, "Rimdro is very important to be performed at least once a year in places like colleges and schools to have secure and wellbeing of all the people and sentient being".



***"Do your best RTC family for
your semester end exam and
happy vacation"***

-Mindu Wangmo

***"I wish all the best for your
final exam"***

-Bikram Sharma

***"All the best to my RTC
friends for the finals"***

-Sonam

Hundreds join in saving lives



More than hundred students donated blood on 9th September 2015 in Royal Thimphu College. It was organized by a team from Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital with the help of Student Service Department and the Student Government.

The report says that, more than 290 students registered to give their blood. However, few numbers of donors were rejected as they did not read the normal blood pressure as required and some of them being under medications. It was the 11th blood donation camp which the college organizes every semester with the help of the Health workers from JDWNRH. The donation campaign started at 9:00 Am in morning till 5 Pm. More than 10 health workers were engaged in a day program assisted by the Student Leaders. Students were reminded to donate blood without any disturbance to their regular classes. One of the health worker said, "giving blood is not only to save others life but also maintaining one's health too"

The donors were given milk, juice, cake, egg and momo as refreshments. Sangay Dorji, a third year student says "after donating blood, I feel very light and comfortable. Moreover I am happy to give blood to save someone's life". Majority of the student donate blood to save lives while some registered to check their physical overall wellbeing and fitness purposes.



"Tashi Delek RTC students on your exams! Study hard and bask in the good grades you will receive. You are all going to do fantastically"

-Harmony Jordan

"Hey people, you do not need to be scared of the exams, the exams need to be scared of you! So prepare well and wish you all good luck"

-Sangay Wangdi

Student beautifies literature through Moliere play



On the 19th of October 2015, The performing Arts club of Royal Thimphu College performed a French Drama, "The imaginary invalid" or as in French "Le Malade Imaginaire," in the auditorium of Royal Thimphu College. The play "Imaginary Invalid" is a comedy. Throughout the play the author Moliere, brilliantly blends satire and Farce in a Fast-moving plot that lampoons doctors. The plot takes place in the second half of the seventeenth century at the Paris home of a hypochondriac. It was a time when many physicians still relied heavily on enemas and bleeding to purge the body of illness - methods that often worsened the condition of the patient.

Apothecaries and physicians often prescribed medicines prepared from plants, minerals and various chemicals with unpredictable results.

Tandin Gyeltshen (Argan) around whom the plot centred upon, said that the role of Argan was a challenging one for him as the character demanded him to act as a man who is fearful but miserly hypochondriac and who is obsessed with his own imagined illness to the point where he seems to think of nothing else. Tandin Gyeltshen said, "He enjoyed doing the play because at the end of the day the results were positive and I am looking forward to the next play." Director of the play Tshering Lhagyel of BA Eng. and EVS said, "Apart from few difficulties we faced during the practice, everything else was smooth and the actors gave their best to entertain the audience." The only Faculty Swati Chakraborty the club advisor and the students had brought the play to even more professional level this semester.



"I wish all the best for your final exam"

– Bikram
Sharma

"Dear RTC family,
goodluck for your exam! I
wish all your hard works
get paid and you pass your
exam with colourful
marks!"

– Tashi
Choden

Inter class/residence Football Championship League



B.Com Finance, 3rd year lost 1-2 to B.A Political Science and Sociology, 3rd year. The Clock struck four PM, when the teams who had reached the finals entered the ground. The defending champions of 2014, B.A political Science and Sociology, Final Year was yet again in the Grand Finale event. The evening was wet after a heavy rain and the teams started the game with the National anthem being sung. After the handshakes from the Chief Guest for the event, College President Thakur S. Powdyel, the boys were energized for the game. The captain of B.A Pol. Sci, Kuenzang Galay (Bumlay) stated that "the team spirit was high. The tension as well as the spirit was high since we wanted to defend our title of 'Champions' from last year, and we did, we are the undefeated champions!" Galay said gleefully.

In the first half, Bhagat Ghalley, Jersey number 23 of the winning team scored the first goal of the day. During the second half, B.Com Finance provided a comeback goal with Karma (Jigdrel) scoring. After a penalty was awarded for the tackle on Sonam Phuntsho of B.A Political Science, Kuenzang Galay (Bumlay) – the captain converted the spot kick which gave them back the lead again and the victory.

At 5pm the Girls Inter-Residence match kicked off with a slow start in the beginning but as the evening continued the momentum picked up. However, neither side putting any goals lead to penalties as the decider. The day scholar team won with 4-3 goals to the Sernya residence. As darkness prevailed over Royal Thimphu College, the certificate and prizes were awarded to all the amazing players by the Chief Guest.

RTC lecturer visits Nepal

RTC Faculty, Mr. Jesse Montes, Lecturer on Environmental studies visited Nepal for a five day long conference on eco-tourism from 5th October to 10th October.

The conference was divided into two parts.

First they discussed their idea, signed the contract with Himalayan University Consortium under International centre for Integral Mountain Development and received the grant worth USD 20,000 for the research. The member countries were China, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal.

In the second part, the meetings with the partners were conducted as the Royal Thimphu College plans to partner and collaborate with Kathmandu and Sikkim University. The research began in the fall of 2015. There are ten students working with the faculties. These ten students were selected after they applied to be a part of the research work. This research work will be carried for one and a half year. "The students are about 90% trained and almost ready to go to fields" says Mr. Montes. The students will have their first field trip from November 10th till 15th. The students are trained to develop questions, Pilot interview, background literature review and GPS. Maiti Maya Subba, one of the ten students says, "We are doing many reading, such as articles. We are also being trained in GPS. I think the work is going to a little hard as beginners but will be fun".

This result will be further compared with the results of Kathmandu and Sikkim University.

The research is looking at the sustainability of tourism. It will look into ecotourism and determining how successful they are in determining the economy of Bhutan, social and environmental objectives. "The meeting was successful despite the strike in Nepal", said Mr. Montes.



"Good luck for the semester end exam. After a semester long hard work, it is time to finally end with a good work. Good luck! Have a good break"

-Pem Choden

"May good luck kiss your feet. Good luck for the exams"

- Tshetrim Zangmo

RTC Media Club joins respectpoint



On 13th of November RTC Media Club joined the Respectpoint (a place to be positive to the people you care about). Y-Peer, Social Service club and CBS were the three other clubs that joined the website.

It was first initiated in Lungtenzampa Middle Secondary School and RTC is the second pilot. When they started the project the website did not have much variety and facilities. It is now upgraded. Like any other social networking sites, Respectpoint also functions first with creation of an account. However the main motive behind is to celebrate, congratulate, to thank and encourage.

Some of the goals of this initiation were to get connected, learn and spread positivity. You can log into the website www.respectpoint.com and join the community.



"Dear students, it's time for your exams! Make your parents proud by passing the exams and especially make us, the teachers proud!"

- Faculty member

"Dear RTCians! It's time to kill some papers. Good luck to you all. May we all pass and not leave behind any back papers"

-Karma Tenzin Choden

RTCian Express



"I would like to offer my prayers and join everyone in congratulating the Royal Couple for the good news. Eagerly waiting" –Sushila Rai

"All the Bhutanese are sharing the happiness with the Royal Couple for yet another Druk Gyalpo." –Pem Choden.

"I was overjoyed to hear the extraordinary news, in fact the news of the nation. This news was long awaited news for me." – Sonam

"I am overwhelmed to hear that Bhutan is going to receive a greatest gift from our beloved king and queen. I can't wait for the moment." - Tshetrim Zangmo

"Congratulations your Majesty and Queen for the good news of 6th king. –Bikram Sharma

"It is a blessing being born in the land of Thunder Dragon. Congratulations to your Majesties. Pelden Drukpa Gyalo." –Mindu Wangmo

"The peoples king and the peoples queen will soon provide us with the greatest gift of our time, the sixth king. Congratulations to all!" - Nima Lham





"Heartiest congratulations to our King and Queen on this joyous news!" –Yeshey Dema

"Congratulations to our beloved King and Queen." –Sonam Choden

"We the people, to our Peoples King and Queen, convey a very heartfelt congratulation." –Pema Cheki

"May the happiness of million years be bestowed upon His Majesty and Her Majesty." –Januka Ghalley

"Tashi Delek to our King and Queen." –Kinjang Dema

"Happy first child to our Majesties'- May you live long and prosper." –Lhaka Dem

"A wish that all your dreams will be fulfilled - A very big congratulations to your majesties." –Priyanka Rai

"A very big thank you and congratulations to our Royal Couple for gifting us with the blessed Royal Son Kadrinchoe" –Sangay Wangdi

"Congratulations to the Royal Couple for the good news. We are overwhelmed with happiness and can't wait to see the sixth king of Bhutan. "– Dechen Chokey