

TRASHIGANG DZONG CONSERVATION PROJECT (TDCP)



Division for Conservation of Heritage Sites
Department of Culture
Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs

SUMMARY ON TRASHIGANG DZONG CONSERVATION PROJECT

Background:

Trashigang Dzong built in 1659, is one of the Dzongs prophesized by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyel, the founder of Bhutan and played instrumental role in the unification of eastern Bhutan. It also defended external invasion from Tibet. Presently the Dzong is used as the seat for Rabdey and Administration of Trashigang Dzongkhag.



Old photograph of the Dzong

Trashigang Dzong suffered structural damages in the eastern and northern side after the earthquake of September 2009. Minor repair works have been executed on the site after the earthquake, which has not been able to consolidate the major damaged parts. Major consolidation to the structure was found necessary and therefore the conservation project was started in the beginning of 11th FYP.



View of Trashigang Dzong from the archeological site of Ta Dzong

Project Objectives:

1. To consolidate the Dzong structure while maintaining the heritage values associated with these important heritage sites.
2. To create better conditions for the Dzong residents (the district administrative officers and the Rabdey monks) and visitors by incorporating appropriate facilities as per modern working and living standards.

Activities of Trashigang Dzong Conservation Project

1. Historical research of the Dzong.
2. Conservation and rehabilitation of existing Dzong structure (total plinth area of 1780 sq. meters).
3. Construction of a two storey dormitory to accommodate 50 monks with dining hall, kitchen, toilet and bathroom facilities with estimated plinth area of 550 square meters.
4. Disaster risk mitigation measures
5. Site Development of the Dzong.
6. Publication of the Trashigang Dzong Conservation Project report.

Funding Agency:

The Government of India

Total Budget:

Nu. 227.50 million in 11th Five Year Plan

Nu. 10 million in 10th Five Year Plan

Expenditure till date:

Nu. 159.98 million (January, 2017)

Duration of the Project:

February 2014 – June 2018

Implementing Agency of the Project:

Division for Conservation of Heritage Sites under the Department of Culture, Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs will be the main implementation agency of the project. All the activities of the project will be carried out in coordination with the Dzongkhag administration and Rabdey.

Implementing team:

The independent Management team under Dzongda, Trashigang Dzongkhag is the main implementing agency of the project. Under this division, the implementing team consists of the following:

- Project Manager: Tshering Namgay
- Project Architect: Yeshe Samdrup (Sr. Architect, DCHS)
- Project Engineer: Damchhoe Lhendup
- Project Accounts Officer: Ngawang
- Project Range officer: Rinchen Wangdi
- Project Store in charge: Sonam Choden (Muster Roll)

Physical Progress till date:

1. Project establishment (including construction of labor camp and work sheds)
2. Construction of semi-permanent Drasha complex in Samkhar for temporary shifting of the Rabdey.
3. Renovation of Trashigang Middle Secondary School old blocks and construction of semi-permanent structures for temporary shifting of Dzongkhag Administration
4. Construction of Drasha to accommodate 50 monks.
5. Construction of Tshokhang, Dining and Classrooms complex
6. Conservation of East shakhor 80% completed
7. Dismantling works of West shakhor
8. First phase installation of fire detection system
9. Started the firefighting equipment installation

Works yet to start:

1. Conservation of West shakhor
2. Conservation of Utse.

Project Staff profile



Mr. Tshering Namgay
Project Manager/Principal Engineer

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	Sl No	Year	Designation	
Employment History	1	1988-1990	Section Officer	Home Ministry, Tashichhodzong, Thimphu
	2	1991	Section Officer	Tashichhodzong Maintenance Division, Thimphu
	3	1992-1996	Junior Engineer	Punakha Dzong Construction Project, Punakha
	4	1997-1997	Junior Engineer	Paro Dzong Conservation Project, Paro
	5	2000-2004	Project Engineer	Trongsa Dzong Conservation Project, Trongsa
	6	2005-2008	Project Manager	Ta Dzong Restoration Project, Trongssa
	7	2009-2013	Project Manager	Lhuentse Dzong Conservation Project, Lhuentse
	8	2014-	Project Manager	Trashigang Dzong Conservation Project, Trashigang

Yeshi Samdrup
Sr. Architect

Employment History	Sl No	Year	Designation	Location
	1	2012-present	Project Architect	Trashigang Dzong Conservation Project



Mr. Damchhoe Lhendup
Project Engineer

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Employment History	Sl No	Year	Designation	Location
	1	2013	Project Engineer	Lhuentse Dzong Conservation Project, Lhuentse
	2	2014-	Project Engineer	Trashigang Dzong Conservation Project, Trashigang



Mr. Rinchen Wangdi
Project Ranger
CID #:10706002512

Employment History	Sl No	Year	Designation	Location
	1	1998-2002	FMU incharge	Forest Range Office, Zhemgang
	2	2003-2009	Extension Agent	RNR-EC Khaling
	3	2010-2012	Sr. Ranger	Wamrong Dungkhang
	4	2013-	Sr. Ranger	Trashigang Dzongkhag/ Dzong Conservation Project, Trashigang



Ms. Sonam Choden
Store Assistant
CID #: 11102004250

Employment History	Sl No	Year	Designation	Location
	1	2007-2008	Office assistant	Ta Dzong Restoration Project, Trongssa
	2	2011-2013	Store assistant	Lhuentse Dzong Conservation Project, Lhuentse
	3	2014-	Store assistant	Trashigang Dzong Conservation Project, Trashigang



Mr. Kinzangla
Project Driver
CID #: 10607000575

Employment History	SI No	Year	Designation	Location
	1	1987-2004	Royal Bhutan Army	
	2	2005-2011	Driver	Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs, Thimphu
	3	2012-2013	Driver	Lhuentse Dzong Conservation Project, Lhuentse
	4	2014-	Driver	Trashigang Dzong Conservation Project, Trashigang



Mr. Kunzang Wangchuk
Zopen

Employment History	SI No	Year	Designation	Location
	1	2000-2004	Zopen Ramjam	Trongsa Dzong Conservation Project, Trongsa
	2	2005-2008	Zopen	Ta Dzong Restoration Project, Trongssa
	3	2009-2013	Zopen	Lhuentse Dzong Conservation Project, Lhuentse
	4	2014-	Zopen	Trashigang Dzong Conservation Project, Trashigang



Mr. Sonam Wangchuk
Dozo Lopen
CID #: 10608001199

Employment History	Sl No	Year	Designation	Location
	1	2010-2013	Dozo Lopen	Lhuntse Dzong Conservation Project, Lhuntse
	2	2014-	Dozo Lopen	Trashigang Dzong Conservation Project, Trashigang