



**ROYAL THIMPHU COLLEGE**

Inspiring Education in Bhutan

Reflection on the Year 2023

# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Welcome to RTC's Newsletter, Reflection on 2023!

This newsletter hopes to provide a window into the events of the year. We are honoured and humbled to receive the only A+ accreditation in Bhutan, for the second time, fulfilling another institutional milestone and setting a continued benchmark for RTC's future.

Throughout the year, life at RTC was vibrant with various co-curricular activities, college plays, music, dance performances, talent shows, and sports. Both men's and women's football clubs excelled at their sport. A vibrant showcase of student work and projects encompassing photos, videos, and research presentations livened up the campus. Furthermore, students contributed to meaningful community services including blood drives and clean-ups in our Thimphu and Gelephu campuses, and provided entertainment programmes for the elderly at the Gakid village. Her Majesty the Queen Mother Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck graced the launch of the RTC Tarayana club and the college hosted the Presidential debate for the 4th parliamentary elections.

We are back on track in terms of our internationalisation programme. We oversaw 59 incoming guests from our partnerships (from 30 Universities) and 56 reciprocal RTC outbound mobilities (to 28 Universities). Our semester-long/regular international students are on the rise. We also have 7 RTC students attending various year-long study programmes in Europe and the US. We have resumed our faculty-led credit programmes with Edith Cowan University in April, University of California, Davis in August, and Colorado Mountain College in November.

Our CITL (Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning) co-hosted the 2nd National Conference for Higher Education at Samtse College of Education in May and held the first 'Basic Pedagogy Training' for 25 health science professional educators from 4 institutes in the country in November. The Rational Expectations Economics Society (REES) successfully held the Re-thinking Economics Conference (26-28 October) with the students and faculty from Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi. RTC also organised a business and entrepreneurship festival along with the International Day celebration on the 31st October. The Himalayan Centre for Environmental Humanities (HCEH) commenced two multiple-year research projects. One is titled: "Living with Uncertainty in South Asian Mountains" and is in collaboration with the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. The other is titled SUCCESS, which is an acronym for "Successful Intervention Pathways for Migration as Adaptation", and is in partnership with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). HCEH also organised a distinguished guest lecture by Professor T.B. Subba, the former Vice-Chancellor of Sikkim Central University.

As in previous years, our college leadership has participated in engaging our community in purpose-building, learning-to-learn sessions for freshmen, leadership orientations, Search Inside Yourself (SIY) workshops for student leaders and graduating nursing students, mock drills for earthquake preparedness, and safety training for fire hazards. These activities added depth to the care and nurturing of the RTC community. A grand graduation day celebration marked the farewell of 406 students. Seventeen graduates were selected for the civil service; among them, five were in the top ten! Tshering Deki, Sonam Chuki, and Pelden Lhamo were recognised as 1st, 5th, and 10th in the Technical (env) category respectively. Phurpa Gyeltshen ranked 2nd in the PGDFM, and Pema Dechen, ranked 10th in Nursing. We celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates who sat for the BCSE (Bhutan Civil Service Examinations) 2023! Additionally, the University of New England (Australia) honoured me with the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2023, acknowledging my leadership in promoting inclusive education and positive organisational culture in Bhutan.

The year 2023 was filled with significant accomplishments for the RTC community. I thank the entire RTC community for their commitment to strive for excellence and to continue inspiring education in Bhutan. I look forward to yet another fulfilling year ahead.

Tshewang Tandin  
President  
Royal Thimphu College

# RTC Re-Accreditation 2023



On June 2nd, 2023, Royal Thimphu College was re-accredited by the Bhutan Qualifications and Professionals Certification Authority (BQPCA) with an A+ rating, the highest mark of Excellence in Bhutan Higher Education.

This monumental achievement of the certificate conferred by the Honourable MoESD Acting Secretary was on the special day that also marked His Majesty the 4th Druk Gyalpo's Coronation Day and Social Forestry Day. This is a testament to the unwavering dedication, perseverance, and collective strength of our whole RTC community including our devoted staff and faculty members, wonderful students, families, and the wider community of partners and scholarship sponsors. Every single one of us played a crucial role in this success story.

# AWARD



The Royal Thimphu College family congratulated our President, Tshewang Tandin, for being selected as a recipient of the prestigious Distinguished Alumni Awards, 2023, conferred by the University of New England, Australia.

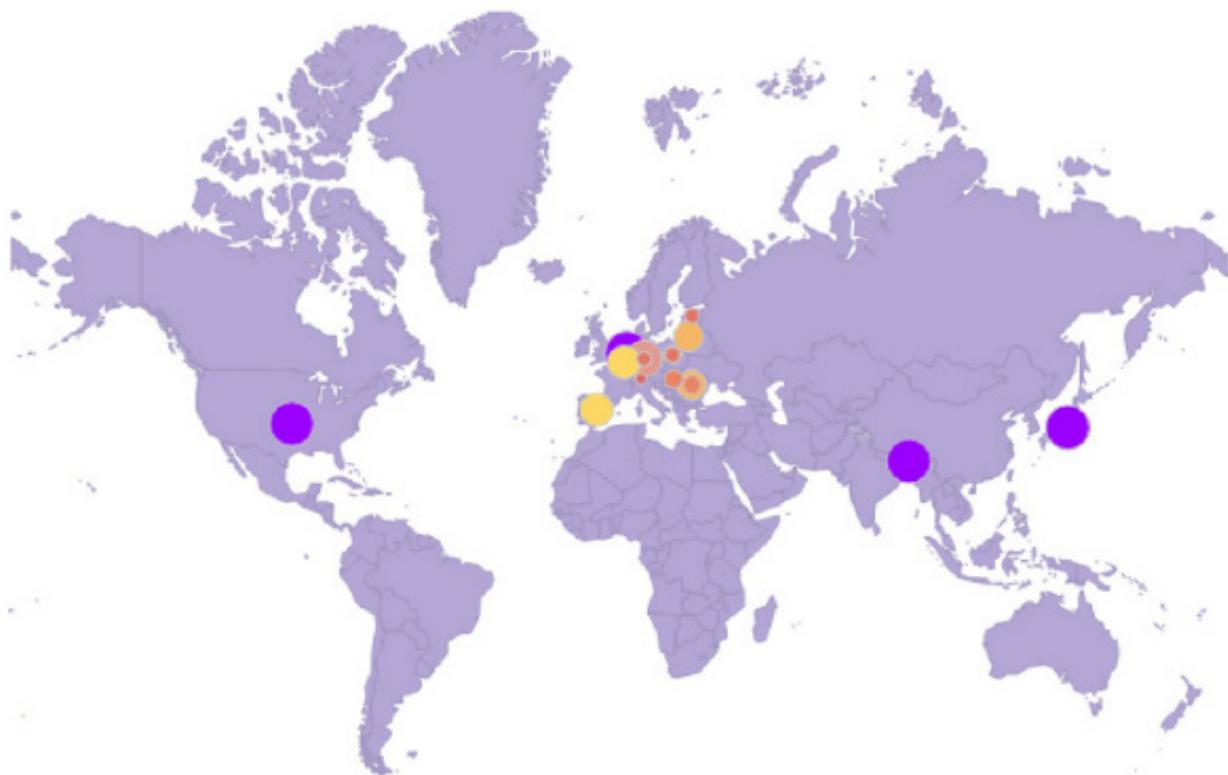
The awards were presented to distinguished alumni who made significant contributions to their field; demonstrated outstanding leadership and UNE's values of creativity, innovation, access, and inclusion. They embodied characteristics of honesty, ethical behaviour, and authenticity. They inspired future generations of graduates.



Professor Sanjeev Mehta was awarded the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award for his contribution in education. Professor Mehta is currently serving as the Programme Leader of Development Economics at Royal Thimphu College and is a renowned economist on Bhutanese topics. He has served Bhutan in various capacities as a teacher, researcher, curriculum developer, newspaper columnist and consultant to the government and international organisations.

He is considered as a role model and has received 'His Majesty's National Order of Merit, Silver Medal' in 2014. In his recent book on Bhutanese economy titled 'The Dragon Economy : An Experiment with Happiness', he has also documented India's contribution to Bhutan's development.

## INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



In addition to the 7 RTC students studying on academic exchanges to the USA and Europe, Royal Thimphu College was able to send 56 teaching and non-teaching staff on short-term outbound mobilities to 28 universities in Europe this year. The Erasmus+ programme for higher education funded by the European Union supports teaching and administrative staff to take part in professional development focused on teaching and training abroad. This creates an international learning experience for all involved.

The Erasmus+ mobility partnerships and capacity-building projects were initiated at RTC in 2017. They involve the exchanges of staff and students between partner universities and long-term projects. It serves as an opportunity for RTC and the host institutions to plan future collaborative programmes and explore areas for joint academic projects. The mobilities also contributed to the growth of their intercultural competencies. We look forward to future collaborations between the institutions.

Since 2010, RTC has sent over 276 Bhutanese students abroad for short and long-term exchanges including cultural and academic mobilities. RTC has also received over 450 international faculty and students for inbound exchanges.

# International Students



RTC welcomed nine incoming international students on campus during the Spring semester. We were happy to host semester study-abroad students from our partners - API Study Abroad - Academic Programmes International, Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences, MATE - formerly SZIU (Hungary), Quest University (Canada), and DHBW Ravensburg (Germany). Our independent semester study-abroad students hailed from Denmark, Australia, and the USA.

The college believes that a multicultural environment contributes to the breadth of opportunities for all students. It is a substantial benefit for everyone in terms of cross-cultural learning.



During the fall semester, 17 new international students joined the three students who decided to prolong their stay at RTC beyond the Spring semester. We were happy to host the new semester study-abroad students from our partner universities; Wheaton College Massachusetts, Centre College, Pitzer College and API Study Abroad in the USA. We also welcomed other new study-abroad and full-degree international students from Switzerland, Belgium, Netherlands, France, Australia, and Japan.

# Erasmus+ Mobility ERASMUS



RTC's Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Shiva Raj Bhattarai attended an Erasmus+ mobility to RheinAhrCampus (Hochschule Koblenz University of Applied Sciences) in Germany. Representing RTC with pride Dr. Bhattarai not only engaged in fruitful collaborations, but also had the honour of delivering a captivating guest lecture on "Sustainability in Bhutan & Gross National Happiness."

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to RheinAhrCampus for hosting Dr. Bhattarai and fostering an enriching environment for our two students who are also on a semester-study exchange programme to RheinAhrCampus. This incredible mobility journey has undoubtedly strengthened our international ties and broadened our horizons.



We had a series of international events on campus during the international week. The international week was attended by our following partner universities:

- Universidad de Cádiz, Spain
- Hogeschool VIVES, VIVES University of Applied Sciences, Belgium
- Budapest Metropolitan University, BMU, Hungary
- Vilniaus kolegija, VIKO, Lithuania
- Centre College, Kentucky, USA
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, UAB, Barcelona
- Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Science (MATE), Hungary
- Universidade da Beira Interior - UBI, Portugal
- Hochschule Koblenz, Koblenz University of Applied Sciences, Germany
- DHBW, Ravensburg, Germany



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## ALUMNI ACTIVITIES



On July 22nd, 2023, RTC welcomed back some of the graduates from the classes of 2020 and 2021 for an informal Alumni Reunion on campus. The reunion reinforced the alumni network, highlighted the lifetime value of the education imparted at RTC, rekindled old friendships, and created new ones.

We also had plenty of fun with our precious returning graduates. Their presence made the event truly special--igniting the sense of community and pride shared within Royal Thimphu College graduates. Looking at the positive feedback received, RTC will be hosting such events in the future.



### **RTC ENCORE Project Milestone 2023: A Year of Achievement and Innovation**

The final year of the ENCORE project saw remarkable milestones: RTC students pitched business case studies for the Local Business Case Challenge; the Entrepreneurship Knowledge Centre (EKC) organised 10 entrepreneurial training programmes for the students; Mr. Madhav Verma, lead of the project, presented a paper on “Assessment of Entrepreneurship Ecosystem in Bhutan, Nepal, and Lao” in Finland; and a joint publication from 6 partner universities showcased the achievements of the winning teams in the Local Case Challenge. Additionally, the final project management meeting and conference in Laos was attended by RTC’s focal ENCORE project team members along with the two Continuing Education students who won RTC’s Local Business Case Challenge. The RTC team is extremely proud of nearly completing the three-year project successfully.



### **Way Forward**

Internal Quality Report—RTC is responsible for assessing the quality of the ENCORE Project. The RTC ENCORE team will be presenting the Final Internal Quality Report at the upcoming final virtual Quality Ethics Board (QEB) meeting of nine partners on January 11th, 2024.





### **HAPPY Project's Milestones since January 2023**

The HAPPY EU team from Vrije University Amsterdam, the University of Ljubljana, the Institute for Innovation and Development of the University of Ljubljana (IRI UL), and Leiden University, completed their visit to Royal Thimphu College on October 11, 2023. The visit encompassed several key activities, including a review of external evaluations, planning for ongoing HAPPY initiatives, and conducting of parallel workshops at RTC. These workshops covered subjects such as 'Research Writing,' 'Visual Ethnography,' and 'Designing and implementing People-Centred Stakeholder Projects' hosted by RTC.

Additionally, the team made significant progress in finalising the procurement of resources and equipment for phase 2 of the project. Furthermore, the team diligently worked on the planning and organisation of forthcoming efforts, aiming to enhance qualitative research skills and knowledge in Bhutan.

### **Way Forward**

1. RTC will be launching the A/V Multimedia Studio as a part of the HAPPY Project initiative by Spring semester 2024.
2. Conducting 2nd Stakeholders Meeting for the HAPPY Project on 'Building Bridges on Collaborations between Higher Educational Institutions and Societal Stakeholders'.



# New Dean of Development and External Relations Department



The Royal Thimphu College welcomed Dr. Chencho Lhamu as the new Dean of the Development and External Relations Department (DERD). Dr. Chencho Lhamu brings a wealth of experience and a profound commitment to excellence in her role as the Dean of the DERD at RTC. Her extensive expertise aligns seamlessly with the mission and vision of our institution. Her presence is anticipated to enrich the college's initiatives and further its commitment to excellence in development and external relations.

# RTC FESTA!



On October 31st, RTC celebrated International Day; a vibrant event that highlighted and celebrated diversity through a wide range of activities. The day featured diverse musical performances, an international culinary showcase, inclusive games, and a colourful display of traditional and Halloween attire. This celebration not only brought the RTC community closer together but also actively engaged international students and faculty, fostering a strong sense of unity and appreciation for diversity. The event exemplified RTC's dedication to the internationalisation of higher education, emphasising the importance of cultivating an environment that values diverse cultures, thoughts, and ideals. Attendees gained valuable insights, contributing to the creation of a more inclusive and globally aware RTC community.

## DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE SERIES



On May 25th, honourable Dasho Phub Dorji, Thimphu Dzongda addressed all 1st and 2nd year students of the BSc Nursing and Midwifery programme as a part of Distinguished Guest Lecture Series. Dasho spoke to the students on leadership, governance, and the role of youth in the future of Bhutan and presented His Majesty's Certificates for Academic Excellence to the academic toppers of the year 2020-2021.

Royal Thimphu College was honoured by the visit from His Excellency Sudhakar Dalela, Ambassador of India to Bhutan, for a Distinguished Guest Lecture on the 31st of May. His Excellency addressed the students on the 'India-Bhutan Partnership: Charting Future Trajectory Together'. The event concluded with a question and answer session followed by a reception attended by the management and faculty.



RTC was honoured to receive the [National Aeronautics and Space Administration](#) (NASA) team led by SERVIR project manager Tony Kim and officials from the US Embassy in New Delhi. The team engaged with the BSc Environmental Management students with a talk on 'NASA connecting Space to the World including Bhutan'.

The NASA team discussed what NASA is doing right now on space exploration and then talked about their work with Bhutan, the SERVIR project on using satellite data to address critical challenges in food security, water resources, weather and climate, land use, and natural disasters.



# RTC Student Research Symposium



The first annual common RTC Student Research Symposium was successfully held on the 16th of June. A total of 20 presenters shared their final year research works and projects from six programmes (Developmental Economics, Political Science & Sociology, Anthropology, Mass Communication, English Studies, and Environmental Management).

The event aimed at providing a platform to showcase the hard work of students in producing excellent theses from their undergraduate research experiences. The programme was sponsored by WWF Bhutan as a Living Planet Session under the Education for Nature Programme. It was attended by faculty and staff, students from respective programmes, and external guests including the presenter's parents. The event concluded with presenters receiving certificates of excellence in undergraduate research.

# Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)



On March 13th, 2023, the [Bhutan Olympic Committee](#) (BOC) and the Royal Thimphu College signed a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the 'RTC-BOC Sports Scholarship Programme'. The new MoU includes an increased number of scholarships from 6 slots to 10 slots annually, in the newly established Bachelor of Sports and Health Sciences Programme. The RTC and BOC will also ensure that the national athletes are better supported, both academically and in their respective sport disciplines. It is necessary to ensure continuation of their training and to cope better with the academic rigor of college education.

The BOC and the RTC will work in partnership with the National Sport Federations. The initiative was first conceived in 2012 by His Royal Highness Prince Jigye Ugyen Wangchuck, President of the BOC, to offer a platform for national athletes to pursue their academic aspirations and continue their sport training, so as to better represent the country in international competitions.

# Advocacy



In commemoration of World Health Day, the students and the faculty members of the BSc Nursing and Midwifery programme organised a Health Fair on the 7th of April. Free health screening was provided along with awareness of adolescent-friendly health services and health education.

Royal Thimphu College collaboration with the Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital, hosted its 27th Blood Donation Drive on November 8. The event saw 100 active donors and 53 deferred participants, demonstrating a strong commitment to the cause.

Young Minds, Bold Ideas: Promoting the Handicrafts Sector in Bhutan was organised by the Mass Communication programme at RTC in collaboration with the [Handicrafts Association of Bhutan](#) (HAB) on 9th June as a part of the Advocacy Series.

The event showcased the rich heritage and craftsmanship of Bhutan while advocating for entrepreneurship in the handicrafts sector.

# Exhibition



On November 23rd, the 2nd year nursing students organised a Nutrition Exhibition in the Central Regional Referral Hospital (CRRH), Gelephu. The exhibition displayed booths on the therapeutic diet, methods of cooking, complementary food, nutritional assessment (ABCD) method, growth monitoring and non-communicable diseases, and safe food handling and food hygiene.

Hospital staff and patients took part in the exhibition.

The students of the BA Anthropology programme successfully organised an exhibition, showcasing various anthropological aspects. The exhibition included interactive displays, informative posters, and engaging presentations designed to captivate and educate the audience. Visitors were able to gain a deeper appreciation for Anthropology, as they explored the different facets of the subject.

## RTC FC



[Bhutan Football Federation](#) organised the World Coaches Course at Royal Thimphu College from 10-14 April. The course was facilitated by Mr. Bert Zuurman and Mr. Johan Neeskens from the Royal Netherlands Football Association (KNVB). A total of 28 coaches from clubs and academies across the country attended the course. Mr. Zuurman and Mr. Neeskens also interacted with the RTC FC players.

# RTC FC MEN'S TEAM



The Royal Thimphu College Football Club was started in the year 2022. After securing a top-four position in the [BOB Bhutan Premier League](#) qualifiers 2022, the team held onto the 4th position in the BOB Bhutan Premier League 2023. There were 10 teams who participated in the league. Presently, RTC FC consists of 25 players.



## RTC FC WOMEN'S TEAM



In 2022, the Royal Thimphu College Women's Football Club was established. RTC WFC is currently in the top position in the ongoing [Bhutan Women's National League](#) 2023. At present, the team is comprised of 18 players.

# Search Inside Yourself (SIY) workshop



The graduating nursing students attended a two-day Search Inside Yourself (SIY) workshop on the 26th and 27th of May. The workshop was facilitated by our SIY-certified teachers: Mr. Tshewang Tandin President of RTC and two faculty members, Mr. Tshewang Dorji and Mr. Tika Ram Sharma.

Search Inside Yourself (SIY) is a mindfulness-based Emotional Intelligence curriculum developed by Search Inside Yourself Leadership Institute (SIYLI). The main aim of SIY is to help people develop the skills of mindfulness, empathy, compassion, and overall emotional intelligence to create the conditions for individual and collective thriving.

Currently, the SIY programme is taught, learnt, and practiced in more than 150 cities and 50 countries around the world.

## Student Leadership Workshop



The Student Services Department (SSD) conducted a 2-day Leadership Workshop for student leaders including Student Government Officials, Resident Assistants (RAs), and Club Coordinators. SSD designed the workshop to enhance their leadership and planning skills. The workshop covers topics such as leadership principles, effective communication, team dynamics, and event planning through interactive sessions. The goal is to empower student leaders for their roles in shaping the campus environment.



## RTC PICKLEBALL CLUB



Royal Thimphu College celebrated its pioneering role as one of the first Pickleball destinations in Bhutan, showcasing the sport's rapid global growth. Pickleball, a dynamic paddle sport is a blending elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong, has captivated players of all ages and skill levels with its straightforward rules.

The RTC Pickleball Club, a testament to this enthusiasm will commence full operation in Spring 2024. It further solidifies the college's commitment to providing diverse and engaging sports opportunities. Nine Sports and Health Science students completed a 3 day training course and are certified trainers. One student is currently coaching over the winter break at Woo-chu, Paro.

## RTC Social Service



Royal Thimphu College has handed over a donation of Nu. 8100/- to [Bhutan Kidney Foundation](#) in support of needy kidney patients.

The funds donated shall be utilised to support essential items for the patients residing in Gelephu.



On April 1, 2023, Royal Thimphu College, in collaboration with the [Tango Institute of Advanced Vajrayana Studies](#), conducted a successful cleaning campaign at the Buddha Point area. The initiative, which was part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the two institutes, involved a total of 73 students and staff members.

The joint effort aimed to fulfill the commitment to public benefit and service programmes is outlined in the MoU. The campaign not only demonstrated the institutes' dedication to community service but also contributed to the enhancement of the Buddha Point area's cleanliness and aesthetics, leaving a positive impact on the environment.



## Tarayana RTC Club



Royal Thimphu College was graced with the presence of Her Majesty the Queen Mother, Gyalum Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck, on the 27th of September. Her Majesty's multifaceted initiatives in enhancing the quality of life for the Bhutanese, particularly those residing in rural areas through the auspices of the Tarayana Foundation is a testimony to royal wisdom and compassion.

During this auspicious visit, Royal Thimphu College committed itself to the auspices of Tarayana Foundation, specifically under the aegis of the Tarayana's flagship programme, Tarayana School Club, thereby fostering a culture of volunteerism amongst the youth. This commitment materialised in the establishment of the Tarayana RTC Club, which will actively engage in various social service and community-oriented endeavours to further the mission, vision, and motto of the Tarayana Foundation.

Currently, the Tarayana RTC Club has 30 enthusiastic and hardworking members including five core members. They have committed to the effective expansion of their outreach in the future.

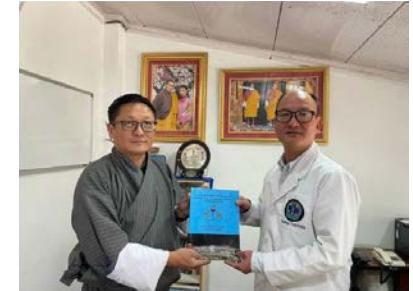
## RTC Community Service



On November 18th, the Tarayana RTC Club spent a day with the elderly residence at Wangsisina, Thimphu. The club showcased an entertainment programme comprising of dancing and singing. The day concluded with a scrumptious lunch. The event brought joy, laughter, and a sense of belonging to the elderly residents. This wonderful initiative showcased the power of compassion and the creation of connections across generations. Indeed, it was a true service from the heart.



President, Royal Thimphu College



Medical Superintendent, JDW National Referral Hospital



Dean, Faculty of Nursing & Public Health



QASD, JDW National Referral Hospital

Royal Thimphu College supported funds for Central Regional Referral Hospital (CRRH), Gelephu for printing their Annual Report 2022. The report was compiled to share hospital related data with policymakers, educators, and patients.

# Proud moment for RTC



Royal Thimphu College proudly acknowledged Chimi Dema for her outstanding performance in the 5th Indian Open Para Athletics International Championship held in Bangalore, India. She earned a silver medal for Bhutan, achieving a new personal best with a throw of 5.71m in the women's F40 shot put. This accomplishment is not only a testament to her skills but also to the inclusivity of sports.

Royal Thimphu College (RTC) promotes inclusive education, fostering an environment where talents like Chimi Dema's can thrive. Moving forward, RTC is committed to intensifying efforts to advance this goal of promoting inclusive education.



The Royal Thimphu College (RTC) expressed appreciation and congratulations for the stellar performance of Mr. Ugyen Kelzang Phuntsho, a key player in the victorious Bhutan National Basketball Team at the Five Nation Basketball Championship 2023 held in the Maldives from June 14th to 22nd.

Mr. Ugyen Kelzang Phuntsho's significant contribution to the success of the national team highlighted his exceptional skills and dedication to the sport of basketball. His prowess on the court played a crucial role in securing a victory for Bhutan.

## Rational Expectations Economics Society (REES)



Rational Expectations Economics Society (REES) organised a rethinking economics conference from Oct 26th-28th. Developmental Economics students, RTC faculty, and a 12 member delegation consisting of students and faculty from the University of Delhi participated in the conference.

The event highlighted reviewing assumptions and mechanics of theoretical framework and designing new approaches that bring plurality and a human face to this subject. It also promoted collaboration and knowledge connection for trust building between countries and people.

# Centre for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL)



The Royal Thimphu College's Centre for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL) organised a training on pedagogical skills and knowledge to enhance the quality of health science education in Bhutan. The training was attended by 25 health science educators from four organisations; Royal Thimphu College, Apollo Bhutan Institute of Nursing, Arura Academy of Health Sciences, and Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan (KGUMSB).



The Centre for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL) under Royal Thimphu College jointly organised the second National Conference on Higher Education with the Samtse College of Education, Bhutan Qualifications and Professionals Certification Authority (BQPCA), and Paro College of Education. The event was held on May 14-15 in Samtse. The event proved to be an excellent forum to explore innovative ideas for enhancing higher education and global cooperation in the education sector.

The event was attended by participants from various educational backgrounds including the representatives from UNESCO and the Project Panoptes in the US, officials and students from the higher education institutions, and staff from nearby schools in Samtse among others. The conference saw diverse research topics, insights and findings through presentations and discussions. The team from RTC presented three research papers.

## Disaster Management



On October 25th, Royal Thimphu College conducted a Disaster Awareness Day featuring an earthquake drill and a fire hazard awareness programme with 821 participants, including students and staff. The drill aimed to instill a culture of preparedness.

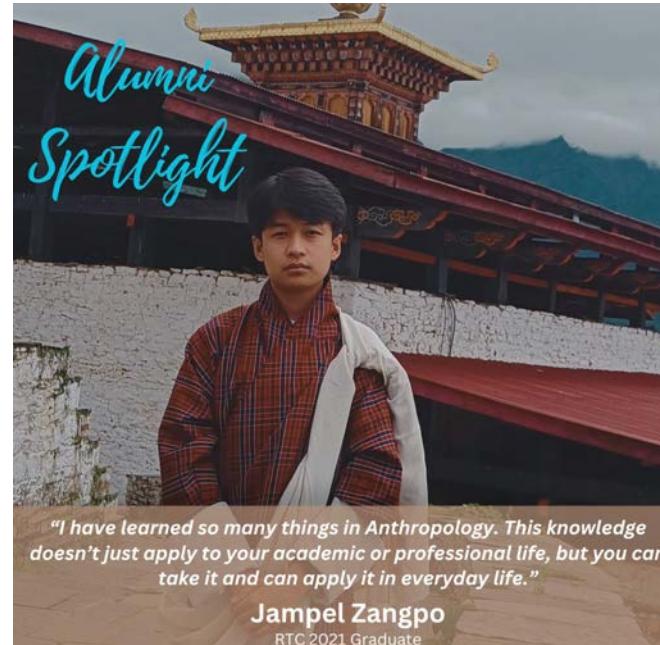
Additionally, a focused fire hazard session with a live demonstration by the [Royal Bhutan Police](#) provided practical insights. The initiative successfully equipped the participants with essential knowledge, fostering a heightened sense of preparedness within the college community.

# Alumni Spotlight



Pema Choden graduated in 2021 with a BA degree in Anthropology. Pema was a DAHE scholarship recipient who later became a Research Assistant at RTC's Himalayan Centre for Environmental Humanities on a project titled 'Symbiotic indigeneity, changing commons and sustainable intelligence in the Bhutan Highlands.'

Her fieldwork focused on indigenous knowledge traditions and the sensory and affective dimensions of highland life amid the Anthropocene.



Jampel Zangpo is a 2021 RTC graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology degree. He is currently working as the Oversight Officer for the Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) Department in the Ministry of Health.

His role as an Oversight Officer involves leading and managing field visits to health centres and maintaining effective communication between field workers and the CCM, collectively working together to combat TB, HIV, and Malaria.



Pranita Sharma, a 2022 RTC graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Arts in Anthropology, started her career as an Assistant Research Officer at iBest Institute and Consultancy.

Her roles involve intensive research on various colleges, their fees, duration, requirements, courses available, and other related information. Currently, she is working as an admissions officer at the same institute.

## CLASS OF 2023



Royal Thimphu College celebrated graduation day on 1st July 2023.  
A total of 406 students graduated in 2023 in RTC.

# RTC Graduates Perform well in the 2023 BCSE!

The entire RTC community celebrated the achievement of our graduates, who have brought immense pride through their outstanding performance in the Bhutan Civil Service Examination 2023. Noteworthy achievements include top performers and several others securing positions in various categories such as PGDE, PGDPA, PGDFM, and Clinical Nurses, representing the second graduating cohort of BSc in Nursing & Midwifery. From the recent (2023) cohort of graduates, a total of 65 regular, 7 nursing, and 9 CE graduates (81 graduates in total) appeared for the BCSE 2023. Of the total (81) graduates who attended, 48.1% (39) passed the main exam. And of the total passed (39), 43.6% were selected.



## RTC EVENTS



International Nurses Day Celebration



Oath-Taking Ceremony for 1st year Nursing Students



Diwali Celebration



2023 Prize Award Day



Annual Marathon



Welcome Show for First Year Students

## RTC EVENTS



Teachers' Day Celebration



Spring Blood Drive Campaign



College Play by RTC Performing Arts Club



RTC Got Talent Season 3



Fall Blood Drive Campaign



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