



**IN THE NEWS**

A vibrant Dzongkhag that is culturally strong, socially cohesive, economically sound and environmentally healthy with governance ethics.



**Unproductive bulls for smarter breeding and better yields**



**Recruits and Environmental Stewardship**

**Enhancing dairy production through sterilization of unproductive bulls**

*...Sterilize unproductive bulls towards enhanced dairy production by reducing the proliferation of undesirable breeds and promoting safer, more efficient breeding practices.*



**Figure 1: Bull Castration in the field**

**By Livestock sector**

The Livestock sector has initiated a scrub bull castration program that began on April 11th and concluded on April 27th, 2024. The two-week program was primarily aimed at ensuring the effective and efficient utilization of breeding bulls and AI services in dairy potential areas. Throughout the entire program, the sector achieved a significant

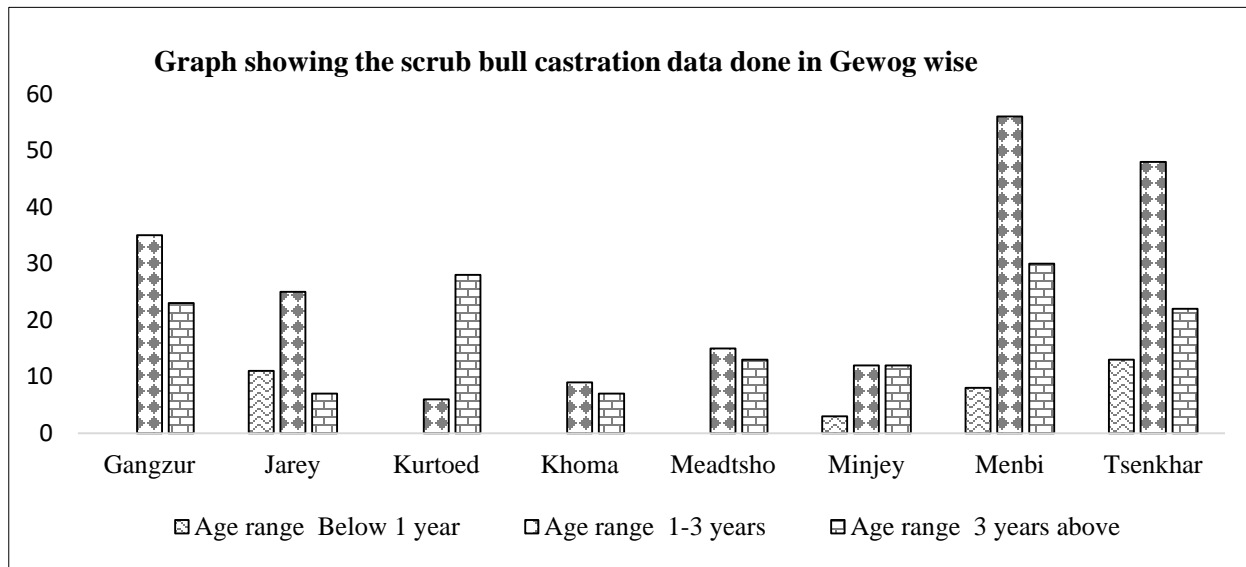
milestone by castrating a total of 383 scrub bulls, ranging in age from 6 months to 3 years and above. According to a local resident of Menhi, allowing scrub bulls to breed indiscriminately could lead to the proliferation of undesirable cattle breeds, overpopulation, and competition for resources.

They emphasized that this not only strains available resources but also compromises the potential genetics within the herd. The resident further noted that uncastrated scrub bulls, especially as they mature, may display aggressive and territorial behaviors, posing significant risks to farm workers and other

livestock. In contrast, castration provides farmers with greater control over their breeding programs. Wangchuk, the Dairy group chair in Meanbi, highlighted that by employing modern dairy breed intensification technologies like



AI and sex-sorted semen, farmers can obtain the most desirable and preferred breeds to enhance genetic diversity and improve the overall quality of their livestock. As a result, the livestock sector anticipates



long-term benefits, including the development of desirable improved dairy breeds, a more stable herd hierarchy, reduced stress and injuries among animals, and the establishment of a climate-smart dairy hub in the eastern region. The programme was supported and funded by CARLEP-IFAD project.



## Unlocking Excellence: Selecting the Cream through Interview

*... The crucial role of interviews in identifying the best candidate*

By Human Resource Services



The Dzongkhag Administration announced vacancies for Teachers (General substitute, Biology, History, Dzongkha), Driver, Warden, Caretaker, Admin Assistant, and Lab Assistants through ZRS on 8th March, to be placed in various schools under Lhuentse Dzongkhag. Following a meticulous review of submitted documents, the Human Resources Department has meticulously shortlisted a total of 163 candidates for various positions. On March 26<sup>th</sup>, the carefully selected candidates convened for interview sessions at the Dzongkhag Tshogdue Hall, led by the esteemed Chief Dzongkhag Education Officer and supported by proficient and experienced interviewing panels. However, it was observed that the turnout of candidates for the interviews was significantly lower than

anticipated. Particularly, concerning was the absence of any candidates for the Biology category position. Ngawang Lhamo, Officiating Human Resource Officer, said, “The low turnout for the interviews could be due to the distance. Moreover, shortlisted candidates are often recruited for other positions before they can be called for an interview”.

After a rigorous selection process for half day long, the Dzongkhag Administration could select the most capable, energetic and enthusiastic candidates. The Dzongkhag Administration expresses heartfelt congratulations for the selected candidates and they will be placed at their respective place with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.



## Envisioning for Unparalleled Cleanliness and Prosperity.

*... Transforming commitment into action, creating a sustainable legacy for generations to come.*

By Environment Sector



the household and community levels. Moreover, its aim is to encourage individual responsibilities among local communities and residents towards keeping the area clean and green. The Zero Waste Hour covered various government sectors, regional offices, RBA, RBP, the business community, Dratsang, schools, and institutions, all of which took part in the mass cleaning campaign. Similarly, other institutions, agencies, and gewog administrations also

On the 2nd of every month, the Dzongkhag Administration observes Zero Waste Hour (4-5pm), a mass cleaning campaign carried out all over Lhuentse Dzongkhag with the theme “**My Waste, My Responsibility**”. The event is organized by the Lhuentse Dzongkhag Administration to cultivate a sense of civic responsibility in the mindset of every individual towards proper waste management at



The aim of Zero Waste Hour is to instill a behavioral change for proper waste management and practice a sustainable consumption lifestyle. The “Zero Waste Hour” initiative is observed on the 2nd day of every month devoting at least an hour to achieve Bhutan’s vision of Zero Waste Society by 2030.

