

## *Inauguration of Open Air Gymnasium*

The Hon'ble Health Minister Lyonpo Tandin Wangchuk inaugurated an open air gymnasium at Changjiji on 26th March 2015. The gymnasium was established by the Ministry of Health in collaboration with NHDCL and with financial assistance from the World Health



*Gym equipment tried by young and old alike*

Executive Officer of NHDCL whereby the NHDCL would maintain the open air gymnasium and be used by the residents of Changjiji housing colony.



*Dr. Ornella Lincetto, WHO Representative and Hon'ble Lyonpo Tandin Wangchuk inaugurating the Gym*

Organization (WHO), to promote good health through physical activity. There are various equipment sets suitable for use by both young and old.

A Memorandum of Understanding was also signed between the Director, Public Health Department, Ministry of Health and the Chief

## *Changjiji Community Lhaxhang Construction*

The construction of a community Lhaxhang at Changjiji, Thimphu by engaging local laborers is in full progress. Recognizing the significance of the lhaxhang and the usefulness to them, many volunteers from the locality offer labour and in-kind support to the project.

NHDCL has put in place stringent measures to complete the project on time and with high

quality workmanship. When complete, the lhakhang will provide the much needed space for spiritual and religious needs of the community.



*Changjiji community lhakhang construction*

## ***Training on Natural Dyeing for Home Based Weavers***

Weaving with natural dyed yarns is becoming popular among the Bhutanese weavers today. This trend is caused by the demand for natural and vegetable dyed fabrics for making ghos, kiras and other garments. Although there are demands for such fabrics, lack of or insufficient supply of natural dyed fabrics is a challenge, particularly among the weavers in Thimphu. Recognizing this potential, NHDCL partnered with the Agency for Promotion of Indigenous Crafts (APIC) to train some home based weavers of Changjiji housing colony in the types of herbs and materials used and the proper methods for natural dyeing of the yarns. During the training the participants were also able to know the names of the various ingredients used for the dyeing process and names of the colour produced by the

ingredients used.

Words about the training got spread and some weavers from other Dzongkhags also attended the week-long training which was conducted from 9 March 2015 at NHDCL office premises.

It is hoped that, this small initiative of NHDCL



*The Participants and the Organizer*

and APIC would keep the women folks gainfully engaged at home while having sustainable impact in preserving the age old natural dyeing practices and tradition of our ancestors.



*Training on Natural Dyeing*



## *Lhuntse housing construction*

Concreting of first floor slabs for all six buildings is completed. Fabrication and installation of timber doors and windows are in full progress. Site development works have already commenced. The project will provide the much needed housing for 24 civil servants in the Dzongkhag upon completion.



*Lhuntse construction under progress*

## *Gasa housing construction*

Housing construction in Gasa Dzongkhag using locally available materials is progressing well. Masonry works for nine (out of ten buildings) are completed. Roofing works for the nine buildings are in full swing. When the



*Gasa construction under progress*

20 housing units are completed, some civil servants in Gasa Dzongkhag will have comfortable housing facilities.

## *PhD Student with NHDCL*

Mrs. Barbara from Italy was with NHDCL for three months doing her PhD research in Housing Affordability and she was attached with Home Maintenance Unit. During her stay with NHDCL, she was able to share her experiences in constructing affordable housing in other countries. She was also able to advise NHDCL on the growth and development of Home Maintenance Unit.



*Mrs. Barbara with weavers group*

As a person from a developed country, which has a very successful small businesses entrepreneurship culture, many weavers from the Changjiji home based weavers group received guidance from her on the various opportunities such home based business offers to the economic development of the country.

The management would like to thank Mrs. Barbara for her contributions and support to the development of NHDCL and its initiatives.

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