

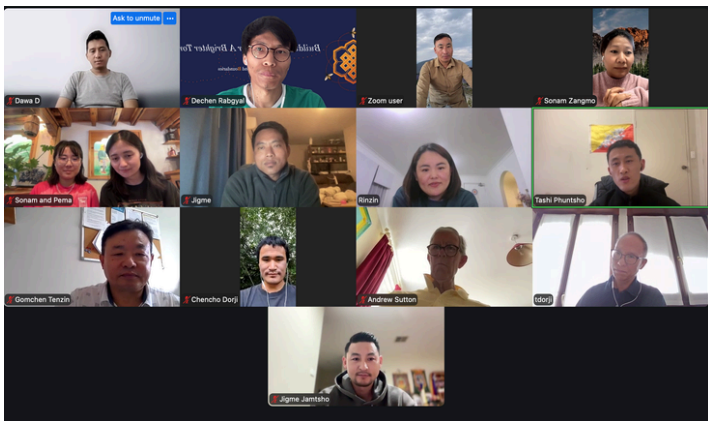
SUMMER ISSUE

The Three B's Quarterly Update



Bhutan Beyond Boundaries holds global scoping session

Bhutan Beyond Boundaries, referred to as 'The Three B's', held its first global scoping session on 11 July 2026 to introduce the network to assess its relevance. Non-resident Bhutanese from Canada, Australia (Canberra, Brisbane and Perth), Italy, France, and the United Kingdom joined the session. Resident Bhutanese and friends of Bhutan were also in attendance.



With non-resident Bhutanese increasing every year, and the 21st Century Economic Roadmap identifying non-resident Bhutanese as one of the stakeholders, the network's objective is to create a platform to support Bhutanese in professional development and network building, and promote people-to-people relations with friends of Bhutan. The network, therefore, strives to build a KIN Hive anchored on three pillars: empower (through Knowledge), support (through Information) and connect (through Network).

Attendees noted the timeliness of the initiative and agreed to work on starting local chapters across different regions. 10 regional representatives including two friends of Bhutan took part in the scoping session.

Community bonding through Zachum

Bhutanese in the United Kingdom got together for a communal lunch in Hyde Park, London on 25 July 2026. In what was a third Zachum till date, it was the first get together organised under the umbrella of Bhutan Beyond Boundaries. As much as it was a social gathering, it was spontaneous and informal interactions reliving the lived experiences that helped connect and build stronger communities not only among Bhutanese but also friends of Bhutan. Attendees come together bringing home-cooked favourites, mainly of Bhutanese delicacies. Theo, a French friend of Bhutan, shared, "I really felt the full force of Bhutanese hospitality and am immensely grateful."

Bhutanese from Brighton and Norwich joined fellow countrymen in London.





Our member Sonam Rinzin and his colleagues have published on community experiences of GLOF early warning and evacuation during the 2019 and 2023 events in Lunana, Bhutan at International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction. Key sources of warning included environmental cues and mobile phone communications. Yet uncoordinated evacuation and limited preparedness, shelter, and extreme harsh environment were major constraints. Recommendations include strengthening community-based EWS, diversifying communication channels, improving mobile-based warning, and enhancing preparedness. Article is accessible using this [link](#).

Sonam is a PhD student at Newcastle University, the United Kingdom. The Natural Research Council supported his PhD, and the Royal Geographical Society and British Society of Geomorphology funded his fieldwork.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **'Bhutan's Long-Term Development Plan and Priorities'** with the Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, RGoB on Saturday, 05 September 2026.
- **'Discovering my calling'** with Alvin Ung on Sunday, 04 October 2026.

Write to us at: info.bhutanbeyondboundaries@gmail.com to get more information on the sessions

THE BEES CARRY NEWS FROM BHUTAN

The National Assembly elects new Speaker

On 19 August, in an unprecedented turn of results, Hon'ble Tempa Dorji, Member of Parliament from the Opposition Party, Bhutan Tendrel Party (BTP) was elected as the Speaker of the National Assembly. Hon'ble Tempa secured 24 votes from the full attendance of the 47-seat National Assembly. His contestant, Hon'ble Tandin Wangchuk, the sitting Minister for the Ministry of Health secured 23 votes.

For the first time in Bhutan's young democracy, a member of parliament from the Opposition Party has been elected as the Speaker. The ruling People's Democratic Party (PDP) has 31 seats and the Opposition BTP has 16 seats.

The election was held during the extraordinary sitting of the National Assembly after the resignation of the former speaker, His Excellency, Lungten Dorji, amidst cabinet reshuffle.

His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo conferred Dakyen on the Speaker on 27 August. More details about this can be found [here](#).

The Nationwide Airborne Geophysical Survey finds presence of Tungsten

Bhutan's first nationwide Airborne Geophysical Survey reported promising targets for tungsten, copper, and precious metals in the country. The Department of Geology and Mines stated the interpretation resolved significant anomalies favorable for copper and tungsten. The government is reported to have allocated a budget for ground validation surveys.

More details on this can be accessed from this [link 1](#) and [link 2](#).

Implementing Flagship nature based-tourism

With twin objectives of long-term financing for conservation and livelihood opportunities for local communities, WWF Bhutan and Department of Forests and Park Services have identified six sites to promote nature based-tourism in Bhutan. The sites include Yangberi in Mongar for golden mahseer, Kharungla in Trashigang for tragopan, Tergola in Haa and Ramina in Lunana for red panda, Nubi in Trongsa for tiger, and Jomolhari for snow leopard.

A flagship nature-based tourism is set to be rolled-out in phased manner starting with Yangberi planned to commence in 2026.

More information on this can be found [here](#).

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