



# WEFA News Letter

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## Message from President's Desk

At the outset, I am paying my homage to the people who died in Himalayan Tsunami occurred in Uttarakhand in the month of June, 2013. Nobody could imagine that nature could create such a havoc killing so many people, damaging so many huge structures, sweeping cars even a helicopter. More than five thousand people are still untraceable, those are declared now dead. It is really very pathetic, unimaginable tragedy. One jawan named Bibhuti Roy from Assam died along with some others in helicopter accident, while rescuing people from the affected area. Oh God! Help all!

Recently, the 12<sup>th</sup> July which is the birthday of Malala Yousafzai, the girl who is fighting for girls' education and was attacked by Taliban, has been celebrated as Malala Dibas. On that day, United Nation has selected seven girls from different countries for Malala Award who are working for spreading of girls' education. Two girls from India, one named Ashwini who is a blind girl from Bangalore and the other Rajia from Meerut have been selected. It is really very nice to hear that, some young girls are working so hard to spread education among the girls' since WEFA's motto is also spreading of girls' education.

Lastly, I request our members to work more actively so that WEFA can perform more.

Long live WEFA!

**Er. Rita Rajkhowa**

## **Secretary's Report:**

Women Engineers' Forum of Assam took another step forward in helping meritorious economically weak boys and girls by providing them with solar lamps in order to pursue their studies unhindered. An area selected for this purpose is the one that has still remained undeveloped and modern required amenities has not reached the students residing therein.

Shatter village is under Greater Rani Block located around 10 KM away from LGB airport. In spite of its proximity to the Guwahati City, it is deprived of basic amenities like good road, electricity and adequate educational and medical facilities. WEFA after due deliberation decided to help the students of this village to the best possible extent within its aims & objectives. On 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2013, a team of WEFA members visited Shatter village under Greater Rani Block and had a courteous meeting with its local people, students of this village in the presence of its village head and others. Secretary i/c Indira Das and Joint Secretary Mridula Das briefly elaborated the purpose of the said meeting which followed a candid speech from Vice president Bandita Phukan in respect of benefit that can be obtained by the villagers through Technical & Vocational education. President WEFA Rita Rajkhowa urged the residents therein to make a concerted effort towards overall improvement of the village. WEFA donated 20 solar lamps to the needy students of the village and member Putuli Saikia Barua explained its use and utility. Dr Mrinalini Das, member, also spoke on the occasion.

On 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 WEFA conducted an awareness programme on Technical and Vocational Education in Chandrapur High

School. The meeting was presided over by Sri Madan Chandra Gogoi, President of the School Board and attended by about 120 students, School Head Master Shri Abani Mohan Kalita, teachers of Chandrapur High school and social activist Sri Dhiraj Das. President of WEFA, Rita Rajkhowa, Vice President Bandita Phukan, Secretary i/c Indira Das, member Bibha Das Saikia, Dr Mrinalini Das, Asstt. Secretary, Asstt Auditor Geetimala Baishya imparted useful information regarding benefits of studying Science and Technical Education, and illustrated procedures to get admitted in different in Degree, Diploma and certificate courses. WEFA members present in the said meeting were impressed with the performances of some of the students of this school and following due deliberation decided to extend exemplary financial benefit to Seema Kalita and Kankana Das amounting to Rs.3000/- and Rs.2000/- respectively based on their educational performance as well as the financial standings of their guardians. This financial assistance to the respective students was awarded at a later date in a small function in the School Hall of Chandrapur High School in presence of Vice President of WEFA Nayan Bhandari Sharma and other members namely Labanya Padmapati Barua, Bibha Das Saikia and Indira Das.

WEFA celebrated World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2013, by planting saplings of flowers and fruits in the premises of Kasturba Gandhi Ashram, Ulubari, Guwahati. WEFA President Rita Rajkhowa led the team of WEFA in the plantation programme. Residents of the Ashram extended full co-operation in conducting our programme successfully.

Annual General Meeting of WEFA was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2013, at the conference hall of Institution of Engineers Building at Panbazar. The meeting was presided over by Rita Rajkhowa. New members of the executive committee were selected for the coming session. The Forum decided to hold a seminar on "Rethinking of Rural Development" and a committee was formed for arranging the same at a later date within six month time.

**Er. Indira Das, Secretary, WEFA**

**Editorial:** June 5<sup>th</sup> is celebrated as the World Environment Day every year to preserve the idea of awareness among people about the

importance of the environment. It is also a day to commit to new greening actions. World Environment Day aims to personalise environmental issues - so that world citizens realise that it is our responsibility to take care of the environment, and become actively involved in making lifestyle choices and changes to support sustainable and equitable development. It is celebrated by organising meetings, discussions on various issues and carries out activities like planting saplings and cleaning the public places. Unfortunately, these efforts to keep the environment clean and green are remembered only on this day instead of leaving its imprints in human minds throughout the year. To keep our environment clean and flourish greenery we, people should take it as a revolution.

On 28<sup>th</sup> June, a newspaper article caught my eye which expressed a small but a meaningful service by a German lady named Kamla and her 9 year old son, Ramo in Rishikesh. Recently, the flash flood due to cloud burst in Uttarakhand has become a significant issue. The rescue team brought the pilgrimage victims to Rishikesh to get their connecting trains and buses. They were supplied with food and drinking water. But on the part of the victims, they were too jittery to think of keeping the place clean. As a result, the parts of Rishikesh turned into a land of rotten food, used plates as the dustbins spilled over into the drains and roads. The German lady and her son seeing this unhygienic state came forward to clean an area full of rotten food, paper, plastic plates, bottles etc. Inspired by them, some non-governmental organisations joined hands with them.

It was also mentioned that the recent devastating calamity of Uttarakhand is said to the result of human activities against nature like disposal of household wastes and untreated industrial wastes etc.

It is also learnt that Kamla rendered her services at different places and set an example to respect Mother Nature. The service to nature should not be recollected only on 5<sup>th</sup> June but daily chores of our lives.

**Dr. Bibha Das Saikia, Editor WEFA**

**Life Membership** facility is arranged recently with a fee of Rs. 5,000 only. Following have become the life members of WEFA.

Mrs. Rita Rajkhowa, Mrs. Mridula Das, Mrs. Indira Das, Mrs. Nayan Bhandari Sarma, Mrs Labanya Padmapati Barua, Dr. Bibha Das

Saikia, Mrs. Geetimala Baisya, Mrs. Antara Barua and Mrs. Rupali Neog.

**NEW LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
WITH THEIR FULL NAME, ADDRESS AND OCCUPATION**

Sl No	Name & Designation	Occupation	Address
1	Smt. RITA RAJKHOWA, President.	Retd. Principal, Girls' Polytechnic, Guwahati, Assam	Narikalbasti, Mother Teresa Road, Guwahati-781024
2	Smt. BANDITA PHUKAN, Vice President.	Retd. Manager (T) ,AIDC, Guwahati	Aruna Apartment. HN 5, Shantipath, Guwahati-24
3	Smt NAYAN BHANDARI SHARMA, Vice President	Retd Chief Engineer, PWD, Assam, Guwahati	HN96, Barthakur Mill Road, Ulubari, Guwahati-7
4	Smt. INDIRA DAS, Secretary	Retd. Joint Director, O/O The DTE, Assam	HN 101, Dilip Huzuri Path, Sarumataria, Dispur. Ghy-6
5	Smt. MRIDULA DAS, Jt. Secretary	Retd. Executive Director(C), NEEPCO, Shillong	HN 44, Mathura Nagar, Dispur, Guwahati-6
6	Smt. KRISHNA SARMA, Jt. Secretary	Sr. Manager, ASEB	Kalpadroom Apartment, A.K. Azad Road, Rehabari, Ghy-8
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8	Smt. GEETIMALA BAISHYA, Auditor	DGM (T), AIDC, Assam, Guwahati	HN-6, Pub Sarania, Silpukhuri, Guwahati-3
9	Smt. RUPALI NAUG, Asstt. Secretary	Proprietor, Assam Lime and Chemicals.	Panikhaiti, Guwahati-28
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11	Smt. BIBHA DAS SAIKIA, Member	Retd. Principal, Assam Engg. College	Juripar, Byelane 13, Sixmile, HN. 13/D, Guwahati-37
12	Smt. PUTULI SAIKIA BARUA, Member	Ex. Engineer, ASEB, Guwahati	H.N. 123, Sourav Nagar, Beltola, Ghy-28
13	Smt. LAKHIMI BHAGAWATI, Member	Sr. Manager, ASEB, Guwahati	H.N. 12, Rupali Path, Janakpur, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19
14	Smt. RUNUMI PHUKAN, Member	EE , ASEB, Guwahati.	Basishthapur, Lane No. 2, Basistha Road, Beltola, Ghy-28
15	Smt. ANTARA BARUA, Member	Sr. Manager, ASEB, Guwahati	37, Hazarika Complex, Chatribari, K.C. Road, Guwahati-781008
16	Smt SUBRATA BORA, Member	Asstt Engineer, O/O The Chief Engineer ,PWD(Bldg), Ghy-3	HN82, Voltas Road, Natun Sarania, Gandhi Basti, Ghy-3
17	Smt UTPALA ROY CHOWDHURY, Member	Deputy Director(E). O/O Chief Engineer , Irrigation. Guwahati	HN9, Bylane 2(E), Hatigarh Hillside, GHY-781021
18	Smt. MITALI CHAKRAVORTY, Member	Lecturer, Assam Engg. Instt. Guwahati-3	Apurba Appt. Flat No.4/B-2. Apurba Sinha Path, Rajgarh. Guwahati-781003
19	Smt. MEENA BORDOLOI, Member	Sr. Manager, ASEB	Meghmallar. Kalpa Malati Appt. FA/101. A.K. Azad Rd, Rehabari. Ghy-781008
20	Smt REKHA MAJUMDER, Ex-officio member	Retd. Sr. Env. Engineer, Pollution Control Board, Assam	HN-6, Mathura Nagar, Bishnu Path, Guwahati-781006

## Activities of WEFA



**Distribution of Solar lamp to School students of Sattar Village, Rani, Kamrup**



**Awareness programme on Technical Education and Prize distribution at Chandrapur High School, Chandrapur**





**WEFA : World Environment Day Celebration at Kasturba Ashram.**

**DONATION RECEIVED**

- 1. Mrs. Nayan Bhandari Sharma Rs. 10,000/-
- 2. Mr. Suprakash Choudhury Rs. 10,000/-
- 3. Mr. Dipu Deka (S/O Indira Das) Rs, 5,000/-
- 4. Mr. Tonmoy Saikia ( S/O B. D. Saikia) Rs.5,000/-
- 5. Mrs. Mallika Saikia Rs. 5,000/-

**Inspirational Quote**

- I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply.

- Being willing is not enough; we must do. – Leonardo da Vinci

**Jokes**

- Most people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features yet.
- Customer: Excuse me, but I saw your thumb in my soup when you were carrying it.  
Waitress: Oh, that's okay. The soup isn't hot.

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