



WEFA News Letter

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1. Interaction with Dr. Anuradha Dutta, Retired Dean & Head of the Department of Political Science of Gauhati University.

WEFA in its General Meeting held on 27th August, 2011 heartily welcomed the Chief Guest, Dr Anuradha Dutta, who is a renowned social worker and former Dean & HOD of Political Science of Gauhati University. WEFA highly appreciated her contribution to the society through her relentless efforts to alleviate the living conditions of the poor and the downtrodden.



Rita Rajkhowa, President of WEFA, felicitated Dr. Dutta with a *phulam gamosha* and a bouquet of flowers.

Dr Anuradha Dutta who is presently working for Anwasha elaborated her experience of doing social work in remote villages of Assam during the last few years. She encouraged members of WEFA, specially the young ones, to work with dedication, at the grass root level in order to bring about desirable changes in the society especially the down-trodden one and to give them opportunity for better living.

2. Felicitations of Bandita Phukan .

WEFA was overwhelmed with great delight and satisfaction that Bandita Phukan, Vice President of this Forum, had been selected for the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award in the field of Children Literature for the year 2011, for her book for children "*Seujia Dharani*". She was felicitated by the WEFA members on 27.8.2011 with a silken Phulam Gamosha, a bouquet of flowers, a Xorai made of brass and a citation scripted on a piece of Muga cloth.



Bandita Phukan in her speech elaborated her interest in writing children's books, stories, novels, science fiction, technical write-up, translations- almost on all subjects. She gave a glimpse of her career and mentioned her hobby, which is reading and writing, and stated how she incorporated both in her daily life. She has authored 85 books including translations. Besides, Phukan already received award from Asom Prakashan Parishad for her book 'Julie, Rima aru Sihat', Dulal Sarma Sowarani award, "Sampriti Tuktuki Saikia" award for children's literature to name a few. She thanked WEFA members for their warm felicitation to her, which will be a great inspiration for her future career as a writer.

3. Donation offered by Labanya P. Barua

Labanya P. Barua, Treasurer of WEFA, informed that her daughter Smti Saswati Barua Tarafder donated an amount of Rs. 10,000/ (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the Welfare Fund of WEFA which is to be utilized for awarding one-time financial assistance to one needy girl student admitted this year (2011) to BE degree course in Jorhat Engineering College.

4. One time financial assistance to an economically backward student Offered by Smti Rita Rajkhowa:

Rita Rajkhowa, President of WEFA announced a one-time financial grant to Sri Dharmeswar Das, a meritorious but needy student of Village Batakuchi 1, studying BA 'degree course at present. Smti Rajkhowa donated an amount of Rs 5000/ (Rupees five thousand only) to WEFA fund to be disbursed to Sri Das on Foundation Day of WEFA. Members of WEFA also decided to sponsor and guide the boy till he becomes self-reliant in his chosen field.

5. Donation offered by Er. Ramdas Kakati

Late Kavita Devi (Kakati), an alumna of Assam Engineering College in Civil Engineering, serving as General Manager, NEEPCO had expired on 11th Sept. 2009. Had she been alive now, certainly she would have been with WEFA to promote its goal further. Sri Ramdas Kakati, husband of Late Kavita Devi (Kakati) has submitted a proposal to WEFA to institute an annual Award in the name and style of 'Late Kavita Devi Kakati Memorial Award' to be given to the lady engineer securing highest mark in Civil Engineering in B.E. Final Examination from Assam Engineering College. Sri Kakati has proposed to donate an amount of Rs. 1,20,000/- to WEFA, which shall be deposited as FD, in a nationalized bank and interest accrued thereof shall be the means of finance for this annual Award. In order to inaugurate this Award from the current year itself, Sri Kakati has further proposed to donate an additional amount of Rs.10,000/- (Ten Thousand Only). The Executive Committee of WEFA, after due deliberation on the offer made by Sri Kakati, welcomed the offer and by a resolution, decided to accept the proposal as given and to

complete necessary formalities to inaugurate this Award, which are in progress.

6. Distribution of Solar Lamps to meritorious students from economically weaker sections of Batakuchi Village (1) near Boko.

In continuation of WEFA's aim to promote comprehensive socio-economic and welfare program and introduction and up-gradation of ecology and environment in particular, it had taken up a project to distribute solar lamps to the economically backward and meritorious students of Batakuchi village 1.



This is a tribal village near Boko and electricity has not yet been extended



to it. In order to pursue this objective of WEFA, a public meeting was organized at Batakuchi Kasturba Gram Seva Kendra, on 25.9.2011 where local participation was overwhelming. WEFA members presented 14 (fourteen) solar lamps to equal number of deserving local students of that village, in this meeting.

WEFA would like to profusely thank “Nano Bright Solar Technologies Pvt. Ltd” for helping the Forum to promote this noble cause.
