



# WEFA News Letter

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## President's desk:

Dear Members,  
Congratulations! This is the sixth issue of WEFA Newsletter, which will carry news and information on our activities done in recent time. We are deeply concerned over the sad plight of tens of thousands of our people, who have become worst victims of the devastating FLOODS and EROSIONS, and have practically lost everything they had, and deserve generous help from one and all. As a gesture of our concern, WEFA members donated some amounts, with which, we could purchase some relief materials, in the form of essential commodities and handed over to Saraniya Ashram for distribution to some affected families. We also strongly condemn the most gruesome and atrocious attack on a teen- aged girl in the city, by a gang of goons, in presence of television cameras and demand strong actions against the rowdy persons. Under the efficient editorship of Dr. Bibha Das Saikia, WEFA's mouthpiece is coming out on time. I hope, with the support and co-operation from all of you, WEFA will continue to progress more.

With my very best wishes to all,

Er. Rita Rajkhowa.

## Secretary's report:

The 3rd annual General meeting was held on 12th may 2012, after completion of successful two years term of the first committee. The meeting was presided by Er. Rita Rajkhowa, the President of the forum. At the very outset the Secretary in charge welcomes the members and read out the Annual Report. The general body approved the same. The Audited Report ending 31-3-2012 was placed before the general body by the Treasurer and was approved.

The members opined that as the forum is in infant stage the same committee is to continue for the next term with inclusion of additional members. Hence the committee has been formed as follows:

**President:** Er Rita Rajkhowa  
**Vice President:** Er. Bandita Phukan  
Er. Nayan Bhandari Sarma  
**Secretary:** Er. Rekha Majumdar  
**Joint Secretary:** Er. Indira Das  
Er. Mridula Das  
**Assistant Secretary:** Er. Rupali Naug  
Er. Mrinalini Das  
**Treasurer:** Er. Labanya Padmapati Barua  
**Auditor:** Er Geetimala Baishya

### **Executive Members:**

Dr. Bibha Das Saikia  
Er. Putuli Saikia Baruah  
Er. Runumi Phukan  
Er. Lakhimi Bhagawati  
Er. AntaraBaruah  
Er. Krishna Sarma  
Er. Mina Bordoloi  
Er. Utpala Roy Chowdhury  
Er. Subrata Bora  
Er. Mitali Chakraborty

Dr. Bibha Das Saikia has been entrusted with the editor of the News Letter of the forum.

WEFA celebrated World Environment Day by organising plantation programme on 7th June 2012 at two schools of the city, namely Dispur Govt. Higher Secondary School and Rukminigaon Balika Bidyalaya.

### **Flood Relief:**



WEFA expressed deep concern over the grave situation and hardship suffered by the people due to the recent flood in the state. The members handed over essential food items and clothes to The Saraniya Ashram, Ulubari, Guwahati-7 for distribution to the affected people.

### **Editor's Note:**

The responsibility as the Editor of WEFA's Newsletter is a great privilege to me. I am grateful to all my fellow members for giving me this opportunity. There is an unparalleled joy and happiness in preparing WEFA's Newsletter informative.

In the recent years, the number of females in North-East zone of India is opting for Bachelors in Engineering and is coming out with flying colours. Some of the lady engineers in North-East have obtained Masters and PhD levels also. Most of them are employed in various institutions and organisations. Some of the lady engineers have crossed the age of super annulations already. Unfortunately, statistical data of lady engineers and their employment status are not yet recorded.

WEFA could have maintained the record of the same, if our fellow members had sent information regarding lady engineers from respective organisations through our e-mail address- [wefa09@gmail.com](mailto:wefa09@gmail.com). Our fellow members can also place their opinions and share views. There is also a need of WEFA membership drive to include many lady engineers to make this group strong and better.

Since our society is growing very unevenly and leaving a section of people deprived. WEFA should aim to help this needy section of people. Let us join our hands and work for them with sincerity and whole heartedly.

Closing the Editor's Note by quoting the words of Albert Einstein –

“It is high time that the ideal success should be replaced by the ideal service”

## Celebration of World Environment Day:



Smt. Renu Bhuyan Dutta, Principal in charge of Dispur Govt. Higher Secondary School inaugurated. The programme planting Nahar sapling. The members of the forum present also took part in plantation along with the students of the school. Smt. Ranu Sarma, Head Mistress of Rukminigaon Balika Bidyalaya inaugurated the second Phase of the programme planting a Devdaru sapling in front of the common room. The students of the school took part in plantation with enthusiasm under the guidance and supervision of the members of the forum.



About sixty saplings comprising of Bokul, Sewali, Neem, Nahar, Devdaru, Radhasura, Kaminikanchan etc. were planted in both the schools. The

members has appealed the school authorities to look after the saplings and advised the students to dedicate themselves for the cause of the preservation and protection of the environment.

Vice President, Er. Nayan Bhandari Sarma thanked the teachers of both the schools for their cooperation. Er. Rekha Majumdar, Er. Labanya Padmapati Barua, Dr. Bibha Das Saikia, Er. Mridula Das also took part in the programme.

### Donation received:

Er. Mridula Das, Joint secretary of WEFA donated Rs. 10,000 to offer donation to deserving students.

Er. BanditaPhukan, Vice President of WEFA donated Rs. 5,000 for the same purpose.

### News from other sources:

? WISE- India: A forum of Women in Science and Engineering in India has been created to become the voice of women engineers and science

? WISE-India sorted out the following factors affecting women engineers.

- **Economic**
  - a) Difficulty in getting job
  - b) Reluctance of employers to give jobs to women
  - c) Less salaries as compared to men
  - d) Less professional recognition
  
- **Social**
  - a) Family background
  - b) Personal commitment
  - c) Family takes a priority over career ambition

- **Other factors**
  - a) Less willing to travel
  - b) Less willing to relocate or shift base
  - c) Geographical factors, i.e. more women engineers in southern states than in northern states.
  - d) Mutual career priorities competition between wives and husbands.
- ? WISE-India has been created to become the voice of women engineers and scientists.
- ? Women in Science and Engineering in India, 2010 (WISE) aims to spread a message and awareness among women engineers. Some of the facts are as follows:
  - ? In India, most women engineers end up in teaching jobs, though the trend is decreasing.
  - ? Following is the emerging trend of opted professions:
    - Consultancy organizations: 22.2 %
    - Technical and educational institutions – 20.7 %
    - Research and development organizations
    - Government and semi government organization – 10 %
    - Industry (Public + Private)

**Health Tip:**

Laughter is strong medicine for mind and body.

“Your sense of humor is one of the most powerful tools you have to make certain that your daily mood and emotional state support good health.”

- Paul E. McGhee, Ph.D.

Laughter is a powerful antidote to stress, pain, and conflict. Nothing works faster or more dependably to bring your mind and body back into balance than a good laugh. With so much power to heal and renew, the ability to laugh easily and frequently is a tremendous resource for surmounting problems, enhancing your relationships, and supporting both physical and emotional health.

**Believe it or not!!**

New model of Barbie, the favorite for little girls everywhere will be a computer engineer to encourage girls to pursue technical careers when they grow up.

**Quote of the Newsletter:**

“Service is the rent we pay to be living. It is the very purpose of life & not something you do in your spare time.”

– Marian Wright Edelman.

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