
Annual Report 2010-2011 Nanda Talukdar Foundation

This is another exciting year for the Nanda Talukdar Foundation as it has started rapidly growing and making a serious mark in the intelligence of the Assam civil society as a point of reference to the serious matter on the literature level as innumerable researchers continue to make use of its famed library as well as new academic projects have been launched mostly with private funding.

New Executive body

The Foundation got a new executive body on May 23, 2010. It has elected Mr. Nitya Bora, an eminent writer and columnist as its new Chairman besides six other executive members. The new body is

- Chairman- Mr Nitya Bora, Gandhi Basti, Guwahati
- Secretary- Mrinal Talukdar, Pub Sarania, Guwahati
- Executive Member
 - Mukul Deka, Rajgarh Bihutoli, Guwahati
 - Lalit Bora, Satirtha Gyanyatra, Ganeshguri, Guwahati
 - Utpal Borpujari, Rafi Marg, New Delhi
 - Krishna Talukdar, Pub Sarania, Guwahati
 - Pikumoni Dutta, D.K.B Road, Golaghat
 - Raj Chakravarty, Kannachal, Nizarapara Road, Guwahati

Following are the decisions of the executive body

1. A corpus fund of Rs 20 lakh (from the Chief Minister's Grant (Rs 10 lakh), Profit of the "Assam" book, consultancy service fee as well as return of profit share by Prasanta Borktakay, Raj Chakrabarty, Krishna Talukdar and Mrinal Talukdar) is being created initially and within a year it should be raised to Rs 25 lakh.
2. The interest of the corpus fund should be used for recurring monthly expenditure of the foundation. Namely

i. Administrator salary	Rs 7000
ii. Resource person	Rs 5000
iii. Peon	Rs 3000
iv. Electricity	Rs 1000
v. Telephone	Rs 1000
vi. Misc	Rs 1000
vii. Stationeries	Rs 1500
viii. <u>House Rent</u>	<u>Rs 1000</u>
Total	Rs 20500

3. The new payment structure will be applicable only after the creation of the corpus fund which will be kept in the Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), Chandmari branch. The same would be operated by the General Secretary.
4. The meeting also approves the creation of new division of the Foundation called "**Emerging Media**" and entrusted Mukul Deka and Mrinal Talukdar to devise a mechanism through which the independent character of the new venture should be protected in distant future. For this purpose another corpus fund of Rs 50 lakh will be created through equity model involving 200 shares each having Rs 25000 share.
5. However the meeting decided to scan the names of the potential investor to weed out any unwanted elements which can be difficult to handle in future. Each of the executive members are expected to bring at least 5 share holders from their individual networks.
6. The meeting also decided to approach MPs from Assam for the construction of the expansions of the foundation. However it has decided to restrict themselves within the MPs of Assam including the Prime Minister.
7. The meeting also decided to approach angel investors and PSUs for future funds and projects besides starting the paper works for the FCRA.

Corpus fund

As per the resolution of the Executive Committee, a corpus fund of Rs 20 lakh have been created in the Indian Overseas Bank(IOB), Chandmari Branch with an intention of generating Rs 17000 per month as an interest which will take care of monthkey minimum expenditure for the Foundation's activities.

Grants

CM Grant

Chief Minister of Assam Tarun Gogoi while releasing the book "Assam" surprised the Foundation by announcing Rs 10 lakh as grant to the Foundation. The Foundation has never applied for that and it has amused the members. So a plan was chaled out to exoand the Foundation's building and add offices, store room as well as a Guest House for the research scholars who generally come to the Foundation as well as for those who are woring in Assam on the acamdeic and developmental sector. The office of the Kamrup Distrct Magsitrate Office have released the fund I two installments.

NTF Annexe

The work of the NTF annexe with the CM's grant started on August 5 and completed by January 27. It contains total of 1587 square feet of building spreading over two floors have been constructed and opened for public. The new building also includes the Guest House besides the office chamber.

Tie up with Bhabani groups

A major tie up have been done with the Bhabani Printers through which publications have been decided to bring out as a joint venture between with Foundation generating the content and they are printing with cost sharing between the two while dividing the print run.

Bicharak Rajkhowar Fasi: This was the first joint venture with the Bhabni publisher and the book was formally launched in Guwahati by noted film actor George Baker, who flew in from Kolkatta for this purpose. The book has been warmly received as it covers the momentous murder mystery of Jdge Open Rajkhowa.

Big Dam

This is a compilation of work on the Big Dam issue and was jointly edited by Mrinal Talukdar and Kishore Kumar Kalita where writers from all the field from Nitya Bora to Samujjal kr Bhattacharrya, from Akhil Gogoi to Himanta Biswa Sarma wrote for the book. The book is the only compilation of hat nature on the big fam issue.

Social History of Assam

This is one of the most ambitious and tenacious project the Foundation has undertaken. Sponsored by private fund and well wishers of the Foundation, a team of three led by Mrinal Talukdar are scanning the newspapers of Assam from 1945-2005 to create data base of major vents of the history in the field of Politics, Economoy, Insurheny and Cultral and then to come out with a series of books of modern history of Assam. Investigation is on in the Directorate of Histrial Studies, Central Library, Kalakshetra library and Finanly in the Foundation library.

Guest House

The Guest House has become operational and although it is not at all commercial but response has been encouraging as the initial months since Febryary has been filled up by scholars from University of Calcutta, Indian Institute of Science, Banglaore and Trinity College, UK.

Project Portal

The initial work for the Project portal under which an online North East related forum is being created. The url www.india-northeastonline.com have been regsieted and preliminary mapping have been done. The mass communication department of Gauhati University as well as some energetic youths like Vikramjit kakti are also being ropedin to draw the contours .

