Annual Report 2008-2009 Nanda Talukdar Foundation

This is the year when we are entirely devoted to the academic work of the Cofee table book Assam with periodic meetings of the group, accounts update, photo collection as well as installment payments. It has been a Herculean task as we continued to work and limited our activities to a great extent. There are not much of other activities of the Foundation during the period as the resources have been completely been drained for the project which is taking its shape.

The book has taken up almost the entire energy for the Foundation involving 11 of us with Foundation is the promoter having 17 per cent stake of the huge project and the remaining stakes have been picked up by 11 persons in individual capacity.

There were nine meeting that took part in the Foundation regard of the Assam project and is expected to be completed by the end of 2009.

Meanwhile the Cane & Bamboo Technology (CBTC) have entrusted us to prepare a book for them on bamboo. This was done for them and we have discovered Sudeepta Baruah as the new designer for the whole project and for that. The project was also going on simultaneously and for that we are hiring Samsul Huda Patgiri for the phototogarphs. This is also a coffee table book but here we are only the content provider. Mrinal Talukdar and Durba Ghosh wrote the text part while Mr. Patgiri took the photographs. Unlike the Project Assam, in the bamboo book we are paid for the contents.

Mrinal Talukdar Secretary 31.3.2009