
Annual Report 2018-2019

Nanda Talukdar Foundation

As the curtain for the year (2017-2018) has come down, we can look with the immense satisfaction to the year with lot of pride and responsibility as the year witnessed consolidation of the existing project and returning to the core competency of research and publication from the developmental sector Here is the story of the past year.

Following are the activities of the year in a nutshell.

1. Development Sector- Highway Plantation
2. Research & Publication
 - a. G.U -South East Asia
 - b. Axom Xahitya Xabha-NTF Social History Project

DEVELOPMENT SECTOR

Green Highway

Consolidated the work on the highway plantation. From the initial plantation, now it is the time of nurturing it and has witnessed many challenges. Theft is a major problem as our area of plantation is 25 kilometers from the Guwahati city.



Despite the problems like theft, accidents and vagaries of the weather, we have been successful in maintaining the plantation with 90% survival and there has been very good growth also.



Research & Publication

The NTF and Gauhati University's South East Asia Studies have jointly undertaken a project of rhino poaching and its markets in SEA. Through this project, the rhino poaching track was investigated and sought to find out how the rhino horns are taken out of Assam and it ends up where. After a yearlong research, a book named Mandalay was published. Through the book the route of the poached rhino horn was traced and found out that most of these horns end up in China. This is first of such



research and finding were written in a lucid way in the book Mandalay which was inaugurated in Gauhati University.

Collaboration with Axom Xahitya Xabha

The NTF and Axom Xahitya xabha (AX) have come together to launch a new project called Nanda Talukdar Social History Project to document all major happenings of the state and all information in regard of that in a cloud based repository for generations to come.

The Axom Xahitya Xabha and the Nanda Talukdar Foundation(NTF) signed the MoU to launch a social-political history project to document and research cotemporary social political history under the The Nanda Talukdar Social History project.

The project is guided by a three member committee with one representative drawing



from both the organizations and one independent member. The three member committee shall be comprised of Xabha President Dr. Paramanada Rajbongshi, Professor Dr Udayan Mishra and Mrinal Talukdar of the Nanda Talukdar Foundation.

This is a self generating project, which will try to document the Socio-political history of Assam and the North East, specially the post independence era, chronicling the series of events Assam and the region have faced over the decades.

Objectives: Dr Nanda Talukdar was not only an integral part of Axom Xahitya Xabha with various portfolios for three decades but he has been considered a literary giant and this is an attempt belatedly, not only to give recognition to his immense volume of work towards Xabha and literary world but carry forward his research based work as mark of tribute to this great scholar.

How to achieve the objective: Dr Talukdar died in 1983 and his immediate family members gave shape to Nanda Talukdar Foundation(NTF) , which has grown over the past two and half decades to an organization of repute specializing in the Contemporary Social History Research, documentation besides 19th Century Assamese Literature preservation and digitalization.

The Axom Xahitya Xabha and NTF join hands and give the Contemporary Social History research a definitive and institutionalizing shape.

Modus Operandi: A three member committee with President of AXX and Secretary of NTF and a domain specialist of repute from outside the two organizations shall form an Advisory Committee which will supervise, oversee and mentor the Project.

Day to Day Operation: The day to day operation, leg work for research work, documentation and digitalization or in simple language all the manpower shall be provided by the Nanda Talukdar Foundation from their pool of researchers, done for which the NTF which will seek guidance and mentorship from the Advisory Committee.

Resource:

The Project shall seek to generate fund from independent sources as well as self financing publications to maintain and carry forward sustainable research and documentation of the Social History research. The Project, with the mandate from the Advisory Board, shall generate resource for the project as an when need arises. The NTF will bear the administrative cost of the project as well as day to day logistics and funds generated by the project shall be used for research and publication only.

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