



ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL INITIATIVES

DANS GROUP

This report highlights some of the environmental and social initiatives taken by DANS GROUP in and around the project sites in Sikkim.

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Introduction

DANS Group is a socially responsible corporate entity with focus on green energy generation through sustainable development. We also stress on environment protection and social welfare. In line with this vision, we carry out various social welfare and environmental activities for the betterment of the local area.

1 SKILLS AUGMENTATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

DANS Group believes in an integrated and sustainable approach towards development. The local population should be involved in the development process so that they can benefit from the same. They should be trained for skill development and in turn generate employment opportunities. This is imperative for economic development of the area.

1.1 EMPLOYMENT TO LOCALS IN PROJECT RELATED ACTIVITIES

DANS Group has a policy of employing local people as far as possible. As on date more than 95% of the non-technical staff at project sites consists of local population.

1.2 VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR WOMEN

The project authorities started a training program in December 2011 at both Jorethang and Tashiding. The training program aimed at training the local women in the art of cutting and tailoring so as to make them self-sufficient and thus empower them. The company provided the training facility, teacher and materials required for training. The program got a very positive response and many a local women enrolled for the training.

The vocational training program for women started by DANS helped many local women train in the art of cutting and tailoring.

Goals of the scheme:

- This Training is focused on development of human capacity to obtain the means of livelihood.
- Research has shown that when women increase their income, they tend to spend a greater percentage of it to benefit the family than do men.
- To empower rural and poor women by giving them the skills to earn a livelihood that will increase the well-being of themselves, their families and communities.
- To foster an attitude of independence, initiative, and self-reliance that will overcome attitudes of dependency and helplessness.
- To develop an understanding of the role of fine craftsmanship and business ethics in the success of any venture.
- To enable rural and poor women to increase their status as able generators of economic contributions to their families and communities.



Women who enrolled for Vocational Training at Cutting and Tailoring Institute

To help more women train at the same time, in March 2013 three sets of tailoring machines were provided by the project authorities.



New Tailoring machines provided

1.3 SELF-EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

DANS Group under the self-employment scheme, provided local youths of Chisopani with a chance to start a poultry farm of their own, The Company has provided the youths with the financial assistance to construct a shed and start a farm. The company also provided financial assistance to Mr. Ritesh Darnal & group, who are unemployed youths from the affected families to start their own business.



Assistance provided for making Poultry farm

1.4 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING

DANS Group provided Mr. Ravi Thapa, a permanent resident Majhitar, with a financial assistance to go for the training at Blind Relief Association, Delhi, where he will be given vocational trainings in different fields by the experts to make him self-reliant. Mr. Ravi Thapa belonged to a very poor family. But somehow he got the chance to study at Namchi Blind School. After passing out of the school, He always wanted to go for the training but because of his financial stand, it was like a dream for him. But now with the help of DANS Group he got the chance to study and get training at BRA Delhi.

Mr. Dawa Bhutia, President Industrial Belt Development Committee (IBDC) through whom the cash was handed over to Ravi, thanked the company for the help and appreciated the company's social activities.



Mr. Dawa Bhutia (president IBDC) handing over the cash to Ravi.

1.5 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ACCIDENT VICTIM

47 year old Mani Kumar Gadaily met with an accident on 14th May 2007. He recalls that there was a heavy rainfall on the day before his accident. He is a truck driver by profession and was driving his truck on Geyzing Dentam Road. At around 7 AM, due to the sudden slide in the road, his truck fell nearly two hundred meters down the cliff. When he regained his consciousness, he was lying in Central Referral Hospital (Manipal Hospital). His right side of the body was totally damaged, from his right eye to his hips and thighs which were crushed and his right hand was broken. However, his life was miraculously saved. He was operated and his bones were given support by the steel rods. He spent all his savings he had was spent to save his life. Now he lives in a one room rented house with his family of four. Doctors had advised him to re operate and take out the iron rods from his hips and thigh long time back but because of the financial problem he had not been able to do so. Doctors say that he can walk after the operation and he also believes that he can work after the operation and live a normal life like he used to six years back.

DANS Group took the initiative to help Mr. Gadaily by providing financial assistance for the operation.



1.6 FACILITIES FOR STUDENTS

a) DANS INSTITUTE OF COMPUTER AND INTERNET EDUCATION

On 15th August 2010, DANS Group opened a free Computer and Internet Learning Centre for all the students of Jorethang and Naya Bazaar at Saraswati Sishu Vidhyalaya, Naya Bazaar, West Sikkim. The centre was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Area MLA, Shri Madan Cintury on the occasion of 64th Independence day. The company installed six computers with latest

configuration and a broadband connection. All the logistic expenses including the maintenance of the centre and the salary of the instructor was borne by company.

In Feb 2011, DANS computer and internet learning centre conducted a valedictory programme at its centre for its first and second batch students passing out of the institute. Mr. Madan Cintury, Area MLA, attended the programme as a chief guest, and in his speech, he congratulated all the students and DANS family for having such a unique perspective towards the welfare of the society. On the same occasion, Saraswati Sishu Vidhyalaya also felicitated DANS Group for its contribution the field of social welfare.

The institute since its opening on 15th Aug 2010 had been providing computer education to more than 160 students of Jorethang and nearby areas of which 62 students where provided with certificates and prizes.



b) GOVERNMENT SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL (CHISOPANI, SOUTH SIKKIM)

For imparting basic knowledge of computer, Ms. Manju Pradhan was appointed as Computer Instructor at Salgari Secondary School. Her salary expenses are borne by DANS Group. For recreation purpose, the school has been provided with different Sports items like Cricket bat, Cricket Ball, Footballs, Basket balls, Skips, Rackets and shuttle.

c) DANS MERITORIOUS STUDENT AWARDS

DANS Group has been giving away meritorious student awards to the top ranking students in many local schools including St. Francis School, Nayabazaar Jr. High School, Little angel academy, Nabil's Memorial School, Prashanti Vidhyagiri etc.



d) SEMINAR ON VALUE BASED EDUCATION

DANS Group organized a seminar on 'Value-based education' on 25 Feb 2011 at St. Francis School auditorium, Jorethang, South Sikkim. The seminar was presided by a renowned IPS

officer, Mr. Akshay Sachdeva and addressed by a well-known psychiatrist, Mr. C.L. Pradhan. Students of Jorethang Sr. Secondary School and St. Francis School also attended the seminar. The speakers at the seminar expressed serious concern over the loosing self-esteem and the alarming rise in drug abuse, especially among the youth, and called for launching a crusade against the menace, which is posing a serious threat to the social system.

Mr. Sachdeva expressed that he has been greatly impressed by the various activities being undertaken by the DANS Group. Dr. C.L. Pradhan, in his keynote addresses on 'value-based education', said, "The value-based education is the need of the hour." Defining the term value, he said, "'the term 'Value' is intangible. To me, value means good morals and good character. Unfortunately, our value system is crumbling today. Intolerance is rampant. We hardly give any thought to the building of character. It's important that value-based education be introduced in all education institutions." Discipline is one of the foremost components that shape our life while Education and literacy are different terms. The worldly education makes people literate, but value-based education makes people good human creating a better society to live in, he added.

The programme came to an end with a vote of thanks by DANS Official.



e) WINTER MULTI-CAMP

SEPL has been supporting the winter Multi-disciplinary Camp by providing LPG Gas cylinder, Water Pump and supplying water through company tanker for the student participating in this Camp. The winter Multi-disciplinary Camp was organized by the Local NGO Heavenly Path Organization, Sakyong. The winter Multi-disciplinary camp is held with an objective to help the participants improve their skill in fields of sports, Culture and studies for overall development of the individuals.



f) SEMINAR ON VALUE BASED EDUCATION AND ETHICS IN STUDENT LIFE

DANS Group on 7th May 2011 organized a seminar on value based education and ethics in student's life. Seminar was attended by the school students in and around Jorethang along with their teachers. The lecture was delivered by renowned IPS officer Mr.Akshay Sachdeva IGP (Sikkim Armed police force). The programme started with welcome speech given by President, DANS Group. After the welcome speech, Mr. A. Sachdeva distributed the prize money to the school students (who stood 1st, 2nd & 3rd in their respective classes) as announced by DANS Group on 5th of June 2010 and also to those three brave guards who helped to extinguish forest fire at Melli Jorethang road.

Soon after the prize distribution Mr.Sachdeva started his lecture along with stage act, he said future of our state or our country is totally dependent upon our students. Quality of education they get will define the future of the country.

Programme came to an end with the vote of thanks given by DANS Official.



g) GURU QUIZ 2012

DANS Group, as a part of its educational CSR initiatives, took the idea of presenting Guru Quiz 2012 on 17th November 2012 at Gangtok with a strong belief that in order to make education inclusive; teachers also should be provided an exposure to positive competition. Guru Quiz 2012 was one such initiative to involve teachers directly in the process of active learning and fun.

Guru Quiz 2012 started with a mission. The mission to thank teachers for their contribution in helping create the future of the state, the mission to inspire teachers to continue their quest for learning and the mission to bring them to a platform where they could positively compete with each other through a platform of quizzing.

The Chief Guest of Guru Quiz was Mr. Anil Raj Rai, Commissioner, Gangtok Municipal Corporation, one of the bright minds of the state. The Guest of Honour was Mr Sony Viridi, the dynamic Chairman of Mt. Zion School, Gangtok who is an ardent supporter of educational initiatives and passionate about encouraging teachers to refine and polish their skills.

The idea of Guru Quiz was finalized by DANS Group and the schools; execution was left to the organizers QYOU!, the quizzing vertical of '24hours Inspired'. The response from the Schools was superb. Guru Quiz 2012 just a day after Diwali, i.e. 17th Nov, 2012 was welcomed with all excitement by the schools. 10 schools from South and West Sikkim participated with some schools as far as Yuksom coming in to positively engage in this first of its kind event in Sikkim. There was a lot of enthusiasm among the students and the guests to cheer and support the participant teachers. The teachers competed with all enthusiasm and excitement and even after a marathon of a quizzing competition of 8 hours, the teachers and the audience was at their excited best.

The winner of the competition was Temi Senior Secondary School, Jorethang Senior Secondary School and Naya Bazaar Secondary School. The winner received a cash prize of Rs.15,000, Rs.10,000 and Rs.5,000 respectively, sponsored by DANS Group.



Overwhelming response at the GURU QUIZ



Final Round in Progress

h) EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF THE PROJECT AREA

On the 17th of April, 2012 Shiga Energy Pvt. Ltd. organized an educational trip for the students of three Schools to the Project area. The participant Schools were Kabirthing Primary School, Ramitay Primary School and Lower Bhaluthang Primary School. Students of grade five from each of these schools participated in this educational tour. The students of each school were accompanied by one of their teachers.

The tour started from the Barrage area where our site engineer educated these young students about the functioning of a hydro-electric project. The students were also provided with a handy manual so as to provide them with an ease to understand how electricity is produced at a hydro-electric project. The tunnel managers took the students through a brief understanding on tunnel safety and also how the tunnel excavation takes place. At the Power House, these young minds were explained the final production of electricity and how it is transmitted to different locations.

Lunch was provided at Kabirthing. All the participants were given a gift pack and sweets to add to their delight. A briefing of the tour was given to the participants and also a short lecture on hydro-electric projects as a clean developer of electricity was initiated by the Environment Officer. The Principal of Ramitay Primary School announced that some questions from this educational tour would be included in their upcoming exam.



i) PICNIC FOR STUDENTS OF KABIRTHING PRIMARY SCHOOL AND LOWER BHALUTHANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

DANS Group in the month of December 2012 organized picnic for the students of Kabirthing Primary School and Lower Bhaluthang Primary School. The students of Kabirthing School were taken to Soluphuk, Namchi and the students of Lower Bhaluthang Primary School were taken to Buddha Park, Rabangla. Lunch and other snacks were sponsored by SEPL.



1.7 DANS RESCUE TEAM

DANS Group under the supervision of ex-Para-military officer selected the group of 19 local unemployed youths of Sikkim. They were selected after going through a series of physical and mental fitness tests. These youth were employed with an aim of securing the project area and building up a strong force to help local authorities during the times of natural calamities and other emergencies. It was also declared that these security personnel will always be ready in case of any kind of emergencies in and around Jorethang Area.



DANS RESCUE TEAM AT THE END OF TRAINING

2 ENVIRONMENT RELATED ACTIVITIES

DANS Group believes in the concept of sustainable development. Development should not be carried out at the cost of environment. It is our moral obligation to protect our environment for the sake of our future generations. Thus we carry out various activities in the vicinity of project area for environment management.

2.1 DUMPING AREA

Most of the excavated materials dug out or excavated from various project components are piled at designated muck dumping yards. These dumping areas are located on the riverine deposits in the form of terraces. To provide stability to these dumping yards, they have been surrounded by retaining walls in the form of crate walls, RRM walls etc. Also plantation is carried out near these dumping areas.



2.2 AWARENESS PROGRAM ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

A programme on solid waste management was organized by DANS Group on 20th June 2010 at Jorethang playground, Jorethang South Sikkim. The chief guest for the occasion was the area MLA, Shri Madan Cintury. The programme was also attended by BDO, Jorethang Block, Joint Secretary UD & HD Department, Jorethang, members of Nagar Panchayats and the local

public. The proceedings of the meeting were carried out by Mr. Ganesh Adhikari, Nagar Panchayat member, attended by the public of Majhigoan,(ward No 5 & 4).

The program aimed at developing social awareness regarding the necessity to keep the environment clean. The company provided 5 (five) nos. of large garbage bins each of 1000l which were placed at different locations of the town under the supervision of UD & HD Dept. Jorethang. Similarly the company provided 20 nos. garden bins, each of 60l fitted in and around the town and many more were distributed to the local population.



Eco-friendly Concrete garbage bins in association with the Dept. of UD&HD, Jorethang, South Sikkim

2.3 CLEANLINESS DRIVE

Cleanliness drives were carried out on 18th June 2014 at Rabong Bazar & on 23rd June 2014 at Kewzing bazar. Among the participants were SDM Rabong, ADC, S.D.P.O, S.H.O, Forest Officials, panchayats & local people. DANS Energy Pvt. Ltd. participated in the drive and

provided vehicles to assist people in the cleanliness drive. Refreshments were also provided to the participants.



2.4 RIVER TRAINING WORKS

River training works in the form of protective walls have been constructed on the River Rangit where necessary. This is done mainly to prevent change of path of river and excessive soil erosion at the time of monsoon. The protective walls are repaired after monsoon season.



2.5 LANDSLIDE AND SOIL EROSION MITIGATION

DANS Group actively conducts plantation works at the project site to check the landslide and soil erosion. The company has planted sand binder plants like Napier, Broom grass and Bamboos, which check soil erosion and prevent landslides. DEPL has also planted fruiting plant on Melli-Jorethang highway. Some of the other plants which have been planted are Ashoka, Silver Oak, Boganbelli and Teak. Belly benching works were done at land slide prone areas around the project site.

Quite frequently the DANS Rescue team carries out plantation drives which carry on for days in a row and thousands of trees are planted. Making of tree guards was also done to protect tree saplings.



Saplings Plantation Drive

2.6 DISTRIBUTION OF LPG

Commercial LPG cylinders are distributed to contractors for cooking and are used in the company mess at project site in order to avoid the use of fuel wood for cooking purposes. DANS has also provided many schools of the area with LPG and cooking infrastructure for their mid-day meal program.



LPG Storage at Site

2.7 ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS

In an effort to spread awareness and educate people regarding the importance to conserve environment, DANS Group on the occasion of each Environment Day conducts social awareness campaigns, plantation drives, cleanliness drives etc. near all its project sites with the support of local authorities and people. Such campaigns are organised every year.





2.8 MAINTENANCE OF PARKS

DANS Group has been maintaining two parks here at Jorethang Bazaar, Namely Bhanu park and Gandhi Park. Bhanu Park is named after a great Nepali scholar Bhanubhakta, it is situated near Jorethang football ground and the Gandhi park is situated at Melli road. These two parks are the main parks of the town. The company has also illuminated the parks with different light and this has added to the cleanness and beatifications of the bazaar.



2.9 FOREST FIRE FIGHTING CAMP

DANS Group as part of its Disaster Management Programme initiated a Forest Fire-fighting Camp on the Jorethang-Melli Road. The Camp was started on 1st March, 2013. Four trained security personnel have been deputed to handle any kind of emergencies.

The camp continued in the month of April 2013 in coordination with Forest Environment and Wildlife Management Department.



Forest Fire-Fighting Camp

3 HEALTH RELATED ACTIVITIES

We believe that good health is the right of every citizen. DANS Group takes pride in providing medical facilities not only to our employees and their families but also for the local population.

3.1 FREE MEDICAL CAMPS

The camp was organized to provide free Ayurvedic medical services to all the communities in and around Jorethang Town. All patients were treated and some cases referred to Gangtok regional research institute. DANS took the responsibility of providing all necessary logistics including Medicines/Drugs etc. The treatments carried out were as follows: -

Treatment of Arthritis, Back Pain, Spondylitis, Acidity, Gastric and Ulcer, Asthma, Tonsillitis, Pharyngitis, Diabetes, Obesity, Chronic Skin problems, Menstrual disorders and infertility etc.

A total of 10 such free ayurvedic medical camps have been organized till date.



Another free medical camp was organised by DANS Group in February 2012 at Gaylsing. Free medical services were provided to the villagers. The team comprised of Dr. Chewang Donka Bhutia, Dr. Kanchen Gurung, Dr. Sanjog Sharma and Yeshay Paden Bhutia (Nurse). Health workers of the nearby villages also extended their help towards the success of the Camp.

Medical Services offered during the camp included a full patient consultation, basic physical examination, blood pressure and temperature test in appropriate patients. Free medications were dispensed which had a comprehensive range of drugs. Two mini buses were assigned to provide conveyance to the villagers.



3.2 HIV AWARENESS CAMP

DANS Group in association with Sikkim State AIDS Control Society conducted an HIV Test Program at Jorethang, which was attended by 488 staffs and labours from various project sites. The program consisted of an HIV awareness counselling session by the Health Department counsellor Ms Sujata followed by HIV rapid tests performed by lab technician Ms Sonam Bhutia.

On 24th April 2012 another HIV Test program was conducted at Tashiding Hydro Electric Project for its employees in co-ordination with National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) certified, Mobile Integrated counselling and Treatment Centre (ICTC). This Mobile ICTC consisted of a lab technician to perform the test and a counsellor to provide counselling on HIV before and after the test is performed on an individual. A total of 295 employees were tested which included a maximum of migrant labourers. Another such camp was organised in September 2012, in which around 350 employees were screened.





3.3 FREE MEDICAL CAMP FOR HEPATITIS 'B' AND 'C' CHECKUP

Shiga Energy organized a one day free medical camp for hepatitis 'B' and 'C' checkup at Kaberthang project complex Geyzing, West Sikkim on 9th November 2014. Local citizens including students, company employees and senior citizens from Kaberthang, Sakyong, Raigaon, Omlok, Bhaluthang etc. took active part in this free medical camp. People were checked and were advised as to what precaution and medicine is to be taken and for those people who were found to have Hepatitis 'B' and 'C' were advised medicines.



3.4 BLOOD DONATION CAMP

In association with Red Ribbon Club & NSS, SEPL organized a blood donation camp at Sr. Secondary Girls School, Geyzing. It was a voluntary blood donation camp and approx. 100 people donated blood in this camp including the students.



3.5 PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE AT SITE

- Two permanent doctors have been appointed at the project site with 2 nos. of nursing staff to facilitate laborers and staff working at site.
- Three numbers of dispensaries have been established at the site to facilitate medical aid to the labors (Barrage, Power House Camp and Adit 1)
- Complete health screening and periodic health checkup of laborers is being done on regular basis. Medical facility is provided to project employees as well as villagers free of cost.
- Periodic medical camps are organized for the General Public free of cost.



3.6 SPONSORING OF COMPUTERS TO PRIMARY HEALTH SUB-CENTRE, SAKYONG

Under the CSR initiative, Shiga Energy Pvt. Ltd. sponsored a Computer set to Primary Health Sub- Centre, Sakyong, West Sikkim on 17th January 2015. The computer was handed over by the company officials to Shri L. B. Rai, In-charge of the Primary Health Sub- Centre.

3.7 SPONSORSHIP OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

DANS Group in its effort to improve medical facilities in the area provided Namchi District Hospital with medical equipment in the presence of the Chief Medical Officer (CMO). Several sets of Stethoscope, Drip stand, X-ray view box, BP instruments, Oxygen flow meter etc. were provided.



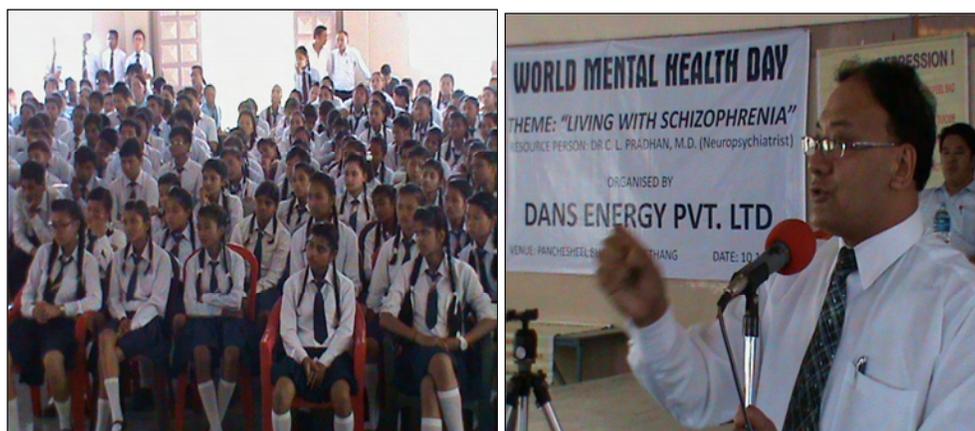
3.8 INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

A program was held on 26th June 2014 at St. Francis School, Jorethang on the occasion of “International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking”. It was organized by the Drishay Foundation and attended by the Nagar Panchayats, S.H.O Jorethang, P.S, Teachers and almost 150 nos. of Students from different schools in and around Jorethang. The program was sponsored by DANS Energy Pvt. Ltd.

3.9 WORLD METAL HEALTH DAY

On the occasion of World Mental health day, DANS Energy conducted a programme at Panchasheel Bhawan, Jorethang on 10th October 2014. The Chief Guest of the programme was Shri Tenzing Bhutia (SDM) Jorethang. A total of 300 students and teachers from Manipal Higher Nursing and Jorethang Senior Secondary School took part in this programme. The resource Person of the Day, Dr. C.L. Pradhan (M.D Neuropsychiatrist, STNM Hospital Gangtok) highlighted the importance of stable mental health and the need to counter such psychological problems in students like Mental illness, Depression and drug addiction.

The Manipal higher Nursing students staged a drama based on Drug addiction and Alcoholic consumption which was well appreciated. Shri. Tenzing Bhutia SDM Jorethang (Chief Guest) also addressed the programme and highlighted the facts that discipline at home and outside is key to better mental development of children. The programme was summed up by Shri. Krishna Gurung, representative of DANS Energy Pvt. Ltd.



3.10 PROGRAMME ON STRESS MANAGEMENT AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

Shiga Energy Pvt. Ltd. organized a mental health and stress management programme at Sakyong Secondary School on 10th October, 2013 and Tashiding Sr. Sec. School, West Sikkim on 25th October, 2013. A total of 300 students and teachers of the respective Schools took part in the programme. The resource person of the programme was Dr. C.L.Pradhan (Neuro Psychiatrist) of STNM Hospital, Gangtok. He laid emphasis that parents on their part have to take care of the psychological aspect of their children right from their tender age. Proper care and upbringing will enable the parents to understand their children's psychological problems and hence act on time. He also informed that stress is harmful for an individual's mental health, so one needs to ensure, understand and control his/her psychological problems. A child needs a peaceful home environment to have a stable mental health. The session was an interactive one with participation coming from both students and teachers. Mr. Gopal Adhikari, representative of Shiga Energy Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. J.C.Kafley, teacher of the school also addressed the programme.

3.11 SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM

Safety awareness programs and subsequent training programs are conducted for all trades as per requirement.

DANS Group together along with its contractors promotes toolbox meetings at various site locations at Jorethang Loop Hydro Electric Project to generate safety awareness among the labours working at the sites. These meetings are held on a weekly basis.



3.12 CLEANLINESS DRIVE

DANS Group in a bid to prevent the spread of dengue fever, participated in the cleanliness drive organized at Jorethang and Melli Bazar Area. This event was attended by Nagar Panchayat officials, Member of Legislative Assembly of the area, Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Jorethang and the local population. Thirty volunteers from DANS Energy Pvt. Ltd carried out the cleanliness activities as a part of the drive and thus helped in making the event a success.



4 SUPPORTING LOCAL INSTITUTIONS/ADMINISTRATION

It is our belief that in order to bring about local area development and maximize the effect of our CSR activities, we need to work hand in hand with the local administration and institutions. Environment protection activities for example will have superlative impact if carried out in coordination with the local forest department. Grants are provided to local schools so as to develop basic infrastructure and help them provide better amenities to the students. We shall also indulge in organising and funding such activities that promote sports culture in the society.

It shall be our duty to lend support to local authorities and population in times of calamities.

4.1 EARTHQUAKE RELIEF WORKS

In the aftermath of 2011 earthquake, DANS group actively participated to clear the roads towards Namchi, Melli and towards West Sikkim as these were the ones mostly damaged and the most important for the relief supplies to come to Jorethang and other parts of west Sikkim. DANS Energy in co-ordination Sikkim Public works Dept. worked on war footing for three days to clear the roads and meanwhile Engineers and Electricians of DANS Group also helped the State Government Department to restore the electricity.

But even after the restoration of electricity there was a major water problem as all the water supply system at Jorethang town was totally washed away/damaged by the landslides. DANS Energy, Fire Dept. and local associations provided water to the people with tankers and all other possible means. We also helped the people by providing free charging points for the stranded people so that they could call their families and relatives. Utensils were distributed to earthquake affected schools.





4.2 FOR DEVELOPING SPORTS CULTURE

a) UNDER 15 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

SEPL sponsored Under-15 Inter-school football tournament at playground of Govt. Sec. School Sakyong for Gyalshing area schools. In this tournament 12 Schools participated. The tournament started on 24th May 2015 and ended on the 30th May 2015. To promote the Girls towards the Sports, SEPL had also organized an exhibition football match between Women Football Academy, Geyshling and Women Football club Legship which was won by Women Football Academy on the Final day.



b) DANS TEAM LIFTS THE 5TH SUMMER CUP

11 July, 2010, Jorethang: Summer Cup 2010 held at Pipaley, west Sikkim goes to DANS Group team football Team, a team Comprising of local football talents, fully Sponsored by DANS Group won the Summer Cup 2010 held at Pipaley, West Sikkim. Mr. Madan Cintury, Hon'ble Area MLA, was the Chief Guest for the day. He handed over the Cup and a cash prize of Rs 10,500/- to the team Captain Mr. Bimal Bagdash, He also congratulated the coach Mr. Laxuman Rai. DANS Group also announced the additional cash prize of Rs. 15000/- to the winner team.



c) CHIEF MINISTERS GOLD CUP 2010

DANS Group sponsored a cash prize of Rs. 1, 00,000/- and Rs. 50,000/- each for the winner and the runner team respectively for 6th All India Chief Minister's Gold Cup 2010, here in Namchi, South Sikkim.





Hon'ble Chief Minister addressing the audience on the final day of the tournament

d) 3rd CHRISTMAS CUP VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

On the occasion of Christmas on 25th Dec 2010, 3rd inter village Volley ball tournament was organized by Ambotey village Sports Committee at Ambotey Chisopani, South Sikkim, Which was sponsored by DANS Group.

DANS Official attended the programme as a chief guest on the final match of the tournament.



e) MUAY THAI TOURNAMENT

A three day State level Muay Thai tournament was sponsored by DANS Group at Jorethang, South Sikkim from 28th to 30th Dec 2012. The tournament was organised by Muay Thai Association of India and was solely sponsored by DANS Group to encourage the youths towards sports.

At Geyzing, The State Level Muay Thai Championship was held from 11th December to 14th December 2013. The event was sponsored by Shiga Energy Pvt. Limited with an aim of uplifting the Muai Thai Sports in Sikkim as well as to inculcate General Awareness of people in sports activities



f) SPONSORSHIP TO YOUNG BOYS FOOTBALL ACADEMY

DANS Group in its attempt to help these young and aspiring footballers announced a total sponsorship of Rs.3 lakhs to the Young Boys Football Academy. The first instalment was handed over to Mr.NamgyalBhutia, Coach cum Manager of the Academy.

Young Boys Football Academy is a club for the young stars of the future, located at Gyalshing, West Sikkim. This club was set up to help young footballers boys and girls to achieve a better career in football. Their coach cum Manager Mr.NamgyalBhutia aims towards encouraging fair play and sportsmanship. They attend school like normal children and are trained during the morning and evening time. Free food and lodging services are provided by the club. With the rigorous efforts of the Coach and the footballers, these young footballers have entered various State and National level football tournaments. This club has given them a platform to display their skills at different levels.



4.3 DANS RESCUE TEAM

DANS Group under the supervision of ex-Para-military officer selected the group of 19 local unemployed youths of Sikkim after going through a series of physical and mental fitness tests. These youth were employed with an aim of securing the project area and building up a strong force during the times of natural calamities. It was also declared that these security personnel will always be ready in case of any kind of emergencies in and around Jorethang Area.

The 15 day training on Fire and Emergency services for the 19 security personnel of DANS Group concluded at Jorethang Fire Station on 5th July 2010 with IGP, Fire & Emergency services, Mr. Akshay Sachdeva as the chief guest.

The trainees were given theoretical and practical training under which they were trained to use fire-fighting equipment, running rescue operations etc. under the supervision of P.I. Fire & Emergency services, Jorethang South Sikkim. The certificates to the trainees were handed over the certificates by IGP Sachdeva.

While addressing the programme after a demonstration by the Security personnel, IGP congratulated the youths on having learnt so much, so well despite the short duration of their training. He also congratulated DANS Group on its initiative to not only employ local youth, but also arrange specialized training for them, instead of sourcing personnel from outside agencies. He further remarked that other agencies should take inspiration from DANS Group and undertake similar efforts. In gratitude for the training provided by the Jorethang Fire Station, DANS Group presented a desktop computer to the fire station and thanked the Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services.





Since its inception, the DANS Rescue team has helped the local authorities during many emergencies and accidents.

A twin road mishap occurred at Chirbirey Bhir on 27th Aug morning, on Melli-Jorethang State highway. DANS Group Security cum Rescue Team helped the Fire and Police Dept. in recovering the bodies of the victims which involved a two day long search operation at the bank of River Rangit. The Twin Road mishap claimed the lives of 10 People.



Neha Welfare Society, Darjeeling and the families of the victims of the tragic accident of Charcharey Bhir, Thanked Police Station, Fire Station and DANS Group Jorethang for their act of Bravery during the rescue mission. They also thanked the Government of Sikkim and the Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pawan Kumar Chamling in the Thanks giving programme, held at Panchaseel Bhawan on 17th Sept. 2010.



DANS Rescue team under the Leadership of Major S.T. Bhutia, Helped the officials of the forest in extinguishing the forest fire at Sumbuk Forest near Melli-Jorethang State Highway. DANS Rescue team reached the spot at the right time and saved the day.



On 17th Oct night at around 23.00 Hrs. a Savari bearing no Sk-02 –J-0034 met with an accident at Ratomatey, along the melli-Jorethang Sate higway. When the people informed about the accident to the Majhitar police outpost, Mr. B.B. Rai futher passed the information to the Jorethang P.S.

Acting upon information, Jorethang Police immediately rushed to the spot along with Fire Deptt. and 10 members of DANS Rescue Team under the leadership of Mr. S.T. Bhutia. The vehicle along with the four passengers had tumbled down nearly 600 feet off the road to the cliff. Three passengers and the driver suffered serious injuries. But they were rescued successfully and rushed to the hospital immediately for medical attention. The Rescue operation which lasted for 5 long hours was finally successful when the last victim was rescued at around 4:30 Hrs.

Jorethang police Dept. Thanked DANS rescue team for the Endless support provided by DANS Rescue Team.

4.4 LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT

In a bid to provide better facilities to students, DANS Group carried out renovation, opened computer education institute, conducted seminars and provided grants and sponsorship to various local schools.

a) GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL (MAJHITAR, JORETHANG)

A 55 m long Retaining wall was constructed in front of Government Primary School, Majhitar and fencing of the school area was done. In addition a playground was formed in front of the school. The construction of the same was allotted to Majhitar Compound Basaney Committee. All class rooms were provided with fans (14 nos) and internal wiring of the whole School was done. For recreation purpose, the school was provided with different Sports items like Cricket bat, Tennis Ball, Football, Basketball, Skipping ropes etc.



b) GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL (NAYABAZAR, WEST SIKKIM,SIKKIM)

Nayabazar Government Secondary School was provided with a 2000 l syntax Tank, fitted with taps, for making arrangement of drinking water for the students and a new pipe line was drawn for providing water in the kitchen for mid-day meal. The whole platform was renovated, plastering of the same done, and the drain were renovated. Another 500l tank was provided to Kabirthang School.



c) GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL (CHISOPANI, SOUTH SIKKIM)

At Government Primary School at Chisopani, the whole School building was repainted. The corridors were plastered and all the broken planes replaced. Flooring of the mid-day kitchen was also done. The comparisons of the school building, before and after renovation are given below:



Before



After



Before



After

d) FURNITURE TO COMPOUND PRIMARY SCHOOL

DANS Group provided Compound Primary School at Compound Village with 10 Nos. of chairs, 6 Nos. of tables and 1 Almira through the local panchayat.



e) GOVERNMENT SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL (NANDUGAON, SOUTH SIKKIM)

Nanduguan Secondary School was provided with four fans and Sound system for the upliftment of the cultural activities, which includes: Amplifier, Wireless Microphone, Microphone with cord, Speaker Set including cables, Microphone Stand, etc.

f) RAMTEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Shiga Energy Pvt. Ltd provided two nos. green boards to Ramety Primary School, which falls in the project area. The company officials handed over the same in presence of School children and In-charge of the institution.



g) GOVT PRIMARY SCHOOL, UPPER BHALUTHANG

At the request of local citizen and SMC of Upper Bhaluthang Primary School, Shiga Energy Pvt. Ltd provided basic electrification for the school i.e. installation of three lights points in single room with main switch and two nos. of MCB boxes. The main aim of the scheme is to provide e-education to school children.

h) LPG CYLINDER AND STOVE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME

DANS Group under Social welfare and environmental programme distributed Commercial LPG cylinder and Stove to the schools in and around the project area for preparing the Mid-Day Meal in the Schools. The beneficiary schools were Nanduguan Govt. Sec School, Tinik

Chisopani Govt. Pry. School, Borbotey Govt. Pry. School and Compound Lower Pry. School. By Providing the LPG connections to the Schools the Company aims to stop the burning of wood in the Schools for cooking.



i) SUPPORT TO ORPHANAGE

DANS Energy Pvt. Ltd. provided daily use electrical appliances, school bags and other items to Mayal Lyang Missionary society, which runs an orphanage in Singtham, Namchi South Sikkim.



j) RENOVATION OF MAJHITAR MANDIR

DANS Group took the initiative to renovate one hundred and Eight year old temple at Majhitar, South Sikkim.





Before



After

k) SOLAR LIGHT INSTALLATION

DANS Energy Pvt. Ltd. installed 6 Nos. Solar Panel Street lights at critical portion in the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services compound at Karfectar, Jorethang, South Sikkim in order to supplement night Security measures.



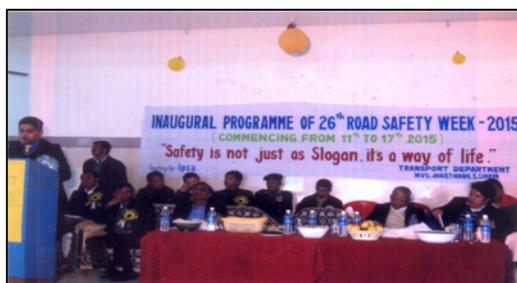
l) DURGA PUJA CELEBRATION

Durga puja is one of the most important festivals of the Sikkimese people, and on the occasion of the same DANS Group sponsored the lights and illuminations of the entire town for the Puja celebration here at Jorethang, South Sikkim.



m) ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Motor Vehicle Department, Jorethang organized a program on Road Safety week from 11th January to 17th January 2015 at Jorethang, South Sikkim. The program was attended by Hon'ble Health Minister-cum-Area MLA, Mr.A.K.Ghatani, SDM Jorethang, Nagar Panchayats & general public. DANS Energy Pvt. Ltd also took active part in the program and also provided the refreshments & lunch during the Program. DANS also provided 15 Nos. of fixed type Angle iron sign board & 5 Nos. of movable angle iron sign board to Jorethang Traffic Police.

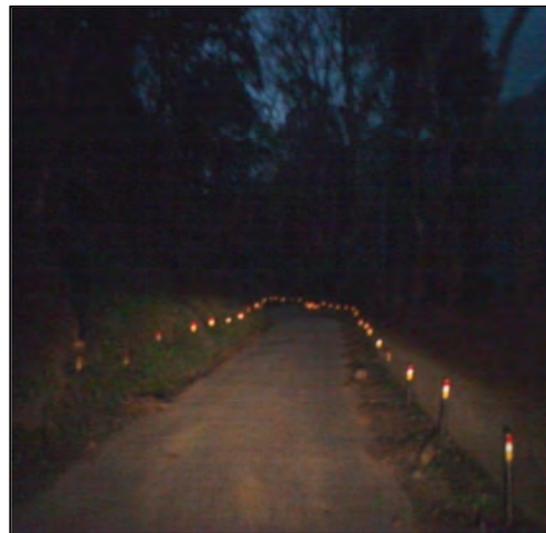


n) ROAD SAFETY WORKS

DANS Group installed had road safety delineators in accident prone areas of the Jorethang-Melli road and approach road to Animal husbandry at Chisopani.



Before



After

o) MAGHEY MELA CELEBRATIONS

DANS Group sponsored the Maghey Mela Celebration at Jorethang, South Sikkim. The Maghey Mela was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim Shri. Pawan Chamling. A Football exhibition match was held between Nepal Women's National Team and Sikkim Women's National Team. The Sikkim Women's National Team was sponsored by DANS Energy Pvt. Ltd and wore the Dans Energy Jersey. The match was won by the Sikkim women's Team. The company also provided monetary support to make the Mela a grand success. The Main theme of the Mela was to encourage the farmers and the general public towards organic farming.



p) NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

To mark the New Year Eve, Shiga Energy Pvt. Ltd organized a cultural program at Kabirthing, West Sikkim District, Geyzing. The company personnel celebrated and welcomed the New Year with Local fellow citizens, members of Zilla Panchayat, Gram Panchayat, and the Project Welfare Committee. The celebration took place with bonfire & rocking musical night with Local Band “JOJO BAND” of Sakyong, West Sikkim.

The celebration came to end with a message of co-operation, brotherhood and promises of a prosperous tomorrow. Shiga Energy Pvt. Ltd thanked everyone for their participation and making the event a success.

q) BHANU JAYANTI CELEBRATION

Under the banner of “Manch Ek Sanskriti Anek”, 196th Bhanu Jayanti was celebrated here at Capacity Building Hall, Jorethang on 13th July 2010. Hon’ble area MLA, Mr. Madan Cintury, attended the programme as a chief guest. Dr. Kavita Lama, a renowned personality in the field of Nepali literature was also present as a guest of honor. More than one thousand people and students were present to attend the programme. DANS Group took the responsibility to provide lunch to the guests and the students as well. DANS Group also conducted a Cultural programme in the evening at Jorethang Ground.



Similarly, on the occasion of 197th Bhanu Jayanti, DANS Group provided financial assistance to the Bhanu Jayanti Celebration Committee to celebrate the event in a grand manner.



r) DANS BRAVERY AWARD

On the occasion of 64th Independence Day, DANS Group awarded a Bravery Award to the family of Lt. Mahesh Tamang (Bhola Tamang) of Rangpo, Who died saving the lives of other three people who were drowning in the river Teesta on 17th April 2010. DANS Group salutes such heroes and promises to felicitate such acts of bravery in future With DANS Bravery awards on every Independence Day.

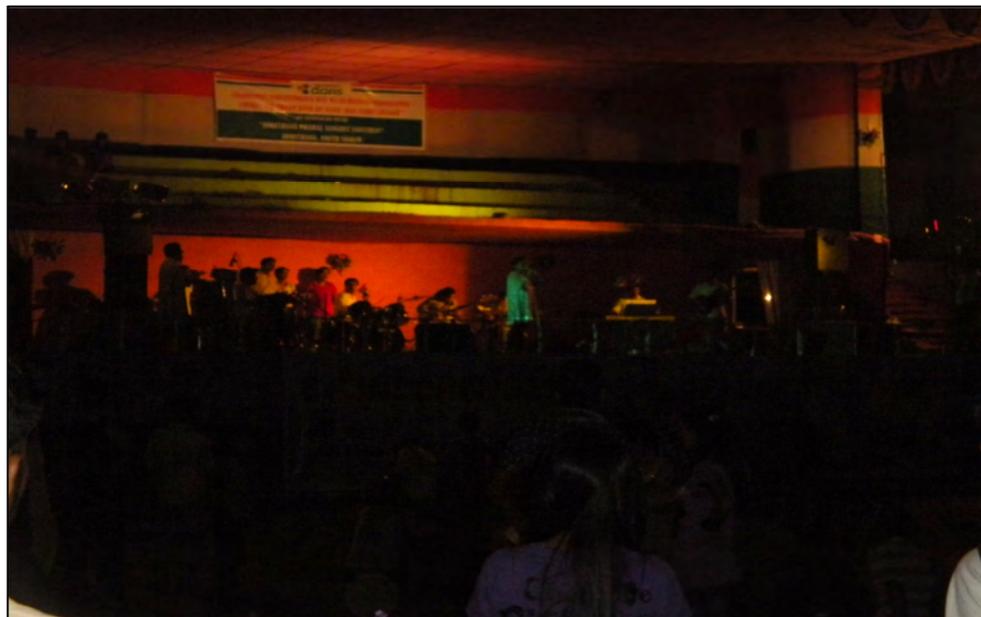
The Company awarded his only daughter with a shawl, certificate and a Fixed Deposit of rupees one lakh which will get matured when she attains the age of 18. The Company will also bear the expenses of her studies till she attains the age of eighteen.



s) INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

DANS Group in association with Jorethang Prabal Sangeet Sansthan, Conducted a musical Programme on the occasion of 64th Independence Day here at Jorethang ground under the theme “Ek Shaam Azaadi ke Naam, Maa Tujhe Salaam”. More than 3000 people turned for the programme.

The programme lasted for three hours and the band played patriotic numbers like, Maa Tujhe Salaam, Vande Maataram etc.



t) BADHTE KADAM 2010

In an effort to create awareness on U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (U.N.C.R.P.D.), provide understanding of disabilities and to celebrate diversity, the National Trust has taken up an initiative called Badhte Kadam. DANS Group sponsored a sum of Rs 1, 00,000/- (One Lakh) through the Spastic Society of Sikkim for the “BADHTE KADAM 2010” at Namchi South Sikkim.

The event was scheduled from November 14 till November 30. Four teams were flagged off from Delhi in different directions. Each team consisting of six members travelled by road and stopped at different locations and conducted awareness campaigns with the help of local N.G.O. partners. One of the teams reached Sikkim on 19th Nov 2010 and conducted campaigns at Gangtok, Namchi, and Jorethang. The campaign included mobile exhibition, some presentations, and local entertainment and covered 13 states and 60 locations.



u) ELECTRICITY TO THE AREA

The village had been without electricity for 3 days in a row due to problem in transformer following heavy rainfall in the region. A new transformer was erected by the DANS team. In addition, 5 sodium 250 Watts high power street lights along with all accessories were installed covering the whole market area. Also DANS team with the help of locals carried out the cleaning of a choked major drainage pipe in Majhitar. The locals in response thanked the team and also wrote an appreciation letter to the company to show their gratitude.



v) DISTRIBUTION OF BLANKETS

On 10th October, 2011 representatives from DANS Group visited Jawahar Lal Nehru Memorial Institute for the handicapped in Boom Tar, Namchi and distributed more than 100 blankets.



w) CONSRUCTION OF PLATFORM AROUND PEEPLE TREE AT MAJHITAR

DANS Group constructed a multipurpose Concrete platform around the Peepal Tree for the people of Majhitar, so that they can gather and sit during their leisure time or during village Panchayat Meetings etc.



x) CONSTRUCTION OF WATER STORAGE TANK & SUPPLY LINE TO THE VILLAGERS

At request of villagers from Kagyathang, SEPL constructed one water storage tank of capacity 1KL with a water supply line from water source (3km away from the storage tank).



y) PARTICIPATION IN RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

A seven day long 'Srimad Bhagwat Mahapuran' was observed at Geyzing by the local communities for the betterment of the local region. DANS Group participated in this religious ceremony by providing meal to around 1000 devotees gathered on the occasion.



z) SPONSORING OF SOUND SYSTEM TO KALZANG ASSOCIATION OF TASHIDING

The officials of the DANS Group presented a Sound System to the President of Kalzang Association in Tashiding.



aa) SPONSORING OF COMPUTER SYSTEM TO POLICE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The officials of In March 2013 DANS Group presented a Computer System to the Police Inspector of Police Fire Department, Gyalshing, West Sikkim.



5 ACCOLADES AND RECOGNITION

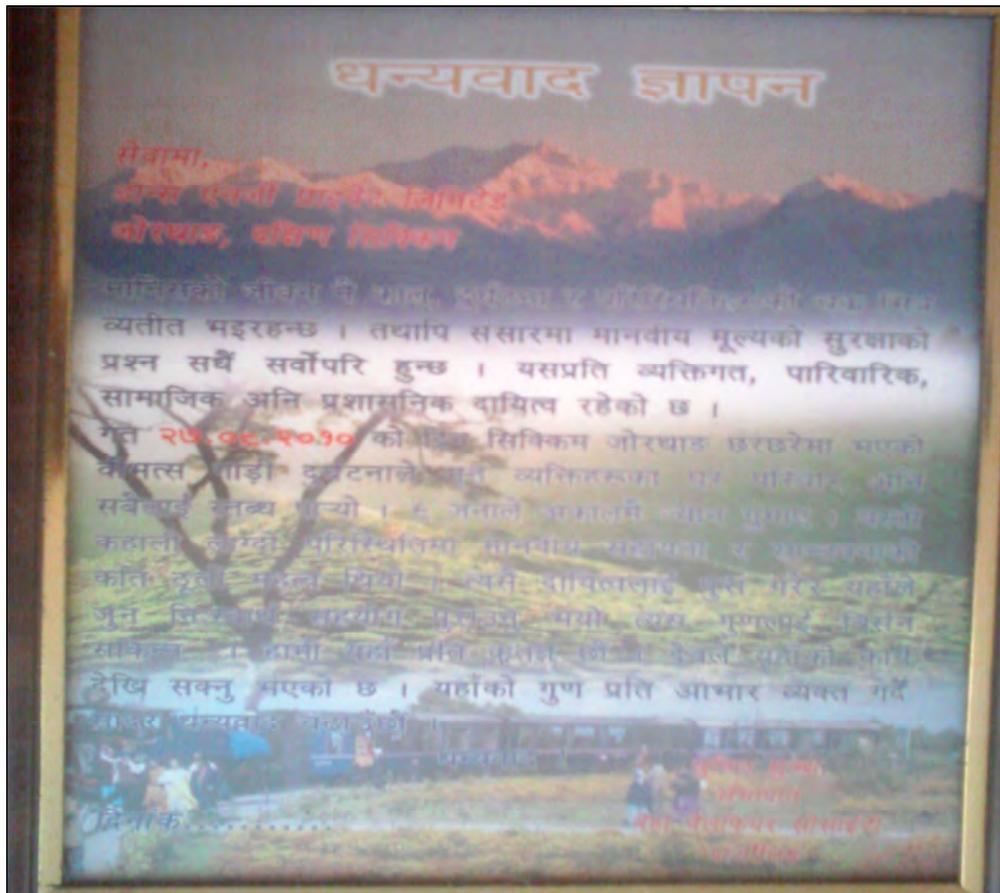
- Letter of appreciation was awarded to DANS Group by Sikkim Govt. Sr. Sec. School for the various renovation work taken up by the Company in Govt. Schools. Also, the company encouraged students by awarding scholarships in the form of meritorious student award each year.



- Appreciation letter presented by Bhanu Jayanti Committee, Jorethang during 2010 for active participation in the cultural programme. This day is the birth day of the Nepali literary figure Bhanu Bhakta Acharya and is celebrated across Sikkim in his memory. Lunch for the guests and students was provided by DANS Group. DANS Group also conducted an evening cultural programme that showcased talent of the local people.



- DANS Group Disaster Management Team helped the fire and police dept. during a rescue at an accident at Chirbiray, in Melli-Jorethang road for which an appreciation letter was awarded to the Company.



- An Appreciation letter was presented by BhanuJayanti Committee, Jorethang during 2011 for the Company's active participation in the rally and other cultural activities.



- Govt. Sec. School Nandugaon presented DANS Group with an appreciation letter for their contributions to the school. The Company donated ceiling fans, amplifier, three microphones, microphone stand and a speaker set to the School.

