

# Kalyanmayee lives up to its name by spreading welfare for 25 years

Kalyanmayee has come a long way in just 25 years of its inception, providing a diverse range of socially meaningful services across the country. While allowing a philanthropic vent to AAI's families, the organization is making difference to the environment and society. No wonder, its efforts are also getting increasingly recognized.

Kalyanmayee is a non-profit organization falling under the Airports Authority of India's (AAI) corporate social responsibility programme. It is run by wives and family members of AAI employees across the country, with each station performing different services. The organization assists AAI management in planning and execution of various welfare activities- social, cultural or education. "Giving back to the community where we live and work, a commitment towards sustainable growth of communities" is the message that is being conveyed by the activities of Kalyanmayee for last 25 glorious years.

The association gainfully engages itself in activities for the development of the socially and economically marginalized communities and the underprivileged sections of the society at large. Also, to rise to the occasion at the national level, when called upon to render appropriate assistance, be it in shape of kind or otherwise, when struck by natural calamities.

Kalyanmayee was established in December 1987 as a registered body with the objectives; to enhance welfare and well being of women and children, to undertake study courses for ladies and children in areas like cookery, tailoring, music etc. and to organize cultural programme, festival and sports activities. Over the years its sphere of work has been widened considerably and grown its stature & strength by having members and undertaking various social upliftment projects, across India. Kalyanmayee Unit has been divided into Northern Region, Southern Region, Eastern Region, Western Region and North-Eastern Region for functional purpose.

**Some of the notable CSR activities run by the outfit** are Rural Water Supply Scheme for Villages near Pakyong, Tree Plantation at Various Airports, Creche Facilities at Various Construction Sites, Waste Management at INA Colony in

Delhi, Health Centre at Pakyong, Paper Recycle Unit at Vasant Kunj, Delhi and Bal Kendra at INA residential area.

**Rural Water Scheme at Pakyong:** The residents of Lossing and Dikling Villages situated adjacent to upcoming airport at Pakyong, were previously drawing drinking water from nearby local spring water sources which now falls under the boundary of AAI. AAI under corporate social responsibility initiatives came forward to solve the problem of drinking water in these villages through Rural Water Supply Scheme. This scheme is designed to cater drinking water for a population of 2,400 people, Dikling Sr. Secondary School and Monastery for a period of 30 years with an estimated cost of Rs 39.90 lakh. Three different spring water resources were identified to cater the need by gravity flow. Water from these resources supplied through Reservoirs, Head work and Water distribution tanks. The rural water supply project were also inaugurated in October 2010. This water supply includes three water tanks of 10,000 litres capacity each, five tanks of 5,000 litres capacity each and two tanks of 2,000 litres capacity each. This project will solve the problem potable water supply of these villages, situated on the Airport boundary to a significant extent.

**Tree Plantation at Various Airports:** AAI has given directions to all airports in all regions across the country for massive tree plantations to be carried out to add AAI's bit to green the Earth. Tree plantations are going on in large numbers at all airports. Kalyanmayee is helping out by nurturing and caring for all these trees. All the trees planted are being accounted for. So not only is AAI planting trees but also ensuring that the plants grow to be full grown trees and contributing its bit to save the Environment and the ecology of the planet.

**Creche Facilities:** AAI is taking up construction activities in various airports in



Kalyanmayee's Primary Health Centre at Pakyong in Sikkim

the process of modernisation. As seen at most the construction sites, children of the women folks working on these sites, babies and toddlers are seen playing around which is very dangerous. But the mothers have no option. Therefore, Kalyanmayee has taken up to take care of these children of the labourers working on sites by providing Crèche facilities at all the Airports wherever construction is going on.

**Waste Management:** With its growing population and urbanisation, the capital city of Delhi struggles to dispose of the 6,000 tonnes of solid waste generated daily. Kalyanmayee is committed to minimizing any adverse effects of its activities on the environment, while continuously improving its environmental performance. Inspired by Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit, who is doing her best for the environment to make Delhi Green and pollution free, Kalyanmayee has taken up the disposal of solid waste in the Airport Authority of India colony at INA in New Delhi. In the colony, kitchen waste from all the houses is collected. Land at one corner of the colony has been identified for this purpose. By a simple process of wormiculture, this waste is converted to rich manure. This manure is retailed out and also is supplied to all the nurseries maintained by

AAI in New Delhi.

**24x7 Health Centre at Pakyong:** AAI India has taken up construction work of New Greenfield Airport at Pakyong, Sikkim. Pakyong is a small hilly town with population around 4,000 surrounded by small hilly hamlets/Basties numbering more than 100. The only medical facility available for these is a small PHC at Pakyong. Kalyanmayee is working relentlessly to improve the medical facilities in the region. A 24x7 Medical health Centre, with an estimated cost of Rs 66 lakh, was inaugurated in October 2010. To avoid duplication and ensure sustainability, the existing health facility of the Health Department Government of Sikkim is upgraded rather than creating an alternative facility. AAI in partnership of state government's existing primary health centre is upgraded to a 24x7 Public Health Centre to make the services available to communities round the clock. This centre will be operated in a joint venture between the state and AAI. As per the MOU signed, the state government will provide the Medical and Paramedical staff while AAI will provide medicines. This health centre will cater to more than 100 small hamlets in 25km area around Pakyong town population and also distribute free medicines to the needy.