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AAI gets Greentech CSR Award 2011 for Greenfield airport at Pakyong

AAI not only provide passenger facilities and their seamless flow from its airports rather is equally concerned for its CSR initiatives at various stations.

Recently, Pakyong Airport at Sikkim has been selected as best Greenfield airport for which Greentech Foundation has selected AAI for Greentech CSR Award 2011 in Gold category, in the aviation sector.

Sikkim Airport Construction is true example how new technologies can be used to minimize impact on environment, saving in cost as well as speed up the construction work. Generally the measures to mitigate environment impact are taken post construction but in this project mitigation measures for environment impact are in -built in the construction itself.

The award is conferred on AAI at the time of 12th Annual Greentech Environment's CSR Global Conference 2011 being held at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre, Srinagar recently.

AAI has done a number of such CSR initiatives like establishing of paper recycling unit, medical camps in the villages, educating the villagers etc.



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Mrs. Archna Agrawal, President Kalyanmayee receiving the Greentech CSR award

Note for Editor

Background of the Project:

Being totally Hilly Region, construction of New Airport at Sikkim required huge cutting and filling work. The cutting ranges up to 55mtrs and filling up to 74 mtrs. Due to land constraints the filled up earth is required to be retained almost vertically requiring construction of retaining walls of height up to 74 mtrs. Considering the geological conditions in Sikkim including seismic and environment, it was essential to adopt a design which not only meets the safety requirement but also blends well with the surroundings which are totally green. Accordingly, new design & technology using local stones, earth vegetation and high strength geogrid was adopted which has proved not only environment friendly but has also resulted in speedy construction, flexibility and saving in cost(30-40%). The retaining walls are already constructed up to 52 mtr height and has withstand successfully the recent earthquake of magnitude 6.8.

Pakyong Health Centre:

Pakyong community health project was conceived in accordance with local community needs in pakyong. This 24X7 Medical health Centre, with an estimated cost of Rs. 66Lacs, was inaugurated by Sh. M.M. Nambiar Secretary Civil Aviation in the august presence of Mrs. Krishnambika Nambiar, Sh. V.P.Agrawal Chairman AAI and Mrs. Archna Agrawal President Kalyanmayee on 29th October 2010. State Tourism Minister Sh. Bhim Shungel was present as the chief guest for the function. 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 Govt. of Sikkim existing primary health centre is upgraded to a 24x7 Public Health Centre to make the services available to communities round the clock. This health centre will cater to more than 100 small hamlets in 25km area around Pakyong town population (Approx. 14,000). In addition to that modalities are being worked out to develop referral linkages with a private Drug Rehabilitation centre to ensure communities have access to package of services.

Rural Water Supply Scheme for Lossing and Dikling Villages:

The rural water supply project, with an estimated cost of Rs. 39.90 Lacs, for Lossing and Dikling villages were also inaugurated on 29th October 2010. This water supply includes three water tanks of 10,000 Lt. capacity, five tanks of 5,000 Lt. capacity and two tanks of 2,000 Lt. capacity. This project will solve the problem potable water supply of these villages, situated on the Airport boundary to a significant extent.

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