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Annual Vocational Faculties' Meet

Vocational faculties' get-together was held at two places viz. Topakhani, Singtam and SIRD, Jorethang as a part of revisiting to our company's mission, vision and core values and sharing ideas and opinions to take our company to the pinnacle of success in Education & Training.



Annual faculties' get-together at Topakhani (left) and SIRD, Jorethang (right)

10 Tips For Building A Better Web Site

What makes a successful Web site? It's not a matter of spinning logos and funky animation. A strong Web site is one that clearly communicates your purpose to your customers and works in conjunction with your company's strategic plan.

Here are 10 tips for building a better Web site:

Set your goals

- Keep your site up to date
- Avoid long download times
- Have a "call to action"
- Don't use "under construction"
- Know your audience
- No bugs, no errors
- Provide a "return to home page" function
- Make ordering simple and straightforward
- Make the visit an enjoyable one.

Mr. Anik Sinha, Sr. Manager (Sys.), IT Divn., SIBIN GROUP PVT. LTD.

Do You Know?

Cows and buffalos are the mainstay of rural prosperity. Did you know a good cross breed buffalo now costs more than a motor bike in Haryana. At anything up to Rs. 15/litre, milk beats rice and wheat in returns at a rural farm. A family can earn a neat Rs.10,000 every month in profits from two buffalos in the backyard. Cows have another huge benefit: health. They have the highest effect on reducing poverty and hunger. According to the Agriculture Ministry, a rural India, 43% of the people who don't own even a single cow are malnourished. Addition of one cow or one buffalo to their assets reduces hunger by 16 & 25% points respectively. In urban areas also, IARI (Indian Agricultural Research Institute) data shows the addition of one cow or one buffalo has significant impact on reduction of proportion of malnourished people. In short, cows bring prosperity in the form of milk, butter, curds, cheese and cash.

Rakesh Raikwar, Agrotech Divn., SIBIN GROUP PVT. LTD.

73rd Foundation Day Celebration At GSSS, Bermiok Tokal, S. Sikkim

Bermiok Tokal GSSS celebrated its 73rd Foundation Day on 7th April, 2008. The faculties of Horticulture and Dairying were provided with the stalls separately at the school ground. During the occasion the students prepared products like jam, jelly, juice, pickles, syrups, sauces, gulab jamun, paneer, rasdana, etc. which were kept for exhibition and sale at the stall. The Sports' Minister Mr. P.S. Tamang appreciated the talent of the students and applauded the initiative of the faculties and the school for vocational education.



H'able Sports' Minister, Mr. P.S. Tamang, tasting Ginger syrup

PTC At Soreng GSSS, W/Sikkim

At Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Soreng, PTC is going on successfully and this due to keen initiative of the faculty of the school especially Mr. P.R. Manish (who has been also awarded as the Best faculty for PTC initiation).



Students of Horticulture busy inside green house at Soreng GSSS.

Presently the PTC is stretched in an area of 0.5 acre of land where there are two green houses, one from H&CCDD, Soreng subdivision, W/Sikkim and the other supplied by our company. Main emphasis has been given to Vegetable and floriculture. The students of this school are getting an idea of "Earning while Learning" which is one of the features of Vocation Education so as to help the students nurture the spirit of entrepreneurship development. This is a very good example for other faculties also in the sense that if they have the will and determination they can start similar things at their own place for the benefit of the students.

International Floriculture Show-A Boon for students

The International Floriculture show held 14-16th March, '08 served as a great exposure platform and entailed opportunities for the students to understand,

comprehend and learn the know-how of the growing of flowers. In short, the show was an eye-opener for the students helping them understand the importance of Floriculture in national and international market and the entrepreneurial qualities needed to be imbued to find a niche and make a mark in this vocation.



Faculties and students of Soreng GSSS at International Floriculture Show, 2008.

Success Stories at GSSS, Mangalbaria, W/Sikkim

Production-cum-training centre (PTC) is an important part of the vocational education and training. Initially we had faced problems on cultivable land but later we could manage a small piece of land of about 10 sq. m. from a local person on a simple contract that we would provide half produce to the land owner. Previously, that was an uncultivable fallow land but our students have made it cultivable and last year we have grown bhendi, beans and flowers (chrysanthemum and marigold) on that plot. Some amount of vegetables and flowers were given to the land owner and the rest were sold to the school staffs at usual market price. Last year we have earned a good amount by selling flowers and vegetables. The amount collected is being used for the procurement of seeds, manures, fencing materials and other inputs for present year.

It is noteworthy that two pass out students of Horticulture stream of our school have established two self-help groups namely, "Ekta Farmers' Club" at Parengaon, West Sikkim and "Pragatishil Farmers' Club" at Upper Kamling, West Sikkim at their own villages in July 2006 with the help and guidance of National Co-operative Union of India (NCUI), Mangalbaria Branch, which are running successfully.

Although our achievements may not look great but it clearly points to the fact that vocational education in Sikkim is going to the right path and we are determined to achieve the goal and objective of vocational education in our state.

Surajit Bag, Faculty of Horticulture, GSSS, Mangalbaria, West Sikkim

Kalez Valley Heritage Festival, 2008

Kalez Valley Heritage Festival has been celebrated at Hee Gufa-dara, West Sikkim, from 10-12th May, 2008. The faculties of Dairying and Horticulture were provided with the stalls by the festival committee. During the occasion the faculties along with the students prepared and sold products like squash, mulberry syrup, ginger RTS (Ready To serve), Rasdana, Lassi, etc. The students got an immense exposure to show their capability to do so. They gained an idea "Earning while Learning" from this festival.