



HELPING HANDS

Kalyanmayee, whose parent organisation is the Airports Authority of India (AAI), is committed to social welfare and to organising cultural activities

Without a doubt, the act of helping others in need without expecting any returns is ennobling, a thought that has been endorsed by thinkers worldwide. The *Bhagavad Gita* extols this virtue quite explicitly when it says, "Strive constantly to serve the welfare of the world; by devotion to selfless work one attains the supreme goal in life. Do your work with the welfare of others always in mind."

Kalyanmayee—Airports Authority Women Welfare Association (AAIWWA)—has taken a leaf out of the ancient text and transposed it into everyday life. Believing strongly that welfare is an investment in human beings, AAIWWA is a fraternity of women officials who are the wives and families of AAI officials.

The Association's objectives are to work towards the development of socially and economically marginalised communities, as well as to organise social, cultural and educational activities for the members and their families in order to promote a feeling of

camaraderie within the organisation.

Established on 23 December, 1987 as a registered body, Kalyanmayee has, at its helm, Archana Agrawal, President, and first lady of Airports Authority of India and wife of VP Agrawal, Chairman, AAI. The Association has its branches at the units, regions and airports where the AAI offices are located.

While lauding the Herculean tasks undertaken by the founders of Kalyanmayee, Archana likens their efforts to the sowing of a fertile seed, which, she, as President, as well as other members of the organisation, will then carry forward by nurturing it and seeing that it blossoms into a full grown tree. Archana uses the universal symbol of the tree, which denotes wisdom, protection, strength, bounty, beauty, and regeneration, bears fruit and provides shelter.

Matching the Chairman's stride in every respect, by way of a positive attitude, the courage to seek new ideas and being farsighted, Archana sees Kalyanmayee as the "meaningful extended arm of AAI," by venturing

into newer schemes and areas. This, Archana believes, will consequently "get manifested in a healthy work environment, thus ensuring that the roots get more solidified, stronger and well-nourished."

Kalyanmayee is committed to a holistic approach to welfare, which not only ensures the well-being of the families of the AAI employees across the country, but a healthy work environment that takes cognizance of the larger issues of recycling, waste management and conservation, sustainable living and community development.

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