

# **NURSING WITH A DIFFERENCE**

TRUST Established in Delhi 1998

*"Let Each Day Be Your Masterpiece." Galatians 6:9*

*Watch your dreams blossom in Sikkim the Abode of the Angels*

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## **Overview**

The caption of this paper is well recognized by travelers in Sikkim

**What kind of Dreams?**

**Dreams based on deep inner need?**

**Dreams based on a joyous hope?**

**What kind of blossoms?**

In order to watch dreams blossom critical thinking must be alert and diligent.

Nursing With A Difference entered Sikkim with a dream and high expectation knowing that the Nurses in Sikkim would also have a dream and expectations. In sharing dreams both were edified and challenged for dreams have to be viewed in the light of reality if they are to become mutually beneficial and come to blossom with the fullness of life, health, enduring hope and healing

As expected the process was both painful and joyous. Together we look forward to the blossoms.

Realisation of dreams requires accountability in terms of the best use of opportunity, time, and resources – human, financial, material and spiritual – it is a must for the ongoing development and future planning by all Nurses.

The purpose of this document is therefore threefold:

1. To review the Sikkim experience as objectively and sensitively as possible.
2. To examine some of the underlying factors that make or break both Nursing morale and good quality patient care.
3. To present the outcomes relative to the different experiences as a basis for encouragement and the continuing development and enrichment of Nursing Services in Sikkim, as well as for subsequent Nursing With A Difference programs scheduled for Nurses in other states.

To be the first Nurse and first official visitor to Nurses in Sikkim came as shock, considering the key hospital in Gangtok had been established in 1935 over 70 years ago. It also highlighted the tremendous privilege and responsibility Nursing With A Difference has when the door of opportunity opens.

While this resume may be a little lengthy, it has been compiled with integrity and a great respect and concern for our sisters in Nursing in Sikkim.

Therefore, each section has been prayed through in the full knowledge that it is not so much as to what I think, but rather out of the tremendous privilege accorded me in 33 days what was our Creator saying through the Nurses in their particular work setting, from their experience some of around 4 decades, and through their families; through other professional health workers as well as a wide spectrum of other Sikkimese people; and not least through each experience.

This resume is therefore offered prayerfully with the earnest expectation that Nurses reading and sharing will be encouraged and strengthened to press on against all odds towards the goal of their high calling with a renewed vision and freedom to appropriate the highest and best resources available to Nurses the world over.

That these same Nurses will have the joy of success that endures for time and eternity.

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**Blossoms come on both good and poisonous plants.**

**The alert Nurse can identify and deal well with the poisonous plants by her skill in nurturing the good.**