

DELHI FOUNDATION OF DEAF WOMEN
Secretary's Report ::: 2008-2009

The Secretary is pleased to place on record the Annual Report- 2008 -2009 of the Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women for the year 2008-2009 .

APRIL 2008 : The DFDW Secretariat was busy for auditing of the accounts for the P.C and the G.A. Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2008. The former C.A. Mr Ashwani Gautam was non cooperative and did not oblige for fast action resulting in loss for obtaining fund well in time. After much efforts, we got the a/cs audited in July only.

May '08 : Our Matrimonial Program (**Pranay Milan Sammelan**) is the most awaited program of the year. This year also shaadi.com a well known matrimonial website owners joined their hands with us to make this event to reach all over India. The event was a big success and was covered in 10 Newspapers and many news channels. Till date we have received confirmation from 8 participants that they found their life partner through this program.

Camp & Excursion :

Our young girls Akki Sharma, Sony Kapoor, Reema Nagpal, Monica Khurana and Renu Saluja took part in the Ishara International Deaf Camp 08' held at Camp Red stone, near **Dehradun** from **31 May to 3 June**. They enjoyed trekking and swimming with a group of foreigners who had also took part in the said international camp.

June'08 :

Job Placement:

We were able to help one deaf boy to get a KIOSK at HC Noida on complimentary basis. He is now running the KIOSK independently in the Canteen there With association of some Job Placers we organized a screening test for the Deaf Job Seekers at our center. During the screening they came to know about their draw back and now are trying to update their credentials.

July-08 : **One day workshop on 'Nutrition and our Health'.**

Topics of discussions were:

- i) Nutrition
- ii) Diet Chart
- iii) How to eat fruits
- iv) How proper diet is important
- v) How to prevent diseases through balance diet

This was a great workshop and really helped many deaf women to understand how import it is to have well balanced diet.

On the last day each participant bought a cooked dish from their home which was balance and healthy like; *POHA, SOYA-UPMA, etc..* They enjoyed this workshop.

Documentary Film Show: DEAF –HEAR ME

On 14th July a small documentary was shown to Deaf Students and their parents . Its name was “DEAF –HEAR ME’ at Vishwa Vuyak Kendra. This documentary is made by ‘CAROL’ and her Team

This was the **first time** the Parents and their deaf children communicated their problems to each other face –to-face. Which was a. amazing experience for all as all parents present complained that their deaf children do not communicate with them and deaf children said that their parents fail to communicate with them as they don’t know sign language.

This was a very good effort to support the families having Deaf Children.

August ’08 : The **Beauty culture** course is running successfully and many young deaf girls are getting benefited by this course. Their families are also showing interest in the course encouraging their wards to take admission.

To encourage the girls we took them to meet **Shehnaz Husain**. This proved to be a big motivation for all.

A Pre Independence Day cum Picnic Program was organised at the Indraprastha Park, Nizamuddin Crossing Bridge on August 10, 2008. Games were organised and prizes were distributed and the members were served with heavy refreshment.

Sept.’08 : **14 days Workshop** was conducted at the center

Topics of discussion were:-

- i) Personality Development
- ii) Career Opportunities for deaf
- iii) Preparing a Resume’
- iv) How to prepare for an interview
- v) Time management
- vi) Presentation at interview.
- vii) Vocabulary development
- viii) How to dress for an interview

It was first time that such workshop was organized for deaf young carrier seekers.

To celebrate **51st International Day of the Deaf** organised by the All India Federation of the Deaf at its premises at Plot No. 12 & 13, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg New Delhi on **27th September 2008**, our 20 members took part in its sports competitions. Our women group won several prizes and also performed well in Chess competition.

Oct’08 : **Resource Mobilization:**

With an aim to nurture and exhibit the creative potential of the students of DFDW and for raising financial resources, DFDW is engaged in the production and sale of Handicraft items. An exclusive outlet "Production Center" at the office premises exhibits a range of Leather item, batik paintings & cards, Hand bounded

books, Handicrafts, File Folders Etc. during festive seasons. In addition to this, during the festival months (September to November), a range of decorative diyas and designer candles are prepared. This year, DFDW marked its presence by participating in various fairs organized from time to time during the year. This brought a good response in terms of fund-raising and dissemination of information regarding disability.

FAIRS WE PARTICIPATED:

1. Diwali Fair At BLIND RELIEF ASSOCIATION from October 17 TO 19, 2008
2. Fete organised by Swiss Embassy on October 17, 2008
3. Exhibition cum sale at the Malaysian Embassy on Oct. 13, 2008..
4. AWA Craft Bazaar organised by the American Women Association on November 16, 2008

We sent 13 school going deaf girls and boys to take part in the **National Athletic for Hearing Impaired** held at the PJN Stadium, Faorda Margao, Goa during October 17 to 19, 2008. Our Program Secretary Mrs Veena Malhotra was authorised to lead the team as a Manager while Jasvinder Kaur accompanied as an Assistant Manager. The team returned with several medals in different athletics events.

Nov'08 :

CONFIDENCE-BUILDING ACTIVITIES:

- i) Our Members and students (20) participated in the **Delhi Half Marathon. On 9th Nov.'08.** This was the first time we participated. It was a very well appreciated and enjoyed by all participants. The aim was to inculcate a 'WE FEELING' in them.
- ii) The visits to various craft Melas helped them to develop a feeling of becoming self self-dependent and how to earn their living.

VISITS & COMPETITIONS:

- i) Visits to various Exhibitions were arranged for the deaf women to learn how they can be benefited by getting trained in vocational skills.
- ii) Our deaf chess playing girls and boys students took part in the **5th Delhi Silent Chess Championship** held at the Bapu Samaj Sewa Kendra Community Hall, Punchkuain Road, New Delhi from Nov 15 to 16, 2008.

We are pleased to inform that the Girls team won Women's Team Championship while Munni Devi won Individual Title..The following are the participants.

Girls Chess Players		Boys Chess Players	
1	.Munni Devi	4.	Kunal Bansal
2.	Nirmala Gupta	5.	Nalin
3.	Raj Gupta	6.	Chander Bhushan
		7	Md Irshad Ahmed
		8	Arun Rawal
10.	Subhash Kapoor-Coach.	9.	Pawel

Dec.'08:

VII National Conference for Deaf & III Cultural Festival of India For Deaf

for Deaf Women.

Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women successfully hosted **VII National Conference and III Cultural Festival of India for Deaf Women** during 27th to 30th December 2008 under the auspices of the National Foundation of Deaf Women at the Kamani Auditorium and Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi as venues.

On 27th December 2008 a National Council Meeting of National Foundation of Deaf Women was held in which two delegates each from 12 states took part in it and discussed on various issues on the functioning of the NFDW.

12 States mentioned below participated in the national event .

1. Andhra Pradesh	7. Kerala
2. Assam	8. Madhya Pradesh
3. Delhi	9. Maharashtra
4. Gujarat	10. Tamil Nadu
5. Haryana	11. Uttar Pradesh
6. Karnataka	12. West Bengal

***The Topic for Discussion in VII National Conference was
'PROBLEMS FACED BY DEAF/DEAF NGO'S AND THEIR RIGHTS***

The speakers at the symposium were:

Mr. J.C. Gupta :	Asst. Director National Institute for Hearing Handicapped
Prof. Sushma Batra	: Head, Social Work Deptt. Delhi University.
Mrs. Vinaya Jose	: Member Trustee, Silent Valley. Kerala
Mrs. Padma Kalara	: Member, Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women
Mr. Deepak Sahay	: Secretary, All India Federation for Deaf , Delhi

Conference started with the welcome speech by **Ms. Rajyalaxmi Rao**, President Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women followed by Ms. **Sangeeta Gala**, Chairperson, National Foundation of Deaf Women proceeded by a presentation by **Mr. J C Gupta** on '**Schemes & Facilities available for Deaf Women**'. This was an eye-opener for all participants as they came to know so many new government schemes and facilities which they have never heard before.

Mrs. Sushma Batra threw light on '**Educational Status & Rights of Deaf Women**'.

Mrs. Vinaya Jose talked about '**Changing Face of Deaf Women in Kerala**' she shared her views and experiences on the topic and discuss how a deaf women can change her life with own courage and positivism.

Mrs. Padma Kalra spoke about '**Challenges Before Hearing Impaired**'. Being a deaf herself what all problems she faced and what were the reasons behind it. She discussed about the challenges and how to overcome them. It was a very innovative speech.

Mr. Deepak Sahay spoke on '**Importance of Sign Language & Problems related to Employment for deaf women**'. He enlightened the problem faced by all deaf due to lack

of Interpreters at Hospitals, Courts, Police stations etc.

The conference was concluded with the Vote of Thanks by DFDW's Secretary **Mrs. Uma Kapoor** and hence last but not the least a Documentary Film- '**Deaf- Hear Me**' was shown which was appreciated by all and it showed the life of many deaf what difficulties and problems they face and what is the key reason behind it.

There were 150 deaf women participants who took part in the Folk Dance, Drama and Mime show competitions and showed their excellence in each performance. More than 600 audiences encouraged the Dancers and artists on 29th Dec.'08 at the Kamani Auditorium. There was a huge round of applause

The following is the list of artists who won the prizes in the Cultural Festival : .

<u>Mime Show :</u>	<u>Drama :</u>
I Jyoti (Delhi)	I Delhi
II Meenakshi (Haryana)	II Madhya Pradesh
III Jayanti Bhawsar (M.P.)	III West Bengal & Kerala
<u>Folk Dance :</u>	Best Actress _ Jayanti Bhawsar(MP)
I Gujarat	JUDGES
II Madhya Pradesh	1. Ms Jaimala 2. Ms Anshu Awasthi
III Kerala	3. Harshendu Sinha 4 Mr. Pradeep Kr.
Best Dancer: Sonal D Choudhary (Guj)	5. Ms Archana Jain, 6. Ms Meetu Gupta and 7. Mr. G N Uppal

Jan.'09 :

The Year Begins with the '**FOUNDATION DAY**' this year we celebrated our 36th Foundation Day. For the first time the Foundation Day was celebrated in absence of late Ms. Renee Kuriyan, at the Akshardam Mandir on 24th January 2009 with few sports and quiz competitions and the winners were distributed prizes. But we have to go a long way to achieve what she Dreamt "Own Home" for Deaf Women.

Our 3 chess player women namely 1. Nirmala Gupta 2. Renu Bala and 3. Raj Gupta took part in the 5th National Deaf Chess Championship held at the Nehru Stadium, Guwahati from January 9 to 13, 2009 organised by the Silent Sports Promotion Council. Renu Bala bagged 3rd prize while Delhi Team comprising of men and women Team bagged 2nd prize.

Feb.'09:

Educational Visit: An educational visit to **State Bank of Mysore** was organized in month of Feb in which 21 students took part. Asst. General Manager Mr. Ananthanarayanan and The Bank Manager Mr. K.K Mehra were very cooperative. They informed students about various bank schemes .The topics discussed were:-

Types of A/c-saving & Current	Recurring Deposit
How to open an Account	Loans & Schemes for Handicapped
Fixed Deposit	ATMs & Credit Cards

They answered all the queries of the students and also served them Refreshment. At the end all were given a A/c opening form and Key Rings with Logo of SBM engrossed on it.

CELEBRATION OF INDIA WINNING OSCAR FOR SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

We showed the movie at our center which was interpreted simultaneously so that all deaf students can understand the concept of movie. All students really enjoyed and appreciated this effort.

Workshop on CARRER OF A DEAF WOMEN AS BUSSINESS ENTERPRENURE

A 4 day workshop was conducted with the aim of encouraging uneducated deaf girls to learn vocational trade and become self-dependent. We also informed them about various vocational courses beneficial; for them, the Govt. and Bank schemes to support them in starting the business, how beneficial it is to work on our own etc..

March 2009 Resignation of an Assistant : It is regret to inform the Committee that due to un-sufficient fund and delay in sanction of Govt grant , the DFDW could not pay salaries to all the staff in P.C. And G.A. Excluding few new staff members . Parul Ahuja, working as an Assistant since the years 2000 submitted her resignation letter one month in advance due to her marriage in April and insisted to pay full salaries up to March 2009.

The Secretary had no option but borrowed Rs.20,000/- and cleared her all dues She gave us wedding card inviting all the staff members and E C Members. The E C members may contribute something for her gift although the marriage was held on 19th April 09. The gift will be presented on occasion of the 17th Pranay Milan Sammelan on 17th May 2009.

The Committee may consider her resignation letter and approve accordingly.

FINANCIAL STATUS : This year 2008-09, the DFDW suffered a heavy loss as the Delhi Government sanctioned **grant of Rs.1,96,301/- only** against our requirement of more than **Rs.13 lacs**. In spite of our several efforts the Delhi Social Welfare's Secretary could not meet us before March but in April upon our pleaded request she agreed to meet us after the General Election of Lok Sabha is held on 7th May. 2009. The fund against Rakhi appeals were poor. The NSCO an events management firm had assured us for good fund collection to conduct VII National Conference and III Cultural Festival of India in December 2008 , but failed to do so. Our Secretariat ,however, managed to raise fund through sale of coupons, advertisement, donation etc. Still an amount of more than Rs. 1.5 lacs are pending (Rs. 1 lac for food, others bills for back drop/banners , conveyance bills of officials, remuneration to the volunteers etc.)

The MCD this year did not sanction grant as the Delhi Municipal Councilor Mr. Sunil Kakkar refused to issue us recommendation letter due to some disputed matter with the MCD's Mayor.

We place on record with grateful thanks to our President Mrs Rajyalakshmi Rao , the Ashoka Hotel and Mrs Indu Mathur- President of Quota International Club who donated good money to make the national event a great success.

We also thank to all the delegates and cultural artists representing 12 states, Delhi volunteers and DFDW office bearers and members to make the national event most successful.

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