

DELHI FOUNDATION OF DEAF WOMEN
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"Throughout its history, **Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women (DFDW)** has been like a candle aglow to us in the darkest spot. DFDW has been a TORCH OF HOPE to the deaf people, guiding its students towards increased freedom, independence, and expanded opportunities. Times are changing, and so are we.... It initially starting as a club for deaf women but observing the needs of deaf women it slowly starting activities for their benefits and rehabilitation. Today DFDW is a REHABILITATION CENTER for all Deaf in our Country.

Delhi foundation of Deaf Women (DFDW) started on policy "**Of Women, By Women and For Women**" and was established on a foundation of *Hard Toil and Sweat!* It started as a social club but due to the great demand we started programs and projects to rehabilitate hearing impaired women making it one of the successful Non-Governmental organization. Our major rehabilitation projects and programs have enabled deaf women to develop strong personalities, equipped them with various skills and eventually gaining them a sense of self-reliance and economic abilities. We are not only providing **Technical, Vocational and Language Development courses, but also Promoting SPORTS and CULTURAL VALUES** among Deaf Population of our Country

Our Projects and Social Activities

Our projects are basically based on the development of a person in following three areas:-
EDUCATIONAL, PERSONAL, SPIRITUAL AND MENTAL

1.	Primary Education	8	Theatre Workshops
2.	Adult Education	9	Recreational Facility
3	Vocational Training , Technical Training and Beauty Culture Course	10	Parent Guidance and Counseling
4	Miss India Silent Beauty Queen And Princess Contest	11	Matrimonial Assistance
5	Early Intervention	12	Promoting Sports activities
6	Community Awareness		
7.	Personality Development and Leadership Training		

STAFF STRUCTURE

S.No.	Courses	Posts	S.No.	Courses	
1	BOOK BINDING Instructress	1	2	Batik Section Instructress Asstt Instructress	1 1
3	Leather Craft Instructress Asstt Instructress	1 1	4	Tailoring Section Sr. Instructress Asstt Instructress Jr. Instructress	1 1 1
5	Doll Making Section Instructress Asstt Instructress	1 1	6	Manual Typewriter Class and Computer Course Instructress Asstt Instructress	1 1
7	Beauty Culture Instructress Asstt Instructress	1 1	8	Store/ Time keeper	1
9	Peons	2		Total = 17	

General Administration

1. Chief Executive	1
2. Accounts Officer	1
3. Office Assistant	1
4. Public Relation Officer	1
5. Dance Teacher	1
6. Part Time English Instructress	1
7. Social Worker	1

Total 7

Annual Activities 2007 – 2008

1. 2nd May'07 : 15th Pranay Milan Sammelan

One of the Social programs, which are also the first of its kind, is by the name "**Pranay Milan Sammelan**". The need for such a platform was to help the hearing impaired boys and girls, along with their parents,(who actually are instrumental in finalizing the alliance,) to meet potential candidates. The principal objective of this sammelan is "come, see, and suit yourself". Based on this principal, the Pranay Milan Sammelan came into existence in 1992. The sammelan is open to all irrespective of caste and creed, poor and rich. The sammelan provides equal and good opportunities to all. This sammelan helps them to avoid waste of time and embarrassment of meeting new people.

In short Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women acts as a "Connecting Link" with those who seek matrimonial assistance.

Shaadi.com a well known matrimonial company supported our cause and this was praised and publicized by many newspapers and TV channels.

2. 12th August'07 : Pre-Independence Day Celebration

We celebrated Independence Day on 12th August at Laxmi Narayan Mandir (Birla Mandir- Garden) Mandir Marg, New Delhi-110001

Program started with Flag Hosting, Speech By our Secretary, SPORTS competition and Few skill Talent Competitions for the members, prize distribution. Lunch and refreshment were served to the participants.

3. 3rd September'07 to 14th Sep'07 : Carrier Counseling Workshop

The aim to organize this 10 days workshop was to help the students to decide a career and How to develop their personality and How to appear in Interview etc.

It was very helpful and students were really benefited. Following topics were covered in the workshop:-

- 1 Interview skills
2. How to Make a Resume
3. Carrier opportunities
4. Financial Assistance schemes for disabled.
5. English Vocabulary development
6. Personality Development

4. 13th October '07 : Elections of Office Bearers & Members of Executive Committee

Deaf Craft Women of DFDW took part in this exhibition to show their talent and skill and spread awareness that deaf are no less than other normal hearing persons.

6. December' 07 (All the courses Offered at DFFDW are FREE)

Many new students took admission in the courses offered at our center.

Names of New Beneficiaries in Computers Course

Sudha, Suman, Ravi, Ritu Malik, Vinay, Hemant, Pooja, Nrmala, Akki, Mukesh Dua, Meenakshi, Amit, Kavita Threja, Sarla, Sumit, Bharat, Sudama, Pankaj Sharma, Kuldeep

Names of New Beneficiaries in English Course

Meenakshi, Hemant, Pooja, Sarla, Sumit, Bharat, Rosy, Sudama, Ajay Tayal, Suraj.

Names of New Beneficiaries in Tailoring Course

Shanti, Preeti, Bharti Rawat, Snju Kumari, Rama, Gurdeep Kaur, Pushpa, Jyoti.

Names of New Beneficiaries in Batik Course

Meenakshi, Rosi sethi, Rama .K. Raikumar, Jitender Kaur, Anju Gupta, Meena, Seemi
Bimla

Names of New Beneficiaries in Leather - Craft Course

Rama, Arti Sachdeva, Jatinder Kaur, Pooja Chawla, Rashi Dhawan, Sangeela

Names of New Beneficiaries in Computer Course & English Classes

Akki Sharma, Pooja Chawla, Jatinder Kaur, Hemant, Mukesh Dua, Karishma Saluja
Saurabh, Vinay, Nirmala Gupta, Fahimuddin, Ravi, Suraj

Names of Beneficiaries in Beauty Culture Classes

(Part Time Course Classes only on Saturdays)

Ritu Malik, Harpreet Kaur, Shanit, Jyoti Gupta, Nisha Kumari, Pooja Chawla, Suman Bisht, Rama Kumari, Akki sharma, Bachna Sharma, Asha Gupta

7. January '08

New Year started with celebration of our 35th Foundation Day on January 25, 2008. To commemorate this historic event, we have decided to organize interesting and educative Talent Competitions and Sports Festival for Deaf Women for members and school going girls and students of other local deaf institutes on January 20, 2007. We organize a two days program on 19th Jan'08 and 20th Jan'08 at Modern School Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110001 and the occasions celebrated were:

1. 19th Jan'08: DEAF GIRLS DAY and DELHI SPORTS FESTIVAL FOR DEAF WOMEN in which 250 Deaf Girls from different Schools participated
2. 20th Jan'08 was celebrated as Foundation Day the Chief Guest of the Occasion was Ms. Jayshree Raghuraman Secretary Social Welfare Department and Guest of Honor were Sh. Arjun Singh Hon'ble Justice High Court, and our President Mrs. RajyaLakshmi Rao,

Member National Consumer Forum and Vice- President Ms. Swapana Majumdar, Inspector Tea Board of India also addressed the gathering.

3. Events organized were: Badminton, Basket Ball, volley Ball, Carom, Table-Tennis, Fancy dress, Best Hair Stylist, Best Catwalk, 3 Legged Race, Count Me, Color Me, Paper origami, Beautiful Smile, Best Make-up artist, Pick and Run etc..
4. **Carom Federation** helped in organizing the Carom Contest.
5. Lunch and Breakfast was provided to all participants and teachers.
6. Medals and Certificates were distributed. **Foundation Day Cake** was Cut by the Guests

8. February' 08

Feb'08 started with very SAD NEWS and a BIG LOSS for DFDW. We lost our very Dear Ms. Renee Kuriyan on 4th Feb'08. **Renee Kuriyan, a BACK BONE of Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women.** She was one of the Foundation stones of the organization. She emerged with DFDW in 1973 with her new idea and a new vision of upbringing deaf women status in the society. With all her efforts she started working towards building a better tomorrow for all deaf women joining the association.

RENEE UTILIZED HER KNOWLEDGE TO ESTABLISH THE FOUNDATION AS ONE OF THE FIRST TRAINING CUM VOCATIONAL CENTER FOR DEAF WOMEN.

RENEE COURAGEOUSLY FOUGHT AGAINST CANCER BUT COULD NOT GET AWAY FROM THE EVIL HANDS OF DEATH. She passed away on 4th Feb.08 at 11.30 P.M leaving behind her uncountable good deeds.

Her deeds are unimaginable and godsend. Delhi foundation of deaf women's each premises stone can never forget the errand done by Renee.

We all together salute the hard work and fortitude of Renee Kuriyan.

9. March'08

This Year for the First Time **Steel Authority of India (SAIL)** provided the Grant-In-Aid to support our **Deaf Women Empowering Projects** running at **Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women** established in 1973.

With their support we were able to successfully start and implement following activities:

Beauty Culture Course: (Regular Course)

Seeing the growing interest of people towards Beauty Care and Hygiene we started the Course in Beauty Care with the aim that this will help our young deaf girls to make a career and earn their living.

We establish a proper Beauty Care Course and a training room. 15 young deaf have enrolled themselves in the Beauty Culture Course. Earlier we were conducting a part time course in Beauty Culture but now the course is regular: **3month and 6 Month course**

Names of Beneficiaries Beauty Culture Course:

Rekha Mittal, Shahin Begum, Pooja Chawla, Akki Sharma, Ramandeep Kaur, Preeti, Shanti Rathor, Rekha Kumari, Sony Kapoor, Rozi Sethi, Rajni, Parul, Geeta, Jyoti Gupta, Meeta.

DFDW is not only working for improving the credentials of deaf populace of this country but also are training them to become independent earning members of their society and to be a productive part of our country's economy. Any deaf coming to DFDW is no more a DISABLE because here we help them to get rid of the three letters i.e "DIS" to make them "ABLE".

FOR DELHI FOUNDATION OF DEAF WOMEN

Secretary