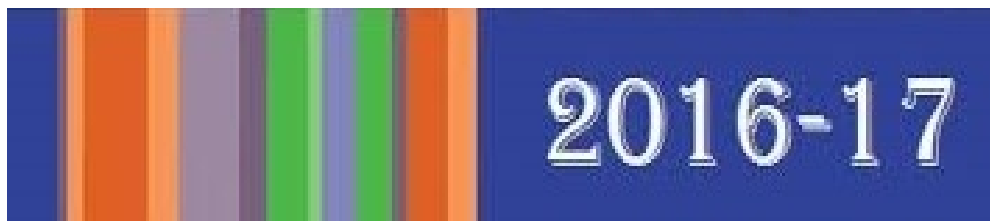




DELHI FOUNDATION OF DEAF WOMEN

ANNUAL
Report



2016-17

FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

We at Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women aims to participate in development of the deaf community at various levels: economic, cultural and social, with the intent of contributing to develop stronger and more resilient local communities.

It strives to providing best possible solutions for sustainable development of deaf in a society through skill development and self employment. Community development seeks to empower individuals and groups of people by providing them with the skills they need to effect change in their own communities.

This encompasses several aspects such as skill development, education, legal advice services, matrimonial service to name a few.

These women are also encouraged and trained to take up simple income generation activities such as making handicrafts, tailoring, beautician, book binding etc which earns them some pocket money but more importantly, a life of dignity.

Other than this the center also provided computer and english language training.

I am sure that the Centre would continue to serve the deaf from the marginalized sections of society. In conclusion, I thank the officers and staff of DFDW for yet another year of selfless work.

Most sincere thanks are due to the legions of our donors, both individuals and corporate

Rajyalakshmi Rao

President

CHALLENGES AHEAD.....

I am pleased to present the annual report of Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women for the year ending 31st March 2017. This is a landmark year for DFDW as it was the silver jubilee of our most awaited program 'THE PRANAY MILAN SAMMELAN- Matrimonial service for Deaf'.

As we move ahead we are cognizant of challenges ahead of us. Our programmatic focus now included broad based advocacy interventions in rights, social protection of deaf women and against domestic violence.

Our ongoing vocational training program is being re-oriented as SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR DEAF program with the aim of providing valuable skill training to deaf, especially deaf women.

Other than this the regular projects got some sponsors and fund raising was done through sale of products and during Diwali exhibitions. All my colleague worked very hard for this.

I on behalf of my colleagues would like to acknowledge the support of all our donors, sponsors for their trust and generosity.

Snigdha Sharma

Chief Executive

From the Desk of our Vice President....

Hello everyone and my dear young friends It is indeed an honour to be a part of Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women and All India Foundation of Deaf Women. It is indeed a privilege to be part of this institution as I have been a part of this organization since last 3 years.

'Great Mahatma Gandhi once said that live as you were to die tomorrow and learn as if you were to live forever. Think about that. And that's what it is all about today. Educating is the most important thing we do as parents. Educating our children to prepare them for the future, prepare them to challenge and help them improve our society. Children who are hearing impaired or having any disability can overcome their inabilities through education. They get the confidence to look beyond the given situation.

Also if a person has good skills/ talent he can also live a life of self respect by becoming self reliant. Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women aims to Skill Develop the deaf women who are not well educated so that they can become self- dependent and can earn their living through self employment.

The course provided at DFDW are very useful like: Computers, Tailoring, Beautician, Handicraft making etc. I would request all parents of def children to give importance to their deaf child's Education and Skill Development. Then only she/ he can live a life full of dignity.

Life is about constant improvement. I am proud to see these young women entering a great new life. I wish them all the best and also congratulate DFDW on completing its 44 years.

Minu Singh
Vice- President

Our Success and Moving Ahead....

44 years of rehabilitating thousands of deaf women/ deaf girls I still feel very little has been done. Its pleasure announcing our new project '**SAHARA**'- **the counseling service for destitute deaf**. Since last many years we have been visited by many deaf men/ women/young children regarding their problems related to their families, school, marriage etc.

This year we started helping and supporting the needed deaf coming to us. Most of the time the problems are due to lack of understanding / communication among families etc. we become the mediator and help them to understand the situation better which in turn solves the issues. In last years we were able to help 8 deaf families. Our legal experts helps in solving and guiding the cases where the legal guidance is required.

Other than this skill development courses are helping deaf women to self employ themselves and earn from home. What keeps me here year after year, is very simply the deaf women, their dreams, their drive to excel, and how hard they work to transform their lives, take care of their families, and often also create a change in their communities.

Over so many years, I have met so many deaf, and seen so many alumni make a success of their lives, however large or small that success may be. It is these bright eyes that keep me here, and keep me convinced of t

We have come a long way but still a long way to go.

Uma Kapoor
secretary

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

6th APRIL 2016:- WORLD HEALTH DAY

Our staff, students and members attended a special workshop on Detecting Breast Cancer. The workshop was conducted at National Science center on 6th and 7th April 2016. The main speaker was Dr. Anita Khokhar. It was an interactive workshop and was very informative.

Other than this there were science exhibition, quiz and games also.

30TH APRIL 2016:- SILVER JUBILEE OF 25TH PRANAY MILAN SAMMELAN

This is a special **SWAYAMVAR** for hearing impaired, which is organized Bombay Foundation of Deaf Women in association with All India Foundation of Deaf Women with the purpose of helping the parents and the individuals with hearing impairment who are looking for partners to join matrimony together and give them an opportunity to meet each other to find a suitable match for them. Since year 2014 after our affiliation with All India Foundation of Deaf Women we have been conducting this event in other states also.

With support of **Mrs Rajyalakshimi Rao** (Chairperson -AIFDW, President -DFDW) and **Mrs Minu Singh** (Vice Chairperson -AIFDW) we celebrated our **25th Silver Jubilee Pranay Milan Sammelan** on **30th April 2016** from 9 A.M. To 6 P.M at the NDMC, COVENTIONAL CENTER, PARLIAMENT STREET, near Palika Kendra New Delhi, and invited new applicants as well the alumni wedded couples who had got married through this Sammelan.

This year was a gala function with cultural performances by alumni couples, as well as highlighting the issue of handicapped living through documentary films on the life of deaf

persons. Above 150 participated in the sammelan. This is a unique platform which will helps the hearing impaired boys and girls, along with their parents to meet potential candidates. The Sammelan is open to all irrespective of caste and creed, poor and rich. It provides equal and good opportunities to all. The matrimonial service extends to neighboring states. It gives immense pride to know that other local organizations are emulating our Pranay Milan Sammelan.



Honble union minister of Railways- Shri Suresh Prabhu Ji graced the occasion with his presence. He appreciated our efforts and also announced that in coming years the Indian railway will be making few major changes for helping handicapped passengers.



We humbly requested our Hon'ble Union Railway Minister to support our cause and help us in getting some space to open Skill Training Centers for deaf women in each state at nominal rent. This will help us to reach and train maximum deaf in our country.

18th-20th May 2016:- 2nd NATIONAL

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

DFDW students participated in 2nd Cultural Festival held in Indore from 18th May to 20th May 2016. Our students participated in Dance competition and Drama Competition.

Mata Sundari College Cultural Department helped in Training our girls in lively **Punjabi Gidhha**. They provided their premises to be used for practicing the Drama and Dance.

Our students bagged 2nd position in Dance and 3rd Position in Drama competition.

Later in the month we bought the raw material for training classes.

Giddha (Punjabi: ਗਿੱਧਾ, giddhā) is a popular folk dance of women in Punjab region of India and Pakistan. The dance is often considered derived from the ancient dance known as the ring dance and is just as energetic as Bhangra; at the same time it manages to creatively display feminine grace, elegance and flexibility.

9th August 2016:- NATIONAL SUMMIT ON CSR 2016

Mrs. Uma Kapoor (Gen Secretary) and Snigdha Sharma (Chief Executive) attended a special seminar organised by CII on 9th August 2016 at Le Meridien, Nde Delhi.

The seminar was on various CSR initiatives taken by companies and how it can be helpful to NGO's and about various CSR projects run in government. The seminar was inaugurated by live tribal music and national anthem.

Many companies presented their projects and target to help NGO's under CSR.

August 2016:- Pre- Independence Day Celebration

Like every year this year we celebrated our Independence Day at Central Park Connaught Place New Delhi under the Big Flag with many games, quiz competitions, prizes and

refreshment.

Virender Singh Aka 'Goonga Pehlwan' -the only deaf wrestler in the country who can fight able-bodied wrestlers with utter brilliance graced the occasion. He gave an inspirational speech.

4th September: PINKATHON

Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women took part in PINKATHON ON:-

Date: 4th September, 2016

Assembly Time: 5:30 a.m.

Venue: Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium

The Pinkathon is India's Biggest Women's Run, founded by Mr. Milind Soman and Ms. Reema Sanghavi, organised by the United Sisters Foundation and created with the specific purpose of getting more and more women to adopt a fitter lifestyle for themselves and their families, and to highlight the need for increased awareness other issues that put women's lives at risk. In 2015 more than 66,000 women have participated across 8 cities i.e Bangalore, Hyderabad, Chennai, Delhi, Guwahati, Amdavad, Pune & Mumbai. Pinkathon has raised more than Rs 60 Lacs so far towards treatment of underprivileged women with cancer and has facilitated, through our partners, free breast screenings for thousands of women.



Before the main event took place on 4th

September the PINKATHON Team organised a special ZUMBA SESSION for our members, staffs and students who took part in the event. It was a big fun.

24th September:- INTERNATIONAL DEAF WEEK

To commemorate International Week of the Deaf, the Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women organized one day seminar on "**Swayam Shakti**".

The topic of discussion were "Child Abuse and Sexual Harassment" and Legal Rights (Domestic violence) on 24th September 2016 at the National Bal Bhavan, Kotla , New Delhi .



The condition of women in India has always been a matter of grave concern. Since the past several centuries, the women of India were never given equal status and opportunities as compared to that of their male counterparts. The patriarchal nature of Indian society, which even though gives respect to women as they are our mothers and sisters, has greatly hampered both the independence as well as the safety of women.

Women in India-a better half of Indian society, today, are becoming the most vulnerable section as far as their safety and security is concerned.

When we turn the pages of a newspaper, we come across many headlines reporting cases of sexual assault, molestation, sexual harassment, rapes, trafficking, ill treatment of women in houses, violence against women in remote areas etc.



Our supreme law of land i.e. our Indian Constitution has envisaged a dream of true social, economic and political democracy which guarantees the rich and moral principles of equality for our citizens but this has not yet been fully realized.

Still our better halves are unsafe and unsecured towards the realization of freedom and liberty. It's unbearable to imagine the plight of women who are sufferers of such crimes. It's a jolt on the confidence of the women, of society and on our judicial system. Besides it has much of cascading effects which affects her life.



Women have been advancing, progressing and have proved that they can beat men in any sector they are in. No matter what, the old thoughts and upbringing culture still lay cluttered in the minds of men that women should not be above men, but below them.

Some of the most common crimes against women are rape, dowry deaths, sexual harassment at home or work place, kidnapping and abduction, cruelty by husband, relatives, assault on a woman, and sex trafficking.

This Seminar was an effort towards creating awareness among the disabled community about their safety. All the best for conducting such a thoughtful event. I wish we are able to reach maximum deaf women and educate them about their rights.

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S.NO	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS/ FACILITATORS
1	9:30 A.M	REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS	
2	10:00 AM	Welcome & Conference Opening	Mrs Uma Kapoor General Secretary DFDW
3	10:05 AM	Addressing the gathering	Mrs Minu Singh Vice Chairperson AIFDW & Vice President DFDW
4	10:15 AM	Inspirational speech	Rajya Lakshmi Rao Chairperson AIFDW & President DFDW
5	10:30 AM	Welcome of Chief Guest & lamp Lighting	Sh. Vikas Singh Senior Advocate Supreme Court
6	10:35 AM	Speech by Chief	Sh. Vikas Singh Senior Advocate

			Supreme Court
7	10:50 -11:20 AM	Child Abuse and Sexual Harassment: 1. Basic Overview 2. Recognizing: Discrimination & Harassment	Ms. Renu Adhlakha DEPUTY DIRECTOR & PROFESSOR Center for Women's Development Studies
8	11:25 AM -11:45 PM	Sexual Harassment: Training for Deaf School Girls	Harpriti Reddy
9	11:45 to 12:30 PM	Sexual Harassment at: 1. Home 2. Workplace 3. Public Places etc Prevention & Management	Khyothunglo (Glory) Humtsoe Assistant Professor Cluster Innovation Center
10	12:30 TO 2:00 PM	Legal Definitions & Implications of Sexual Harassment & Domestic Violence	SKV LAW OFFICES ADVOCATES 1. Mr. Pratyush Singh 2. Ms. Natabrata Bhattacharya 3. Ms. Tejaswini

			Misra
11	2:00 to 3:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK	
12	3:00 to 4:30 PM	Domestic Violence : 1. Basic Overview 2. Prevention & Management	Ms. Renu Adhlakha DEPUTY DIRECTOR & PROFESSOR Center for Woman's Development Studies
16	4:30 PM	Vote of Thanks	
17	4:45 PM	Tea	

There is no way to fully express our gratitude towards Associates of SKV LAW OFFICES Advocate Tejaswani Misra and Advocate Natabrata Bhattacharya. We express our deepest thanks and appreciate the time they gave us for making "Swayam Shakti" event a big success. their valuable experience and suggestions proved to be very helpful.

October, November and December 2016:- **DIWALI MELAS/EXHIBITIONS/ COLLEGE FATES/ CARNIVALS**

The month of October and November are months of participating in different exhibitions and melas during diwali and year end carnivals.

We participated in more than 20 exhibitions. This is the time to raise fund for the organisation through selling our products.

For the first time we participated in NBCC mela during Diwali and DFDW was given the award. of **THE BEST STALL**. We also exhibited a joint stall with Haryana Foundation of deaf Women Trust In Faridabad.

3rd February 2017 :- PICNIC TO SURAJKUND

DFW organised a picnic to Surajkund International Craft Mela on 3rd Feb 2017. A splash of colours, rhythm of drum beats and joy de-vivre merge at Surajkund in Faridabad, Haryana during the first fortnight of each February. The curtains go up on the acclaimed annual Surajkund International Crafts Mela from 1st February onward, a celebration of Indian folk traditions and cultural heritage.



Occupying a place of pride on the international tourist calendar, more than a million visitors throng the Mela during the fortnight including thousands of foreign tourists. The Surajkund Mela is unique as it showcases the richness and diversity of the handicrafts, handlooms and cultural fabric of India, & is the largest crafts fair in the world.

The Mela is organized by the Surajkund Mela Authority & Haryana Tourism in collaboration with Union Ministries of Tourism, Textiles, Culture and External Affairs. For the 31st Surajkund International Crafts Mela-2017, the state of Jharkhand has been chosen to be the Theme State. At least 20 countries & all the states of India will be participating in the Mela.

The multi-cuisine Food Courts provides ethnic cuisines from all over the world, which are

immensely popular with visitors. The scintillating folk performances at the two 'Chaupals' and mesmerizing evening recitals at 'Natyashala' rev up the entertainment quotient. There are designated places for amusement, adventure sports and joy rides to make it a must visit event

for the young. We were able to buy new types of cloth material for making handicrafts. The kalamkari cloth was very attractive.



18th February 2017:- 44th FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION

This year DFDW completed its 44 years of Rehabilitation of Deaf Women in Delhi. To commemorate 44th Foundation Day of yeomen services of the Delhi Foundation Deaf Women Talent Competitions were conducted for school children and our students and members.

Dates	Venue : National Bal Bhavan Sports Courts & Ground , Kotla, New Delhi
Saturday 18th Feb. 2016	<p>6th Delhi Sports Festival for Deaf Women Jr. & Sr. Girls Students and DFDW Members (Carom, Chess, Badminton & Table Tennis) , Prize Distribution</p>
	<p>44th Foundation Day Celebration Talent Competitions for Students Fancy Dress, Maths Quiz, Solo Dance competition</p> <p>for Members - Mehendi Designing Necklace designing, G.K. Quiz , Solo Dance Competitions</p>



Schools participating in Events



Schools participating in badminton

Complimentary Lunch, Refreshment, Certificates of Merit and Participation and Prizes were provided to all participants and officials.

Events were conducted to encourage deaf school going children and provide them a platform to show their talents and skill.



We donated sewing machine to our students completing tailoring course.

The winners were awarded prizes at the end of the event.

Our Generous Donors:

1. Shri Ravinder Mohan Gupta: Vice Chairperson (AIFDW)
He Donated a Sewing Machine for our student.
2. Shri Tekchand Farmah (U.K):
Donated Sewing Machine for our Students
3. Taj Mahal Hotel: Donated The Cake for the Foundation Day.

SAHARA- the counseling service for deaf

We started special counseling for Deaf. We were having many deaf visiting us daily regarding their personal problems like: Problems with their parents, Married couple facing problems in their families, Deaf women facing domestic violence, school children facing problems with parents etc.

During last year we helped the following deaf women/men:

S.NO	NAME	PLACE	PROBLEM
1	Rekha	Faridabad	Problem with in laws and husband
2	Naina and Mannu	Delhi	Naina's Husband approached us for strange behaviour of Naina with her in laws
3	Mr. Chander Bhushan and Mrs. Tanya Bhushan	Delhi	Came for help in communication with family regarding the property issue
4	Shweta Goel	Panipat	Problem with mother and uncle
5	Sarika	Delhi	In laws troubles her a lot. Staying at mothers place
6	Bhawana	Karnal	Case of Depression due to domestic violence at In laws home.
7	Sony	Delhi	Husband troubles her
8	Nirmala	Delhi	In laws troubling and abusing her

Most of the time the problems are due to lack of communication as the family members are not able to communicate through sign language.

We try to call both side families and after listening to their complains try to solve. In difficult cases where we need legal advice we take help of our expert legal team- SKV law offices.

Home visits are also done if required.

Other Than this we have tied up with other women NGO like JAGORI for legal guidance and counseling.

For further legal Advice we take them to meet the lawyer at Jagori Advocate Sunita Thakur. Through her help we are able to sort out many issues.

**BENEFICIARY DETAILS FOR THE YEAR
2016-17**

S.NO	COURSE NAME	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
1	BEAUTICIAN	14
2	TAILORING	15
3	COMPUTERS	24
4	ENGLISH	32
5	HANDICARFT MAKING	29

Handicraft Making includes:-

Book Binding, Leather Craft, Batik Painting Courses.

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