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Chairperson All India Foundation of Deaf Women



All India Foundation of Deaf Women (AIFDW) is committed to empower, enhanced and skill train every deaf women to make them self dependent. We provide them opportunity to enhance their skills and identify their abilities to empower themselves.

AIFDW has affiliated team of 11 different states of India and is the largest and only deaf women foundation. We have successfully organized 4 national level events during 2015-16 and also set up new Skill Development centers at Haryana and Kerela.

AIFDW has many plans for bringing talent of deaf women in the mainstream of the society by affiliating every state of India and by developing the skills, art, culture and talent among the deaf and make them feel that they are at the par with the rest of the hearing society.

There is a saying that “If we educate a women we educate a family” and we truly believe in women empowerment. Our affiliated state chapters are running rehabilitation and skill development centers and empowering many deaf women.

We wish to see every deaf women overcoming her disability and becoming an able citizen of this country.

MINU SINGH

Vice- Chairperson All India Foundation of Deaf Women



Dear friends, we have established AIFDW to overcome adversity and coping with the storms of life of a women through our women empowerment and legal awareness program .

In this light, it is important to emphasize the postulate that all challenges are timely, and they are not accidental. God tests us in such way. But in case you face any problem which need some legal help you should be well aware **WHOME** to approach? **HOW** to approach? **WHERE** to approach? And **WHAT** are your rights? Often due to lack of knowledge a small issue becomes a big problem and being deaf one must be aware about HS/her legal rights.

AIFDW has organized events with the aim of reaching maximum deaf specially deaf women and make them aware about various legal issues and also to guide you how **VOCATIONAL TRAINING** be very helpful in making you self-dependent. A panel of lawyers are here today to guide you and answer your queries. So please come forward with your questions if any.

Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women (Delhi Chapter-AIFDW) is already in the field of Rehabilitation of deaf since 1973. They have trained hundreds of deaf women through their vocational courses and also helping them in various fields to explore their talent and skills. DFDW organizes various talent competitions and matrimonial sammelan (Pranay Milan sammelan) and now joining with AIFDW the activities are extended through out the country in various states.

Its a great pleasure to announce that In year 2016 **Pranay Milan Sammelan** is completing its 25 Years and we are organising a big event to celebrate the silver jubilee of PMS. I wish all associated states will come forward and join hands together to make this event a very special and successful by maximum participation.

I have met a lot of women who overcame the storms of life with dignity and faith. they all admit, that these challenges made their lives brighter. They understood the real value of life - it is invaluable. And there is no sense in suffering - accept it Japanese proverb says, "Fall seven times, stand up eight" - and this eighth may be lucky chance which will bring you to your happiness. May be not, but then you'll have to believe, fight and stand up as much as it will be needed.

UMA KAPOOR

Secretary General All India Foundation of Deaf Women



Its my pleasure to congratulate All India Foundation of Deaf Women to organize various events,

conference, self- defense workshop. As we all know ignorance is the only disability for any individual as it make it difficult to understand the root cause of the problems and how to solve the problems. Sometimes the problem is not as big as it seems but cause of ignorance and lack of information it becomes a big problem.

AIFDW 's aim to spread awareness among the deaf community and help them to come forward and share their problems with expert. I am really happy that our this effort proved to be a boon to all deaf. Many deaf came forward with many different issues and were so glad to know that they can easily get through the issues with little legal guidance.

Our special thanks to Sh. Venerate Singh (SKV Law Firms) who came forward and offered a helping hand to all deaf. Any hearing impaired in need to a legal advise can write to SKV law firms and get their assistance.

We are also thankful to Special Police Unit of Women and Child, Nankpura Delhi to conduct a demonstration on Self- Defence and teach basic skills which are really helpful in purr day to day life.

I wish all the best to all states and hope we are able to help maximum deaf in our country.

ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

DELHI CHAPTER

Delhi Foundation of Deaf women

1st floor DDA Community Hall Gali Chandiwali Paharganj, New Delhi-110055

April 2015: 24th Pranay Milan Sammelan (Matrimonial Assistance for deaf)

After successful conduct of the 23rd Pranay Milan Sammelan held in Worli, Mumbai, the AIFDW in association with DFDW organized 24th Pranay Milan Sammelan on April 11, 2015 at the Vishwa Yuvak Kendra , New Delhi.

This is a special **SWAYAMVAR** for hearing impaired, which is organized with the purpose of helping the parents and the individuals with hearing impairment who are looking for their right life partners. Every year in this sammelan we bless and greet the newly-wed couples. Every year there are **8 to 10 success stories** and we feel immense pride in helping them to find a suitable match.

This time a large number of participants with their parents had gathered at the Sammelan. Ms Rajyalakshmi Rao, Chairperson of AIFDW had came in the morning session of the Pranay Milan Sammelan and the event started at 11 am inviting the boys and girls one by one to introduce themselves while their parents delivered speech on the mike on their family background..

The Chief Guest Hon'ble Justice of Supreme Court Shri Anil Dave inaugurated the ceremony at 1.30 P.M. by lightening the lamp. Ms Rajylakshmi Rao had presided over the function along with our Vice- Chairperson Ms Min Singh. Hon'ble Sh Anil Dave was impressed to see the unique event for the young participants to find out suitable match for them. The media persons from DD Channels , Punjab kesari and Navbharat had also interviews Rajlakshmi Rao and Minu Singh . The DD had telecast-ed the event he same day in night . The newly wed couples were felicitated with wedding gifts.

September 2015: SWAYAM SHAKTI: *The self defense workshop and conference on legal rights of Deaf Women*

On occasion of **WORLD DEAF DAY on 28th September** as part of its Rehabilitation Pogrammes ALL INDIA FOUNDATION OF DEAF WOMEN, is organizing a *self defense workshop and conference on legal rights of Deaf Women* for deaf girls and deaf women participants from different states.

Awareness is the first line of defence; awareness of yourself, your surroundings, and your potential attacker's likely strategies. The theme of the event is '**Basics of Self-Defence' with focus on myths about women, violence and self-defence, body language and basics about the redressal procedures and how to approach the police.**

The main purpose behind the deaf awareness week is to know the people with the problem, understand their issues and to know about their accomplishments.

Target Group and Geographical Coverage

The aim of this program is to reach and benefit deaf women from different states i.e (Delhi, U.P, Haryana, Maharashtra, Assam, Orissa, Kerela, Karnataka, Madhey Pradesh, Hyderabad). The beneficiaries will be deaf women, deaf school girls and their parents, deaf newly married couples, members of DFDW.

Organizers : Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women (DELHI CHAPTER)
Date : 25th September 2015 & 26th September 2015
Venue : Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and National Bal Bhawan
Participants/ Beneficiaries : *Affiliated Deaf Women Organizations(Delhi, U.P, Haryana, Maharashtra, Assam, Orissa, Kerela, Karnataka, Madhey Pradesh, Hyderabad)

*Young Deaf Girls from Schools in Delhi

Number to expected participants is 200 deaf.

Flow of the event.....

The event started with **Ganesh Vandana** performed by deaf girls of Ashtvakra School, Rohini. It was a lovely dance performance and a warm welcome of our chief guest and guest of honor. Our Secretary **Mrs. Uma Kapoor** welcomed all the guest and after lamp lighting and inauguration of the event , our Chief Guest and guest of Honor gave an encouraging and appreciating speech. Their presence during the event was a morale booster and very important as they shared their valuable experience, thoughts and suggestions.

A special thanks to all our Special guest and our Chairperson (AIFDW) **Mrs. Rajyalakshmi Rao** and Vice Chairperson (AIFDW) **Mrs. Minu Singh** who are the backbone and motivators behind organizing this event. Though our chairperson was not present during the event but she still sent a video message which was played during the event and was really very encouraging.

A special Thanks to Patron(DFDW) Mrs. Neelam Singh and **Mr. O.P Singh ji** who managed to attend the event on our short notice and shared his experience to encourage all participants.

Also a very special thanks to **Mr. Vikas Singh Ji** with his guidance and cooperation with SKV Law offices we were able to successfully organize this event. Mr. Vikas Singh Ji and Mrs Minu Singh Ji announced that the doors of SKV law offices are always open for any deaf in need. We highly appreciate their concern and support.

The seminar started with a presentation by **Mrs. Neelam Singh Ji** on Women empowerment. She shared very valuable information and importance of women empowerment. How a women can change her whole life and become a strong self- dependent individual.

Dr. Usha Punjabi Ji gave a presentation on How Important is Vocational Training. She is already running a special school and a vocational training center in Indore (M.P). many deaf

girls are taking training at her center and are earning well today.

Post lunch the representatives of SKV law offices **Mr. Shashank Khurana** and **Mr. Anuj. P. Aggarwal** started the presentation on following topics:-

1. CHILD CUSTODY
2. PROPERTY RIGHTS OF A WOMEN
3. RIGHTS AND REMEDIES AGAINST CRIME

During the presentation **Shri Venkatesh Ji** answered the queries of all the participants with maximum guidance possible on the spot. Everyone came forward with different queries and problems and all were answered by the expert lawyer Shri Venkatesh Ji and his team.

The last presentation was by **Mr. Sibaji Panda** on an equally important topic: DEAF PARENTING. This was a very new topic of discussion and was very interesting to know the facts and importance of the role of a Deaf Parent.

The day ended with lots of satisfied faces who were very confused and in doubts earlier got a new ray of hope. All appreciated the content and efforts of the presenters of the event.

Date : **26th September , Saturday**
Venue : **Vocational Rehabilitation Center, Karkarduma, New Delhi**
Event : **Self- defence**

This was second time we organized this workshop but this time it was at National Level. The instructors from Delhi Police gave excellent demonstration on basic skills. All participants actively participated in the demo and also came forward with any queries, specially deaf women participants.

Other states showed interest in organizing similar workshop in their respective states. Delhi Police conducts a 10 days full training program specially for women.

The two day event was a success and went off well with lots of participants and good wishes .

We are sharing the Event 's Program Details.

**Special Thanks to the Team of Lawyers from S.K.V. Law Offices
and also to the Special Team of Delhi Police to conduct Self
Defence Workshop.**

25th September 2015

Swayam Shakti: Legal Awareness Conference

- Chief Guest : **Mr. Luv Verma (IAS)**
Secretary
Dept. Of Persons with Disabilities.
- Guest of Honor : **Mr. Womanish Awasthi (IAS)**
joint Secretary
Dept. Of Persons with Disabilities.
- Mr. K.S Mehra (IAS)**
Disability Commissioner
Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities
- Mr. O.P Singh**
Senior official with the Indian Police Service
- Mr. Vikas Singh**
Sr. Lawyer
Supreme Court
- A.I.F.D.W : **Mrs. Rajyalakshmi Rao**
Chairperson
- Mrs. Minu Singh**
Vice Chairperson
- Mr. Ravinder Mohan Gupta**
Vice Chairperson
- Mrs. Usha Punjabi**
President
- Mrs. Uma Kapoor**
secretary General
- S.K.V Law Offices : **Mr. Shri Venkatesh**
Managing/Founding Partner of
M/s. SKV Law Offices,
- Mr. Anuj P. Agarwala**
Lawyer
S.K.V Law offices
- Mr. Shashank Khurana**
Lawyer S.K.V Law offices

March 2016: 8th March International Women's Day:- This year AIFDW women members were invited by IBIS Hotel Gurgaon on 8th March to celebrate the occasion of International Women Day with them. It was a lovely experience. Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women and Haryana Foundation of Deaf Women Trust jointly participated in this event.

IBIS organized a small exhibition to support deaf women artisans to sell their products. Tasty lunch and refreshments were also served. We got a chance to interact with IBIS Management and they assured to give job opportunities to deaf women and will also provide basic trainings if required.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT DFDW

Courses offered are:-

1. COMPUTER COURSE
2. ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT
3. BEAUTICIAN
4. TAILORING
5. HANDICRAFT MAKING
6. BOOK BINDING- HANDBOUNDED & SPIRAL
7. LEATHER CRAFT

HARYANA CHAPTER

Haryana Foundation of Deaf Women Trust (HFDWT)

May 2015 : 1st Haryana state level seminar

HFDWT conducted 1st Haryana state level seminar of the Haryana Foundation of Deaf Women Trust on **3rd May 2015**. at Bal Bhawan, Sector-4 Gurgaon.

It was the first event of HFDWT after its registration and affiliation with AIFDW. It was conducted with the aim of creating awareness among deaf women of Haryana to come forward and be a part of this foundation and work for rehabilitation of deaf women in haryana state and encourage more deaf girls to break the barriers and come out to learn and get skill trained.

Some cultural performances were presented by deaf women members of the foundation. Mrs Uma Kapoor (G.S AIFDW), Kajal dhawan (V.P AIFDW), Mr. Ravinder Mohan Gupta (V.C AIFDW) were the special guest during the event.

November 2015: 1st Haryana State Level Art Competition & Cultural Program of Deaf Women

1st Haryana State Level Art Competition & Cultural Program of Deaf Women was Conducted on **21st and 22nd November 2015** at Bal Bhawan Sector 4 Gurgaon.

On 21st Nov 2015 Mrs. Rajyalakshmi Rao Chairperson AIFDW inaugurated the event. She specially came from Mumbai for the event and meeting the deaf women members of HFDWT and encouraged them to set up SKILL TRAINING programs for deaf women in the state. Few competitions like ***Rangoli Making, Mehandi Designing, Beauty Contest, Dance Competitions etc.*** were conducted on 21st and 22nd November It was a very good experience and well organised event.

Mrs Minu Singh (Vice- Chairperson AIFDW) graced the event on 22nd November 2015 by being the Chief Guest and she encouraged deaf women to learn sign language and get education. Her presence was a moral booster for all.

March 2016: 1st Haryana State Level Conference For Deaf Women at Panchayat Bhawan, Ambala City.

HFDWT conducted its 1st Haryana State Level Conference For Deaf Women at Panchayat Bhawan, Ambala City on 20th March 2016.

The Conference was based on Problems Faced by deaf Women and how to come out of them.

There was a small presentation from Saudamini Pethe GS of HFDWT and Snigdha Sharma - Vice chairperson of AIFDW and kajal Dhawan -Vice president of AIFDW.

Mrs. Renu Jain DDPO Ambala City was the Chief Guest and she inaugurated the event. Mrs Jain is a well wisher of deaf women and has been very supportive in past also.

Ms Pankhuri Asst. Commissioner of Police Ambala City. Graced the occasion and assured Women Safety in the city and also encouraged deaf women not to hesitate and can approach police directly without fear for any problems, violence etc.

Event went well and many women came forward with their problems. They were happy that they got an opportunity to talk about themselves and share their experiences.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT HFDWT

Courses to be offered are:-

1. COMPUTER COURSE
2. ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT
3. TAILORING
4. HANDICRAFT MAKING

MUMBAI CHAPTER

Bombay Foundation of Deaf Women (BFDW)

Bombay Foundation of Deaf Women (BFDW) is FIRST WOMEN FOUNDATION FOR DEAF in Maharashtra the and is registered under Society Registration Act . It is working for empowering and rehabilitating deaf women in Maharashtra since 1984.

B.F.D.W was founded on 4th December 1983 by a few deaf under the guidance of Miss. Renee Kuriyan of the Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women (DFDW) with the aim of to rehabilitate the deaf women of western states through vocational training.

BFDW has adopted the policy of “Hard Toil and Perspiration” and has resolved to work harder with serious thinking and planning for better results.

September 2015: Swayam Shakti

Participated in Swayam Shakti (legal awareness seminar) organised by All India Foundation of Deaf women to celebrate international day for deaf.

Women Entrepreneur Exhibition 3rd and 4th September 2015

BFDW participated in this exhibition with the help of AIFDW. Exhibition was at NSCI Stadium, Worli Mumbai. This was a good opportunity for the organisation to display their products . Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women also participated in this exhibition.

Both organisation got good appreciation from the buyers and were ale to generate funds for their respective rehabilitation activities and projects. Thanks for the support they got from AIFDW and Rajya Lakshmi Rao Maam.

October 2015: Navratri Utsav

Like every year this year again BFDW organised a Grand NAVRATRI UTSAV on **18th October 2015** at SIES matunga, Mumbai. Even was from 9 a.m to 6.30 PM. With lots of activities, games and Garba.

October 11, 2015: ISHAARE workshop

With help of Annelies Kusters (Research) and Sujit Saharabudhe (Research Assistant) a workshop on Indian Sign Language was conducted. This was an effort to promote Indian Sign Language.

(You can watch/download Ishaare HERE (don't forget to turn on HD if you want to watch it in HD!) <https://vimeo.com/user14202278/review/142068786/9dd1530f0b>

Here, you can watch/download the "making of" Ishaare

<https://vimeo.com/user14202278/review/142120406/4960e3cc53>)

December 17 to 20th 2015: 4th India Deaf Expo 2015

Mrs. Trupti of BFDW won 3rd Prize (Mrs. Revolution Contest 3) at 4th India Deaf Expo 2015, held at Coimbatore.

BFDW also participated in the exhibition at the EXPO. BFDW participate in the Expo every year.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT BFDW

Courses offered are:-

1. COMPUTER COURSE
2. ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT
3. TAILORING
4. HANDICRAFT MAKING

HYDERABAD CHAPTER

HYDERABAD FOUNDATION OF DEAF WOMEN (HFDW)

Hyderabad Foundation of Deaf Women started its activities to skill develop deaf women in 2014 since after its affiliation with AIFDW. Initially there were very few members but slowly its growing and many deaf women are getting benefited by the activities and training provided at HFDW.

During the year HFDW actively participated in the events organized by AIFDW .

1. **September 2015:** Swayam Shakti and Self Defence Workshop at Delhi organised by AIFDW hosted by ts Delhi Chapter.

2. With help of Mrs Rajyalakshmi Rao, Chairperson- AIFDW HFDW Shifted to its new office at PANCOM BUSSINESS CENTER AMEERPET, HYDERABAD. And where able to set up new course.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT HFDW

Courses offered are:-

1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT
2. TAILORING
3. HANDICRAFT MAKING
4. ARTIFICIAL JWELLERY MAKING
