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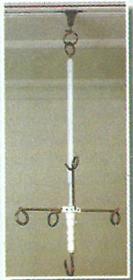
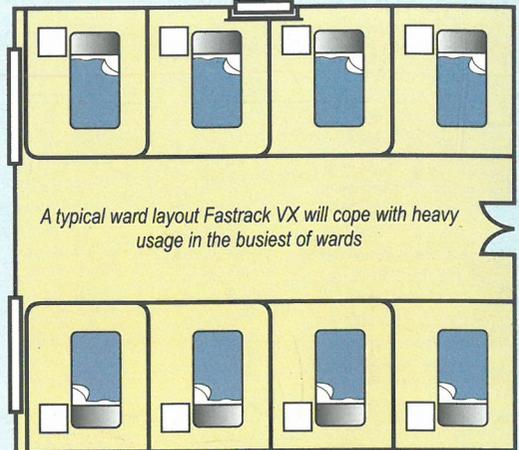
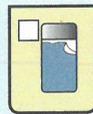
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MESSAGE

The President of India, **Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil**, is happy to know that the Delhi Association of the deaf, New Delhi is organising the 4th **Bhartiya Badhir Yuvak-Yuvati Milan Parichaya Sammelan** on December 05, 2010.

The President extends her warm greetings and felicitations to the organisers and the participants and wishes the Sammelan every success.

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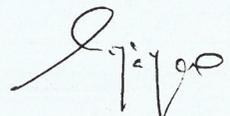


MESSAGE

It gives me a great pleasure to learn that the Delhi Association of the Deaf (Regd.), New Delhi is organizing **4th Bhartiya Badhir Yuvak-Yuvati Parichaya Milan Sammelan** in New Delhi on 5th December, 2010, where about 50 young boys and girls from different parts of the country would participate to select their life partners with the help of their parents.

It is gratifying to know that the organization has been working for the welfare of Deaf mutes and their children for the last 50 years. It is hoped that the organization will widen and continue its activities in future as well as for the welfare of these people.

I send my good wishes for the success of this Parichaya Milan Sammelan.


(Girija Vyas)

Why Parichaya Milan Sammelans?



By D. S. CHAUHAN
Hony. Secretary

The two basic needs of human beings are means of livelihood to keep the home fires burning and marriage to recreate and build a family to be support during one's sun-set years. Deaf are no exception. In fact they need both, the most.

Great as their need is for employment and a helpmeet, to find both is a very difficult proposition for the deaf. Social attitude of people at large towards the deaf is of near total unconcern. Indeed, even their families too, more after than not, show indifference towards them. If a deaf has, as is in most cases, a hearing sibling, deaf child's condition worsens.

So while it is better if one of the parents of the deaf should be hearing, genetics need so, it is rarely so. No hearing personally wants or accepts a deaf life partner, neither as a husband nor as a wife. Therefore, when the search for hearing life partner for their progny fails, parents who care for their deaf son or daughter, go in search of a deaf helpmeet. But by then some times, it is too late as marriageable age would have been over.

Aware of these pitfalls, Associations has been acting as a marriage bureau almost since its inception sixty years ago. Parents learning of the existence of Association, visit with the bio-data of their offspring, examine the other available data, establish contact with the selected party, negotiate and clinch the deal. So far so good but this practice has its short-coming, the first being absence of direct contact from the very beginning as photographs often do not do full justice to a person's features, nor do the photographs show one's personality.

It was with his basic aim and on persistent demand from the deaf and their parents, also because it is a part of social service to which the Association has been committed that first of the Badhir Yuvak-Yuvati Parichaya Milan Sammelan was organized in the year 2005-2006. Its over-whelming success rate prompted the Association to make it an annual feature.

As a result the Association organized 3rd Parichaya Milan Sammelan in the year 2008 which also drew good response. However due to various factors beyond the control of Association, Parichaya Milan Sammelans could not be organized during the intervening period. This year (2010) Association has successfully organized a widely represented Parichaya Milan Sammelan on 5th December, 2010.

Selections have been made, meetings have taken place and agreements to hold visits to each other's place, enquire about family back-ground will be held. It is by no means a swayambar, meaning on the spot, at the very first opportunity marriages are fixed. Indeed a lot of research about family's back ground, man or woman's personality, social status, financial position etc are looked in to. Negotiations are often carried on for quite some time. It is only when both the sides are satisfied in all respects that marriage takes place.

Thus, Association facilitate meeting of interested parties, by bringing them together at one place. This saves them time from visiting different places looking for a suitable match. Association's role does not end with this. In fact it is the beginning.

Association keeps in touch with the pairs who unite in matrimony, help smoothen rough spots, advises about running a close knit family, also makes them aware of their responsibilities, also difficulties that normally crop up in all families, the world over. Adjustment in new surroundings, new environment is stressed and advice and guidance in all domestic matters, rearing of children, their education are some of the other supports that Association extends to those who tie knot after meeting at Parichaya Milan Sammelan, organized by the Association.

Of course there would be some instances where the marriage does not click. In such cases also efforts are made to patch up the differences. If all efforts fail, it is seen that the separation takes place without bitterness on both the sides.

Association's activities cover a wide spectrum. All these aim to make the lives of its members as satisfying as possible. All this is done, more or less without any Government support. Association has no earning means of its own and has to depend upon kind hearted generous people. Sadly, in the absence of awareness about the cause of the deaf, most people look the other way, when approached for help. However, milk of human kindness has not yet dried up and there are plenty of those who extend a helping hand, some even across the seven seas. Therefore, Association is committed to advance the cause of the deaf, now and for ever after.

My First Attempt at Social Welfare



Nimit Jain
Organiser/Convenor

I have been a member of Delhi Association of the Deaf for several decades. Soon after joining the Association, I realized that to run a large organization like our Association, funds are required.

Since deaf people themselves are not better off and can hardly support the Association by funding its activities, I sought help from friends, family members and even strangers and was able to raise a tidy sum.

However marriage and service, singly or together, need attention first of all so my activities in funds collection came to a halt when I married and joined service. Not only that, there was no free time to devote for Association's activities. This continued for about a decade. My election as Member of the Executive Committee of the Association imposed responsibilities of organizing the Parichaya Milan Sammelan on me and, therefore, I started taking interest in its activities.

I was aware that Association had been organizing Badhir Yuvak-Yuvati Parichaya Milan Sammelan, but has not been held for a few years now. This was also brought to my notice by the bachelor members of the Association who also urged me to take up the responsibility which I eventually took over.

Not experienced in organizing big events, I was a bit handicapped. But the urging by bachelor members and periodically coming parents of unmarried boys and girls who too wanted that Parichaya Milan Sammelan be organized, I plunged in to the Parichaya Milan Sammelan related work.

I also felt that marriage is a sacred part of human life and that since deaf persons are not liked by the hearing either as a wife or as a husband, it is necessary to organize the Parichaya Milan Sammelan. Then too it was a social service.

Having accepted the responsibility, I sought help from some other office bearers of the Association, who readily agreed to help. The first and foremost part of the action was funds collection because without funds nothing can be done.

I met friends and acquaintances, explained my mission to them and the need for it. They readily loosened their purse strings. Next, I selected a handful of senior and trust worthy members of the Association with a request to canvass for the Parichaya Milan Sammelan. They too did their bit and collected a good amount.

Then visits to offices of industrialists and though not much, some thing was gained. This at least led to creation of awareness about the deaf and their problems. So hopefully the next visits, a year after, will be more profitable.

After funds, the logistics, I did not know that so much has to be done. Booking auditorium, printing and distributing invitation cards, seeking messages, getting banners painted, and printing of literature, letter heads, catering, hiring furniture etc. etc had to attended to.

But committed friends, office bearers of the Association, helped so my work load was lessened in a meaningful manner.

When approached Shri Ramesh Kanpal, Senior Instructor Trustee of Anuvrat Bhawan Gladly placed the Bhawan's Auditorium at our disposal, free of charges. Association as a whole and my self in particular, will remain under deep, life long obligation to him.

Venue booked, quotations from some caterers were collected and order placed after making sure that every thing will be ok.

I have already mentioned the different works that had to be done before Parichaya Milan Sammelan was actually held. I now place on records the invaluable help rendered by Shri Ramesh Gupta, Executive President of Shri Pran Nath Bahl & Shri Lalit thakur, our Vice Presidents, Secretary, Shri Rajiv Goel, Hony Treasurer, Shri. Rajiv Sharma & shri Rajnikant Bansal, Joint Secretaries, Shri Krishan Kr. Sharma, our Hony Sports Secretary, Surender Kr. Goyal, Kailash Kiran sharma, Ashok Kumar Gulati, Vinod Kr. Sharma, Gaurav Arora, Mukesh Kr. Dua, Executive Members, and thank them all for their labour of love in making the Parichaya Milan Sammelan a success. Last but not the least the selfless efforts made by Ms. Geeta Petwal by working audaciously beyond the call of duty, merits the highest praise, which she has earned by her hard work.

Finally, I am thankful to all the participants, some of whom came from distant places to participate in the Parichaya Milan Sammelan. All of them were courteous and cooperative. They had come with high hopes and if I am not wrong, many of them will clinch the deal having seen and selected a partner for their progny, after mutual discussions.

I conclude with a humble prayer. May God be gracious, take note of the marital requirements of the participants, bless them so that they may select their life partners and lead a happy married life.

Amen.



MESSAGE

It was indeed a great pleasure for me to be associated with the Delhi Association of the Deaf who organized a wonderful programme on **4th Bhartiya Badhir Yuvak-Yuvati Parichaya Milan Sammelan** held on 5th December, 2010 at Anuvart Bhavan, New Delhi.

The programme was very well conducted and the response was tremendous.

The effort made by all the Members of Delhi Association of the Deaf for this noble cause was really remarkable and they made a big platform for interaction with each other.

The 4th Bhartiya Badhir Yuvak-Yuvati Parichaya Milan Sammelan is one more step in the direction of pious matrimony.

During my short association with this organization, I learnt a lot. I wish them all the success for their future programmes too.

Congratulation !

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Smt. Geeta Petwal', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

(Smt. Geeta Petwal)

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दिल्ली बधिर सभा के तत्वाधान में 5 दिसम्बर, 2010 को अनुव्रत भवन आई. टी. ओ., नई दिल्ली में मूक-बधिर युवक-युवतियों के परिचय सम्मेलन का आयोजन किया गया। समारोह की अध्यक्षता संस्था के सचिव श्री डी. एस. चौहान ने की जिसका संचालन समाजसेविका गीता पेटवाल ने किया। सभा के सदस्य श्री निमित्त जैन ने बताया कि परिचय सम्मेलन में सैकड़ों मूक-बधिर युवक-युवतियों ने भाग लिया और अपना जीवनसाथी चुनने में सफल रहे। इस अवसर पर संस्था के उपाध्यक्ष श्री पी. एन. बहल तथा श्री राजीव शर्मा भी मौजूद थे।

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4th Bhartiya Badhir Yuvak-Yuvati Parichaya Milan Sammelan

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Group Photo of Members of Executive Committee of the Association & Office Bearers



Registration in Process



Officials on the Dais



Office bearers of Organizing Committee



Inauguration by lighting the lamp by office bearers

4th Bhartiya Badhir Yuvak-Yuvati Parichaya Milan Sammelan

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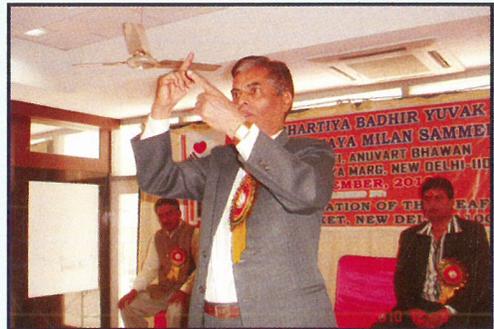
Ms. Geeta Petwal delivering introductory speech,
Ms. Sonu Pandey interpreting the speech
in Sign Language



Shri Nimit Jain,
Convener of Sammelan addressing the meeting



Shri D.S. Chauhan Hony Secretary,
delivering his address



Shri P.N. Bahl, Vice President
addressing the assembly



Shri D. S. Chauhan honoured by
presentation of Shawl by Shri Nimit Jain



A group photo of Organizing Committee
Members with Shri D. S. Chauhan

4th Bhartiya Badhir Yuvak-Yuvati Parichaya Milan Sammelan

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An over view of the Sammelan



Another view of Sammelan



Participants listening / viewing delivered address rendered in sign language with rapt attention



Mutual consultations by the participants



Pair exchanging views and their ideas.



Parents negotiating deal

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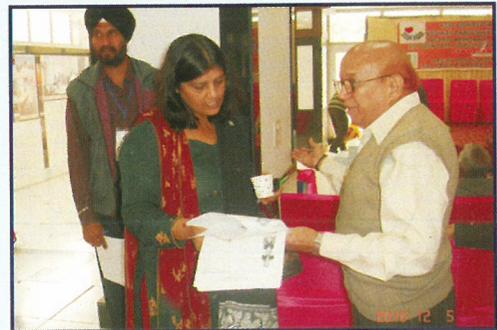
A participant introducing himself



Another participant tells about herself



Another participant giving information about herself and her family



A parent seeking some information from Ms. Geeta Petwal



Parents going over the pros and cons of the families involved



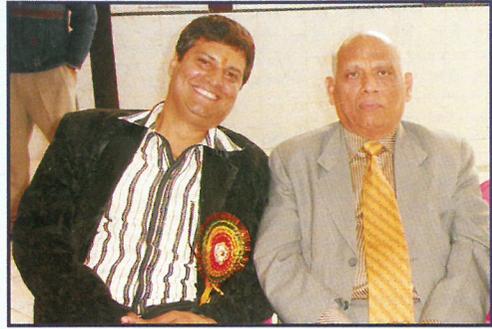
Consultation between Parents of a participant

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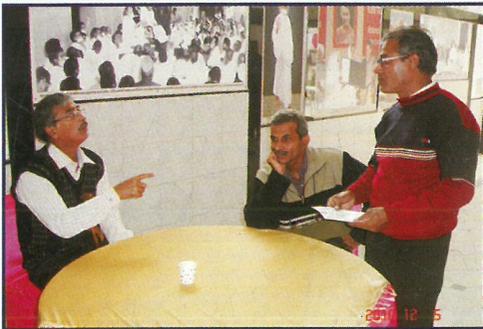
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A view of the spread for lunch



Shri Nimit Jain Convener with Dr. C. P. Jain



Shri Rajiv Sharma, Joint Secretary &
Shri Krishna Kumar, Hony. Secretary, Sports
Discussing some point



Sh. Nimit Jain presenting memento to Sh. Ramesh Kanpal,
Sr. Instructor & Trustee Anuvrat Bhawan



A memento being presented to Shri Ashish Vig,
Marketing & Sales Manager, Sai Vending Services P. Ltd.
by Sh. P.N. Bahal, V.P.



A memento being presented to Ms. Geeta Petwal
by Sh. Krishna Kr. Sharma, Hony. Secretary, Sports

LIST OF GIRLS - REGISTERED

Sr. No.	Name	Date of Birth	Caste	Education	Family Income
1.	Latika Anand	15-11-1986	Kashyap/Hindu	B.Com Final	1,00,000/- p.m.
2.	Meenu	26-10-1975	Aggarwal (Goyal) Hindu	9th Passed	9,000/- p.m.
3.	Satya Sarojini	10-10-1970	Kapu/Telega	S.S.C.	Job: Jr. Asstt., CME Dept.
4.	Rizwana Parveen	30-03-1983	Islam	10th Passed	10,000/- p.m.
5.	Ranjana Singh	15-02-1981	Chhatriya Kushwaha/Hindu	12th Passed	—
6.	Suman Gupta	05-05-1984	Gupta/Hindu	B.A. Com	20,000/- p.m.
7.	Sweta Agarwal	08-12-1988	Gupta/Hindu	12th Passed	10,000/- p.m.
8.	Keshika Jain	28-07-1992	Aggarwal/Hindu	10th Passed	Self 2,500/- p.m.
9.	Shahista Naz	17-10-1988	Muslim	12th Passed	25,000/- p.m.
10.	Anjali	11-11-1983	Jatav/Hindu	10th Passed	Self 14,000/- p.m.
11.	Anju	29-05-1980	S.C./Hindu	9th Passed	85,000/- per year
12.	Veena Tiwari	20-07-1986	Brahman/Hindu	12th Passed	Self 5,500/- p.m.
13.	Manu Gupta	12-10-1983	Aggarwal/Hindu	12th Passed	—
14.	Kanika Gupta	02-08-1986	Aggarwal/Hindu	O.B.S.	Service in Dena Bank
15.	Anju Dabra	—	Chamar (S.C.) / Hindu	12th Passed	Self 3,000/- p.m.
16.	Manju Dabra	—	Chamar (S.C.) / Hindu	—	Govt. Service Self 13,000/- p.m.
17.	Manpreet Kaur	16-01-1988	Sikh	10th Passed	15,000/- p.m.
18.	M. Lakshmi Satvavathi	43 Yrs.	Kapu/Telega	Nil	Nil

LIST OF BOYS - REGISTERED

Sr. No.	Name	Date of Birth	Caste	Education	Family Income
1.	Sanjay Kumar	13-11-1981	Swrankar	12th Passed	Delhi Jal Board
2.	Pankaj Kalra	16-09-1980	Hindu	10th Passed	Shopkeeper (Gen. Store)
3.	Rajeev Taneja	17-04-1963	Punjabi/Hindu	10th Passed	Job.: Govt. Supdt.
4.	Hira Singh	12-10-1975	Sikh	10th Passed	Saleman (Pvt.)
5.	Yogender S. Solanki	25-07-1973	Jat/Hindu	10th Passed	Service Pvt.
6.	Amol Saraf	26-09-1980	Aggarwal/Hindu	B.Com	Business
7.	Vikram Jeet Singh	09-06-1982	Nayee/Hindu	12th Passed	Service Pvt.
8.	Sanjay Gupta	15-09-1977	Gupta/Hindu	8th Passed	Service Pvt.
9.	M. Ravi	14-11-1971	Kerala/Hindu	9th Passed	Service Pvt.
10.	Anand Kumar	—	Chamar/Hindu	8th Passed	Service Pvt.
11.	Sushil Sharma	27-07-1970	Gupta/Hindu	10th Passed	Service Pvt.
12.	Rajeev Singhal	08-02-1981	Hindu	10th Passed	Service Pvt.
13.	Ram Kumar	04-02-1962	Arora/Hindu	10th Passed	Job: Punjab & Sind Bank
14.	Gagan Deep Singh	13-08-1982	Bawa (Punjabi)/ Sikh	8th Passed	Scane Center L.I.C. Jaipur
15.	Chanda Lal Sharma	07-04-1977	Bagra Brahmin/ Hindu	10th Passed	Business: TMC Express
16.	Jadeja Bharat Singh	28-08-1980	Kshatriya Jadeja/Hindu	10th Passed	Service Pvt.
17.	Sandeep Grover	20-01-1985	Hindu	12th Passed	Service Pvt.
18.	Abhishek Kumar	28-08-1986	Savita/Hindu	12th Passed	Job: Barista Coffee
19.	Himanshu Dhawan	17-08-1982	Khatri/Hindu	Matric	Service Pvt.
20.	Abhinav Gupta	14-11-1988	Gupta/Hindu	12th Passed	—
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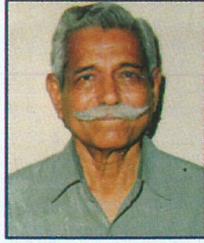


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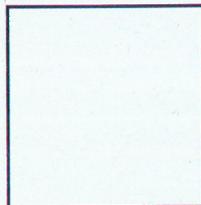
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Deaf Rights Under UNCRPD

Delhi Association of the Deaf Organize Seminar to Focus Attention on the rights of the Deaf

(Recommendations of the National Seminar on "Deaf Rights under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" organized by the Delhi Association of the Deaf on 7th & 8th February, 2009 at G.B. Pant Hospital, Auditorium, New Delhi.)

Preliminary

Introducing the objective of organizing the Seminar, the organizers explained that in the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunity, Protection of Rights & Full Participation) Act 1995, except for definition of deafness, there is nothing specific for the Deaf in it. Most of the provisions, which are applicable to all the categories of Persons with Disabilities (PWD), are no doubt applicable to the Deaf people also but they do need some specific provisions of their own in the Act without which these can not be enforced through a Court of Law.

In contrast, the Convention on the "Rights of The Persons with Disabilities" has certain clauses and sub clauses in its various Articles which are specific to the Deaf and, therefore, when enacted become enforceable through a Court of Law. This is the vital difference in the two.

As the Seminar was attended both by hearing and the Deaf, for the benefit of the later, the Seminar was divided into four sessions with the first session dealing with the basic Fundamental Rights guaranteed by the Constitution of India.

The second session was devoted to accessing, identification, intervention; curative as well as surgical intervention in the Deafness related issues. Speakers, professors from Maulana Azad Medical College, gave related information lucidly, capable of being understood by the Deaf people. The hearing persons also gained an insight in the above mentioned aspect of deafness.

On the second day, in the third session, Legal Luminaries explained the merits and demerits vis-vis Deaf people in the PWD Act. It was very informative.

The fourth and last session covered the various aspects of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities, closely examining and explaining the benefits that would accrue to the Deaf people. Panelists led by Dr. (Mrs.) Vaishna Narang, Professor of Linguistics, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, threw light on the clauses of the Convention beneficial for the Deaf people.

Simultaneous Sign Language Interpretation was arranged with the help of expert interpreters, with whose help the question answer part of each session was very interesting as numerous searching questions were posed and answered in very lively manner.

The following recommendations were being made on the basis of U.N. Convention under reference.

Recommendations

Right to Early Identification

Every child has an inherent right to early identification of deafness.

To this end the Governments at Centre and the States must ensure that adequate scientific arrangements are made at panchayat level, all over the country, either free of cost or at highly subsidized, affordable rates.

Government should dovetail the immunization programmes like pulse polio, across the country at regular intervals with the early identification of deafness in a child.

Right to early Intervention

Since an early intervention can minimize the impact of deafness, every child is entitled to the earliest possible intervention, both in the matter of taping existing residual hearing through audio-logical and in speech development through proper education suitable for a child of tender age, born Deaf.

For both these interventions, there are two options:

Audio-Logical Intervention

It is often argued that mechanical sound input does not always suit a tender aged Deaf child who becomes uncomfortable and finds it difficult to tolerate it. Therefore, some say that the issue should be settled keeping in view the deaf child's response to the audio-logical intervention.

The opposite side bats for audio-logical intervention on the plea that child would soon become accustomed to it and that it is the best way of speech development and development of linguistic skills.

After debate, taking pros and cons in to consideration, the Seminar recommends that depending upon the favourable or unfavourable reaction from the child to audio-logical intervention, the matter may be decided upon the response of the deaf child.

Parental objections, which would be numerous, should be politely over come through persuasion.

In so far as speech development is concerned, there also being two classes of thoughts, the Seminar recommends that Government, in keeping with interests of the Deaf Child, as also to appease the parents who may also be holding different views, both the methods viz oral as well as visual, must be provided during the period of early intervention in an appropriate environment conducive to the child's physical and mental development with the provision that final decision in the matter would be taken keeping in view the ability and aptitude of the child.

It has, however, to be kept in mind that a child born deaf begins to understand signs early in life, as being unable to hear, Deaf child can not learn the spoken language. Instead, he/she focuses on the signs and gestures which he/she keenly follows and starts to understand and use these. That is why sign language has been called the mother tongue of those born Deaf.

Right to Education

Right to education is a Fundamental Right and Deaf are no exception. In fact, they need the education the most because without formal education, they can not learn any language, not even their mother tongue.

Sadly, Education of the Deaf has been made a matter of experimentation and the Deaf used as guinea pigs. There are several classes of thought, each sticking to its guns. In addition to the oral and visual modes, there are others, total communication, use of signs and other modes of communication, also Indian Signing System.

Seminar, taking all these in consideration, recommends that the State must narrow down these several options into two Oral and Visual and arrange for the education of the Deaf children accordingly, in an appropriate environment.

As per the U.N. Convention under reference, sign language is like any other spoken, written languages and therefore, must be recognized, promoted and propagated. The direct impact there of will be felt by the Governments at States, and Centre will have to abide by this direction.

That being so, sign language must be made the first option for using as medium for instruction for the deaf.

Since oral system too has its merits, it also can not be ignored.

Therefore, the Seminar recommends that special school for the Deaf, based on sign language, should be allowed to co-exist with the special school using oral method of instruction.

However, the choice for one or the other alternative must be left to the ability, aptitude and inclination of the deaf child. Weightage can be given; to the views of parents of the Deaf child.

Mode and medium of instruction thus settled, the other requirements for infrastructures and manpower have to be tackled.

To this purpose Seminar recommends constructing, opening and running special schools for the Deaf in large numbers.

There should be adequate numbers of special schools based on sign language as well as oral system of education.

The Government must create facilities for man power development on a larger scale so that the growing need for teachers of the Deaf and associated service providers can be met.

Education to the deaf must be provided free, also text books and study kit along with uniform must be provided free of charges.

Vocational training in modern and sophisticated technologies must be given to the deaf, instructor for the Deaf must be trained at Government expenses and posted in the special schools for the deaf.

In addition to free education, books, education kits, uniforms, Deaf students must be given scholarships as well.

Since the deaf are thinly scattered over vast rural areas, the State and Central Governments must open a special school for the deaf, each using visual as well oral systems of education, at a central village and deaf from other neighboring villages brought to these schools and taken back to their school on vehicles provided and maintained by the Government, complete with a driver and conductor.

A nominal fare, if it becomes necessary, may be charged.

The Governments must open Secondary, Senior Secondary Schools for the Deaf at least one in each of the major towns in the State.

There must be one college of graduation level, for the Deaf in each State preferably located in the State capital, which must be up graded as demand increases for higher level education.

Integration of the deaf children in mainstream educational institutions should be attempted after the child has acquired linguistic skills equivalent to that of a hearing child of V standard, and for the first year, extra care to be given to the deaf child, transferred to integrated school.

Man Power Development

In order that the long neglected education of the Deaf takes wings, adequate man power will have to be trained and made available. To this end, State and Central Government will open a large number of Training Institutes for Teachers of the Deaf.

Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) will, with the help of NCERT or on its own, develop new curriculum, syllabus, course material and make these available to the Training Institutes for Teachers of the deaf.

It will also ensure that quality of training remains of a high standard through regular inspection, checks and controls.

Accreditation will only be granted to such of the Training Institutes for the Teachers of the deaf which have attached special schools well equipped and well staffed with trained teachers of the Deaf and accreditation will be periodically reviewed.

Teachers of the Deaf will have to learn right type of indigenously developed Indian Sign Language and use it when ever and where ever required.

RCI shall ensure and also lay down the norms for teachers for the Deaf and ensure that in graduation and post graduation level training courses for teachers of deaf (special educators) sign language will be an integrated part of training.

The States and the Central Governments shall ensure that the teachers of the Deaf are paid attractive salaries, given adequate opportunity for career advancement, housing, proper work environment, financial aid for their children's education in the schools for hearing children, better retirement benefits, institute special awards exclusively for the teachers of the Deaf, special increments for good performance and dedication to their work and other benefits that are available to the teachers of hearing children, like 2 years extension in service period and so on.

Only then, this profession will attract the best talent to the advantage of the Deaf students.

In recruitment to the post of teachers for the Deaf, preference will be given to those who are either children of the deaf parents or the members of their families.

Government shall incorporate compulsory paper on special education for all B.Ed., M.Ed. Course for regular teachers also.

Sign Language

The U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities has equated sign language with other languages and State & Central Governments will have to do so, that is recognize sign language as any other language used in the country.

U.N. Convention clearly states in Article 21(e) and calls upon its Member States to "Recognized and Promote Sign Language for dissemination of information, expression of opinion etc." Therefore, Governments at the State and Central level must fall in line and recognize and promote indigenous sign language.

But there is a rub. That is, what currently goes under the name of Indian Sign Language and is used for Training interpreters for the Deaf is actually a part of thesis of a foreigner for her Ph.D degree obtained from Germany, it is learnt.

As will be confirmed by the Member Secretary RCI, this sign language was approved for training the interpreters for the Deaf sight unseen by the Experts Groups merely on the assurance of the then Director of NIH. H.

Therefore, there is an urgent need to give India a sign language which reflects country's culture, philosophy, diversity, customs and practices, habits and behaviours etc and is capable of being understood equally all over the country and capable of meeting their Domestic, Educational, Training, Professional, Cultural, Religion, Recreational etc needs.

The Seminar, therefore, recommends that this need for such a language be met expeditiously.

In this context, it is worth mention that Delhi Association of the Deaf which the writer had the honour to represent and was a Member of the Working Group constituted by the Planning Commission, on Empowerment of the Disabled during the XI Five Year Plan Period, had submitted a detailed Project Report for setting up an Indian Sign Language Academy to which the entire gamut of sign language related work could be transferred.

This proposal was unanimously approved first by the Sub Group on Review of Policies & Programmes of the Government, then by the entire Working Group and recommended an initial out lay of Rs. 8 Crores for its implementation. Similar Project under the name "Sign Language Training & Research Centre finds a place in the Vision Statement for XI Five Year Plan of the Planning Commission, even though it has not even been conceptualized.

Therefore, the Seminar strongly recommends whether as Indian Sign Language Academy or as Sign Language Training and Research Centre, it must be established during the XI Plan period, made functional and the entire sign language related work be taken away from NIH. H. and given to the newly created Sign Language Training and Research Centre or Indian Sign Language Academy.

This done, a well chalked out programme, decided in consultation with the stake holders, the Deaf, should be taken up for promotion and propagation of Indian Sign Language.

U.N. Convention's Article 21(3) (b) clearly lays down that facilities for learning of sign language and the promotion of linguistic identity of the deaf community will be ensured. It is now the duty of the Government which has signed and ratified the Convention to ensure that this provision of the UN Convention is implemented in letter and spirit.

Sign Language finds a mention at several places in the UN Convention under reference. This shows that great importance is attached to it. In fact, this is the basic need of the Deaf people and therefore, the Seminar recommends that it be met speedily and effectively.

Right to Access

Seminar welcomed the efforts of the Government in creating barrier free environment, though minuscule, but lamented that these efforts were restricted to removal of physical barriers only. The sensory barriers, being invisible, have not been given the least attention.

That this should be so, when while the physical barriers separate human beings from physical objects, the sensory barriers separate persons from persons. These invisible barriers may have fatal results, as in the case of a deaf suffering from life threatening disease, is unable to express himself and can not tell the attending doctor about his ailment.

Therefore, the Seminar recommends that the sensory or invisible barriers should also be removed to provide access to services and attention that may be needed by the Deaf by making services of interpreters for the Deaf available at least in hospitals, law courts, police stations and at all places where public dealing is involved.

To bridge the chasm between the deaf and service providers, Seminar recommends that qualified and trained interpreters of the Deaf should be posted at Government expenses, where ever their services are needed.

Signage, in national as well as regional languages, must be provided where ever necessary particularly at Railway Stations, Bus Terminus, Airports etc.

Right to Training

The Deaf need pre-employment training in trades and crafts and have a right to access training facilities, as per the provisions of PWD Act, also UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Therefore, the Seminar recommends creation of adequate training facilities for the Deaf, that too on a large scale and as soon as possible, because the existing facilities comprising of just three training centers for the adult Deaf in the whole of India are woefully inadequate.

Government should, apart from setting up on its own training facilities for the Deaf, must assist NGOs to create additional training capacity.

The training to the Deaf should be free, during training period, the Deaf trainees should receive stipend, also kits for use during practicals.

Training should be in modern, sophisticated technologies.

Instructors in the training centre should be well versed in sign language.

After completing training with in the training centre, they should be given on the job training in good establishments.

Three percent seats should be reserved in all ITIs, one percent in I.I.T. and Polytechnical Institutes, for the deaf.

During training period, visits of trainees to various industrial centres should be organized on regular basis to familiarize them to the industrial environment.

Training centres should have an environment conducive to learning and experimentation with new technologies.

Right to Work

Like others, Deaf are also entitled to access the Right to Work, which is also a fundamental right.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Centres for the Physically Handicapped and Special Employment Exchanges for Physically Handicapped can play a pivotal role in implementing the Right to Work and so need to be strengthened further.

NGOs can also help in this regard and therefore, these too need to be involved in this work.

All poverty elevations programmes should give equal opportunities to the Deaf also for working on projects undertaken by them.

Where ever possible, cottage and home industries be started to create work opportunities for the Deaf.

Rural areas and agriculture have tremendous potential for work and these should be tapped in meaningful manner.

Those deaf engaged in hereditary trades should be exposed to the latest developments that have taken place in their respective fields by organizing for them site visits.

Village Panchayats and Block level establishments should be made responsible for ensuring that Deaf work at their profession in rural areas without let or hindrance.

Employment

Though one percent reservation is available in Government and Public Sector Units for the Deaf but these largely remain unfilled for want of deaf with the designated qualifications.

Private sector, barring small establishments, generally do not employ the Deaf because of communication barriers.

To remedy this situation, the Seminar recommends.

Special recruitment tests should be held exclusively for the Deaf for selection as LDCs in which papers are set keeping in view the poor linguistic skills, and answers evaluated keeping in view the same fact--viz their poor linguistic skills.

Before appearing for competitive tests, facilities for pre-test coaching should be provided to the deaf, free of charges.

At interviews, services of interpreters must be provided at the cost of the party calling deaf for interview.

Under the Apprentice Act, Deaf should be given training and after apprenticeship period, placed on the regular roll.

The list of posts identified for placement of the Deaf should be reviewed periodically and new categories added where ever necessary resulting either from introduction of new equipment or new training courses for the deaf or technologies.

Posts reserved for the Deaf should not be de-reserved but carried on till suitable candidate qualifies for it.

Vacancy and posting rosters must be maintained on the lines of those for S.C./S.T.

By liberalizing loan norms by NHDFC, making procedure borrower friendly self employment or employment through co-operative societies must be encouraged and assisted.

Deaf should also get their share of jobs in various rural development, poverty removal programmes of the Central and State Governments.

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VITAL STATISTICS	:		
LIFE MEMBERS	:	More than 1510	
ANNUAL BUDGET	:	About Rs. 7,00,000/-	
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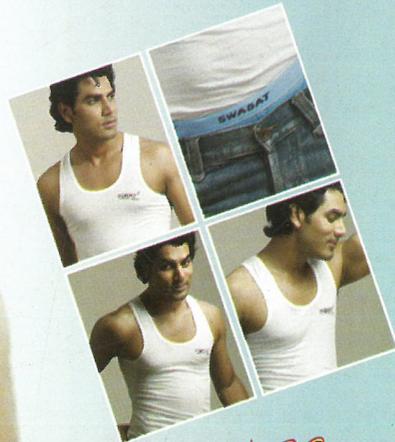
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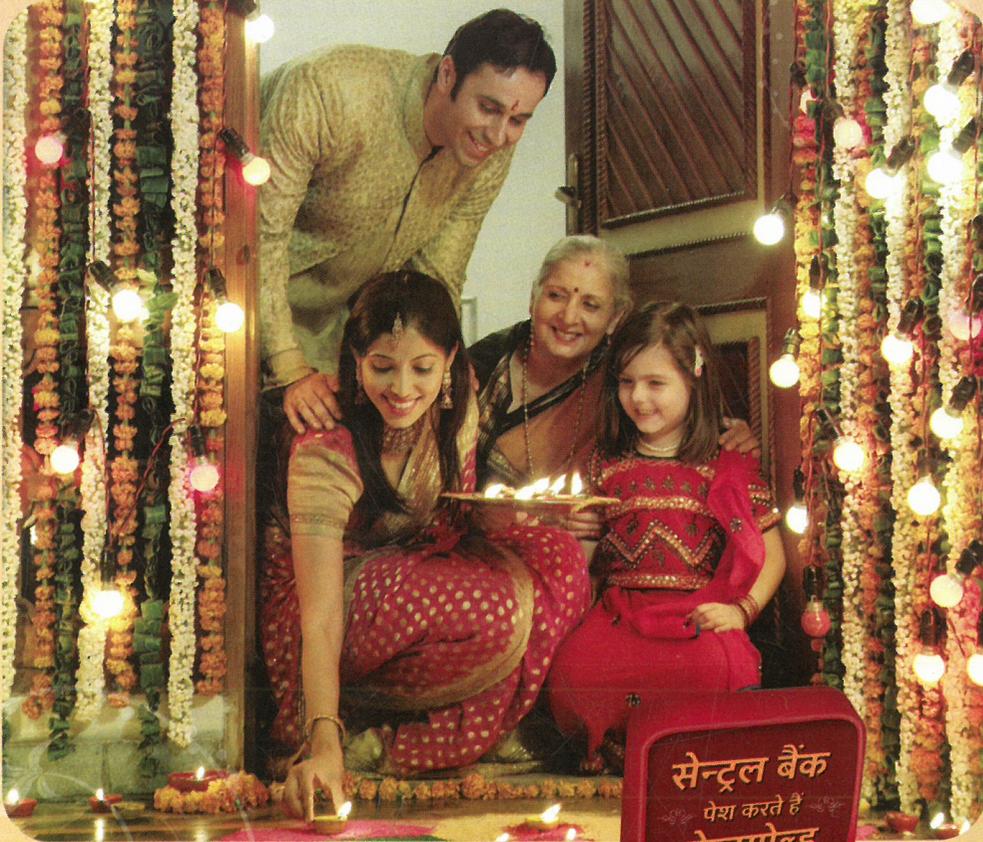


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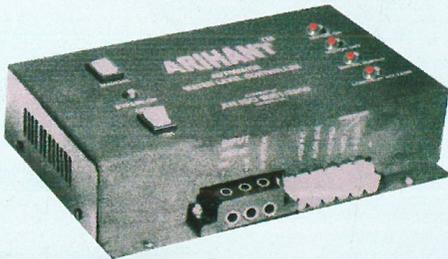
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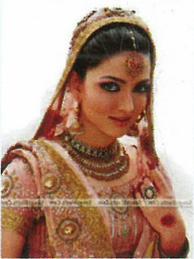
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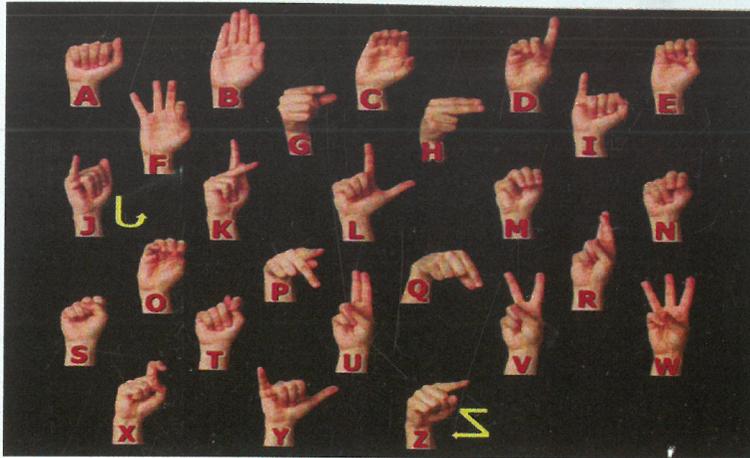
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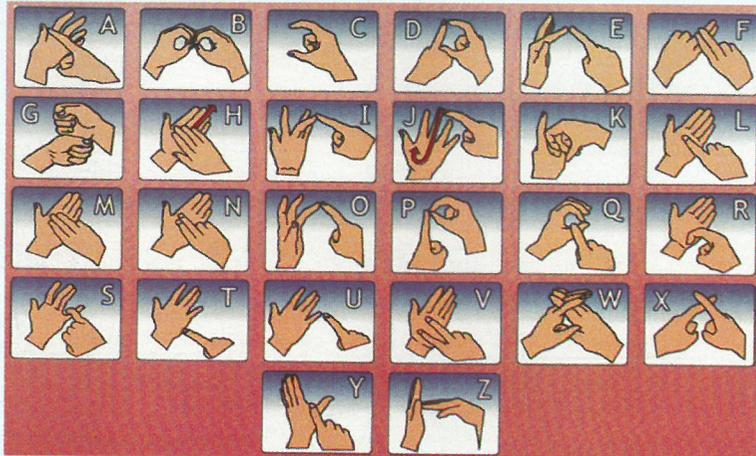
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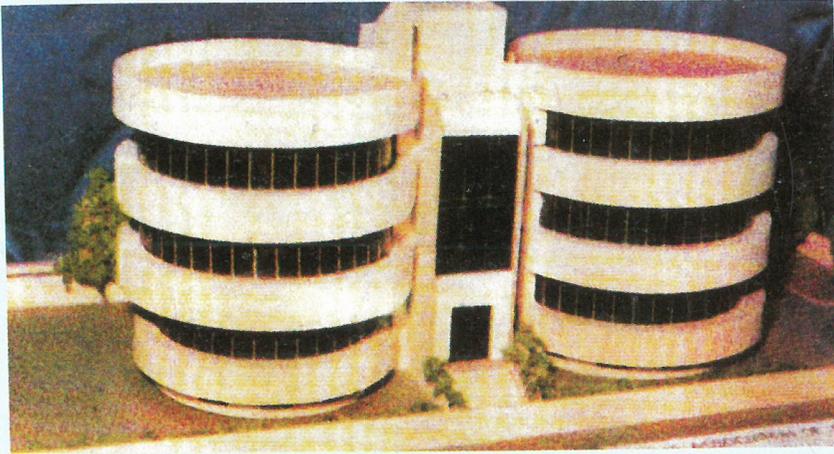
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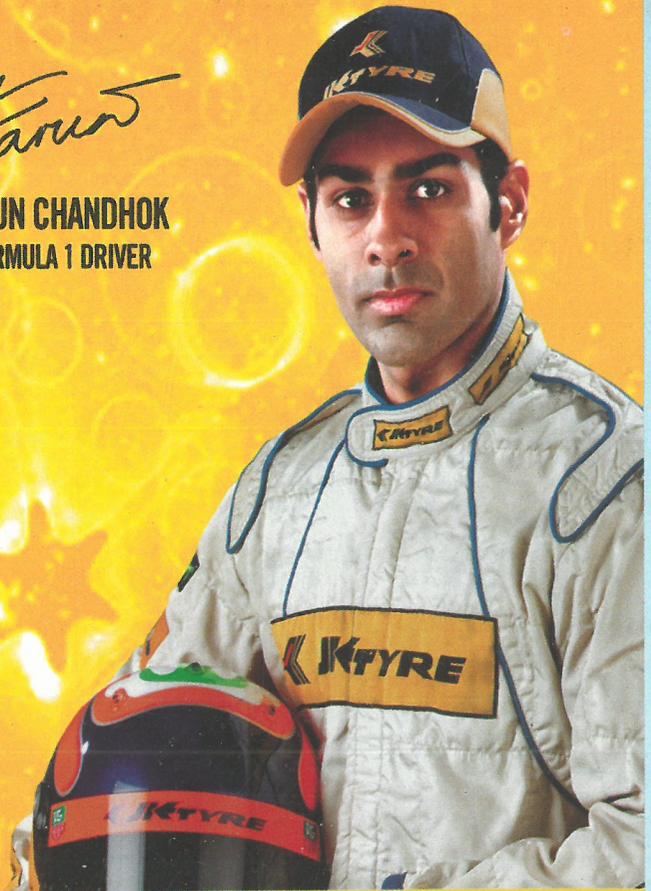
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