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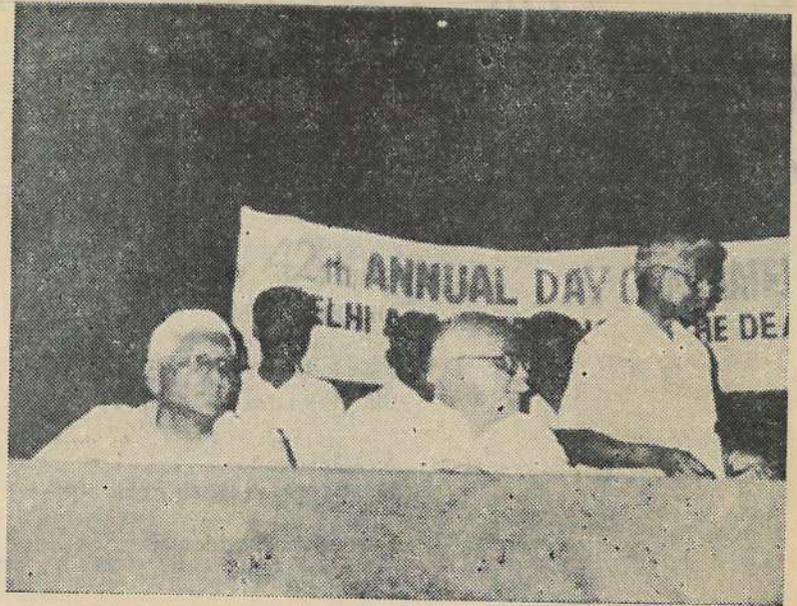
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Shri Advaniji Assures Assistance to Association

During its over 40 years' existence, the Association has had the proud privilege of welcoming top national leaders who graciously joined Association's members in celebrating Annual Days.

However, the Association's hour of glory was when Shri Lal Krishna Advani, M P. and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha graced the 42nd Annual Day of the Association on 12th July, 1992 as Chief Guest. A person of startling qualities, national stature and standing, he was moved by the plight of the 'Silent Children of God, and assured them all possible help, particularly in getting them constitutional protection.

The pictures show Shri Advaniji addressing the Members and presiding over the 42nd Annual Day of the Association.



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I am happy to learn that our Association is celebrating its 42nd Annual Day on July, 12, 1992. As I shall not be able to be with you all on this happy occasion, I send my greetings to you and wish the celebrations all success.

Annual Days provide us an opportunity for introspection, review of past activities and to plan for the future. These aspects have been dealt with by the Hony. Secretary in his report. Therefore, I shall only say some thing about our objectives and how we can achieve them.

Our prime objective is Total Rehabilitation. This implies socio-economic as well as cultural integration of the deaf as equals in society. This is a highly desirable goal and though difficult, can be achieved through hard work and sustained efforts.

In my message last year, I had cited the example of Dr. (Miss) Helen Kellar who successfully overcame her tripple disabilities of hearing and speech loss as also blindness, and had urged you to borrow a leaf from her book.

If we work sincerely, steadily and remain stead-fast in our resolve, we can achieve our objective by successfully overcoming the impediments in our path. There is need of collective effort and collective will, as problems faced by our members are common to all.

This can be possible if there is unity among members. Therefore, I urge members to remain united and put in collective efforts to achive highly desirable objective of 'Total Rehabilitation.' My services shall always be available to them for this purpose.

Dr. Banshi Dhar
Chairman



Rajendra Kumar Gupta

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Vice-Chairman's Message

Dear Members and Colleagues,

We are celebrating our 42nd Annual Day on July, 12, 1992. This is a happy occasion for all of us. We have enough reasons to rejoice as we have covered a lot of ground during the year under review.

Of course, we have yet to go a long way to ensure socio-economic rehabilitation of members, but Association is trying its best. It has not only to contend with financial and other constraints like absence of Government assistance but also people's prejudices and beliefs. We have to mould public opinion in order to win acceptance for handicapped persons as equals with normal persons. This is, however, a time consuming process and will take time.

It is, however, a matter of satisfaction to know that we are on the right path and nearing our objective day by day. However, may I urge members not to leave every thing to the office bearers but to contribute their mite also for the greater good of our cause.

I am certain that if we all join hands and put in united efforts, we can achieve our objectives early. I, therefore, urge member to maintain unity and work out of a sense of service. On my part, I assure them that I shall always be at their beck and call.

Rajendra K. Gupta
Vice Chairman



DELHI ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

42nd Annual Report (1991-92)

D. S. CHAUHAN

Esteemed Shri Lal Krishna Advaniji, Ladies & Gentlemen

A very warm welcome to you. Your presence in our midst today has fully compensated us for the past year's hard work. Your presence and the satisfying knowledge that in our own humble way we have been able to serve the 'Silent Children of God' to some extent is the only reward we seek for our labours.

To day we sorely miss the inspiring presence of our respected Chairman, Dr. Bansi Dharji. He has been taken ill and though he may not be physically present here today, his good wishes are always with us. This noble person, one of our ablest champions has proved for us a tower of strength. All of us pray for his speedy recovery and safe early return to the helm of our affairs.

The year just ended has been a year with mixed results. In some spheres like Games & Sports, we have been able to attain new heights while in others particularly construction of our long delayed project Research & Rehabilitation Centre for the Deaf, we have again met with abject failure. For your kind information, I will briefly review our past year's working:-

Membership :

As members are our richest asset, I am happy to inform you that we are now 650 strong-all Life Members. Our membership is increasing day by day and we are finding it difficult to attend to the needs of so many people from our cramped space. Daily, on an average 12-15 members visit for assistance in diverse matters and, therefore, there is also an urgent need to recruit more staff so as to deal with so many persons effectively. Unfortunately our means are limited and there is no hope of our getting grant-in-aid from the Directorate of Social Welfare, Delhi Admn which continues to ignore not only our work but our existence itself. Under the circumstances, we have to depend more and more on our well wishers and patrons, who it is hoped will appreciate our difficulties and continue to extend their helping hand.

Welfare Activities :-

Though the Directorate of Social Welfare, Delhi Administration continues to insist that we are not doing any welfare work, in our own humble manner, we also serve the 'Silent Children of God'— the Deaf.

The fact is that our Association caters to the needs of the Adult Deaf. Our work begins from where the work of schools and training institutes ends. Also, this continues to the very last. It has to be realised that deaf need help at every stage in life and such assistance can be provided by an organisation working for their welfare.

Among others, the Association, sponsors deaf (irrespective of fact whether or not a member) for employment by taking up their cases with prospective employers, helps them set up as self-employed persons by obtaining for them shop / loans for working capital and interacting with different agencies for raw materials, product sale etc, takes up their cases to obtain out of turn allotment of Govt. accomodation or Flats from Delhi Development Authority and takes up their cases with different administrative agencies for redress of their personal grievances like levy of excessive House Tax, Elect charges, phone bills, issue-renewal of Ration Cards etc.

This is because deaf, even if educated have little or no knowledge of language and are incapable of expressing them selves. They entirely rely on signs and gestures which few, if at all, understand. Hence they have perforce to seek help from their organisation which we readily render, even if the Directorate of Social Welfare does not consider such activities as Welfare.

Reading Room & Library :-

Association has been providing library services to members almost from its very inception. During the last 2 years, these have been augmented substantially. Daily about 10-15 members and non-members visit our Reading Room, which stocks leading journals and magazines. We have now nearly 2000 books and have also introduced members card for borrowing books. Services of a qualified librarian were also engaged during the year under review. It is our aim to make our library a reference library so as to assist those engaged in doing research on deaf / deafness. Unfortunately, such reference books are very costly and within our limited Budget, it is not possible to procure as many books as we want.

Training Services :-

With the recruitment of a qualified type writing instructor, we were able to stream-line training services. We now have a dozen type writers, English, Hindi, Electronic and these are used to train the deaf in batches—each batch receiving training for 2 hours.

Evening Classes :-

We have also been running evening classes especially around the period when Staff Selection Commission (S S C) holds its Clerk's Grade Examinations annually. It is our endeavour to make these evening classes a permanent feature as we have at our disposal services of a highly committed and dedicated deaf worker but by and large deaf turn up only to prepare for S.S.C. examination. They are being motivated to make it a regular, year long, effort for best results.

Sports & Games :-

The high light of our activities in this field was selection of as many as NINE of our Footballers to represent India at the first Asian Soccer Championship of the deaf held at Seoul, Korea. The Association's Football team was also the runner-up in the VI All India Foot Ball Championship of the Deaf held at Jamshedpur. The Association also sent Delhi State contingents for participation in VI All India Volley Ball Championship of the Deaf Bangalore Oct. 3 to Oct. 7, 1991, VI All India Chess Championship of the Deaf - Ranchi, August 15 to 20, 1991, VI All India Table Tennis Championship of the Deaf, Bombay Dec. 12-16, 1991, VI All India Cricket Championship of the Deaf - Nagpur as also VI North Zone Cricket Championship of the Deaf, Jaipur and also prepared to send Delhi Contingent to VI All India Athletics Championship of the Deaf scheduled to be held at Trivandrum but due to frequent postponements, the idea was finally given up.

The Association organised 20th Delhi Games of the Deaf on 1st & 2nd Feb. 1992 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi. Prof. Vijay Kr. Malhotra, a well known sports promoter, inaugurated the two day sports meet in which over 350 athletes participated. It was a big success.

Building Project :-

Most unhappily, there was no progress. Delhi Development Authority, after taking its own time, finally turned down the Association's request for a higher FAR. It also altered the terms of allotment which provided an FAR of 115 unilaterally and has now asked the Association to accept the allotment with an FAR of 100. There being no alternative, this has been agreed to. New building plans are being got prepared and God willing foundation will be laid around Deepawali and construction started soon after.

General :-

A delegation headed by our Chairman, Dr. Bansi Dharji, who very kindly spared a great deal of his precious time for the purpose, waited on the Secretary Ministry, of Welfare, Smt. Usha Vohra and presented a memorandum. The matters effecting the welfare of deaf were discussed and an assurance, which proved to be an empty one was held out that action as necessary would be taken. Unfortunately nothing has been done so far and the subsequent reminders have remained unacknowledged and unanswered. Such an attitude of the Deptt. is enough to discourage even the most committed social worker, especially a person of our Chairman's calibre who has a very tight schedule.

None the less, the Association continued to write to the Central as well as State Social Welfare Ministries with relation to issues concerning the welfare of the Deaf. In this context mentions has to be made of the disparities in benefits and concessions admissible to the other categories of disabled persons and the deaf. Unfortunately because of the fact that deaf are unable to raise a hue and cry, their legitimate claims are being ignored. In fact, in so far as the question of free / concessional rate travel facility in State Road Transport Corporation buses is concerned, deaf who are socially and economically the worst of the lot, have been excluded and are not even considered disabled. This is highly objectionable.

Finally, it is stated that at the invitation of Director, Deptt. of Welfare of Disabled, Govt. of Karnataka, the Hony. Secretary attended a Seminar on Services for Disabled Persons held at Bangalore. He also attended a Seminar at Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Bombay and actively participated in the deliberations. He was the narrator in a video film—"What they can" on Disabled Persons which was telecast on National Network by Doordarshan and which featured our Chairman also. The Association's other members etc, were also interviewed. It was a good experience for all concerned and also helped in creating awareness about the Disabled persons. Requests are being received for a video film exclusively on the deaf and funds permitting, this will be taken up soon.

The Association places on record its appreciation for the support and assistance extended to it by its well wishers and patrons. Association is also grateful to the Addl. Director of Education- (Sports) Directorate of Education, Delhi Admn. Delhi and the Community Service Deptt. of Municipal Corporation of Delhi for sanctioning grant-in-aid of Rs. 45825/- and Rs, 10000/- respectively. All those others who have helped have earned our grateful thanks.

Hony, Secretary

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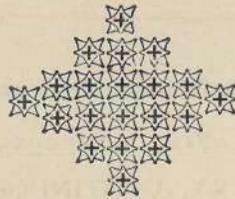
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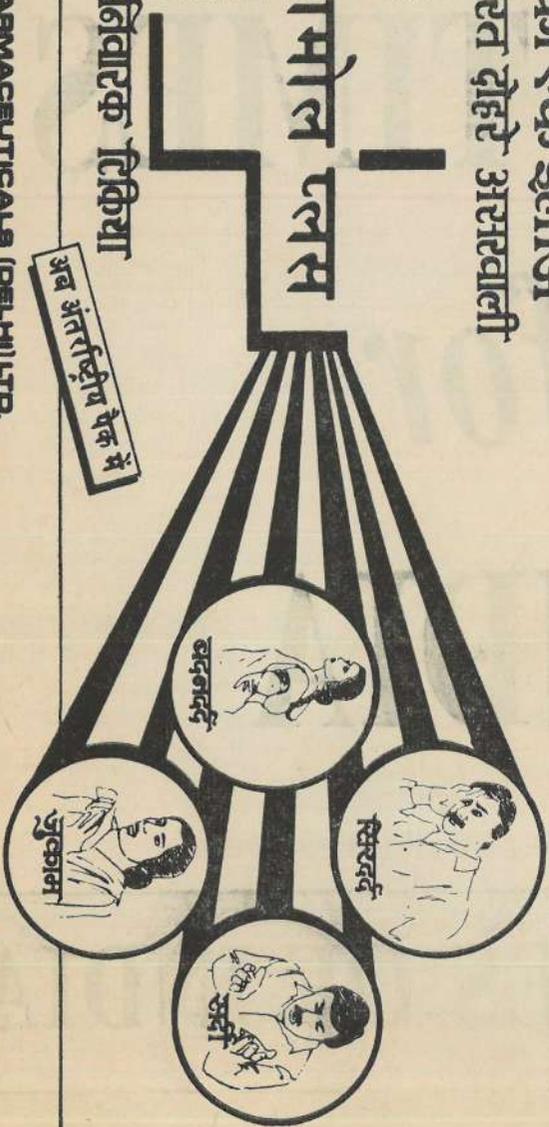
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