

# DEAF LEADERS team visits Sri Lanka

A report on the Projects in Sri Lanka



Conducting & training imparted by

**DEAF LEADERS**

(Deaf Employment Activities For

Literacy Education Accessible Development Employment Rehabilitation & Sports)

Coimbatore , Tamil Nadu

INDIA

# Awareness on Education for and Empowerment for the Deaf in Sri Lanka – 24<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 09

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Metro railways to the town by 5 am daily

## Resource Team

Mr.K. Murali – India

Ms. Kajal Dhawan – India

Mr. Hiran Roshan – Sri Lanka

Mr. Kelum ( Interpreter from Sri Lanka)



Awareness Programme for Deaf Persons in Sri Lanka  
Conducted by the Indian Delegation

From 24<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009

**A number of  
schools and organizations were visited**

Schools – 3

Associations – 3

Deaf Employment – 2

Deaf Business – 1

Rural – 1

Deaf Youth Friendship- 1

First Day - 25.01.2009

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Sunday

# Mr. Shavantha Divekanadan



The first, Deaf Leader in Sri Lanka

A Past Pupil's Association function was held at Deaf School, A presentation on **“DEAF MUST CHANGE NOW.”** was made.



Government benefits for Deaf: Drama Highlighted the importance of unity among the deaf



Deaf must engage in thought leadership



Feedback from Sri Lankans Was encouraging



Audience were enthralled and influenced



Kajal & Murali : during the performance



Large Audience in Sri Lanka

# Resource Persons to students of Deaf School Hostel at Rathmalana



Awareness about Education



Children now enthusiastic  
about education



# Deaf School PPA, Ratmalana has changed to **open the DOOR**



President of PPA presented 'Open the DOOR'



participants



Volunteers wishing to join PPA members



Training on Sign Language in progress

Second Day- 26.01.2009

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Monday

# Destructive Tsunami in Galle



On the shore



Height on Waves



A destroyed the house



Tsunami hits the house

# Southern Province Deaf Association, Office destroyed by Tsunami. With aids from France a new building stand tall .



The President reports on the Tsunami.



Vocational Training on Tailoring & Computers



Presentation on Empowerment & self – employment



At the new building

Third Day - 27.1.2009

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Tuesday

# A Poor Hearing Impaired Family reaps success with the fisheries business .



Fish Farm



family and in small house



Kajal trying her hands at the nets



A big catch!



End of the process

# A visit to Rohana Special School, Matara and “Introduction to sign language” .



A class in progress



Total Communication



Deaf Computer Teacher



A poster on Sign Language

# Educating children about the importance of education through a drama



Teach to students



Our drama about awareness on Education



students watched the drama



DEAF LEADERS team with Deaf Student Children



# Ruhunu Sumaga Circle of the Deaf, Matara understood about empowerment of the deaf



Teaching them importance of education in Empowerment



Deaf people at Centre

Fourth Day- 28.01.2009

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Wednesday

# Sports events at Deaf & Blind School, in Dodanwala



Rules and Regulations



Our team with students



Learning new games



Warm up exercises

# Training on Trainers



Importance to attitudes of the students



Teachers need to focus on improvement of educations



Principal feels to need change teaching methodologies

# Hearing Impaired students at our Drama



Drama about our class



Understood by students



Students watching the video

Fifth Day- 29.01.2009

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Thursday

# A meeting a hearing impaired and Mental Retard Girl Child in Rural in Dambulla on Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR Programme )



Mother and child



Team discussing way  
to help her



A small token of hope

# The factory for Deaf Employment in Dambulla



Deaf Employee with our team



Boss with Deaf employee



General work



At work



Sixth Day – 30.01.2009

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Friday

# Sri Lanka Central Federation of the Deaf and **resolved to be united**



Gifted the Indian flag to the President



Our team with President



Other split leader Mr. Hiran a letter issued to President resolving to be united



Sri Lanka Sign Language Directory to India

# Deaf Employee in Private Bank



Mr. Hiran Roshan is Assts officer



Good Communication with Staffs



Our team with the Staffs

# Deaf Youth Friendship



Deaf Cater Business



A Deaf owner splendid car



Youth Deaf community

# We met International Cricket players (Indian & Sri Lankan)



Our team with Indian Cricket Star of Ishant Sharma



Jayasuriya with Deaf peoples from Sri Lanka



Sangakkara & Jayasuriya with our Team

Seventh Day- 31.01.2009

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Saturday

# One Day workshop on Deaf Empowerment and Many roots - One Plant .



Kajal & Murali present need for  
the Deaf Empowerment



Deaf peoples are convinced on the  
need to think positive



Participants in Sri Lanka

# Snapshots





Our sincere gratitude to Mr. Hiran Roshan for his support to this noble cause in Sri Lanka

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# “DEAF LEADERS have a success stint in Sri Lanka Projects”



# Visit to Deaf Schools

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1. Nice building in a clean and friendly environment
2. Clean in classrooms
3. Teaching materials are provided
4. Atmosphere is friendly, pleasant , respectful
5. Teachers are willing and motivated to teach deaf children .
6. While Some schools the use of sign language, while others do not
7. Children look well cared for

# **Rate of Success in the Education of the Hearing Impaired**

Comparing to other disabilities, Hearing Impaired are lower in their academic performance. Only 10% of them are doing well in their academic performance and the rest are in the average level or below that.

# Problems of deaf children

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- ⦿ Lack of communication skills
- ⦿ Lack of reading and writing skills
- ⦿ Lack of self-esteem and confidence
- ⦿ Having poor general knowledge
- ⦿ Having poor social skills
- ⦿ Having poor learning ability skills
- ⦿ Poor responsibility
- ⦿ No awareness of sign language being a language with its own grammar
- ⦿ No awareness of having Deaf Culture
- ⦿ Lack of having Deaf Teachers as positive role model
- ⦿ Lack of socializing with hearing people
- ⦿ Spoon-feeder with information from hearing teachers (no or less activities in classroom which allows them no/less critical thinking)

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- ◎ For the first time the children were delighted and inspired by the spirit of these two devoted and empathetic speakers.
  - ◎ “Once more” and “Come again”, were the chants by the listeners.

“Ms. Kajal and Mr. Murali are remarkable persons. They gave speeches at more than 10 deaf organizations in Sri Lanka. They speak lucidly and use straightforward utterance.”

# Beautiful Sights in Sri Lanka





# Mesmerizing Sri Lanka Cultural

Air Port shopping

King dress



Police Woman



Wedding



Expensive of Cashew nut



Silk



Buddha statue

Many shop



# Aerial View of Sri Lanka



Many Thanks for your Good Wishes  
which, I Reciprocate most Heartily

MURALI

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KAJAL

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## Respects to Buddha in Sri Lanka

The Buddha was born  
in India however his message  
spread all over the world.

We believe that DEAF LEADERS  
will do the same . We will make  
difference in  
Education & Empowerment

K. Murali  
Director  
DEAF LEADERS

**Thanks you**