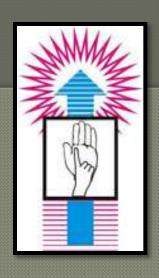
#### DEAF LEADERS team visits Sri Lanka

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



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 24th to 31st 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 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



Audience were enthralled and influenced



Deaf must engage in thought leadership



Kajal & Murali : during the performance



Feedback from Sri Lankans
Was encouraging



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'



Volunteers wishing to join PPA members



participants



Training on Sign Language in progress

# Second Day- 26.01.2009 Monday

On the shore



Height on Waves



A destroyed the house

#### Destructive Tsunami in Galle



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 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



**Deaf Computer Teacher** 



**Total Communication** 



A poster on Sign Language

## Educating children about the importance of education through a drama



Teach to students



students watched the drama



Our drama about awareness on Education



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 Wednesday

# Sports events at Deaf & Blind School, in Dodanwala



Rule s and Regulations



Learning new games



Our team with students



Warm up exercises

### Training on Trainers



Importance to attitudes of the students



Principal feels to need change teaching methodologies



Teachers need to focus on improvement of educations

### Hearing Impaired students at our Drama



Drama about our class



Students watching the video



Understood by students

# Fifth Day- 29.01.2009 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





Boss with Deaf employee

Deaf Employee with our team



General work



At work

### Sixth Day – 30.01.2009 Friday

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



Gifted the Indian flag to the President



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



Our team with President



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 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





### "DEAF LEADERS have a success stint in Sri Lanka Projects"



### Visit to Deaf Schools

- 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

- 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)

- 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



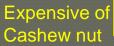








Buddha statue



Silk

Many shop











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

**MURALI** 

KAJAL





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Ms. Kajal Dhawan, New Delhi



## 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