

International Women's Day

Indian Social Institute, 10 Institutional Area, Lodi Road, New Delhi on 8th March 2017

National Association of the Deaf (NAD) organised a seminar on “Empowerment of Deaf Women” on the occasion of “International Women's Day” on 8th March, 2017 at Indian Social Institute, Lodi Road, New Delhi. The participants in the event were 167 deaf women and men.

The seminar started with the welcome note by Mrs. Nirupama Kaul Singha, NAD's North India Deaf Woman Committee

The event began with the lecture on “**Gender inequalities in India**” by **Ms. Sangeeta Singh**, Ph.D scholar, Delhi University. She discussed the role of society in the construction of gender identity and the types of gender inequalities that are prevalent in the contemporary society. The presentation highlighted the status of women during vedic period, post-vedic, medieval and modern period. The presentation ended with discussing the bold stories of some Indian women who inspired millions of women to empower themselves. Later **Ms. Rupmani Chhetri**, Executive Member of NAD has given a presentation on “**Being bold for a change**”. Her presentation was an attempt to encourage deaf women to develop confidence and inculcate life skills to become a desirable woman in the society.

Mrs. Nirupama and **Mrs. Deepa** shared the news on facts and life of Late Smt. Jayalalitha, former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Besides lectures, deaf women enjoyed various fun activities. “**Human Knot Team Building Game**” competition was held between the two teams of deaf women. The women played the game with great enthusiasm and spirit. The aim behind the game was to instil teamwork and understand the importance of patience and planning to deal with any situation of life. Deaf men also participated with the same zeal in another game activity related to “**Words**”. The game included two persons, one who was given the chit in which a word was written had to act and second person had to guess the word. All the participants performed beautifully showing their acting and signing skills during the game.

The programme came close with cutting of a cake by the women participants enjoying and rhyming “**HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY**” and celebrating womanhood on this auspicious occasion.

Mrs. Reena Jain, NAD's North India Women Committee of NAD had a vote of thanks to Ms. Sangeeta Singh, scholar Ph.D from Delhi University and Ms. Rupmani Chhetri, Executive Member of NAD who were two deaf excellent lecturers. The programs were a great success and a great source of encouragement and inspiration to all our 167 deaf women and men from NCR including Delhi, Ghaziabad, Noida, Faridabad, & Gurgaon participated in the seminar. It had benefited a lot for deaf delegates learning about it. They are very impressed by our seminar.