

Annual Report: 2010 –2011

ROORKEE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

In 1989, Roorkee School for the Deaf was established on the campus of IIT Roorkee as a Social Initiative of IIT Roorkee to provide Quality Education & Vocational Training to the handicapped deaf children on most modern and scientific lines. Currently, the students not only from Roorkee attend the school, but many of them daily travel in ordinary buses from Muzaffarnagar, Devoband Saharanpur , Haridwar & Rishikesh to receive the excellent education available at Roorkee School for the Deaf from Pre – Nursery to class XII. Many of the students also come from nearby rural areas to receive Special Education in this school, which is now known as one of the best professionally managed school under the care of several faculty members of IIT Roorkee. Currently there are 86 students in the school.

Admission was conducted with prior notification and publicity. In this session 16 deaf children became students of RSD. An essay writing competition was organized for Classes II to VIII on 6th July in order to enhance creativity and competitive spirit in children. The participation of every student was compulsory.

On 12th August drawing and mehendi competition on compulsory basis was organized for the students. 63rd Independence Day was celebrated with great vigour and enthusiasm on 15th August. The winners of past competitions (Essay, Drawing and Mehendi) were awarded.

The onset of September brought many changes and new opportunities for our prestigious institution. On 7th September 2010 a new School Management Committee was constituted. On 8th September 2010 members from Rotary Club of Roorkee Midtown (RCRM) presented their good wishes via donation for candle making project to our school. On 15th September 2010 Hon'ble Shri R. S.T. Sai, Chairman & Managing Director, THDC India Ltd. Rishikesh; Hon'ble Prof. S. C. Saxena, Director, IIT Roorkee & Patron SMC-RSD alongwith the SMC members inspected the school. He was highly impressed with the quality, neatness and maintenance of the lawns and the professional setup of the school.

To develop awareness campaign, RSD has been constantly supplying necessary assistance, information to the Society and organized different activity in the last of Week September every year as it was observed as Deaf Awareness Week. A Dental camp on 27th September was organized in the school campus. Specialists like Dr. Ajay, Dr. Grover joined us, examined and made the students and Teachers aware of their oral health and explained the prevention and cure of various diseases. Prof. N. K. Goel, Dean (Students Welfare) graced the occasion as Chief Guest. On this Medical Camp wherein a number of Medical Specialists of the town did a thorough checkup of the school children. A workshop for doctors & teachers on "Deafness: Its Causes and Remedial aspects" were attended by RSD staff organized Military Hospital - Roorkee arranged in BEG & Centre Roorkee on International Day of the Deaf. On 29th September a team of visitors from the Times of India, RSD organized various sport recreational activities & cultural programme as a mark of the celebration. The performance given by our students were exemplary and they won medals and appreciations from all.

On 18th October all the diamond and golden alumni were invited on the occasion of Alumni Day. Our school stood up stalls in the IIT ground for the function. On 19th October our school hosted Alumni Programme and 250 Alumni were invited. They were shown demonstration Programmes and cultural event was also organized.

The cooking programme of our institution ended successfully on 25th October. On this occasion the Manager of SBI and members from Polytechnic joined us. On 29th October the members of THDC officials visited the school with a proposal of financial help for constructing school's building.

On 2nd November the school organized a Diwali Poojan Programme. Manager Sir, staff members and parents were invited. Manager Sir distributed gifts amongst the staff members. Diya Competition was organized on 2nd November in which the students performed extremely well. The school's foundation day was celebrated on 11th November 2010 in which the students were given gifts and various games were organized for them. 12th November was a remarkable day for our institution as Prof. Radha Kant Padhi of Department of Aerospace Engineering, Indian Institute of Sciences, Bangalore visited the school. He donated entire cash component of the VNMM award in Annual Convocation 2010 to our school. It was a moment of both pride and happiness for our RSD family. Ms. Abha Kalura, a RSD student received the most prestigious National Award for National Drawing Competition. The award was conferred by Hon.ble Smt. Krishna Tirath, Union Minister (Women & Child Development), Govt. of India New Delhi.

A team of 6 members of GSE team and Rotarians visited the campus on 1st December. Demo and cultural programmes were organized. Each member was presented greeting card, brochure, bag as a memory of our school. On 4th December marked the commencement of Half Yearly examinations which lasted till 16th December. On 8th December, 2010 Mr. Harsh Kumar visited the RSD and sponsor 10 poor girl students of RSD to provide their fee under ASHA GROUP Fund. Around 80 students of DPS School visited the institution. The year was given a grand function by the RSD on 21st December in which students participated in various cultural events. The students were also given sweets, pencils, erasures by two teachers of DPS Roorkee. 250 Alumni were invited to the campus on 26th December. They inspected the school and enjoyed the cultural and demo programmes. A parent – teacher meeting was held on 29th December in which wife of Dean Sir, Mrs. Shashi Kumar distributed report cards and awards to the students. Our two students Mr. Chirag Huriya and Mr. Anoop Bansal have cleared their NIOS Senior Secondary Certificate Examination with good marks.

The Republic day was celebrated with great patriotism on 26th January, Prof. G. S. Srivastava Dean (Administration), IIT Roorkee accompanied by her wife hoisted the fledge. Cultural programmes were organized. On 31st January a salad competition judged by Dr. Madhulika Chaudhary was organized. A team from USA also joined us on this day.

On 20th February the students participated in the competitions organized by Hobbies Club. The construction work began on 9th February. On 18th and 19th February our students went to Rishikesh for sports competition. Our children came out with flying colours and won 28 medals in the event. The Principal of RSD was made Examiner during the practical examination of Foundation Course Special Education (Hearing Impaired) on 5th February. The team of THDC

gave their approval for the construction of school building on 8th February. The building fund for the construction of SEWA –THDC Wing was provided by the THDC India Ltd. Rishikesh .

On 5th March 2011 few Golden alumni visited the campus and donated a fairly good amount for the welfare of students and school. Mrs. Kulina Sah, was given a farewell by the RSD staff. The year ended with the declaration of final results, the overall result of the school was excellent with 92.3% .It was privilege to have Shri N.K. Aggarwal (S.E.) U.P.P.C.L. (Meerut) and her wife Smt. Sadhna Aggarwal as Chief Guest during the Annual Prize Distribution function, they distributed the Annual Report Cards to the students and donated for the welfare of students.

It was a year where lot of prominent people visited the school and praised the advanced technology including electronic equipment, gadgets & softwares etc. partially developed by the students & faculty of IITR, which is being used to educate the deaf children in this school. Some of the visitors were Sh. Chetan Agarwal ,District Governor , Rotary International District 3080 ; Dr. Sandhya Kumar , Dy. Director ,National Institute of Open Schooling , Regional Centre , Dehradun and Prof. Rama Bhargava , Head of the Department , Mathematics , IIT Roorkee .