

PREETI SINGH

I, Preeti Singh have lived with a vision disability for the last 30 years. This disability was discovered when I was 6 years old. Since then my parents have given me all the support and care so that I grew up to be confident, self-sufficient, and an independent personality. My parents have succeeded in their endeavour.

My passion is to help disabled persons to step out and do something worthwhile, and become socially and economically independent.

I am the mother of two beautiful children.

Basically I am disciplined and a committed person. I like good music, good food and meeting people and making friends.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

1. Received education from
 - a. Auckland House School, Shimla.
 - b. Holy Child Convent, New Delhi.
 - c. Loreto Convent, Delhi Cantt.
2. Passed 5th year of Visharad from Gandharva Mahavidyalya in Instrumental Music (sitar).
3. Instructor's course in Aerobics from Ms. Veena Merchant, President USA SHAPE, New York.
4. Computer proficient having working knowledge of Word Star, DBase etc. with the help of voice synthesiser.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

1. The first visually impaired person in the country to have successfully completed Aerobics Instructor Training Course, and running Aerobics classes for the last eight years. So far over 500 participants have worked out in these classes.
2. Associated with National Association for the Blind, R.K. Puram, New Delhi and worked towards:
 - a. Teaching Aerobics to visually impaired children.
 - b. Counselling and guidance of parents of visually impaired children.
 - c. Teaching computers with the help of voice synthesisers.
 - d. Joint Secretary of the governing council at the National Association for Blind.
3. Associated with various organisations in creating

public awareness towards disabled people. Deliver lectures to senior classes in schools about importance of health and exercise and acceptance of disabled persons in mainstream of life.

4. Selected as "Fellow" of ASHOKA-Innovators for the Public, a USA based non-profit organisation that seeks out and supports innovative "Public Service Entrepreneurs" from the developing world.
5. Worked as Marketing Incharge for Sushev Agricultural Farms Pvt. Ltd. Looking after the marketing operations of their agricultural food products.
6. Presently Working with P.P. Systems Task Pvt. Ltd. Looking after the marketing operations of their food products.

NEELA DEEPAK DAVE

Arts Graduate from Mithibhai College, (Vile Parle, Mumbai) with economics and politics. After graduation



started a small Nursery School in own residential premises. That time Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) had already developed. This disease leads to 100% blindness within due course of time. With the knowledge that I must go in for self employment because of my slowly deteriorating vision, I started a Nursery school. This school

as of today is still running in 3 shifts with a strength of 150 children with the assistance of 8 teachers, 3 Ayas and other servants. Recently I have employed a blind lady music teacher for teaching songs to children in the school. I got married in 1981 to Mr. Deepak Dave, Mechanical Engineer and am staying in a joint family of 10 members. After marriage myself and Deepak started a Travel Agency in the name of "Neel Tej" in the year 1983. Along with the Nursery activity, during vacation, I used to go to Mahabaleshwar to manage and organise our tours and travels business. Deepak used to take care of the Mumbai office and I used to handle the Mahabaleshwar office although slow deterioration of my vision had started. This we did for nearly 12 years. Since the last 3 years, my vision is totally lost. Recently, Deepak has switched over to handling the manufacturing division of "Neeltej coach builders." Whereas I am looking after the tours and travels division with the help of 10 qualified staff members. I am also operating a computer with the help of "sound