

"SANDIKSHA"
SSB WIVES WELFARE ASSOCIATION

SSB Wives welfare association was registered under the societies registration act (XXX) of 1860 on 23rd Dec.2004 in New Delhi. SSB Wives Welfare Association or "Sandiksha" as it is better known, has its apex body at the Force Headquarters. The association has two main arms i.e. the Governing Body and the Central Executive Committee, both are based in Delhi. The Central Executive Committee takes all important day to day decisions concerning Sandiksha and reports to the Governing Body. The head of Sandiksha is its President who is the wife of the Hon'ble Director General, SSB. She is assisted by the vice-President, who is the wife of the Special Director General/Additional Director General. The Secretary of Sandiksha is the wife of the Senior most Inspector General posted at the Force Headquarters usually the IG(Pers). The joint Secretary is elected among the lady wives of officers posted at the FHQ. Apart from this there are other members.

Prior to the formation of Sandiksha, Family Welfare Centre(FWC) used to function in all units of SSB in which families of Force personnel used to be gainfully engaged in income generated activities like, stitching, Achar making , Candle making etc. However, with the constitution of "Sandiksha" these Family Welfare Centres were converted into "Sandiksha" units.

Periodic meetings of the Central Executive Committee is held as per directions of the President, Sandiksha. The involvement of government machinery is kept at a minimum since Sandiksha is not an official forum.

At the regional level, i.e. at the Frontiers there are similar committees with officials such as the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Honorary Secretary, Joint Secretary and Honorary Treasurer etc.

Based on the direction of President Sandiksha various activities of Sandiksha are held however, all the expenditures related to "Sandiksha" are sanctioned by the IG (Admn), FHQ.

The source of revenue for Sandiksha is the annual welfare exhibition held normally around SSB Raising Day at Delhi. During this exhibition, a Souvenir is brought out which consists of articles contributed by ladies of Sandiksha, photographs of Sandiksha activities and other articles that concern women along with advertisements. These advertisements are the most important source of revenue for Sandiksha followed by the 25% profit share that is taken from various participants in the Welfare exhibition.

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AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF SANDIKSHA

The aims and objectives for which the societies are established are as under:-

- a. To generate a sense of accomplishment in the minds of SSB wives and develop managerial skills in them.
- b. To Promote programmes for rehabilitation of Widows, handicapped and mentally retarded children, handicapped SSB personnel and their families.
- c. To pursue programmes to facilitate development of academic/ vocational skills, training for the families of serving and retired SSB personnel and people of neighborhood community at the location of SSB.
- d. To work in co-operation with other organizations and departments of various Ministries like Ministry of Human Resources Development etc. having similar

objectives (being at all times financially independent of such organizations) and to obtain financial assistance through such Associations.

- e. To raise funds for various welfare schemes affecting the well being of SSB families, widows, handicapped and mentally retarded children and disabled personnel & families of retired personnel.
- f. To organize cultural and sports activities.
- g. To invest and deal with the funds of the Associations as deemed fit to meet the overall aims and objectives of the Association.