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ANNUAL REPORT

The Blind Relief Association, Delhi

TIME LINE

- 1944 Establishment of the Association by Smt. Anusuya & Sh. U.A. Basrurker, freedom fighters and social workers
- 1946 Industrial Home and School for the Blind at Badarpur
- 1955 Foundation Stone of the Association's buildings laid by Dr. Helen Keller
- 1966 Inauguration of the building by Smt. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India
- 1967 Jormal Periwal Memorial School for the Blind; Technical Training Centre cum Workshop; Training Centre for Teachers of the Blind
- 1982 Studio for recording books for the blind; First National Sports Meet for the Blind
- 1986 Unit for Children with Multiple Disabilities; Establishment of Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA)
- 1991 Computerized Braille Printing
- 1994 Vocational Training in Book Binding/ Stationery Making, Repair of Household Electrical/Electronic Appliances
- 1996 Computer Training
- 2003 Massage Training
- 2006 Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education (Visual Impairment)
- 2008 Call Centre Training
- 2013 Best Institution National Award 2012
- 2014 Diploma Course in Computer Education
- 2014 Construction of new hostel block for school children
- 2016 KHUSHI EK EHSAAAS a musical presented by the students of J.P.M. School.



About The Association

The Blind Relief Association, Delhi, completed 73 years on 26 February, 2017. Beginning 1946 with just two students Daya Ram and Murli Dhar on its rolls in its Industrial Home and School for the Blind in a rented premises at Lal Kuan, Badarpur, the Association now serves nearly 400 blind children and adults at its own sprawling campus in the heart of New Delhi. The Association's multi-faceted activities encompass school-education including special care programs for visually impaired children with limited abilities, teacher-training, computer-education, vocational training, placement service, production of reading material in Braille and audio formats, consultancy and awareness creation. Most of the programmes are residential. The Association campus is vibrant through the year with cultural, sports and other events taking place here.

Highlights of the Year

- JPM School registered cent-per-cent pass results in Class XII CBSE Examinations in the years 2015-16 and 2016-17. Rishabh Kumar Chourasia (2016-17 batch) secured 87.8 per cent.
- 28 Teacher Trainees (2015-17 batch) of Durgabai

Deshmukh College completed 2-year B.Ed. (Spl. Education)

- 16 Trainees (2015-16 batch) of Diploma in Computer Education completed one-year course
- 36 vocational trainees including 3 female completed their training programmes
- 31 pass out vocational trainees were helped to secure job or get self-employed.
- Cultural Exchange Mission to Japan comprising Japanese language students of JPM School visiting Mie Prefectural Blind School in September 2016
- Hosted 20th IBSA National Sports Meet for the Blind with record 691 participants, which included 354 male and the highest ever 199 female athletes.
- Ankur Dhama, an alumnus of JPM School became the first ever Indian blind athlete to take part in 2016 Paralympic Games held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



Jormal Periwai Memorial (JPM) Senior Secondary School For The Blind

Recognized and aided by the Directorate of Education, Government of NCT Delhi and affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the School offers free education, board, lodging, books, assistive devices and other services to blind boys from the pre-school stage to Class XII. It is a renowned institution in the country that has earned repute as an excellent nurturing ground for the visually challenged children to become confident and forward looking excelling in the field of academics, sports and co-curricular activities. Its alumni have made a mark for themselves in various fields in India as well as abroad.

Enrollment: The School had 199 students on its rolls during the year. Only 12 of them were day scholars, the others stayed in the school hostel. The School admitted 20 new students in various classes during the year. Ten of them between the age of 5 and 7 years were admitted in the pre-school unit, which focuses on laying a broad foundation of tactile and Braille learning, daily living skills, developing and strengthening the children's spatial movement and concept development. The other ten entrants were: one in class I; two in II, one in III; one in IV; one in VI; one in VIII; and three in class IX.

Academics: The school provides education in a wide variety of academic subjects as well as physical

education in accordance, by-and-large, with the curriculum laid down by the Directorate of Education, Delhi and the CBSE. Keeping abreast with the times, all students from class VII onwards are taught computers. They are encouraged to take Informatics Practice as an additional subject in their senior classes. Teaching in Mathematics and Science is also being upgraded and strengthened in tune with the contemporary requirements.

Board Examination Results:

All the 18 students of Class XII passed the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Examination held in March 2017 securing First Division. The lowest individual aggregate score was 74.4%. Overall they achieved 67 subject distinctions. Rishabh Kumar Chaurasiya topped in the class securing 87.8 % marks. The School is proud that its students join prestigious colleges in Delhi to pursue their higher studies. All the 16 students cleared the school-based CBSE Continuous Comprehensive Examination for class X. Abhishek Kumar Chaurasiya secured the highest CGPA point of 9.4.

Co-curricular activities:

The School provides all facilities, support and encouragement to its students to take part in diverse co-curricular activities like dance, music, theatre,

poetry, debating, eco-club, Rotaract Leadership Programmes etc.

- SAHAJ YOGA held Yoga sessions from 10 - 12 August 2016.
- Nidhi Arora from EHSA audio library conducted a demo quiz on 20 August 2016. The same day students from Bharat Public School interacted with the students in the morning assembly.
- Students of classes VI to IX visited the Art Gallery at Hauz Khas Village on 13 October 2016.

- TWINKLE – a dance training programme for the students is being conducted with the support of MATTERS OF COMMUNITY (MOC), a California USA-based non-profit charity.

The School has always been giving special attention to develop sporting skills of the school students. Two regular physical training instructors monitor various sports and games. 26 students from various classes practiced athletics regularly at the Thyagaraj stadium in the morning hours. Others practiced yoga.

Sports Activities:



- Sarangi recital by Ustad Kamal Khan Sabri on 5 December 2016 under Spic Macay Virasat -16 Series.
- Assam Regiment presented an orchestra on 22 December 2016.
- Shri Vivek Aggarwal, lawyer from Legal Cell, Patiala House interacted with the students of class XI and XII on constitution and judicial procedures.
- The school participated in 15 sports activities - from zonal inter-school to national levels. The students bagged a total of 23 First, 26 Second and 30 Third prizes, thus a tally of 79 medals/prizes.
- The School team bagged the B-1 Boys Overall Team Championship in the 20th IBSA National Sports Meet for the Blind held in New Delhi in December 2016.
- Australian Blind Cricket Team visited the school

and held a friendly match with the school students on 27 January 2017.

- The School Annual Sports were held on 21-22 February 2017.
- A team of students regularly participated in Artificial Wall Climbing Training at Indian Mountaineering Foundation, Dhaulta Kuan.

Japanese Language Classes

Regular after-school classes in Japanese language are being conducted for the students of Class XI and XII. These are conducted voluntarily by language teachers from Japan led by Mrs. Itsuko Nandi..



Interactions:

- Students from American Embassy School continued their Saturday interaction with students of class V and VI to improve spoken English language skills
- Three Japanese language students, namely, Shuheb Ali, Gaurav Kumar and Vishvabandhu, accompanied by Sri.Rajesh a teacher of the School, visited Japan in September 2016 on a cultural exchange mission with Mie Prefectural Blind School.

Student Initiatives:

Leadership and organization acumen of the students was evident in several events managed entirely by them. Some of the prominent events organized were:

- 22nd Subodh Kant Trophy Cricket Match on 8 - 9 April 2016.
- Janmashtami celebrations on 25 August 2016 which included 24-hour mass recitation of the Ramcharitmanas.

- 18th K.N. Nayar Memorial Trophy played on 5 - 6 August 2016. Three teams formed by the present students of the School and the alumni took part.
- Basant Panchami and Saraswati Puja on 1 February 2017.
- Shivratri celebrations on 24 February 2017.
- Two students participated in interview session with Union Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore.

House Activities: The students are divided into four House groups, namely, Basrurker House, Deshmukh House, Bharat Ram House and Nayar House. The Houses take up month-wise responsibility of conducting daily morning assembly and cultural activities in the School. This provides these youngsters an opportunity to utilize and develop their cultural abilities and leadership qualities.

Staff: The School, headed by Sri K.J. Kuriyan, Principal, has a staff strength of 25.

- Sri. Ram Kumar Sharma(PGT Sanskrit) and Dr. Ravinder Partap (PGT Music) were rendered surplus staff.
- Sri. Ram Kumar Sharma was transferred to DC Arya Senior Secondary School, Lodhi Road.
- Sri. K.S.Dhiman, Craft /Typing teacher retired on 1 August 2016.
- Sri. Paramjeet Kumar Sharma, Braille Transcriber, resigned to join a government school as Librarian.
- Sri. Dayal Singh, Waterman superannuated on 31 December 2016.

Management: The functioning of the school is overseen by a Managing Committee constituted in accordance with the Delhi School Education Act and Rules. The Committee is chaired by Smt. Benu Nath, General Secretary of BRA. Sri. K.C.Pande took charge as Manager in place of Sri P.C.Mehta.

Under the terms of the Right to Education Act 2009, the school has a separate 16-member committee called "The RTE School Management Committee" covering education up to Class VIII.



Special Care Unit

The Unit is run by the Blind Relief Association as a special support service for the benefit of JPM School students who require individual, personalized attention in academic and co-curricular activities. The children are referred to the unit by the school.

The unit has two full-time qualified special educators and two part-time teachers in Music, Art and Craft. For the pre and post-school-hour care of the students the unit has one resident house parent.

In order to make appropriate need-based interventions, the unit divides the beneficiary students into two groups:

- Functional Academic Group
- Remedial Teaching Group

Functional Academic Group: There 4 students in this group. They are trained in functional academics like number, money and time concepts and activities of daily living, such as, orientation and mobility, personal hygiene and pre-vocational activities. Wherever possible, the students under Functional Academic Group were given the opportunity to attend, even if nominally, classes with their same age group students in the school. They were not segregated from the regular school. They attended some classes like art and craft, clay modeling, music and physical education along with

other children of the school. Thereafter, in consultation with their parents, some students are encouraged and advised to continue study as fully integrated students, while some are advised to join appropriate vocational training.

Remedial Teaching Group: 17 children from classes I & II of the JPM School benefitted from services under the Unit to improve their Braille and Taylor Frame skills. Personal attention was given on basic Braille reading and writing. While Hindi is their primary language they were also taught basics of English Braille. The students showed marked improvement in Hindi Braille reading and writing capability and are developing basic understanding of writing numbers using Taylor Frame.





Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education (Visual Impairment)

Established in 2005 by The Blind Relief Association, the College is affiliated to the University of Delhi, offering study programs leading to the degree of Bachelor of Education, Special Education (Visual Impairment). The College has permanent recognition from the University of Delhi, University Grants Commission (UGC) as well as Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI). It receives partial financial support from National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India and some development grant from University Grants Commission. Since academic year 2015-16 the B.Ed. Special Education programme is a two-year course.

New Admission:

27 students were admitted to the 2016-2018 batch. 5 students left the course. Of the remaining 22 trainees, 12 are visually impaired.

Annual Examination & Results:

Because of introduction of two-year programme from the academic year 2015-16, no Final Course Examination was held in the year under report.

Co-curricular Activities:

- A 2- day workshop on Autism Spectrum Disorder was organized on 3 and 6 October 2016.
- Visually impaired students participated in the 20th IBSA National Sports Meet at Thyagaraj Stadium, New Delhi from 13-16 December 2016.
- The sighted teacher trainees of the college did voluntary work for the 20th National Sports Meet organised by Indian Blind Sports Association.

Education Tour/Visits:

As a part of the curriculum the teacher trainees visited the following institutions:

- First-year trainees visited and observed classes at 'Ananth Centre for Learning and Development', Qutb Institutional Area, New Delhi.
- First-year Teacher trainees visited Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities, New Delhi.
- First-year trainees visited Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust, Karkardooma
- Second-year trainees visited and observed the classrooms at Ashish Foundation for the

Differently Abled (Autism), Dwarka in September, 2016.

- Second-year trainees visited and observed the classrooms at Okhla Centre, in September, 2016
- Second-year trainees went on Educational Tour to Jodhpur and Jaisalmer (Rajasthan) from 15-21 March, 2017.

Library:

The College has a well-stocked Library with a large collection of books and journals on Special Education. During the year, 88 volumes of books (Print and Braille) were added with grant from UGC and other sources. As on 31 March 2017, the library had a stock of 4219 books in Print and Braille. The library subscribes 22 Indian and foreign journals on Education and Special Education, and has more than 70 Conference Proceedings/Research Bulletins & Annual Reports. The Library offers e-resources to its students, faculty members and other scholars through NLIST program of UGC.INFONET Digital Library Consortium. The College Learning Resource Centre (Library) has its own website www.lrcddcse.wordpress.com through which the library catalogue can be accessed. The services are particularly beneficial for Special Education and Rehabilitation Professionals, Research Scholars and other persons working in the disability sector.

Faculty: The College has a regular faculty comprising Course Director Dr. Swati Sanyal, Assistant Professors Dr. Sudeep Kumar Dubey and Dr. Pubali Agarwal, Research Associate Sri Narendra Kumar Jha and Librarian Sri. Shanti Bhushan.

Dr. Sudeep Kumar Dubey: His book titled “Special Education and Curriculum” was released on 28 January 2017

Dr. Pubali Agrawal:

1. Invited by National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities to deliver lecture on “Visual Impairment - Causes and Characteristics”, on 19 May 2016.

2. Invited by Amity University to deliver lecture on “Addressing Barriers in the Environment for Persons with Visual Impairment”, on 22 October 2016
3. Training and Demonstration on “How to Teach Independent Living Skills to Adolescents who lost their vision in war or calamities”, on 26 October 2016 organized jointly by Help Foundation, Jammu & Kashmir and National Association for The Blind, Delhi
4. Presented Paper titled “Verbalism among Children with Visual Impairment” at the National Conference on Language, Literature and Society: A Contemporary Educational Discourse, on 3 March 2017, at the Department of Education, University of Delhi.
5. Presented Paper titled “Need and Importance of ICT in the Education of Teacher Trainees with Visual Impairment” at the National Conference on Teacher Education: Current Scenarios and Future Possibilities, on 11 March 2017, at the Department of Education, University of Delhi.
6. Invited by DIET, SCERT to deliver lecture on “The Teaching- Learning Materials for Children with Visual Impairment” for Special Educators specializing in Hearing Impairment, on 16 March 2017.
7. Jointly contributed along with Dr. Gagandeep Bajaj as a writer and reviewer for module (Unit-4) dealing with developing understanding of the adolescent years with focus on children with visual difficulties on the RMSA project entitled “Modules on Promoting Inclusive Education at the Secondary Level” developed by NCERT, New





Computer Training Centre

The Association is among the pioneering institutions in the country to introduce computer literacy programmes for the visually challenged. The Centre looks after computer education in 1996 programmes of the Association. All students from class VI onwards are taught computers.

The Centre offers 1-Year Diploma Course in Computer Education (Visual Impairment), the first one of its kind approved by Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) to prepare a cadre of personnel specially equipped to provide education in computer and related services to the visually impaired.

Diploma Course in Computer Education (V.I.)

Designed by the Association, it was introduced in the year 2014-15, as a pilot course approved by the RCI for two academic sessions. The Diploma Course in Computer Education (V.I.) is w.e.f 2016-17 is to regular approved course of RCI.

Of the 16 trainees of the 2nd Batch (2015-16), 10 passed the final examination held in August-September 2016. For the 3rd Regular Batch (2016-17) 18 trainees were admitted. Result of the final examination held in July 2017 is awaited.

It is a matter of great pride that 16 trainees completing the course so far have found employment in various sectors.

The course received CSR funding from M/s. Info Edge (india) Limited from February 2015 to February 2017. Computer Training for Adult Blind

9 trainees attended the 2--month Summer training programme conducted during May-June, 2016. In addition, 2 trainees underwent 4-month part-time training. For the vocational trainees of the Association, a 2-day introductory programme on e-commerce, use of apps like PAYTM, online banking, use of debit/credit cards etc was held. They were also given hands-on experience of Android Smartphone with talk-back features.

Computer Training for School Students

23 students from classes IX to XII of JPM Sr. Sec. School were taught the basics of computers. Nine students have opted for Informatics Practices as Additional Subject. Two students wrote their CBSE Class XII examination using computers. Apart from the above Secondary class students, 51 students from classes VI to VIII are being covered under a separate computer education programme conducted under the auspices of the Directorate of Education.

The Association was invited by the Gargi College to conduct familiarization programme on assistive devices and equipment for the visually challenged on 22 March 2017 on the occasion of the inauguration of College's Enabling Unit. Senior Computer Instructor Rajpal and Computer Instructor Ms. Isha demonstrated and explained the working of various IT based assistive devices and equipment used by and for the visually challenged.

The Association is grateful to Smt. Kamala Devi Charitable Trust, run by INOX Group for supporting one computer lab and salary of one instructor.



Vocational Training Centre

Vocational training, along with the education of the visually challenged has been a major activity of the Association from the very beginning. The training programmes have expanded manifold over the years covering a variety of engineering and manual skills. The curriculum is continuously upgraded to keep abreast with the times. New skills are introduced so that the trainees can avail the best employment opportunities or opt for self-employment.

All the courses are full-time. Training and hostel facilities are provided free of cost. A brief report on individual training programmes is as follows:

General Mechanic-cum-Machine Operator's Course (GMMO)

Open for visually challenged persons in the age group of 17-30 years who have passed class VIII, the Course is recognized by the Board of Technical Education, Government of Delhi as a regular I.T.I. Course. The training covers areas of factory work like assembly jobs, inspection work, operating such machines as power press, drilling and tapping machines. The trainees are inducted in July every year.

Of the 2015-16 batch, 7 trainees completed the course in July 2016 and were awarded certificates by the Board of Technical Education. 5 trainees were admitted to the 2016-17 batch.

One trainee got employment in Ghaziabad.

Production Work

With a view to giving the trainees actual production experience and thereby enabling them to understand the importance of productivity and quality, the Centre manufactures long canes and folding canes for the visually impaired, which are in great demand. Diya stands, which are a huge hit in the Association's Diwali Bazaar, are also made here. The workshop produced goods worth Rs.2,62,948 during the year.



Multi-skill Training



This holistic one-year programme requiring no minimum education qualification was introduced in 2014 for adult blind. (even those with additional disabilities) It caters even those who have missed-out on school education. They acquire diverse skills to be able to work in industry, or become self-employed. The schedule is kept flexible to suit the capacity, interest and capability of the trainees. Skills taught are: i) book binding and paper craft; ii) basic massage; iii) chair caning; iv) candle making; v) packaging; vi) sewing; and vii) soap-making.

Sessions on personality development, Braille, music, orientation & mobility are integral to the training, aiming at all round development. The trainees are also encouraged and helped in completing school education under open school system.

14 trainees of the Year 2015-16 batch completed the training in July 2016. 22 trainees were admitted to 2016-17 batch, of which 5 trainees dropped out due to various reasons. . 6 trainees have got employment in Delhi NCR.

The Association is grateful to M/s MERCER India for providing CSR support to the Multi-skill Training Programme during the Year 2016-17.

Sewing Unit- Started in May 2015 with the collaboration of Sun Foundation, Sewing Unit has added a new dimension to the Multi-skill Training project. The Foundation provided consultancy, sewing machines, trainer and all consumables for the training. While providing training in use of manual and electric sewing machines, as by-product of the training the unit produces a variety of bags, purses, and other sundry items, which are available on sale.

In September 2016, USHA International entered into collaboration with the Association by providing electric sewing machines, customized training module and certification of trainees undergoing the training.

Thanks to this Unit, female trainees are also getting attracted towards and Multi-Skill Training programme.

Production

Integral to the programme is the skill-related production work providing factory-like production experience. Trainees produce paper-crafted items, candles and accessories. During the year the production of paper crafted products amounted to Rs. 16,39,106/- as against the previous year's production of Rs. 15,85,859/-. Volunteers also lend their hand in decorating and adding value to some of the products.

Pran Nath Ji Candle Making Unit

The Candle Unit produces a large variety of candles in different shapes and sizes round the year. These candles are available for sale throughout the year as well as during the Association's annual Diwali Bazaar. The trainees and many volunteers join hands in the production work, Diya painting, and packing. The Unit helps other NGO's working for the needy sections of society by providing training and logistic support in setting up such programmes in candle making. With the introduction of the Multi-Skill Training

Programme, a larger number of trainees are receiving practical knowledge and experience in different processes of candle making. They are involved in actual production, in finishing, sorting and packaging of candles.

Relaxation Massage Training



The training course prepares visually challenged persons to become professional masseurs. The training covers Swedish, Thai, Aroma and Head massage techniques. Additionally the trainees are familiarized with techniques of pain-management such as reflexology, magneto-therapy and Sujok therapy. These value-added skills have proved greatly beneficial to them in improving their professional profile. From June 2016, the training period was increased from 4 months to 6 months period to accommodate additional elements and practice time.

During the year, 12 trainees successfully completed the training while 2 dropped out.

Ayurvedic Massage Training

For upgrading the skills of former trainees, a part-time Ayurvedic Massage training programme is being conducted in the Association by Shahnaz Husain International Beauty Academy. The Academy provides free services of a trainer and makes available all the required consumables. Shahnaz Husain International Beauty Academy jointly with the Blind Relief Association awards certificates to the successful trainees.

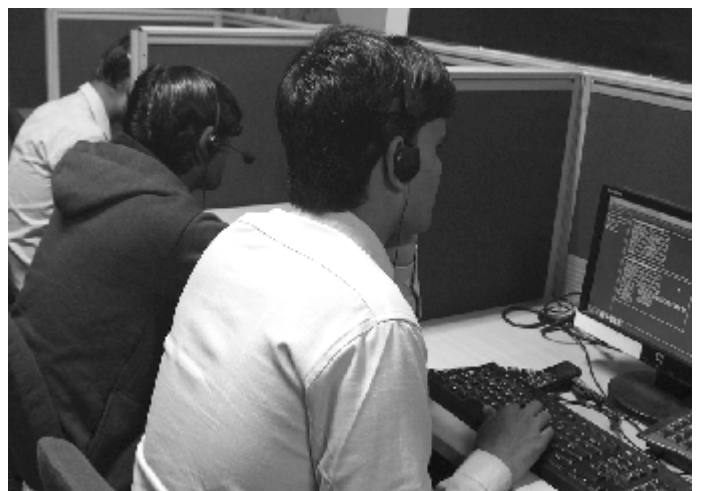
The current as well as former trainees were provided opportunities to demonstrate their skills at the Association's Diwali Bazaar; SSB Diwali Bazaar, Army Golf Club, and American School.

4 trainees got employment in Delhi NCR and 12 trainees are working independently as masseurs on call.

Call Centre Training

The Association introduced Call Centre Training in 2008, in cooperation with Tata Telecom Services Ltd. (TTSL) on voice-based (IVR) programme. For technical reasons the training was discontinued in 2011, till it was replaced in August 2014 by an upgraded training designed for computer literate visually impaired persons. It was launched in collaboration with QUIKR, a leading e-commerce company. The arrangements with QUIKR lasted till December 2016. Subsequently, from January 2017, in collaboration with Vodafone India Ltd., a further technologically upgraded training was introduced. The call centre has 10 booths for the Trainee-Agents, The trainees are required to have completed senior secondary education and should be computer literate. The 6-month training includes soft-skills, knowledge and practical experience of working on auto-dialing CRM process, to prepare the trainees to be able to work in the mainstream call centers. The trainees receive stipend and incentive as they master the skills of telemarketing.

3 trainees completed the course in 2016. 11 trainees were admitted to the 2016-17 batch. 4 trainees of previous batches and 1 trainee of 2015-16 batch got employment in and around Delhi. 2 trainees of 2015-16 batch secured government jobs.





Services

Placement Cell

The Association has a Placement Cell which performs the important task of securing jobs for the trainees and others seeking assistance. The Cell not only locates suitable jobs for the trainees, but also guides those who work independently. The Placement Cell interacts with industrial associations, potential employers, and a network of individuals and organizations. Representatives from the Cell visit industries to identify and ascertain suitability of the available jobs for the candidates. Matching the skills with job requirement, the Cell recommends to the employer appropriate trainees for the job.

The newly employed are familiarized with the work and workplace environment, helped in finding appropriate accommodation, settling down in the new place, provided basic

requirements like beddings and utensils, and also guided on commuting daily. Follow-up contacts are maintained with the employers as well as the trainees to sort out any difficulties that may arise. The Cell not only serves the trainees and students of the Association, but also other visually challenged seeking job counseling and assistance.

During the year, the Placement Cell secured employment for 31 trainees (including 12 self-employed) in and around Delhi:

- General Mechanic-cum-
- Machine Operator Course - 01
- Multi-skill Training - 06
- Computer Training - 01
- Massage Training - 16
- (including 12 self-employed)
- Call Centre Training - 05
- Electronic Training - 01
- J. P. M. School - 01

Orientation and Mobility

The Association has an experienced and professional Mobility Instructor who provides orientation and mobility training to the vocational trainees and also renders on-site orientation to newly-employed trainees at their work places. Free training is also provided to the recently blinded persons on request.



Braille Production

The Association is among the pioneering institutions in the country to have introduced computerized Braille printing facility as far back as in 1990. The Unit has been meeting the requirement of books and other education material for the students of J.P.M. Sr. Sec. School, Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education, Diploma Course in Computer Education, Vocational training programmes as well as specific requests from outside. Reading material of general interest such as poetry, fiction and miscellaneous articles were brought out in Braille. During the year a total of 25 titles in Hindi, English, Sanskrit and Japanese running into 4528 pages, were produced.

Military Order of Collar Charitable Foundation has been extending financial support for purchase of Braille paper.

The Unit acquired a new INDEX BASIC-D V5 Braille Printer with Duxbury Braille Translation Software as donation from Allen & Overy, a Hong Kong based company.

Audio Recording

The facility for recording audio books was established in 1982 to produce audio study material for students and trainees. A team of devoted volunteers render services free of cost to read out material for recording. Since its inception, the Association's studio has produced a total of 784 titles in Hindi, English and Sanskrit languages. These comprise school textbooks, University-level books, fiction, non-fiction, competitive exam material, books related to personality development and current affairs. The recorded books are available in digital MP3 CDs as well as in audio-cassette (old titles only). For the convenience of the students from class X, XI and XII the recorded study material is provided in pen drive digital players. For other classes audio material is provided in MP3 CDs along with CD players for listening. Similar service is also available to the visually impaired students of the Association's Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education and Diploma in Computer Education.

Apart from the Association's students and trainees, a large number of college-going and other students from Delhi and outside are also provided recorded study material on request.

During the year under report, 25 new titles, including 4 in DAISY format, were recorded. A total of 1225GB of data in CD's, DVDs and Memory Sticks were copied and supplied to students and trainees.

Blank CDs were procured largely from the grant assistance from the Military Order of the Collar Charitable Foundation, Switzerland.

Health Care Unit

The Unit looks after primary medical and health care needs of the students and trainees of the Association. The team comprises a visiting physician, a round-the-



clock male nurse, a female nurse and an assistant. Regular medical check-ups of students are conducted, and free medicines are provided to the students and trainees. There are arrangements with reputed hospitals and health centers like Dr. Shroff Charitable Eye Hospital and Sai Bhakta Samaj Polyclinic for specialized diagnostic assistance and treatment of the students and trainees.

Dental Clinic

A well-equipped Dental Care Unit set up by Sri Govind Tricentenary Dental College (SGT University, Gurugram) has been providing dental care services for the benefit of the Association's students, trainees and staff. A Doctor and support staff hold weekly clinics on Saturdays and educate the students and staff on oral health. Students, trainees as well as staff of the Association are benefitting from the Clinic's services.

Boarding and Lodging

The Association has a large hostel which serves around 300 persons. These include students of JPM School, teacher trainees, vocational trainees of the Association. The board and lodging services are provided free of cost. The hostel has a large dining hall and a well-equipped kitchen serving 3 wholesome meals (breakfast/ lunch/dinner) and afternoon tea. Visually impaired visitors are also provided accommodation and food at subsidized rates.

Awareness and Consultancy

Spreading awareness in the society on the equality of rights, capabilities and potentials of persons with physical/sensory disability, especially visual impairment, is an important mandate of the Association.

JPM School is proactively sending its students to other schools to present their talent. They interact with their counterparts on equal footing. They participate in open talent contests and compete with other school children. The vocational trainees too participate in different public events and demonstrate their professional skill and dexterity. The Association's popular Diwali Bazar in a very major way brings the Association and the society closer to each other and thus helps in spreading awareness on disability among the general public. Free space is provided in Diwali Bazar to fellow NGO's to showcase their activities and sell their products.

The Association shares its expertise with institutions / organizations seeking guidance on establishing disability services. It also provides training to the trainers from such institutions.

Recently-blinded persons approaching the Association are given counselling in coping with their blindness and rehabilitation through acquiring orientation and mobility skill, and availing educational and vocational training.

The faculty from the Association's JPM School and Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education, as well as other trainers are frequently invited as experts in consultative groups and as participants in

seminars and media programmes concerning disabilities.

The Association received a large number of visitors, coming individually as well as in groups, from schools, colleges and other institutions to observe and able to take part in the activities and programmes of the Association. Such direct interaction help in sensitizing and spreading awareness in the society.

Internship

A number of students pursuing courses in social work in Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, Department of Social Work, University of Delhi, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Jamia Millia Islamia University, Flame University, Pune, and other institutions are placed with the Association to do their field work. They have a good opportunity to study different aspects of vocational training programmes for persons with disability. Working side by side with the visually challenged trainees they gain insight of the capabilities and potential of persons with disabilities. Foreign and Indian students studying in the British School, American Embassy School and other schools also do internship work in the Association.

Volunteering

The Association is fortunate to have a large number of individuals rendering regular voluntary services. They perform different tasks in in the Recording Studio, Dining Hall, Vocational Training Workshops, School, Medical Unit, Teacher's Training College, Association's offices. Also Executives and staff from several corporate houses render voluntary services on select days. They include MERCER, GOOGLE INDIA, DELOITTE, INTERGLOBE and TATA Teleservices.

WORKSHOP ON CAPACITY BUILDING FOR NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES

A "Workshop on Capacity Building for New Job Opportunities" was organized by the Association on 27 and 28 August 2016. 33 visually challenged youth, including 13 female participated in the 2-day workshop.

The Workshop was conceived in the scenario of phenomenal growth in the number of young blind persons graduating from school and universities and seeking good job opportunities in the public and private sector establishments. Extensive use of IT in daily life and its application in diverse work places such as offices, banks, ITES sectors etc., have created new job opportunities, especially for computer-educated visually challenged persons. There is much need to properly and adequately prepare these ambitious youth and thereby build their capacity to compete in open employment market, both in public as well as private sectors, and successfully prove their worth.



Promotion of Sports (Indian Blind Sports Association)

The Association is proud of its initiative of having established in 1986 the Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA), a national level body for the promotion of sports for the blind, and consistently supporting its activities. With 184 institutions and organizations from 25 states as its members IBSA is one of the oldest, largest and most active disability sports organizations in the country. It represents India in the International Blind Sports Federation, the apex blind-sports body, and is affiliated with the Paralympic Committee of India.

With support from the Blind Relief Association, it organizes national-level sports meets and coaching camps in athletics, powerlifting, football, kabaddi, chess and swimming, besides identifying and sending talented athletes to participate in international sports events.

During the year under report, the Association partnered with and supported IBSA in organizing the 20th National Sports Meet for the Blind, held in New Delhi from 12-15 December, 2016. The Meet registered participation of 691 athletes and officials from 78 institutions/organizations from 15 States/Union Territories, taking part in athletics and chess events. They included 354 male and 199 female athletes. A total of 20 new records were set during this 4-day Meet, including national records out of which 10 were created by female athletes. The track and field events were conducted in the

Thyagaraj Sports Complex in New Delhi. The Meet was inaugurated on 12 December by Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, M.P. Lok Sabha. The valedictory ceremony was held on 15 December, and was presided by Sri. Kapil Mishra, Hon'ble Minister for Water, Law, Justice and Legislative Affairs, Tourism, Art, Culture and Languages, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, who formally declared the Meet closed and awarded the Championship Trophies to the winning teams.

A 24-member Australian Blind Cricket team participating in the 2017 T20 Blind Cricket World Cup held in India from 28 January to 12 February visited the Association on 27 January. The team interacted and played cricket with students of JPM School. Chairman of Blind Cricket Australia led the team. Mr. Chris Elstoft, Deputy High Commissioner for Australia graced the occasion with his presence. He spoke to the students and also tried his hand playing cricket blind-fold.





International Yoga Day

International Yoga Day was celebrated in the Association on 21 June. 35 visually challenged trainees presented an impressive demonstration of Yogic Asanas. The lead trainees explained the Asanas. The demonstration also included Laughter Yoga, songs and skits. The demonstration was organized in cooperation with Nature Healing Society..

Independence Day

The 70th Independence Day was celebrated on 12th August 2016 in which all the units of the Association participated. The ceremonial hosting of flag was done by Chief Guest, Sri Malay K Sinha, Secretary, Security, Government of India. The students and trainees presented patriotic songs, aerobic and Yoga demonstration on the occasion.

On 15 August morning a flag hoisting ceremony was held in which the resident students and trainees participated.

Diwali Bazar

The Association's Diwali Bazar, held from 21 to 27 Oct 2016, yet again established its immense popularity as a premier event in the capital. The skills and abilities of the Association's vocational trainees and workers was visible in the wide variety of products made by them, such as candles, Diyas and paper products including attractive carry bags, envelopes, notepads, lampshades. Masseurs trained by the Association demonstrated their relaxation massage skills during the Bazar. However, the prime centre of attraction of the Bazar, as always, was the Association's stall, doing a brisk business selling over 70 different varieties of candles. Nearly 250 other stalls were there selling a variety of exclusive items. Being an "Event with a Cause" nearly 90 NGO's were provided free tables. As a major resource generation event, the Association earned a sizable income from the stall rentals and the sale of the Association's own products.



Cultural Exchange Mission To Japan

It was a dream coming true for Gaurav Kumar, Shuhaib Ali and Vishwabandhu Sharma, the 3 students of JPM School who visited Japan from 12 to 18 September 2016, as members of Cultural Exchange Mission to Japan sent by the Blind Relief Association. The counterpart institution was Mie Prefecture Blind School one of the oldest in Japan, located in historically important central Japan. The three students from class XI were accompanied by their Social Science & Environment Science Teacher Mr. Rajesh Kumar, volunteer Japanese teacher Mrs. Itsuko Nandi, her assistant Mrs. Kanako Seo, and Mr. K.C. Pande, Executive Secretary, BRA, the leader of the Mission. The purpose of the mission was to provide these visually challenged students learning Japanese language a first-hand experience of the country they have been learning about and to see and appreciate the harmonious blend of traditional grace and modernity of Japan. The students enjoyed home stay with the family of Mr. Katsutoshi Sakai, a retired company executive. It was a typical traditional Japanese house. The Mission called on the Vice Governor of Mie Prefecture. The programme included sightseeing, which

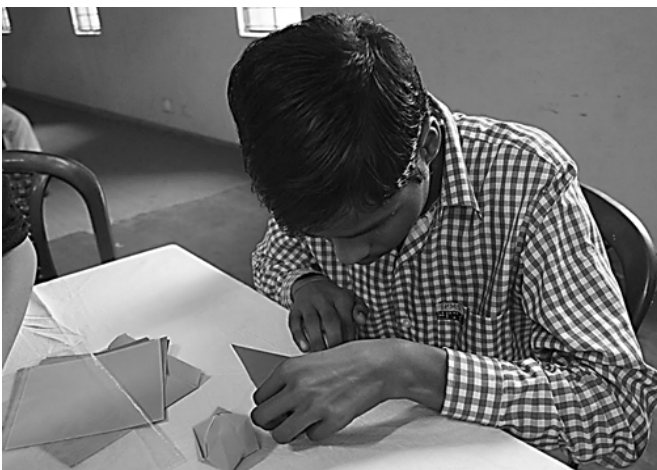
included the famous Mie Grand Shrine, Mikimoto Pearl Island and also a visit to Mie Data Craft company where most of the workers are physically disabled. The townsmen hosted a reception in honour of the Mission where both sides presented cultural items like music, martial arts, yoga, tea ceremony etc. The Japanese number sung by the Indian students received a special applause. These charming boys played perfect role of young-ambassadors of India, promoting friendship and deepening mutual understanding between the peoples of Japan and India.



The Inside Out - a unique textural and aural sensory experiential presentation was special attraction at the Diwali Bazaar this year. The sensory space was conceived by Foster & Forge Foundation and created with the contribution of master artisans and trainees of the Blind Relief Association.

Origami Workshop

Ms. Emiko Suzuki, an eminent Origami artist from



Japan conducted a workshop on ORIGAMI (the traditional Japanese art of folding paper into decorative shapes and figures) at the Association on 5 November 2016. Students of JPM School and trainees of Multi-skill Training participated in the Workshop. Local Japanese lady volunteers, including a Japanese school student and Origami-lovers assisted the students and trainees.

73rd Annual Day

The 73rd Annual Function of the Association was held on 19 November 2016 in the Association's Gandhi



Centenary Memorial Hall. Students and trainees from the JPM School, Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education (Visual Impairment) and Computer Training Centre presented cultural programme comprising song, dance and drama before a jam-packed house which lustily cheered and appreciated the items. Major General Rajesh Sahay (AVSM,SM), General Officer Commanding Delhi Area was the Chief Guest. Smt. Mridula Pant, Principal,

Army Public School, Dhaula Kuan was the Guest of Honour.

On this occasion, the Association honoured 19 of its employees who completed 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service with Meritorious Long Service Awards.

Annual Picnic

Nearly 650 members of the BRA family comprising students, trainees, staff, including their family members joined the grand Annual Picnic of the Blind Relief Association held on 4 February 2017 at the picturesque Talkatora Gardens in New Delhi.



Japanese Class Graduation Ceremony

To mark the completion of 2016 Japanese language basic course conducted for the students of JPM



School, the Shuuryooshiki ceremony was held on Saturday, 3 December.

Ms Mizuho Hayakawa, Director, Japan Information, Embassy of Japan and Mr. Kaoru Miyamoto, Director General, Japan Foundation were the Guest of Honour. A 5-member Japanese ladies ensemble played popular Japanese songs on OKARINA – an ancient ceramic vessel flute called tsuchibue. The students sang Japanese and Indian songs on the occasion.

Spic Macay - Sarangi Recital by Ustad Kamal Sabri Khan



Renowned maestro Ustad Kamal Sabri Khan enthralled the students and trainees with a Sarangi recital on 5 December 2016. He was accompanied by Pandit Sukhamoy Banerjee on the Tabla. The programme was held courtesy SPIC MACAY under its VIRASAT SERIES.

Birthday of Louis Braille

The Association celebrated the 206th birthday of Louis Braille, the inventor of Braille script on 4 January 2017. On this occasion a monograph in Hindi Braille on the life and the unique script developed by Louis Braille, entitled “Drishtibadha harti ek lipi” by Arvind Gupta was released. Coinciding with this auspicious occasion a new call-centre training programme was launched.

Remembering the Founders

Smt. Anusuya and Sri. Umesh Anand Basrurker, the founders of the Association who left this world respectively on 4 June 1958 on 19 February 1959, were solemnly remembered by the students, trainees and staff on their respective 58th anniversaries falling on 4 June 2016 and 19 February 2017. Havan were performed in memory of the two visionaries and rich tributes were paid to them.



Farewell

During the year four members of the Association family attained superannuation. They were given warm farewell attended by the staff of different Units and members of the management.

Sri. Padam Chand Mehta, Deputy Executive Secretary retired on 30 April 2016 having served the Association for over 16 years with distinction. He also served as Manager, JPM School, and held the post of Hony. General Secretary, Indian Blind Relief Association. He will be remembered for his dynamism and organizational capabilities and for contribution to taking forward the Association and JPM School's activities. As Hony. General Secretary of Indian Blind Sports Association he took Indian blind sports activities to new heights. Members of Association's Management including Hony. General Secretary Benu Nath, Hony. Treasurer & Trustee S.K.Misra, Hony. Joint Secretary & IBSA Chairperson Radhika Bharatram, Vice Chairman, JPM School and IBSA, and Executive Secretary K. C. Pande attended the farewell function.

Sri Mahabir Singh Negi, the highly respected Senior Hindi Teacher of JPM School who had over 5-

decade long association with the Blind Relief Association was given a warm farewell on his retirement from service on 10 May 2016. Besides Principal Sri.Kuriyan and his colleagues and the staff from different units, the Chairperson JPM School and Hony. General Secretary Smt.Benu Nath, Hony. Treasurer & Trustee Sri.S.K.Misra, Hony. Executive Secretary were also present on the occasion. Rich tributes were paid to Negi Sir for being a wonderful colleague, a true gentleman and devoted teacher.

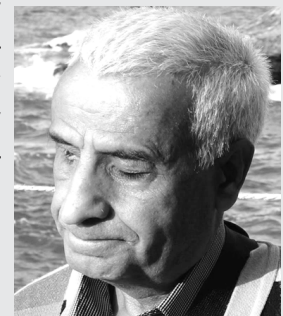
Sri Kunwar Singh Dhiman, Craft Teacher, JPM School retired on 1 August 2016 after having rendered 32 year service. Besides his colleagues in the School and staff from all units of the Association, Sri. S.K. Misra, Trustee and Treasurer, BRA, Sri. A.K. Mittal, Vice Chairman of JPM School and Sri. K.C. Pande, Hony. Executive Secretary, were present. Glowing tributes were paid to the devoted and selfless services rendered by Sri Dhiman, and his active participation in Association's diverse activities.

Sri Dayal Singh retired from JPM School was given a warm send off on 28 December 2016. He worked for overall 45 years in the Association, including both as a Waterman in School and prior to that as Cook in the Association.

Obituary

The Association remembers with great reverence Sri. Sukhbir Singh, retired Vice Principal of JPM School who passed away on 6 June 2017. He was a noble, generous and benevolent soul and an ideal Guru who would go even out of the way to help and guide his students. Sukhbir ji did his early schooling in the Association's Industrial Home and School for the Blind at Lal Kuan, Badarpur, and teachers training from Teachers Training Centre at the BRA. He joined the Association's JPM School for the Blind in 1980 and retired in 2012. He was not only an outstanding and devoted teacher whom his

students loved and respected immensely, but notwithstanding of his total blindness he was an avid traveller. After his retirement he embarked on travelling round the globe, visiting France, UK, Italy, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, USA, Japan and Russia. In passing away of Sri Sukhbir Singh we have lost a noble teacher, a person of indomitable spirit and courage and a kind and benevolent soul. We pay our respectful homage and prayers to the soul of this extraordinary person.



Acknowledgment

An account of our activities will remain incomplete without acknowledging the debt of gratitude the Association owes to a large number of individuals and organizations--from home and abroad--for the invaluable co-operation and assistance extended by them. The Association could not possibly have achieved whatever it has but for the willing and unstinting support from these generous benefactors.

From the government:

- Department of Education and Department of Social Welfare, Government of NCT of Delhi
- Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
- New Delhi Municipal Council
- National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India
- University Grants Commission
- National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation

They all have extended valued assistance to the Association for which we are most thankful to each of these authorities.

A large number of self-effacing ladies and gentlemen have been giving their time and energy in a totally voluntary capacity to provide useful services for us, such as:

Reading and recording textbook, helping in Braille book preparation, tutoring, lending a hand in adding value to the candles and paper products made by the visually challenged, sharing their knowledge and expertise for improving and enriching our various programmes and services.

Space-constraint does not permit us to acknowledge the contributions of each one of them by name. However, the Association expresses its deepest gratitude to all of them.

Our Supporters

1. Military Order of Collar Charitable Foundation, Switzerland for the sustained support to the Association's varied activities, namely Unit for Visually Impaired Children with Multiple Disabilities, Braille Production and Recording Studio.
2. MOC Terra Nordica, Sweden for the financial support to the Placement Project.
3. Matters of Community (MOC), a California USA-based non-profit charity for supporting TWINKLE – a dance training programme for the School students.
4. The Times Eye Research Foundation and Ashok Jain Charitable Trust for their continued support to Vardhman Jain Computer Centre set up by them for the benefit of the students of J.P.M. School.
5. Smt. Kamla Devi Charitable Trust run by INOX Group for re-equipping the old Computer lab, and supporting the salary of a Computer Instructor.
6. Shahnaz Husain International Beauty Academy for fully supporting Ayurvedic Massage training with the free services of trainer and required consumables.
7. Neemrana Music Foundation for sending Ms Nadya Balayan to teach western choir music, and conducting their performances.
8. Vodafone India Pvt. Ltd. for collaborating in Call Centre Training project
9. M/s Nirman Consultants Pvt.Ltd for architecture and allied engineering consultancy services for the construction of a 3 - floor new block of building to house new and expansion of ongoing programmes and services of the Association.

10. Smt. Itsuko Nandi and her team of Japanese volunteers for teaching Japanese language to JPM School. Also for the planning and successful execution of Cultural Exchange Mission to Japan. Smt. Nandi accompanied the Mission as volunteer bearing her travel and stay expenses.
11. Smt.Kanako Seo, for assisting Smt.Nandi in Japanese language class and volunteering for Cultural Exchange Mission to Japan.

CSR SUPPORT:

12. M/s. Info Edge (india) Limited, New Delhi for CSR support to "Diploma Course in Computer Education (Visual Impairment) .
13. Mercer India Pvt. Ltd. for support to Multi Skill Training
14. State Bank of India for support to Open Gym equipment

15. M/s. ISGEC Heavy Engineering Limited - LED for providing washing machine for the hotel.
16. Usha International Limited for donating electric sewing machines
17. Sun Foundation for support to Massage and Sewing training programmes
18. Indian Oil Corporation for renovation of ladies toilets and bathrooms.

The Association also thanks the Statutory Auditors M/s.Thakur Vaidyanath Aiyar and Co. for having conducted the periodical and annual audit work on time.

The Association wishes to record its deep sense of appreciation and a big "THANK YOU" to all the employees, who have carried out their duties with commendable commitment and devotion. We look forward to the same commitment and the spirit of dedication to their tasks in future also.

And the journey continues.....



BENEFICIARIES DURING THE YEAR 2016-2017		
1	Jormal Periwal Memorial Senior Secondary School for the Blind (Nursery to class XII)	199
2	Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education for Visually Impaired (B.Ed Special Education)	56
3	Diploma in Computer Education(V.I.)	34
4	Computer Training for Adult Blind	9
VOCATIONAL TRAINING		
1	General Mechanic Cum Machine Operator Training	13
2	Multi-Skill Training	40
3	Call Center Training	14
4	Massage Training	22
Total		387
	Placements (including 12 self employed)	31

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE BLIND RELIEF ASSOCIATION, DELHI

1. **Report on Financial Statements**

We have audited the attached Financial Statement of The Blind Relief Association, Delhi which comprise of the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2017, Income & Expenditure Account and the Receipt and Payment Account for the year then ended and a summary of Significant Accounting Policies and other explanatory information.

2. **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation of these Financial Statements in accordance with the applicable law. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

3. **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



4. We report that:

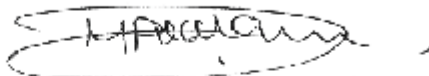
- a) We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
- b) The Balance Sheet, the Income and Expenditure Account and the Receipts & Payment Accounts dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of account;
- c) In our opinion proper books of accounts are maintained in conformity with the requirements of the Applicable Law
- d) In our opinion, the aforesaid Financial Statement dealt with by this report, comply with the accounting standards except the provision for liability on account of unavailed leave has been made on estimated basis instead of on actuarial valuation under PUC Method as per AS-15 and the non provision of incremental liability of gratuity on revised pay scale for which actuarial valuation is pending from valuation date (refer Note No. 4 & 5 of Schedule 24) as such the shortfall in provision, if any, is unascertainable.

5. *Opinion*

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, except the effects of matter described in paragraph (d) above, the financial statement of the Association, give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:

- (i) in the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Association as at 31st March 2017;
- (ii) in the case of the Income and Expenditure Account, of the surplus for the year ended on that date, and
- (iii) in the case of the Receipt and Payment Account, of the Receipts & Payments for the year ended on that date.

For Thakur, Vaidyanath Aiyar & Co.
Chartered Accountants
FRN: 000038N



(M P Thakur)
Partner
M. No. 052473

Place: New Delhi

Date: 26-10-2017



THE BLIND RELIEF ASSOCIATION, DELHI

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2017

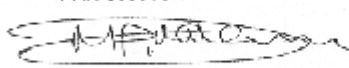
		(Amt. in Rs.)	
	Schedule	As at 31.03.2017	As at 31.03.2016
FUNDS & LIABILITIES			
Corpus Fund	1	68,77,905	66,41,905
Reserves & Funds	2	13,97,84,561	13,84,52,243
Income & Expenditure Account	3	1,48,90,609	1,48,17,609
Loan Funds (Overdraft against Fixed Deposit from SBI)		34,15,474	-
Unspent Balance Grant In Aid	4	11,81,719	10,17,100
Current Liabilities	5		
Sundry Creditors		3,80,080	6,59,915
Expenses Payable		48,53,786	6,40,496
Other Liabilities		13,45,992	50,32,289
Security Deposit		21,99,000	21,41,000
Retention Money		43,897	8,62,343
		86,31,745	92,36,043
Provisions For Leave Encashment	6	42,29,859	-
TOTAL		17,93,12,872	17,01,64,900
ASSETS			
Fixed Assets			
Tangible/Intangible Assets	7	3,10,31,155	3,10,95,632
Capital Work in Progress	8	18,98,039	10,18,950
		3,29,29,204	3,21,18,582
Investments	9	12,16,35,549	9,55,10,250
	10		
Interest Accrued on Investments		31,97,287	1,04,55,381
Inventories		17,66,945	24,21,981
Sundry Debtors		30,22,243	32,91,915
Cash & Bank Balances		91,67,090	2,03,81,381
		1,71,53,565	3,65,50,630
Loans & Advances	11		
Advances Receivable		10,42,543	11,62,170
TDS		65,52,009	47,93,250
		75,94,552	59,55,420
TOTAL		17,93,12,872	17,01,64,900

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Schedule 1-24 form an integral part of the Balance Sheet.


As per our report of even date.

For Thakur, Vaichyanath Aiyar & Co.
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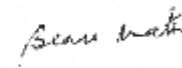
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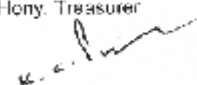
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(Mrs. P. S. Sreedharan)
Accounts Officer

Place : New Delhi

Date 26-10-2017



THE BLIND RELIEF ASSOCIATION, DELHI

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31-03-2017

(Amt. in Rs.)

INCOME	Sch. No.	Current Year	Previous Year
<i>Voluntary Contribution</i>			
Grants in Aid	12	3,14,36,552	2,81,88,412
Financial Assistance received for Students		1,40,000	32,000
Financial Support under CSR Activities on behalf of Corporate Entities	13	50,57,458	-
Donation	14	1,43,46,750	1,45,51,325
Membership Fee		5,450	3,150
Rental Income	15	3,47,34,504	3,20,49,118
Interest	16	1,05,30,702	1,09,62,437
Dividend on Mutual Funds		62,751	43,436
Fees - D.D. College & Computer Training	17	14,26,500	8,37,710
Miscellaneous Income	18	16,11,741	55,38,130
Surplus from Incidental Activities	19	1,93,541	4,83,166
TOTAL (A)		9,95,45,979	9,28,88,653
EXPENDITURE			
Establishment Expenses	20	1,95,29,213	1,01,52,797
Education, Vocational & Other Training Programmes	21	5,75,20,080	4,90,85,573
Administration & Other Expenses	22	1,57,96,094	2,37,75,591
Finance Cost	23	66,175	50,374
Depreciation & Amortisation		29,65,519	29,98,459
Less: Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund		(1,04,105)	(76,526)
TOTAL (B)		8,60,72,979	8,59,86,275
Surplus for the year		34,73,000	67,02,378
Amount transferred to Building Fund		34,00,000	67,00,000
Surplus carried to Balance Sheet		73,000	2,378

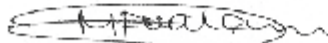
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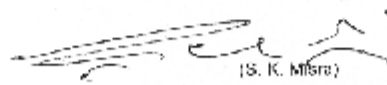
Schedules 1-24 form an integral part of Income & Expenditure account
As per our report of even date.

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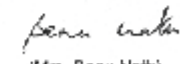
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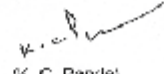
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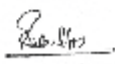
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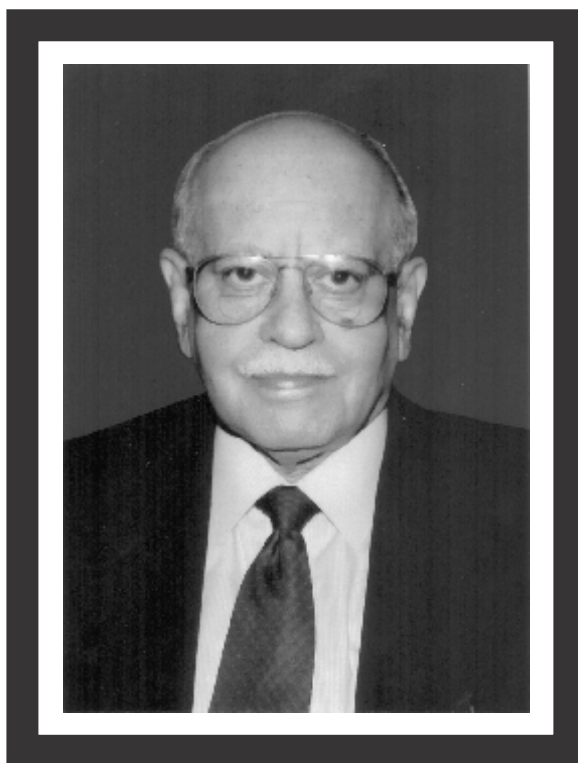
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Justice Dr. Adarsh Sein Anand	Chairman & Life Trustee
Sri. H. M. Periwal	Life Trustee
Sri. Ranjit Puri	Life Trustee
Sri. Arun Bharat Ram	Life Trustee
Sri. Lalit Nirula	Life Trustee
Sri. S.K. Misra	Elected Trustee
Smt. Benu Nath	Elected Trustee

MEMBERS AND OFFICE BEARERS OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE

NAME AND ADDRESS	DESIGNATION	OCCUPATION
1. Justice Dr. A. S. Anand	President	Former Chief Justice of India
2. Sri. Ranjit Puri	Vice President	Company Chairman
3. Sri. Lalit Nirula	Vice President	Social Worker
4. Smt. Benu Nath	Hony. General Secretary	Social Worker
5. Sri. S.K. Misra	Hony. Treasurer	Social Worker
6. Smt. Radhika Bharat Ram	Hony. Joint Secretary	Vice Chairperson The Shri Ram School
7. Sri. Kailash Chandra Pande	Hony. Executive Secretary	Social Worker
8. Sri. A.K. Mittal	Member	Disability Activist
9. Smt. Usha Ravi Sen	Member	Social Worker
10. Sri. Sanjeev Anand	Member	Advocate
11. Dr. Anil Kohli	Member	Dental Surgeon
12. Sri. Sushil Ramola	Member	Social Entrepreneur
13. Sri. Chander Parkash	Member	Addl. Member/Project (Rtd.) Railway Board
14. Sri. Navin Bahl	Member	Chartered Accountant
15. Sri. Ajay Kumar Dixit	Member	Social Worker
16. Sri Mahender Kumar Sarin	Member	Chartered Accountant Ex-Consultant World Bank-Africa

JUSTICE DR. ADARSH SEIN ANAND



(01.11.1936 – 01.12.2017)

HOMAGE

The Blind Relief Association, Delhi expresses profound grief at the sudden passing away of Justice (Dr.) Adarsh Sein Anand, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and President of the Association on 1 December 2017.

The Association was indeed fortunate to have a person of the stature of Justice Anand taking over as its President in November 2007, succeeding his eminent predecessor Dr. Bharat Ram who passed away the same year. With his background as the Chief Justice of India and Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission, Justice Anand had deep understanding of, and empathy for, the dignity and rights of persons with disabilities.

Justice Anand took a great interest in the activities of the Association for over 10 years. Under his stewardship the activities of the Association attained newer heights. In the year 2012 the Association received National Award from the Government of India under the category of Best Institution Working for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

We the members of the BRA family will always miss his warmth and wise counsel. For us, he will continue to be a beacon of hope, because he served by personal example despite his extremely busy personal commitments.

Justice ANAND *Fond Memories*



Annual Function December 2007



Foundation Day - February 2008



Foundation Day
February 2008



Independence Day - August 2012



Annual Function - December 2013



IBSA Silver Jubilee -
January 2012



Annual Function
November 2014



With former teachers of JPM School - February 2013



Celebrating National Award -
February 2013



Annual Function -
November 2016



IBSA Team Championships May 2013



KHUSHI-Ek Ehsas (Kamani Auditorium) - January 2016

Proposed New Building



The Association is planning to expand its ongoing educational, vocational training programmes and introduce new ones with special focus on the female visually impaired persons. To accommodate these activities and services, the Association is constructing a New Block in its premises. To be built on 800 sq. mtr. ground area the New Block will comprise stilt plus 3 floors above, each with 790 sq. mtr. area. It will connect the existing Main Block with the School Block. The 3rd floor will house a hostel exclusively for women. The first and second Floors will be utilised for the educational and vocational training and allied services, along with the Association's administrative offices. Total cost will be around Rupees 8 crore. The building plans have been approved by the New Delhi Municipal Council. The construction is likely to commence in January 2018.

The Association welcomes contribution from its well wishers for construction of the New Block. Your contribution (monetary or in kind) will go a long way in making a difference in the lives of the visually impaired youth.

Donations to the Association are exempt under Section 80 G of Income Tax Act-1961.



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