



THE BLIND RELIEF ASSOCIATION DELHI



ANNUAL REPORT - 2013-14



TIMELINE

- 1944 Establishment of the Association by Smt. Anusuya & Sh. U.A. Basurkar, eminent freedom fighters and social workers
- 1946 Industrial Home and School for the Blind at Badarpur
- 1955 Foundation stone of the Association's buildings 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



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The Blind Relief Association, Delhi, completed 70 years of its existence during the year under report, on February 26, 2014, to be precise. Starting with just two students named Daya Ram and Murli Dhar, in an old rented building in Lal Kuan, Badarpur, the Association now serves well over 300 blind children and adults at its own sprawling campus in the heart of New Delhi, with a rich edifice of services. Today, the Association's multi-faceted activities encompass school-education, programmes for visually impaired children with limited abilities, teacher-preparation, computer-education, vocational training, placement unit, production of reading material in Braille and audio formats, counselling services, awareness creation etc. Details are presented in the succeeding paragraphs.

HIGH LIGHTS

- JPM School registered cent-per-cent pass results consecutively in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 CBSE Examinations (Class XII). Both the years, all but one of the 36 students secured First Division.
- The school-students won as many as 150 prizes and medals in various competitions and sports events.
- 31 teacher trainees of Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education completed B. Ed. (Spl. Education-Visual Impairment) course with 24 trainees securing First Division.
- 33 blind adults were provided training in computer-applications and 67 school students received education in a variety of computer skills.
- A variety of skill-based vocational courses being conducted.
- 23 vocational trainees were helped to find jobs/conducted get self-employed. Binding, Relaxation Massage, Electronics.
- Interaction opportunities for the students and trainees with the outside community, facilitating inclusion.
- Free hostel and health-care services for 300 children and adults.

EDUCATION

Jormal Periwal 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, assistive devices books and other services to blind boys from the pre-school stage to Class XII. It is recognized today as a leading institution in the country which has made a mark for itself 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.

Enrollment: The School had 211 students on its rolls during the year under report. Only 6 of them were day scholars, the rest stayed in the school hostel. The School admitted 18 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 remaining 13 new entrants were: one each in class II, III and IV; 3 in class V, and one each in classes IX and XI.

Academics: The school provides education in a wide variety of academic subjects as also physical exercises 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 the use of 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: Academic Year 2013-14: All the 13 students of Class XII passed the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Examination held in March 2014 securing First Division. Overall they achieved 34 subject distinctions. Vicky Kumar and Shubham Arya topped in the class securing 87 percent marks. The School is proud that its students join prestigious colleges in Delhi to pursue their higher studies. Out of 19 students 18 cleared school-based CBSE Continuous Comprehensive Examination for class X. Deepak Mittal with 9.8 points secured the highest CGPA in the class.

Academic Year 2012-13: all the 17 students successfully passed the Class XII CBSE Board Examination held in March 2013. 16 of them secured First Division. Manoj Prasad Gupta topped in the class by scoring 89.2 per cent marks. Overall, 54 subject distinctions were secured by the students. Manoj Gupta of class XII and Deepak Kumar Gupta of class X received Indira Award for academic excellence for the year 2012-13 from the Chief Minister of Delhi on 19th November 2013.

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.

- The students competed and won 37 first prizes, 25 second prizes and 22 third prizes in state, zonal and inter-school competitions in debate, speech, declamation, music, mono-acting, essay writing, story writing, poetry recitation and computer.
- Personality Development Workshop for senior students was held in the School in November 2013.

- Students participated in 19 events and won 9 first, 6 second and 2 third prizes in district level school competitions which were held in October 2013.
- Students won 2 first, 1 second and 3 third prizes in the annual interschool competition organized by Braille Section of Delhi Public Library in November 2013.
- Vickey Kumar of class XII won second prize in Braille Reading at the All India Braille Reading and Writing Competition organized by All India Confederation of the Blind (AICB) held on 3 January 2014.

Sports Activities: The School has always been giving special attention to development of sports. Besides the two regular Physical Training Instructors, the school children avail the services of Sri Ravinder Nagar a reputed and experienced visually challenged athletics coach, sponsored under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports' scheme for development of sports at school level.

The school participated in 5 National sports events, two state events and 2 zonal events. In all, the students secured twenty 1st Positions, thirteen 2nd Positions and seventeen 3rd Positions adding up a total of 50 medals. Five students of the school were selected to participate in international athletic events. They were Yogesh, Rahul, Sonu, Faisal and Gaurav Mishra. The selected students also took part in Activities at the National Level consisting of Athletics, Football, Power Lifting, Kabaddi and Judo organized under the aegis of Paralympic Committee of India and Indian Blind Sports Association.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Junior Choir: Regular classes in choral singing in the western mode are being conducted for the primary school students by The Neemrana Music Foundation since 2010. Training is being imparted by a devoted trainer Ms. Natasha Vaz of Neemrana Foundation. Occasionally they attend special classes arranged by Neemrana Foundation to practice with other children and prepare for special programmes. Jasmin Martorell, a noted voice coach from France conducted special training sessions for these students in March 2014. The Choir has been regularly performing in school programmes besides occasionally being invited to perform outside. The children were especially invited to pay musical tribute at the prayer meeting held on 23 February 2014 in memory of Mr. Francis Wacziarg, the founder of Neemrana Foundation who passed away on 19 February, and had taken the initiative in introducing and nurturing the western choral music training in the School.

Japanese Language Classes: Regular after-school classes in Japanese language are being conducted for the students of Class XI and XII by professional teacher-volunteers from Japan. Volunteer teacher Ms. Tokuma Nozomi of Japan Foundation taught until she left Delhi in October 2013. At present Mrs Itsuko Nandi continues teaching.

INTERACTIONS:

- Students from American Embassy School continued their Saturday interaction with students of class V and VI to improve spoken English language skills.
- The school received 120 students of Shri Ram School on 15th July 2013 as part of its social outreach programme to encourage healthy interaction with children from regular schools. The visiting students as well as the students from our school divided themselves in to three groups and organized activities like a cricket match, clay modeling and Braille training.
- The school children also interacted with the students of the Bharat National Public School by

playing a cricket match at the latter's grounds. The host school donated a sum of Rs 25000 to Blind Relief Association.

- Children from the British School visited the Association and participated in JPM School activities as a part of their community service programmes.
- The students of the school presented a scintillating orchestral composition titled "Sur Sangam" at the concluding function of the cultural programme under SWALAMBAN -- a National Fair on Aids and Assistive Devices organised under the aegis of Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 25th to 28th July 2013. The Fair was inaugurated by Km Selja, the then Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment on 25th July 2013. At the inaugural function, the students presented "Saksham Geet" (Ability Song). On 26th July, the primary school children presented a lively and colourful action-song -- Vande Mataram or MaaTujhe Salaam -- and a medley of songs in English, French, Japanese and Hindi. The lively and tuneful singing in diverse languages mesmerized the audience.
- Shubham Arya of class XII read out the Vote of Thanks at the National Award Function for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities presided over by the President of India at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 3rd December 2013.
- Students learning Japanese participated in KIZUNA - a Festival of Japanese Culture hosted by Jawaharlal Nehru University on 28 March 2014 and presented a Japanese song which received loud applause from the audience.
- Arjun Vajpai, who climbed Mt. Everest at the age of 16 gave an inspiring talk to the students on 22nd February 2014. A lively interaction followed the illustrated talk. Arjun presented to the School library his two books, namely, "On Top of the World -- My Everest Adventure" in English, and "Everest par Tiranga" in Hindi.

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:

- Class IX organized Subodh Kant Trophy Cricket Match in the school grounds on 18 July 2013.
- Class XII organized Janmashtami celebrations on 27-28 August 2013 which included mass 24-hour recitation of the Ramcharitmanas.
- Students organized the 16th K.N. Nayar Memorial Trophy played from 1 to 4 October between three teams formed by the present students of the School and the alumni.
- Class X organized Basant Panchami and Saraswati Puja on 4th February 2014.
- Class XI organized Shivratri celebrations on 27th February 2014.

CULTURAL PERFORMANCES:

- Los Capitos Banda -- a 20-piece brass band from Versailles, France regaled the students of JPM School at a special performance given on 26th July 2013 in the Association's Gandhi Centenary Hall. The brass band comprised a variety of instruments such as clarinet, saxophone, trombone, trumpets, horns and drums. The lively and energetic musicians played several traditional and popular French as well as international music numbers, the children lustily clapped in rhythm as

the Band played number after number, making it a truly memorable morning. The programme was arranged courtesy Neemrana Music Foundation.

- Young and talented violinist Silas Ferrao and his sister Salonee from Chicago Illinois, USA, gave a scintillating violin recital for the students, trainees and staff in the Association's Gandhi Centenary Memorial Hall on 3rd August 2013.

House Activities: The school-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 a welcome opportunity of utilizing and developing their cultural abilities besides bringing out their leadership qualities.

Staff: The School, headed by Shri K.J. Kuriyan, Principal, has a staff strength of 31. Shri Pradip Singh, Assistant Teacher left the School in December 2013 to join a Government School in Delhi. As on 31st March 2014, there were 12 staff vacancies, namely, Vice Principal, 1 Post Graduate Teacher, 2 Trained Graduate Teachers (TGT's), 5 Assistant Teachers, Librarian, Chowkidar and Safai Karamchari. It is hoped that the Directorate of Education will take expeditious steps in sanctioning the posts.

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 Mrs. Benu Nath, a social worker. In addition, the school has a separate 16-member committee called "The RTE SMC" covering education up to Class VIII in terms of the Right To Education Act 2009.

Unit for Visually Impaired Children with Multiple Disabilities

To cater to the special needs of visually impaired children with mild mental retardation and provide them individual care and for giving remedial teaching to the children studying at the primary level of J.P.M. Sr. Sec. School for the Blind, the Blind Relief Association runs a special programme under its Unit for Visually Impaired children with Multiple Disabilities.

The unit has two full-time qualified special teachers and two part-time teachers in Music and Art and Craft. For the pre and post-school-hour care of the students of the unit there is 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

In the academic session 2013-14, four students were on rolls in Functional Academic Group, while ten students were in Remedial Teaching Group.

Functional Academic Group: The group caters to visually impaired children with mild mental retardation. These children are trained in functional academics like number concept, money concept, time concept, activities of daily living, orientation and mobility, personal hygiene, pre-vocational activities etc. However, in consonance with the provisions of the PWD Act 1995 and the basic tenets of the Right to Education Act 2009 the Unit revised its existing norms of maximum age of 16 years

and relaxed it to enable students beyond 16 years to get benefit from School education as much as possible. Accordingly, 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. Accordingly, six students from class VII to X included in the group attended maximum classes in the unit yet they were not segregated from the regular school. They attended some classes like art and craft, clay modeling, music and physical education etc. together with other children of the school. Thereafter, in consultation with their parents, some students are appropriately encouraged and advised to continue study as fully integrated students while some are advised to join appropriate vocational training.

Remedial Teaching Group: 14 children from class I to class VII of the JPM School benefitted from services under the programme 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.

Community Outreach Programme: Under this Programme, Mr. Sanjay Choudhary, the Itinerant Teacher, attended to two orphaned V.I. girl-children namely, Rani and Bindu at the Missionaries of Charity Jeevan Jyoti Home, Mathura Road, Jangpura, New Delhi. The Itinerant Teacher worked with these children in the areas of behaviour management, developing motor skills, activities of daily living, orientation and mobility.

Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education (Visual Impairment)

Established in 2005 by the Blind Relief Association, the College is a partially aided college under the University of Delhi, offering study programmes leading to the degree of Bachelor of Education, Special Education (Visual Impairment). The College has permanent recognition from University of Delhi, the University Grants Commission as well as the Rehabilitation Council of India. It receives partial support from the National Institute for the Visually Handicapped (NIVH), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. Development Grant from the University Grants Commission is also received. At present the intake capacity is of 33 students. As a trust-run institution, the College is managed by its 19-member Governing Body constituted in terms of the relevant University statutes. The Governing was chaired by the eminent educationist, Dr. (Mrs) Nargis Panchapakesan during the year under report.

New Admission: 33 students were selected and admitted to the course for the academic year 2013-14. The teaching started on 24th July 2013. One student dropped out. Out of 32 teacher trainees 14 were visually impaired, 10 male and 4 female.

Annual Examination and Results: The Annual Examination for B. Ed Special Education (V.I) (2012-13 batch) was conducted in April/May 2013. Of the 33 students who took the examination, 17 students passed with First Division while 15 students got Second Division and one failed.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- The trainees enthusiastically participated and presented a group song at the Independence Day function held in the Association on 14th August 2013.

- The trainees participated in National conference on Harnessing Technology for the Empowerment for the Persons With Visual Impairment organized by NIVH at India Islamic Cultural Centre, Delhi on 19th November, 2013.
- The trainees presented a play titled “Girgit” a Hindi adaptation of Anton Chekhov’s satirical play ‘Chameleon’, on the occasion of 70th Annual Function of the Association held on 9th December 2013.
- The trainees offered volunteer service on 13th and 14th February, 2014, in Tech Share organized by Barrier Break at India Habitat Centre.
- They also attended various sessions of the programme.
- As community work, a group of trainees conducted awareness seminar on integrated education in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Etah, UP.

In-service Training Programmes: The College organized a short-term In-Service training programme on Teaching in Inclusive Class Room on 6 to 10 January 2014. The programme had CRE status granted by RCI. 25 teachers and special educators, including 13 from Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh, participated. The programme was sponsored by National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun.

Educational Tour/Visits: The students of the College were taken on an educational tour to Varanasi from 9th to 14th March 2014, where they visited various institutions for the visually impaired and other disabilities. They also visited Sarnath. In Delhi the teacher trainees visited Multi-Handicapped Unit and Deaf-Blind Unit of National Association for the Blind (NAB), and National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped in December 2013 and March 2014 respectively.

Library: The College has a well-stocked Library with a large collection of books and journals on special education. During the year, the library added to its collection by acquiring 380 volumes of books (Print and Braille) with UGC grant and other sources. As on 31st March 2014, the library has a stock of 3739 volumes of print and Braille books. The library subscribes to 19 Indian and foreign journals on education and special education.

Faculty: The faculty members were invited to render their services as experts and resource persons to universities and other institutions, namely, Delhi University, IGNOU, Jamia Millia Islamia, J N Vyas University, Jodhpur, Jagadguru Ramabhadracharya Handicapped University, Chitrakoot, RCI, NIVH, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), All India Confederation of the Blind (AICB), Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust. The faculty members frequently participated in teleconferencing organized by RCI.

Dr. Swati Sanyal, Course Director authored “Maa se Maa tak” (in Hindi) a guide book for parents of children with visually impairment, brought out by All India Confederation of the Blind (AICB).

Dr. S.K. Dubey, Assistant Professor authored a book entitled “Drishtibadhit Vidhyarthiyon ki Samasyayen aur Unke Liye Sujhav” (in Hindi) dealing with problems of visually impaired students and suggestions, which was formally released by the President of the Association at our 70th Annual Function held in December, 2013.

Computer Training Centre

The Association is one of the pioneering institutions in the country to introduce computer literacy programmes for the visually challenged. Launched in 1996, as a Project for imparting computer-training for the adult blind, the Centre, now conducts courses for blind adults and also caters to the computer-related curricular needs of our school-students apart from addressing other IT training requirements at the Association.

For the adult blind, the Centre runs four-month training courses in computer-applications. These courses cover Microsoft applications like MS-Word, Excel, Power Point, scanning, printing and use of Internet for browsing mails, social networking etc. using the screen reading software. The main purpose is to make them proficient in the use of computers so that they are able to handle various tasks in offices, banks and other establishments, including IT-enabled services like BPO's and KPO's. The trainees are encouraged and helped to keep abreast with the technological advancements in IT and communication sector. In order to improve their personal profile the trainees are also imparted soft skills such as English conversation and personality development to be able to avail growing employment opportunities. Ms. Maya Parson, a visiting educator from the UK conducted the soft skill classes.

Facilities: There are three well-equipped computer labs. Two labs are dedicated to training of students of JPM School. One lab is used for short-term Computer Training Courses for the adult blind.

- A total of 40 adult trainees were enrolled in the 3 short-term training courses conducted during the year. 33 of them successfully completed the training.
- 67 students of JPM School from class VIII onwards were covered under the computer training programme during the year. Three students of class IX, 2 students of class X and one student of class XI took Information Practices as a main subject.
- The Centre is also providing basic computer education to the trainees of General Mechanic-cum-Machine Operator's Course. This is in accordance with the syllabus of the Board of Technical Education. 5 trainees received such training during the year.
- The Centre conducted a short training programme for 4 staff members of the Association and volunteers on Daisy recording format.
- The Centre organized a short-term Training Course in Application of Screen Reading Software from 6 to 11 January 2014. 13 trainees from different states participated in the programme. The programme was sponsored by National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun.
- The Centre is assisting in introducing Tally Software in the Association and training the staff in using it.
- Model Syllabus for Computer Teachers - The Centre has designed a syllabus for a new programme titled "Diploma Course in Computer Education (Visual Impairment)" and submitted it to Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) for seeking its formal adoption and grant of permission to the Blind Relief Association to run this first of its kind course on pilot basis.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Technical Training Centre

Commencing with cottage/small industrial skills like weaving, cane and basket work, the Association's vocational training programmes over the years have expanded manifold covering diverse skills such as General Mechanic and Machine Operator's Training, Book binding, Relaxation Massage and Electronics training. Curriculum is continually 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.

The vocational training programmes are conducted under Technical Training Centre (TTC) housed in the Association's present premises. The courses are fulltime and residential. The training and hostel facilities are provided free of cost. An account of the diverse vocational training programmes is presented hereunder.

General Mechanic-cum-Machine Operator's Course (GMMO): This one-year Trade Certificate Course is recognized by the Board of Technical Education, Government of Delhi, making the Association's Technical Training Centre (TTC) a designated Special ITI. The curriculum has been designed in consultation with the Board of Technical Education, Government of Delhi and other experts in the field. Beginning this year as directed by the Board of Technical Education, basic training in computers has been added as a component of the course.

The course is open to visually impaired persons in the age group of 17-30 years who have completed schooling up to VIII Standard. The trainees are inducted in July every year.

Of the 10 trainees who underwent training in 2012-13, 9 successfully completed the course and were awarded certificates by the Board of Technical Education, Government of Delhi. 12 trainees were enrolled for the 2013-14 session. As on 31 March 2014, 06 trainees dropped out due to various reasons. 4 trainees got employment in Delhi.

Sub-Contract And Other Production Work: With a view to giving actual production experience to the trainees, and thereby enabling them to understand the importance of productivity and quality, TTC takes sub-contract assignments from companies. It also 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. 2,55,413/- during the year.

Multi-skill Training: This one year training programme has been created through amalgamating various skill specific short-term courses and adding-on diverse other skills. The prime beneficiaries of the Multi-skill training programme are marginally educated adult blind in the age group of 17-35 years. The training programme aims at widening the skill-set and improved professional profile so that they have a broader scope for employment. The trainees are inducted in July and January every year. Special focus is being given to personal skills so that the trainees gain greater confidence in themselves and are able to perform diverse tasks. The training programme is still evolving and the present range of skills taught include the following:

1. Book binding and paper crafted products like carry bags, envelopes, file covers etc.
2. Candle making
3. Chair caning



School Class Room



Students in Music Room



Voice Training by Guest Expert



Announcement of School Results



Performing at KIZUNA Japanese Fest



Japanese Language Class



Action Dance by Children



Class XII Students (2013-14 Batch)



School Orchestra at SWALAMBAN



French Brass Band Entertaining Children



Silas Ferrao (USA) Giving Violin Recital



School Choir performing in Memory of Francis Wacziarg



Multiple Disability Unit



Computer Lab



Deshmukh College Lecture Room



B. Ed. Special Education 2013-14 Batch



TTC Trainee on Power Press



TTC Workshop



Multi-Skill Training (Bookbinding)



Massage Demo at Diwali Bazar



Candle Making Unit



Multi-Skill Training (Chair Caning)



Industrial Motivation Campaign



Entrepreneurship Development Programme



Computerised Braille Printing



Recording Studio



Eye Check-up of Children



Dental Care Unit



Dining Hall



Training Programme in House Management



Training Programme for Special Educators



Training Programme in Screening Software

4. Massage
5. Packaging

Apart from the above skills the trainees are also taught the following:

- a) Orientation and Mobility
- b) Music (dholak, tabla, harmonium)
- c) Elementary Braille
- d) Computer familiarization
- e) English conversation
- f) Personality development and cooking

A total of 12 trainees were admitted in two respective batches commencing training in July 2013 and January 2014. 8 trainees successfully completed the multi skill training programme that ended in December 2013. 3 trainees got employment (2 in Noida and 1 in Delhi).

The trainees are also involved in suitable sub-contract production jobs to gain experience in factory-like situations for which they get suitable production-based remuneration.

Electronic Training Course: This one-year course is meant for orthopaedically handicapped and low-vision persons in the age group of 17-35 with a minimum education of X Standard. The trainees are inducted in July and January every year. Training includes repair and maintenance of household electrical and electronic appliances and cell phones. The aim is to prepare trainees for the growing employment opportunities in the related sector. They can also start small business of their own.

Total 7 trainees were admitted in two respective batches commencing training in July 2013 and January 2014. 3 trainees completed one year course ending in June 2013 and December 2013. 2 trainees got employment in Noida.

Relaxation Massage Training: Launched in 2003 the training course prepares visually challenged persons to take up masseurs' profession which is a fast growing vocation. The 4-month training programme has been designed in collaboration with VLCC Institute. The basic training covers Swedish massage, Aroma massage, Thai massage and Head massage. In addition, the trainees are also familiarized with the techniques of pain management using reflexology and magneto-therapy and Sujok. Such value add-on skills have proved greatly beneficial to them in improving their professional profile as masseurs.

To further upgrade 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 not only provides free services of a trainer but also makes available all the required consumables. On completion of the course, Shahnaz Husain International Beauty Academy jointly with the Blind Relief Association awards certificates to the successful trainees.

The trainees were also provided opportunities to demonstrate their skills in public at the Association's Diwali Bazar; American Embassy School; American Embassy; Aircel Christmas Bazaar; and IAS Officers Wives Association (IASOWA) Winter Carnival.

20 trainees were enrolled during 2013-14 in courses commencing in April, September 2013 and January 2014. 17 trainees successfully completed their respective courses.

10 passed out trainees are working independently as masseurs on call.

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 on sale throughout the year, especially during the Association's annual Diwali Bazar. The trainees and many volunteers join hands in the production work, diya painting, and packing. The Unit helps other NGO's by way of training and logistic support in setting up such programmes for imparting candle making skills to the needy sections of society. With the introduction of the Multi-Skill Training Programme, a larger number of trainees are being given practical knowledge and experience in different processes of candle-making. They are involved in actual production, finishing, sorting and packaging of candles.

Other Activities: The vocational trainees are encouraged to take part in diverse sports and cultural activities. Every Saturday afternoon they have a cultural session in which they display their musical and other talents. The trainees take part in different functions of the Association. Athletes from the Technical Training Centre's Team participated in the 8th IBSA National Football Tournament and 5th IBSA Powerlifting Championship held in New Delhi, in May 2013.

Internship: A number of students pursuing courses in Social Work in the University of Delhi, IGNOU, and other institutions are placed with the Technical Training Centre to do their practical field training. They have good opportunity to study the different aspects of vocational training programmes for persons with disabilities. They also work side-by-side with the visually challenged trainees and gain insights about the capabilities of persons with disabilities.

Entrepreneurship Development: With a view to motivating vocational trainees towards taking up small entrepreneurship, the Association hosted two programmes sponsored by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Institute (MSME), Delhi. 40 visually challenged and orthopaedically handicapped former and current trainees participated in an Industrial Motivation Camp (IMC) held on 25 November 2013. Subsequently, a six-week long "Entrepreneurship Skill Development Program on Book Binding" was organized from 15th January to 26th February 2014 under the aegis of MSME. 24 former and current trainees participated in the programme.

The agenda of the 6-week long programme was divided into two units, namely, Entrepreneurship (2 weeks) and Book Binding skill (4 weeks). Besides faculty from MSME Institute, other guest trainers and experts conducted sessions on motivation, entrepreneurship skill development, preparation of project proposals, financial management, marketing, problem resolution. Representatives from National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFD), National Small Industries Corporation, Department of Industries, Public Sector Banks and Bharat Yuva Shakti Trust (BYST) also participated in the programme. Mr. B.P. Vaisya, Director, MSME was the Chief Guest at the valedictory ceremony.

SERVICES

Placement: The Placement Cell performs the important task of securing suitable employment for the trainees after graduating from their respective training courses as well as providing hand-holding services to those who could work as self-employed. The representatives of the Cell visit industries to identify and ascertain suitability of the available jobs for the candidates. Matching the skills with job requirement, it recommends suitable trainees for the job. Further, the newly employed are helped in familiarizing with the work and workplace environment, as also in settling down in the new place through finding appropriate accommodation, providing basic requirements like beddings and utensils, as also guidance on commuting. Follow-up contacts are maintained with the employer as well as the trainees to sort out any difficulties that may arise. In order to scout for

jobs the Placement Cell interacts with industrial associations, potential employers, and a network of individuals and organizations. The Cell not only serves the trainees and students of the Association, but also other visually challenged individuals seeking job counseling and assistance.

- During the year, the Placement Cell secured employment for 23 trainees (including 12 self-employed) in and around Delhi.
- General Mechanic-cum-Machine Operator Course -- 5 (1 self-employed)
- Multi-skill Training -- 3
- Electronics Training -- 3 (1 self-employed)
- Massage Training -- 12 (including 10 self-employed)

Orientation and Mobility: The Association has an experienced and professional Mobility Instructor who provides regular orientation and mobility training to the vocational trainees and also renders on-site orientation to newly-employed trainees at their work places. O and M Training is also provided to the recently blinded persons free 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 Centre has been meeting the requirement of books and other education material for the students of J.P.M. Sr. Sec. School as well as specific requests from outside. Braille versions of several books of general interest were brought out. During the year under report, 68 Titles in Hindi and English running into 1016 volumes were produced.

Audio Text Book Recording: The facility for recording audio books was established in 1982 to make study material available to students and trainees. A team of devoted volunteers render their services free of cost to read out material for recording. Since its inception, the Association's studio has produced a total of 726 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 play-back purposes. Similar service is also available for the visually impaired students of the Association's Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education.

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

During the year under report, 30 new titles, including 12 in DAISY format, were recorded. 12 titles of various subjects were converted from Cassettes to CD's. A total of 1470 CD's/DVDs/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 the basic medical and health care needs of the students and trainees of the Association. Its team comprises a Visiting Physician, a round-the-clock Male nurse and a trained female Nurse and an Assistant. It conducts regular medical check-ups of students

and provides free medicines 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.

Eye check-up of 62 identified students and trainees from JPM School and other units of Blind Relief Association was conducted by Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye hospital on 29th November 2013. .

Under Chacha Nehru Health Scheme of the Government of NCT of Delhi the JPM School Students received Iron-Folate tablets every week and deworming tablets once a year.

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

Board and Lodging: The Association has a large hostel which serves around 300 persons. These include students of the school, teacher trainees, vocational trainees and visually impaired workers of the Association. The board and lodging services are provided free of cost. The hostel has a big 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.

Training/Workshop in House Management: On behalf of National Institute for the Visually Handicapped (NIVH) a 6-day workshop on "Training in House Management" was organized by the Association from 6 to 11th January 2014, for the benefit of hostel staff and visually impaired youth and parents. The Workshop had 23 participants, comprising students, teachers working in special schools, parents, hostel staff from Delhi, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh. The sessions covered such areas as basic tasks in kitchen, laundry, proper maintenance of daily wear, table manners and etiquette. Supplementing the agenda experts were invited to speak and exchange views on such topics as hygiene, independent living, and Issues related to caretakers working in schools and hostel setup.

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 170 institutions and organizations from 24 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 to organize a week-long programme of sports events at the Association premises from 13th to 18th May. The programme consisted of the following events:

- 8th IBSA National Football Tournament for the Blind;

- 2nd IBSA National Kabaddi Tournament for the Blind;
- 5th IBSA Powerlifting Championships (18th May only);
- Athletics Coaching Camp and Seminar on Blind Sports.

Around 180 sportspersons and support officials from 9 states, including notably, those from distant states like Kerala, Manipur, Orissa and West Bengal, enthusiastically took part in these events.

The sports events were inaugurated by the reputed veteran athlete Sri Gurbachan Singh Randhawa.

The Closing Ceremony took place in the evening of Saturday, 18th May 2013. Justice Dr. A.S. Anand, former Chief Justice of India and President of Blind Relief Association was the Chief Guest and Sri Awanish K. Awasthi, Joint Secretary (Disability Affairs), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment was the Guest of Honour. The Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour gave away the Championship trophies to the winners and runner-up teams of Kabaddi as well as Football Tournament.

On this occasion Indian Blind Sports Association released the IBSA's history, recording the quarter-century saga of development of sports for the blind in India. The publication was dedicated to Late Smt Manju Bharat Ram, former General Secretary, Blind Relief Association and the Founder Chairperson of IBSA.

Awareness and consultancy: Spreading awareness in the society on the equality of rights, capabilities and potentials of persons with physical disability, especially visual impairment, has always been an important mandate of the Association. It receives hundreds of students from schools, colleges and visitors from other institutions. Rather than remaining a mere recipient, JPM School is proactively sending its students to other schools to present their talent and interact with their counterparts on equal footing. The school students also 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 readily shares its expertise with institutions or organizations seeking guidance on establishing disability services, and also provides training to the trainers from such institutions.

Scores of recently blinded persons approaching the Association are given counseling in coping with their blindness and rehabilitation through acquiring orientation and mobility, 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 vocational trainers are frequently invited as experts in consultative groups and participants in seminars and media programmes concerning disabilities. The Blind Relief Association, represented by JPM Senior Secondary School and Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education (Visual Impairment), participated in the Foundation Day celebrations of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) held in the Council's premises on 1st September 2013. The Association's stall displayed a variety of educational aids and equipment used by the visually challenged students at the special exposition on the theme inclusive quality education. A large number of visitors comprising school students, teachers, educationists and

parents coming from different parts of country came the Association's stall, where they were briefed about different devices on display.

MAJOR EVENTS

69th Annual Function: The Association's 69th Annual Function was held on 24th April 2013 in the Gandhi Memorial Hall. Since the function could not be held last year it was decided to hold it this year. Smt. Stuti Kacker, Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment was the Chief Guest. Km Guneet Sethi, recipient of the National Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities as the Best Role Model and Commodore V. K. Shori, Director -- NCC, Directorate of Education were the Guests of Honour. Justice Dr. A.S. Anand, President, The Blind Relief Association presided over the function. A large number of well-wishers, former employees, students and trainees and their parents attended the programme.

Smt. Benu Nath General Secretary of the Association welcomed the guests and others present on the occasion. Hony. Executive Secretary K. C. Pande paid homage to Smt Manju Bharat Ram, a Life Trustee and former Hony. General Secretary who passed away on 13th December 2012. A kind-hearted true social worker committed to the cause of education and empowerment of persons with disabilities, Manju ji made immense contribution to the growth of the Blind Relief Association during the three decades of her stewardship. He highlighted the establishment of the Indian Blind Sports Association in 1986 and the Durga Bai College of Special Function in 2005 as amongst the various initiatives undertaken by her for the Association.

The students and trainees of JPM Senior Secondary School, Technical Training Centre and Computer Training Centre presented a feast of cultural performances, which included group songs, orchestra, fusion of classical dance with yoga, junior children's choir rendering English, French and Japanese numbers. On the occasion prizes were awarded to the top position-holders of Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education (Visual Impairment); and Vocational Trainees. Meritorious long service awards in the form of certificates and cash rewards were presented to the employees completing 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service. Also, the academic top position-holder students of JPM School during the year 2011-12 were given away prizes by the chief guest.

In his Presidential Address, Justice Dr. A.S. Anand congratulated Chief Guest Smt Stuti Kacker on being the first Secretary of the newly created Department of Disability Affairs in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. He assured her that as a prominent non-government organization in the field, the Blind Relief Association shall continue to work untiringly and with zeal towards its mission of providing education, training and diverse services to persons with disabilities with special focus on the visually impaired.

The Chief Guest in her address profusely praised the attractive programme presented by the students and trainees and said that their performances surely deserve to be presented before a much larger audience outside. The Chief Guest extolled the Association for its significant contribution in the field of education, vocational training and spreading public awareness on the capabilities of the visually challenged. She also lauded the important work being done by the Association in training special educators for the visually impaired and that she feels proud that her Ministry through National Institute for the Visually Handicapped (NIVH) has been supporting the Association's Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education. She assured that she would look into the Association's request for providing more comprehensive support to this important teacher training programme.

The function concluded with a vote of thanks by Principal K.J. Kuriyan of JPM School.

Independence Day Celebration: The students, trainees and staff of the Association celebrated the 66th anniversary of India's Independence at an impressive function held in the Association's premises on 14th August. Prof. Mool Chand Sharma, Member, Law Commission, former Vice Chancellor of National Law University, Bhopal and Vice-Chairperson of University Grants Commission was the Chief Guest.

Following the ceremonial hoisting of the national flag by the Chief Guest, a programme of patriotic songs and speeches was presented by the students of JPM School and Durgabai Deshmukh College. Greeting the audience Prof. Mool Chand reminded them of the immense debt the nation owes to the freedom fighters who struggled to win independence for the country, fruits of which we are all enjoying today. Speaking of the programme, he said he was immensely moved by the great passion and patriotic fervor as expressed in the songs, poems or speeches by the students. He lauded the hard work put in by the students and the important their teachers and family members play in their overall development.

Gandhi Jayanti: The resident children, trainees and staff of BRA paid homage to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary, 2nd October, at the prayer meeting held in the Association's Gandhi Memorial Hall. The solemn function included singing of Ramdhun and bhajans.

Diwali Bazaar: The Association's Diwali Bazar, held from 26th October to 1st November 2013, 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 200 other stalls were there selling a variety of exclusive items. Being an "Event with a Cause" nearly 90 NGO's were provided free/complementary 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.

70th Annual Function of B.R.A.: Unusually this year the Association held the two (69th and 70th) Annual Day functions. The second one, i.e. the 70th Annual Function was held on 9th December 2013. Dr. Varsha Das, a noted author, Gandhian and former Director, Gandhi National Museum and Executive Director, National Book Trust graced the Annual Programme as the Chief Guest. Smt. Preeti Monga, a recipient of National Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under the category of Best Self Employed (Visually Impaired) for the Year 2013 was the Guest of Honour. Justice (Dr) A.S. Anand, President of B.R.A. presided over the Function. Sri. Francis Wacziarg, Founder, Neemrana Music Foundation and Smt. Shehnaz Hussain, were among the distinguished guests.

Before the commencement of the cultural presentations, the audience observed two-minute silence in memory of Nelson Mandela who passed away on 6th December. A student of JPM School briefly narrated his life story and paid glowing tributes to the departed World Leader. The cultural items included SANGAM -- a fascinating combination of orchestral music, chorus and dance presented by a large group of 35 students; PARIVARTAN -- a satirical play written and directed by one of

the school-teachers, Smt. Rajbala Sharma, and superbly enacted by the students of JPM School; a Medley of English Songs, rendered spiritedly by JPM School Junior Choir, trained by Km. Natasha A. Vaz of Neemrana Music Foundation; an inspirational song presented by children from Multiple Disability Unit; an Action Song by the Nursery Class children and a One-Act play staged by the students of the Durgabai College. Shailesh, a student of the College wrote the lyrics of two songs in the play.

In the award presentation ceremony outstanding graduates of Durgabai deshmukh College, and trainees from Computer Centre and the Vocational Courses, received certificates and prizes.

In his presidential address, Justice Dr. A.S. Anand thanked the Chief Guest and the guests of honour for gracing the function with their presence. He said as the Association celebrates the seventieth year of its establishment, it also happens to be the seventh year of his assuming the responsibility as the President of this organization. He recalled and paid glowing tributes to his eminent predecessor Dr. Bharat Ram and others who steered the development of this institution during the seven decades and nurtured the vision of the Founders Smt. and Sri. Basrurker. Referring to the National Award received by the Association in February this year, Justice Anand attributed it to the dedicated and sincere work of the entire team of students, trainees, staff and management of the Association. He also mentioned about the Association's plans to expand its infrastructure, so that new programmes and services for female blind could also be taken up.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Varsha Das, in her address, expressed her admiration for the excellent performance by the students. In her inspiring lecture, she quoted from ancient scriptures and the sayings of Mahatma Gandhi extolling the intrinsic values of education and ethics in life. In this context, she also quoted the Buddhist philosopher-Leader Diasaku Ikeda, urging the students to aspire for real education and higher values in life. Mr. K.J. Kuriyan, Principal, JPM School proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Annual Picnic: The students, trainees and staff along with members of their family participated with great enthusiasm in the Association's Annual Picnic held on 1st February 2014 at Buddha Jayanti Park located in Delhi's central Ridge. Several former students, trainees and staff of the Association joined this annual get together.

Other Miscellaneous Activities

THE THIRD EYE - An Indo-Korean Installation: A Group of 20 school students and vocational trainees from the Blind Relief Association participated in a workshop organized by the Korean Cultural Centre in New Delhi on 11th and 12th October 2013. Jinjoon Lee, a well-known media artist working worldwide conducted the workshop that culminated in an installation work entitled "The Third Eye". Working together with 20 volunteers from India and Korea, the group comprising partially and totally blind students and vocational trainees from the Association created lotus lanterns with paper leaves. The installation symbolizes hope, consolation, harmony, dignity of human beings, and a question about light and shadow which are the Third Eye of human kind. The installation was formally inaugurated on 17th October 2013 at India International Centre, New Delhi as a part of AMMA UMMA India-Korea Contemporary Art Exhibition held to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Korea.

DRISHTIKON Talent Competition for University Students: B.R.A. partnered with the Social Service League, St. Stephens College for DRISHTIKON, an Annual Competition for Differently-

abled University Students held in the College on 30th and 31st January 2014. In this popular event, University students demonstrated their diverse talents competing in oratory, stand-up comedy, writing poems, general knowledge, mimicry etc.

Ghazal Concert: Piyush Raj, a noted Ghazal and folk singer presented a programme of Ghazals in the Blind Relief Association on 22nd February 2014 and won the hearts of the appreciative audience comprising students, staff and other guests.

Miscellaneous

INFRASTRUCTURE (Long-Term Master Plan for Renovation and Expansion of Buildings): A long-term Master Plan is being worked out for the reconstruction and expansion of buildings in phases to meet the growing need for space to accommodate expansion of the ongoing services and starting new activities in future. The Master Plan is being drawn by M/s Nirman Consultants. The First Phase involving construction of light-weight steel-framed structure atop Gandhi Centenary Memorial Hall to be used as hostel has been initiated. Estimated to cost nearly Rs. 1.45 crores, the Phase 1 is expected to be completed by the end of October 2014.

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Reading and recording textbooks, Helping in Braille book preparation, Tutoring, Lending a hand in adding value to the wax candles and paper products made by the visually challenged, Sharing their knowledge and expertise for improving and adding value to our various programmes and services.

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