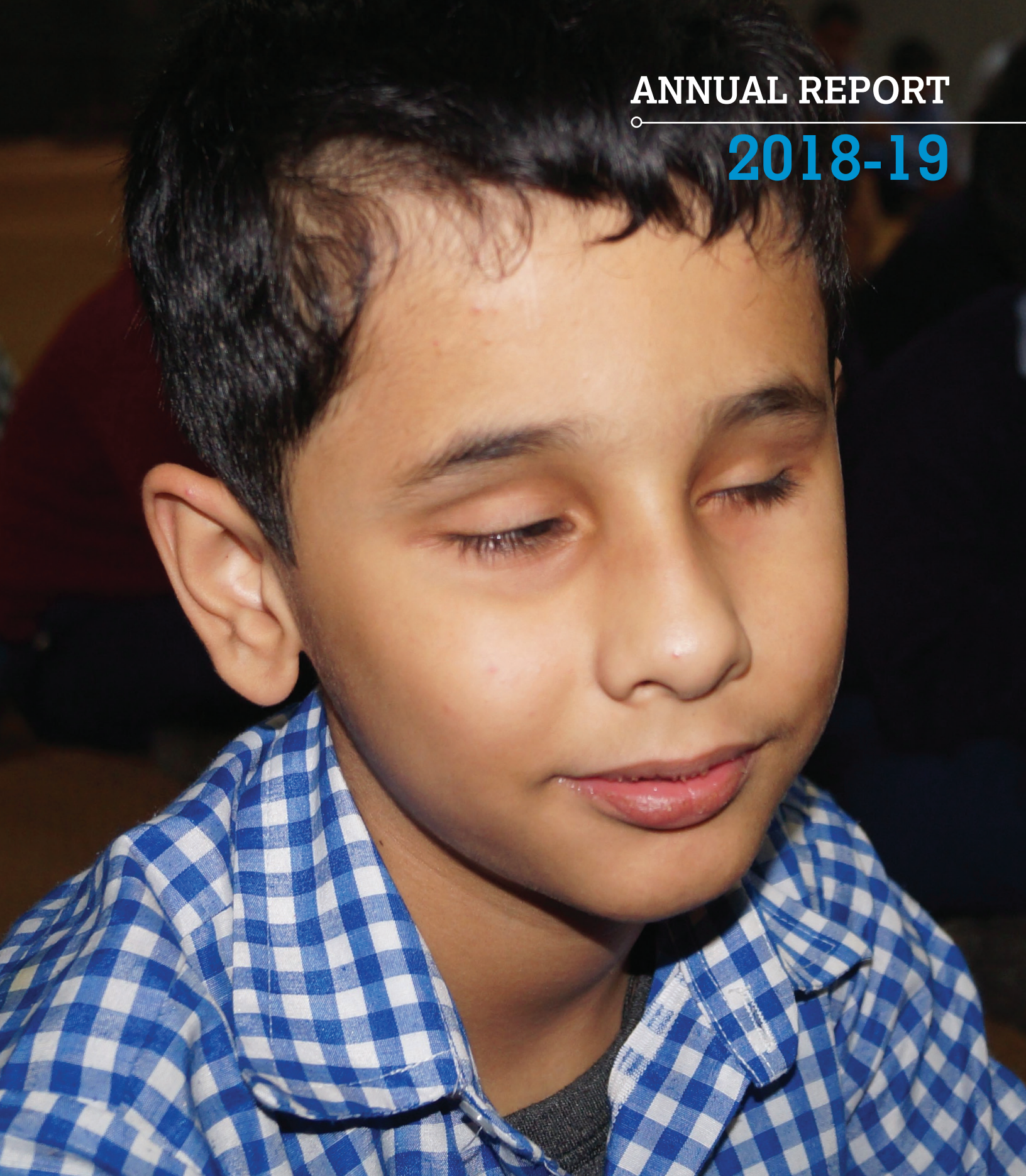


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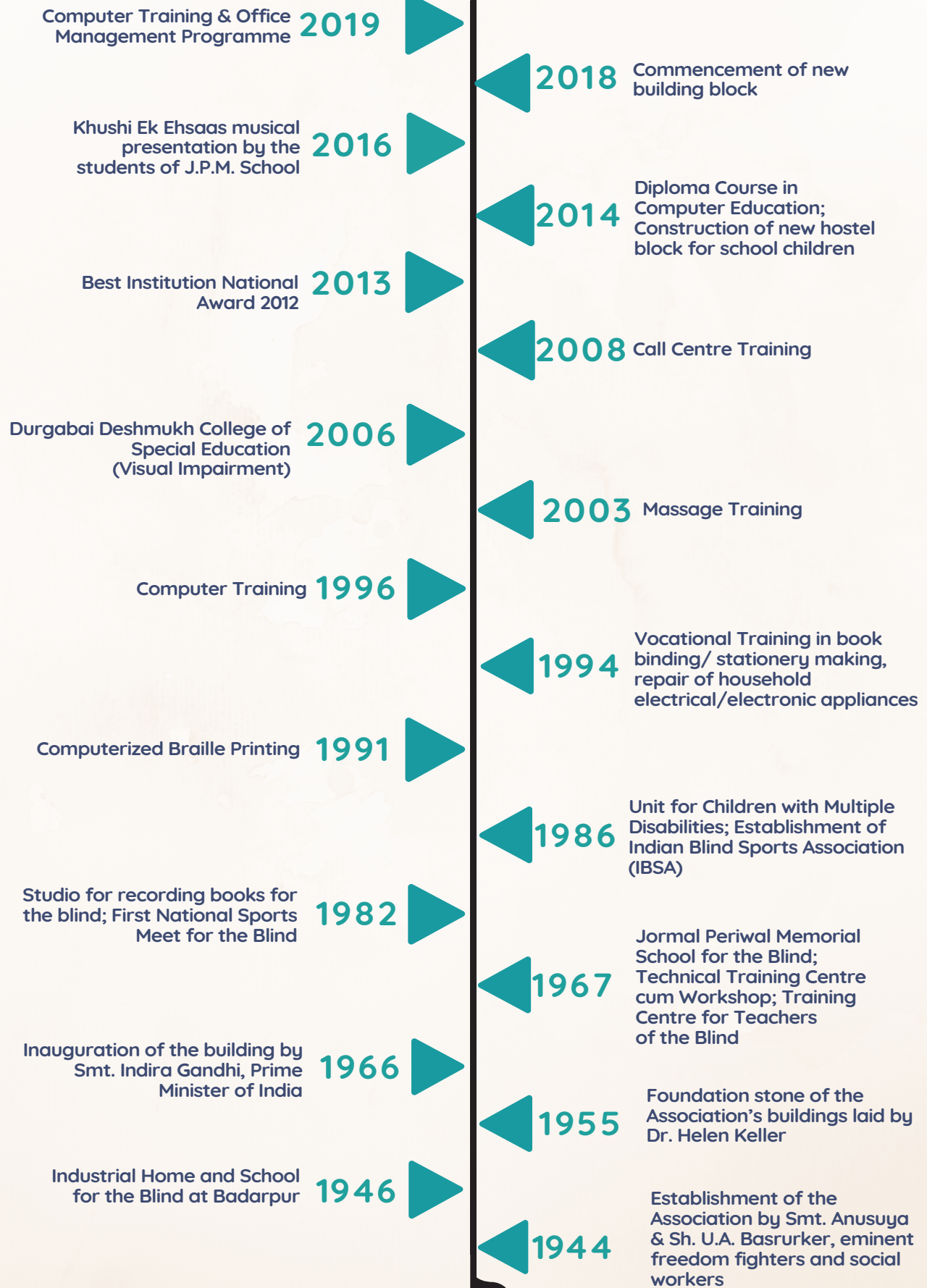
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THE BLIND RELIEF ASSOCIATION, DELHI



TIMELINE



ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION



The Blind Relief Association, Delhi, completed a grand 75 years of its existence on 26 February, 2019. Launching its services in 1946 with the establishment of Industrial Home and School for the Blind in a rented premises at Lal Kuan, Badarpur with just two students Daya Ram and Murli Dhar, 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 throughout the year with cultural, sports and other events.

Highlights of the Year

- JPM Senior Secondary School registered cent percent pass results in Class XII CBSE Examinations in the academic year 2018-19. Abhishek Kumar Chaurasiya stood first in the school securing 92 per cent.
- 20 trainees (2016-2018) of Durgabai Deshmukh College completed 2-year B.Ed. (Spl. Education) and 27 teacher trainees (2017-19 batch) completed I year.
- 20 trainees (2017-18 batch) and 19 trainees (2018-19) of Diploma in Computer Education completed the one-year course.
- 50 vocational trainees completed their training programmes.
- 30 passed out vocational trainees were helped to secure job or become self-employed.
- Akshay Bidhuri of Class XII participated in the 13th Annual IBSA World Open Bench Press & Powerlifting Championships for the Blind held between 10-18 November at Luxor, Egypt and won two gold medals in bench press and powerlifting (under 56 kg weight category).
- Partnered with IBSA in conducting Northern Region Coaching Camp for Female Athletes in Delhi from 10 – 15 September 2018.
- Partnered with IBSA in organizing 21st National Athletics Championship for the Blind from 10-13 December 2018.

EDUCATION

JORMAL PERI WAL MEMORIAL (JPM) SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND



JPM Senior Secondary School has been offering free education, boarding, lodging, assistive devices, books and other services to visually impaired boys from nursery to Class XII.

Recognized and aided by the Directorate of Education, Government of NCT Delhi since 1969 and affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) since 1974, JPM has been widely renowned in the country for nurturing and grooming the visually challenged children to be optimistic and ambitious citizens excelling in academics, sports and co-curricular activities.

Enrollment: The school had 208 students on its rolls during the year. While the majority of students resided in the school hostel, only 30 were day scholars. The school admitted 25 new students in different classes this year: 5 between the age of 5-7 years were admitted in the pre-school unit

(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), and the remaining twenty entrants were - five in Class I, four in II, one in III, one in VII, seven in IX and two in XI.

Academics: The school has been providing education in a wide array of academic subjects and physical exercises in accordance, by-and-large with the curriculum laid down by the Directorate of Education, Delhi and CBSE. Keeping abreast with the times, all students from Class VI onwards are taught and trained in computers. They are encouraged to take 'Informatics Practice' as an additional subject in their senior classes. The teaching system in mathematics and science is also being strengthened and upgraded in tune with the contemporary requirements.

Board Examination Results: All 17 students of Class XII successfully passed the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Examination held in March 2019 securing first division. Overall they achieved 43 subject distinctions. Abhishek Kumar Chaurasiya topped the class securing 92 % and the lowest minimum aggregate score was 64%. The school takes pride in its students joining prestigious colleges and universities to pursue their higher studies.

All 20 students of Class X cleared the school-based CBSE Continuous Comprehensive Examination and

Shashank Gupta topped the class scoring 89.8%. 55 subject distinctions were achieved.

Annual School Examination Results (2019): Excluding the students of Class X and Class XII, all 171 students enrolled in other classes got through the annual school examinations thereby making the aggregate school pass percentage 100%.

Co-curricular activities: The school provides all facilities, support and encouragement to its students to take part in diverse co-curricular activities that includes dance, music, theatre, poetry, debating, and eco-club.

ACTIVITY RECORD (2018-19)

S.No.	Date	Event	Organizer	Name & Class	Achievements
1.	27.04.2018	Declamation (Hindi)	Delhi Public Library	Tushar Jindal – IX Aditya Vishnoi - IX Govind - IX Karthik Bansal - IX Nikhil Srivastava - X Mohit Jaiswal - XII	I II III Consolation Consolation Consolation
2.	18.07.2018	Extempore (Hindi)	Directorate of Education Zonal Level Competition	Ankit Kumar Singh – VIII (Jr.) Anshu Kumar – XII (Sr.)	II II
3.	24.07.2018	Music Vocal Solo (Light) Semi - Classical		Ayush Jena – VI (Jr.) Himanshu Taneja – XI (Sr.) Krishna Madan – VIII (Jr.) Ayush Tiwari – XII (Sr.)	II II II I
4.	27.07.2018	Poem Recitation (English)		Aviral Pratap – VIII (Jr.)	II
5.	28.07.2018	Music Vocal Solo - Classical		Partik Saraf – VII (Jr.) Tanishq Aggarwal- IX (Sr.)	I III
6.	28.07.2018	Poem Recitation (Hindi)		Ankit Kumar Singh – VIII (Jr.) Nikhil Srivastava – X (Sr.)	Consolation I
7.	31.07.2018	Poem Recitation(Sanskrit)		Krishna Madan – VIII (Jr.)	II
8.	01.08.2018	Instrumental Music		Krishna Madan – VIII (Jr.) Suraj Singh Negi – IX (Sr.) Vidyanand – X (Sr.)	I II III
9.	20.08.2018	Declamation (English)		Vishal Kumar – VIII (Jr.)	II
10.	20.08.2018	Declamation (Hindi)		Ankit Kumar Singh – VIII (Jr.)	II
11.	21.08.2018	Patriotic Song (Group)		Team of 20 students	I
12.	24.08.2018	Folk Song (Group)		Team of 20 students	I

13.	27.08.2018	Debate (Hindi)	Directorate of Education Zonal Level Competition	Ankit Kumar Singh – VIII (Jr.) Krishna Madan – VIII(Jr.) Kartik Bansal – IX(Sr.) Anshu Kumar – XII (Sr.)	I I
14	29.08.2018	Debate (English)		Shashank Gupta – X (Sr.) Aditya Vishnoi – IX (Sr.)	I
15.	01.09.2018	Qawwali		Team of 20 students	I
16.	04.09.2018	Extempore (Hindi)	Directorate of Education, District Level	Ankit Kumar Singh – VIII (Jr.) Anshu Kumar – XII (Sr.)	I III
17.	04.09.2018	Instrumental Music		Suraj Singh Negi – IX (Sr.) Krishna Madan – VIII (Jr.) Vidyanand – X (Sr.)	II II III
18	06.09. 2018	Poem Recitation (Sanskrit)	Delhi Sanskrit Academy	Team of 6 students	I
19.	06.09.2018	Music Vocal Solo (Light) Semi Classical	Directorate of Education, District Level	Ayush Jena – VI (Jr.) Krishna Madan – VIII (Jr.) Partik Saraf – VII (Jr.)	III III I
20.	10.09.2018	Declamation (English)		Vishal Kumar – VIII (Jr.)	III
21	10.09.2018	Declamation(Hindi)		Ankit Kumar Singh – VIII (Jr.)	I
22.	11.09.2018	Poem Recitation (Hindi)		Ankit Kumar Singh – VIII (Jr.) Nikhil Srivastava – X (Sr.)	I III
23.	11.09.2018	Folk Song (Group)		Team of 20 students	I
24.	12.09.2018	Poem Recitation (Sanskrit)		Krishna Madan – VIII (Jr.)	I
25.	12.09.2018	Patriotic Song (Group)		Team of 20 students	I
26	12.09.2018	Poem Recitation (English)		Aviral Pratap – VIII (Jr.)	III
27	23.10.2018	Instrumental Music	Kala Utsav M.H.R.D.	Abhishek Bhola - X	III
28	30.11.2018	All India Mandanlal Khandelwal Memorial Braille Essay Competition	All India Confederation of the Blind	Aman Kumar – XII Mohit Kumar Jaiswal - XII	I III
29	30.11.2018	Patriotic Song (Group)	Directorate of Education, State Level	Team of 20 students	I
30	01.12.2018	Extempore (Hindi)		Ankit Kumar Singh – VIII (Jr.)	III
31	03.12.2018	Folk Song (Group)		Team of 20 students	III
32	03.12.2018	Poem Recitation (Hindi)		Ankit Kumar Singh – VIII (Jr.)	III
33	03.01.2019	Braille Writing (English)	All India Confederation of the Blind	Shivam Kakkar – X (Sr.)	II
34	03.01.2019	Braille Reading (Hindi)		Sonu Kumar – XII (Sr.) Mahtab Jamil – V (Jr.)	Consolation III

35	03.01.2019	Braille Reading	National Federation of the Blind	Tushar Jindal – IX (Sr.)	I
36	03.01.2019	Braille Essay Writing		Sonu Kumar – XII (Sr.)	Consolation
37	06.02.2019	Excellence in Education Award	Directorate of Education	CBSE Topper Ajay Gupta – X Ramakant Prabhakar - XII	Cash Prize + Certificate
38	05.03.2019	Bijli Bachao Star Banjao	TATA Powers	Ankit Kumar Singh - VIII	Consolation



Sports Activities: The school has always been focusing and giving special attention to develop the sporting skills of students. Two regular physical training instructors monitor various sports and games. In the morning hours, students from different classes practice athletics regularly at the Thyagaraj stadium under the guidance of Sri Pawan, PET while the others practice yoga under the guidance of Sri Moolchand and Sri Suresh Kumar, Activity Teacher.



During the year, the school participated in 13 sports activities ranging from intra-school to zonal and national levels and the students bagged 7 first, 12 second and 10 third prizes, adding up to a total of 29 medals/prizes. Akshay Bidhuri of Class XII participated in the 13th Annual IBSA World Open Bench Press & Powerlifting Championships for the Blind held between 10-18 November at Luxor, Egypt and won two gold medals in bench press and powerlifting (under 56 kg weight category).

Other Activities:

Japanese Language Classes: The classes were introduced in 2012 as an after-school activity with the support of volunteers from Japan, who are professional teachers. Presently interested students of Class XI and XII are attending these basic Japanese classes held one a week. Mrs. Itsuko Nandi, veteran language teacher, who is associated

with this programme since 2013, continues to teach the students. She also involves other Japanese volunteers to assist her.



A recent happy development has been the emergence of Sawaru Nihongo (Touch Japanese) Group formed by the ex-students and present students. The group is pursuing Japanese study using Japanese Braille. Ms Himani, a young student volunteer, has been helping this group, formed with the initiatives of ex-students Deepak Gupta and Ramdas Shivhare. The group prepares the students to appear for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test conducted globally.

Interactions: Students from American Embassy School continue to interact with students of Class V and VI on Saturdays to improve the students' spoken English.

Student Initiatives: Leadership and organization acumen of the students stood out in several events managed entirely by them. Some of the prominent events were:

- Janmashtami celebrations organized by Class XII on 3 September 2018 which included mass 24-hour recitation of the Ramcharitmanas.
- 25th Subodh Trophy Cricket Match organized by Class IX in the school grounds on 19 November 2018.
- Basant Panchami and Saraswati Puja organized by Class X on 10 February 2019.

- Shivratri celebrations organized by Class XI on 4 March 2019.

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 the youngsters a favorable opportunity of utilizing and developing their cultural abilities besides bringing out their leadership qualities.

Staff: The school, headed by Sri K.J. Kuriyan, Principal, has a staff strength of 33. Music Teacher Sri Mangal Singh Verma was relieved from work and given a warm send off on 16 February. He moved to Government School service.

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, a noted social worker. In addition, the school has a separate 16-member committee 'The RTE SMC' covering education up to Class VIII in terms of the Right to Education Act 2009.

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. One resident house parent takes care of the students in the pre and post-school hours.

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

1. **Functional Academic Group:** The students 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.

The year 2018-2019 had 5 students in this group. Whenever possible, the students under Functional Academic Group are given the opportunity to attend, even if nominally, classes with their age group students in the school. They attend some classes like art and craft, clay modelling, music and physical education along with the other children. 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.

2. **Remedial Teaching Group:** As a remedial teaching initiative, the children are provided with individual care to improve their reading and writing skills. 12 children from KG – Class V of the JPM School were a part of this teaching group in the academic year. Personal attention is given to basic Braille reading, writing and understanding of writing numbers using Taylor Frame. While Hindi is their primary language they are also taught the basics of English Braille.



DURGABAI DESHMUKH COLLEGE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION (V.I)



Established in 2005 by the Blind Relief Association, the College is affiliated to the University of Delhi and offers a degree program in 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 the 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 the University Grants Commission. From the academic year 2015-16, B.Ed. Special Education programme has been a two-year course.

New Admission:

27 students were admitted to the course for the academic year 2018-19. Of the 27 teacher trainees 17 trainees are visually impaired and five of them are female trainees.

Annual Examination & Results:

Annual University Examinations for B.Ed. Special Education (Visual Impairment) was conducted in the College in May 2018.

First Year: (2017-2019)

27 students appeared and all passed the final examination.

Second Year: (2016-2018)

20 students appeared and passed the examination in first division, and became eligible to receive B.Ed. (Special Education - Visual Impairment).

Education Tours/ Visits

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

- First year teacher trainees of college visited and observed classes at Ananth Centre for Learning and Development, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi.
- First year teacher trainees visited National Association for the Blind, R.K.Puram, Delhi
- First year teacher trainees visited Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust, Karkardooma
- Second year teacher trainees of college did teaching practices at Ananth Centre for Learning and Development, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi.
- Second year teacher trainees did teaching practices at National Association for the Blind, R.K.Puram, Delhi.
- Second year teacher trainees practiced lesson on inclusive education at Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalayas, Lajpat Nagar, Delhi.

Major activities undertaken

- The Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education hosted a digital literacy workshop on using mobile apps for persons with visual impairment conducted by the National Association for the Blind on 6 September 2018 in the Blind Relief Association, Delhi.
- The college organized celebrations on Louis Braille Day on 4 January, 2019.

- A one-day in-service training for special educators on RPwD Act, 2016 was held in the Gandhi Hall of the Blind Relief Association, Delhi on February 9, 2019. The workshop was sponsored by the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan) and organized by Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education (V.I.)

Student Activities

- Yashwant Yadav, I Year student of the college secured first position in debate in the All India Competition for the Blind organised by the National Federation of the Blind on 3 January, 2019.

Faculty: The College has an experienced regular faculty comprising:

Course Director: Dr. Swati Sanyal

Assistant Professors: Dr. Sudeep Kumar Dubey,
Dr. Pubali Agarwal

Research Associate: Sri Narendra Kumar Jha

Librarian: Sri Shanti Bhushan

The faculty members have acted as resource persons, presented papers and conducted training programmes on various occasions and in institutions such as the Department of Education of Groups with Special Needs, National Council of Educational Research & Training; Jamia Millia Islamia University; National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Kolkata; Teknia, Rohini; State Council of Education Research & Training, Directorate of Education; Army Welfare Education Society, Delhi; Composite Regional Centre, Guwahati; Tech Mahindra Foundation.

Dr. S. K. Dubey authored a book entitled, "Visual Impairment: A book for parents and caregivers" published by Renova International, New Delhi.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTER



The Association is among the pioneering institutions in the country to introduce computer literacy programmes for the visually challenged. Launched in 1996 to cater to the needs of educated adult blind, the Centre has been conducting short-term computer literacy courses. The Centre also supports JPM School to cater to the computer-related curricular needs of the students.

Additionally, the Centre manages the IT related services and requirements of the Association.

Diploma in Computer Education (V.I.)

The Centre runs a 10-month Diploma in Computer Education (V.I) course to prepare a cadre of personnel specially equipped to provide education in computer and related services to the visually impaired.

Designed by the Association, it started as a pilot course in the year 2014-15 and was regularized by Rehabilitation Council of India in 2016. The trainees are admitted through an online entrance test conducted by the Rehabilitation Council of India.

Of the 21 trainees in the 4th batch (2017-18), 20 passed the final examination held in June 2018. Also, three candidates of the 3rd batch reappeared and cleared the final exam. In the 5th Batch (2018-19), 19 trainees were admitted, out of which 9 are visually impaired.

Kamlesh Sehgal, topper of the 2017-18 batch was awarded a laptop by Smt. Prabhjot Menon, a well-wisher, in memory of her late mother. Kamlesh has secured a job with Silver Lining, an NGO based in Delhi.

Computer Training for Adult Blind

5 trainees, all first time learners, enrolled and successfully completed their two-months training (May – June 2018) which aims to prepare them as computer users. A part-time training in computer application was conducted from September to December 2018 for 3 sponsored-trainees who successfully completed the training programme.

Computer Training for JPM School Students

Three students from Class XI and XII were taught

a course in Informatics Practices, as a part of the school curriculum. 53 students from Class VI, VII and VIII were taught the use of computers, which is conducted under the aegis of the Directorate of Education.

IT Services

The Centre has been working with Tally Solutions to upgrade the software for the Association's billing and sales. The Centre is also working on accessibility of Tally with screen reader to enhance the employability of the blind in the field of accounts.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING



Multi-Skill Training

This one-year holistic programme was introduced in 2014 for adult blind (even those with additional disabilities) who have either missed-out on school education or are marginally educated. During this year the trainees acquired various skills to enable them to work in industry, or become self-employed or work with family support. As an individual trainee-focused programme the schedule is kept flexible to suit the capacity, interest and capability of the trainee. Vocational skills taught include book binding and paper craft, chair caning, candle making, packaging, stitching, papier-mâché crafts, basic massage, soap-making. An equal emphasis is given to teaching them other skills like orientation and mobility, daily life skills, English conversation,

personality development, basic computer, Braille and music.

No. of trainees as on 1 April 2018: 30

No. of new admissions: 27

No. of dropouts: 11

No. of pass outs: 22

No. of trainees undergoing training: 24

The trainees are encouraged and helped in completing school education under open school system. 10 and 4 trainees got through Class X and Class XII CBSE exams respectively. Saddam Hussain scored the highest 77.4 % in Class X.

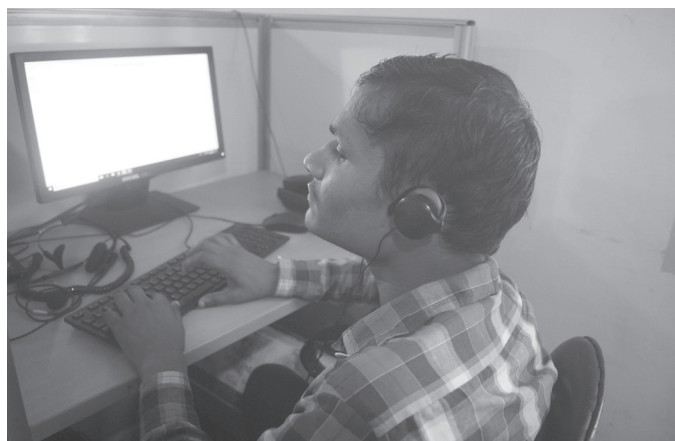
Sewing Unit

The Association added sewing skill as another feather to its vocational training programme, especially to the Multi-Skill Training. The training curriculum followed has been designed and evaluated by USHA Silai School. 4 female and 10 male trainees were awarded certificates by USHA this year.

Production

Integral to the vocational training is the skill-related production work, which provide to the trainees a bit of factory-like experience. They are involved in the production of paper-crafted items, candles and accessories etc. Volunteers also lend their hand in decorating and adding value to some of the products.

Call Centre Training



Designed for computer-literate visually challenged persons, the training prepares them to be able to work in mainstream call centers. It includes communication-skills, working in auto-dial CRM process, and performing actual call centre tasks, recording response data on computers etc. Under the programme the trainees receive stipends and incentives as they master the skills of tele-marketing.

Until September 2018, 18 on-the-job call centre trainees were working on practical tasks assigned under an agreement signed with Vodafone.

In November 2018 in collaboration with Indus Action, an NGO, the call centre's 10 trainees undertook outbound calling for the Delhi Government's campaign to enroll in schools children

from economically weaker sections.

In March 2019 the Association collaborated with Essilor India Private Limited. The call centre did follow up and collected feedback from the customers of Essilor's 2.5 NVG INDIA initiative.

No. of trainees on 01 April 2018: 9

No. of new admissions: 16

No. of pass outs: 14

No. of trainees undergoing training: 11

Relaxation Massage Training

The six-month training in relaxation massage prepares visually challenged adults to become professional masseurs. The basic training covers Swedish, Thai, aroma and head massage. The trainees are also familiarized and taught the techniques of pain management by employing reflexology, magneto-therapy and Sujok therapy. Such value add-on skills have proved greatly beneficial to improving the trainees' professional profile.

To upgrade the skills of pass-out 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 widely demonstrate their skills at the Association's Diwali Bazar, American Embassy, National Athletic Championship for the Blind 2018 at Thyagaraj Stadium, Hotel Hyatt Regency, Hotel Taj Palace.

No. of trainees on 1 April 2018: 06

No. of new admissions: 16

No. of dropouts: 02

No. of pass outs: 14

No. of trainees undergoing training: 06

Pran Nathji 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 Bazar. The trainees and many volunteers join hands in the production work, diya painting, and packing. The Unit helps other NGOs 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 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. They take part in different functions of the Association.

Partnership with Youth4Jobs

The collaboration with Youth4Jobs started in 2017 and the joint work on the vocational trainees



has continued in areas such as functional English communication, digital literacy, life skills, interview skills. In addition the following programs/activities were conducted for a 360-degree preparation of students for gainful employment, as mentioned below:

1. Pehel: Continuing Education

This year 17 trainees were prepared for the open Class X & Class XII CBSE exams. 13 students passed the requisite exams, five of them were counselled to enroll for higher studies in colleges.

2. Advanced Computer Sciences

Nine students enrolled for advanced computer sciences wherein they were taught HTML, Web accessibility, etc., using Python. Six of them have been gainfully employed.

3. Computer Training

All vocational trainees are taught the use of computers. Recently internet applications are also being taught, helping them source information and learnings from various portals. Introducing the use of Hindi language, in addition to English, was taken up in the computer training programme on the suggestion of the Association, so that they could use the computer in a medium they are more comfortable with. At the same time they can prepare themselves for government jobs where Hindi is used. The trainees are now being trained both in English and Hindi applications.

4. Assistance in seeking jobs

Having ascertained their readiness for govt. jobs , 16 candidates were helped in applying for 23 jobs.

As part of the eligibility tests, mock interviews were conducted at regular intervals. Youth4Jobs also participated as the technical associate in the Mega Job Fair organised by the Association on 12 March 2019.

5. Saarthi: Mentor4 Inclusion

An initiative of Youth4 Jobs and B.R.A. with HSBC as a partner, the mentorship program, was launched on 1 September, 2018. Designed as a pilot project, the idea was to mentor the vocational trainees in six one-to-one interactions spread over a course of three months. For the 35 trainees who were paired with equal number of mentors, it was a unique experience in confidence building.



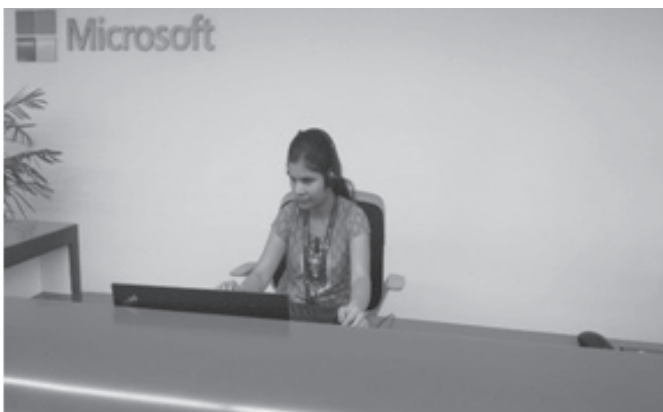
Beneficiaries during the period April 2018 – March 2019

S.No.	Name of the Training	No. of Trainees on 1.04.18	No. of New Admissions
1.	Relaxation Massage	6	18
2.	Multi-Skill	20	36
3.	Call Centre	10	0
4.	Introduction to Computer Science		9
5.	Pehel	18	17
6.	Saarthi		35

SERVICES

Placement

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 choose to 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 the suitability of the available jobs for the candidates. Matching the skills with job requirements, 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 and settling down in the new place, provided basic requirement, and also guided on daily commute. Follow-up contacts are maintained with the employers as well as the trainees to sort out any difficulties that may arise later. The cell not only serves the trainees and students of the Association, but also other visually challenged seeking job counseling and assistance.

Placements done during the year:

General Mechanic-cum-Machine Operator Course: 02

Multi-Skill Training: 8

Massage Training: 17 (including 14 self-employed)

Call Centre Training: 4

Diploma in Computer Education: 10

Orientation and Mobility



An experienced and professional mobility instructor provides regular orientation and mobility training to vocational trainees. The newly-employed are given on-site orientation. Recently-blinded persons approaching the Association are given counseling in coping with their blindness and rehabilitation through acquiring orientation and mobility skills.

Braille Production

The Association is among the pioneering institutions in the country to have introduced computerized Braille printing facility as far back as 1990. The Braille production unit has a modest capacity, which is utilized for meeting the educational and other material required in Braille by J.P.M. School,



Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education, Computer Training Centre, Vocational Training Centre as well as specific requests from outside. Reading material of general interest such as poetry, fiction and miscellaneous articles are produced in Braille. During the year a total of 81 titles in Hindi, English and Japanese running into 9216 volumes were produced.

Audio Recording

The facility for recording audio books was established in 1982 to make study materials 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 867 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 recordings are available in digital MP3 and Daisy formats. The students of JPM School from Class VIII onward are provided study material in pen drive digital players. Similar service is available to the

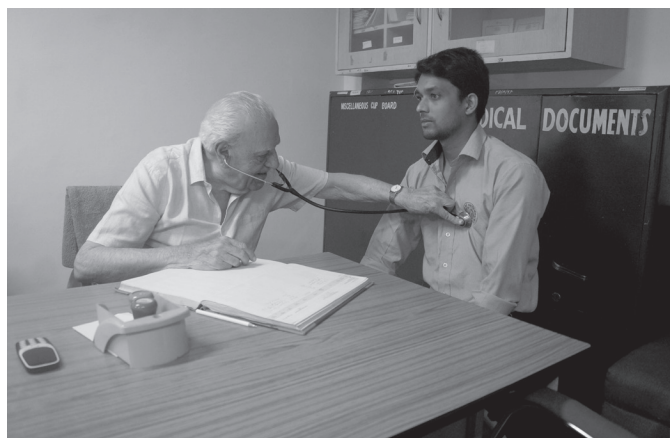


computer trainees, vocational trainees appearing for Class X & XII board exams as well as to the Association's Durgabai Deshmukh College trainees.

Apart from the Association's own students and trainees, a large number of college-going and other students from Delhi and outside are provided recorded study material on request. During the year under report, 23 new titles: 19 in Hindi and 4 in English were recorded. A total of 1660 GB of data in CDs/Memory Sticks were copied and supplied

to students and trainees. Two titles have been converted from cassettes to CDs.

Health Care: The Association has arrangements to look after the primary medical and health care needs of the students and trainees. A team comprising a visiting physician - Dr. R. K. Bajjal, a round-the-clock male nurse, a female nurse and an assistant forms the core of services. Regular medical check-ups are conducted and free medicines are provided. There are arrangements with reputed hospitals and health centers such as Dr. Shroff Charitable Eye Hospital and Sai Bhakta Samaj Polyclinic for specialized diagnostic assistance and treatment.



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 as well as the staff of the Association benefit from the clinic's services.

Boarding and Lodging: The Association has hostels which serve around 300 persons free of cost. These include students of the school, teacher trainees, vocational trainees and visually impaired workers of the Association. The Association has a big dining hall and a well-equipped and hygienic kitchen serving three 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 talents and interact with their counterparts on equal footing. They 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 brings the Association and the society closer to each other in a big way and thus helps in spreading awareness on disability among the general public. Free space is provided in the Diwali Bazar to fellow NGOs to showcase their activities and sell their products.

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

The faculty members 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 as participants in seminars and media programmes concerning disabilities.

The Association receives a large number of visitors,

coming as individuals or in groups from schools, colleges and other institutions to see the activities of the Association and interact with its students and trainees.

Internship

A number of students pursuing courses in Social Work in Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College; Department of Social work, University of Delhi; IGNOU; Jamia Millia Islamia University and other institutions are placed with the Association to do their practical field training. They have a 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 insight about the capabilities of persons with disabilities.

Volunteering

The Association is fortunate to have a large number of individuals rendering regular voluntary services. They perform different tasks 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, InterGlobe, Indigo, Tata Teleservices, Ernst & Young, Samarpita, Google India, HSBC, and S&P Global.



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 236 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, IBSA organizes national-level sports meets and coaching camps in athletics, powerlifting, football, kabaddi and chess, besides identifying and sending talented athletes to participate in international sports events.

Northern Region Coaching Camp for Female Athletes 2018

In a constant endeavor to work at the grassroot level to promote and improve the standard of blind sports in the country through various programmes, IBSA in association with USHA International launched a campaign “Vision 2020” to attract and train a large number of female athletes in sports. As a part of this campaign, Northern Region Coaching Camp for Female Athletes was organised in Delhi from 10 – 15 September 2018. 24 athletes from states including Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and J&K participated in this camp. The morning sessions were conducted at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium by Dr. Satyapal Singh (Dronacharya Awardee) and the evening session in the premises of the Blind Relief Association by Sri Krishan (Level II Official IPC).

Arjuna Award for Ankur Dhama

On 25 September, Ankur Dhama was honoured with the Arjuna Award by the President of India, Sri. Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Ankur Dhama, an alumnus of JPM Senior Secondary School belonging to the 2013 batch, was nurtured by IBSA since his school days. Ankur was the first totally blind (B1) para-athlete to represent India at the Rio Paralympics in 2016.

A felicitation ceremony was held at the Blind Relief Association on 27 September 2018. Ankur is the second athlete under IBSA to covet the Arjuna Award after Ramkaran Singh who received the award in 2012.



13th Annual IBSA World Open Bench Press & Powerlifting Championships for the Blind

The Indian team comprising Akshay Bidhuri and Ajay Birajdar accompanied by Sri A. David, General Secretary, Indian Blind Sports Association participated in the 13th Annual IBSA World Open Bench Press & Powerlifting Championships for the Blind held between 10-18 November at Luxor, Egypt.

Akshay Bidhuri, a Class XII student at JPM Senior Secondary School, New Delhi won two gold medals

in bench press and powerlifting (under 56 kg weight category) and Ajay Birajdar from Maharashtra won a gold in bench press & silver in powerlifting (under 75kg weight category), thus totaling to 4 medals for India. Around 120 athletes from 10 countries competed for the world title in powerlifting and bench press under various weight categories.

21st National Athletic Championship for the Blind 2018

The 21st edition of National Athletics Championship for the Blind, the largest sports event for the visually challenged in the country was held in New Delhi from 10 to 13 December 2018.

The Meet was jointly organized by Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA) and the Blind Relief Association, Delhi with USHA International as the title sponsor.

A record number of 603 visually impaired athletes and officials representing 86 affiliate institutions from 19 states across the country participated in various track and field athletic events. 49 players including 3 female players participated in the chess competition. The participants included budding as well as top national and international athletes, competing separately according to their sight/vision classifications, namely, B-1(totally blind) and B-2 & B-3 (partially sighted) classes in track and field events.

The event saw 15 new national records and 6 new meet records established by athletes from across the country, out of which 12 & 3 records were made by female athletes respectively.

Goalball Workshop

As a part of the National Athletic Championship, a two-day Goalball workshop was conducted by experts from Finland and Russia: Kari Rasanen, Chairman; Juha Halme, Referee Coordinator and Alexey Baryaev, Sports Director from International Blind Sports Federation – Goalball. They conducted both seminar and practice sessions for the athletes, officials, coaches, and referees. Around 100 players

and 65 coaches and officials took part in the workshop

Lawn Tennis Coaching Camp 2019

Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA) and Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association (MSLTA) in a collaborative initiative organised a Lawn Tennis Coaching Camp for coaches and players in Mumbai. More than 20 participants including

coaches and visually impaired players took part in the camp.

Simon McFarland from Ireland was the chief coach. He was accompanied by Dr. Davinder Kapur who has been supporting propagation of tennis. From IBSA, it's General Secretary Sri A. David and Sri Ramdas Shivhare were present.

New Building Project

The construction work of the new building project which started in January 2018 had to be halted before the Diwali Bazar in October 2018. The superstructure was completed in September 2018. However, due to certain design and technical issues the construction work which was planned to resume in January 2019 after the National Sports Meet could not recommence. The interior plans and elevations are being reworked to better suit the Association's requirement and integrate with the existing buildings. For this purpose services of a new architectural firm M/s P. Arora & Associates, Gurugram are being taken.

EVENTS

Workshop on Accessible Cinemas with Audio Description

On 24 April 2018, the Blind Relief Association and Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education organized a workshop on 'Accessible Cinemas through Audio Description and Subtitles' in collaboration with Saksham, Delhi. The participants were teacher trainees from Durgabai Deshmukh College and Diploma Course in Computer Education and their faculty members. Ms. Rummy K. Seth, Founder Member, Saksham and Sri Narendra K. Joshi, Technical Expert and Voice-over Artist, explained the process of making accessible cinemas through audio description. As practical exercise, the visually impaired participants pairing with their sighted counterparts wrote scripts for audio-description and did voice-over exercises with great excitement and interest.

Trainees Enjoy Air Travel

On 26 May 2018, 60 visually impaired trainees of the Blind Relief Association, Delhi had their first experience of air travel, as they were taken by Indigo flight on a one-day tour to and fro Ahmedabad.

This unique programme was organised by a Noida based NGO Sree Narayan Sanskritik Chetna Nyas. The participants met the Governor of Gujarat in Raj Bhawan as well as visited important places in Ahmedabad.



JPM Old-Boys Honour Volunteers

On 9 June 2018, the old boys from JPM School organised a very special get-together to thank and felicitate volunteers who rendered dedicated and selfless services over the last five decades. The volunteers honoured included Smt. Nalini Verma, Smt. Asha Gogte, Smt. Sunita Gambhir, Smt. Sharda

Gupta, Smt.Deolalikar, Smt.Shashi Lath, Smt. Urvashi Agarwal and Smt.Saroj Gurnani. The volunteers had been supporting the students in their academic and non-academic pursuits. The participation of 120 alumni meant how much they owe to these selfless volunteers in shaping their lives.

Daniela Dolce from Italy

On 27 July 2018, Daniela Dolce Ensemble from Tuscany, Italy regaled the students and trainees with their enchanting music in the Association’s Gandhi Hall. The lead artist Daniela Dolce was accompanied by Daniele Biagini (pianist), Teresa Dareviziis (violinist), Daniele Borgognoni (percussionist). The concert was organised by Neemrana Music Foundation.

The Ensemble was visiting India under the aegis of Global World of Music and Arts Association. Simona Bocchi of the Global World of Music Foundation and Priya Aude Wacziarg of Neemrana Foundation were also present at the concert.



Diwali Bazar

This year’s Diwali Bazar held from 29 October – 4 November 2018 hosted over 250 stalls of local vendors exhibiting and selling a wide range of attractive traditional crafts, designer wear, home decor, garden material among various other diverse gift items. Like every year, the star attraction of the Bazar was the Association’s stall selling a wide range of candles, diyas, and paper products, cloth bags etc., made by the Association’s trainees. Other major highlights of the event were the Relaxation Massage Corners and the two stations managed

by the trainees, ‘Do It Yourself’ and ‘Story-telling Tent’ where they performed papier-mâché crafts and narrated stories respectively. The trainees had practiced story-telling under the guidance of Foster & Forge Foundation for two months. The Diwali Bazar continues to be a major fundraising platform for the Association, and a means to bring society closer to the Association to appreciate the skills and capabilities of the visually challenged trainees.



Kathakar International Storytelling Festival

On 16 November 2018, the storytellers from the Blind Relief Association were there on stage presenting the inaugural performance at the 3-day Kathakar International Storytelling Festival at Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts. The vocational trainees in teams narrated उल्टा-पुल्टा प्लेनेट, and ‘Once upon a Tree’ before a huge gathering of visitors, school children and other artists.



Annual Function

On 7 December 2018, the Blind Relief Association held its 74th Annual Function. Prof. S.R. Mittal, Adjunct Professor, National Institute for the

Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan) graced the occasion as the chief guest.

Besides honoring the employees for their long service and the students & trainees for their outstanding academic performance, the evening was filled with songs, skits and dance performed by the students of JPM school, trainees of Durgabai Deshmukh College, Computer Training and Vocational Training Center.



Madam Kaori Kono Visit

On 8 January 2019, Mrs. Kaori Kono, wife of Foreign Minister of Japan accompanied by Mrs. Patricia Hiramatsu, wife of the Japanese ambassador to India visited the Blind Relief Association, Delhi. Madam Kono observed the various programmes run by the Association and was greatly impressed by the training and education. A significant feature of her visit was an interaction session with Sawaru Nihongo (Touch Japanese) group of blind students studying Japanese language using Japanese Braille. The members included current and ex-school students of the Association, bankers and researchers.



Dr. Jack Hawkins Visit

On January 14 2019, Dr. Jack Hawkins, the current Chancellor of Troy University along with Mr. Sohail Ahmed Agboatwala, Associate Vice Chancellor were on campus and were amazed by the various programs for the blind run by B.R.A. With decades of experience in the field of visual and hearing impairment, he shared words of encouragement with the trainees of the Association.



Annual Picnic

On 2 February 2019, the Annual Picnic of the Blind Relief Association was organised at Millennium Indraprastha Park. Members of the Blind Relief Association's family including students, trainees, staff, alumni, volunteers, and families gathered for some pure fun, to meet people and enjoy the warmth of the winter sun. Staff, volunteers, students, and the trainees sang, danced, played cricket, enjoyed the comical skit put up by the trainees of Multi-Skill Unit and partook in the meal together.



RPwD Act workshop

On 9 February 2019, a one-day in-service training for special educators on RPwD Act 2016 was held in the Gandhi Hall of the Blind Relief Association, Delhi.

The workshop sponsored by the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan) and organized by Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education had a participation of over 40 teachers from 24 institutions. Sri A. K. Mittal, President All India Confederation of the Blind and Secretary General, World Blind Union; Dr. Swati Sanyal; Smt. Pubali Agarwal; and Dr. S. K. Dubey of Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education held four different sessions through the day.

Workshop on Technologies for the Education of Visually Impaired

On 11 and 12 February 2019, an innovative technology that can make the education of the visually impaired more fun and interesting made its way to the Blind Relief Association through Dr. S. R. Pandian from Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design, and Manufacturing (IIITDM), Kancheepuram.

The Professor accompanied by two project engineers, Sri Jacob Raj and Sri Vignesh introduced 3D printers and CNC geometry teaching machines in the two-day workshop held at B.R.A. 54 participants comprising teachers of JPM Senior Secondary School, trainees and staff of Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education and Computer Training, and staff of



Youth4Jobs took part in the workshop. The team also gifted a 3D printer to the Blind Relief Association for future learning and use.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – Alumni Meet

26 February 2019 marked the completion of 75 years of the Association which came into being on 26 February 1944. To celebrate this occasion and recall the old days a get-together of former students and trainees was organised as a special event. Avtar Singh Chawla ji, Satya Pal Bharati ji, Bishan Singh ji, Prem Dutt Sharma ji who in 1950s joined as students in the Industrial Home for the Blind at Lal Kuan Badarpur which was started by the Blind Relief Association in the year 1946, shared reminiscences of the early years, especially those of the founders Sri Umesh & Smt Anusuya Basrurker. There were other old timers like Madam Chandra Kanta Sharma, Raj Kumar, Keshav Kumar of the sixties, and Ajay Kumar Dixit, Gulab Singh, Harish Kumar Gulati, Dayal Singh Panwar, Mukesh Gautam, Pradeep Kumar, Rajpal who shared nostalgic memories of the 1970s to 1980s.

Mega Job Fair

On 12 March 2019, over 700 job aspirants hailing from a dozen states across the country came to the Mega Job Fair hosted by the Blind Relief Association jointly with the Department of Social Work, University of Delhi and Society for Human Welfare and Empowerment (SHWE) with Youth4Jobs as technical associate.



These aspirants comprised freshers and experienced candidates of different disabilities and the recruiters comprised 19 corporates. 90 of the aspirants found placements and 44 have been called for the second round of interviews in the respective offices.

Corporate houses including Microsoft, Accenture, Lemon Tree, Tech Mahindra, Wipro and many others were a part of this event. Besides corporate companies, institutions like Skill Council for Persons with Disability, National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation, Vocational Rehabilitation Centre provided information on their services for the disabled.

NEW STAFF

The Blind Relief Association welcomes the three new members who joined its family this year:

- Sri. Mahendra Kapoor Gupta joined as Head - Accounts & Finance on 1 June 2018
- Ms Swapna Merlin joined as Head - Communications on 27 August 2018
- Sri Jagmohan Singh as Upper Division Clerk in JPM Senior Secondary School on 16 November 2018.

FAREWELL

During the year, three members of the B.R.A's family retired and one member resigned. They were given a warm farewell attended by their family members and the staff from different units.

- Smt. Amrit Dua, Head Clerk, JPM School for the Blind superannuated from services on 31 July 2018, after having served the Association for over 39 years. She was the first female office staff to be inducted in the B.R.A. when she joined service in 1979.
- Smt. Santha Sreedharan, Accounts Officer retired on 30 November 2018 after having served the Association for 38 years.
- Sri Kusheswar Kanti, Helper - Kitchen retired on medical grounds on 30 November 2018, completing 21 years of service.
- Music Teacher Sri Mangal Singh Verma was given a warm send off on 16 February 2019 who moved over to Government School service



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

An account of the Blind Relief Association's 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 cooperation 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
- New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC)
- National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Dehradun
- University Grants Commission (UGC)
- National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHDFC)

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

Our Supporters

- Military Order of the Collar Charitable Foundation, Switzerland for the sustained

support to the Association's varied activities, namely Unit for Visually Impaired Children with Multiple Disabilities, Community Outreach Programme, Braille Production Centre and Recording Studio.

- MOC Terra Nordica, Sweden for the financial support to the Placement Project.
- P. Arora & Associates, architectural firm for taking up the completion of phase-2 of the Association's new building.
- Shahnaz Husain International Beauty Academy for fully supporting Ayurvedic Massage training with the free services of trainer and required consumables.
- Smt. Itsuko Nandi for teaching Japanese language to JPM School students.
- Ms. Himani, a young college student for helping set up Sawaru Nihongo (Touch Japanese) Group and teaching Japanese through Japanese Braille.
- The Robin Raina Foundation for providing scholarship to college going visually challenged students.
- Sri Sanjeev Saroha and Sri Vikas Batra, advocates for providing scholarship to college going visually challenged students.

CSR Support

- Mercer Consulting (India) Pvt. Ltd. for supporting the Multi-skill training program.
- SRF Foundation for supporting English proficiency classes for JPM school students.
- USHA International for providing machines for the sewing unit.
- National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) for refurbishing computer training centre with 10 new systems and donating roti making and dough kneading machines for the kitchen and school uniforms to the JPM school students.

A large number of self-effacing ladies and gentlemen have been giving of 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.

The Association also thanks the statutory auditors M/s. Thakur, Vaidyanath Aiyar & 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 the future as well.

And there is always more to come!

BENEFICIARIES DURING THE YEAR		
1	Jormal Periwal Memorial Senior Secondary School for the Blind (Nursery to Class XII)	208
2	Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education for Visually Impaired (B.Ed. Special Education)	47
3	Diploma in Computer Education(V.I.)	40
4	Computer Training for Adult Blind	8
VOCATIONAL TRAINING		
1	Multi-Skill Training	57
2	Call Center Training	25
3	Relaxation Massage Training	12
Total		397
	Placements (including 14 self-employed)	30

Independent Auditor's Report

The Blind Relief Association, Delhi Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Blind Relief Association, Delhi which comprise the Balance Sheet as at March 31st 2019, the Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Receipts & Payment Account for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the accompanying financial statements of the Association, have been prepared in accordance with the applicable Laws, in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the other 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, 2019.
- (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.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) issued by ICAI. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements under the provisions of the applicable law, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to Note No.4 and 5 of schedule-24 of the financial statements regarding the shortfall in the provision of gratuity liability of Rs.37,61,564 and unavailed leave of Rs.44,14,147 as determined on actuarial valuation basis under accounting standard (Revised)- 15. The management has decided to make the provision of such liabilities in the subsequent years in view of the fact stated in notes thereon.

Our opinion has not been qualified in respect of the above matter.



Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements.

Management of the Association is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements in accordance with the aforesaid Accounting Standard, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statement that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operation, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Report on other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

- a. we have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- b. in our opinion, proper books of account as required by relevant laws have been kept by the Association so far as it appears from our examination of those books.
- c. the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Receipts & Payment Account, dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account.
- d. in our opinion, the aforesaid financial statements comply with the Accounting Standards to the extent applicable.

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



(M.P. Thakur)
Partner
M. No. : 052473

UDIN

Place : New Delhi
Date : 26.09.2019



THE BLIND RELIEF ASSOCIATION, DELHI

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2019

(Amt. In Rs.)

	Sch. No.	As at 31.03.2019	As at 31.03.2018
FUNDS & LIABILITIES			
Corpus Fund	1	6,877,905	6,877,905
Reserves & Funds	2	143,622,673	140,178,125
Income & Expenditure Account	3	19,100,739	16,766,118
Loan Funds (Overdraft against Fixed Deposit from SBI)		-	487,515
Unspent Balance of Grant-In-Aid	4	1,525,144	488,884
Current Liabilities	5	10,475,099	10,275,759
Provisions For Leave Encashment	6	9,352,889	6,917,394
TOTAL		190,954,449	181,991,699
ASSETS			
Fixed Assets			
Tangible/ Intangible Assets	7	25,846,427	28,827,089
Capital Work in Progress	8	42,235,293	4,053,925
		68,081,720	32,881,014
Investments	9	91,035,132	124,422,192
Current Assets	10		
Interest Accrued on Investments		3,925,276	3,667,131
Inventories		1,343,754	1,810,701
Sundry Debtors		4,526,939	1,739,971
Cash & Bank Balances		10,236,572	3,311,281
		20,032,541	10,529,084
Loans & Advances	11		
Advances Recoverable		5,388,454	7,511,128
TDS		6,416,602	6,648,282
		11,805,056	14,159,410
TOTAL		190,954,449	181,991,699

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

As per our report of even date.
For Thakur, Vaidyanath Aiyar & Co.
Chartered Accountants
FRN 000038N

For The Blind Relief Association, Delhi

(M.P. Thakur)
Partner
M.No. 052473

(S. K. Misra)
Hony. Treasurer

(Mrs. Benu Nath)
Hony. Genl. Secretary

Place : New Delhi
Date : 26th September, 2019

(K. C. Pande)
Executive Secretary

(M.K. Gupta)
Head Finance & Accounts



THE BLIND RELIEF ASSOCIATION, DELHI

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2019

(Amt. In Rs.)

INCOME	Sch. No.	Current Year	Previous Year
Voluntary Contribution			
Grants in Aid	12	41,542,013	34,497,009
Financial Assistance received for Students		618,000	60,000
Grants-in-aid from Companies under CSR Activities	13	1,675,700	1,594,300
Donation	14	20,120,585	16,083,062
Membership Fee		1,800	5,900
Rental Income	15	46,558,162	39,384,028
Interest	16	7,658,831	9,227,426
Dividend on Mutual Funds		20,741	232,400
Fees - D.D. College & Diploma in Computer Training Course	17	1,923,336	1,400,325
Miscellaneous Income	18	1,223,818	1,866,521
Surplus before depreciation from Incidental Activities	19	109,036	38,602
Total		121,452,022	104,389,572
EXPENDITURE			
Establishment Expenses	20	18,812,363	18,304,573
Education, Vocational & Other Training Programmes	21	72,405,979	60,790,916
Administration & Other Expenses	22	20,820,082	19,154,804
Finance Cost	23	105,125	97,578
Depreciation & Amortisation		3,529,304	3,768,400
Less: Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund		(55,452)	(102,208)
Total		115,617,402	102,014,063
Surplus for the year		5,834,620	2,375,509
Amount transferred to Building Fund		3,500,000	500,000
Surplus carried to Balance Sheet		2,334,621	1,875,509


Accounting Policies & Notes to Accounts


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Schedules 1-24 form an integral part of Income & Expenditure account

As per our report of even date.
For Thakur, Vaidyanath Aiyar & Co.
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Hony. Genl. Secretary

Place : New Delhi
Date : 26 September, 2019


(K. C. Pande)
Executive Secretary


(M.K. Gupta)
Head Finance & Accounts



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Sri Arun Bharat Ram	Chairman & Life Trustee
Sri Ranjit Puri	Life Trustee
Sri Lalit Nirula	Life Trustee
Smt. Benu Nath	Life Trustee
Smt. Radhika Bharat Ram	Life Trustee
Sri S.K. Misra	Elected Trustee

MEMBERS AND OFFICE BEARERS OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE

	NAME	DESIGNATION	OCCUPATION
1.	Sri Arun Bharat Ram	President	Industrialist & Philanthropist
2.	Sri Ranjit Puri	Vice President	Social Worker
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
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13.	Sri Navin Bahl	Member	Chartered Accountant
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15.	Sri Mahender Kumar Sarin	Member	Chartered Accountant Ex-Consultant World Bank-Africa

HOW YOU CAN HELP US

For running such a large number of programmes and services for the visually impaired the Association depends largely on the goodwill and philanthropy of the society. You too can lend your support to us in a number of ways, through:

VOLUNTEER WITH US

You can share in the joy of serving by volunteering in a number of ways.

Fill the form found in <https://blindrelief.org/volunteer-4/>

PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT

Contact or visit us for a spot assessment of our trainees or allow our representative to visit you to help identifying places where you can gainfully employ persons with visual disability and make your's an inclusive establishment

CORPORATE FUNDING (CSR)

Our intentional approach to cater to visually impaired children and adults in every facet has resulted in various programmes.

Partner with us by supporting one of them.

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(Monetary donations to the Association are exempt under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act 1961)

- Contributions from within India can be made in the name of 'The Blind Relief Association, Delhi' by Demand Draft or multicity Cheque and sent by registered or speed post.
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