



November & December 2024

VISITORS FROM THAILAND



The Blind Relief Association welcomed four visitors from the Christian Foundation for the Blind in Thailand on 13th November.

During their visit, they met with Mr. Kailash Chandra Pande, the Executive Secretary, and received an overview of the Association's programs and activities. In addition, they toured the campus, observing the classrooms, training centers, and ongoing activities. They also visited the café, where they interacted with the trainees.

As a token of appreciation, the visitors left a souvenir as a gift for the Blind Relief Association.

KIZUNA 2024

On 21st November, the Blind Relief Association's Sawaru Nihongo Team (Japanese Language Classes) participated in Kizuna, a Japanese Cultural Festival organized by JNU's Center for Japanese Studies.

The team performed a heartwarming skit, "Sawaru Nihongo - Zou San," which told the true story of Indira, an elephant sent by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru to Japan in 1949. The skit highlighted the significance of compassion and cultural connection.

Ajay Gupta, a team member and a peer teacher introduced the team and organization, and the performance was followed by a rendition of the song "Zou San" in Japanese and Hindi. The Sawaru Nihongo team translated the Hindi version, which resonated deeply with the audience.

The team also enjoyed traditional Japanese cuisine, such as bento, sushi, and onigiri, and participated in workshops on tanabata and cherry blossom festivals.



LONG SERVICE AWARDS

The long-standing staff members of the Blind Relief Association were honored at an Award Ceremony on 22nd November. To appreciate their dedication and commitment, staff members in different duration categories received the Meritorious Long Service Award for their years of continuous service.

The awards were presented by Mrs. Benu Nath General Secretary; Mrs. Radhika Bharat Ram, Joint Secretary; and Mr. Pande, Executive Secretary. Although unable to attend the ceremony, the President of the Association, Mr. Arun Bharat Ram, sent a congratulatory audio message, which was played for all the awardees.

Awarded with a certificate and a cash prize, the staff members completing 25 years of service also received a silver coin. In tribute to those staff members who had passed away in recent years, their family members were invited to receive the award on their behalf.

The ceremony, held in the Stilt Area of the Manju Bharat Ram Block, was followed by a high tea, where the awardees and their colleagues shared light moments, and conversations, and enjoyed the famous pakodas.



KONNICHIWA JAPAN!

The Sawaru Nihongo Team of the Blind Relief Association dazzled the audience at the Konnichiwa Japan, a 2-day cultural extravaganza held at DLF Mall Saket on 23rd November.

Before taking the stage, the team indulged in Japanese culture, enjoying traditional delicacies like Ocha (tea) and Ramen (noodles), and exploring Japanese attire and cultural exhibits.

Their outstanding performance featured a flawless rendition of the "Zou San" skit, followed by a heartfelt singing of "Zou San" in both Japanese and Hindi. Notably, the team had translated the Hindi version themselves.

Under the expert guidance of volunteer teachers Varun, Nishta, and Prof. Azuma, the team showcased their talents, earning accolades from the President of Konnichiwa Japan and other distinguished guests.



GURBANI RECITAL

Set against the backdrop of warm winter sun on the lawns of the Blind Relief Association, Dr. Alankar Singh and the troupe performed a soul-stirring Gurbani recital. Over 300 people attended, including students, trainees, and staff members of the Association and some invited guests from outside.

Dr. Singh was joined by a talented ensemble of musicians: Shri Sandeep Singh on the Dilruba, and Shri Narinder Pal Singh on the Tabla. The mesmerizing music and devotional renditions held the audience spellbound for over an hour. For each Kirtan, Dr. Singh provided explanations of its meaning, helping the audience understand the moral values imparted through the verses. The performance concluded on a high note, with the audience expressing deep appreciation for the elating spiritual experience. As a gesture of grace, they were served Karah Prashad, specially prepared for the event's attendees.

Thanks to Spic Macay for helping us organize the wonderful afternoon.



NAYAR CRICKET TROPHY

The Nayar Cricket Trophy, traditionally a Kabaddi tournament organized for the students of JPM Senior Secondary School, took a different turn this year and was held as a Cricket tournament.

The competition featured three teams: The Challenger and The Silent Killer, representing the current students of JPM School, and Delhi Dynamite, composed of ex-students from the Association.

In the final match of the Nayar Trophy 2024, held on 2nd December, The Silent Killer emerged victorious over Delhi Dynamite. In recognition of their outstanding performances throughout the tournament, Govind (Ex-Student) from the B2 category and Prashant (Class XII, B1 category) was named the Man of the Series.

The Nayar Trophy is named in honor of Late Shri K. N. Nayar, the former Hony. Executive Secretary of the Association.



VISITORS FROM NBCC



Shri K.P. Mahadevaswamy, CMD, NBCC India Limited visited and felicitated the trainees of the Blind Relief Association, Delhi on 3rd December - International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

He along with senior officials of NBCC distributed Braille sheets, t-shirts, mugs, sweets, and stationery to the trainees and officials of the Association.

We are thankful for your support and kindness.

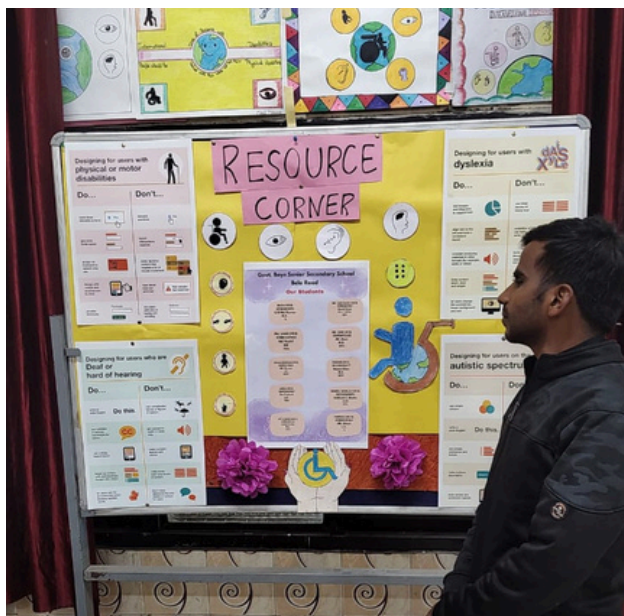
MASSEURS AT THE OBEROI

Our talented trainees undergoing Relaxation Massage Training at the Blind Relief Association had an incredible experience providing relaxing massages at The Oberoi Hotel.

Their dedication and skill truly shine through, making a positive impact on everyone they met.



VISIT TO GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS BY DDCSE



On December 3, International Day of Persons with Disabilities, second-year students from Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education (V.I.) organized an awareness camp across three schools under the Delhi Directorate: Govt. Boys Senior Secondary School (GBSSS) Pandara Road, GBSSS Bela Road, and GGSSS Masjid Moth.

Led by coordinators, the student groups engaged in activities such as setting up resource corners, creating posters, and addressing students and teachers about the

rights of Children with Special Needs (CWSN). Seminars on exam relaxations and the RPWD Act were also conducted, enhancing teachers' knowledge and ultimately benefiting CWSN students.

TAKLI SPINNING

Saturdays are very special for the Multi-Skill trainees when they learn the skill of spinning thread using charkha चरखा and takli तकली.

For the trainees, it is not just a unique vocational skill but also an excellent exercise in improving motor skills and mental concentration. Not to say that the thread spun by the trainees is made use of in diverse products crafted in our Vocational Training Centre. Thanks to Harijan Sewak Sangh for collaborating with the Blind Relief Association, Delhi for providing trainers.



VOTER AWARENESS PROGRAM



On 26th December, a team from the Election Office visited the Blind Relief Association to promote voter awareness in the light of the upcoming Delhi Assembly Elections.

The delegation included Shri Amit Sharma (ANO, SVEEP), Shri Shiv Chaudhary (Youth Advisor to the District Election Officer), and six dedicated interns. Our trainees actively participated in an interactive Q&A session, promoting voter awareness and inclusivity in the electoral process.

Catch up on social media

