



Newsletter

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FAREWELL TO DIPLOMA TRAINEES

On 2nd July, the Computer Training Unit of the Blind Relief Association came together to bid a heartfelt farewell to Batch No. 11 of trainees who had completed the Diploma in Computer Education and Assistive Technology.

The room was filled with a mix of nostalgia, gratitude, and celebration as each trainee stood up to reflect on their journey, share personal experiences, and thank their mentors. Faculty and leaders offered warm wishes and words of encouragement, recognizing the dedication and growth shown by the batch. It was a moment to honor not just academic success, but the friendships and experiences that shaped their time together.

As Batch No. 11 moves forward, they carry with them the spirit of perseverance, learning, and community. Wishing them all the very best in their future endeavors!



UNMESH 3.0

On 5th July 2025, the Blind Relief Association, Delhi, hosted Unmesh — a joyful and vibrant celebration of the cultural talents of its visually impaired students and trainees.

The afternoon began with a soulful violin performance by Mr. Gokul Chandra, a renowned musician and proud alumnus of JPM School. He was accompanied by Mr. Abhishek Bhola on the tabla, another distinguished JPM alumnus. In the second half, JPM school students and

vocational trainees took to the stage with spirited music and dance performances. Their enthusiasm and talent lit up the atmosphere and won every heart in the audience. It was a heartwarming celebration of creativity, confidence, and community.



VISIT TO OPTUM'S OFFICE

A group of 30 individuals, including IT trainees and staff from the Blind Relief Association, Delhi visited Optum's office, the sponsor of the Diploma in Computer Education & Assisitive Technology programme. The visit was organized to foster meaningful interaction between Optum's newly hired UCARE Team and visually impaired individuals.

The day was filled with warmth as Optum team members played inclusive games with our trainees and staff, creating genuine connections. Highlights included thoughtful tokens from the UCARE Team, the honouring of Smriti, an ex-trainee who became the youngest professor at Delhi University, and a moving poem by our trainees.



GOOGLE TEAM VOLUNTEERS

On 18th and 25th July 2025, a team from Google India visited the Blind Relief Association, Delhi and actively participated in various activities.

As part of their volunteering initiative, the team engaged with the Sewing Unit and Candle Making Unit, where they worked alongside trainees and gained insight into their vocational training.

Adding a creative touch to the day, the team created a vibrant wall graffiti, bringing color and energy to the premises. They also conducted an engaging session on Artificial Intelligence (AI) with trainees from the Basic Computer & Office Operations training, introducing them to emerging technologies and sparking curiosity.



LIVELIHOOD KIT DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

The Blind Relief Association proudly hosted its graduation ceremony on 19th July, celebrating the hard work and achievements of its vocational trainees. The event was graced by the esteemed Guest of Honour, Ms. Tanuja Joshi, Managing Director of Venu Eye Institute and

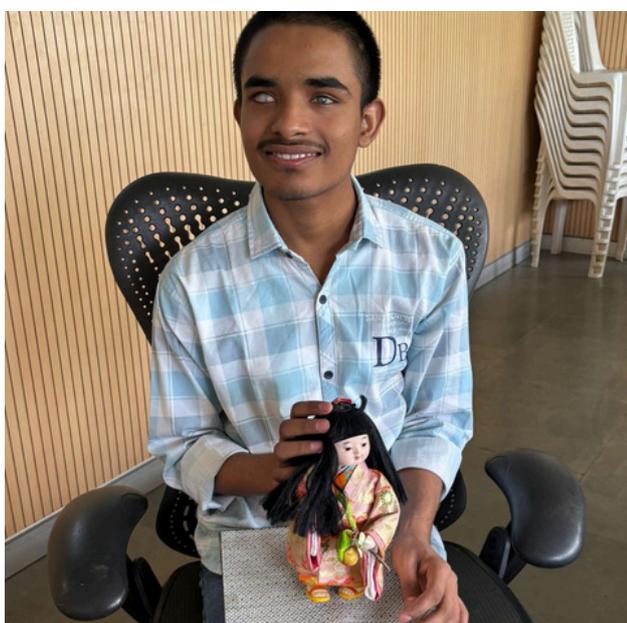
Research Centre, along with other respected members of the Association who added warmth and dignity to the occasion.

Certificates and massage kits were distributed to the graduates of the Relaxation Massage Training program, acknowledging their dedication and completion of the course. Certificates were also awarded to the trainees in the Multi-Skill and Adjustment Training Program. Trainees shared their inspiring journeys.

The Executive Secretary, along with other distinguished members, also shared their insights and words of encouragement, inspiring trainees to continue their path with confidence and purpose.



BIZEN CERAMICS AT JAPANESE CLASS



On July 20th, the Sawaru Nihongo Group had a truly fascinating session with Nishtha Sensei and Apoorva Sensei on the world of Japanese dolls and Bizen ceramics!

The students had the opportunity to feel a traditional doll and experience the texture of authentic Bizen ware, a unique learning moment for all.

A big thank you to Nishtha Sensei for the specially designed T-shirts — such a thoughtful and generous gesture that made everyone feel part of something special.

DISTRICT LEVEL COMMITTEE

The Blind Relief Association was formally included as a member of the District Level Committee for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) constituted by the District Social Welfare Office, New Delhi, in its meeting held on 21st July 2025.

INTERVIEW MOCK SESSIONS

On 24th July 2025, the Blind Relief Association, Delhi, in collaboration with the KenEarth Foundation, conducted interviews and skill assessments as part of an initiative to launch training programs for visually impaired students.

A total of 13 candidates participated in the selection process, which involved three phases: a written test, a reading exercise, and a personal interview. The panel comprised Ms. Khushboo and Ms. Gayatri Kansal from the KenEarth Foundation, along with Ms. Suketa Kamath Taneja and Mr. Sumit Mahto from the Blind Relief Association. Eligible candidates from within the Association were invited to take part.



This joint effort aimed to evaluate the skills and potential of visually impaired individuals for inclusion in upcoming training initiatives, reflecting a shared commitment to empowerment and inclusion through skill development.

ARRISE SOLUTIONS TEAM VISIT

The Blind Relief Association, Delhi was delighted to welcome a vibrant team from Arrise Solutions (India) Pvt. Ltd. on 25th July for a day filled with empathy, engagement, and meaningful interaction. The visit, part of a sensitisation and volunteering initiative, offered powerful insights into the world of visual impairment.

The day began with a blindfold exercise giving participants a firsthand experience of navigating without sight. This helped deepen their understanding of the challenges faced by visually impaired persons. After the activity, team members shared heartfelt reflections on how the experience reshaped their perspective and strengthened their sense of empathy.

The team also introduced our trainees to computer gaming as a tool for creativity, strategic

thinking, and engagement. In return, trainees shared their personal gaming experiences and how games had sparked their interest in technology.



During their visit, the Arrise team enthusiastically joined the Candle Making and Stitching Units, engaging with our trainees and learning more about their vocational skills. Lunch was a time of connection, with team members helping serve meals to trainees and staff, creating a warm and inclusive atmosphere.

A friendly game of blindfolded cricket added energy and laughter to the afternoon, while also emphasizing trust and teamwork. Some visitors also experienced massage sessions by our trained visually impaired masseurs, appreciating their professionalism and skill.

CULINARY WORKSHOP BY TAJ SATS

On 26th July, the Blind Relief Association, Delhi, welcomed a team from Taj SATS, led by Chef de Partie Ms. Kriti Bansal and Sous Chef Mr. Harish, along with a group of around 17 professionals who brought energy and expertise.



The highlight of the visit was a hands-on culinary workshop for our trainees. The chefs demonstrated how to prepare flavorful dishes while engaging the participants in each step. The sessions were interactive, allowing trainees to ask questions, try their hand at assembling ingredients, and understand the importance of taste, texture, and hygiene.

Beyond the cooking techniques, the chefs emphasized crucial aspects of kitchen discipline. From food safety norms and personal hygiene to efficient workstation practices and respectful teamwork, the trainees were given a practical understanding of professional standards in food preparation.

RELEASE OF HERO KI KAHANI

On 26th July 2025, the Braille edition of the inspiring book Hero Ki Kahani was launched at the Blind Relief Association, Delhi. This initiative, led by the Raised Lines Foundation in collaboration with the Association, marks a significant step toward making quality reading material accessible to visually impaired students.



A brief audio-visual presentation offered attendees a preview of the book, after which the Braille edition was formally unveiled by Mr. Jogendra, CFO of Hero Enterprise. He also shared valuable insights into the book's creation, which was followed by an engaging Q&A session with students of JPM School.

The event served as a powerful reminder of the importance of accessible literature and the shared responsibility of building inclusive learning environments for all.

DENTAL CARE AWARENESS PROGRAM

On 26th July, the Blind Relief Association conducted a Dental Care Awareness Program for visually impaired students.

Mr. Dave Chadha led an engaging session to teach students about oral hygiene using simple, accessible methods. Dental care kits designed for blind children were also distributed during the event. A press conference was also held to raise awareness about the dental health needs of blind children and highlight the initiative.



VIJAY VISION AWARD

On 26th July 2025, The Blind Relief Association Delhi was honoured with the Vijay Vision Award 2025, presented by the Vijay Foundation in collaboration with MIOT and JE Seonics. Adding to the pride, Mr. Shyam Kishore, massage instructor at the Association, received a special felicitation for his dedicated service to the visually impaired community.

The ceremony, held at the Godavari Auditorium, Andhra Association (Delhi), also recognized other organizations and was attended by a diverse audience, including the Association's trainees and faculty. Justice Neena Bansal Krishna, Judge at the Delhi High Court, delivered an inspiring address highlighting inclusion, accessibility, and the power of empathy in building an equitable society.



OPTUM VISIT

On 4th August 2025, a team of 30 members from Optum visited the Blind Relief Association, Delhi.

The session began with a comprehensive briefing about the Association's mission, activities, and impact. The team was introduced to the various initiatives undertaken to support and uplift visually impaired individuals through education, vocational training, and employment opportunities.



Following the briefing, the team toured different units of the Association, where they engaged directly with the trainees. These interactions offered the visitors a first-hand glimpse into the skills, dedication, and enthusiasm of the trainees across various disciplines.

Team also visited Computer Diploma Unit, where the team was welcomed by Head of IT, along with the Diploma Teachers. They provided an insightful demonstration of the classes conducted for visually impaired students, showcasing how assistive technologies - such as Braille-enabled devices and screen-reading software - are integrated into the curriculum to facilitate learning and digital literacy.

The Optum team showed great interest and appreciation for the innovative methods used to make technology accessible. Their engagement and encouragement were deeply appreciated by both the staff and trainees.

TOWN HALL SESSION

On 2nd August 2025, The Blind Relief Association, Delhi hosted an inspiring Town Hall session featuring Mr. George Abraham, CEO of Score Foundation. Known for his pioneering work in disability inclusion and empowerment, George brought a wave of motivation and insight to the trainees and staff gathered for the event.

During the session, George shared his personal journey - marked by resilience, innovation, and a deep commitment to creating opportunities for the visually impaired. He spoke about the challenges he faced and the milestones he achieved, offering a powerful message of hope and determination.

His words resonated deeply with the trainees, many of whom are navigating their own paths toward independence and self-reliance. George emphasized the importance of believing in oneself, embracing one's unique strengths, and never letting limitations define one's potential.



ABYILYMPICS

The Blind Relief Association Delhi is proud to share that 10 of our massage trainees represented us at the prestigious North Zone Regional Abilympics 2025 - the "Work Skill Olympics for Persons with Disabilities" held at the Atal Scientific Convention Center, Lucknow on 1st & 2nd August 2025.

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Among fierce competition and incredible talent from across North India, the trainees showcased their skill, dedication, and spirit in the Massage Therapy category and brought two medals! Nitesh Kumar won the Silver Medal and Komal Kumari secured the Bronze Medal.



ZONAL LEVEL COMPETITIONS



The Blind Relief Association Delhi is thrilled to share that the talented students of Jormal Perival Memorial Senior Secondary School for the Blind have secured the First Position in the Zonal Level Group Patriotic Song Competition held on 01 August 2025 at Delhi Kannada Senior Secondary School.

Shivam Arora, a talented student of Class VII from JPM School, also secured the 1st position in the Zonal Competition – Junior Category (Classical Vocal Music) held on 25th August 2025 at Shyama Prasad School.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS



The Blind Relief Association, Delhi, came alive on 14th August 2025 with the vibrant spirit of patriotism as we celebrated India's 79th Independence Day with colour, culture, and community.

From the fluttering tricolour decorations to heartfelt performances, the event was a beautiful tribute to the nation's journey and the values of inclusion and empowerment we stand for.

The celebration began with the arrival of dignitaries, followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp and a soulful Saraswati Vandana by students of JPM School. A series of heartfelt performances unfolded including welcome songs, patriotic melodies, an energetic group dance, and inspirational speeches by students and trainees across our educational and vocational programmes.

The highlight of the event was the address by Chief Guest Dr. Sharanjeet Kaur, Chairperson of the Rehabilitation Council of India, who spoke powerfully on the need for greater representation of persons with disabilities in leadership roles.

The occasion also featured the launch of *The Blind Man*, a compelling book by Dr. Manoj Kumar, celebrating the resilience and achievements of persons with visual impairment.

The celebration concluded with a unifying rendition of the National Anthem, leaving everyone with a renewed sense of national pride and commitment to inclusion.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all students, staff, dignitaries, and guests who made this day so meaningful. Together, we continue to move forward in building an inclusive and empowered India.

JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATIONS

The Blind Relief Association Delhi was filled with joy and devotion as students enthusiastically celebrated the festival of Janmashtami on 16th August, marking the birth of Lord Krishna. The atmosphere was vibrant with laughter, and the spirit of togetherness.

The highlight of the event was the traditional Dahi Handi ceremony, where the children formed human pyramids and successfully broke the handi, symbolizing Lord Krishna's playful and mischievous nature.

Adding to the vibrancy of the day was the alumni reunion where former students returned and reconnecting with old friends. Their presence added a layer of warmth and nostalgia and reinforcing the enduring bonds within the BRA community.



MULTISENSORY IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE

Trainees from the Blind Relief Association had the wonderful opportunity to visit “Third Eye – A Multisensory Immersive Art Experience” by contemporary impressionist Alpna Kataria, presented by BOA Gallery at the Open Palm Court Gallery, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

Held from 18th to 22nd August 2025, the exhibition beautifully combined touch, sound, and scent, creating an inclusive space where art could be experienced beyond sight. It was a transformative and inspiring journey for our trainees, opening new ways of connecting with creativity and imagination.



UNMESH 4.0

The 4th edition of the cultural program UNMESH was celebrated today with great enthusiasm in the presence of dignitaries, teachers, students and trainees. Staying true to its spirit, the program once again provided a platform for showcasing talent, confidence, and creativity.

The event began with a mesmerizing Pakhawaj recital by Pandit Harishchandra Pati and his son Adi Narayan Pati, whose rhythmic beats created a divine and powerful start. This was followed by a graceful dance performance by the trainees from the Computer Unit, which brought color and energy to the stage.



Then a trainee from the Massage Unit presented a soulful solo song accompanied by guitar, leaving the audience deeply moved. The cultural journey continued with the Musical Group Performances by the students of JPM School – a Classical Music performance in Raag Bhairavi, showcasing discipline and devotion to tradition, and a patriotic rendition of “Vande Mataram”, which filled the hall with pride.

UNMESH truly reflected the blend of tradition and youthful creativity, making it not just a cultural program but a vibrant celebration of art, culture, and togetherness.

EYECARE SUPPORT



The Blind Relief Association, Delhi, in collaboration with Mohan Eye Institute, has started better Healthcare Support in its premises.

The clinic was formally inaugurated on Saturday, 23rd August by Dr. Rajiv Mohan of Mohan Eye Institute and his daughter Ms. Chandni Mukim, along with Mr. K.C. Pande (Advisor) and Mr. David Absalom (Executive Secretary). This initiative marks another step

towards providing better eye care support for the visually impaired as well as the wider community.

VOLUNTEERS FROM TAJ MAHAL HOTEL



On August 30th, Udit Mittal, Operations Manager at Taj Mahal, New Delhi visited the Blind Relief Association along with his team. The visit was a blend of engagement, empathy, and community spirit.

Mr. Mittal and his team toured various units of the Association, gaining firsthand insight into the impactful work being done to empower individuals with visual impairments. More than just observers, they actively participated in short volunteering sessions across different departments, offering their time and support with genuine enthusiasm.

Adding a special touch to their visit, the team brought along a cake to celebrate the birthdays of children born in the month of August. This thoughtful gesture lit up the day with smiles and joy, creating a memorable moment for the children and staff alike.

The Blind Relief Association deeply appreciates the team's meaningful involvement and their spirit of giving.

CELEBRATING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

The Blind Relief Association, Delhi is proud to share that 16 students (Batch 2024-2025) from Jormal Periwal Memorial Senior Secondary School for the Blind have secured admission to some of the most prestigious colleges under the University of Delhi!

Presenting the institutions that will shape their next chapter:

Ramjas College - 5 students

St. Stephen's College – 2 students

Kirori Mal College – 4 students

Hindu College – 1 student

Shaheed Bhagat Singh College – 1 student

Shyam Lal College – 1 student

Sri Aurobindo College – 1 student

Satyawati College – 1 student

CELEBRATING NEW PLACEMENTS

The Blind Relief Association is pleased to share the successful placement of vocational trainees from its Multi Skill Training and Relaxation Massage Training programmes.

- Gurukripa Lifestyle Pvt. Ltd., Faridabad – 04 trainees placed
- NAB, RK Puram – Café Beyond Eyes – 02 trainees placed
- Kyochi Foot Reflexology, Chennai – 10 trainees placed

The Association expresses gratitude to all partner organizations for their continued support in creating pathways to meaningful employment.

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