



Newsletter

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TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

On 4th November 2025, the trainees of the six-month Basic Computer Training program organised a tree plantation activity to promote environmental awareness and encourage a sense of responsibility among the learners.

Under the guidance of their instructors, the trainees planted a variety of saplings in and around the campus. The participants showed great enthusiasm and teamwork, making the activity successful and memorable.



DIGITAL BRAILLE 4.0 WINS BEST PAPER



Dr. Virender Kumar, Assistant Professor at Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education, presented a research paper titled "Digital Braille 4.0: Reinventing Accessible Learning Through AI, IoT, and Adaptive Interfaces." The paper was adjudged Best Paper (Education) at the National Conference on Education 5.0: A New Paradigm in Transforming Education, held on November 7–8, 2025, at Teerthanker Mahaveer University, Moradabad.

CSR ACTIVITY OF VERISK ANALYTICS

On November 11, 2025, senior leaders and volunteers from Verisk Analytic India Pvt. Ltd. visited The Blind Relief Association, Delhi, reaffirming their dedication to social responsibility and inclusive engagement.

The visiting delegation included: Louis DiModugno, Chief Data Officer; Jeff Negrete, Chief Technology Officer; David T. Lewis, Vice President, IS&T. During the visit, the team explored various units of the Association, gaining valuable insights into the organization's efforts to empower the visually impaired. The team also participated in a blindfolded activity that offered a powerful perspective on navigating the world without sight.

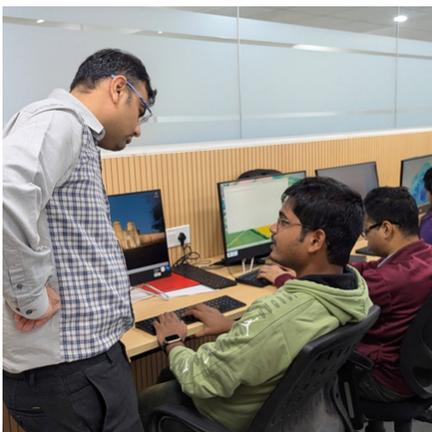
In support of the Association's sustainability goals, Verisk donated an Electric Loader under its Green Initiative.



TOT PROGRAMME FOR POSTAL TRAINING INSTRUCTORS

A 10-day Training of Trainers programme commenced on 12 November at the Blind Relief Association. The programme is designed to equip instructors from Postal Training Centres across India with the skills needed to effectively train trainees with disability, especially those who are visually impaired, and hearing impaired.

Participants have joined from five Postal Training Centres located in Darbhanga, Guwahati, Vadodara, Saharanpur, Madurai, and Mysuru, where thousands of Group-B and Group-C officials receive training each year.



Over the next ten days, trainers engaged in hands-on sessions on mobility and white cane techniques, accessible typing tools, screen readers, file management and data transfer, internet use and online platforms such as Google Forms, email communication, and mobile accessibility on iOS and Android. They were also oriented to a range of essential assistive devices.

This initiative aimed to ensure that trainers are fully equipped to support diverse learning needs and promote inclusive, accessible training across all PTCs.

NAYAR TROPHY

The Nayar Trophy 2025, a cricket tournament held at JPM Senior Secondary School, was conducted on 11 and 12 November, featuring three teams: DU Divers, Comrade Vidrohi, and The Royal Conquerors.

After three exciting matches, DU Divers emerged as the overall winners of the tournament, securing two strong victories, including the final match against The Royal Conquerors.

It was a fantastic display of teamwork, spirit, and pure cricketing joy! Kumar, Nitesh Kumar, Vaibhav Pandey, Mohammad Asif, and Rohit Sharma, with Satya Prakash and Govind Kumar being awarded the Man of the Series award.



LEARNING BEYOND THE CAFÉ

For Rohit, Rahul, and Dhiraj, Café Mast was more than a training space; it was where they discovered their confidence. Inside the café, most customers were familiar faces, but the Diwali Bazaar was a completely new experience with bright lights, festival music, and a constant crowd from morning to night.

Still, the excitement of learning together pushed them forward. As Rohit shared, “We enjoyed working in the café. It helped us learn café work and think about the future, in case we wanted to open one.”



At the stall, Dhiraj took charge of guiding volunteers, patiently helping them understand each step. “Sometimes volunteers did not understand or made small mistakes, but I kept calm. Otherwise, who would take care of things?” he said. Rahul moved between the café and the stall depending on the rush, while Rohit focused fully on preparing food inside and ensuring everything reached the stall smoothly.

Most customers at the bazaar were warm and encouraging, giving the three of them a chance to interact with many new personalities. Even the occasional argument taught them patience and communication.

Despite the long hours of standing, serving, and coordinating, they returned each morning energized because they genuinely enjoyed the work. When the bazaar ended, they felt tired but proud. They had become more confident, responsible, and comfortable handling pressure and crowds. Rohit even said, “We enjoyed it. We wanted it to extend more days.”



The Diwali Bazaar did not drain them. It strengthened their dreams, whether continuing café work, guiding others, or one day opening a place of their own.

STAFF FAREWELL



On 13 November 2025, a farewell gathering was held in the Gandhi Centenary Hall for Shri Hayat Singh (Cook) and Shri Vijay Singh (Peon), who retired on 30 September 2025.

Shri Hayat Singh served the Association for over 42 years, while Shri Vijay Singh completed over 41 years of dedicated service. They were warmly felicitated by their seniors and colleagues in appreciation of their long, sincere, and committed service. Their families were also present, adding a warm and personal touch to the occasion.

NEWL RELAXATION MASSAGE SERVICES

1. **Bharatpur Wedding** | 4 November

The team of professional masseurs provided relaxing massage services at a wedding in Bharatpur on 4 November. Guests appreciated the rejuvenating experience, which helped them unwind and enjoy the celebrations even more.



2. **Hyatt Regency Delhi** | 28–29 November

Ten trained masseurs were part of a wedding celebration at Hyatt Regency Delhi on 28 and 29 November. They provided relaxation massages during the Mehendi and Haldi ceremonies. Dressed in green and yellow to match the occasions, the trainees added both comfort and charm to the festivities.



3. **Maidens Hotel, Civil Lines** | 1 December 2025

Masseurs Sajjan and Rakhi offered relaxing massage sessions for the staff at Maidens Hotel, Civil Lines, on 1 December 2025. The experience was rewarding for both the hotel staff, who enjoyed a refreshing break, and the masseurs, who were warmly welcomed.



4. **Campus Visit** | 4 December

A group of visitors from the USA visited the campus on 4 December. During their visit, they explored the facilities and experienced soothing massages offered by trainees from the Relaxation Massage Training Programme at the Blind Relief Association.



ANNUAL FUNCTION

The Blind Relief Association, Delhi celebrated its Annual Function on 5 December in the beautifully renovated Gandhi Centenary Hall, an evening filled with joy, pride, and remarkable talent.

We were honoured to welcome Ms. Veditha Reddy, IAS, Director of Education, Govt. of NCT Delhi, as the Chief Guest, along with Mr. S. Govindraj, Commissioner of Disability, and members of the Managing Committee.

Before the formal programme began, Ms. Reddy visited our vocational training units, interacting with trainees and getting a glimpse of the hands-on skilling that forms the heart of the Association's work.

She received a warm welcome in the Gandhi Hall, which soon came alive with cultural performances by visually impaired students and trainees from across our units. From a soulful qawwali and energetic dance performances to a powerful skit and a graceful yoga demonstration, the evening left guests truly moved by the confidence and creativity of the performers.



The event also celebrated excellence and commitment. Top academic achievers from various units were felicitated by Ms. Reddy, joined by Ms. Benu Nath (General Secretary), Ms. Radhika Bharata Ram (Joint Secretary), and Mr. Amitav Virmani (Member).

We also recognised the invaluable contribution of our CSR partners for their sustained support, and honoured our dedicated staff members with long service awards, celebrating milestones ranging from 10 to an inspiring 40 years.

A special and heartwarming moment was the felicitation of Mr. K. J. Kuriyan, former Principal of JPM Senior Secondary School, for his long and impactful service to the institution. The evening concluded with tea and refreshments at the stilts area, bringing together guests, staff, and well-wishers to reflect on the memorable celebration.

SPECIAL EDUCATORS TRAINING

A five-days Hands-on Training Programme for Special Education Teachers under Samagra Shiksha Delhi (2025–26) was successfully conducted at The Blind Relief Association, Delhi from 15th to 19th December 2025.

The training began with sessions on Braille basics, inclusive classroom strategies and teaching Hindi with Braille support, followed by practical exposure to adapted assessments, assistive devices like Orbit Reader, and activities of daily living.

Participants explored vocational setups including sewing, candle making and café management, gaining insights into independence and integration for visually impaired learners.



The following days focused on adapted physical education, multisensory science teaching, English Braille practice, and classroom management strategies. Teachers also learned mathematics with tactile tools like the Taylor frame and abacus, sensory development activities, ICT applications such as NVDA and JAWS, and orientation & mobility training through practical exercises. The final day highlighted tactile maps in EVS, co-teaching practices, and awareness of NGOs supporting visually impaired students.

The programme concluded with reflections, feedback and certificate distribution, marking five days of rich learning, collaboration and commitment towards strengthening inclusive education.

UNMESH 6.0

6th edition of Unmesh was held on December 20, 2025 at the Blind Relief Association, Delhi. The event began with a devotional bhajan “Raghuwar Tumko Meri Laaj”, performed by our vocational trainees, followed by a colorful Rajasthani folk dance that showcased the richness of our shared heritage.

JPM School students then mesmerized the audience with a harmonious jugalbandi of harmonium, tabla, and dholak, setting the stage for the second half of the program.

The highlight of the evening was the performance by “Swarang Musicals”, a band founded by our talented alumnus Mr. Abhishek Bholu, whose tabla rhythms and musical storytelling truly elevated the atmosphere.

Unmesh was more than just a cultural event it’s a platform to nurture confidence, celebrate creativity, and illuminate hidden talents.



FAREWELL CEREMONY

A farewell ceremony of Computer Training & Office Operations (6 Months) trainees was held on 31st December 2025 at the Blind Relief Association.

10 trainees successfully completed the course as part of Batch 11. Mr. K C Pande, Advisor, and Mr. David Absalom, Executive Secretary gave away the certificates to the trainees.



IN MEMORIAM

With deep sorrow, the Blind Relief Association mourns the passing of Mr. Kamalbir Singh Jaggi, Head of Academic, Planning & Research and Manager of JPM Senior Secondary School, who passed away on 20 November 2025.

An alumnus of JPM Senior Secondary School, Mr. Jaggi also served as the former Principal of the Modern School for the Blind, Dehradun. His long and distinguished career in the field of visual disability was marked by dedication, discipline, and a sincere commitment to education and service. His warmth, integrity, and depth of knowledge earned him the respect and affection of colleagues, students, and associates across institutions.



A memorial gathering to honour his life and contributions was held on 29 November 2025 at the Gandhi Centenary Hall. Family members, colleagues, students, and representatives from associated organisations attended the gathering, while several others joined remotely to share their memories and pay tribute. The remembrance concluded with prayers for the departed soul.

The Blind Relief Association acknowledges with gratitude Mr. Jaggi's invaluable guidance and lasting legacy. His passing leaves a profound void, and he will be remembered with respect and reverence.

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