THE BLIND RELIEF ASSOCIATION, DELHI

80 years of empowering persons with visual disability (1944-2024)

May & June 2026

CLASS XII RESULTS

Heartiest congratulations to all our students on the excellent performance in the CBSE Class 12th Board Examination Results 2026. We are especially proud of Shivank Singh for securing 80% and topping JPM School.

With distinctions in subjects like English, Hindi, History, Political Science, and Sociology, our students have once again proved that determination, perseverance, and the right support can overcome every barrier.

A total of 19 students appeared, of whom 17 successfully passed, achieving 21 distinctions. The Blind Relief Association extends its heartfelt best wishes to all students for a bright and successful future ahead.

SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP



The Blind Relief Association hosted an inspiring self-defence workshop for the students of JPM School in Gandhi Hall on 14 May, conducted by Naman Munot, an international fighter, and silver medalist representing India in Muay Thai at Chiang Mai.

Through the Indian Institute of Fight Science, he has been working towards making self-defence accessible for individuals with different physical challenges focused on real-life safety and protection.

The session empowered our students with practical techniques, confidence, awareness, and the belief that self-defence is a right for everyone.

WALK TO SANJAY VAN

Himanshu of Class VIII said, "I really enjoyed the walk to Sanjay Van. My friends and I played there. We had yummy breakfast. We also fed rotis to the animals there. It was fun. And we made videos of the waterfall. I hope to go there again soon."

And perhaps that is the simplest and most beautiful way to describe the morning of 17 May. Before the city could fully wake up, the summer camp students and teachers of Jormal Periwal Memorial Senior Secondary School, along with the trainees and staff of The Blind Relief Association, Delhi, set out for an early morning journey through the lush trails of Sanjay Van.

What began as an approximately 14 km walk soon turned into a day filled with laughter, stories, discovery, and togetherness. From reaching the Eye Point to spending joyful moments near the waterfall area, every step carried excitement. The group shared breakfast under the open sky, captured little memories on their phones, and soaked in the calm beauty of nature together.



OUR MASSEURS AT AMERICAN EMBASSY SCHOOL



On 18 May on the occasion of Staff Appreciation Day at the American Embassy School, New Delhi, trainees from the Blind Relief Association proudly offered professional massage services to the staff members, creating moments of relaxation and gratitude through their skill and dedication.

UNMESH 9.0

The Blind Relief Association came alive with music, poetry, rhythm, and joy as we celebrated another vibrant edition of Unmesh on 23 May, which largely showcased the creativity and talents of the summer camp students.

The students of Jormal Periwal Memorial Senior Secondary School took centre stage, presenting a wonderful array of performances. From soulful songs and energetic dance performances to heartfelt poetry recitations and creative presentations, each act reflected their confidence, imagination, and enthusiasm. The event also featured performances by our multi-skill trainees, massage trainees, and computer trainees, making it a joyful celebration of talent, self-expression, and creativity.





FASHION SHOW

Six trainees from the Multi-Skill Training Programme participated in a fashion show organised by Ek Jeevan Hamari Prerna, an NGO working in the field of HIV awareness and support, on 26 May.

The event provided a platform for the trainees to showcase their confidence, talent, and individuality on the ramp. Their participation reflected the spirit of inclusion, empowerment, and self-expression, while highlighting their growing confidence and enthusiasm.



MENTORSHIP SESSION



As a part of SAARTHI 8.0, a centralized mentorship session was conducted on 23 May 2026 at the Blind Relief Association, Delhi. The session on General & Career Skills was led by Vikas Jain and Gaurav Bhandari, who shared valuable insights on professional growth and personal development.

The interactive session provided mentees with practical guidance to navigate their career journeys with confidence and clarity.

SUMMER REMEDIAL CLASSES



The Remedial Classes at Jormal Periwal Memorial Senior Secondary School for the Blind, run by the Blind Relief Association, came to a joyful close with a heartfelt farewell celebration on 29 May.

Held from 4 -29 May, the classes provided students with an opportunity to learn, explore, and express themselves through activities such as poetry, art, recitation, and much more. The sessions were made possible through the dedicated efforts of volunteers from Amity University's Integrated B.Ed. Special Education programme, who mentored and encouraged the students throughout the month.

On the final day, the students took centre stage and beautifully showcased all that they had learned. Their performances won the hearts of the audience. The event was graced by Mr. David Absalom, Executive Secretary; Mr. C. P. Mohanan, Deputy Executive Secretary; and Ms. Benu Nath, Trustee, whose presence made the occasion even more special. As a token of encouragement, the students were also presented with cricket kits, adding to the joy and excitement of the celebration.

FAREWELL TO SHRI ASHOK



A heartfelt farewell was organised on 30 May to honour Shri Ashok Kumar on his retirement as Principal of Jormal Periwal Memorial Senior Secondary School for the Blind.

Mr. Ashok Kumar's remarkable journey with the institution began in 1992 when he joined as a TGT teacher. Through years of dedicated service and sincerity to the education and empowerment of visually impaired students, he was promoted as Vice Principal in 2023 and subsequently assumed the role of Principal in 2026.

Known for his calm demeanour, humility, and dedication to duty, Mr. Ashok Kumar has left an enduring impact on generations of students and colleagues alike.

The farewell ceremony was graced by Executive Secretary Mr. David Absalom, Advisor Mr. K.C. Pande, Deputy Executive Secretary Mr. C.P. Mohanan, and Trustee Ms. Benu Nath. Many of Mr. Ashok Kumar's former students joined the gathering to express their gratitude and share cherished memories. Gifts and tokens of appreciation were presented on behalf of the Blind Relief Association, Delhi, the JPM School staff, and his students as a tribute to his years of selfless service.

FAREWELL TO COLLEGE TRAINEES

On 4 June 2026, Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education (Visual Impairment) bid a heartfelt farewell to its 2023–25 batch. The occasion was filled with cherished memories, gratitude, laughter, and emotions as students, faculty members, and staff came together to celebrate the journey of the graduating batch.



REMEMBERING THE FOUNDERS



On 4 June, the Association came together to pay homage to its founder, Late Smt. Anusuya Basrurker, on her death anniversary. The occasion was marked by a special gathering and a sacred havan, held in remembrance of her life, contributions and enduring legacy.

The gathering also honoured the vision and ideals shared by Smt. Anusuya Basrurker and Shri Umesh Anand Basrurker, upon which the Association was founded. Their values continue to inspire the Association's work and guide its endeavours.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

On the occasion of World Environment Day on 5 June, The Blind Relief Association partnered with the team from Taj Mahal Hotel, Delhi for a plantation drive on campus.

Trainees, staff, and hotel representatives came together to plant saplings and promote environmental sustainability.



CHILD PROTECTION WORKSHOP



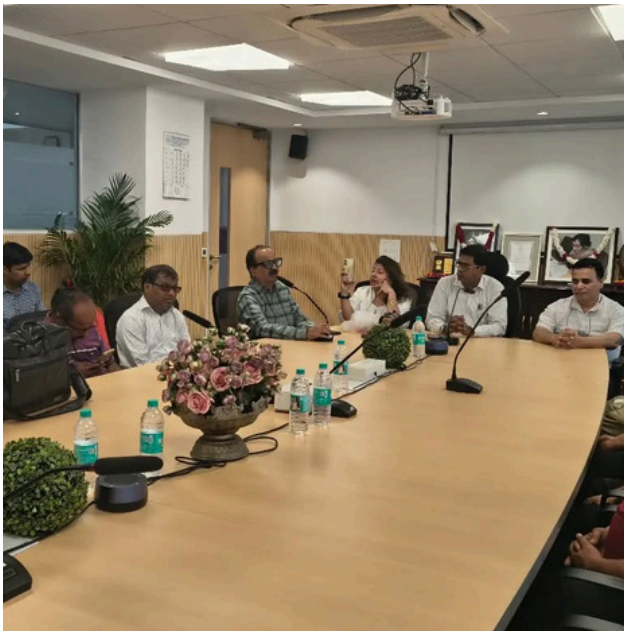
The Blind Relief Association, Delhi hosted an insightful workshop on Child Protection and Body Safety in collaboration with Parwarish Care Foundation on June 6. Facilitated by Ms. Shruti Dalela and her team, the session engaged residential staff and caregivers in discussions on body autonomy, consent, personal boundaries, child protection, and the provisions of the POCSO Act.

Through interactive activities and discussions, participants learned to recognize distress, encourage open communication, and safeguard every child's well-being and dignity.

REMEMBERING SMT. GURNANI

On 9 June, the Association commemorated the life and legacy of Late Smt. Saroj Gurnani, who passed away on 9 June 2025, honouring her invaluable contributions and the lasting impact she left behind.

Her contributions remain an enduring source of inspiration, reminding everyone of the importance of service, kindness, and dedication towards the welfare and empowerment of others. Her legacy continues to be remembered with deep respect and gratitude.



AWARDED THE CREDIBILITY ALLIANCE CERTIFICATE!



The Blind Relief Association, Delhi, was awarded the Credibility Alliance Certificate of Accreditation under Desirable Norms on 17 June 2026, marking an important milestone in the organisation's journey.

Credibility Alliance's accreditation recognises organisations that demonstrate a commitment to responsible practices and organisational credibility.

INAUGURATION OF SECURITY-CUM-WAITING LOBBY

The Blind Relief Association, Delhi, inaugurated its newly established Security-cum-Waiting Lobby on 17 June 2026. The facility was inaugurated by Mrs. Radhika Bharat Ram, Joint Secretary of the Blind Relief Association and Founder of KARM, along with our esteemed Advisor, Mr. K. C. Pande.

This important infrastructure initiative was made possible through the generous support of Ms. Devyani Jaipuria, whose contribution has helped to provide a dedicated workspace for security personnel to efficiently manage and monitor campus entry while offering a comfortable waiting area for parents, guardians, interns, volunteers, and visitors.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Devyani Jaipuria for her generous support, and to all those who contributed to bringing this project to fruition



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

On 20 June 2026, the Association celebrated International Yoga Day with an inspiring yoga session held on its premises in collaboration with IBSA and Taj Mahal Hotel.

Trainees, staff members, and guests came together to embrace the timeless practice of yoga, promoting physical well-being, mental peace, and holistic health.



UNMESH 10.0

Did you think a mango could inspire an entire afternoon of stories, songs, laughter, and creativity?

At this month's Unmesh, the Blind Relief Association, Delhi's much-loved talent showcase held every third Saturday, the humble mango became more than just a fruit- it became a storyteller. As India's favourite summer delight reached its peak season, our trainees and students celebrated the theme through poetry, music, quizzes, speeches, and imaginative performances that brought the spirit of summer to life.

Adding a special flavour to the celebration was our guest speaker, Mr. Sopan Joshi, author of Mangifera Indica – Biography of a Mango and an independent journalist. Through an engaging and interactive session, Mr. Joshi shared fascinating insights into the cultural, ecological, and historical journey of the mango, encouraging our trainees to look beyond the fruit and discover the stories it carries.



The excitement continued with a live video interaction with Mr. Dheeraj Singh Balyan, an alumnus of Jormal Periwal Memorial Senior Secondary School for the Blind and Manager at SBI Bank, who virtually welcomed everyone to his mango orchard in Muzaffarnagar. The virtual tour offered a delightful glimpse into the orchard, making the experience even more memorable for the audience.

The programme was a beautiful reminder that inspiration can be found in the simplest things around us and when talent meets imagination, even a mango has a story to tell!

HELEN KELLER DAY



On the occasion of Helen Keller Day, observed on 27th June 2026, the Blind Relief Association, Delhi paid tribute to the remarkable legacy of Helen Keller.

We were honoured to welcome Mr. Deepak Krishna Sharma, Head - Programme Development at Sense International, as the Guest Speaker. Addressing the gathering, he spoke about the importance of inclusivity, creating greater awareness, and developing the sensitivity and aptitude to understand the challenges faced by persons with disabilities, while emphasizing the need to build a society where everyone can participate with dignity and independence.

The programme was graced by our Executive Secretary, Mr. David Absalom, Advisor, Mr. K.C. Pande, Trustee, Ms. Benu Nath, and Course Director of Durgabai Deshmukh College of Special Education, Mr. Sudeep Dubey.

The enthusiastic participation of KARM Fellows, teachers, staff members, and trainees made the celebration truly meaningful and a memorable success.

KARM FELLOWS - ORIENTATION

The Blind Relief Association, Delhi, warmly welcomed approximately 45 KARM Fellows from KARM for Young Indian Women during an orientation programme held on 27 June 2026, marking the beginning of their community service journey.



Beginning 1 July, the fellows will actively engage in community service across the BRA campus, contributing their time, compassion, and enthusiasm while learning from the experiences of persons with visual impairment.

VALEDICTORY CEREMONY - SAARTHI 8.0



On 29 June, The Blind Relief Association, Delhi, celebrated the valedictory ceremony of Saarthi 8.0, an eight-year-long mentorship initiative jointly conducted with Youth4Jobs and supported by HSBC. Over the past three months, the programme has provided invaluable guidance and encouragement to our visually impaired trainees, equipping them with greater confidence, career insights, and professional exposure through one-on-one mentorship.

The ceremony was graced by our Executive Secretary Mr. David Absalom, Advisor Mr. K.C. Pande, and senior leaders from HSBC- Ms. Arpita Agrawal, Head of Finance Systems Support and Maintenance; Mr. Tanmay Vyas, Head of Regulatory, Liquidity System Operations & Digital Enablement; and Mr. Manikantan Ozhukil, Chief Administrative Officer.

As a token of appreciation, gifts were presented to the senior leaders and mentors from HSBC in recognition of their unwavering support, commitment, and the positive impact they created throughout the programme.

WORKSHOP - INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

On 29 June, Shri Ram School teachers, Ms. Heena and Ms. Gurpreet, conducted an insightful workshop on Inclusive Education and learning practices for JPM teachers.

The session encouraged meaningful discussions, shared effective strategies, and reinforced our collective commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive learning environment for all.



FAREWELL TO SHRI RAMESH



Shri Ramesh retired on 30 June 2026, bringing to a close over 37 years of dedicated service as a Sweeper.

On this occasion, a warm farewell was organised in his honour, where colleagues presented him with gifts and expressed their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for his sincere service and commitment over the years.

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