

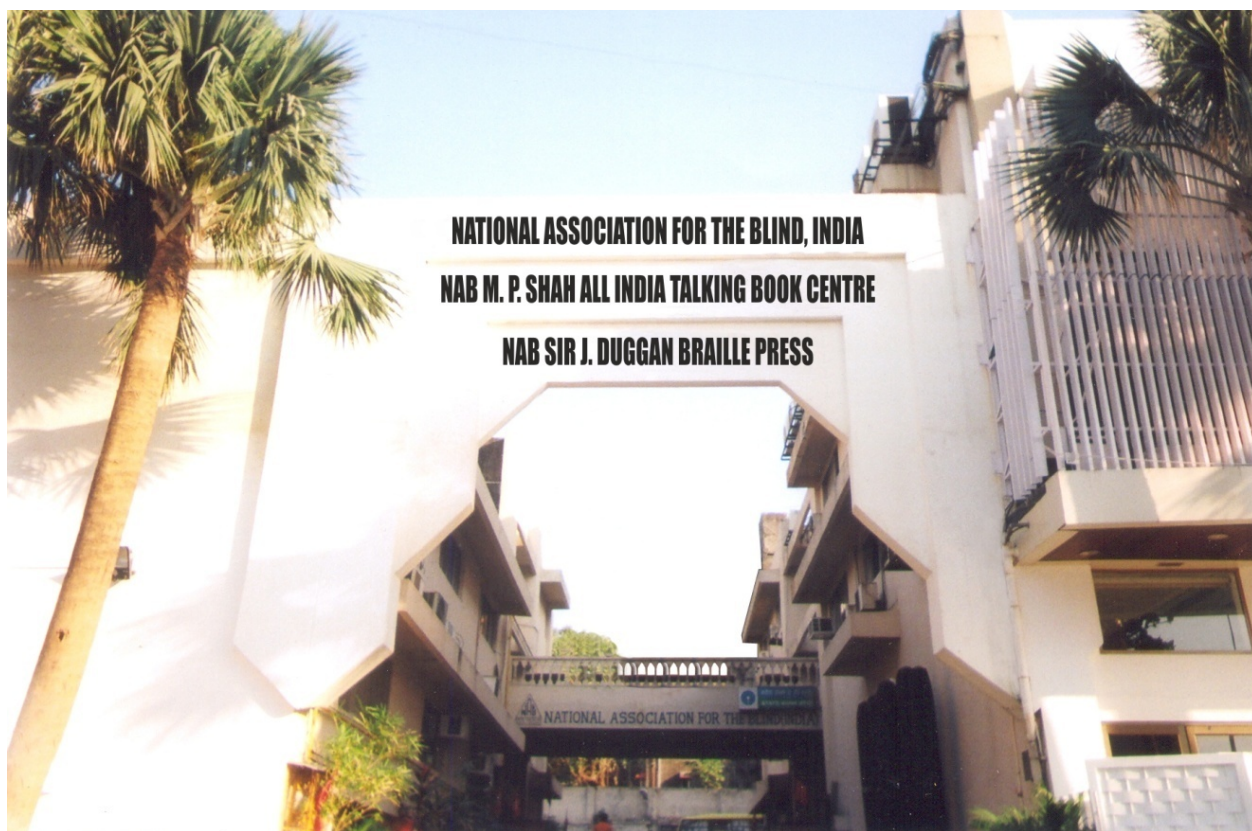


# National Association for the Blind, India

Annual Report

2019 - 2020

**SUMMARY**



## ***From the desk of the Honorary Secretary General***

*Dear Friends,*

*We are hereby presenting the Annual Report of our activities for the period April 2019 to March 2020.*

*During the period the organization has relentlessly worked towards empowerment of the Visually Challenged Persons in all aspects. Apart from the routine projects, NAB – India has undertaken many innovative projects. In the field of Blind Welfare, we filed several cases in the Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai, Maharashtra, e.g. writers to Visually Impaired Persons in competitive exams and succeeded. NAB through its Advocacy Department filed a Public Interest Litigation in the Mumbai High Court for making the Indian currency notes accessible to visually impaired. During this year, on a huge demand of Visually Challenged beneficiaries, NAB India has taken an initiative to start a short term courses in two phases for the skill development of the beneficiaries. This skill development training in two batches were conducted at the head office of NAB India which would prove to be a stepping stone for the Visually Challenged to prepare themselves for any long term or advance course leading to sustainable livelihood. Simultaneously, this year we have focused on the initiation of Online Library for our talking book beneficiaries and received a huge response towards it. This year with a new dream to achieve the sustainable employment for the Visually Challenged, the National Association for the Blind, India put one step forward in Collaboration with CPL Aromas Pvt. Ltd in the establishment of a 2 years Diploma Course in Fragrance for Visually Challenged Persons from 9th September, 2019. NAB Perfumery College is affiliated with Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU) from 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 and after the successful completion of the diploma course the certificate will be issued by YCMOU. This has opened a new avenue of employment for the Visually Challenged in the Fragrance Industry. One of the measurable achievements of this year was the Braille printing of the Dummy Ballot Papers & Voter Slips for the 48 Constituencies of Maharashtra and also for Diu, Daman & Silvassa Constituencies for General Elections to Loksabha 2019.*

*We place on record our deep gratitude towards our Members, Well-wishers, Volunteers and Donors – both Individual and Corporate – for their steady invaluable support, without which NAB - India wouldn't have attained to its present status.*

*Satya Kumar Singh*

# National Association for the Blind, India

## Management Team

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**Mrs. Swati Thakurdesai** (Resignation submitted on 27 September, 2019. Accepted by EC on 18 January, 2020).  
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## Departments of NAB (India)

### NAB Advocacy Department

The NAB Advocacy Department aims at making difference in the lives of the visually impaired (VI) in Mumbai and eventually at the national level. For this reason, several measures were initiated to convince the general community about the need for treating the VI on an equal footing with the sighted.

During this period 155 Visually Challenged Persons were provided assistance through NAB Advocacy Department on their personal, education, employment and property related issues.

The Department was involved in the following activities:

- Liaisoning with Government Departments and other authorities.
- Counseling clients, their parents and family.
- Handling local, state and national-level issues on accessibility, employment, education, need for new disability law in accordance with UNCRPD and policy change in general.
- Disseminating information on benefits available to the visually impaired through Government and NGOs.
- Organizing legal help.
- Advocacy for Protection of Legal and Human Rights.
- Any other assistance after ascertaining the genuineness of the need of the VI individual.

#### **Free Legal Aid Centre for the Visually Impaired**

The Legal Aid Cell introduced by the department has started functioning since March 5, 2016. During this period the center provided legal assistance to more than 45 clients.

#### **Achievements:**

Due to our intervention;

- The team of UID visited Multi-Disabled child Ms. Lavanya Ganesh Thorat residing at Dadar, for Home bound enrolment of Aadhar Card.
- Shri Narayan Kharat from Pune could be reinstated in the services of MSRTC.
- After several correspondence with Ministry of HRD regarding non-payment of wages to the Visually Impaired Teachers working under

Integrated Education Scheme, the Maharashtra Government has issued order to the concerned authorities for doing the needful.

- Visually Impaired Candidates were given Scribe for IBPS Examination.
- Through our continuous intervention with the Railway Authorities, many of our Visually Impaired Candidates received their Appointment letters in time.
- Received positive response from Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation, regarding allotment of Booths to Visually Impaired Persons at various State Road Transport Bus Terminals all over the State of Gujarat.

### **New Currency Issue:**

NAB, India through its Advocacy Department filed a Public Interest Litigation in Mumbai High Court for making the Indian Currency Notes accessible to Blind. The Hon'ble Court issued Orders to RBI to find out the mechanism to identify the new Currency Notes. Accordingly, the RBI has launched a new App named "Mobile Aided Note Identifier" (MANI) for the use of Visually Impaired citizens.

### **SEMINARS/CONSULTATIONS:**

Officials of NAB Advocacy Department attended following Seminars/ Consultations:

Consultation on the Status of Education of Children with Disabilities in Maharashtra State.

Forgoing collaboration for Vision Vangani 2025 organized by Habitat for Humanity India.

### **Other Activities:**

The Department met various Committees of Government as well as corresponded with Ministries/Govt. authorities/Public Sectors to resolve various issues viz. Railway Recruitment Cell (Western & Central), ZRUCC (Western & Central), BEST, Gen. Admin. Department (Zilla Parishad), Ministry of Education, Banking authorities, etc. regarding 'D' Group results, Installation of Indicators in large fonts & the travelling of unauthorized persons for reserved compartments, Railway Concessions & change of Escort, issuing BEST pass, scribes issues during banking exams, recruitment of Visually Challenged teachers, availing the nearby posting to the Visually

Challenged persons, provisions of facilities to PwD's on polling booths, availability of legal facilities to PwD's from Government, increase in retirement age for disabled from 58 to 60, etc.

### **Representation on the Committee:**

Representation given on ZRUCC for both Western and Central Railways to which we have been taking up issues pertaining to Visually Impaired Railway Passengers. Mr. Suhas Karnik, Hon. Secretary, NAB, India was on the panel with BMC, MMRDA Officers regarding Development of Mumbai Urbanization with Disability needs. Mr. Karnik spoke on PWD's needs towards development and digitalization.



Right to Left : Mr. Nilabh Nagar, Urbanist & Architech, Ms. Anna Lekvall, Consul General of Sweden in Mumbai, Ms. Prathima Manohar, Founder – The Urban Vision, Dr. Sangita Hasnale, Assistant Commissioner – Planning, MCGM, Mr. Suhas Karnik, Hon. Secretary, NAB, India & Ms. Elsamarie D'silva, Founder and CEO – Red Dot Foundation (Moderator).

### **NAB Sir J. Duggan Braille Press**

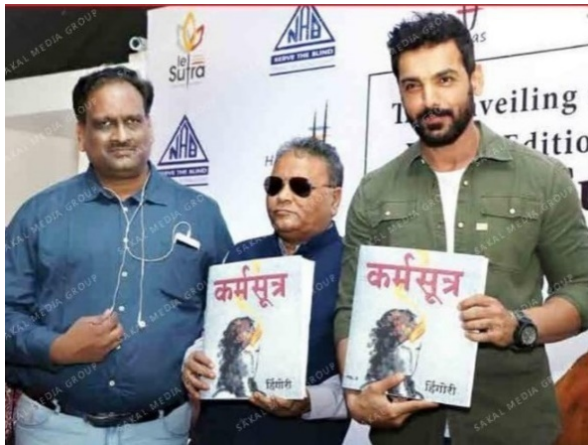
The year 2019-2020 was eventful for the Braille Press as the previous years. The Braille Press altogether produced 5,72,054 Braille volumes running into 91,80,845 Braille pages during the year. These included Marathi, Hindi and English Medium textbooks from Std. I to Std. XII prescribed in the state of Maharashtra, and general books in Marathi, Hindi and English. The Braille Press received the sponsored orders for production and free distribution of several general books to institutions for the blind in India thereby making available a wide range of Braille literature for the blind.

We have printed and distributed 1500 copies of our annual calendar in Hindi – NAB Dindarshika 2020 to blind individuals, which is in great demand amongst our Blind readers.

The NAB Braille Press Department organized a function, on January 4, 2020 to commemorate Louis Braille's 211<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary. The Heads of NAB

Departments, Staff, visually impaired trainees/persons gave tribute to Louis Braille by briefing the audience about Louis Braille's great contribution by inventing the script "Braille" for the visually impaired. Poems on Louis Braille were recited by the trainees. The importance of Braille script was highlighted in this function. Two Braille books "The Path of Silence" in English by Swami Radhanandji and "NAB Dindarshika 2020" in Hindi, a braille calendar was officially released on this occasion.

The NAB Braille Press transcribed in braille Hindi book, "Karma Sutra – Cracking the Karmic Code" for Hingori Sutras, Mumbai. A function was organized by Hingori Sutras, Mumbai, for the inauguration of this Hindi Book in braille on January 4, 2020 - Louis Braille's 211<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary at Le Sutra – the Indian Art Hotel at Khar.



"Karmasutra" Braille Book Release Function  
From Left Dr. Vimal Kumar Dengla, Hon. Secretary, NAB (I) Middle Shri S.K. Singh, Hon. Sec. General, NAB (I), at the right Shri John Abraham, Brand Ambassador, NAB (I).



Charaiveti! Charaiveti!! Book release function. On stage from right, Smt. Pallavi Kadam, Exe. Director, Shri Anand Athalekar, Hon. Sec., Shri Hemant Takle, President, NAB (I), Next Adv. Shri Ashish Shelar, the then Education Minister, Govt. of Maharashtra, Middle Hon'ble Shri Devendra Phadnavis, the then Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Ram Naik, Governor of Uttar Pradesh & At the left Shri S. K. Singh, Hon. Sec. General, NAB India.

### Significant Highlights:

33 Schools/Institutions for the Blind in Maharashtra were supplied Text Books from Std. I to Std XII (Marathi Medium). 910 blind children were benefited through these Schools. 3713 copies (7302 Vols.) & 299 copies (433 Vols.) of Textbooks were supplied to Schools for the Blind and Blind Individuals. 104 copies (156 Vols.) of English Medium Textbooks from Std. I to Std XII were supplied to blind students who approached us.

Supplied 6964 copies (11093 Vols.) running into 13,20,300 pages of Marathi Medium Braille Textbooks of Std I to Std VIII to Maharashtra Prathamik

Shikshan Parishad and delivered to 44 Zilla Parishads and 13 Municipal Corporation Offices of various Districts in the state of Maharashtra under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan.

During the month of April 2019, the NAB Braille Press Department undertook braille printing of Dummy Ballot Papers and Voter Slips to 48 Constituencies of Maharashtra and also for Daman & Diu and Silvassa Constituencies for General Elections to Lok Sabha – 2019. Altogether 3,09,780 copies of Dummy Ballot Papers, 46,899 Voter Slips and 1950 Ballot Units were printed in braille and supplied for the above Constituencies.

In the month of October 2019, the Braille Press undertook braille printing of Dummy Ballot Papers and Voter Slips for General Elections to Maharashtra Legislative Assembly - 2019. Around 1,72,800 copies of braille dummy Ballot papers and 47,700 braille Voter slips were supplied to 288 Constituencies of Maharashtra.

The department printed in Hindi & Marathi braille, the book "Charaiveti-Charaiveti" as well as "Marching Ahead" in English braille written by Shri Ram Naik, Governor of Uttar Pradesh. The book was released on June 27, 2019 by the then Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Devendra Fadnavis at a formal function organized at K.C. College auditorium.

To commemorate the 103<sup>rd</sup> birth Anniversary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay, the National Association for the Blind, India, organized an event of Braille Reading and Writing Competition for the Visually Impaired students on September 25, 2019. In all 22 visually impaired students participated in the competition. On this occasion the NAB Braille Press, released a braille book in Hindi and English on the life of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay.

The Braille Press Produced 66 New General Titles through the assistance received from various donors. From the above new General titles, 102 Schools/Institutions for the Blind were supplied the following two new General Books free of cost.

1. Bhartiya Mahila - Mee Pahilee-Bhag 3 (Marathi),
2. Tyanahi Buddhi Aste (Marathi),

Some of the noteworthy amongst the New General Titles are:

Charaiveti Charaiveti (Marathi & Hindi), Marching Ahead (English), Ghosti Asha Majach Maja – 4 (Marathi), Kahaniya Hi Kahaniya – 1 to 4 (Hindi), Vikas Bodhkatha 2 & 3 (Hindi), Jeevan Vikas Shishuvachan – 1 to 8 (Hindi), Shree Ganpati Atharvashirsh (Marathi), Shri Akkolkot Swami Samarth Stora Mahatmya (Marathi), Lord Vishnu (English), Dharma Praptino Upadyo



(Gujarati), Yuktimule Sankat Talale (Marathi), Theva Bhan Swacchateche (Marathi), Mahatma Jyotiba Phule (Marathi), Thorla Bajirao (Marathi), Vinoba Bhawe (Marathi), Chandrashekhar Azad (Marathi), Yesu Kon Ahe (Marathi, Hindi & English), Devancha Dharma and Dharmachi Devale (Marathi), Karma Sutra – 2 Vol. (Hindi), The Path of Silence by Swami Radhanandji (English), Satyapremi Harishchandra (Hindi), Introduction to Plastic Pollution (English), Bhale Ka Phal Bhala (Hindi), Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay (Hindi & English).

Braille Production of Periodicals distributed free of cost or at subsidized rates to blind individuals and Institutions for the Blind in India.

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Periodicity</b>	<b>Name of the Sponsor</b>	<b>No. of Copies</b>	<b>No. of Subscribers</b>
1	Hindi	Reliance Drishti	Fortnightly	Reliance Foundation	96073	4018
2	Hindi	Vigyan Bharti	Quarterly	NAB, India	224	115
3	Hindi	Deepshika	Quarterly	NAB DWE	375	96
4	Hindi	NAB Dindarshika 2020	Once in a Year	NAB, India	1500	1500
5	English	Blind Welfare	Three Issues per year	NAB, India	98	50
6	English	White Print	Monthly	Upasana Makati	1708	145
7	Marathi	Braille Saptahik	Weekly	NAB, India	2600	50

It is a matter of pride for us that in this era of electronic appliances such as mobile phones, computers and use of audio books, NAB S.J.D. Braille Press is bringing out five periodicals with the help of NAB, India and two periodicals with the support/sponsorship of well-wishers and donors.

We have printed 1,02,578 copies of all these periodicals which benefitted 4018 readers all over the country and even abroad.

**Other significant Developments:**

NAB Braille Press published – 9 Textbooks (Marathi & English Medium) and 96 magazines in Hindi, English and Marathi.

1532 copies of General Books were supplied to blind individuals/organizations.

476 blind individuals availed from our Braille Press textbooks, general books, Braille paper, etc.

**Other Services:**

Braille Transcription – 302 blind students/institutions for the blind/well-wishers of the blind were helped in transcribing college notes and reference material for professional courses, competitive examinations/general books in Braille Sobhi El-Ejel Memorial Braille Library has 161 members.

Braille Printing Papers worth Rs.1,74,500/- were supplied to blind individuals/institutions through our Department.

**Summary of Braille production during 2019-2020**

No. of Pages (Data Entry):	5,303
No. of Pages edited and scanned:	37,865
No. of Pages:	91,80,845
No. of Copies:	05,72,054

**No. of New Titles:**

Magazines:	96
New General Books:	66
New Textbooks:	09

**NAB Client Service Department**

The client Service Department offers direct and timely assistance to VI persons for sorting out their day to day issues.

## Services offered:

- Counseling, guidance and referral for rehabilitation (including shelter for destitute blind persons) vocational training and education of the VI.
- Teaching mobility & personal care
- Availing travel concessions and tax exemption.
- Sale/free distribution of aids
- Financial assistance for diverse needs.
- Mobilizing resources for self-employment.
- Information dissemination about various facilities available through the Government and other voluntary organizations.
- Advocacy for rights protection



Raincoat distribution to VI student



Financial Assistance given towards Business startup



Sewing machine distribution



Physio ball given to the MDVI Children's Centre

The department collected cash donation to the tune of Rs.1,44,652/- (in cash) & Rs.3,19,000/- (in kind) to carry out its diverse activities.

During the year we have provided 5 Sewing Machines, 1 Flour Mill, 5 Weighing scales to the VI persons to establish their own business set up by promoting self-employment avenue. Two work tables and 5 physio balls were provided to the MDVI children and medical and financial assistance was offered to 11 VI persons through personal donors.

This year we have arranged different programmes like story telling competition, informative lectures on the Disability Act 2016 & Information about Government Resolutions & various schemes offered by government for visually challenged people to explore their talent, to become more accessible in day to day life & for self and community awareness.

An educational aid was given to 135 school-going children of VI persons who are in low socio-economic strata. Voice recorders distributed to 200 VI students for their study purpose and 150 raincoats were distributed to college going VI students. The department similarly collected in kind donation in the form of 200 T-shirts, caps and folding canes to celebrate world white cane day with our VI trainees from all the departments of NAB India.

Department avail the registration service to 363 visually challenged persons for getting UDID cards. Department supported for filling up the forms of Railway Recruitment Board, Food Corporation of India & Staff Selection commission to 08 VI persons.

74 new cases of blindness were identified. Follow up and Home visit services were availed to 104 Visually Challenged clients for giving them counseling and socio-economic rehabilitation.

Department offered its regular service like issue of concession certificates, distribution of personal aids like folding and fiber canes etc. and other documents to 3749 individuals.

Other activities included Awareness programmes, information dissemination on blindness related issues, observance of commemorative days like World White Cane Day and International Day of Persons with Disabilities. In all, the Dept. provided services to its clients on as many as 571 VI clients. Thus, the department reached to 5583 beneficiaries in total.

## NAB Department of Education

### 1. Integrated Education

The Department continued to lay emphasis on promoting Integrated Education of visually impaired children particularly in rural areas. During the year, the Department supported and monitored Integrated Education Programme in 11 States. The programme benefited 932 students (563 boys and 369 girls). These children were residing in 460 villages/towns and studying in 698 regular schools. The students were assisted by 84 special teachers.

Out of above 932 children, 239 visually impaired children were taken care of Mumbai I. E. Programme operated by NAB Education Department with the help of 13 special teachers. This year, 61 visually impaired children appeared or SSC/CBSE Board Examination held in the month of March 2019 and it is gratifying to note that out of 61 children 19 passed out with distinction, 31 with first class and 11 with second class.



Sensitization of other classmates



Abacus Learning & practice



Participation in Quiz Contest for disabled children

## 2. Services for Children with Visual and Additional Disabilities

During 2019-20, 100 children (69 Boys + 31 Girls) in the age group of 1 to 25 years from the City of Mumbai and its neighbouring areas, received services under the home-based service programme of the Department. Many of the children also attended the Centres at Thane, Jogeshwari, Sion and Dombivli.

## 3. National Programme for Home Based Services to MDVI Children

Under this project 10 units catering to 67 children (42 boys and 25 girls) at 5 locations viz., NAB Odisha State Branch, Bhubaneswar and Society for Environmental Development & Voluntary Action (SEVA), Nayagarh (Odisha), Shikshit Yuba Sewa Samiti, Basti; R.B.R. Viklang Kalyankari Sewa Samiti, Varanasi; National Association of the Visually Handicapped, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), have been set up. The nature of the services is very much similar to our home-based programme for MDVI children operated in Mumbai.

## 4. Human Resource Development Programme

The Department organised different training programmes for Itinerant Teachers, Parents, Volunteers, Teachers from regular schools and visually impaired children in different parts of the country. There were 94 participants.



Activity of picking of an object



Lighting of Crackers in Diwali



Cutting of vegetables into pieces



Ashadhhi Ekadashi celebration

## 5. Free Distribution of Braille Kits

In the year 2019-20, the Department distributed 583 Braille Kits to school going blind children from 11 States. These kits were assembled at the Department and were presented as gift. The Braille kits were made available from the donations given by Nihchal Israni Foundation, UBS business Solutions India Pvt. Ltd., Suresh Parikh and other individual donors.

## 6. Distribution of Braille Me – Refreshable Braille Device

The Department distributed nine 'Braille Me' devices free of cost for the use of 9 (5 boys + 4 girls) visually impaired children of Mumbai I.E. Programme, which were donated by Mr. Prabhakar Iyer from Mumbai.

## **7. Aids and Equipment**

The Department maintains a stock of educational, mobility and recreational aids and equipment for the use of visually impaired. In all 634 individuals and 87 institutions from 19 States took advantage of this service. One institution from Bangladesh too, benefitted through this service.

## **8. Participation in Workshops/Seminars/ Meetings, etc.**

The officials of the Department attended several workshops, seminars, meetings, etc., as participants/resource persons and provided expertise wherever necessary. The noteworthy amongst them were:

- a) National Conference on Inclusive Education organized by NIEPVD, Dehradun in collaboration with ICEVI West Asia Region at Dehra Dun (Uttarakhand) during January 24-25, 2020. (Mrs. Jayashree Thakur and Miss Hemangi Jadhav).
- b) ICEVI West Asia Conference on Visual Impairment and Deafblindness jointly organized by ICEVI West Asia and Sense International India at Kathmandu, Nepal during February 16-18, 2020 (Mrs. Jayashree Thakur, Miss Hemangi Jadhav and Miss Ujwala Paralkar).
- c) Two days Course Coordinator Meet of Western Zone organized by Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi at Nagpur during February 21-22, 2020. (Mr. A.S. Athalekar, Course Coordinator & Mrs. Arati Athalekar, Hon. Lecturer).
- d) Regional Training on Deafblindness/Multi-sensory Impairment organized by Blind People's Association at Ahmedabad during February 25-29, 2020 (Mrs. Shefali Birwadkar and Mr. Shrikant Khot).

## **9. Field visits**

The officials of the Department visited to monitor some of the locations where I. E. programmes for visually impaired children and National Programme for MDVI children operated by our project partners in the states of Chattisgarh, Goa, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.

## **10. Training Centre for Teachers of the Visually Handicapped (TCTVH)**

Training for the 20<sup>th</sup> batch of the course – D. Ed. Special Education (VI) commenced from July 08, 2019. The 19<sup>th</sup> batch was also in progress. In all, i.e. including both the batches, there are 28 trainees comprising 7 male and 21 female candidates. There are 16 visually impaired trainees. The course is of two years duration and recognized by Rehabilitation Council of India.



TCTVH trainees with I. E. Program students – giving orientation of public places under Community Based Teaching at Hanging Garden and Girgaum Chowpati, Mumbai

## 11. Mathematics Education Project – Mission Shiksha Project

NAB Department of Education has initiated a project for teaching of Mathematics to visually impaired children in the Mumbai I. E. Programme. The project is supported by Mission for Vision. Four exclusive Mathematics Teachers have been appointed in the project that caters to 51 V.I. children studying from Standard VI to X and provide coaching in Math. Ten students appeared for State Board Exam in the month of March 2019 and passed out with flying colours.

## 12. Publications

- a) Reprint of 5<sup>th</sup> edition of title “Braille Teaching Course Book - II” by Anand S. Athalekar.
- b) Reprint of 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of English title “Early Preparation of Young Visually Impaired Children” by Anand S. Athalekar.

## 13. Other Activities

A number of camps, picnics, excursions and parents’ meetings were organized during the year for children in I. E. Programme and those in Home Based Programme for children with visual and additional disabilities operated in the City of Mumbai and its adjoining areas.



Sports Competitions

## 14. SUCCESS STORIES: Swayam Dedhia



Swayam Dedhia with his prizes.



Swayam won prize in Abacus competition.

Swayam is a twelve years totally blind boy staying at Virar. Due to Retinopathy of Prematurity he lost his vision since birth. He has parents and one younger sibling in his family. His father is working with private company. Swayam is associated with NAB, India since his Kindergarten days.

He is studying in St. Xavier's High School and now gone to 6<sup>th</sup> Standard. In due course we found that he was insisting his special teacher to find out new opportunities with new techniques in learning of Mathematics or Braille reading & writing.

From the beginning he was a bright child and picked up braille very fast, so we insisted his school teacher to take his tests in braille when he was just in Sr. KG. Apparently, his school too supported this idea but though school faculty was not trained in braille. Then our Special Educator helped them in the transcription of Braille into print. Through this Swayam got benefitted a lot in coping up in the mainstream school with other sighted peers. Due to this the school was able to follow their curriculum without any hustle and enable Swayam to improve day by day. Over a period of time Swayam got expert in using braille and doing mathematics on Taylors Arithmetic slate. Slowly we found that he is good in mental maths too, so our teacher started teaching him Abacus. Considering his need his parents enrolled him to the Professional Abacus training course.

At the initial stage Swayam could not cope up with the professional class of Abacus training and the teachers were also not aware about the teaching techniques to be used while teaching to a visually challenged person, so he decided to take a break from Professional Abacus training. NAB's teacher motivated him to change his negative decision and personally went to his Abacus classes to meet the teachers. Our Special Educator explained the teachers about how to teach Swayam on Abacus and further he proved himself and nobody could stop him from achieving success in Abacus. He won many State and National level competitions with flying colours. He



performed well with excellence. Alike Abacus Swayam is also very good in digital world. He is able to do trivial computer task like typing in MS Word, Excel, going from one function to another function, using Google, Email, You tube, Hotstar, webapps and so on. He can downloads/create files. He efficiently uses computer as a learning tool for mathematics with the support of Software's like Math Type, Math Player, Team viewer for online class.

### **SHERLYN JADHAV:**



Motor development activity – putting coins in a box.



Walking while holding an object in a hand activity

Sherlyn Jadhav, D/o. Mrs. Dipali and Mr. Bharat Jadhav was born on October 24, 2010. Since birth she was suffering from mild Mental Retardation with Low Vision. Her family is a neutral family including father, mother, one brother and herself. Her father is working in a private sector and mother is a housewife. They are staying at Kalyan. Sherlyn belongs to middle class family. She is a premature baby born in 8<sup>th</sup> month of pregnancy. Her mother also had few issues during her pregnancy period. Being a premature baby, Sherlyn was admitted in NICU for a long period and her optic nerve got damaged. She is getting an epileptic attacks too. She was enrolled with NAB's Home Based Programme for the Multiply Disabled Children in 2017.

When Sherlyn has joined NAB's MDVI programme, her special educator/teacher found that she was very much dependent child especially on her mother. Her motor skills were not improved and she was unable to use her residual vision. Her speech was not clear and overall, her socialization was severely affected. During her early childhood stage, she had started walking very late and her symmetry was problematic. Being affected socialization she was very poor in communication and most of the time the teacher found her in anger or furious mood. Her concepts were not at all clear. When the teacher engaged her in her favorite activities only then she was responding her teacher. Her teacher approached this mechanism and gradually developed rapport with Sherlyn.

When Sherlyn started visiting NAB Centre regularly, she connected to her teacher with a strong bond. Her teacher started various activities on the use of functional vision which were followed by her mother during home work. The teacher also started using 'Tadoma technique' for her speech improvement and soon Sherlyn started responding well. Then her speech developed remarkably. Her teacher used the Hand Over Hand technique while teaching her the activities of daily living skills at her home. Further her teacher started working on the basic concepts like big, small, light & heavy, near & far along with the identification of colors with the use of functional vision. Being having mild mental retardation along with vision problem her concentration ratio was very weak so her teacher used the play way method to enhance her interest and concentration in the activities. Soon her concepts of less & more, up & down got cleared. Her teacher took tremendous efforts on her and now she is able to speak nicely, can identify the colors, number etc.

Being the regular teaching and follow up regularly taken by her mother, Sherlyn is now able to communicate in her own way. She also expresses her feeling like love, anger, fear etc. She is able to identify the big size pictures and trying to do her daily living activities by putting her own efforts. As per the instructions of her teacher, her mother always gives her importance in routine activities and asked Sherlyn to assist her in household activities. This makes her very happy. Sherlyn now trying to help her mother in the folding of dry clothes. She tries to keep the things on their right places. She now greets everyone. Started eating herself. Her anger level has very calm down as her attention and focus is engaged in household activities. When she is visiting the NAB Centre she has started playing with her classmates and sharing too. Sherlyn loves to dance. She has started grooming in positive direction. She loves to practice the activities given for home work. Also, showing interest in playing with the ball or jumping, dancing and so on. This all has happened due to the sincere efforts taken by NAB teachers and the rigorous follow up by her parents especially her mother. Sherlyn is a very lovable, beautiful child and we wish her to achieve best in her life.

### **NAB Department of Employment**

The NAB Department of Employment provides gainful occupation to Visually Challenged individuals through their placement in Open Employment or by offering them the support for Self-Employment. The Department registered 102 job aspirants and placed 72 under Open and Self-Employment. Referrals were also offered to many Visually Challenged Persons to Government and Private Undertakings.

## Donation Drive from Boehringer-Ingelheim India Pvt. Ltd:



On April 25, 2019 for 'Earth Day' Activity Ms. Sunita James, from Boehringer-Ingelheim India Pvt Ltd., BKC, Mumbai and her team did a very good role in the Cleanliness Drive and beautified the place by decorating the same with Flower Pots at Worli Seaface Complex. They sponsored 50 Nos. of 'Voice Recorders' for our Visually Impaired College Students and 50 Nos. of Indoor Flower Pots.

**Thane Municipal Corporation** - In the month of June 2020 the Hon. Secretary and Mr. Swapnil Yelve met Shri Sanjay Jaiswal, Commissioner of Thane Municipal Corporation about long pending Appointment Order of Visually Impaired Candidates who have been selected by Thane Municipal Corporation. After the Meeting, the Appointment Orders were issued to six Visually Impaired Persons, within few days.

**Competitive Exam Training** – Competitive Exam Training Classes were conducted by Mr. Yash and Mr. Ishan on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the month of July 2019 from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. 10-12 candidates attended the training.

### **New Initiative:**

**NAB DVK Music Academy, Reay Road** – On November 18, 2019 NAB DVK Music Academy was inaugurated in memory of Late Shri Datla Vasant Kumar at Reay Road in co-ordination with Fermenta Bio-tech Ltd. Flute Maestro and Internationally acclaimed Artist Pandit Shri Ronu Majumdar was the Chief Guest for the function. The Musical Programme by Visually Impaired Musicians was performed on the occasion.



Inauguration of NAB DVK Music Academy by the auspicious hands of Pt. Ronu Majumdar. The DVK Officials and NAB officials were also present on the occasion.

**Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPWD)** – Mr. Swapnil Yelve, Employment Officer attended the Workshop on Assistive Technology to support inclusive practice, at XRCVC on November 13-14, 2019.

**Currency Identification Workshop** – On January 21, 2020 a group of Volunteers conducted a Workshop at NAB H.O. regarding a Device introduced for Currency Identification. 80 candidates participated and most of them were from outside Mumbai.

### **Workshop on Preparation for MPSC/Competitive Examination –**



On January 31, 2020 NAB Employment Department in collaboration with Sarathi Career Institute had organized a Workshop on Preparation for MPSC / Competitive Examination. Total 76 Visually Impaired Candidates attended the Workshop which was conducted by Mr. Akshay Bhise and his team. They informed that they will be providing free online video material as well as Scribes, whenever required, to the Visually Impaired Candidates.

On February 20, 2020 the staff and Hon. Secretary, NAB India attended the one day Seminar on 'Inclusive & accessible Society for Persons with Disabilities'. There were few companies like Big Bazaar, UBI, Google etc. were present. Companies Disabled Executives were involved in Panel Discussion organized by Barrier Break. They met many more people and interacted with them to know more about disability and experience through this Inclusive Meet.

### **Open Employment**

The Department was able to place total 72 Visually Challenged Persons under Open Employment, viz. Probationary Officer (1), Clerk (2), Assistant (1), Tele Executive (6), E-Valuator (4), Tele-caller (9), Senior Executive (1), Helper (1), House Keeping (5), Accessibility Tester (2), Store Keeper (3), Business Executive (2), Multi-tasking Staff(2), Coordinator (2), Massage Therapists (6), Group D (3), Special Teacher (2), Worker (1), Customer Service Executive (4), Packers (10), Field Worker (2), Hospital Attendant (1), Talathi (1) and Khalashi (1).

**Self-Employment** – Under the Self-Employment Scheme the Employment Department provided financial assistance to young and enterprising Visually Impaired Persons, viz. Mr. Prashant Dutta, Mr. Arvind Purohit, Mr. Anna Kumbhar and Mr. Uttam Wankhade.

**Work Centre** - During the period under consideration, we have supplied Newspaper Bags, Fancy Paper Bags, Envelope Packets, Gel Candles, Folders etc. to R & A Foods Pvt. Ltd., Moonlight Canteen, Jamnabai Narsee High School, Brunch & Munch etc. amounting to Rs. 1,34,246/-. The department also participated in various Exhibitions for awareness and sale.

## **SUCCESS STORY:**

### **Open Employment: Ms. Sarita Singh.**

Ms. Sarita Singh, a Visually Impaired Candidate 28 years old, residing at B/206 Dev Amrut Apartment, Bhakti Residency, Near Rahul International School, Nallasopara (West) is a B.Com. Student. Due to Eye Disorder she had lost her sight and struggled a lot to find a job. Her colleagues were not supportive towards her. She has a positive attitude and enjoys talking to people and gaining knowledge. Overcoming her fear and accepting disability is her greatest challenge. She is grateful to her Mother and passionate with her job. She loves to travel and cook. Her Mother is her role model who always inspires her to be positive.

Through NAB Employment Department she got her first job as a 'Receptionist' at Kanakia Spaces Pvt. Ltd. Though being a Visually Impaired she performed her duties very well and Management of Kanakia were very happy with her performance. Later on, through our Department she has been placed with Standard Chartered Bank as 'Telemarketing Executive' since February 2020.

### **Self-Employment: Mr. Anna Kumbhar**

Shri Anna Shivaji Kumbhar, a Visually Impaired Candidate, 36 years old residing at Room No. 5, Kumbhar Chawl, Shivaji Nagar, Jarimari, Kurla-Andheri Road, Near Dutt Mandir, Saki Naka, Mumbai 400 072 stays with his widow mother, wife and son. Positive thinking is the greatest challenge he has overcome through his disability. His biggest achievement is that through Self-Employment he can support his family.

He was working with Vodafone Call Centre but unfortunately it closed down. He struggled a lot for finding a job and approached NAB Department of Employment, for assistance. We suggested him to start some business by selling household items. Under Self-Employment Project we assisted him financially to start his small business. He is grateful to NAB Department of Employment and would like to expand his business.

## **NAB Finance Raising Committee**

During 2019-2020, NAB Finance Raising Committee (FRC) was able to raise altogether a sum of Rs.2,33,95,679.54 through various sources. Out of this amount, Rs.1,65,32,209.69 represents earmarked donations and the remaining amount of Rs.85,63,469.85 is for general purpose.

### **School Collections:**

FRC collected a sum of Rs.30,61,732/- from 45 Schools in Mumbai and its outskirts. The top most three schools to collect highest donations were:

1. MANECKJI COOPER EDUCATION TRUST SCHOOL, JUHU
2. THE D.P.Y.A. HIGH SCHOOL, DADAR (EAST)
3. UNIVERSAL HIGH SCHOOL, BRAHMAND-THANE

Similarly, the following three students have collected highest amount:

1. Mohika Rathi– Rs.13,450/- Std.IX -C- Maneckji Cooper Education Trust School.
2. Khushnam M. Avari - Rs.12000/- Std. IX -C- Maneckji Cooper Education Trust
3. Ishita Mishra – Rs.10,821/- Std. IX – C- Maneckji Cooper Education Trust School

### **Other Collections:**

Apart from the Schools, we received much financial support from employees of Kotak Mahindra Group. We are also receiving grants and financial assistance from our Funding Partners such as, Danamojo, CAF-India, Give India etc.

FRC also took part in the TATA Mumbai Marathon and raised an amount of Rs.2,34,450/-

All India Flag Day for the Blind was observed on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019. NAB Officials visited Vice Admiral Shri. Ajit Kumar P. PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Western Naval Command and pinned a flag on him. As a token of appreciation, they donated a sum of Rs.50,000/-.

Flag Day donation boxes were distributed to all departments of NAB (I), collection received through boxes were Rs. 45,967/-.

Words are inadequate to express our sincere gratitude to all individual donors and corporate for their generous support.

## NAB Louis Braille Memorial Research Centre & Publications Committee

The NAB Louis Braille Memorial Research Centre & Publications Committee (LBMRC) brought out three issues of magazine "Blind Welfare," April 2019, August – December 2019. The Centre also published three issues of the "NABINDIA" Newsletter and the Annual Report of NAB, India for the year 2018-2019.

**Library and Information:** The library collection of books stood at 5,811. Persons doing research in the field of visual impairment take advantage of the Research Centre. Since LBMRC also functions as an information Centre, information in the field of blindness/disability and other related topics were provided to those interested, on request.

The Centre was also involved in content writing for NAB, India website besides updating and uploading information on the website from time to time.

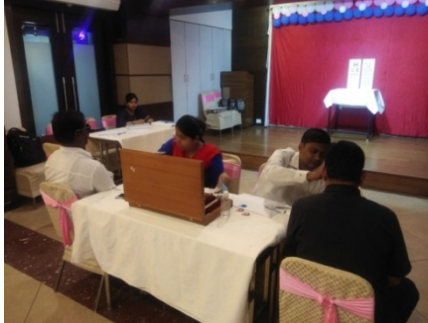
## NAB Kaikhushroo J. Chinoy Centre for Prevention of Blindness and Low Vision

The Department of Prevention of Blindness provides eye care service to the people belonging to the underprivileged sections of the society. In the year 2019-2020 department conducted 34 eye check-up camps & successfully completed the following activities.

Sr. No.	PARTICULARS	No. of Beneficiaries
01	Eye screening of children and adults from low socio – economic status	3855
02	Spectacles provided	2495
03	Medicines provided	686
04	Keratoplasties under Project Drishti sponsored by Reliance Foundation	1000
05	Keratoplasties surgeries supported by FBL	236
06	Cataract Surgeries	59
07	Squint	22
08	Retina Surgery	03
09	Low Vision Aids	02
10	DCR (Dacryocystorhinostomy)	01

In this year department also took up the activity of sensitization for the staff of Hotel Industry for the camps organized with AHAR, a parent organization for Hotel Industry in Maharashtra.

The keratoplasty target was successfully achieved for RELIANCE DRISHTI PROJECT. This year Fermenta Biotech Ltd., also extended their support for Keratoplasty & Squint surgeries, which were successfully carried out. We have also received appreciation from the beneficiaries using spectacles for providing best qualities spectacles.



Eye check-up camp with AHAR Hotel Employees at Symphony Pride Hotel in Mulund (left) & at Devadiga sangh at Dadar (right).

### **SUCCESS STORY:**



A 12-year-old girl Ms. Purnima Mondal, residing at remote village of Bankura District, West Bengal, reported to us with loss of vision in her right eye. She complained of redness and watering in her right eye. On investigation, infection was detected. To save the eye and control the infection, corneal transplantation was done and now she has got a good sight. After regaining her sight, she also hoisted National Flag in the Prova Hospital, Kolkatta on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019.



A 65-year-old female Smt. Kajal Mondal, residing at Sudarban, Kolkatta, reported to us with loss of vision in her right eye. She was able to perceive the presence of light. She also complained of pain, redness and watering in her right eye. On investigation, fungal infection was detected. The entire cornea was melted and it was not possible to save the eye with medicines. Therefore, to save the eye and control the infection, corneal transplantation was done and now she has got good sight and leads her normal life very smoothly.



## **NAB Department of Rehabilitation**

### **Basic Rehabilitation Courses:**

The 124<sup>th</sup> batch of the 3 ½ months, with 26 trainees was held from 3<sup>rd</sup> January to 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 and 125<sup>th</sup> batch with 26 trainees was conducted from 3<sup>rd</sup> June to 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2019. Intensive training was offered in basics of life, home management, physical education, Braille, Social graces and orientation & mobility. Vocational guidance was also offered. Trainees were involved in various other activities like motivational & subject oriented lectures, various competitions, sports, educational visits, outings, 3 days session on Art of Living, participation in festivals and social events, etc.

Course completion Certificates, white canes, stitching kits, the M. N. Chhatrapati Award etc. were presented at the passing out functions of both batches and best performers at various competitions were awarded prizes.

### **The Short-term Need-based Course:**

15<sup>th</sup> batch for Teenagers/Adolescents was commenced from 15<sup>th</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2019. Total 29 students who had appeared for Std. X and XII were enrolled for this course. Topics like stress management, goal setting, social etiquettes, health & hygiene, concessions, Interview techniques, Employment avenues, information about different professional courses, Motivation and Positive Thinking, Yoga, Technology, Conversational English as well as Sessions on Career guidance and sex education were also offered. Educational visits and outings were organized.

### **Vocational Trades Course:**

At the Vocational Trades course conducted from 16<sup>th</sup> September to 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, 13 trainees completed the course successfully. The participants were taught to make both fancy and simple candles, agarbattis (incense sticks), imitation jewelry, phenyl, liquid soap, popcorn, chocolate making, ubtan (face/body pack/scrub) etc. All the beneficiaries were handed over kits to commence business, sponsored by LIONS CLUB OF JUHU. Trainees also celebrated major festivals, enjoyed an entertainment programme and film show.

The products made by our trainees were exhibited at various exhibitions in association with NAB DWE. The Valedictory function of the batch was held on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. The president of Lions Club of Juhu along with their donor and Lion Riddhish Shah, Chairperson – SFBP and the office bearers of NAB India were present on this occasion.

### **10<sup>th</sup> BATCH OF THE SHORT-TERM COURSE ON ALL ROUND DEVELOPMENT OF VISUALLY CHALLENGED LADIES**

There were 23 participants for this course held from 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019. The female beneficiaries came from all over Maharashtra such as Nashik, Nanded, Mumbai, Pune were admitted. All the 23 participants successfully completed this short-term course.

This course is designed for all-round development of visually impaired women. Orientation & Mobility, Personal Care, Braille & Communication, Yoga, Social Etiquettes, stress management, goal setting, Health & Hygiene, Sex Education, Self Defense, Family Planning & Child Care, Cancer & AIDS prevention, Interview skills, Banking skills, Motivational lectures and overall personality development were covered under this course. Workshop in making of cakes, jams, juices, sauces, salad making with demonstration, etc. were also conducted. 3 days Self Defense sessions were conducted by an expert in the field.

#### **Awareness & Sensitization Activities:**

The staff of the department participated in "Dialogue in the Dark" to spread awareness and sensitized the sighted visitors of NAB India in the month of July, 2019. In other two events the staff along with Visually Challenged masseurs participated in the sensitization activities in the month of December, 2019. In these events the VC masseurs showcased their talents of reflexology and massage.

#### ***OTHER EVENTS/AWARD***

##### **RUDMI AWARD:**

Mr. Datta Ninawe, from Mumbai and Mr. Sandip Dhokale from Yavatmal, Maharashtra, ex-students of NAB-DOR received the "Smt. Nandini P. Divatia Rural Rehabilitation Award for Disabled for the Year 2019" on Dec. 2nd 2019 at Ahmedabad by the RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (RUDMI), Ahmedabad. The beneficiaries were awarded a Cheque of Rs. 15, 000/- each and a Certificate.

Thus, in this year NAB DOR directly rendered services to 117 beneficiaries through basic Rehab courses and 33 beneficiaries through professional

courses. The department also promoted 40 Visually Challenged passed out Masseurs to get various events throughout the year and conducted workshop on Physiotherapy advance techniques for 80 Visually Challenged Physiotherapists. In addition, the department attended 159 clients for other need-based services. Overall, throughout the year the department supported 581 Visually Challenged beneficiaries.

## **PROFESSIONAL COURSES**

### **PHYSIOTHERAPY:**

On 6th June, 2019, the new batch of Physiotherapy (2019-2021) commenced. 5 students were enrolled.

The second year of the 23<sup>rd</sup> batch (2018-2020) having 7 students and 24<sup>th</sup> batch (2019-2021) having 5 students, went on simultaneously. In all there were 12 students attending the course.

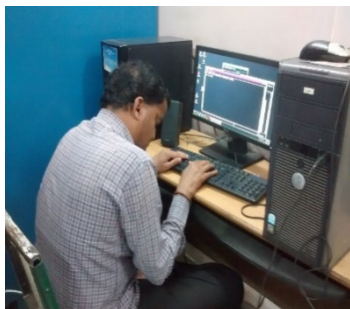
Regular lectures and practical of both the first & second-year students were in progress. Preliminary examinations of both 1<sup>st</sup> year and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students were conducted in March, 2020 and Final Board Examinations were supposed to be conducted in April 2020.

### **ACUPRESSURE & MASSAGE COURSE:**

Regular lectures and practical were in progress.

11 students were enrolled to the 29<sup>th</sup> batch conducted during January to June, 2019, whereas 10 students were enrolled to the 30<sup>th</sup> batch conducted between July to December, 2019. 6 students each from both the batches successfully completed their course.

On 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, 12 Acupressure & Massage students attended the "MARATHON" Event conducted by the United Eye Way and showcased their reflexology talents.



Basic Computer Training



Outdoor Games – Shotput



Domestic Science- Cutting of Onion

## SUCCESS STORY: MR. UMESH MANE



Umesh is a 34 years old illiterate, totally blind person. He became blind due to optic atrophy, at the age of 2 years. He is from Satara, staying there with his family. He belongs to a poor financial background. Before joining NAB DOR, his life was moving on doing nothing. He was very much worried about his future and totally dependent on his family members. When he heard about the basic rehabilitation course, he thought better to learn something rather than sitting at home doing nothing. As soon he made his mind, in June, 2019 he had joined our 3 & ½ months Basic Rehabilitation Course with the goal to improve his mobility. During these 3 & ½ months he had not only learnt Orientation & Mobility but also the domestic activities with safety measures and the basic braille for his own learning. After the successful completion of this course, Umesh realized that he too can do something on his own and the very first time he went back alone to his native place with the determination to come again for Vocational Course. The Basic Rehabilitation Course at Department of Rehabilitation not only gave back him his lost confidence but also the department lightened up the spark in him that he too can earn for himself and family. With this confidence and urge to gain the knowledge for livelihood, Umesh returned back to NAB, Rehab department and enrolled himself for the next 1 & ½ months Vocational Trade Batch. Under this training he had learnt about many small-scale self-employment avenues such as fancy and wax candle making, paper bags making, instant food products, chocolates, variety of jam and mukhwas, popcorn making, liquid soap & phenyl making, Perfumes and imitation jewelry making, agarbatti (Incense sticks) etc. He also learnt the basic electrical household repairing work and gained the knowledge of marketing skills from various lectures given to the trainees by market experts. After the successful completion of this Vocation Trade Batch, the NAB Department of Rehabilitation sponsored him a business capital of Rs.3,000/- with the help of a donor, in form of raw materials i.e. agarbatti and perfume making kit. Umesh then went back to his native place and started his own business of Agarbatti & perfume selling. His passion for his work encouraged him to share the responsibility of family and he focused on his business. He started selling the perfume and Agarbattis from door to door & also at market place. Gradually he started earning of Rs. 2,000/- to 3,000/- per month approximately and rolling the money for the next raw material. Now after one year, Umesh is earning good amount for his family. He is thinking to

expand his business too. He is in touch with the NAB Department of Rehabilitation and takes timely advise from the concerned authorities. He is a very good example of a person who can make everything possible without formal education and difficult background. In short, a zero can become a hero at any stage of life.

### NAB State Branches

The State Branches takes the services for the visually challenged throughout the country with the established nationwide network. The National Association for the Blind, India now has 22 State and 65 District Branches working for the welfare of Blind community across the country.

The Department was to conduct the “8<sup>th</sup> All India State Branches Conference of NAB, India” which was to be organized jointly by “Yaswantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University” and “NAB Unit – Maharashtra, Nashik” on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 at Nashik, Maharashtra. The theme for the conference was to be “**Higher Education of Visually Impaired – A Holistic Approach**”.

In spite of making all the necessary arrangements this conference was postponed indefinitely due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

### NAB M. P. Shah All India Talking Book Centre

The NAB M. P. Shah All India Talking Book Centre recorded 186 new titles comprising general literature, novels, magazines and academic books running into 1484.18 recorded hours.

New titles recorded in the year

English - 39	Hindi – 30	Marathi– 117
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The total number of titles available

English 1223	Hindi 1067	Marathi 2940	Gujarati 514	Punjabi 68	Bengali 45	Kannada 13	Tamil 2
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During this period 5,304 Talking Book CDs were dispatched all over the country to our Individuals and Institutional Members. 1,584 CDs mostly

containing textbooks were given and 7,455 titles were loaded on MP3 players/mobiles, on request. 480 Study CDs and 1205 General CDs to 16 Institutions for the Visually Impaired were also dispatched. Online Library facility was made available to 459 Members and 2001 titles were sent online. The Talking Book Library enrolled 85 new members, taking the membership strength to 2,821, i.e. 2,646 Individuals and 175 Institutional Members.

In English, general books were recorded, viz. - "False Impression" by Jeffrey Archer, "The Abode of Gods" by Dr. Arun Sharma, "The Seven Dials Mystery" by Agatha Christie, "Gently Falls The Bakula" by Sudha Murty, "The Girl In Room 105", by Chetan Bhagat and "Wild Fire" by Nelson DeMille.

In Hindi, notable books were recorded like - "Manto Ke Chuninda Kahaniya" by Saadat Hasan Manto, "Computer Ek Parichay" by Vinay Kumar Ojha, "Kamasutra" by Shashi Mohan Behl, Anne Frank's book "Anne Frank Ki Diary" (translated by Suraj Prakash), "Suz-Buz Ki Kahaniyan" by Renu and "Korza" by Mehrunnisa Parvez.

Few popular general books recorded in Marathi titled -"Anubandh" by Shanta Shelke, "Sunitabai" by Mangala Godbole, "Pais" by Durga Bhagwat, "Ek Zunj Varyashi" by P. L. Deshpande, "Kumpanapalikadla Desh - Pakistan" by Manisha Tikekar, "Sita – Warrior of Mithila" by Amish Tripathi, "Timiratun Tejakade" edited by Shyam Padekar and 29 issues of the Marathi Magazine – "Bolke Pakshik".

Other recordings comprised of English academic books for Grade II, X (NIOS), XI, FYBA, SYBA and Law of Mumbai University as well as a Book of Essays Pt. 1 & 2.

Textbooks in Hindi for Grade XII of U. P. Board, XI, SYBA of Mumbai University and D.Ed. were recorded.

In Marathi, Textbooks for Grade II, XI, FYBA, SYBA and TYBA of Mumbai University were also recorded.

The NAB M. P. Shah All India Talking Book Centre has initiated to new technology by distributing SD Memory Card for listening Audio Books on MP3 Players/Mobile Phones/Daisy Players on December 12, 2019 at 2.00 P.M. at the Audio Book Library. Total 80 Members of the Library joined this programme and they also interacted with their beloved Audio Book Narrators face to face.



Felicitation of Reader Mr. Yashwant & Mrs. Arati Athalekar by the Chief Guest & office bearers of NAB India and the Chief Guest. From the left Mrs. Pallavi Kadam, Exe. Director, NAB India, next Mr. Athalekar & Dr. Vimal Kumar Dengla, Hon. Secretary of NAB India, in the middle Chief Guest of the function Smt. Humsa Dhir. From the right Mr. Robinson, Dy. Director, TBC and Mr. Suhas Karnik, Hon. Secretary, NAB, India. In the right photo receiving feedback from visually challenged beneficiary.

### Online Library Service:

The online library service which has offered relentless service to the Visually Impaired even during the Lock-Down period which commenced in March, 2020. The online library service has found in great demand during lock-down. The membership and number of books supplied online both educational and general have increased substantially.

Books of new syllabus also recorded by the readers from home and supplied to the Visually Impaired library members in time.



Anish Kashinath Nawate, a 10<sup>th</sup> Std student from Shri Sant Gadge Maharaj Vidyalaya, Koregaon Park, Pune is one of the beneficiaries of NAB Talking Book Library. He regularly uses our online library service for his studies to improve his knowledge in various subjects.

### NAB Department of Women's Empowerment (DWE)

NAB Department of Women's Empowerment has served 381 female beneficiaries in total throughout the year via our various services like financial assistance, medical support, vocational training, and self-employment support, Rakhi & Diwali Projects, various events /programmes, outings, etc.

## **ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS:**

This year apart from the regular training, Rakhi & Diwali project and orders by clients, the department encouraged the Centre trainees as well as home workers to participate in various activities like Essay Competition, participation in ZEE Marathi Channel's Antakshari programme, Kathakathan Programme, celebration of Mangalaguri Programme (Maharashtrian event specially for ladies).

The Centre trainees also joined for the one-day picnic at resort and Diwali Programme along with the trainees of Rehabilitation Department. The trainees very much enjoyed the programme of renowned flutist Pandit Ronu Majumdar on Diwali celebrations. The trainees also shown the Marathi movie "Khari Biscuit" and got a chance to meet the artists of the movie.

Total 186 female beneficiaries of the department were participated in these activities and department projects.

The department showcased the handmade products made by trainees during the event of NAB Foundation Day by setting up a products stall for sale.

## **SIGNIFICANT EVENT:**

Ms. Yogita Tambe, Mumbai is awardee with the prestigious Neelum Khursheed Kanga Memorial Award this year for her outstanding achievement in Music on Sunday, January 19, 2020 on the occasion of NAB India's 69<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day function held at Blue Sea Banquet Hall, Worli.

## **Other major Activities:**

Financial Assistance scrutiny visits were done by the staff of the department and then selected beneficiaries were given financial assistance for medical support and household necessities. Total 25 beneficiaries were supported through this.

During this year the vocational training not only imparted to the regular centre trainees but also the department arranged a two days workshop on vocational training for the Visually Challenged female beneficiaries of Samajothan Andh Apang Kalyankari Sanstha at Chandrapur, Maharashtra. Total 20 ladies were benefitted through this workshop.



The staff of the department also availed the training to the trainees of Phansa on Activities of Daily Living (ADL) and Vocational trades.

One of the staff attended the two days seminar on "Specialist Teaching Techniques in Vocational Training".

### **DEEPSHIKHA MAGAZINE:**

Deepshikha is the quarterly publication of the department and has 95 to 100 visually challenged subscribers from all over India. The sponsorship of Rs.50,000/- was received from The Saraswat Co-Op. Bank Ltd.

### **DWE-TRAINING CENTRE ACTIVITIES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of activity</b>	<b>Participants</b>
13/5/2019	Kitchen training at DOR	DWE Centre trainees in rotation
18/7/2019	Satyanarayan Pooja	Tejas Training Center
14/8/2019	Raksha Bandhan at Sangam Institute (Colaba).	Ms. Pradnya Upadhye, Director alongwith five staff & fourteen trainees.
01/2/2020	Haldi Kumkum Programme at Reay Road	40 Visually Challenged women

### **PBK CANTEEN REAY ROAD:**

PBK Canteen successfully completed the orders for dry snacks and also sold the eatables in various exhibitions during festivals. Daily business has also increased through the variety of Breakfasts and orders of lunch.

### **NAB KAKA PATIL HOSTEL:**

Like every year this year too, NAB Kaka Patil hostel resident girls celebrated all the festivals like Holi, Diwali, Dahi Handi and other festivals too. Total 15 girls are getting benefit through this hostel.

The department voluntarily participated in the inauguration ceremony of U.P Governor Shri. Ram Naik's Book release programme on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. In the above programme DWE-Training Centre had put up a Stall & the Hostel Superintendent did proof reading of this book with the Braille Press Department.

DWE-Kaka Patil Hostel girls celebrated 31st December, 2019 at hostel.



Essay Competition Prize Distribution



Mangalagauri Programme



Rakshabandhan celebration at Army HQ



ZEE Marathi Antakshri Programme

## SUCCESS STORY – Shweta Agarwal



Shweta Agrawal was born in 2001 in Kudra village in Kaimur district of Bihar. She was born sighted and studied at the village school till 7th grade. In 2012 her eye sight started deteriorating. Within a year she became totally blind and her education stopped. Her father too being totally blind had no source of income and hence their financial condition was very deprived. Due to this in 2013 her brother came to Mumbai, in search of employment and in 2015 he brought his mother and Shweta to Mumbai to stay with him in a far western suburb of Mumbai.

Once they had gone to a well-known hospital in South Mumbai for Shweta's eye check-up. While returning home, in the local train they met a lady who was a teacher in National Association for the Blind, India (NAB). She told them that Shweta could continue her education with the help from NAB, India in spite of her disability. Till then Shweta's family had no idea that even the visually challenged can study and get educated. Shweta's brother took the address of NAB from that teacher and met the officials of NAB who told them about the various activities of NAB. Shweta was enrolled then in the women's special batch of NAB Department of Rehabilitation for learning mobility with other rehabilitation skills. After completing this course her mobility has improved and she became confident to move around on her own. Her education restarted and later on she cleared her S.S.C. examinations in 2018 with 69%. Meanwhile in 2018 her mother passed away and since her brother worked in night shift it was impossible for her to stay alone at home. Once again NAB helped her and got her admitted in NAB Kaka Patil Hostel for students & working women at Andheri. The hostel charges a nominal monthly fee which too was difficult for her to pay so NAB's officials arranged a donor to pay her fees.

Shweta secured admission in Junior College in Commerce stream and continued her college education. With the backing of NAB, she has received support from a donor to pay college fees, buy study material etc. Her H.S.C results were out in July 2020 and she has secured 73%. She wants to complete her graduation and would like to secure a job in banking sector. This is her dream and she is sure about to fulfill it with NAB's strong support. From a poor visually challenged village girl to a confident young lady she has come a long way. Shweta says, "I will be grateful to NAB throughout my Life".

## NAB Perfumery College

### **Establishment:**

National Association for the Blind, India in Collaboration with CPL Aromas Pvt. Ltd has established a 2 years Diploma Course in Fragrance for Visually Challenged Persons on 9th September, 2019.

### **Objective:**

This Course is established with the objective to train the visually challenged students in fragrance. A Holistic Training with a module featuring Sessions from the Fragrance Industry, on Effective communication skills, Grooming, Computer skills, Mobility and Braille. Students will be trained from the basic

Identification of Fragrances to Advanced Perfumery. With qualified Faculties for all components we started the Diploma Course.

On the successful completion of this Diploma Course, the eligible students will be assisted in getting suitable placements in aroma/fragrance industry.

### **Enrollment of Trainees:**

21 Visually Impaired Candidates who have been cleared the interview rounds enrolled for the Diploma Course. Candidates having good communications skills with a keen sense of smell, determination to learn new things besides the zeal to work hard has been selected on priority basis.

### **Affiliation & Certification:**

NAB Perfumery College is affiliated with Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU) from 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. An agreement is signed between NAB India and YCMOU. Shri Hemant Takle, President of NAB India and Dr. Shri Vayunandan, Vice Chancellor, YCMOU and other delegates of YCMOU and NAB, India were present during the signing of an agreement.

The Course has been combined with 4 Modules. The students will be assessed in each Module and accordingly the certificate will be issued by YCMOU.



Dr. Shri Vayunandan, the Vice Chancellor of YCMOC and his Team & Shri Hemant Takle, President NAB India, Shri Suhas Karnik, Honorary Secretary and Ms. Pallavi Kadam- Executive Director, NAB India.

### **COURSE COMPONENTS:**

The College focuses on the following Subject to improve the students Industrial Skills such as Perfumery, Computer skills, English Communication, Yoga, Orientation & Mobility and overall Personality Development. In addition, Industrial visits, internship in the fragrance industry are mandatory for the successful placement. These efforts motivate the students to achieve more and look towards their successful future.



Teaching by faculty in classroom



Computer training class



Aroma testing practice by trainees in the classroom



## NAB – J. K. Kapur Skill Development Centre

The NAB – J. K. Kapur Skill Development Centre conducted 3 months full time course for college students to develop their computer and communication skills. This course module also helped them to prepare for competitive exams. The centre is equipped with computers to give the trainees hands on experience with sufficient computer practice throughout the day. The trainees were imparted the computer training by two Computer instructors. Other faculties were also engaged in the course to train the trainees in communication skills and subjects related to competitive exams. They prepared the trainees accordingly.

This centre conducted two batches during 2019-2020. The first course was held between May 1 to July 31, 2019 with 17 students and the second course was held between August 1 to October 31, 2019 with 16 students.

The students from all over India were enrolled in both the courses who otherwise have no means to learn computer or other communication skills to the extend to work in offices. With this advanced training in computer they get better knowledge in MS Word, Excel, Power Point, internet, Jaws, scanning and converting of files, etc. which are much needed to work in offices. Simultaneously, they were taught about grammar, spellings and spoken English to develop their communication skills. Subjects like Maths, Clerical aptitude, General Knowledge etc. were also included in the training to prepare them for competitive exams.

## Major Events

### White Cane Day Celebration

On Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2019, NAB Department of Rehabilitation, Mahalaxmi and other Departments of NAB, India conducted awareness programmes at various traffic junctions, near Braille Press, Worli Seaface, Elphinstone Station, India Bulls and near Regal Cinema, Siddhivinayak Temple, Century Bazar, Kalachowki junctions Mumbai. All the officials from NAB, India along with Mr. A. S. Athalekar and Mr. Suhas Karnik, Hon. Secretaries of NAB India, Ms. Pallavi Kadam, Executive Director, NAB India were present. At different locations along with NAB, India officials, RTO officials, dignitaries of Hotel Taj Palace flagged off the event. Awareness programmes were held by providing tips on how to help the visually challenged with demonstrations of road crossing. Sponsorships of T-shirts, Caps, snacks, food, white canes etc. were arranged by individual donors. To make the above occasion a success, we receive support from the Mumbai Municipal Corporation, the R.T.O., the Commissioner of Police, B.E.S.T. and other local authorities. 150 beneficiaries participated in this event from various departments of NAB.



World White Cane Day – demonstrations at Siddhivinayak Temple, India Bulls junction & Regal Cinema Signal.

### Awards

The National Association for the Blind, India celebrated its 69<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day on January 19, 2020 at 05.00 p.m. at the Blue Sea Banquet Hall in the premises of the National Association for the Blind, India, 11-12 Khan Abdul

Gaffar Khan Road, Worli Seaface, Mumbai 400 030. The prestigious Rustom Merwanji Alpaiwalla and Neelum Khurshed Kanga Memorial Awards were presented to those who have rendered yeoman services to the Visually Challenged under Voluntary/Professional categories and to those Visually Challenged women who have achieved excellence by way of outstanding performance and contribution.

Shri Ramdas Athawale, Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Government of India was the Chief Guest for the function. The awards were presented by the auspicious hands of the Hon'ble Minister.

The recipients of the NAB Rustom Merwanji Alpaiwalla Memorial Awards under the Voluntary Category were – Prof. Anil Kumar Aneja, Delhi and Shri Jayantilal Bhimjibhai Patel, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The recipient of the Neelum Khurshed Kanga Memorial Award -- Ms. Yogita Tambe, Mumbai, Maharashtra.



Shri Ramdas Athavale, Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Government of India.



From Left Shri S.K Singh, Hon. Sec. General, NAB India, Shri Ramdas Athvale, Hon'ble Minister, Awardee Prof. Anil Aneja and Shri Hemant Takle, President of NAB India at right.



From Left Shri S.K Singh, Hon. Sec. General, NAB India Shri Ramdas Athvale, Hon'ble Minister, Awardee Shri Jayatilal B. Patel, Gujarat and Shri Hemant Takle, President of NAB India at right.



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## NAB (India) Beyond Mumbai

### NAB IDBI Polytechnic, Ambernath, Maharashtra

#### Vocational Training

NAME OF TRG. COURSE	NO. OF TRAINEES PASSED OUT	NO. OF TRAINEES ADMITTED
General Machine operator	24 (Incl. both the years)	14
In-plant training Centre	6	6
Plastic Molding section	4	4
File Board Section	6	6

#### Rehabilitation Initiatives

Although the primary objective of this is to impart vocational training to the visually impaired boys; efforts are also made to help trainees find suitable jobs. During the year under report the Polytechnic was successful in placing two trainees in Kerala and two in Ambernath.

#### Value of Jobs Undertaken and Executed (Rs.25,28,088.82)

Section	Rupees
Workshop	13,28,795
File Board	8,91,745



## Recreation and other Activities

Trainees celebrated Foundation Day of the Polytechnic and World White Cane Day, besides important festivals. Yoga camp, picnic, etc. constituted leisure time activities at the Polytechnic.



1. Demonstration of tool setting to the trainee by the faculty
2. Leisure activity – Picnic
3. Participation in the awareness camp for the assembly elections at Ulhasnagar

## NAB Dr. Modak Research And Rehabilitation Centre For The Visually Challenged

### Introduction:

NAB Dr. M. S. Modak Research and Rehabilitation Centre for the Visually Challenged, Nashik, Maharashtra is working for Research, Development and training towards the rehabilitation, empowerment and Social & Economic integration of the visually challenged persons. The centre has undertaken a number of training programs for the visually impaired persons, special teachers of the blind, teachers of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, etc.

### Services provided by the centre:

The services provided by the centre are viz. information dissemination of the various facilities available through Central Govt, State Govt, Municipal Corporations and other agencies for the disabled, Counseling, guidance and referral services for education, vocational and rehabilitation training to the visually impaired and Sale of an educational, recreational and mobility aids and appliances.

## **Major activities of the Centre:**

### **1. NIEPVD Sales Counter:**

The centre runs a sales counter of NIEPVD products on No Profit No Loss basis. At present there are 22 types of Educational AIDS, 9 types of RECREATIONAL AIDS and 5 Types of mobility and miscellaneous aids are available at the centre. During the academic year 2019-20 special schools for the blind from Nashik, Chalisgaon, Aurangabad, schools covered under SSA and visually impaired students studying in school and colleges from Nashik and nearby districts have taken advantage of this facility.

### **2. Skill Development & Empowerment Program For Economic Independence for The Visually Impaired.**

NAB Dr Modak Centre started a skill Development and Empowerment program for the disabled. The aim of this program is to train the trainees in various skills and income generating trades like diya decoration, Liquid Soap & phenyl making, Mat making, Bag making, Toran making etc. along with marketing skills for getting placement or getting self employment. Per batch 5 candidates are permissible currently for training & rehabilitation. This year 2 girls and 3 boys were enrolled and out of them 3 were successfully placed.

### **3. Joint Implementation of ADIP Scheme by Dr. Modak Centre and National Institute for the Empowerment of the Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD)**

NAB Dr Modak Centre is recognized by NIEPVD as an agency for distributing educational/rehabilitation assistive devices to the VI Students on behalf of NIEPVD. This year the assistive devices were distributed to 29 Visually Impaired. Out of these 29 VI beneficiaries 27 were given Daisy Players and 2 were benefitted with Upper Primary Kits.

### **4. Swarnetra Puruskar—2019:**

#### **State Level Singing Competition for the Visually Impaired**

Every alternate year NAB DR MODAK Centre organizes a state Level Singing Competition for the Visually Impaired, by giving "**SWARANETRA PURUSKAR**" with the aim to bring out the talents of the Visually Impaired persons. It was jointly organized with Kusumagraj Pratishthan and Rotary Club of Nashik in a very professional manner.

The second "SWARNETRA PURUSKAR 2019" Competition was conducted at Nashik on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019. 110 visually impaired singers from all over Maharashtra took part in the competition. The competition was very successful and highly appreciated by the visually impaired.

Eminent and famous music director Kaushal Inamdar was the Chief Guest for the concluding function. There were 3 prizes won by the first three numbers and 3 consolation prizes were given too.

## **5. Workshop on Career Guidance:**

A Workshop for one day was conducted at Nashik on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in association with Sarathi Career Institute, Mumbai. The objective of the workshop was to give guidance to the blind for preparing for MPSC, UPSC exams and other competitive exams. 35 blind students from various parts of Nashik district took benefit of the workshop.

## **6. Promotion of Sports Activities for the Visually Impaired:**

Considering the large interest of Visually Impaired girls and boys in Sports the Centre initially proposed to conduct Sport activities in Nashik and then in across Maharashtra. The Centre aims to provide formal sport training too. With this aim NAB Dr Modak centre conducted following Sport activities like -

### **a) Workshop in Chess:**

NAB Dr Modak Centre and All India Chess Federation of the Blind, Mumbai has organized a two days Chess Workshop on 22& 23 February, 2020 in Nashik. This workshop was conducted on the request of the VI children. Mr. Milind Samant and Mr. Sanjay Jaiswal were deputed as a coach by AICFB. 20 Visually Impaired boys & girls studying in schools & colleges were taught about the basic rules and steps of Chess.

### **b) Training/Coaching of Cricket for Visually Impaired Girls:**

NAB Dr Modak Centre, Maharashtra Cricket Association for the Blind and Nashik District Cricket Association proposed to start coaching for Visually Impaired girls in Cricket. Initial Meetings of the Officials of NAB Dr Modak Centre, Nashik District Cricket Association and Maharashtra Cricket Association for the blind, (MCAB) have been conducted to execute the same soon. Under this project the VI girls will be trained by

professional coaches. The coaches shall be provided by Nashik District Cricket Association, MCAB will train the coaches in the techniques and rules of the cricket for the blind.

## **7. Information Dissemination:**

The Central & State Govts. and the Municipal Corporations run several schemes for the disabled and the underprivileged. The blind participants are continuously given information about the Schemes for the Disabled implemented by NMC Social welfare Dept. such as scholarships, Pension Scheme, Central and State Govts., etc. and supported in availing the benefits of these schemes.

## **8. Placement of the Visually Impaired:**

Three blind persons were helped in getting placement in H P Manpower as Tele-callers, to promote the activities of the office. One candidate was placed in the month of January 2020. Two candidates were asked to join from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

### **NAB Lions Home for Aging Blind, Khandala**

Admission in the Home is open to needy Blind/Partial Blind persons (Male & Female) who are physically and mentally fit, active and age above 50 years without any discrimination of the religions, cast, creed etc. Admission is free of cost, we provide Lodging, Boarding facility and Medical treatment whenever needed. Regular medical checkup is done during the doctor's visit. If needed counseling through psychologist is also done.

At present on roll we have 74 inmates. Usually the daily routine of the inmates is such that they can engage themselves in the activities of their choice like Weaving, Knitting, Winding, Tailoring, Candle Making, Caning Work, Basket Making, liquid soap & regular soap making, etc. as well as they can get some time for leisure activities like listening music, radio, watching television or going for evening walk. Their routine starts by prayer and news reading and group discussion.

Different activities were carried out throughout the year. It includes Satsang, Bhajan, general entertainment, celebrations of festivals like Ganpati, Diwali, Rakhi, national festivals like Independence Day, and awareness programme like White Cane day. From February, 2020 the Birthday celebrations have been started for each Visually Challenged resident. All the inmates of the home enjoys outings and take part in all the said activities.



**NAB Sabita Saradindu Basu Centre for Blind Women & Disability Studies, New Delhi**

The training programmes in breast cancer detection, Computer based call center executive, Handicraft, Therapeutic Massage & Spa, Managing Front Desk/Reception, entrepreneurship, Café Management, Life Skills & Personality Development, cracking Bank Exams, etc. was conducted by NAB Sabita Saradindu Basu Centre for Blind Women and Disability Studies and further the center has identified the jobs in the fields of Customer Care Executive, Packers, Beauty & Wellness, IT-Ites, Field Technicians for the VI beneficiaries in future. This has benefited around 120 visually challenged individuals. Besides, CBW was able to arrange placements for 13, internships for 23, provided Hostel facility to 70 (including seven working women) and offered and arranged Scholarship to 23. Further, 15 VC girls were provided support to pursue higher education by offering them career counseling and getting enrolled in colleges. 5 VC girls pursuing secondary and higher secondary education were helped to complete class X and XII as private candidates. The annual festival and talent enhancement programme "Ujjawala" organized by the CBW attracted 150 participants. CBW received support of around 281 volunteers. The Centre also helped 28 VC youth to procure disability certificate from AIIMS and 1 VC girl got the wedding support from the center. During this year in all the Centre cater services to 448 beneficiaries.

In other activities, 65 individuals were treated by VC therapists through Japanese Medical Manual Therapy for various life style related conditions. Around 1196 individuals from various organizations and colonies were made aware about the breast health and breast cancer detection skill of the VC girls by way of various screening camps and talks under the supervision of

medical doctors. Another 462 individuals from various schools, institutes and organizations were sensitized about the field of visual impairment and rehabilitation.

Workshops were conducted on Yoga and meditation, communication and soft skills, personal grooming, social skills and home management, theatre, music and dance, self-defense, reproductive health, financial literacy, usage of assistive technology and rights etc. Adventure sports-cum-recreational trips and exposure visits also were arranged. Through job-mapping, extensive efforts were made to explore new employment avenues in hospitals and clinics to place trained candidates in the skill of breast cancer detection and canteens of corporate to place trained blind girls in the field of cooking.

Centre's recruited candidates & working as an Intern candidate are:



Ms. Mamta Priya has been placed and, Ms. Khushboo, Ms. Akanksha our interns at 'Sarathee, Gurugram based call Centre after customer care executive training. Ms. Anshu and Ms. Simu are interning at 'Tangles Salon' Gurugram, after spa & massage training.



Mr. Manoj Pal being employed at 'Spark Minda', Noida after packaging training.

Mr. Amit Rajat and Mr. Nityanand Pandey being employed at Spark Minda, Rudrapur after packaging training.

## **NAB – Phiroze & Noshir Merwanji Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind, Mount Abu, Rajasthan**

The NAB–Phiroze & Noshir Merwanji Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind, Mount Abu is a full-fledged Basic Rehabilitation Training Centre for the newly adult blind in India, established on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1967.

The Centre aims to adjust and orient those born blind as well as the newly-blind in day-to-day living and train them in crafts for future livelihood. Subsequently, it has started a middle school for the blind, recognized by the Rajasthan Board. The Centre is an activity of the National Association for the Blind (India), Mumbai.

### **Objectives:**

The basic aim of the Centre is to restore the blind client to the fullest normalcy permitted by his handicap. Thus, our aim is to educate and rehabilitate the blind to live and do all that can be done as a sighted person. By doing this we hope to help them get their confidence back.

### **Eligibility of admission:**

Admission is given in the training Centre to:

- (a) Fully or partially blind of both sexes, age between 16 to 40 years.
- (b) Those who have not received any such training in any other institutions for the blind.
- (c) Blind by birth or recently blind (fully or partially).

### **Admission in the school section is given to:**

- (a) Blind of both sexes age between 5 to 16 years.
- (b) Those blind who are illiterate or have had some education at the primary level.
- (c) Blind by birth or recently blind (fully or partially).

### **Facilities to the trainees:**

It is a residential rehabilitation training Centre-cum-school providing lodging, boarding, training, education, casual medical treatments and

clothing to the blind students all free of cost. Rs.60/- per month is given as pocket money.

### **Rehabilitation-education programme:**

This Centre is recognized by central and state governments for the purpose of rehabilitation & education. The educative programme at the Centre envisages education in adjustment and rehabilitation. Modern methodology and aids are being adopted by our staff to educate our clients so that they can develop self-reliance and confidence with a view to living a normal life as self-respecting citizens.

On an average client pass out after about one year of general training. However, cases requiring longer training are allowed to do so.

During the year under report all the following sections worked satisfactorily in a well-organized way – Computer training, Home economics and daily living skills, Dhaba Management Training, Braille and communication skills, Pre-vocational and crafts (handicrafts) such as – Chair re-caning, Doormat Making, Gardening activities, Physical training including games and sports, Music Training(Vocal & instrumental), Candle and Chalk making, Phenyl and Liquid soap making training and practical training through Work Centre for the Blind.

### **Education:**

From the year 2002-2003 we have started Upper primary level special school for the blind from class 1<sup>st</sup> to class 8<sup>th</sup>. This is recognized by the Rajasthan Board. We give education to VC children through Braille books and the audio books.

We have introduced the concept of education through the open school board for last few years. It is very useful for the blind persons, who have not received any prior education and are able to pass class 10 and later on 12. During the year 2019-20 total 14 visually impaired students appeared in class 10, 12, graduation and post- Graduation examinations with support from our Centre. We provided them the study material in Daisy format and computers to study. Our students are performing well in all classes, apart from home exams in class 10, 12 and in UG/PG classes our result is 100%.



**Co-curricular activities:**

Daily news of the world is given to the Students through newspaper reading, radio and TV so that they are well aware of current events. Sports, games, picnics, outings, musical programmes, dramatics, discussions, etc. are organized and encouraged to bring out to develop the potential abilities of our clients.

**Report of the Current Year:**

During the year under review 4 newly blind trainees/students were admitted and old trainees were 27, i.e. the total trainees/students during the year were 31. They were admitted for rehabilitation and general training, computer training, Work Centre and education from class 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> and Graduation. The trainees new and old, came from different parts of the country.

**Events of the year under report:**

In the open competition programme (organized by Municipality of Mount Abu) held on Independence Day and Republic Day Celebrations our students won First prize. The trainees participated in other community entertainment programmes. They went on excursions to tourist spots in Mount Abu, picnics, games & sports and musical events.

We also celebrated 27<sup>th</sup> June as Helen Keller Day, 1<sup>st</sup> August as Sthaphana Divas of the Centre, 15<sup>th</sup> August as Independence Day, 5<sup>th</sup> September as Teacher's Day, 14<sup>th</sup> September as All India Flag Day for the Blind, 16<sup>th</sup> September as World Ozone Day, 15<sup>th</sup> October as White Cane day for blind, 14<sup>th</sup> November as Children's Day, and 3<sup>rd</sup> December as World Disabled day, 4<sup>th</sup> January as Louis Braille Day, 26<sup>th</sup> January as Republic Day, and other occasions during the year.

**Flag Day and donation box collection:**

We celebrate All-India Flag Day for the Blind on 14<sup>th</sup> September every year. With the help of the schools and local citizens we collected Rs. 42366/-.

## **Products and services:**

We make following products and provide such as: chalk, candles, phenyl, door mats, chair re-caning. During the year we produced goods and offered services worth approximately Rs. 26716/-.

## **Visitors at the Centre:**

During the year we received mainly the following visitors:

Shri Sunil Kumar Garg, AD SJ&E, Sirohi, Govt. of Rajasthan and  
Shri Gajendra Singh Deora, J.J.B. Member, Sirohi

## **NAB Training and Adjustment Centre for the Blind, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh**

The NAB Training and Adjustment Centre for the Blind, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh after getting a clearance from NAB with the appointment of new managing sub-committee restarted its functioning from May, 2018 and the training programme commenced with effect from October 2018. The Centre has been running 4 training courses during the period of April 2019 to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. In all the training courses we have 5 students each means we are rendering our services to 20 VC students in all.

- **Diploma in Computer Application –**

In this course the trainees are taught 5 main topics viz. Windows Application, MS-Word, MS Excel, Internet & Power Point Presentation.

- **Chair Re-caning–**

The Centre trains the boys in re-caning all types of chairs e.g. single, double and leather.

- **Diploma in Manual Massage Therapy –**

We have started new course in Manual Massage from October 2019. The course covers Anatomy, Physiology and Practical work.

**Anatomy** - Under this topic the Centre introduces different parts of the body and the problems using thereof.

**Physiology** – Under physiology we teach the problem points of all parts in the body. In practical we teach different exercises to overcome the physiological problems.

## **Music:**

Presently the Centre offers training in light and classical music but it intends to prepare the trainees for the pursuit of Diploma and Certificate Courses run under Bhatkhande Music Syllabus.

Along with it, Braille teaching is also given to the desired students. The Centre supports the Visually Challenged students to pursue different courses in A.M.U., if they are denied hostel facility. The service is rendered free of cost with the provision of food and shelter.

The Centre's desire is to start some new training courses in and is looking for the funds needed towards the purchase of machinery and raw material.

1. Disposable Items
2. Hardware

## **NAB, India – State Branches**

### **NAB Chandigarh Branch**

#### **Existing Programs:**

##### **1. Family Counseling Centre**

A Family Counseling Centre is operational since March 2009 at Aasha Kiran Vocational Training Centre, Sector 46 D, Chandigarh where two trained counselors help the disabled and their family members to cope up with the challenges faced due to disability and to create positive thinking and right atmosphere for their growth. Additionally, all the 500 students attending courses at Aasha Kiran and others from outside make use of this counseling centre. The centre is totally free and open to one and all for counseling needs. This centre is being run with the Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi.

##### **2. NAB Rehabilitation and Computer Training Centre for the visually challenged at Chandigarh**

14 visually challenged (VI) are availing this facility of Computer training at Karuna Sadan, Sector 11 B, Chandigarh in the last 16 years.

A rehabilitation counselor helps in creating and ascertaining employment opportunities. We have added 15 girls from disadvantaged section to this program to utilize our existing infrastructure and this year onwards the courses are shifted to Skill India mission under the newly formed Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt of India. The courses are totally free for all since its inception in 2003.



Computer training at NAB Rehab Centre & Ludhiana Centre

### **3. Inclusive Education Program for Disabled Children (IEDC) with NAB India, Mumbai**

NAB in its 15<sup>th</sup> year of integrated education for the visually challenged has on its rolls 30 students who are being taught through 3 special teachers in different schools in Chandigarh. Our children study with sighted students in regular schools and our resource teachers help the teachers as well as the students in their learning process, as well visit their home to help them in learning of special skills. We provide free Braille books and all aids and appliances required for their education. NAB, India supports 3 units.

### **4. Talking Book Library**

The Talking Book Library has nearly 2500 titles in addition to recorded CDs of books for the school and college students and also has Braille books on different subjects and for school syllabus too. This library is benefiting all the visually challenged of the region. Nearly 80 members of library are taking benefit of this library.

### **5. Computer Centre at Ludhiana**

NAB Centre for Computer Education and Rehabilitation is functional from January 2012 for the visually challenged in Govt Institute for the Blind at Ludhiana. The Centre has been equipped with Computers and special software for teaching computers to the Blind. All services are free. 25 visually challenged students of the school and from Punjab are learning computers at the Centre.

## 6. Extension Counter of National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun

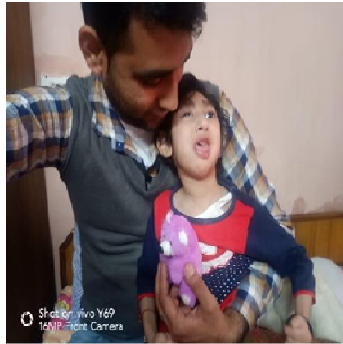
The Chandigarh & Punjab branch of NAB has created a landmark for service to the visually challenged by starting NIEPVD Extension Counter at Karuna Sadan with effect from May 2010. This facility has benefited all visually challenged in Chandigarh, Haryana, Himachal, J & K, Ludhiana and Punjab to avail the needful material.

## 7. Project for Visually Impaired Multi Disabled (VIMD) with Perkins Institute, USA

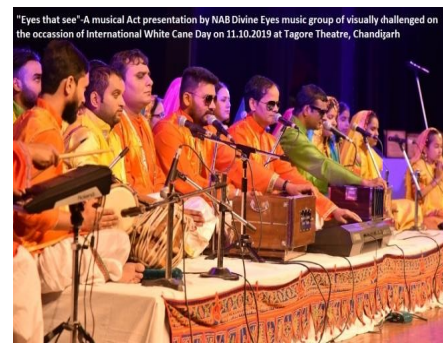
NAB is proud to have started VIMD program with Perkins Voice & Vision, Mumbai, a unit of Perkins Institute, Boston, USA wherein 15 children with multiple disabilities are being taught by 3 special education teachers.



Education of VI child under IEDC



Training of MDVI child



Musical Performance to celebrate WWCD

## 8. NAB to Start Community Radio Station at Jamalpur, Ludhiana

Being the first NGO in disability sector who have been awarded with a letter of intent (LOI) from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, NAB, Chandigarh and Punjab branch is looking forward to start its own Radio Station. This initiative has been taken in view of catering the educational needs for course books of all classes for all the visually challenged and others through the medium of radio. The commissioning of Radio station is still awaiting due to non-availability of extra FM frequency as of now.

## 9. Niramaya Insurance Scheme for Disabled

The branch is running smoothly the Project Niramaya for providing Insurance benefit to the persons suffering from Autism, Cerebral palsy, Intellectual disability and multi disabilities through The National Trust, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt of India.

## 10. International White Cane Day celebration on 11<sup>th</sup> October,2019

Like every year, this year too, to commemorate the “International White Cane Day”, NAB Chandigarh branch with 30 Visually Challenged from Divine Eyes Theatre group of National Association for the Blind performed in one hour’s mesmerizing Musical Act “**Eyes that see**” at Tagore Theatre on Friday, 11th October, 2019. The main theme of the act was based on the White Cane Day. All the performers were Visually Challenged. Shri B.L. Sharma, Secretary Education and Social Welfare, UT, Chandigarh was the Chief Guest on this occasion. The Act was directed by famous Theatre Director, Mrs Harinder Sandhu and the Music Director was renowned Shri Murlidhar Soni, a visually challenged musician himself.

### NAB Goa Branch

The National Association for the Blind, Goa State Branch conducted several activities from April 2019 to March 2020, under the Presidentship of Mr. Rozendo Mendonsa with the active support of the Governing Council Members and the staff.

### ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED DURING THE YEAR

Sl. No.	Activity	Date	Place
1.	Konkani Movie “Miranda House” in dedication to Late Chief Minister, Mr.Manohar Parrikar by Mr.Rajendra Talak, a National Award Winner Director.	April 20,2019	Macquinez Palace
2.	Sensitization Workshop on Low Vision	April 30,2019	Santa Cruz School
3.	Eid –Ul- Fitr Celebration and felicitation of successfully passed out students from SSC and HSSC from Goa Board and NIOS	June 15, 2019	Premises of NAB Goa State Branch
4.	A day out by V. I. children	July 21, 2019	Ondas Do Mar, a resort at Calangute.
5.	A fun-filled event organized by the ‘STARS group’ for V.I. Children and staff and gave an opportunity to NAB for being the part of their ‘Joy of Giving- Daan Utsav Festival’	October 8, 2019	Bay15, Dona Paula.

6.	World White Cane Day	October 12 & 15, 2019	'K. B. Hegdewar High School' & 'The Rosary High School' at Cujira & Bambolin respectively
7.	Diwali Celebration	October 25, 2019	NAB Goa State Branch
8.	Children's Day Celebration	November 14, 2019	NAB Goa State Branch
9.	Children's Day Celebration with the differently-abled students of St. Xavier's Academy.	November 15, 2019	St.Xavier's Academy, Old Goa
10.	Runway Inspiration Fashion Show twelve girls from NAB aged between 5 to 30 years took part.	November 24, 2019	Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Panjim.
11.	Christmas Celebration	December 21, 2019	NAB premises of Goa State Branch
12.	Muzzgachem Fest 2020 - a festival of inclusion and accessibility.	February 2, 2020	Santa Cruz, Goa
13.	Saksham-Sports Event for the Specially-abled organized by Rotract Club of Bicholim.	March 1, 2020	Bicholim, Goa
14.	Senior Citizens Guild YMCA International visited the Branch and felicitated the children and donated a Braille Embosser and two pedestal fans.	March 4, 2020	NAB Goa State Branch, Tiswadi
15.	Visit of Mr. Atul Deshpande, Programme Officer to monitor I.E. programme supported by NAB, India	March 2-5, 2020	NAB Goa State Branch, Tiswadi, Santa Cruz
16.	A Dermatology Camp organized for checking of V. I. children.	March 8, 2020	NAB Goa State Branch, Tiswadi.

### **World White Cane Day 2019:**

This year the National Association for the Blind, Goa state branch celebrated 'World White Cane day' in a different way. NAB visited two schools in Cujira and Bambolim to spread awareness about the White Cane. The Committee Members of NAB Goa State Branch along with teachers & selected students of NAB Goa visited two schools, i.e. 'K. B. Hegdewar High School' & 'The Rosary High School' respectively on 12<sup>th</sup> October & 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. The committee members welcomed everyone and explained about the activities of NAB. The importance of the 'World White Cane Day' was recounted to audience. A short skit was enacted by NAB students to spread the importance of the White Cane with the message "Help the Blind, Serve the Blind". The blindfold activities for sighted persons were conducted towards a

sensitization on the day to day living of a Visually Challenged person. The same activities were repeated in both the schools. These activities made the sighted students realized the difficulties of a visually challenged students in moving around with or without a help of sighted persons or white cane. The principals of both the schools were happy to have this programme in their schools.

### **Children's Day Celebration at St. Xavier's Academy**

On Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019, the students and staff of NAB visited St. Xavier's Academy, Old Goa, to celebrate 'Children's day' with the differently-abled students of St. Xavier's Academy. The programme was organized by 'Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights'. The dignitary on the day was Advocate Sushma Mandrekar, Chairperson of 'Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights'. After watering of a potted plant by the dignitary, the students of NAB welcomed the gathering with their welcome song. The students of NAB too entertained the audience with their performances such as singing a song, filling laughter in the air with their jokes, enacting a skit to raise awareness about the visually impairment. They were presented gifts by Mrs. Sushma and Fr. Maverick. The Awareness activity with blindfolds was also conducted by NAB Staff towards the sensitization of the audience. The students from both the organizations played different games and won prizes. The students of St. Xavier's Academy too performed a nice dance and one of the students sang songs and played the guitar.

### **Runway Inspiration Fashion Show**

On Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019, twelve girls from NAB aged between 5 to 30 years took part in the 'Runway Inspiration Fashion Show' organized by fashion designer Ms. Anusha Shaikh. The girls underwent four days of training before the show. The show was held at Double Tree by Hilton hotel, Panjim. The inauguration of the show was done by Mr. Nileshe Cabral, the BJP Cabinet Minister. The NAB girls walked the ramp with full confidence and grace. The audience cheered them with claps and shout-outs as they walked the ramp. Some of the NAB Committee Members, teachers and some of the parents of the girls also attended the show. Actress, Saundarya Sharma and actor Chetan Titre also graced the stage and walked the ramp with the NAB girls.

### **Muzzgachem Fest 2020**

The Muzzgachem Fest- a festival of inclusion and accessibility curated by Goa's Festakar, Marius Fernandes, and coordinated by Ex- Editor of The Hindu, Prakash Kamat in association with the National Association for the



Blind (NAB) was celebrated with great fervor on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2020 at St. Cruz. The festival commenced with the Muzzgachi pasoi starting from St. Cruz church where hundreds of people including students of various schools, volunteers, musicians and locals walked towards NAB along with Historian, Sanjeev Sardesai, who did the commentary and shared historic facts. World's largest Ghumot and Mandallam in were carried in a vehicle during the pasoi. The St. Cruz School band, the NAB Ghumot group, the locals with their blowing instruments and others with their kottyos made this pasoi a memorable one for everyone. The walk culminated at NAB. On arriving NAB, the crowd was welcomed with a lively performance by internationally reputed, Olavo accompanied by percussionist, Carlos Gonsalves and 'Glory' fame Goan actress, Veloshka Da Costa. One of the council members of NAB, Richard Pinto coordinated and compered the event with singer, Celfra Azavedo. Mr. Rozendo Mendonsa, President of NAB welcomed the gathering and spoke a few words on the occasion. The Muzzagachem fest was a colourful event with artists and performers coming from all over Goa uniting together to celebrate this one of its kind festivals. Variety of performance such as dances, musicals, Suvari Dance & Medley, percussions were presented by other schools & Special Education Centers on this fest. The teacher-student duo of NAB, Mahadev Sawant and Resha Vernekar with their duet; and NAB stars along with musician Dr. Glenis Mendonca and Ghumot legend, Inacio Madeira entertained the audiences. Visually Impaired also demonstrated their skills such as basket weaving, mollam making, braille & Chess demonstrations and paper bag making. There was a special counter for the UDID volunteers who helped the differently-abled to fill the UDID forms online. Handmade items made by the visually impaired were put up for sale. A jumble sale was organized inside the premises in the aid of NAB. The event ended with a musical jam-up session- the Ghumtancho Nach by all the NAB staff, students and the musicians. The event was covered by the media and streamed live on Facebook. The Goa college of Art and Ezymov- Accesible Travel supported this event along with many volunteers who contributed in their own ways to make this fest a success.

### **'Saksham'-Sports Event for the Specially-abled**

On Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020, 14 students from NAB participated in the Sports Event for the specially-abled children named 'Saksham' organized by Rotract Club of Bicholim. The Chief Guests for the day were Dr. Girish Masurkar and V.I Sandeep Moraskar. Prajot and Deepraj from NAB were felicitated with a trophy in recognition to their performance in cricket at the Parasmal Champions Trophy at Rajasthan. The NAB students competed with the other school students in the following games and won Gold, Silver and bronze medals.

### **Introduction**

The National Association for the Blind, Gujarat State Branch (NAB GSB) has taken the lead in offering all services for the education, training and employment of the blind to the remotest corners of the State of Gujarat. In this state blind persons staying in far off areas can find access to services, schemes and concessions through the district level agency in their midst. The Gujarat State Branch has the unique distinction of having branches in 24 Districts and 2 Talukas out of the total of 25 Districts of Gujarat State. Thus, from Banaskantha in the North to Valsad in the South, from Kutch in the West to Sabarkantha in the East, the NAB GSB is reaching out to the blind all over Gujarat through a network of active, dynamic and socially conscious District Branches. NAB GSB's Branches conduct various programmes on education, sports and dramatics at different locations throughout the year and come together every quarter for Executive Committee Meetings at NAB Gujarat Headquarters or at other Branch location.

### **Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS)**

IEDSS is a centrally sponsored Scheme launched in 2009-10 evolved and adopted by the Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD). It is implemented through Department of Secondary Education at State Government level. It provides assistance for Inclusive Education of children with disabilities studying in classes IX and XII. Since 2013, the scheme has been merged with Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA). This scheme replaces erstwhile Integrated Education of Children with Disabilities (IEDC). The Government has taken up the implementation directly and all the teachers now report directly to the government. Titan teachers still however report to the Branch. The teacher's arranged the admission of the children to the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard. The students who passed 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standards were assisted to get admission in colleges or in vocational training courses in the BPA and other places.

The teachers also participated in the first ever ICEVI-West Asia – Sense India International Conference on Inclusive Education: Leaving No One Behind" held at Kathmandu, Nepal during February 16-18, 2020. More than 100 people from NAB Gujarat's District Branches attended the Conference. The Jagdish Patel – Sense Award for outstanding services in the field of Visual Impairment and Deaf-Blindness was conferred during this conference to Mrs. Vidya Devi Vaidya, a teacher of students with visual impairment for 4

decades and Mr. Pushparaj Rimal, a person with deaf blindness. Both the awardees are from Nepal.

### **NAB Savinay Sammilit Pathshala, Bavla**

NAB GSB has succeeded in integrating the special children in the mainstream schools with the non-disabled children. NAB Savinay Sammilit Primary School at Bavla started enrolling children with disabilities as well as non-disabled children who come from very poor families, lowest socio-economic strata of society, orphans and marginalized groups. This school has registered with the Department of Primary Education as a regular school like any other school. The uniqueness of this school is friendly environment for the disabled, accessible material and qualified teachers and accessible built infrastructure that would facilitate effective education of such children. The school has enrolled around 200 children. All the children from villages are provided transport services, uniform, shoes and education. Bandhan Bank (formerly known as Gruh Finance Ltd.) has sanctioned Rs.15,31,200/- for this Pathshala for the salary of staff and administrative expenses of school.

### **H. N. Hakim Braille Press**

The NABGSB H.N. Hakim Braille Press publishes text books and magazines for the whole of Gujarat. The Gujarat State Text Books Board publishes a "Bal Shrusti" magazine every month for children. NAB Braille Press has published this magazine in Braille. The cost for 2000 copies of this Braille edition is borne by the Government of Gujarat and magazines circulated to blind children in different schools. Apart from this the Braille Press published the books, viz. "Standard", "Kalrav", "Kutch Saurashtra", "Aasha", "Zarmar", "Printing copies of Car Rally for Ahmedabad, Baroda and Surat", etc. In all they had printed 12660 copies.

### **RASOTSAV – All India Flag Day for the Blind 2019**

NAB GSB and BPA jointly organized musical and dance performances by persons with disabilities at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium at Ahmedabad on September 13, 2019 on the occasion of All India Flag Day. It was a successful thorough enjoyment for all. After that a felicitation ceremony was organized. Dr. Nitin Sumant Shah, Chairman and Managing Trustee of Hear Foundation & Research Institute, Ahmedabad and President of NAB GSB was felicitated for sponsoring World Peace Car Rally.

## NAB Himachal Pradesh

### Introduction:

The NAB Himachal Pradesh Branch came into existence in the year 1997 with the efforts of Smt. Chander Abha, the Founder President of NAB. During her visit to one creche center, she came across a ten years old Visually Impaired boy who was denied the education in mainstream school by rejecting his right to education. She took up this cause and when she came in contact with National Association for the Blind, India the NAB Himachal Branch came into existence. Since its inception the organization has been taking up a proactive role in leading efforts and works for Visually Impaired in the state of Himachal Pradesh.

### Achievements:

The organization has been awarded at all the various levels of District, State and National by the Dept. of Women and Child for its efforts in the lives of children with special needs. The organization was able to get the inception of a separate series of E series examination booklet with alternative questions for Visually Impaired and Hearing Impaired from HP Education Board. Due to its efforts the Education Department of Himachal Pradesh passed the resolutions in the Governing Council SSA for printing the books in Braille and establishment of a separate Model school for differently abled at each district level by the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. The organization also involved in the process of uploading of HP board books on the BOOKSHARE web portal by Google in accessible formats so that the Visually Impaired from the state can get an easy access to download the same anywhere in the state.



1. Felicitation by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
2. Training in use of Braille Signage on EVM for VI persons & the Election Department

Last year the organization initiated a training for using of Braille signage on EVM's prior to the election at Kullu with the Election Department and various Visually Impaired voters from the state.

Also, the organization availed the bus facility between NAB Centre near the Kullu Main Bus Stand to the Model school of differently abled at Bhuntar. This initiative has been taken in the interest of the Visually Challenged children. Today many of the successful passed out students are serving at various Government posts and Entrepreneurships in the fields of singing, Orchestra, event management and so on.

### **Activities in Special Classes:**

With the support of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, the organization runs various activities in the unit of Special Classes for the primary level students. The Visually Impaired children are getting training in Braille, Taylor Frame, Abacus, Daily Living Activities, Orientation & Mobility with the provision of necessary educational aids & equipment like Braille Slates, Taylor Frame, White Cane, etc. The teachers are preparing the Tactile Learning materials for the students. The organization also take efforts on getting the provision of NCERT syllabus-based Braille books from SSA. The children are given training in computer with screen reading software. Music interested students are getting the music education in vocal & instrumental from Sutradhar Kala Sangam. Isha, one of the students has been selected in 'Sa Re Ga Ma Pa' Reality show this year. The organization encourages the students to participate in sports at district and state level competitions.

Simultaneously, the organization is taking efforts on sensory stimulation activities through music therapy for slow learners and by the use of tactile and olfactory senses. The organization also provided the therapeutic services from other professionals as per the requirement of the children.



Training in outdoor Mobility with white cane



Training of Sensory stimulation – Tactile Sense

### **Integrated Education:**

The organization supports Integrated Education for the Visually Impaired children. Under this scheme the children are enrolled in various government boys & girl's schools at Dhalpur, Sultanpur and Bhunter. The special educators from the organization are providing training to these children in learning of special skills which is essential to cope up in the mainstream

schooling. Under this initiative the services for Braille education, thorough Computer education with accessible format, training for reading books & internet usage, Maths by using Braille, Use of tactile maps and atlas and indoor as well as outdoor mobility training with the use of White Cane are provided. The special educators also coordinate with schools for the provision of writers during the exams of the children.



Cooking Class



Braille Book Reading

The organization supports the children across the state in the availability of books in accessible format from Std. 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. Book production in accessible material also enabled them in the enrolment of online library. NAB Himachal, has been looking at producing books for our own children here at Chander Abha memorial school for the Visually Impaired which includes the special teaching material such as notes, question papers, etc. for the children.

### **Other Activities:**

#### **1. Bridge Course for late Blind /Drop out from regular (Govt.) schools.**

The organization initiates course for the children who has been dropped out their education in between from schools as they could not cope up with the regular curriculum. Some doesn't have the basic education even. These children are taught separately in the activities of Daily living skills, Sensory development, Braille Education, age & class-wise modified curriculum to bring back them into mainstream and skill enhancement training through ITI, if possible.

### **Braille Library:**

The organization has a small collection of Braille Library books for recreational reading and special braille magazines too. The organization is a member of online libraries of Bookshare and Daisy Forum.

### **Sports:**

The organization has collection of various indoor games for the children like Chess, Snake and Ladder, Ludo, etc. Being an activity day on Saturday, the students learn & play these games. Cricket, Kabbadi, Kho-Kho, Skipping,

races etc. were enjoyed by the students. The students participated in the National Level Cricket Tournament (Nageesh Trophy) held in November, 2019 at Bhopal. Also, they participated in district level games organized by Department of Sports and Youth on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2019. On 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019 the students participated in State Level games organized by the Department of Sports at Bilaspur. Next in January, 2020 they participated in the National Level Kabbadi Championship for Specially Abled at Delhi organized by Indian Blind Sports Association.



Cricket Tournament

### **Medical Camps:**

The organization regularly conducted the medical camps for the check- up of the children through the Health, Ayurvedic and Homeopathic departments. Dental Camps have also been organized for the children.

### **PICNIC:**

On 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 the children were taken to Nature Park, Mohal for a one day picnic which refresh everyone.



### **Other measurable inputs:**

On 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 a session on Career Counseling was conducted for children by a doctor on Mental Health.

The organization is running a hostel (Shelter Home) for the Visually Impaired students. Currently 31 students are registered under the Shelter home of JJ Act. This programme is funded by Dept. of WCD and provides

complete facilitation of food, clothes, medical intervention, vocational intervention for all children under 18yrs of age.

The children studying in schools at secondary level and are above 18 years of age availed the separate accommodation in a hostel of NAB Himachal.

The organization also engaged in the facilitation of all other Govt. Schemes to Disabled like UDID card, Pension, scholarships, Bus passes, Disability Certificate, opening of bank accounts, etc.

NAB Himachal tried to generate awareness in adult Visually Impaired about the schemes run by various depts. and linked them for facilitation. The adult visually impaired were also informed about the Loan scheme available with Welfare department and the organization also linked the passed out children with ITI Sundernagar for vocational courses under the After Care programme CPU. In addition, the organization provided grants to the needy ones who were not eligible under any government schemes.

## **NAB Unit Maharashtra**

### **Annual General Meeting:**

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was held at Nashik on 22nd September, 2019. The Election officer Adv. Satish Kachole announced the results of the election of the office bearers and the executive members for the period 2019-2024. Total 29 members were selected in Executive Committee.

### **Flag Day Drive in program 2019:**

Flag Day Fundraising drive was launched on September 13, 2019 at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai by the auspicious hands of the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Bhagat Singh Koshiyari. The dignitaries present at the time of the launching ceremony were Principal Secretary, Social Justice, and Special Assistance Division, Divyang Kalyan Commissioner, and office bearers of NAB Unit Maharashtra at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai. Hon'ble Governor, Shri Bhagat Singh Koshiyari was welcomed by Shri Rameshwar Kalantri, President, NAB Unit Maharashtra along with the office bearers. During the interaction in the following formal meeting, Hon'ble, Governor expressed his special affinity for the disabled and promised to take a decision soon on all our pending issues.



## **Publishing of a book "Yashogatha"**

A book, "Timiratun Tejakade" consisting of many astounding success stories of visually impaired and multiply disabled persons was published by Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Bhagat Singh Koshiyari.

## **Navi Disha Navi Umang "Timiratun Tejakade"**

Individual interviews of highly successful Visually Impaired and multiply disabled persons who surmounted myriads of difficulties in life were conducted by our Joint secretary Mr. Sham Padekar and Mrs. Mangala Kalantri. Prof. Balasaheb Londhe, Dr. Bhavesh Bhatia, Shri Siddhesh Giri, Smt Shobha Lokhande, Kargil War veteran Major Deepchand Singh, Vaibhav Puranik, etc. were interviewed during the session and all were felicitated for their achievements.

## **Financial Assistance to affected Persons by floods at Sangali and Kolhapur**

NAB Kolhapur District Branch, NAB India and NAB State Branch Maharashtra extended financial assistance to rehabilitate Forty One visually impaired families who were devastated during the rains followed by massive floods in Kolhapur district. On 31 August 2019, to rehabilitate these affected families, financial assistance to the tune of Rs.6,30,000/- was disbursed in the presence of the district collector of Kolhapur, Mr. Desai and the office bearers of NAB India, NAB Maharashtra and NAB Kolhapur district branch.

## **Eye Donation Day**

On the occasion of the 'Eye Donation Day', Plex Talk machines were distributed to 160 Visually Impaired students in a small function held in 'NAB Sankul' at Nashik.

## **Spl. B. Ed. Results**

Ms. Leena Sanjay Gaikwad, V.I. student of special B.Ed. course, conducted by YCMOU successfully passed the first year and stood first in University.

## **Adarsha Shikshak Puraskar**

The award function was held annually by us in whom we felicitate the best teacher, professor and the university working for Visually Impaired students. Highly successful board-level students who passed with merit were also felicitated. The award function was held on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2020. Dr. Prof. Pramod Yeole, Vice-Chancellor of Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad was present as a Chief Guest.

## **Cyclothon- Cycle Rally For VI and Multiply Disabled Children**

Cyclothon-Cycle Rally was organized for Visually Impaired and Divyang children on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2020 in Nashik. Normal Cycles, Tandem Cycles, and Wheel Chairs were used by 200 participants. Mr. Vishwas Nagare Patil, the Commissioner of Police & Marathi Actress Ms. Sharmistha Raut were present as Chief Guest.



Flag Day Drive



Yashogatha Book Publication



Timiratun Tejake Interview Session



Financial Assistance to VI families

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## NAB – Beneficiaries at glance 2019- 2020

Departments	Beneficiaries and services provided
NAB Department of <b>Advocacy</b>	155
NAB Department of <b>Braille Press</b>	93,326
NAB Department of <b>Talking Book</b>	2,821
NAB Department of <b>Client Services</b>	5,583
NAB Department of <b>Education</b>	2,585
NAB Department of <b>Employment</b>	72
NAB Department of <b>Prevention</b>	8359
NAB Department of <b>Rehabilitation</b>	581
NAB Department of <b>Women’s Empowerment</b>	381
NAB <b>Perfumery college</b>	21
NAB <b>J. K. Kapur Skill Development Centre</b>	33
<b>Activities Beyond Mumbai</b>	
NAB IDBI <b>Polytechnic</b>	70
NAB <b>P &amp; NM Rehabilitation Centre</b> for the Blind, Mount Abu	31
NAB <b>Sabita Saradindu Basu Centre</b> for Blind Women & Disability Research, New Delhi	448
NAB <b>Lions Home</b> for Aging Blind, Khandala, Maharashtra	74
NAB <b>Dr. Modak Research And Rehabilitation Centre</b> for the Visually Challenged	98
NAB <b>MNB Industrial Home for the Blind</b>	45
	<b>1,14,683</b>

## NAB – Financial Highlights

<b>Summary of Financial of NAB, India</b>					
<b>April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2020 (Rs. In Lakh)</b>					
<b>Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended March 31</b>					
<b>Items</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Income</b>					
Donations	261	257	344	422	497
Net Interest	102	74	75	65	58
Sale Proceeds	299	194	198	203	115
Government Grants	13	10	74	44	38
FCR Net Income	69	53	62	53	52
Property Income	129	135	133	122	118
Other Income	69	95	25	11	10
Loss on Sale of Assets	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Income (A)</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>888</b>
<b>Total Cash Expenses (B)</b>	<b>1059</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>864</b>
<b>Excess of Cash Expenditure over Income (C = A - B)</b>	<b>-117</b>	<b>-49</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Depreciation (D)</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>-62</b>	<b>-75</b>	<b>-96</b>	<b>-55</b>
<b>Excess of Expenditure over Income (E = C + D - E)</b>	<b>-155</b>	<b>-111</b>	<b>-92</b>	<b>-98</b>	<b>-31</b>
<b>Balance Sheet as on March 31</b>					

Items	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Funds &amp; Liabilities</b>					
Corpus	143	139	125	125	125
Fund by purchase of assets	963	963	963	963	773
NAB Funds	474	474	373	376	364
Earmarked Funds	1369	1108	1029	852	716
Current Liabilities	51	42	41	40	62
<b>Total Liabilities (F)</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>2726</b>	<b>2531</b>	<b>2356</b>	<b>2040</b>
<b>Net Fixed Assets (G)</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>308</b>
<b>Investments (H)</b>	<b>1588</b>	<b>1301</b>	<b>1232</b>	<b>1025</b>	<b>876</b>
Current Assets	77	32	31	30	30
Advances & Deposits	16	18	18	29	26
Cash & Bank Balances	49	158	93	98	70
Income Outstanding	58	24	24	24	16
<b>Total Current Assets (I)</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>Accumulated Deficit (J)</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>714</b>
<b>Total Assets (K = G + H + I + J)</b>	<b>2855</b>	<b>2726</b>	<b>2531</b>	<b>2356</b>	<b>2040</b>

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