National Association for the Blind, India

Annual Report

2017 – 2018

SUMMARY
Dear Friends,

We are hereby presenting the Annual Report of our activities for the period April 2017 to March 2018.

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 like Maths Project for the Children under Integrated Education, DrishtiApp (which is a mobile application which narrates the description of the surrounding for the understanding of blind persons) etc. Also there were various innovative awareness programmes to showcase the capabilities of visually impaired persons like sensitization programme using Simulating Exercise and Experience the Dark. Our Braille Press has secured National Award for the “Best Braille Press in India” from the Ministry for Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. This award was presented to NAB – India by Honourable Shri. Ram Nath Kovind, the President of India.

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

Satya Kumar Singh
National Association for the Blind, India

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

Due to the efforts of Advocacy Department, Ms. Aarti Limje from Mumbai could get admission for her son in Kendriya Vidyalaya at Sion and also could get her residential problem solved.

The Department was involved in the following activities:

- Liaising 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 (VI) 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 centre handled more than 18 cases out of which 6 cases were closed down and remaining are in process.

Consultation Meet/Workshop on Amendments to the RPD Act, 2016
The Department had organized a full day Consultation Workshop on Saturday, 25th April 2017 to study/discuss the Draft Rules uploaded by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Other Activities:

The Department met with various committees of government to resolve issues like Railway Online Identity Card either on permanent basis or to increase the renewal validity upto five years, to start a legal cell at NAB Department of Rehabilitation in Mahalaxmi, non-availability of bus services to Worli Seaface from Dadar Railway Station, providing facilities to persons with disabilities in Polling Booths and availability of legal facilities for visually challenged through Government Authorities.
1. A blind child registering for Aadhar Card during Aadhar Card Camp
2. Visually Impaired Clients waiting for their turn during Aadhar Card Camp

1. Visually Impaired Clients attending Legal Awareness Camp
2. The Guests and faculties at Legal Awareness Camp

NAB Sir J. Duggan Braille Press

The year 2017-2018 had been a year of cheer and achievement for the Braille Press Department as the National Association for the Blind, India, S.J.D. Braille Press was awarded with the National Award 2017 for Best Braille Press, by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. The Award was conferred by the Honorable President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind to the Honorary Secretary, National Association for the Blind, India, Dr. Vimal Kumar Dengla, in a ceremony held on 3rd December 2017 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, on the auspicious “International Day of Persons with Disabilities”. This is the first ever National Award conferred for NAB Braille Press, since its inception.
A High Speed Computerized Braille Printing Machine– Braillo 650 SW was installed in Braille Press through the generous donation received from Ingram Micro India Pvt. Ltd and Rotary Club of Bombay Powai and was inaugurated on April 19, 2017. Donation of Braillo 650 SW will be very beneficial to our Braille Press for printing Braille material and providing the same to the visually challenged persons all over the country. The Association places on record our sincere thanks to Ingram Micro India Pvt. Ltd and Rotary Club of Bombay Powai for donating the Braille printing Machine which will help NAB to serve the visually challenged better.

The year 2017-2018 was eventful for the Braille Press as the previous years. The Braille Press altogether produced 1,29,909 Braille volumes running into 94,69,194 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 1500 copies of our annual calendar in Hindi – NAB Dindarshika 2018 and distributed free of cost to blind individuals, which is in great demand amongst our Blind readers.

The Department organized a function to commemorate Louis Braille’s 209th Birth Anniversary and paid tributes to Louis Braille, on January 4, 2018. On this occasion two books in Braille “Evolution of Swami Radhanandaji” in English and “Meerabai” in Hindi were released.

**Significant Highlights**

33 Schools/Institutions for the Blind in Maharashtra were supplied Text Books from Std. I to Std XII (Marathi Medium). 1778 blind children benefited through these Schools. 4540 copies (7546 volumes) & 318 (559 Volumes) of Textbooks were supplied to Schools for the Blind and Blind Individuals. 171 copies (284 Volumes) of English Medium Textbooks from Std. I to Std. XII were supplied to blind students.

Supplied 13,917 copies running into 26,45,920 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 meant for Visually Impaired children studying under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.

Supplied Braille Dummy Ballot Papers and Numeric Stickers to Bruhanmumbai Mahanagar Palika Elections held in September 2017

The Braille Press Produced 33 New General Titles with the help of NAB, India and through the assistance received from various donors (List Enclosed)

From the above new General titles, 342 Schools/Institutions for the Blind were supplied the following five new General Books free of cost.
1. Mee Pahilee (Marathi)
2. Kutuhal (Marathi)
3. Mana Ghadavi Saunskar Bhag 1 (Marathi)
4. Dream Big Dream True (English)
5. Paha Mothi Swapna (Marathi)

Some of the noteworthy General Titles amongst the New General Titles are:

1. “Coffee days, champagne Nights and other Secrets” in English for college going blind students/teenagers. A copy of this title was supplied to colleges having libraries for their blind students.
5. “Kriyayog” in Marathi. It is an informative book on Kriya Yoga.
6. “Jagruk Palaktva” – A guide for parents in upbringing their children

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

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

We have printed 88,215 of all these periodicals which benefitted 3550 readers all over the country and even abroad.

**Other significant Developments:**

NAB Braille Press published – 28 Textbooks (Marathi & English Medium) and 102 magazines in Hindi, English and Marathi.

1048 copies of General Books were supplied to blind individuals/organizations.

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

**Other Services:**

Braille Transcription– 21 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 which has 158 members.

Braille Printing Papers worth Rs.1,05,213/- were supplied to blind individuals/institutions through our Department.

**Summary of Braille production during 2017-2018**

No. of Pages (Data Entry): 5383
No. of Pages edited and scanned: 15006
No. of Pages: 9469194
No. of Copies: 129909

**No. of New Titles:**

Magazines: 102
New General Books: 33
New Textbooks: 28

The NAB Sir J. Duggan Braille Press acknowledges with thanks the support of all the sponsors of Braille Books, Well wishers, donors etc. noteworthy amongst them are Ingram Micro India Pvt. Ltd., Reliance Foundation etc.
The **NAB M. P. Shah All India Talking Book Centre** recorded 302 new titles comprising general literature, novels, magazines and academic books running into 2318.44 recorded hours. The breakup is as follows: English - 62, Hindi – 36 and Marathi – 204. The total number of titles available at the Library is 5,263. Language wise breakup of the total titles is as follows: English - 934, Hindi - 850, Marathi - 2820, Gujarati – 531, Punjabi – 69, Bengali – 44, Kannada – 13 and Tamil – 2.

During this period 11,787 Talking Book CDs were dispatched all over the country to our Individuals and Institutional Members. 3,547 CDs mainly containing textbooks were given and 4,713 titles were loaded on MP3 players/mobiles on request. 2,808 Study CDs and 1,071 General CDs to 26 Institutions for the Visually Impaired were also dispatched.

In English notable books recorded in the general category are “Lord of the Flies” by William Golding, “Man Eaters of Kumaon” by Jim Corbett, “The Alchemist” by Paulo Coelho, “Malgudi Days” by R. K. Narayan, “Train to Pakistan”, by Khushwant Singh and “Goosebumps” by R. L. Stine. Other recordings comprised of English academic books like Digests for Grade XII, text books for Grade VII, IX and XII. Books for Civil Service Examinations, Banking, Law and General Studies Advance MCQ Booklet were also recorded.

In Hindi notable books recorded in the general category are “Rajo Aur Miss Fariya” by Saadat Hasan Manto, “Barack Obama” by Tejpal Singh Dhama, Amish’s book “Meluha Ke Mrityunjay” (translated by Vishwajeet Sapan), “Theek Tumhare Pechhe” by Manav Kaul, “Ajeeb Aadmi” and “Shaadi” both by Ismat Chughtai. Textbooks in Hindi for Grade VII, IX, XII and a Music book were also recorded.


On request from NAB Goa State Branch, textbooks for Grade X of their State were recorded.

The Talking Book Library enrolled 90 new members, taking the membership strength to 2,566 i.e. 2,417 Individuals and 149 Institutional Members.
A Meeting was held at the NAB Talking Book Centre with its Members and Narrators on March 14, 2018 at 4.00 p.m. wherein the beneficiaries were given the privilege to express their views and suggestions, if any, for better services from the Centre.

Dr. Rajendra T. Vyas Memorial Award 2017 Function was held on March 14, 2018 at 6.30 p.m. at NAB Talking Book Centre. Mr. Firdaus Adenwalla (Talking Book English Reader) was felicitated with the said Award.

The representatives of the Union Bank, who have sponsored the Audio Books during the current financial year, had formally handed over the recordings completed so far, to the Centre.

The Chief Guest for the said function was Mr. Rajkiran Rai G, Managing Director & CEO, Union Bank of India, wherein a symbolic Cheque was presented towards the recording of audio books for the financial year 2017-2018.

Officials from Union Bank of India – Mr. Prabhat Kumar Singh, CEO – Social Foundation and Ms. Monica Kalia, General Manager & Trustee – Social Foundation attended the said function. NAB, India Officials – Prof. Bhaskar Y. Mehta, President, Mr. A. S. Athalekar, Hon. Secretary, Ms. Swati Thakurdesai, Hon. Secretary and Ms. Pallavi Kadam, Executive Director were also present.

We acknowledge with thanks the contribution of all our Talking Book Readers, donors and well-wishers in strengthening the services of the Centre.

1. A Member of the Talking Book Centre gives his suggestion during the Interactive Session at the Meeting of Talking Book Narrators and Listeners.
2. Mr. Firdaus Adenwalla (Talking Book English Reader) was felicitated for Padmashree Dr. Rajendra T. Vyas Memorial Award towards his outstanding services to NAB M. P. Shah All India Talking Book Centre for the year 2017.
1. The Chief Guest Mr. Rajkiran Rai G, Managing Director & CEO, Union Bank of India (centre) handing over recorded audio books to Mr. A. S. Athalekar, Hon. Secretary, NAB, India (second from left). Also seen in the picture are Mr. Prabhat Kumar Singh, CEO, Social Foundation, UBI (extreme left); Prof. Bhaskar Y. Mehta, President of NAB, India (second from right) and Ms. Monica Kalia, General Manager & Trustee – Social Foundation, UBI (extreme right).

2. The Chief Guest Mr. Rajkiran Rai G, Managing Director & CEO, Union Bank of India, presenting symbolic Cheque towards recording of audio books for the financial year 2017-2018.

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
- Medical & General Camps for VI persons.
The Client Service Department collected cash donation to the tune of Rs. 83,075/- and goods worth Rs. 2,97,000/- to carry out its diverse activities.

Aided economic rehabilitation to 55 VCPs – including 50 Hawkers at Rs. 1,000/- each. 4 Sewing Machines, 2 flour mills and a sealing machine were also provided to Visually Challenged Persons to initiate their business through personal donors.

Provided financial assistance amounting to Rs.10,000/- to 2 VC persons, primarily to meet their medical needs.

We successfully started Mobile Library Van i.e. “Services on Wheels”. This van is a Mobile Service provider to the Visually Challenged beneficiaries at one single outlet in different places which are easily accessible to Visually Challenged Persons. Our services on wheels will include Aids and Appliances, Braille Books, Audio Books, Signature Guide cum Notex and other assistive aids.

Educational aids were given to 140 school-going children of VCPs who are economically in a weaker position. The Department also provided voice recorders to 55 VC students for their study purpose.

80 new cases of blindness were identified. CSD also offered its regular service like issue of concession certificates, distribution of personal aids like folding cane, fiber cane etc. and other documents to 2245 individuals.

Other activities included Awareness programs, Medical camps, 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 Department provided services to as many as 519 VC clients.

1. Voice Recorder presented to VC Students at the presence of Mr. S. K. Singh, Honarary Secretary General, NAB, India & Mrs. S. K. Singh along with Ms. Swati Thakurdesai, Honarary Secretary, NAB, India.
2. Educational Aid presented to the children of Visually Challenged Persons at the presence of Ms. Jyoti Chhasatia, Committee Member, CSD and Ms. Pradnya Upadhye, HOD, CSD
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 7 States. The programme benefited 882 students (497 boys and 385 girls). These children were residing in 515 villages/towns and studying in 629 regular schools. The students were assisted by 86 special teachers.

2. **National Programme for Home Based Services to MDVI Children**

Under this project 10 units catering to 64 children (37 boys and 27 girls) at 5 locations in the country, viz., NAB Odisha State Branch, Bhubaneswar - Society for Environmental Development & Voluntary Action (SEVA), Nayagarh (Odisha) – Shikshit Yuva Seva Samiti, Basti - R.B.R. Viklang Kalyankari Seva 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.

3. **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 181 participants.
4. **Services for Children with Visual and Additional Disabilities**

During 2017-2018, 102 children (65 Boys + 37 Girls) in the age group of 1 to 30 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 Vile Parle.

5. **Braille Kits**

In the year 2017-18, the Department distributed 379 Braille Kits to school going blind children from 7 States. These kits were assembled at the Department and were presented as gift. These braille kits were distributed from the donations given by Beena and Harish Shah Foundation, DIL Ltd., Fermenta Biotech Ltd. and other individual donors.

6. **Distribution of Braillers and Laptops**

The Department distributed 31 Perkins braillers free of cost to needy and deserving 17 individual blind students and 8 institutions from three States. 14 of them were donated by Beena and Harish Shah Foundation, Mumbai and 15 were donated by Song of Oneness Foundation, Mumbai and two donated by Mission for Vision, Mumbai.

The Department distributed another 20 braillers to our 13 partner agencies from 6 States and 10 braillers to children of Mumbai I. E. Programme which were donated by Rotary Club of Powai. Also Rotary Club of Powai had donated 8 Laptops to 8 visually impaired children of Mumbai I. E. Programme.

7. **Aids and Equipment**

The Department maintains a stock of basic assistive devices for the blind used for education, mobility, recreation, etc. These devices are purchased from different manufacturers and made available to individuals and organisations on a no-profit-no-loss basis. In all 737 individuals and 99 institutions from 19 States took advantage of this service. Besides this two individuals and two Institutions from Bangladesh and one institution from Bhutan also took advantage of 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) Attended the meeting as an expert on education of Deaf, Autistic and V.I. for adoption of parallel books of Bal Bharati of Std. I to IV on the subject “Marathi” organized by Rajya Marathi Vikas Sanstha, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai at Suhrud Mandal, Pune on May 29, 2017 (Mrs. Archana Joshi).

- b) Attended Maharashtra State Level Advocacy Meeting on the Rights of Peoples with Disabilities (RPWD) Act 2016 organized by Sense International India at Nashik on June 27, 2017 (Mrs. Ujwala Kharat and Mr. Dinesh Mahajan).
c) Attended a one day meeting as a resource person on school code and curriculum of special schools organized by Department of Social Welfare, Maharashtra State at Pune on November 30, 2017 (Mrs. Archana Joshi).


e) Attended CAF India GAYE Regional Partner Meet – CONNECT 2018 to recognize innovative contribution by NGO Partners to strengthen the GAYE Program at Mumbai on February 15, 2018 (Mrs. Archana Joshi).

9. **Field visits**

The officials of the Department visited some of the locations where I. E. programmes for visually impaired children or national programme for MDVI children are being operated with financial and technical support from the Department.

10. **Training Centre for Teachers of the Visually Impaired**

Training for the 18th batch of the course – D. Ed. Special Education (VI) commenced from July 26, 2017. In all there are 19 trainees comprising 3 male and 16 female candidates which is inclusive of both the batches. There are 14 visually impaired trainees. The course is of two years duration and recognized by Rehabilitation Council of India. The training of the 17th batch is also in progress.

11. **Mathematics Education Project – Mission Shiksha Project**

NAB Department of Education has initiated a project for teaching Mathematics to visually impaired children in the Mumbai I. E. Programme. The project is supported by Mission for Vision. Four Teachers have been appointed in the project to teach exclusively Mathematics to 47 V.I. children studying from Standard VI to X. 10 students appeared for SSC State Board Exam in the month of March 2017 and passed out with flying colours.

12. **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.

13. **Publications**

The Department also reprinted 5th edition of “Braille Teaching Course – Book I” by Mr. A. S. Athalekar.
1. V.I. Children at Panhala Fort for Trekking.
2. V.I. Girl exploring the flower.

1. Young V.I. students learning about leaves and trees in the Camp
2. Residential Tour of Mumbai MDVI children to Shiroda, Goa.

1. Mr. A. S. Athalekar, Hon. Secretary, NAB – Education Department presenting awards to a student of Integrated Education during their get-together on 20\textsuperscript{th} January, 2018.
2. & 3. Students of Integrated Education in fancy dress during their get-together.
The NAB Department of Employment provides gainful occupation to Visually Challenged individuals through their placement in Open Employment or by offering them support for Self Employment. The Department registered 155 job aspirants and placed 75 under Open and Self-Employment. Referrals were also offered to many Visually Challenged Persons to Government and Private Undertakings.

**FIFA U-17 World Cup Football Trophy:**

FIFA U17 World Cup Foot Ball Trophy was brought to NAB – Centre, by Coca-Cola. National Sports Club of the Blind Football team and other guests were invited to see the trophy. Our officials assisted the event.

**Meetings and Workshops:**

**Financial Literacy Programme, Andheri –** Our Official along with Mr. Subhash Berge, Programme Officer, NAB Education Department attended Workshop on ‘Financial Literacy’ organized by V-Shesh and Crisil Foundation.

**COFVI (Training and Recruitment) –** The department conducted interview for fragrance test. Total 36 candidates attended the interview. HR team interviewed the candidates and 15 candidates were selected for training. Thereafter, Smell Test Evaluation was conducted at NAB. Total 52 candidates attended the same.

**Tata Consultancy Services –** ‘Advance Computer Training’ interview was conducted by TCS at NAB Head Office wherein 19 Visually Challenged Candidates were present. Training started in the third week of February 2018 at NAB Head Office.


**Awards –** The Annual Late Mrs. Piloo Dorab Khambatta Memorial Award was held on March 14, 2018 at NAB Talking Book Centre. The recipients of the Award were as follows:

**Late Mrs. Piloo Dorab Khambatta Memorial Award:**

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Shri Rajkiran Rai G. Managing Director & CEO, Union Bank of India, Mumbai was the Chief Guest for this occasion.

**Lectures** – Lectures were delivered by our Officials for functional trainees of NAB Education Department and trainees of NAB Department of Rehabilitation.

**Work Centre** - During the period of reporting, we had supplied Newspaper Bags, Fancy Paper Bags, Envelope Packets, Gel Candles, Folders etc. to R & A Foods Pvt. Ltd., Moonlight Canteen, Euro School, Jamnabai Narsee High School, Edelweiss Commodities, National Organization of Disabled Artists, Sukhsagar Restaurants Pvt. Ltd. etc. worth Rs. 1,23,630/-. The department also participated in various Exhibitions for awareness and sale.

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1. Mr. Prashant Madhukar Naik, Manager, Union Bank of India, Mumbai receiving the Award for 'Best Blind Employee' from the Chief Guest Shri Raj Kiran Rai G., Managing Director & CEO, Union Bank of India, Mumbai

2. Mr. Deepak Harilal Master, Physiotherapist receiving the Award for 'Best Self-Employed Blind Entrepreneur' from the Chief Guest Shri Raj Kiran Rai G., Managing Director & CEO, Union Bank of India, Mumbai

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

The Department of Prevention of Blindness provides eyecare service to the people belonging to the underprivileged sections of the society. In the year 2017-2018 department conducted 35 eye check-up camps & successfully completed the following activities:

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<th>Activity</th>
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<td>Eye screening of children and adults from low socio economic status</td>
<td>27,243</td>
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<td>Spectacles provided</td>
<td>3,901</td>
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<td>Medicines provided</td>
<td>347</td>
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<tr>
<td>Keratoplasties under Project Drishti sponsored by Reliance Foundation</td>
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<td>Keratoplasties surgeries Supported By DIL &amp; FBL</td>
<td>105</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cataract Surgeries</td>
<td>92</td>
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<td>Surgeries For DCR</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>Squint</td>
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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 organisation for Hotel Industry in Maharashtra.
The target for keratoplasty surgeries was successfully achieved for RELIANCE DRISHTI PROJECT.

This year DIL & BFL 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.

1) Eye check up camp for under privileged students with APNALAYA near Dumping ground at Deonar.
2) Eye check-up camp for Hotel Employees with AHAR at Arya Samaj Hall in CST
3) Baby Palak Rawale aged 6 year was operated under squint surgery scheme.

Basic Rehabilitation Courses:
Twenty-seven trainees of the 120th batch (held from January 2 to April 13, 2017) and eighteen trainees of the 121st batch (held from June 7 to September 16, 2017) completed the Basic Rehabilitation Course conducted by the NAB Department of Rehabilitation (DOR). Intensive training was offered in basics of life, home management, physical education, Braille, social graces and orientation & mobility. Vocational guidance was also offered and the Trainees were involved in various other activities.

The Short-term Need-based Courses:

13th Course for Teenagers/Adolescents:
The 13th batch of Teenagers Course (SSC/HSC Appeared) (held from April 17th - 31st May, 2017) had 33 students. Topics covered were health & hygiene, concessions, scholarships, training courses and Employment opportunities available, stress management, goal setting, social etiquette etc. Sessions on Career guidance and sex education were also offered. Educational visits and outings were organized.
**Vocational Trades Course:**

In the Vocational Trades 15 trainees completed the course successfully. The participants were taught to make candles (fancy and simple), agarbattis (incense sticks), imitation jewelry, phenyl, liquid soap, popcorns, chocolate making, ubtan (face/body pack/scrub) etc. and other trades.

**8th batch of the Course on All-round development of visually challenged women:**

There were 13 participants for this course held from 7th November, 2017 to 28th December, 2017. This course is designed for all-round development of blind women. Orientation & Mobility, personal care, Braille and communication, Yoga, personality development, social etiquette, stress management, goal setting, adolescence, sex education, childcare, self defense etc. were the subjects covered. Workshops in the making of cakes, jams, juices, sauces etc. were also organized.

**Physiotherapy and Acupressure & Massage Courses (Professional Courses):**

**2 years Diploma Course in Physiotherapy:**

The classes of second year of the 21ST batch (2016-2018) having 6 students and first year of the 22nd batch (2017-2019) having 12 students, were going on simultaneously.

**6 months Certificate course in Acupressure & Massage:**

3 out of the 6 students admitted passed successfully in the first batch and 2 of the 5 students in the second batch appeared for the examination whose results are awaited.

**Other EVENTS:**

**RUDMI AWARD**

Two visually challenged ex-trainees Mr. Amjad Mehmud Shaikh, Aurangabad and Mr. Pramod Gurunath Javalekar, Raigad recommended by NAB-DOR Received the "Smt. Nandini P. Divatia Rural Rehabilitation Award for Disabled for the Year 2017". The Award function was held at Ahmedabad at a special ceremony organised by the RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (RUDMI), Ahmedabad.

**WORKSHOPS ON PHYSIOTHERAPY (FOR EX-STUDENTS):**

A one day workshop on BASIC SPINAL MANUAL THERAPY and a Two day workshop on DRY NEEDLING THERAPY was also conducted at NAB-DOR for the benefit of 25 ex-students of Physiotherapy course.

A two day workshop was held on Osteopathic Manual Therapy for Spine and Spinal Dysfunction. Similar two day workshops were conducted on K Taping Technique and on DRY NEEDLING TECHNIQUE. These workshops are useful for enhancing the employability of the therapists.

**A ONE DAY WORKSHOP: (GLOBAL OUTREACH PROGRAM)**

"A One day workshop for the Physiotherapy and Acupressure & Massage working professionals” at NAB – DOR, Mahalaxmi was in collaboration with Liddle Kidz Foundation, Vancouver & ISSM (Indian School of Structural Medicine) as a part of the GLOBAL OUTREACH PROGRAM. 30 Touch Therapists from USA, Canada, Sweden and Japan were present with us as a faculty along with a group of volunteers.

Another important highlight of the event was that the Visually Challenged Physiotherapists’ Association (VCPA) had also launched a Website for the benefit of Physiotherapists on that day.
OPD Services
The OPD was restarted in August 2017. A camp was also organized for the benefit of the patients on concession. This gives our Physiotherapists hands on experience using various equipments.

NAB Louis Braille Memorial Research Centre


Library and Information: The library collection of books stood at 5,810. 1 person took advantage of the library services. 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 Technology Committee

DrishtiApp, a Mobile Phone Application developed by Accenture, will be launched through NAB, India soon. The application on capturing the picture of the surrounding will send the image to various servers based on artificial intelligence, gather information and will give the description of the same in audio for the benefit of Visually Challenged Persons. The committee took the initiative in collecting and short listing 100 VC beneficiaries for this project.

NAB State Branches

The Office Bearers and staff of NAB State Branches Department regularly visit NAB State and District Branches to attend their Governing Council Meetings, acquaint themselves with the ongoing activities and advise the Branches on development of new projects.

Most of the Vice Presidents of NAB, India have been visiting the NAB State Branches in their respective jurisdiction and have been reporting their progress at the Managing Committee of NAB, India meetings.

Visits:

Visit to Mahabaleshwar: Attended the Governing Council Meeting of the NAB Unit Maharashtra and visited the Wax Museum which is one of the Tourist spots in Mahabaleswar. Mr. Bhavesh Bhatia who was empowered by NAB, India along with his Wife is running this Centre by training other Blind Trainees in his small factory. It was good to
know that the whole enterprise is produced and manufactured by the visually challenged persons.

Mr. Umesh Deshpande, Assistant Director, NAB-FRC was invited as a Resource person and made a detailed presentation on Resource Mobilization and how to make project proposals with proper information and backup documents to the members of the State and District Branches.

**Visit to NAB Delhi State Branch:** Visited the NAB India Centre for Blind Women and Disability Studies at HauzKhas, New Delhi and discussed various programmes and projects that could be undertaken for Blind Women in our various NAB State Branches.

**Visit to the Ministry of Home Affairs:** During this visit renewal of Foreign Contribution Regulation Act [FCRA] Certificate for the NAB Lions Home for the Aging Blind, Khandala and NAB Karnataka Branch was discussed.

Prof. Bhaskar Mehta, President, NAB, India enlightened the members present regarding the various laws, rules that the Branch could take advantage from their Local Governments.

Other visits includes visit to NAB P. & N. Merwanji Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind, Mount Abu, Rajasthan where Golden Jubilee Celebration was celebrated with a musical orchestra programme by the M.N.B. Industrial Home for the Blind, Jogeshwari, Mumbai. Braille kits and bags depicting the Golden Jubilee of the Centre were distributed to the Blind Boys and Girls who attended the programme.

Visited NAB Karnataka Branch and attended the Annual General Meeting and seen the activities/programmes implemented by the Branch.

Visited various activities carried out at Mysore.

The Department was able to collect donation in cash and kind for the support of our various NAB State Branches Departments and other NAB Projects amounting to Rs. 36,18,112/-.

During the above mentioned period, NAB Finance Raising Committee (FRC) raised a sum of Rs.1,79,22,019.63/- through various sources.

- As part of fund raising drive from Schools, in and around Mumbai we raised a sum of Rs.36,25,319/-. Nearly 12,000 students from 49 schools in Mumbai and its outskirts participated in this program. The first three schools to collect the highest donation for NAB, India were Father Agnel Multipurpose School, Maneckji Cooper Education Trust and The Dadar Parsee Youth Assemblies High School. The first three students to collect the highest donation for NAB, India were Aaryaveer Srivastava from Universal High School, Dahisar, Zenobia Powalla from Maneckji Cooper Education Trust and Dhruv Punamia from Childrens Academy, Asha Nagar.

- In this year FRC transferred Rs. 1,13,88,503.07/- as earmarked Fund and 52,80,625.97/- as General Fund to Head Office.
- Apart from the Corporates and Schools, we received much financial support from employees of various corporate like Kotak Mahindra Group, Microsoft, RBS & Aon Service, Dana Mojo and also matching grants through CAF – India, Give India, Bill Desk for our various activities. The total amount received was Rs. 63,22,906.95/-

- FRC also took part in the Tata Marathon and raised an amount of Rs.3,04,680.32/-

- All India Flag Day for the Blind was observed on Thursday, 14th September, 2017. NAB Officials visited Honorable Vice Admiral Girish Luthra, AVSM, VSM, Flag Officer Commanding –in-Chief of Western Naval Command and pinned a flag on him. As a token of appreciation they donated a sum of Rs. 25,000/-.

- We thank all our regular individual donors who have been contributing to our resources.

NAB Department of Women’s Empowerment has 75 trainees at it DWE Training Centre, Reay Road, Mumbai.

1. **ATOOT BANDHAN PROJECT:**

   On 7th August, 2017, all the centre trainees and staff of DWE went to Army Headquarters, Colaba for Rakshabandhan Celebration program along with Hon. Secretaries Shri. A. S. Athalekar & Mrs. Swati Thakurdesai. Mrs. Bharati Athalekar, Committee Member, NAB DWE was also present. The border visit was cancelled at the last moment due to the critical situation at Jammu.

   Apart from these 1,00,000 Army Rakhis, the department made 50,000 fancy rakhis for sale. The department has earned approximately Rs. 75,000/- through various fancy Rakhi orders and exhibitions during 2017-18.

2. **AIR INDIA ORDER FOR DIWALI:**

   In 2017, DWE completed the Air India Diwali order for 6000 Gift boxes within 20 days and earned Rs. 24,96,000/-. Also the department provided 30 boxes to the other department of Air India and earned Rs. 12,480/-. 75 Home workers benefitted through this project.

3. **HIGHLIGHTS OF OTHER PROGRAMMES:**

   NAB DWE had organized a Poetry Recitation Competition on 8th April, 2017 at Smt. Kamala Mehta School for the Blind Girls at Dadar wherein 70 female beneficiaries participated.
DWE-Training Centre’s four trainees along with Ms. Namrata Shinde, Administrative officer & Ms. Manisha Bhagat, Teacher went to attend the Workshop for Weaving of Cane Wire Bag at Khandala Aging Home from 14th to 17th May, 2017. On completion of 29 years Tejas Training Centre had organized Satyanarayan Pooja on 18th July, 2017.

Rotary Club of Bombay Central & Innerwheel Club of Bombay Central jointly celebrated Rakshabandhan with the DWE and Tejas Employment Centre trainees. The trainees were given gifts by the club.

The department organized a Haldi Kumkum Program at Reay Road Complex wherein 40 Visually Challenged Women along with Mrs. Swati Thakurdesai, Hon. Secretary, Ms. Jyoti Chhasatia, Committee Member & All DWE Staff participated. The event was supported by individual donors.

The department organized a Cancer check up Camp in coordination with Life Care Health Foundation working on Cancer issues & Mammography during this period. Indian Cancer Society carried out this check up. Twenty Three trainees & Staff from DWE & Reay Road premises were benefitted through this camp.

The department organized Meditation Camp in coordination with Ms. Trishala Jain & Team. All Trainees and Staff of DWE & Reay Road premises participated in this camp.

In collaboration with Accenture group the centre celebrated the Women’s Day programme. 45 DWE beneficiaries & staff along with 50 Staff of Accenture enjoyed the event at NAB Head office, Worli. Our trainees presented a Fashion Show with Ramp Walk during this event.

4. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCRUTINY:

The scrutinisation for Financial Assistance was done for 30 cases by Ms. Namrata Shinde, Administrative Officer and Ms. Priya Shirgaonkar, Assistant Manager. Out of these 30 cases 15 beneficiaries were considered as genuine and supported as per their medical, educational and domestic requirements. Financial Assistance Support worth Rs. 1,000/- each was given to fifty female hawkers on 8th April, 2017 through the donation received for the mentioned cause.

NAB Department of Women’s Empowerment distributed 2 Atta Chakki (Flour Mill) under Self Employment Scheme, 3 college going female students received Scholarship of Rs. 6,000/- each from NAB DWE for higher education and DWE also supported the Expansion of existing self employment for 2 female on 21st March, 2018 in a small function at Reay Road Premises. This event was sponsored by Radha Kalindas Daryanani Trust.

5. COOKING CLASS:

The department has taken initiative in starting Cooking Class for our centre as well as our other female beneficiaries. The first batch of Cooking Class was conducted in
April, 2018 and the other two batches were conducted in January, 2018 and February, 2018 respectively. Mrs. Bharati Athalekar and Ms. Jyotibala Chhastia, Committee Members willingly worked as Resource Persons for the same. The other Resource persons were Mr. Khatri, Ms. Namrata and Manisha from NAB DWE. All the batches were designed on the need based themes such as Chapati Making, Breakfast Items, Jam & Jelly and fireless recipes. The RKDC Trust was the key supporter for this classes and Vidya Vikas Trust provided us Kitchen Utensils for the same.

6. NEELUM KHURSHEED KANGA AWARD:
   On NAB’s 67th Foundation Day on Friday, January 19, 2018 DWE honored Ms. Swati Chavan, Sangali and Ms. Rubby Singh, NAB Faridabad with the N. K. Kanga Memorial Awards. Instituted in the memory of Mrs. Neelam Khurshed Kanga – an ardent supporter of NAB – these awards given to Visually Challenged women achievers for excelling in their chosen profession which carries a citation and cash prize of Rs. 11,000/-.

7. DEEPSHIKHA MAGAZINE:
   The department is publishing the issue of Deepshikha Magazine every quarterly. Mrs. Bharati Athalekar willingly accepted the responsibility of editing this magazine. Around 130 beneficiaries are the readers of the same.

8. PBK CANTEEN REAY ROAD:
   PBK Canteen is trying to get orders for dry snacks and also sell the edible items in various exhibitions during festivals. Daily business is also increased through the variety of Breakfasts and orders of lunch. PBK successfully completed the order of 210 plates Pav Bhaji on 31st March, 2018 and expected to get another big order from the same client in the next month.

9. NAB KAKA PATIL HOSTEL:
   Every year NAB Kaka Patil hostel residential girls celebrates all festival like Holi, Diwali, Dahi Handi and other festivals.

Shree Gurjar Suthar Yuvak Mandal Charitable Trust financially supported NAB Kaka Patil Hostel in the renovation of Acupressure & Massage Room. They wanted to support our reflexologist girls in getting sustainable livelihood through this. The inauguration of the renovated Acupressure & Massage room was done in December, 2017.
1. At Cancer Check-up Camp
2. Visually Impaired Beneficiaries making Chapati and Paratha during Cooking Classes
3. A visually Impaired Woman is rehabilitated for self-employment with Atta Chakki Machine
1. Blind Beneficiaries of DWE during Haldi Kumkum Programme

2. Visually Impaired girls of NAB – Kakapatil Women’s Hostel breaking Dahi Handi during Gokulashtami
3. Inaguration of Massage Centre at NAB – Kaka Patil Centre

1. Trainees of DWE celebrating Women’s Day along with the Staff of Accenture, Mumbai
2. The team of DWE tying Rakhis to Jawans at Army Quarters
World White Cane Day – Oct 15, 2017

The World White Cane day was observed on 16th October 2017 (as the official day of 15th October, 2017 was Sunday) at select traffic junctions as per the details shown below:

The first program was flagged off by SHRI ASHISH VAIDYA, Regional Corporate Affairs Manager South & West, Amway India near NAB - Braille Press, Worli Seaface at 10.30 am. Other officials from AMWAY Shri Jignesh Mehta, Shri Tushar Mahajan, AND officials from NAB (I) like Ms. Pallavi Kadam, Executive Director and many others were present. White canes were distributed by officials of AMWAY. A short awareness program of how to escort visually challenged persons in crossing the roads by the officials of NAB (I) was conducted. A representative from Doordarshan was present to cover the event.

Thereafter, the team of NAB officials from NAB – Department of Rehabilitation, Mahalaxmi proceeded to the site Near Elphinstone Station Junction, India Bulls at 11.30 a.m. After the initial awareness program, the event continued with tips on helping the blind persons while crossing the roads.

The culminating program was conducted Near Regal Cinema, Mumbai at 12.30 P.M. where a group of officials from Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai especially Ms. Annissa Rodrigues and other important dignitaries joined NAB (I). The program was flagged off and similar awareness program was conducted there.

The T-shirts and caps etc. were donated by AMWAY and snacks by TAJ GROUP.

DOR Organized the World White Cane Day the first demo at Worli Seaface.
The National Association for the Blind, India on January 19, 2018 celebrated its 67th Foundation Day, with also the presentation of the Rustom Merwanji Alpaiwalla Memorial and Neelum Khurshed Kanga Memorial Awards which were presented on this day to the individual either who have rendered enormous service to the visually challenged under Voluntary categories as also to those visually challenged women who have achieved excellence by way of outstanding performance and contribution.

The function was held on Friday, January 19, 2018 at 4.30 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 Hon’ble Dr. Kamlesh Kumar Pandey, Chief Commissioner for persons with Disabilities, Government of India, New Delhi was the Chief Guest at the function. He gave away these prestigious Awards.

The recipients of the NAB Rustom Merwanji Alpaiwalla Memorial Awards under the Voluntary Category were– Advocate Shri Satish Chandra Misra, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Shri Chandrakant Satam, Mumbai.

1. & 2 The Rustomji Merwanji Alpaiwala Memorial Awards under the Voluntary Category is being presented to Advocate Shri Satish Chandra Misra and Shri Chandrakant Satam (right) by the Hon’ble Dr. Kamlesh Kumar Pandey, Chief Commissioner for persons with Disabilities, Government of India, New Delhi.

Prof. Bhaskar Mehta, President, NAB, India – Mr. Satyakumar Singh, Hon. General Secretary, NAB, India – Dr. Vijaya Wad, Chair Person DWE, NAB (I) and Ms. Ruby Alpaiwala were present during the function.

The Neelum Khurshed Kanga Award Winners/Blind female Achievers were Ms. Ruby Singh, Hindi Braille Instructor, Faridabad, Haryana and Ms. Swati Chavan, Sports person from Sangli, Maharashtra.
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**NAB (India) beyond Mumbai**

**NAB IDBI Polytechnic, Ambernath, Maharashtra**

During the period under report the institute has carried out regular activities and achieved some goals which are as under:-

**Vocational Training**

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**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 a few number of trainees in the nearby industrial setups.

**Donation**

Rs. 3,36,271/- was received as donation during the year of which an amount of Rs.2,63,500/- was received against sponsorship of uphar Yojna which equals to a total 88 days of single meals (@3000/-). In addition the institute has also received donation in kind (e.g. food grains, bed sheets etc.) to the tune of Rs.35,000/-. We have also received rice and wheat to the tune of about 2500 KGs at a very subsidized rate from food and civil services Dept. This has reduced our expenses on food grain at least by Rs.35,000/- during the year under report).

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**Government Grant**

During the year the institute has received Grant in Aid on Salary and Non-Salary (maintenance grant for trainees) as under:

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Leisure & 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.

Two trainees are seen working on shapping machine. Trainees are taught to operate lathe machine. A view of the computer training centre.

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

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.

Rehabilitation-education programme:-

This Centre is recognised 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.

Report of the Current Year

During the year under review 4 newly blind trainees/students were admitted. The centre already had 31 trainees taking the total trainees/students during the year to 35. They were admitted for rehabilitation and general training, computer training, Work Centre and education from class 1st to 12th And Graduation. The trainees are from different parts of the country as under:-
### NO. NAME OF STATE TOTAL STUDENTS

1. RAJASTHAN 34
2. MADHYA PRADESH 1

**TOTAL** 35

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**Events of the year under report:**

In the open competition programme (organised by Municipality of Mount Abu) held on Independence Day and Republic Day Celebrations our students won three prizes. 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 27th June as Helen Keller Day, 1st August as Sthaphana Divas of the Centre, 15th August as Independence Day, 5th September as Teacher's Day, 16 September as World Ozone Day, 15 October as White cane day for blind, 14th November as Children's Day, 14th September as All India Flag Day for the Blind and 3rd December as World Disabled Day 4th January as Louis Braille Day, 26th January as Republic Day, And other occasions during the year.

**Products and services:**

While we make the following products and provide services: chalk, candles, phenyl, door mats, chair re-caning. During the year we produced goods and offered services worth approximately Rs. 24220/-

**During the year we received mainly the following visitors:**

1. Shri Rajesdra Kumar Purohit, AD SJ&E, Sirohi, Government of Rajasthan
2. Swami Shantatmananda, New Delhi
3. Geofx Kathleen Wain, Dy. High Commissioner, Ahmedabad
4. Priya Moanwaana, Milton Keynes UK
The training programs in Computer, Handicraft, Therapeutic Massage & Spa, Managing Front Desk/Reception, Life Skills & Personality Development, cracking Bank Exams, Entrepreneurship, Research etc., conducted by NAB Sabita Saradindu Basu Centre for Blind Women and Disability Studies (CBW) benefited around 112 visually challenged individuals. Besides, CBW was able to arrange placements for 4, paid internships for 7, provided Hostel facility to 60 (including seven working women) and offered and arranged Scholarship to 35. Further, 19 VC girls were provided support to pursue higher education by offering them career counseling and getting enrolled in colleges. 6 VC girls pursuing secondary and higher secondary education as private candidates, were helped to complete class X and XII as private candidates, through the support of donors. The annual festival and talent enhancement program "Ujjawala" organized by the CBW attracted 125 participants. CBW received support of around 346 volunteers. The Centre also helped 35 VC girls to procure disability certificate from AIIMS. 1 visually impaired girl was helped to get married.

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 to open canteens by VI.
AWARD

RDX GOA, Celebrated its 5th Anniversary on 4th April 2016 and National Association for the Blind was chosen as the recipient of the "Adarsh Goenkar Award 2016 for taking care of visually impaired people. The awards ceremony was held at 7.00pm at Hotel Neo Majestic, Porvorim, Goa.

PICNIC

An overnight camp was held on 18th & 19th April at Quepem, Paradise Farm House. The children had lots of fun in the swimming pool and also many games were organized for them. They were also made aware of the new schemes and aid & appliances for the blind.

CRAFT CAMP

A two days camp was organized by Mr. Joe & Bernadeth Noronha on 12th & 13th of April-2016. Three teachers Marie-Lou Alemao, Gera Rego and Aira Mirchandani taught the children to make different types of Craft items such as fruit trays, flower basket, butterfly out of Newspaper etc.

WORKSHOP

On 9th July – 2016, 3 of our teachers Tanuja, Celina & Mahadev attended a half day workshop on Nutrition at Sanjay School, Porvorim.

TALKS:

On 28th August 2016, Tata Consultancy Services, Maitree organized two talks on "Motivation" and "Career Guidance" to our visually impaired. The talks were given by Sandesh Mishel.

Programme on Social Integration:

On 21st 2016, Mr. Joao Vincente Ganzaroli de Oliveira delivered a Programme on Social Integration of the disabled in the Society.

WORKSHOP:

On 25th August 2016, Mahadev Sawant attended a workshop on “Workability Asia Conference” for three days i.e from 25th to 27th August 2016.
WORKSHOP:

On 27th August 2016, Celina Fernandes attended the Kids for Tiger Workshop for the teachers which were held at Bondla.

TEACHER’S DAY PROGRAMME:

On 2nd September 2016 Teachers day was celebrated with a small cultural programme. The Chief Guest was Mr. Sudesh Gaude, Assistant Director of Social Welfare. The children performed various items such as dance, skits, songs and spot prizes. Also gifts were given as token of love to the Committee members, staff and volunteers.

TCS MAITREE INTERSCHOOL TALENT CONTEST 2016.

A talent contest was organized by TCs Maitree on 17th September 2016 at St. Jerome’s Church hall, Mapusa. Nympha Fernandes won the 1st Prize for singing and Tessy Gomes and Purjut Jha won the 2nd prize for dancing. A few students won prizes for games.

PAINTING EXHIBITION:

A Painting Exhibition “World through my eyes” was held at Kala Academy, Campal, Panaji, Goa by Visually Impaired Artist Ms. Stacy Rodrigues along with National Association for the Blind, Goa State Branch on 12th October 2016 and inaugurated by Honourable Chief Guest renowned author of Goa Mr. Damodar Mauzo. It was opened to the public from 12th to 14th October 2016.

WORLD WHITE CANE DAY PROGRAMME:

On 15th October 2016, NAB Goa celebrated World White Cane Day by organizing a “Walk for the Blind”. The walk began at the Ferry point, Panjim and culminated at Kala Academy. As part of this programme the blind persons demonstrated the road crossing with the help of White Cane along with a sighted person. Mr. Agnelo Fernandes, collector North Goa was the Chief Guest on the occasion and walked with the participants from 9 Schools in Panjim and around. Members of various Social Clubs and citizens also participated in the event. A small skit on “Awareness of the White Cane” was enacted by the Blind students of NAB, Goa. There were two prizes for the best slogans which went to Auxillium High School and St. Cruz High School.

DIWALI CELEBRATION:

On 26th October 2016, NAB, Goa celebrated diwali. The premises were decorated with Rangoli and Akashkandils (sky lamps) which were made by the students and staff. The function began with the lighting of the lamps (diyas) followed by a talk on the significance of Diwali. A beautiful Narkasur was made by the students and was burnt on 28th October 2016 in the presence of the President, staff and students.
CHILDREN’S DAY PROGRAMME

On 22nd November 2016, Children’s Day was celebrated with a cultural programme by the teachers. This was followed by Taha’s Felicitation by NAB India Officials Mr. Clarence Gomes Vice-President NAB, India and Mr. Arvind Narvekar, Assistant Director NAB India.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME:

Christmas Programme was held at the NAB Centre, Goa on 22nd December 2016. The Chief Guest was Most Rev. Filipe Neri Ferrao, the archbishop of Goa & Daman. The Children performed a skit giving message on Christmas along with Carol singing, Fashion Show and dance. The cappella group called Namah Namah sang few carols. Children had also made a beautiful Crib.

WORKSHOP ON PHOTOGRAPHY:

Rotary Club of Panjim in collaboration with Rotary Eye Bank & NAB, Goa presented A Two Day Vocational workshop on Photography “BLIND WITH CAMERA” on 21st & 22nd January 2017. Mr. Parto Bhowmick and his team taught the children how to use the Camera. They were taken to Old Goa and Panjim for the photographic session.

KIDS FOR TIGER

Kids for Tiger – The Goa Tiger Ambassadors Nature trail was held on 10th February 2017 at Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary which included a boat trip that is operated by the Goa Forest Department. Our two students Rahul Bonsoide and Saish Paryekar were selected as Goa Tiger Ambassadors along with one teacher Celina Fernandes. The students learnt about Mangrove ecology, unique marine species and migratory birds that visit the area.

KETEVAN WORLD SACRED MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Old Goa Music Society had organized a musical session on 15th February 2017 as a Social project with Rebecca Amorim (Harp) Sofia Diniz (Viola de Gamba) Joana Amorim (flute) which was appreciated by all the students, staff and committee members.

The students were taken to Ela Farm on 23/02/2017. They were shown different types of vegetables grown in the farm by TCS.

Computer course: Our 3 students Tessy, Sampada, Sanjay and Mahadev (computer teacher) completed 45 days computer course through TCS.

I. Computer Learning Centre, Supported by Amway India Enterprises Ltd.

Computer classes are continuing. At present, 54 students are undergoing the courses in three shifts.
II. Medical Camps and other Welfare Activities in the Rural Area, Supported by Care & Share Charitable Trust USA

The project is being continued as a monthly programme with active cooperation of Block Resource Centre, Palode. Special Camps were held on 29th November 2017 & 30th January 2018 benefitting around 400-450 children. Most of them are from families belonging to BPL category. Total amount spent on this Project during the reporting period is Rs. 72,250/-

Training and Rehabilitation Programs

Almost all the Training and Rehabilitation Programs going on now are supported by Harish & Bina Shah Foundation, Mumbai and NAB, India.

1. Audio Recording and Editing

During the month of November 2017 Audio Recording and Editing of text books on History, Economics, Geography, Politics, Malayalam and English for plus one (+ 1) level was completed. During December 2017 and January 2018 Social Science Guide for Kerala Teachers’ Eligibility Test (KTET)– U P Section was completed. From January onwards Rank File for Social Science, Psychology, Child Development etc. for KTET are being recorded and edited. In February Labour India – January Edition has been completed. On 30th November 2017 a group of students from St. Thomas Higher Secondary School visited the Recording Studio and they were given training in Audio Books.
2. **Furniture Repairing and Chair Re-caning**

During the period November 2017 to February 2018 we got order for chair re-caning work from Directorate of Education, Accountant General’s Office, Chief Electoral Office, Tahasildar’s Office, CBCID HQ, GOVT. ITI, Elamad and Kerala Motor Transport Workers’ Welfare Fund Board, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, TVM. Total income of Rs.98,800.00 was received for the work done during this period which was shared among the following Visually Challenged Persons:- M/s. Vinukumar C.S., Ajayakumar A.S., George S., Madhu K., Soman. T, Shiju B., Sivaprasad. M. G and Thusanth. S who were trained in this Centre.

3. **Making Carry bags**

This project has been continued even though substantial profit could not be obtained during the reporting period. Total income from sale of bags during the period is Rs. 4855.00 and expenditure Rs. 4347.00.

**Other Activities**

Apart from the above, several other welfare activities for the visually challenged persons and persons with multiple disabilities are being continued with financial support from Service Organizations and Well Wishers. Noon meals are served to the trainees on all days. Stipend is given to the deserving persons subject to availability of funds.

Louis Braille Day was observed with various programs on 4th January. Some competitions were held for visually challenged persons in Braille Writing and Reading and cash awards were given to the winners.

Mobility training and teaching of Braille language for the visually challenged persons and care of deaf-blind children are continuing.
### NAB – Beneficiaries at glance

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## Financial Highlights - NAB, India

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**Depreciation:** 7,516,127

Deficit 1,686,041

**Total Income:** 109,784,000

**Total Expenditure:** 109,784,000
Report of an auditor relating to accounts audited under sub-section (2) of section 33 & 34 and rule 19 of the Bombay Public Trust Act.

Registration No. E - 221 (B)

Name of the Public Trust: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, INDIA
For the year ending: 31st March 2018

a) Whether accounts are maintained regularly and in accordance with the provisions of the Act & rules; Yes
b) Whether receipts and disbursements are properly and correctly shown in the accounts; Yes
c) Whether the cash balance and vouchers in the custody of the manager or trustee on the date of the audit were in agreement with the accounts; Yes
d) Whether all books, deeds, accounts, vouchers or other documents or records required by the auditor were produced before him; Yes
e) Whether a register of movable properties is properly maintained, the changes therein are communicated from time to time to the regional office, and the defects and inaccuracies mentioned in the previous audit report have been duly complied with; Yes
f) Whether the manager or trustee or any other person required by the auditor to appear before him did so and furnished the necessary information required by him; Yes
g) Whether any property or funds of the Trust were applied for any object or purpose other than the object or purpose of the Trust; No
h) The amounts of outstanding for more than one year and the amounts written off, if any; No amount is w.off
   Outstanding for more than 1 year - TDS
   - SF Engineers (Advance for Machinery for Braille Press) * ₹ 1,238,407.58
   - Govt. Of Maharashtra Grant (Research Project for Dr. Modak Centre, Nashik) ** ₹ 187,082.00
   - Advance to Employees ₹ 3,000.00
   - Advance to Delegates (WSU Conference) ₹ 18,225.00
   - Loans for purchase of computers for visually impaired ₹ 300,447.00
   - Advance to Projects ₹ 13,670.00
   - Advance to visually impaired students for higher education * ₹ 48,640.00
   - Others (Projects)

i) Whether tenders were invited for repairs or construction involving expenditure exceeding ₹ 5,000/-.; Yes
j) Whether any money of the public trust has been invested contrary to the provisions of Section 35; No
k) Alienations, if any, of the immovable property contrary to the provisions of Section 35 which have come to the notice of the auditor; None
l) All cases of irregular, illegal or improper expenditure, or failure or omission to recover monies or other property belonging to the public trust or of loss of waste was caused in consequence of breach of trust or misapplication or any other misconduct on the part of the trustees or any other person while in the management of the trust; None
m) Whether the budget has been filed in the form provided by rule 19 A; Yes
n) Whether the maximum and minimum member of the trustees is maintained; Yes
o) Whether the meetings are held regularly as provided in such instrument; Yes
p) Whether the minutes books of the proceedings of the meetings is maintained; Yes
q) Whether any of the trustees has any interest in the investment of the trust; No
r) Whether any of the trustees is a debtor or creditor of the trust; No
s) Whether the irregularities pointed out by the auditors in the accounts of the previous year have been duly complied with by the trustees during the period of audit; None
t) Any special matter which the auditor may think fit or necessary to bring to the notice of the Deput., or Assistant Charity Commissioner;
   * outstanding since 2002 - 2013
   ** outstanding since 2014 - 2015

Dated at: 

CHARtered ACCOUNTANTS
# The National Association for the Blind, India

## Balance Sheet as on 31.03.2018

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As per our Report of even date, the above Balance Sheet to the best of our belief contains a true account of the Funds & Liabilities and of the Property & Assets of the Trust.

For THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, INDIA

Chartered Accountant: Bhaskary Mehta
President: Hemant Takle
Honorary Treasurer: Varuna Jain
### Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st March, 2018

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As per our report of even date:

**Chambered Accountant:** Bhaskar Y Mehta

**President:** Hemant Takte

**Honorary Treasurer:** Varuna Jain
## Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended March 31

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