World Cricket Cup for the Blind 2017

The Indian Blind Cricket Team with the Prime Minister Honorable Shri. Narendra Modi after winning the tournament.

The winning team and Officials with the Trophy.
Drishti: A Mobile Application for Visually Challenged

The Application has been introduced to Visually Challenged Person during a Workshop held at NAB, India, Head Office.

Screen of the Mobile Application

The Application under demonstration to Visually Challenged Person during a Workshop held at NAB, India, Head Office.
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The year 2017 commenced with many promising notes for the Visually Challenged persons across the country.

Accenture, a leading consultation firm has come out with a novel idea of a Mobile Phone Application which sees and narrate the surroundings to Visually Challenged Persons. The Application when introduced to a group of Blind persons at NAB, India, was an instant hit.

Indian Blind Cricket team won the Second T20 Cricket World Cricket Cup for the Blind for the second consecutive year. For the winning team it was continuing glory with interviews at various Television Channels, support, Prizes and felicitation by the Prime Minister of India, Honorable Shri. Narendra Modi.

The regular Alpaiwala Awards Function and commencement of prestigious and heritage M. N. B. Industrial Home for the Blind at Jogeshwari, Mumbai after a long lull also deserves mentioning.

Continue reading to know the details and more.

Nicholas Robinson
"The deeper analysis shows that it is the Indian currency note of Rs. 500/- denomination". The audio narration delivered by his Mobile Phone created instant cheers on the face of Mr. Vishal Rao, a Visually Impaired Participant of the workshop conducted by Accenture and National Association for the Blind, India wherein Mobile Phone based guided assistive solution was introduced and demonstrated.

The workshop which was conducted on 11th March 2017 was attended by 20 participants from various walks of life who tried out the solution, realizing its numerous benefits.

About the Solution

Accenture's accessibility solution is a mobile based guided assistive solution that leverages multiple industry leading Artificial Intelligence (AI) services that aids in describing the world around the visually challenged person. Accenture Labs research in Natural Language Processing is used to aggregate, disambiguate, infer and generate a coherent narration of the world for the visually impaired.

How it Works?

A tab on the application page clicks the photo of the surrounding and sends the same for analysis to various servers. The servers in turn analysis the scenario and sends the audio narration of the picture to the sender. Though smart phone with Internet connection is mandatory now, efforts are on to have nominal analysis within the application itself.

Features of the Solution

Identifies objects around the user using Natural Language Generation capability to describe the scene to a visually challenged person, including

1. Identification of obstructions like glass doors through its pre-built safety feature
2. Description of close surroundings with information relating to number of people, their age, gender, emotions and their current activity.
3. Identification of new Indian currency notes which is often confused with lower denomination notes by the blind.

It narrates English based text/script from printed books and documents using Optical Character Recognition. This feature is particularly useful in reading books, newspaper or any other printed document.

Integrates with smart glasses (like Pivot Head) using Human Centric Design to support the visually challenged with Information with just a tap on the mobile screen.

Ensures data privacy through responsible AI, not allowing storage of any images.

Feedback from the workshop

This software is a dream comes true for the blind people. It will enable us see the world we were unable to see earlier. I want to thank all the developers of the software for taking this step for making our lives meaningful and fulfilling.

- Vishal Rao, Bank Employee
India retains Cricket World Cup for Blind

Samarthanam Trust

The second T20 World Cup Cricket was organized by Samarthanam Trust and Cricket Association for Blind in India (CABI) from 29th January to 12th February 2017. 48 matches were played across 12 cities in India with participation from 10 countries. Rahul Dravid was the brand ambassador for the event, who greatly supported in promoting the event.

The Indian blind cricket team displayed proficiency and ardor for cricket by winning eight out of the nine league matches played by them. Every single player has played a crucial role in taking the team to the final step. The tournament kicked off on January 29 before travelling to various cities and culminating at M Chinnaswamy Stadium for a perfect final.

In the Final Match which was held in Bangalore Chinnaswamy Stadium on 12th February 2017, a spirited performance by the team helped India beat Pakistan by nine wickets in the final of the T20 World Cup for Blind and retain the title. Opting to bat first, Pakistan made 197 for 8, a respectable total, but India had a definite strategy in place. Having won the World Cup earlier, India continues to be the champions in both the formats in blind cricket. The fielding performance of the team and Prakash Jayaramaiah’s unbeaten 99 helped India win the trophy. Just as Ajay Reddy, the captain, and Patrick Rajkumar, the coach, had said that India’s aim would be to win the trophy, and the team walked the talk with an empathic show in Bangalore.

A huge audience base of more than 25000 added to the energy of the game. The event witnessed the gracious presence of Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala, Hon. Governor of Karnataka, G Padmavati, Bengaluru Mayor, Mahantesh GK, President, World Blind Cricket Council & president CABI and E John David, Finance Director along with the officials of Indus Ind Bank, State Bank of India, Tata Steel, Blue Voda and many others sponsors and supporters.

Every ball was cheered for the Indian Blind Cricket team famously called as “the other men in blue” avenged their defeat against Pakistan in the league stage.

It was a moment of glory and delight to see the Indian team lift the Winning Trophy and make the country proud. The Tournament has been successfully taken to the finale and the appreciation received from various sectors and people thorough social media is highly encouraging. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), the national governing body for cricket in India has acknowledged the victory by tweeting on its official page and that adds great pleasure. The victory has brought in great confidence to Indian Blind Cricket Team and a great source of support and encouragement to the players. The appreciation from different parts of the world immensely motivated the team and strengthened their resolve to attain greater levels in blind cricket.

As the 2nd T20 World Cup comes to a successful end, the outcome includes extensive media coverage by local and global agencies making way for the global presence for visually impaired players in the field of sports. The event served as an
interface for interactions among ten countries from across the globe and sensitized the mind sets of the community, millions of people from diverse cultures and backgrounds. There was an increased involvement of the community through volunteering and development of referral networks for providing support to the players.

From what was a distant dream to play cricket for the country, the World Cup saw the dreams of the players getting actualized. Playing for the country gave them a huge high and representing the nation in the World Cup was a dream come true. The endorsement and support from the main stream cricket players like Virat Kohli, Gautam Ganbhir, Ashish Nehra and Rahul Dravid motivated not just the squad, but also scores of budding young players. The talented players won acclaim from the stalwarts and recognition from media. The team also won themselves a huge fan club and thousands of supports cheered them on. The game has had a huge impact on their rehabilitation and integration into the mainstream too. Several avenues and opportunities for employment have opened up, having a direct impact on the visually impaired youth and their immediate families.

CABI team would continue to effort on improving the game, gain recognition, absorb more cricket aspirants and work hard for the bright future of cricket.

Mahantesh G K, President, World Blind Cricket Council said that, “This has been historic with matches being held in 12 cities for the first time. Many State Governments and corporates supported us in our journey and Chinnaswamy management went out of their way worked as a team with us. With more than a million people having watched high scoring games, records being broken the overall awareness has been increased. We also again request the Government to look into our demand for recognition at par with other sports federations and financial grant to give stability. Also I am sure respective state governments will also announce prizes for the great Indian Players who have done Indian team proud. I would like to make a special of the contribution of the media and sponsors who have increased the awareness about this sport.”

History of Cricket for the Blind

Sport for the blind is a rightful pursuit and it forms a platform for physical and social development. Making the most popular game of cricket accessible to people with visual impairment, bringing them onto the field and be a part of cricket, "Cricket for the Blind" was developed. It is a different version of the sport, adapted to suit the constraints of partial and complete visually impaired players. Cricket for the Blind was first introduced by Australia and later came to India in 1980.

The primitive form of Cricket for the Blind in India was played by replacing the ball with an empty tin and a stick for a bat. The replacement was to enable the visually impaired hear and identify the location of ball and hit accordingly. Players were dependant on audio cues to execute the game. Eventually, audio ball replaced the empty tin and bats for sticks. The audio ball, designed by National Institute for the Visually Handicapped (NIVH), Dehradun, is currently accepted as an international standard ball. Verbal signals are used by players and umpires such as shouting the word 'play' while delivering the ball. The delivery is required to pitch at least twice when bowled to the batsman. Totally blind fielders are allowed to catch the ball on the bounce.

The game started garnering support in due course and the first National Tournament took place in 1990. World Blind Cricket Limited (WBC), established in 1996, governs Cricket for the Blind with an objective of promoting and administering the game of Cricket for the Blind globally.

Cricket Association for Blind in India (CABI) is the apex body organizing and conducting cricket for blind in India and is affiliated to World Blind Cricket Ltd (WBC). CABI has been organizing cricket tours and tournaments since 2010 and working on blind cricket awareness. Under CABI's administration, Indian team hoisted the winning trophy in the India-Pakistan series 2012, First ever T-20 World Cup tournament 2012, 4th One Day International World Cup Championship in Cape Town, South Africa 2014 and First ever T-20 Asia Cup 2016. India is the only country which has the record of being champions in all the international formats.

CABI was conferred the responsibility of organizing T-20 World Cup Cricket for the Blind. The first ever T-20 World Cup tournament which was held in 2012 was a resounding success and it was a step towards taking cricket for the blind a level higher.
Former President of South Africa Nelson Mandela has aptly said: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Education is important in life because it gives people the skills and tools they need to navigate the tricky world. In today’s competitive world education is a necessity after food, clothing and shelter. It is the only way by which a desired change can be brought about the fundamental means of social transformation.

Though access to education is a basic human right for every child, for children with disabilities it is even higher. Many visually impaired children in India do not attend school. It is because disability carries a heavy stigma. Not knowing how to care for their child and with fear of social retribution, parents hide their children away from the world. Abandoned in their own homes, the child falls beneath the radar of the state. As a result blind children remain outside the school system. Our itinerant teachers are working round-the-clock for their development.

Also known as visiting or peripatetic teachers, the pedagogues travel around the year to provide services to differently abled children. Instead of functioning as traditional classroom teachers, they visit children on their caseloads in a variety of settings, including homes, early childhood centres, schools and hospitals to offer advice, resources, and support to visually impaired children and their teachers and parents.

They provide individual tutoring in reading and writing Braille using a frame and stylus for blind children and those with severely low vision. They transcribe classwork, tests, and examinations to and from Braille for children and provide advice to class teachers on how to meet children's needs in the classroom. They spend time with Visually Impaired children at home in order to prepare them for primary school education. They provide tutoring pre-Braille skills and daily living skills.

Itinerant teachers are often the first professionals to identify that a child has a problem with vision. They normally alert their coordinator, who then refers the child for clinical assessment. They provide counselling on how to raise a child who is visually impaired. They also help the family view their children in a positive light and develop a supportive attitude towards them. Itinerant teachers also provide practical support to families such as organising hospital and eye clinic visits for parents. They sensitise local primary schools about issues related to teaching a visually impaired child in a mainstream class. In a nutshell, itinerant teachers play a key role in sensitising communities about the importance of sending differently abled children to school.

Ajay Kumar Samal, secretary of the National Association for the Blind (NAB), says: "Itinerant teachers play a key role in the development of visually impaired children. NAB has recruited teachers in 24 states to provide special education to children with disabilities. It is an excellent and bold step towards promotion of inclusive education of children with disabilities. You cannot find blind school in every corner of the state. Differently abled children residing at rural pockets of the state, as a result, are deprived of formal education. Keeping this in mind, NAB recruits teachers in the rural and tribal belts. It employs teachers in Koraput, Kalahandi, Athagarh, Banki to facilitate services offered to differently abled children. A survey is done every year between January and March to identify children with disabilities who are deprived of education. Itinerant teachers have to undergo training prior to their postings. They are given a monthly payment of Rs. 5,500."
Samal underlines the role of itinerant teachers:

• They identify visually impaired children through eye camps, screening of children in slums, municipals schools as well as through prevention of blindness programmes in the rural areas.

• The identified children are checked by trained ophthalmologists to ensure whether vision can be restored.

• The incurably blind children or low vision children are placed in the integrated education programme. They are later admitted to mainstream schools and provided with the support of itinerant teachers.

• A child is taught mobility skills, daily living skills, Braille, use of other aids and appliance by his/her itinerant teachers. The teacher helps him to understand that he can lead a normal life despite his blindness.

• The itinerant teacher plays an important role in counselling the principals, teachers and peers in normal schools to accept and include blind children as a part of their school and its activities.

• The main objectives of the programme is to ensure all round development of the visually impaired child, ensuring that he is exposed to normal life in society.

Jhumuri Biswal and Pinkimi Jena are examples of the success of inclusive education. But this is not simply a steady march forward. Ajay explains: "We need to educate the blind about their rights, responsibilities and obligations. On the other hand, we need to train society with how to deal with the blind respectfully.

Benudhar Sahu is an itinerant teacher. He travels around Nayapalli, Jagamara, Chandaka, Bhararpur and Terabatia visiting blind children, in their classrooms, and homes up to two times a week.

Employed by the National Association for the Blind (NAB) Benudhar has helped Jhumuri Biswal of Khandagiri to lead a quality life.

Recalling the plight of Jhumuri, Sahu says: "Jhumuri, a Class IV student, had met with an accident June 25, 2005 while playing with her friends close to her house. A mini truck hit Jhumuri, injuring her severely. She was rushed to Capital Hospital in Bhubaneswar. As her condition worsened, she was shifted to SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack, However, she lost her eyesight after the accident. After the mishap, she could not attend school and stayed at home for two years.

NAB identified Jhumuri during a survey. Her father agreed to enroll her in mainstream school subsequently. I met her twice a week and taught her to write and read with the help of Braille. Apart from being good at studies, she is good at playing chess, singing, dancing and doing household chores. Realising her eagerness to learn computer, NAB sent her to Mumbai to make her tech-savvy. Now she is leading a normal life, pursuing Plus III first-year at Ravenshaw University.

Jhumuri’s father Hadibandhu says: "I never imagined that my daughter would get back to her earlier life. It was Benudhar sir who gave her another life. Despite being visually impaired, she participated in the all-India Braille reading, cricket, chess, quiz, Miss India competitions. Benu sir changed my daughter’s life for which I am always grateful to him.

Responding to whether the amount paid by NAB is sufficient to provide the requisite services and lead a quality life, Benudhar says: "Firstly; I am not working for money. I believe in the saying 'service to mankind is service to god'. If you are busy earning money, you cannot serve the society. I visit a student twice a week and am looking after 10 children. My priority is to provide the best services to them so they can join the social mainstream."

Special educator Trilochan Beura says: "Itinerant teaching enables access to remote areas, bringing me classroom to the child. Ninety percent of Indian people live in rural belt. Rates of disability is higher schools are far away. Here comes the role of itinerant teachers who shape the life of such children. Teachers who work with these children should involve parents in practising skills with the child. When I got appointed as an itinerant..."
teacher, it was tough to deal with autistic and blind Sikun Behera of Barang. He could not understand anything. His family members had never thought he would recover and study. My rigorous efforts enabled him to understand things apart from reading and writing. I really feel proud when his parents and acquaintances thank me for changing his life. Now his teachers praise him for his academic acumen. What I feel is that dedication is needed to serve these kids. An itinerant teacher should be passionate about his job and should have patience to serve the kids. I am thankful to god for giving me the opportunity to work for the welfare of these kids.

Ram Kishore Sharma, rehabilitation officer of the Vocational Rehabilitation Centre for Handicapped, says: "The Indian Constitution and RTE Act, 2009 have the provision for free education up to 14 years, whereas Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 has the provision to provide free education to PWDs up to 18 years. Data reveal that 11 per cent PWDs suffer from severe disabilities and they are in need of a different mode of teaching and examination system. Even some of them need home-based teaching. Thus, the Constitution and Central Acts of Education should be kept open, including home-based education in which special educators, or itinerant teachers, play a crucial role. Such teachers show the right path to Visually Challenged children and help them lead a life of dignity."

Enlighten through creativity

Viraaj Vig, 16 years old, has been associated with National Association for the Blind (NAB) India for the last seven years. A student of grade 11, he is a published author and has worked to entertain visually impaired children through his writings. He hopes that they will enjoy reading his books and write stories, essays and poems of their own. He is very grateful to NAB for supporting him in this endavour.

His latest book which is his fourth publication, Miscellania: Short Stories & Essays was officially released by National Association for the Blind (NAB) on Jan 4, 2017, World Braille Day at the function to celebrate the birth of Louis Braille. The book is a collection of 4 personal essays and 2 short stories.

In collaboration with NAB, Viraaj has sent his new book to 141 schools for the visually impaired across India in January 2017. Various libraries for the visually impaired in US, UK, Hongkong, Taiwan, Singapore, Japan also carry his books and his new book Miscellania: Short Stories & Essays has also been sent to them.

His earlier books, Reader Blasts Off, A Sunbird’s Adventure and You Can Be A Poet Too (officially released on World Braille Day in January 2016) were also published by NAB and are all available in Braille. In June 2016, Viraaj recorded his book You Can Be A Poet Too in his own voice at NAB’s Talking Book Center in Mumbai. It is now also available as a Talking Book/Audio CD.

Viraaj has been personally visiting and presenting his Braille books to libraries in India and around the world for the last 7 years. Recently, in June-July 2016, he visited and presented his Braille books to libraries for the visually impaired in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Palo Alto in California, USA. He has also conducted a workshop for the visually impaired in Mumbai, encouraging them to read and write creatively.
I had a dream…… To fly

Tejaswini Pawar

(Tejaswini Pawar is an inmate of the NAB - Kaka Patil Hostel for Blind Women. She narrates one of her ambition in her life and its fulfillment)

A simple heart filled with simple desires, playfully treasuring innocent wishes.

A wish to touch the moon and the stars.
And a fond desire to fly across the sky!
A simple heart filled with simple desires, playfully treasuring innocent wishes.

Every man lives away treasuring a million wishes in his heart. In order to fulfill his wishes, he toils day and night. Within his tiny heart, many desires reside which give him hopes to live-on. As for me, I too have such fond desires and wishes safely brewing in my heart. They are to get a good education, become successful, support my parents, grab a fantastic job and to keep learning & exploring new things in life. These are a handful to name. But there was one more desire that took quite some space in my heart. And that was my dream to fly in an airplane.

Mankind’s brilliant invention of the airplane fascinated me to no bounds, ever since childhood. At school my teachers gave me clarity into the nuances of this creation that had fascinated me so very much. Thus, the dream to fly in an airplane was rooted in my senses, ever since then. Whenever an airplane flew across the sky over my home, I used to run across the street to follow its sight and wonder when I’ll be on it one day!

The day that dream was about to be fulfilled had arrived. My school had organized a picnic that required us to fly by air. But unfortunately, I had fallen ill, back then and had to miss that opportunity. The dream of flying in an airplane remained hidden-away in my heart. But as I grew older, I learnt more and more about the scientific and technical details of an airplane and the air journey. In the 9th grade we had to study a chapter called “Aakash Kanya” in the syllabus based on the life of the great Astronaut Kalpana Chawla. This was an addition to my knowledge about aircrafts.

After completing schooling, I arrived in Mumbai city for my further studies. The NAB Kaka Patil hostel was a boon to my life in Mumbai. At the hostel, I learnt many new things. I bonded very well with some specific people here. Mr. Kshitij and Mr. Milind Shah being crucial in my life and learning arranged a historical trip to Aurangabad. This involved a half-an-hour flight from Mumbai to Aurangabad.

This made my heart skip with utmost joy and happiness. It felt like a dream. The dates for the trip were finalized. We were scheduled to fly on the 14th of January 2017. When the big day arrived, we were all perked up at the airport at around noon. But the wait was furthermore extended due to a one hour flight delay. I had got quite impatient. I kept staring at the other airplanes that were flying in and out of the airport. Finally, the much awaited time graced us and we crossed the check-in formalities towards the air hostess who welcomed us dearly. Inside the airplane all the necessary instructions were explained to us. Eventually, the airplane speeded on the runway and suddenly took flight off the ground. It was a fantastic feeling. Quite like journeying on cloud nine! Clouds surrounded us on all sides and it felt like we were soaring on those very clouds. The half an hour flight concluded in no time. It felt as if it had been only half a minute. Now this journey had been etched into my mind as a golden memory for life.

Mr. Kshitij and Mr. Milind Shah’s nobility filled my heart and got me teary eyed. To pick us up they had arrived with a private bus to themselves. The following night the group indulged in alot of games including Housie. Housie in particular, got all our attention since it was new to us and a lot of us won many prizes while playing it. Mr. Shah’s family was present through it all -and they doubled the joy that we were experiencing. Our food and stay arrangements at Y ash Executive Hotel were very well organized and that left us spellbound.

The day after, we visited many historical locations. Our evening visit to Siddhartha Park introduced us to the voices of various animals. With the memories of the two-day trip, we were returning heavy heartedly. But the experiences and memories made will remain etced in my mind and heart forever.

Life is short. It is made up of beautiful memories. Memories to cherish and memories to share.

Sharing the happiness that belongs to one and other.

- Tejaswini Pawar.
From Far and Near

A centenarian no more
A. S. Athalekar

Captain H. J. M. Desai 1917 to 2017

It wasn't long back that this magazine carried an article about Capt. Hormazdiar Jamshedji Muncherji Desai on completing 100 years. The Office Bearers and officials of NAB, India who had gone to offer their wishes on him turning 100 years seldom realized that they will have to reach the same house back to offer condolences to his family members so soon.

His service to the blind dates back to 1948 when he played a leading role in convening the First Provincial Conference for the Blind. He brought together like-minded men and women - all volunteers - from different walks of life to help him in realizing his ambition of improving the plight of the visually impaired. Having successfully organized the Conference, Capt. went on to convene the First All India Conference for the Blind in January 1952 where representatives of organizations of and for the visually impaired, Central and State Government officials and volunteers met in Bombay to establish the National Association for the Blind (India) which subsequently become India's largest Non-Governmental Organization in the entire field of disability.

Capt. Desai has many firsts to his credit - the first Hon Secretary General of the NAB (India), the first Honorary Secretary of NAB's first Industrial Training Centre - the M. N. Banaji Industrial Home for the Blind, the Founder of India's first Agricultural and Rural Training Centre for the Blind - the TATA Agricultural and Rural Training Centre for the Blind, the first Hon Secretary of the NAB Workshop for the Blind, the Founder and the first Hon Secretary of India's first residential rehabilitation centre for the blind - the Pheroze and Noshir Merwanji Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind at Mt. Abu in Rajasthan, the Founder and Hon Secretary of the Lions Home for the Aging Blind, Khandala, and perhaps many other activities. He also served as the Hon Secretary of the NSD Industrial Home for the Blind (1948-1965).

It was during his term as the Secretary General of NAB, India that the association witnessed maximum growth. He has also authored a few books. "The Blind in India" published in 1954 and "Planning Employment Services for the Blind in Developing Countries" published in 1987 are the two related to Blind Welfare published early.

Awards and Functions

NAB Foundation Day – 19th January 2017
Arvind Nervekar

The National Association for the Blind, India on January 19, 2017 celebrated its 66th Foundation Day, as also the Rustom Merwanji Alpawalla Memorial and Neelum Khursheed Kanga Memorial Awards were presented on this day to the individual who have rendered yeoman service to the visually challenged under Voluntary and Professional categories as also to those visually challenged women having achieved excellence by way of outstanding performance and contribution.

This function was held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 5.00 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 Hon'ble Shri Rahul Raman, IRS, Commissioner of Income Tax, Mumbai was the Chief Guest and Shri Mukesh Modi, Vice President, Sahakar Bharti, Mumbai was the Guest of Honour for the function and they gave away the Awards.

The recipients of the NAB Rustom Merwanji Alpawalla Memorial Awards under the Professional Category - Ms. Anuradha Dalmia, Director, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons With Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Dehradun, under Voluntary Category - High Court Advocate Shri Uday Prakash Warujikar, Mumbai and Dr. Nagendranath Nagar, President, NAB
The Neelum Khursheed Kanga Award Winners/Blind female Achievers were Ms. Tanya Balsara, Proprietor, Tanya Computer Centre, Mumbai, Ms. Kritica Purohit, Freelancer Physiotherapist, Mumbai and Ms. Minal Singhvi, President-Cum-Director, Udaan Welfare Society, Secunderabad.

Read on to the citations of the award winners to know more about the winners and their deservingness to receive these awards.

RUSTOM MERWANJI ALPAIWALLA MEMORIAL AWARD - 2017: Citations

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, INDIA

To Anuradha Dalmia

You lost your eyesight at the age of ten, even though your ambitious and confidence continued and you completed your schooling and further education. You pursued training in Special Education and Administration as well as in Music and research methodologies in Fine Arts and worked in various fields.

You have started your career as a Lecturer in Music in 1981, joined National Association for the Blind, New Delhi in 1987 and became its Executive Director in 1990. In 1999 you were selected for the post of Deputy Chief Commissioner in the Office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, a Quasi-Judicial body established by Govt. of India. Later you were invited to serve the National Human Rights Commissions of India by its then Chairperson Justice J.S. Verma.

You represented National Human Rights Commissions of the world in the U. N. Adhoc Committee that prepared the draft convention on Rights of persons with disabilities. You were selected by U. N. High Commissioner for Human Rights for this coveted assignment.

You have also acted as Advisor to WHO South Asia, Regional Office. UNESCO Paris invited you to contribute two research papers which formed the basis for inclusion of disability perspective in the World Summit on Information Society.

You had contributed three manuals for legal professionals and disability rights advocates. You are professionally acclaimed for your achievements in the field of Human Rights, Disability and Law.

You have served as visiting faculty for a number of Law schools in India and abroad including Harvard Law School and Trinity College, Ireland. You have also served on a number of Commissions, Councils, and Committees over last 20 years. You have presented papers and facilitated negotiations on formulation of disability laws and policies in about 32 countries, without having any degree in law or human rights.

At present you are the Director of National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Dehra Dun, an autonomous body established by Government of India. As a result of your dedication and hard work, NIEPVD, Dehradun is witnessing unparalleled expansion of services for the visually challenged persons throughout the country.

In Recognition of your Outstanding Contribution as a “Professional Worker” to the Welfare of the Visually Challenged

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, INDIA has pleasure in awarding you the

RUSTOM MERWANJI ALPAIWALLA MEMORIAL AWARD - 2017

Given in Mumbai on this Nineteenth day of January 2017 on the occasion of the

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NAB, India

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Honorary Secretary General
NAB, India

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR
THE BLIND, INDIA

To
Dr. Nagendranath Nagar

Born on May 3, 1946, you have been a brilliant and meritorious student who consistently excelled in your academic career. You earned Bachelor's Degree in Medicine followed by Master's in Surgery from the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical College, Indore.

A Surgeon Orthopedist - Anesthetist with a philanthropic bend of mind, you have gained immense experience and expertise during your medical career - spanning over forty-seven years - earlier as a medical executive in Government charitable hospitals and later on contributing your expertise as an advisor/office bearer of decision-making bodies of charitable medical institutions. You have also pursued private practice albeit with lot of emphasis on altruism. At present you are the Honorary Medical Director of the Urban Hospital, Dahod. During the initial years of your career you were a Junior Research Fellow of the Indian Council of Medical Research, for a research study on Experimental Renal Ischemia and Role of various Protective Measures.

You are a Life Member of a number of medical associations including the Indian Medical Association (IMA). You have during 1997-99 been the Honorary General Secretary of IMA Burhanpur Branch and the President of their Dahod Branch.

You have been the President of the National Association for the Blind - Panchmahal - Dahod District Branch, in the State of Gujarat since 2001 which has been under your leadership actively involved in activities such as blindness prevention, operating inclusive education programs, distribution of assistive devices, community based rehabilitation projects, sports and extra-curricular activities for the visually challenged as well as welfare of persons with other disabilities in the Panchmahal and Dadhod Districts of Gujarat. Besides, in 2015 you have made a munificent donation to NAB Panchmahal - Dahod for construction of a hostel for visually challenged girls.

You are also the Vice President and Trustee of the Blind Welfare Council, Dahod which runs a residential school for multi-disabled children, a day-care centre for children with mental retardation and multiple disabilities, a residential school for children with hearing impairment, an inclusive education program for children with disabilities, industrial and vocational training centres for the disabled, early intervention, sensory training, physiotherapy and music therapy units, diploma and degree programs in special education besides advocacy and guidance activities.

You are the Chairman of the District Special Olympics Committee that organizes sporting activities for the intellectually disabled and a Life Member of the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) and the Prakruti Mitra Mandal, a Nature Club in Dahod. During 1998-99 you were a Member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Activity Committee of IRCS during 2009-10.

You are a recipient of the Nistha Award given by the Seth Shri Girdharlala Sanskar Kendra, Dahod and the Bhikabhai Chunilal Shah Award given by the NAB Gujarat State Branch for exemplary service in the field of disability in general and blindness in particular.

In Recognition of your Outstanding Contribution as a "Voluntary Worker" to the Welfare of the Visually Challenged

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To

High Court Advocate Uday Prakash Warunjikar

With a Bachelors degree in Law from the Pune University, you pursued Masters Degree in Law from the University of Mumbai followed by Diplomas in Taxation Law and Labour Law. You taught Business Law for five years as a part-time lecturer in commerce colleges in Mumbai and were invited by renowned Universities on number of occasions as a guest lecturer. Being a subject matter expert, various judicial academies called you to train Hon'ble Judges in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar. You have also, on invitation, trained Public Prosecutors in the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

As a Practicing Advocate at the Bombay High Court for over twenty-two years, you have so far handled more than 12100 cases. You have also handled Public Interest Litigations concerning Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, in which instance the Hon'ble High Court at Bombay was pleased to appoint you as a Commissioner. You are the Vice President of Bar Association of India; an Elected Member of the Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa, Mumbai, Former Vice President of Advocate Association of Western India, Mumbai and the President of the Consumer Courts Advocates Association (Maharashtra & Goa), Mumbai. You have also been appointed as Expert Committee member on various committees for formulation and finalization of rules under various acts.

You while pursuing LLM, you had an opportunity to interact with visually challenged persons and thereafter you started assisting them as reader, writer/translator and advocating on their behalf for their rights. The visually impaired Friends have inspired you to provide maximum assistance to the visually challenged persons. It is commendable that you have continued your support in a broader way to individuals as well as institutions working for the disabled. You have been assisting not only visually challenged but also underprivileged who are in need and are financially not very sound in fighting for their rights.

While you were practicing you have fought for the rights of the visually challenged persons in various areas viz admission for various courses, scribe, self-employment, Government recruitments or getting assistive devices at workplace, housing etc. You started your practice from 1994 and since then you have been fighting for the rights of the visually challenged persons. You have dealt with numerous Public Interest Litigations pertaining to Implementation of the provisions under the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995, which has resulted in employment of over 10,000 persons with disabilities in Government jobs. In spite of your busy schedule you have also very kindly contributed in creating awareness about the provisions of PWD Act 1995 and also assisted in drafting new law i.e. RPD Act. Also for the beneficiaries you have initiated Legal Aid Cell, wherein the visually challenged persons can get free counseling for their legal problems by the Advocates. You have been creating awareness through NAB State and District Branches in Maharashtra. You are also a regular Invitee for the Talk Show on PWD Act for All India Radio.

Incidently you have given magnanimous contribution by Summarizing and Editing in bringing out important book on "Compilation of Landmark Judgments on Persons With Disability Act, 1995 with Special Reference to Visually Challenged Persons", which has been released by former Chief Justice Shri Mohit Shah, Bombay High Court.

Some of the prestigious Awards you received in recognition of your distinguished legal career are: "Ethical Legal Practitioner Award" given by Trans Asia Chamber of Commerce; an Award presented by the Mumbai Grahak Panchayat - one of world’s largest voluntary consumer organization - for your valuable contribution in protection and promotion of consumer rights in India and an Award from National Federation of the Blind, Maharashtra, for contributing substantially toward employment of persons with disabilities in Maharashtra.

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Department Of Women’s Empowerment

To

Ms. Kritica Purohit

Born on January 8, 1993, you lost your sight at the tender age of eight due to optic nerve damage. Being their only child, your parents left no stones unturned to regain your vision. However, when all attempts failed and the school where you studied too refused to take you back, they approached NAB, India who played a crucial role in admitting you to another school, albeit not without a lot of struggle. Eventually, your brilliant academic and extra-curricular record positively altered the attitude of your school authorities who offered you a lot of encouragement in completing your secondary education.

You pursued your higher secondary studies in the science stream and thereafter cleared the Common Entrance Test with the unstinted support of your parents and the assistance from your college. However, getting admitted to the professional course of your choice was nothing short of an ordeal. You had to fight a legal battle for discrimination on the grounds of disability when a reputed medical college in Mumbai refused to admit you to the Bachelor’s Degree Program in Physiotherapy. You emerged a winner, eventually, when you completed the course in 2015 in first division. All along your trials and tribulations you received extensive support from the Xavier’s Resource Centre for the Visually Challenged, Mumbai.

You have set a stellar example for the visually challenged youth; especially young visually challenged girls to follow. Trailing in your footsteps three more visually challenged students have been successful in taking up Physiotherapy degree course in the same medical college that had once rejected you.

You also own the credit of being the first visually challenged woman candidate to have completed a professional course through the ten plus two plus 4.5 system of education and to have cracked the CET as an open category candidate.

For your perseverance and determination, the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik, on their foundation day, honored you with Special Appreciation and Merit Award.

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To

Minal Singhvi

Born on February 5, 1980, you were at ease with life till 2008, when you acquired drug induced blindness. With strong determination and support of well-wishers you overcame the adversity of being sightless and focused on computer education which you mastered within a short period.

Meanwhile, your efforts to gain a job also came to fruition when you were employed by a non-profit for the mentally challenged and persons with hearing impairment, where you counseled clients and tried to raise funds with your innovative ideas. Alongside you would in your spare time help visually challenged college students to develop their computer skill.

Your strong desire to help improve the lives of persons with vision loss inspired you to launch your own voluntary organization Udaan Welfare Society, in 2014. You are the founder President and Director of Udaan Welfare Society which runs a number of projects including Internet Radio - Radio Udaan - where most of the tasks are handled by visually challenged persons including Radio Jockeying, planning and designing shows, broadcasting, web designing etc.

Alongside managing responsibilities as Director of Udaan you are also busy hosting educational talk shows on the Radio which have to a great extent enabled visually challenged persons crack competitive examinations. By establishing Radio Udaan you have paved the way for one more employment avenue for the visually challenged, as Radio Jockey.

You have also attempted to make society more inclusive for people with disabilities by arranging forums for the disabled and non-disabled during 2015-16 at Delhi, Ludhiana and your home-town Hyderabad.

Although your greatest accomplishment - Radio Udaan - has put you in the limelight you have never ignored your passion for teaching, which is your forte. While you continue help your students become techno-savvy? which has in fact benefitted around 300 visually challenged persons - you are also making efforts to further your own education and at the same time pursuing a job as a Government Employee in the office of the Dy. Commissioner, Telangana.

For your unique endeavor and your unstinted efforts to empower persons with disabilities the Narayan Sanstha Seva Samiti, New Delhi, and the Jain Sewa Sangh, Hyderabad, honored you with awards. Radio Udaan and particularly your work and achievements have been greatly appreciated and have received wide media coverage. Your qualities justify why you make for a perfect youth icon.

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BORN ON AUGUST 2, 1979, you have been visually challenged since birth due to retinitis pigmentosa. Overcoming the condition you completed your schooling through a regular school with the help of NAB, India’s Integrated Education Program and subsequently graduated in Arts with Sociology from St. Xavier’s College, Mumbai.

Out of interest, you took up computer education and acquired the Maharashtra State Certificate in Information Technology followed by training courses in hardware and networking. You also went through and successfully completed Voice Training and Creative Advertising & ABCD (Announcing, Broadcasting, Compering and Dubbing) programs.

In June 2006, with the support of your family you started the Tanya Computer Centre at the MNB Industrial Home for the Blind, Jogeshwari, Mumbai to provide computer training to underprivileged and needy blind persons. Through this Centre which was eventually relocated at your residence, you have so far trained over 200 students who were able to be gainfully employed after completion of the course. At the Centre, you have recently initiated training in Personality Development and English Speaking and would soon be introducing a course in Advanced Excel.

Young, fun-loving and full of life you are fond of watching Bollywood movies and enjoy the company of your friends and your sister Lara who you are very attached to.

For your dynamism, talent and achievements you have been featured by reputed dailies like the Times of India and the Hindustan Times and have been honored and awarded by some well-known institutions like the World Zoroastrian Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of West Mumbai and the Gyanam Ganga Trust, Mumbai. You are also a recipient of the Dr. Batra’s Positive Award, the Women Achiever Award presented by the Young Environmentalist and Giants International FED Award. Tanya was recently felicitated by on the occasion of World White Cane Day.
Muncherjee Nowrojee Banajee Industrial Home for the Blind, Mumbai

Umesh Deshpande

Popularly known as the MNB Industrial Home for the Blind, this is an organization working for the welfare of visually challenged persons since 1956. Its activities include Vocational Trade, Rehabilitation and Education. In the past five decades 1,334 trainees have completed their training from this home and are gainfully employed or conducting their own business in many parts of India. Infact this is the first organization in the country which started Vocational Trade Centre with the intention of rehabilitating visually challenged persons socially and economically so that they can live on their own in the society.

MNB Industrial Home for the Blind, has three activities

A. Workshop
B. Training Centre
C. Blind Working Men's Hostel

Workshop and Training Centre has the strength of 40 trainees and Blind Working Men's Hostel has the strength of 70 beneficiaries. After successfully working for more than six decades the centre was closed due to some reasons for past two years, Hon'ble High Court-Mumbai passed a judgment in the month of August 2016 and asked NAB, India to restart the activities of this Industrial Home for the Blind. With due respect to the Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai NAB, India has taken the initiative to restart the activities of MNB Industrial Home at Jogeshwari and all the three activities will begin soon.
नेंब सितारों की चमक

यह विश्वेष शिक्षक अपने पास आए हुए हर बच्चे को कार्यवादी बनाने का काम करने की सुरुआत करते हैं। कार्यवादी इसीलिए कहाँ है कि, जब कोई दृष्टिगत बच्चा एक घर में पैदा होता है, तो उसके तरफ निरंतर अम्लन नजरों से देखा जाता है। अपने यह विश्वेष शिक्षक ये बच्चे के मन कान, पादधार से जानकर उनके उनकी शायद पहचानकर जल्दतमंद शिक्षा देने का काम करते हैं। इसे जहाँ अभावस्वाभाविक कहाँ जाता है, बच्चों को जब ब्रेल, संबंधित प्रशिक्षण देनेड़ीन कौशल्य, सामाजिक कौशल्य अनुभूतियों और गतिशीलता विशेष साधनों से उपयोग ये साधी जिन्हें अगर दृष्टिगत बच्चों से बंध रहे गये तो यह संघर्ष का साधन से समाधान आने में सक्षम होने लगते हैं। इसों ही हां आग्रहमुद्रा वातावरण निष्ठुरता का पूरा उपयोग ये बच्चे नहीं कर पाएंगे।

यह शिक्षक अपने यह शिक्षक सिफ़ार बच्चे को यह अभावस्वाभाविक पढ़ने का काम नहीं करता किया, यह बच्चे को अपने स्कूलों में प्रवेश दिलाने उन स्कूलों में गुरुराध्यापकों की मिलता और उनका समुदाय देने का कार्य भी करते हैं। प्रवेश करवाने से ही काम किया नहीं होता। समय-समय पर वे स्कूलों के शिक्षकों से जो समय वे अपने विभागों को प्रगति के बारे में बातचीत करना शिक्षकों को मार्गदर्शन करना, कमी-कमी तो पत्रकार के पेपर प्रामाणिक रूप से बच्चों से पुष्ट करके लेना, ब्रेल पेपर चेक करना आदि काम भी है। हर एक शिक्षक के पास जो बच्चा आता है उसमें तथा विश्वसनीय है, शम्भाते है, यह बच्चा जाता है। उसकी विश्वसनीय देखकर बच्चों को मार्गदर्शन भी किया जाता है।

इस सभी शिक्षा का परिणाम देखने जाए तो बहुत सारे दृष्टिगतित

विद्यार्थियों आगा अलग क्षेत्र में अपनी रोशनी फैला रहे हैं। सामान्य

बच्चों के साथ पढ़ते पढ़ते कुछ बच्चे कला, किंवदंति, सारिया में अपना

नाम रोशन कर रहे हैं। अपने-अपने स्कूलों में अनेक स्पर्धाओं में

हिस्सा लेते लेकर आज वह बच्चे राज्य, देश, विदेशों में भी स्थायी आगे

चमक उठे हैं।

कुछ बच्चे अन्य शिक्षा प्राप्त करके फिजियोथेरापिस्ट, डॉक्टर,

कंप्यूटर संज्ञानसूत्र, बैंक, रेड आदि क्षेत्रों में काम कर रहे हैं।

कार्यक्रम के साध-साथ साथ सामान्य व्यक्ति के भावी ब्रेल मार्गदर्श

क्षेत्रों में भी अपनी छप छोड़ रहे हैं। ऐसे ही कुछ बच्चों के बारे में हम

आपसे परिचित करवाये है। ये चमक दिखाने वाले नेंब के सितारे इस

प्रकार है।

आयोजन जोशी – आयोजन जब 5 साल का था, उस वक्त उसके माता-

पिता नेंब संस्था में उसे लेकर आये थे। शिक्षा के बारे में उन्होंने हर

तह दिखाया था। जिस बार वे ब्रेल के साथ-साथ आयोजन एस

खेलने लगे। नेंब ये वह महाराष्ट्रीय होते लगे। 22 मार्च और

31 मार्च को ASIA Cup 2017 में खेलने के लिए उसको

चुना गया। इसके पहले 2015 में National 'B' Championship,

Manipal University में खेले गए तुमहिट में बो पहले 14 में

खेला आया था। All India Rating Chess Tournament

Hyderabad में पच्चीस रा आया था। All India

International Rating Chess Tournament (दृष्टिगत गर) में

उसे 6 Point मिले थे। 2014 से लेकर आज तक ASIA Cup

2017 तक हर साल आयोजन तीन से चार खेल प्रतियोगिताओं में

हिस्सा लेता रहा है और यह विश्वसनीय संस्थान कर रहा है। राज्य

देश विदेशों में वो अपनी चमक दिखा रहा है। महाराष्ट्र राज्य के

शिक्षा एवं सांस्कृतिक विभाग के विनियम मंत्री मा. श्री. विनोद जी

लाबड़े इसमें भी आयोजन को BJP for Academic and Sports

Achievements के तहत सम्मानित किया है। आयोजन अनक

बहुत सारे केंद्र उत्साह और ट्राफीज प्राप्त कर चुका है।

Rotary Group, Dombivali के तरफ से किरदार रत, पुरस्कार

Achievements Hon. Shri Subhas Desai (Industry

Minister) के हाथों उसे दिया गया है। नेंब के साथ जलतरण में

भी उसे बहुत रूही है और उसने बहोत सारी ट्राफीज प्राप्त

किया है। 2011 में National Paralympic Swimming

Championship, Kolhapur Free Style में वो जीता था।

20 April 2017
Orangabadda me hui jaltaran men bhi auram wazda aaya hae. Kubli
mihata ke khes aur jaltaran me saman vyakti maharta hawili karne
wali kriya prakari me abhak abhakt rha chuka hae. Isha shrey
aryat ut uske malta-pitata ke abhak prayaas ko bhiJane aaya hae.

Sishdary saavnt - kooli ke anumishan nemb ke matna se kije jaane
ke bad, malta-pitata ne saman vyakti jaisa sishdary ko
samajana shuru karya. Padhai ke saath-sath uski stuti dekhar
alag-alag gantibhi me hissa lene ke liye usse bhotahi preet
karya. Mudosher samane sukan mihata vidhyashala film me
ashishatap
rana ke saath uasne rota nihaya. Nijashatap aksham ke
bvishyakarp me hissa lene ke bad visishatavish niyam
vyakti me vo pram aaya.

Jaltaran men bhi uasne kah puraskar paaye hae. Iksne alava
tabla, pithana, er, kangle, gaonk samane parshawye hae. Ixsah bhoitavirke
puraskar, Star Achiever Award ke saath Star Achiever Best
Creative Child with Disabilities' ye saman bhi bhak ke
mahashmi rastprti shi. Praayag mhibhi jhona ne use prdana
karya. 2016 me 'LIMCA BOOK OF RECORDS' ka bhi sishdary
vinetara rha chuka hae.

Duddhi naba - nana ke padne wali stuti ke
nma ke tara duddhi rakhiti hae.

Drama me uskne samadh abhak hae, yeh pata chaane ke
bad usse ek abhak
visahan me kama karne ka mohidaya hae. 'Sambansk' ka sabhish vahon
ki andr me vo abaj sabhi chalal purna aar rahi hae. Ye yhaa
visahan dene ke saath do gana bhi sihak rahi hae. Amale saal do
dasthe me jawani. Padhai me bhi do bhotahi tagh hae.

Rohan ghatan - breal spard me hissa lene ke saath-
sath padhai me bhi
bshat tagh hae. Alag-alag pratijoga me hissa lene
usse abhak
lhana hae. Skool me honaewali har pratijogaatme rohan hissa
lhana hae, abhak tabla bhuma do sihak raha hae. Ixsne parshaw bhio
dey raha hae. Abhaka mish 2016-17 saman vyakti
antarjtsale ke ati-bhikra
mahatas me 60 skool ke bhona me hissa liana thaa. Ixsne rohan ko
uloyanaar pratiyakshi prdana karya thaa.

Kasturi abar - 1 saal ki the tab nemb me aayi. Skool
praves me
lekar abaj kahki padhai me nemb ke bhumika mahatvan prabha chuka hae.

Abhak do saman vyakti bhona ko linya jaanewala ghanath pad rahi hae. Usne
gana bhotahi abhak lavana hae. Jitala sarbarvi gahan spard me vo
pram aayi hae.

Maltapita usthi har abhak puri karne me jooche hae. 

Pravati bhumii saman vyakti rup se hi liyege, saman vyakti jaisahi
bijvon vyaiti kar sakht hae, etaili bhavna unke napne jagait hui hae.

Kriyana caste - kriyana abhi bhaumik vinobhavan antarjtsale skool,
kandiviloo (pi.) is skoolar me 50th jaha me padh raha hae. Kriyana ko bhi
bhera me honaewale pratiyogita me bhag lene ko awar vimala. Jaise
ki usko saaksh koariya me NAB 8th World Taekwondo
Culture Expo me 2nd Place (Silver) vimala aur ye mokal usse
samanvyakti jhaa ke saath hissa lesk karvai hae. 

Kriyana ko Rockin Sports World me yahavla paapdan pravana hua hae.

7 February, 2016 me Chess Tournament for V. I. me kriyana
sabse choota sarkar thaa. Usme 150 samanvyaktimese usko 39 paapdan
vimala. Kriyana ko 24 April, 2016 me marathi gaurav puraskar se
samanvita karya thaa.

22 May, 2016 me kriyanar Limca Asia's Lonrest Tryolean
Traverse 1900ft. par karke Limca Book me
rakha karya thaa. Ixsne tehate atta industri raingder (Bhakshakvi)
me unski mulakatal gaai.

Samishka ghanapary - samishka abhi bhakat choota hae. Lekin
abhihi se
usko chhak falt rahi hae. Samishka ko palti mahotsav me dhari
pratiyogita me phalti puraskar vimala thaa. Dhari ko klipe
bo i风筝ni
vai karit hae, ke dekheh banta hae. Ye jatkarhi bhakat aayga bhekhi
inse ranga nahi hae.

Kritikaa pravar - ye ladhiki bhodhi me
pad rahi hae. Kritikaa ko bhi
palti mahotsav me dharma puraskar vimala thaa. Usne bhi dhari
pratiyogita me hissa liya thaa. Dhrishtyakehi hota hae bhi ye thak
dhari pratiyogita me hissa liya thaa aur puraskar pravata hae.

Nisatey ye garb ko bhat hai.

Samvaadvyakti dushriwada bhona jaisihi ye bhi kama kar sakht hae.

Samaj Bheor me samvaadvyakti jaisihi me pravahi hote hae. Bas unse
chahi sthiti, anvar, parshashan ta ye samanvyakti ke bhatoi 
des aana
roshan kar sakht hae. Bhu me padi hui thi uske aashir jagair
hara sakht hae. Ye bhumii bhona bhodhi dushrikavalat aur
vidyog bhona ko
uwaharan bna sakht hae. Bas unse prakasht hote hae.
NAB Sir J. Duggan Braille Press

The Ingram Micro Ltd. completed a very meaningful project with our Association on April 19, 2017. They sponsored Rs. 70 Lakhs for a Braille Printing Machine – Braillo 600 SR – from Norway, and the same has been installed in our Braille Press at Worli Seaface. This machine will meet the genuine need for printing Braille books in large number.

The inauguration ceremony of this modernized machine was graced by Mr. Jaishankar Krishnan, Senior Vice President and Chief Executive of Ingram Micro India Pvt. Ltd. as the Chief Guest and Rotary District Governor Gopal Mandhania as the guest of honour. Ingram’s Chief Finance Executive Mr. Prabhakar Iyer, CSR Manager Mr. Ganesh and Rotary District Secretary Ashwin Kumar Shetty were also present.

From NAB, India its President Prof. Bhaskar Mehta, Vice President of NAB and Chairman-Braille Press Mr. Harinder Kumar Mallik and Honorary Secretary of NAB Mr. Anand Athalekar attended the function.

The installation of this machine has substantially enhanced the capacity of our Braille Press and now we would be able to supply Braille books, in particular text books, to the schools and the students in time. The members present during the function were also thrilled when Mr. Jaishankar Krishnan announced that this first major project under CSR was just the beginning of a relationship and Ingram will continue to support NAB, India in its mission to educate and empower blind persons across the country.

The members of Rotary Club led by their president of the Rotary Club of Bombay Powai, who had coordinated this project, were brimming with joy on their successful completion of their dream project and thanked Ingram Micro profusely for the same.
Neelum Khurshed Kanga Award

Ms. Vijaya Wad giving introduction about the Neelum Khurshed Kanga Award.

Ms. Minal Singhvi receiving Neelum Khurshed Kanga Award from the Guest of Honour.

Ms. Tanya Balsara addressing the audience after receiving the award.

Ms. Minal Singhvi receiving Neelum Khurshed Kanga Award from the Guest of Honour.

Ms. Minal Singhvi addressing the audience after receiving the award.

Ms. Tanya Balsara receiving Neelum Khurshed Kanga Award from the Guest of Honour.

Ms. Tanya Balsara addressing the audience after receiving the award.
NAB Rustom Merwanji Alpaiwalla Memorial Awards

Awards

Ms. Anuradha Dalmia receiving NAB Rustom Merwanji Alpaiwalla Memorial Awards under the Professional Category from the Chief Guest

Ms. Anuradha Dalmia addressing the audience after receiving the award.

Dr. Nagendranath Nagar receiving NAB Rustom Merwanji Alpaiwalla Memorial Awards under the Voluntary Category from the Chief Guest

Dr. Nagendranath Nagar addressing the audience after receiving the award.

High Court Advocate Shri Uday Prakash Warujikar receiving NAB Rustom Merwanji Alpaiwalla Memorial Awards under the Voluntary Category from the Chief Guest

Shri Uday Prakash Warujikar addressing the audience after receiving the award.