



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, INDIA

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NOTICE

As required under Rule No.10(1) of the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of the National Association for the Blind (India) copy of Rule No.10 (1) attached as **APPENDIX - I**, the Twenty Third Ordinary General Meeting [OGM] of NAB (India) will be held at National Association for the Blind, India, 11 Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan Road, Worli Seaface, Mumbai 400 030 on **Sunday, September 30, 2018, at 2.00 p. m** to transact the business mentioned in the Agenda.

We solicit your presence at the said OGM. If you are unable to attend the above meeting for any reason, we request you to kindly forward to us your comments/observations in writing on the items on the Agenda of the said OGM so as to reach the office of the Hon. Secretary General, NAB (India) not later than **12.00 noon on Saturday, September 15, 2018**. If however, no comments/observations are received from you on or before the aforesaid date, we will presume that you have no comments/observations to offer.

In any case, if you want to raise any queries under the item of the said Agenda - "Any Other Business with the permission of the Presiding Officer". Please forward a small note on your queries addressed to the Hon. Secretary General, NAB (India) on or before **12.00 noon on Friday, September 7, 2018** so that we can forward the same to the Presiding Officer for his permission for raising such queries and prepare ourselves to answer the same.

The outstation members who would like to avail the facility of boarding & lodging should register their names on or before 9th August, 2018 with NAB Administrative office by paying Rupees One Hundred per head. If no information is received up to the prescribed date we would not be able to provide the said facilities.

We have tried our best to update the list of eligible Ordinary members and Life members. Wherever it has come to our notice that a specific member/s has/have expired, been expelled under Clause No.6 [4] we have deleted such members. It is quite possible that the names of some members might have remained in the updated list and this correspondence might have come to

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him/her. We therefore request the recipient of this letter to kindly bring to our notice those persons who have ceased to be the members of NAB (India), so that their names can be deleted from the list of members. Also please note the members who are not eligible to attend the OGM in the light of any arrears payable to NAB (India) shall be deleted, as well as such members whose membership has been terminated/suspended/ceased by the executive council as per the constitutional provisions shall not be eligible to participate into the OGM and elections.

Along with the OGM of NAB (India) to be held on **Sunday, September 30, 2018**, the Elections of the Executive Council of NAB, India as per the provisions of Clause 7 (1) will be conducted.

Members can exercise their voting either directly with ink-print or Braille ballot papers or through postal ballot. Those eligible members who propose to cast their votes in Braille are requested to be physically present at the OGM and Elections with proper photo identification [which may include NAB Membership Identity Card, passport, voters identity card, disability card, pan card, bank pass book, Aadhar card or any other government approved document with photograph affix and certified], in order to maintain confidentiality, equity and transparency of the franchise, we are not in a position to forward ballot papers in Braille for postal ballot.

Eligible members of the OGM are hereby requested to send their nominations of candidature for the post of President, Vice Presidents [not more than five in No.], Hon. Secretary General, Hon. Secretaries [not more than six in No.], Hon. Treasurers [not more than two in No.], Fifteen Life/Ordinary members of whom preferably eight shall be from amongst the blind, Five representatives of Institutions classified as NAB Activities; and Ten members to be from amongst representatives of Institutional members.

The attention of the Members is drawn to the Clause No.7(1)[a] to 7(1)[j] of the NAB (India) Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations as mentioned below :-

"(7) EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (1) Composition:

The general management and control of the Association shall vest in the Council composed of :-

- (a) All the Office Bearers, namely, the President, Vice-Presidents (not more than five), the Honorary Secretary General, Honorary Secretaries (not more than six) and two Honorary Treasurers.
- (b) The Immediate Past President of the Association.
- (c) Co-opted members: Any life member of the Association who in the opinion of the Council may be considered useful in furthering the cause of the blind may be co-opted as a member to the Council for a term not exceeding the duration of the Council then in Office, subject to the condition that the number of such co-opted members shall not exceed three.
- (d) One representative of each of the NAB State Branches.
- (e) Five elected representatives of Institutions classified as NAB Activities.
- (f) Fifteen members elected from amongst individual [Life and ordinary] members of whom preferably eight shall be from amongst the blind.
- (g) Ten members elected from amongst representatives of Institutional Members.
- (h) President Emeritus.

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- (i) Permanent Invitee: The Chief Executive Officer of the Association shall be a permanent invitee to the council and is required to attend all its meetings.
- (j) Special Invitees: The Council in its discretion may invite to have some corporate members as Special Invitees for specific purposes whenever required.

It is essential that all institutional and individual members should have paid their annual subscription up to date [i.e March 31, 2019] to make them eligible to participate in the OGM.

You are requested to keep the above in mind while filing your nominations or proposing/seconding any other candidate/s.

The Executive Council at its meeting held on May 27, 2018 unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Pradeep Kumar Tewari, to be the Election Officer and the Chairman of the Scrutinizing Committee who in turn will be assisted by the members comprising Mr. Chandra Shekhar and Adv. P. C. Sharma for the smooth conduct of Elections of NAB (India). The decision of the election officer would be final and binding with regard to the election issues. Members may send nominations of candidates duly proposed and seconded and countersigned by the candidate to reach the Election Officer NAB, India, 11/12 Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan Road, Worli Seaface, Mumbai-400 030 on or before **5.00 p.m. on Sunday, July 29, 2018.**

The nomination forms will be scrutinized on **Monday, July 30, 2018 at 11.00 a.m.** and the last date for withdrawal of the nominations will be till **5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2018.** The format of the nomination form is enclosed as **APPENDIX - II.**

We solicit your cooperation and support in the smooth conduct of the ensuing Elections to make it free, fair and transparent. It is clarified for the information of all members that traveling allowance is not payable to any member attending the OGM.



SATYA KUMAR SINGH
HONOURARY SECRETARY GENERAL
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND [INDIA]

AGENDA

1. Welcome address:-

Welcome address to be delivered by the President of NAB (India).

2. Appreciation of the invaluable services:-

To place on record the Twenty Third Biennial Ordinary General Meeting's appreciation of the invaluable services of Members, Volunteers and Staff who passed away after the Twenty Second Biennial OGM (List to be tabled).

3. Minutes:-

The minutes of the Twenty Second Biennial OGM held on Sunday, June 4, 2017, which had been approved on the same day in the meeting. (circulated herewith as **APPENDIX - III**). Business arising out of the said minutes will be tabled.

4. Annual Reports of NAB (India):-

To ratify and approve the Annual Report of the National Association for the Blind [India] for the year 2017-18. Annual Report is enclosed as **APPENDIX - IV**.

5. Audited Statement of Accounts:-

To ratify the Audited Statement of Accounts of the National Association for the Blind [India] for the financial year ended March 31, 2018. The extract of the above Audited Statement of Accounts will be made available on the website of NAB, India i.e.

www.nabindia.org. However, unaudited Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account are attached hereto as **APPENDIX - V**.

The detailed annual report and Statement of annual accounts will be open for inspection during office hours on all working days one month before the date of the OGM by the members with prior notice to the Accounts Department of NAB (India). Braille copies will be made available to the members on written request.

6. Appointment of Honorary Auditors for NAB (India) :-

To appoint under Rule 10[4][d] of the Memorandum of Association and Rules and

Regulations of the National Association for the Blind [India] the Honorary Auditors for the NAB (India) until convening of the next OGM.

7. To elect, under Rule No.7 (1) of the NAB (India) Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations, the members of the Executive Council comprising of the following :-

- a) President,
- b) Vice Presidents [not more than five in No.],
- c) Hon. Secretary General,
- d) Hon. Secretaries [not more than six in No.],
- e) Hon. Treasurers [not more than two in No.],
- f) Fifteen Life/Ordinary members of whom preferably eight shall be from amongst the blind,
- g) Five representatives of Institutions classified as NAB Activities and
- h) Ten members to be elected from amongst representatives of Institutional members.

Elected members along with co-opted members and representatives of NAB State Branches will constitute the Executive Council till the year 2022.

A list of nominations and explanatory notes will be forwarded to members as soon as the nominations are received but not later than August 30, 2018.

8. Appreciation of the General Body:-

To place on record the General Body's appreciation of the work done by all members of the staff, all honorary workers, office bearers and other helpers, both at the NAB Offices and at the various NAB Committees & Activities and State Branches of the NAB {India] and to record the deep gratitude of the General Body to all our donors and volunteers who have given so freely of their time and services.

9. Declaration of Election Results:-

Declaration of Election Results and Election Officer's report.

10. Any other business with the permission of the Presiding Officer:-

11. Confirmation of the Minutes of aforesaid agenda Item

To confirm the resolutions passed and business transacted in the 23rd Ordinary General Meeting of NAB, India and to get it signed.

List of Accompaniments:-

1. Copy of Rule No. 10 [1] Memorandum of Association and Rules & Regulations of NAB [India] - **APPENDIX - I.**
2. The format of the nomination form - **APPENDIX - II.**
3. Minutes of the Twenty Second Biennial OGM held on June 4, 2017 - **APPENDIX - III.**
4. Annual Report of NAB (India) for the year 2017-18 - **APPENDIX - IV.**
5. Unaudited Statement of Accounts of the Association 2017-18 - **APPENDIX - V.**

Rule No. 10 Memorandum of Association and Rules & Regulations of NAB [India]

(10) BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

1. The Biennial General Meetings of the Association shall be held once every two years and within six months of the end of the last second financial year.' Election to the council whose size will be as per Section 7(1) shall be held once in every four years and such election shall take place in the Biennial General Meeting of that year, in which election is required to be held.
2. At least sixty days' notice along with extracts of the annual report and audited statement of the Association of the year in which the previous Biennial General Meeting was held and the Annual Report and Audited Statement of the Association of the year just preceding the Biennial General Meeting shall be given.
- 3a The President or in his absence the Vice-President present at the meeting will preside at the Biennial General Meeting.
- 3b In the absence of the President and the Vice-Presidents at a General Meeting the members present shall elect from among themselves a member to preside at the meeting.
4. The business at the Biennial General Meeting shall comprise of;
 - (a) Ratification of Annual Report of the Association of the year in which the previous Biennial General Meeting was held and adoption of the Annual Report of the year just preceding the Biennial General Meeting;
 - (b) Ratification of Audited Statement of the Association of the year in which the previous Biennial General Meeting was held and adoption of the Audited Statement of the year just preceding the Biennial General Meeting;
 - (c) Election of Office Bearers and other members of the Council;
 - (d) Appointment of Auditors;
 - (e) Adoption of amendments to the Constitution of the Association by way of additions, alterations, deletions to or repeal of various Sections, Clauses and Rules & Regulations;
 - (f) Any other business on the Agenda or any other item with the permission of the Presiding Officer.
5. The Annual Reports and Statements of Annual Accounts shall be open for inspection at the office of the Association at least one month before the meeting.
6. An Extraordinary or Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the President after giving at least 21 days' notice.
7. On the written requisition of at least fifty members, the President shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association. If within 21 days of the receipt of

such requisition the President fails to call the meeting, `the members may themselves call for an Extraordinary General Meeting stating the date, time, place and agenda of the Meeting.'

8. Quorum :

- (a) Twenty five members will constitute a quorum;
- (b) If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting quorum is not present, `the meeting shall stand adjourned on the same day for an hour from the time appointed for the meeting and the members present thereafter be a quorum.'

PROVIDED that if there is no quorum at a requisitioned meeting or at an Extraordinary or Special General Meeting, called by the requisitionists under Rule 10(7), it shall stand dissolved.

9.a) The following are entitled to attend every Biennial, Special or Extraordinary General Meeting and comprise the General Body of members:

- (i) Life Members,
- (ii) Ordinary Members whose annual subscription is not in arrears
- (iii) One representative of each Institutional Member whose annual subscription is not in arrears,
- (iv) Corporate members.

9b) The Honorary Treasurers shall maintain an up to date Register of Members eligible to vote at the Biennial, Special or Extraordinary General Meetings in the proforma prescribed under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, and the Rules made thereunder.

9c) At every meeting, every member who is entitled to vote shall have one vote. In the event of the votes cast being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

9d) The Election at the meeting shall be conducted by the Election Officer who is also the Chairman of the Scrutinizing Committee so appointed by the Council.

9e) Method of Election of Office Bearers and Members of the Council.

- (i) Candidates for election of the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary General, Honorary Secretaries, Honorary Treasurers, Representatives of NAB State Branches and Institutions classified as NAB Activities, Candidates from individual (life and ordinary) members and Institutional Members of the council, composition of which is as per Section 7(1) of the Rules and Regulations, must be proposed and seconded by any member of the Association after obtaining the written consent of such a candidate.

Provided however, that the candidate:

- (a) is not convicted by a Criminal Court of an offence which involves moral turpitude;
- (b) is not adjudicated as insolvent;
- (c) has not paid the annual subscription before the expiry of 3 months from the end of

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- the financial year for which it is due;
 - (d) is not expelled under rule 6(3)(f) and 6(4);
 - (e) is not an employee of the Association or NAB State or Institutions classified as NAB activities.

Further the proposer and the seconder of the candidate shall have no arrears to the Associations and are not under rule 6(3)(f) and 6(4).

- (ii) The name of every candidate stating the office for which he is proposed must be delivered in writing in the prescribed form hereto attached and duly signed by the proposer and the seconder as also the candidate. Such prescribed proposal must be received by the Election Officer before the expiry of fifteen days from the date of notice convening the Biennial General Meeting, in which election is to be held.
- (iii) The list of the proposed candidates for the aforesaid offices with the names of the proposers and seconders should be sent to all the members of the Association by the Election Officer one month before the date of the Biennial General Meeting in which election is to be held.
- (iv) If the number of candidates duly proposed and seconded exceeds the number to be elected, voting shall be by secret ballot, provided, however, members shall have the right of Postal Ballot and should send their Postal Ballot to reach the Election Officer on or before the date and time of the Biennial General Meeting in which election is to be held.
- (v) Form for the Postal Ballot containing list of posts for which election to be held together with list of candidates contesting each of the above posts shall be forwarded to all the members of the Association before one month of the election under certificate of posting.
- (vi) Members can exercise their vote either by Postal Ballot or by participating in the election at the Biennial General Meeting in which election is to be held. The acknowledgment slip attached with the form for the Postal Ballot containing member details shall be signed, detached and forwarded by the member to the election officer along with the sealed postal ballot. The election officer will take on record the details contained in the detached acknowledgement slip accompanying the postal ballot and make an entry in the Voter Register to the effect that the member, whose details are contained in the acknowledgement slip has his vote by secret ballot. Postal Ballot, which is not accompanied by the acknowledgment slip, shall be rejected and the vote cast by the member, who has failed to forward the acknowledgment slip, shall be declared as null and void by the Election officer.
- (vii) The members can cast their vote either by using the Ballot Paper received from the Association or by obtaining a duplicate Ballot Paper from the Election officer on the day of election. Duplicate Ballot Paper shall be issued by the Election Officer only after proper and satisfactory self-identification by the member and after

furnishing an undertaking to the effect that the member has used only the duplicate Ballot Paper for voting. Further, based on the details contained in the Voter Register, if it is found by the Election Officer, that a member has indulged in any malpractice in the election process by way' of double voting by the use of both the original and duplicate Ballot Papers to cast the vote, the member shall be expelled from the membership of the Association under Rule 6(3)(f). ,In case of the above, vote of the member shall be cancelled.

- (viii) The Election Officer should receive all Postal Ballots at least by the beginning of the Election process. Postal Ballots received shall be opened by the Election Officer at the end of the election process and shall be taken up for counting immediately thereafter.
 - (ix) The Election Officer shall declare the results of the election along with etails of number of Postal Ballots received.
10. At all meetings, matters shall be decided by a show of hands (unless a poll is demanded by the Presiding Officer or by at least ten members present in person before the matter is put to vote) and unless a poll is so demanded a declaration by the Presiding Officer of the meeting that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or lost and an entry to that effect made in the Minutes Book shall be sufficient evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.
11. If, at any meeting a poll is demanded as `aforesaid, it shall be taken in such manner and at such time and place as the Presiding Officer of the meeting directs and either at once or after an interval or adjournment, or otherwise and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn before the poll is taken. In case any dispute as to the admission or rejection of a vote, the Presiding Officer shall determine the same and such determination shall be final and conclusive.

**FORM OF NOMINATION FOR ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND**

(The form should kindly be filled in Block Capitals)

Name of the Candidate :

* Office for which proposed :

Proposed by :

Seconded by :

Signature of the Proposer

Signature of the Seconder

I agree to the above nomination

Signature of the Candidate

*President, Vice President, Treasurer, Honorary Secretary General, Honorary Secretary,
Member of the Executive Council

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Minutes of the Twenty Second Biennial OGM held on June 4, 2017

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, INDIA
11-12, KHAN ABDUL GAFFAR KHAN ROAD
WORLI SEAFACE, MUMBAI - 400 030**

MINUTES

RefNo. NAB/P-84/169

June 4, 2017

The Twenty Second Biennial Ordinary General Meeting (22nd Biennial OGM) of the National Association for the Blind, (India) was held on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 10.00 a.m. at NAB Head Office, 11-12, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan Road, Worli Seaface, Mumbai - 400 030.

211 Individual Members both Life and Ordinary attended the 22nd Biennial OGM, as per the Attendance Register.

At the outset, Mr. Satya Kumar Singh, Hon. Secretary General, NAB, India informed the members that our President Prof. Bhaskar Mehta was unable to attend this meeting due to the death of his father-in-law and he had sent his apology. Mr. Singh requested Mr. Clarence Gomes, Vice President, NAB, India to Chair the Meeting, for which he gave his consent. The house unanimously agreed on this. .

ITEM NO. 1 ON THE AGENDA - WELCOME ADDRESS

The Chairperson, Mr. Clarence Gomes requested all the members present to maintain decorum and informed the house about the apology from Prof. Bhaskar Mehta, President and Mr. A.S. Athalekar, Hon. Secretary.

To begin with, Dr. Vimal Kumar Dengla, Honorary Secretary of NAB, India welcomed and introduced all the dignitaries on and of the dais. He said it is first time in the history of NAB, India that such large number of members are attending the OGM from out stations. All the members are feeling privileged to attend the OGM of this renowned and prestigious organization. He handed over Hon. Secretary General Mr. S.K. Singh.

Mr. Singh welcomed all the members. He welcomed the chairperson Mr. Gomes and briefed about his contribution towards blind welfare services. He mentioned about the services of Mr. Pravin Dandia, Mr. Vasant Hegde, Mr. Ketan Kothari, Mr. Peter, Mr. Neeraj Saxena etc. He said that he received a lot of love and support from members of Mumbai and nearby areas. We are touching new heights in this tenure for blind welfare.

ITEM NO. 2 ON THE AGENDA - APPRECIATION OF THE INVALUABLE SERVICES: (OBITUARIES)

The General Body placed on record the great contributions made by Capt. H.J.M. Desai and Mr.

Niranjan Pandya in the field of blind welfare throughout the country. The Members also placed on record the appreciation of the invaluable services of the following Members, Volunteers and Staff who passed away after the twenty first OGM. The Chairman requested the members to stand in silence for a minute in memory of the great workers.

1. Prof. P. A. Mahajan, Life Member of NAB [India] passed away in Mumbai on May 24, 2016 - L3078
2. Mr. Thakur Devi Singh, Life Member of NAB [India] passed away in Mount Abu in 2017 - L1817.

ITEM NO. 3 ON THE AGENDA - CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the Twenty First Biennial OGM of NAB, India held on Sunday, September 20, 2015 circulated along with the Notice and Agenda of Twenty Second Biennial OGM were taken as read. Mr. Ketan Kothari requested the management to send all communications in Braille which will help visually challenged persons to go through easily. This was noted.

Mr. Dharmarajan, Mr. Ketan, Mr. Jehangir Merwanji and Mr. Vasant Hegde asked about the adjournment of last OGM to which Dr. Dengla clarified that after counting of votes, the meeting was restored under the chairmanship of the then Senior Vice President, Prof. Bhaskar Mehta and went off well.

The queries raised by the Members were explained and thereafter the Minutes were confirmed and signed on being proposed by Mr. Anirudh Paswan and Seconded by Mr. Prashant Pathak.

ITEM NO. 4 ON THE AGENDA - BUSINESS ARISING

- ◆ Mr Gomes requested Mrs. Pallavi Kadam to report on the status of Members who have enrolled with NAB, India. Mrs. Kadam said that NAB, India have around 3300 Members in the list and requested the Members present to notify if any changes in their record.
- ◆ As there was no other matter to be discussed in this agenda item.

ITEM NO. 5 ON THE AGENDA - RATIFICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE PREVIOUS BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING WAS HELD AND ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YEAR JUST PRECEDING THE BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING:

Mr. Gomes requested Mr. S.K. Singh to inform the house on the report of activities. Mr. S.K. Singh highlighted the achievements made by NAB, India for the last two years which included:

Financial assistance extended to 250 Hawkers in and around Mumbai since 2016.

1. MNB Industrial Home for the Blind had problems since 2008 and was taken over by NAB, India during the year 2016 on the directions of Hon. High Court and financial support was

extended for its revival. Efforts are on to put them back in effective services. Mr. Singh requested Members to recommend candidates.

2. Mobile Library added in service to the blind. Mr. Singh thanked Mr. Suhas Karnik for his assistance in its movement and placement of Mobile Library.
3. Receipt of donation for the purchase of High Speed Braillo 650 through Rotary Club, which has increased our capacity of Braille printing and we have printed approx 1,00,00,000 pages in the year. Executed the order of supplying of Braille textbooks to Maharashtra Prathamik Shikshan Parishad in time.
4. Braille Press Printed over one crore pages. Executed the order of supplying of Braille textbooks to Maharashtra Prathamik Shikshan Parishad in time. Recorded many titles in our M.P. Shah All India Talking Book Centre and started Audio Magazine in Marathi. The Centre will take efforts to increase recording Marathi magazines more and try to bring more Members in service.
5. Starting of Legal Aid Centre.
6. Education Programme for the Visually Impaired Children is doing well in Mumbai and other parts of the country. We will approach the Government of Maharashtra for their support. Efforts are on to appeal to the Central Government also for their support.
7. Received considerable amount of donation from GIC for various activities of NAB, India and subsequently they have withdrawn their further support due to unforeseen circumstances. False facts and complaint filed by one of our past office bearers Mr. K. Ramkrishna.
8. NAB Union Employees settlement solved amicably 37% was given and even arrears given well in time.
9. After efforts put in, received all the pending Grant-in-Aid after four years upto 31st March 2017.
10. 7 Visually Impaired Persons passed IAS examinations Efforts to be made to help more Visually Impaired Persons to pass IAS Exams.

Members thanked and appreciated Mr. Singh and his team for their excellent services and activities those were carried out during the years under report. The annual reports for the year 2015-16 and year 2016-17 were adopted and approved unanimously.

ITEM NO. 6 - RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF NAB, INDIA FOR THE YEAR 2015-16 AND UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF NAB, INDIA FOR THE YEAR 2016-17.

Mr. Gomes requested Mr. Vijayaraghavan, Dy. Director, NAB Accounts Department to present the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2015-16 and Unaudited Statement of Accounts for the year 2016-17. Mr. Vijayaraghavan highlighted the same as follows:

a. Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2015-16: It has been approved by NAB EC in its Meeting and while going through the same he stated that the investment of Rs.7.37 crores has gone up to Rs.8.36 crores. Similarly, he also stated that the expenses of the Association were within the budget. During the year 2015-16 there was a deficit of Rs.30.84 lakhs.

b. Unaudited Statement of Accounts for the year 2016-17 : He stated that NAB has added Rs.148 lakhs to the investment during the year 2016-17.. The deficit for the year 2016-17 is Rs.98.50 lakhs including the depreciation of Rs.96 lakhs. It was further noted that NAB FRC has raised a total amount of Rs.2.78 crores as against Rs.2.26 crores in 2015-16. It was also brought to the notice of Members present that NAB received all the pending grants from Government of India towards its various ongoing projects.

While noting the highlights of accounts and finance, Mr. Ketan Kothari asked about provision of fund for repairing of NAB HO Building being old, and also enquired about a copy of Circular briefing about the Policy of NAB, India in respect of its activities and services for the Blind as the same was discussed in one of the previous EC Meeting. Dr. Dengla informed the Members that NAB India has already collected about Rs.25 lakhs during the year 2015-16 and another Rs.24 Lakhs will be added this year as Building Fund. Mr. S.K. Singh reported that altogether it is expected to raise upto Rs.1.25 crores during this year for the purpose. Mr. Singh said that since the Ministry of Finance, Government of India has withdrawn Certification under 35 AC from this financial year, we need to discuss the matter in detail with regard to implementing policy for various activities and projects of NAB including MNB Industrial Home for the Bind, in the ensuing months EC Meetings.

After some discussions/deliberations on the subject, the members accorded their approval for the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2015-2016 and Unaudited Statement of Account for the year 2016-17 subject to audit, as Proposed by Mr. Mantosh Kumar and Seconded by Mr. Peter Fernandes.

ITEM NO. 7 ON THE AGENDA - APPOINTMENT OF HON. AUDITORS FOR NAB, INDIA

Mrs. Pallavi Kadam informed the Members that the present Hon. Auditors M/s Sorab S. Engineer & Co., Chartered Accounts is doing the auditing for NAB, India and NAB Lions Home for Aging Blind, Khandala without taking any professional fees for last several years. We have requested them to continue as our Hon. Auditors which they had very kindly accepted and given their consent.

Members unanimously agreed the appointment of M/s Sorab S. Engineer & Co. as Honorary Auditors for NAB, India and NAB Lions Home for Aging Blind until the next OGM on being proposed by Mr. Pravin Dandia and seconded by Mr. Prakash Mehta.

ITEM NO. 8 ON THE AGENDA - APPRECIATION OF THE GENERAL BODY.

The 22nd Biennial OGM placed on record its appreciation and gratitude for the work done by all honorary workers, office bearers, the members of staff, the donors and all those who have given free and generous services to NAB India.

ITEM NO. 9 ON THE AGENDA - ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF NAB, INDIA

Mr. S.K.Singh informed the Members that a Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. Anand S. Athalekar for drafting the proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Association by way of additions, alternation, deletions to or repeal of various Sections, Clauses and Rules and Regulations and as he is out of India was not present for the OGM. Hon. Secretary Dr. Vimal Dengla will present the amendments in the constitution.

Dr. Dengla informed that a Conference Call Meeting was held for this purpose of the amendment committee. The various proposed amendments were discussed by the committee Mr. Hemsingh, Mr. Ketan, Mr. Anil Mittal, Mr. Praful Vyas etc. have given their inputs on various clauses. The final draft made by the committee was circulated to the members with agenda of OGM.

Some Members told that as they were not provided Braille/Soft copy they were unable to offer their suggestions/feedback properly. Some Members appealed to Dr. Dengla to discuss it section-wise which will enable them to understand and discuss. Dr. Dengla requested Mrs. Pallavi Kadam to read out Clause by Clause and he explained the same in Hindi. The amendments were discussed in length and finalized with unanimously. Only on one issue of increasing life membership fee, there was some discussion and some members were not agreed on the issue i.e. Mr. Ketan, Mr. Iyer, Mr. Neeraj, Mr. Merwanji etc. the same clause was passed with voice vote and show of hands with heavy majority.

The agenda item was passed clause by clause. Dr. Dengla mentioned that most of the changes are from old committee of 2013 and few more changes has been included to make association more stronger and empowering the Blind persons.

Finally the amendments were passed with few corrections on some points.

After a detailed deliberation, Members unanimously agreed to go for the proposed Amendments to the Constitution of NAB India.

ITEM NO. 10 ON THE AGENDA - REPORT ON PENDING LITIGATIONS IN COURT.

Mr Gomes requested Mrs. Pallavi Kadam to report on the matter. Mrs Pallavi Kadam briefed the Members that there are 3 cases under Litigation in respect of 1) Property, 2) Committee and 3) Treasurers and they are at present in City Civil Court and Charity Commissioner's Office. The matter is in progress. These cases were filed by Mr. K.

Ramkrishna, Ex-HSG of NAB India and other parties.

The members were not happy with such attitude of our past office bearers. They demanded to take serious action against Mr. Ramkrishna. The house passed a resolution against Mr. Ramkrishna. Mr. Singh informed the house that his membership has already been expelled as per the constitutional provisions by the executive council. The members expressed their satisfaction on the action taken. Mr. Singh assured that we will take necessary legal action against him as and when required.

ITEM NO. 11 ON THE AGENDA - ANY OTHER BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA OR ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

Mrs. Pallavi Kadam informed the Members that the office of the Hon. Secretary General of NAB, India has not received any Note on any issues and queries to be raised under this Item.

ITEM NO. 12 ON THE AGENDA - CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE AFORESAID AGENDA ITEMS.

Dr. Dengla briefed about the resolution passed, business transacted and decisions taken in the meeting of the general body held on 4th June, 2017 at the head office of NAB, India. The members unanimously adopted and approved all the minutes and business transacted in the meeting.

Mr. S.K. Singh thanked all the members for attending OGM and participating healthy discussions. The Chairperson, Mr. Gomes also thanked the General Body for their cooperation in conducting this meeting smoothly.

The General Body confirmed the Resolutions Passed and business transacted in the 22nd Biennial Ordinary General Meeting of NAB, India.

There being no other business the Twenty Second Biennial Ordinary General Meeting (22nd Biennial OGM) of the National Association for the Blind, India ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



CLARENCE GOMES
VICE PRESIDENT
(In the Chair)

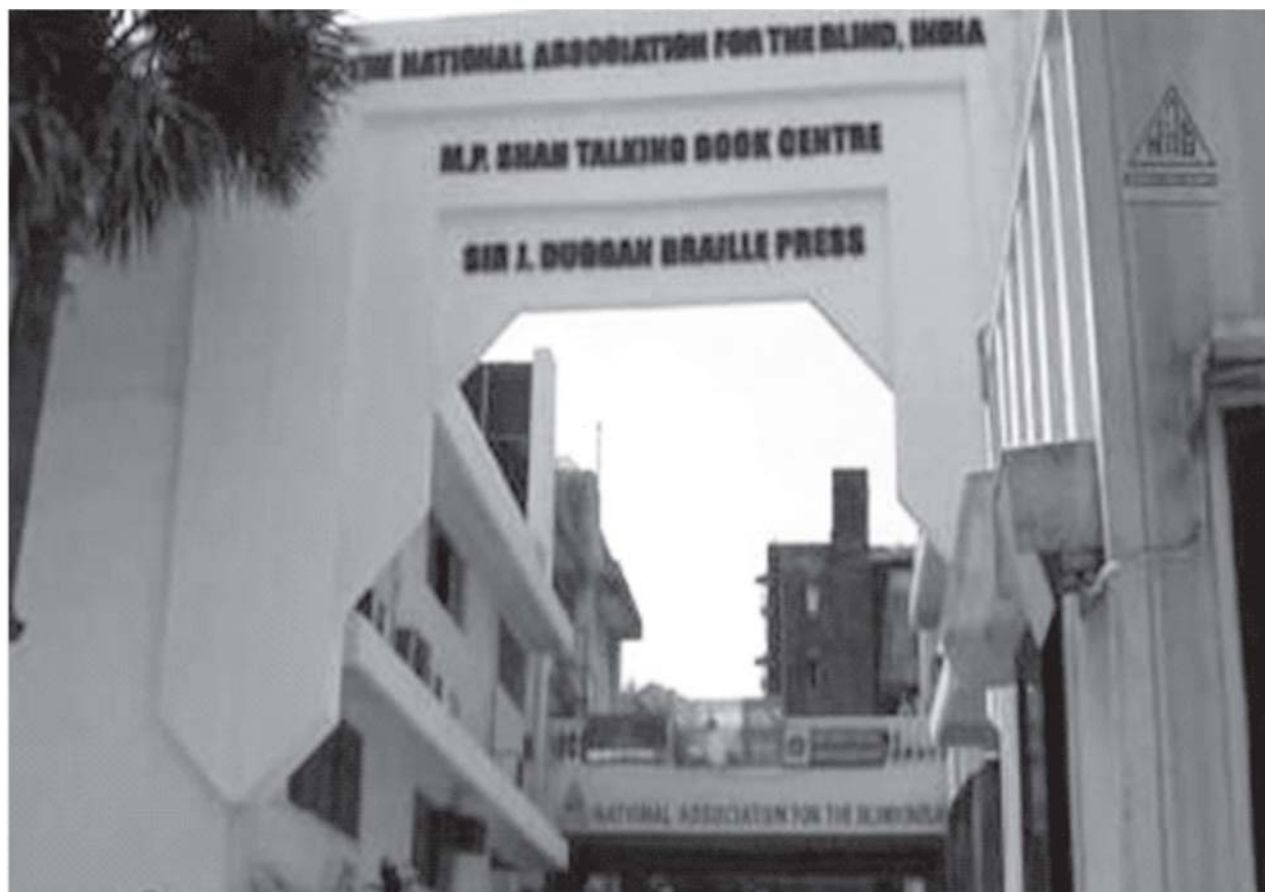


SATYA KUMAR SINGH
HON SECRETARY GENERAL



National Association for the Blind, India

Annual Report 2017 - 2018



From the desk of the Honorary Secretary General

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. Ramnath Govind, 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
Honourary Secretary General

National Association for the Blind, India

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Departments of NAB (India)

NAB Advocacy Department

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

During this period 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.

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.
2. "Vichar Niyam Kranti" in Marathi on Positive Thinking.
3. "Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar" in Marathi - It's a short book about Dr. Ambedkar's life.
4. "Chaloo Ghada Modi - 2018" General Knowledge book in Marathi.
5. "Kriyayog" in Marathi. It is an informative book on Kriya Yoga.
6. "Jagruk Palaktva" - A guide for parents in upbringing their children
7. "Adarsh Bhatru Prem" in hindi - a book on brotherhood
8. "Dampatya Jeevan Ka Adarsh" in Hindi - book on counseling for spouses.
9. Bhagvad Prapti Sahaj Hai in Hindi - A Religious Book.
10. "Gharcha Vaidya" in Marathi - a book on Home Remedies.

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

Sr.No.	Language	Title	Periodicity	Name of the Sponsor	No. of Copies	No. of Subscribers
1	Hindi	Reliance Drishti	Fortnightly	Reliance Foundation	79697	3528
2	Hindi	Vigyan Bharti	Quarterly	NAB, India	506	126
3	Hindi	Deepshika	Quarterly	NAB, DWE	224	112
4	Hindi	NAB Dindarshika 2018	Once in a Year	NAB, India	1500	1500
5	English	Blind Welfare	Three Issues per year	NAB, India	141	70
6	English	White Print	Monthly	Upasana Makati	2110	180
7	Marathi	Braille Saptahik	Weekly	NAB, India	2600	50
8	Hindi	Hindustani Zubaan	Quarterly	Hindustan Prachar Sabha	1437	477

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.

NAB M.P. Shah All India Talking Book Centre

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 break-up 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 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 Peechhe" by Manav Kaul, "Ajeeb Aadmi" and "Shaadi" both by Ismat Chughtai. Text Books in Hindi for Grade VII, IX, XII and a Music book were also recorded.

Few popular general books recorded in Marathi are "Balkumar Katha Kosh" by Dr. Vijaya Wad, Dan Brown's book "Inferno" (translated by Ashok Padhye), "Wata" by Vyankatesh Madgulkar, "Haritayan" by Kanchan Prakash Sangeet, "Bichhade Sabhi Bari Bari" by Bimal Mitra, "Katal" by Madhu Mangesh Karnik and 22 issues of the Marathi Magazine - 'Bolke Pakshik'. Besides these Marathi textbooks for Grade VII, IX, FYBA, SYBA, MA and MPSC 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.

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.

NAB Department of Education

1. Integrated Education

The Department continued to lay emphasis on promoting Integrated Education of visually impaired children particularly in rural areas. During the year, the Department supported and monitored Integrated Education Programme in 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 Yuba Sewa Samiti, Basti - R.B.R. Viklang Kalyankari Sewa Samiti, Varanasi - National Association of the Visually Handicapped, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), have been set up. The nature of the services is very much similar to our home-based programme for MDVI children operated in Mumbai.

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. Out of these 196 braille kits were distributed from the donations given by Beena and Harish Shah Foundation and others were made available from other individual donors.

6. Distribution of Brailers and Laptops

The Department distributed 31 Perkins brailers 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 brailers to our 13 partner agencies from 6 States and 10 brailers 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 (5 Boys + 3 Girls).

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).
- d) Attended the Asian Blind Union (ABU) and International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) Conference - "Celebrating two decades of Inclusive Practices" organized by BPA and SII, Ahmedabad during Dec. 7-10, 2017 at Ahmedabad (Mrs. Asha Kanse, Mrs. Ujwala Kharat and Mrs. Jayashree Rane).
- 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.

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.

Programme on RPWD Act, 2016 at Vile Parle - Our Official attended the Programme on 'Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2016' organized by Trinayani at Vile Parle-East.

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:

Best Employee	-	Mr. Prashant Madhukar Naik Manager, Union Bank of India, Mumbai
Best Self-Employed - Blind Entrepreneur	-	Mr. Deepak Harilal Master Physiotherapist, Mumbai

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.

Open Employment

Designations	No. Of Persons Placed
Probationary Officer	02
Assistant	01
Clerk	09
Receptionist	01
Telephone Operator	03
Multi Tasking Staff	01
Telecaller	04
Computer Instructor	01
Asstt. Research cum Generalist	01
Panelist	02
Query Handling Operator	01
Massage Therapist	04
Office Boy	02
Helper	03
House Keeping	06
Packing Work	09
Luggage Counter Boy	01
Worker	24
Total	75

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:

Eye screening of children and adults from low socio economic status	27,243
Spectacles provided	3,901
Medicines provided	347
Keratoplasties under Project Drishti sponsored by Reliance Foundation	1,000
Keratoplasties surgeries Supported By DIL & FBL	105
Cataract Surgeries	92
Surgeries For DCR	6
Squint	10

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.

Basic Rehabilitation Courses:

Twenty-seven trainees of the 120th batch (held from January 2-April 13, 2017) and eighteen trainees of the 121st batch (held from June 7-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 Little 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

The **NAB Louis Braille Memorial Research Centre (LBMRC)** brought out two issues of magazine "Blind Welfare," April 2017, August - December 2017. The Centre also published three issues of the "NABINDIA" Newsletter and the Annual Report of NAB, India for the year 2016-2017.

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.

All 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.

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. Also visited various activities carried out at Mysore.

NAB Finance Raising Committee (FRC)

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 Assesmbly 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 an awareness programme was observed by all the departments of NAB, India on Thursday, 14th September, 2017.
- * We thank all our regular individual donors who have been contributing to our resources.

NAB Department of Women's Empowerment (DWE)

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

1. ATOOT BANDHAN PROJECT:

As every year the centre trainees and staff of DWE went to Army Headquarters, Colaba for Rakshabandhan Celebration program along with the office bearers and officials of NAB, India. The department dispatched 1,00,000 Rakhis to the Jawans of the Borders. Apart from this, 50,000 fancy rachis were made 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.

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:

The department provided Financial Assistance to 15 beneficiaries for their Medical, Educational requirements. Also extended Financial support to 50 female hawkers.

NAB Department of Women's Empowerment distributed 2 Atta Chakki (Flour Mill) under Self Employment Scheme. 3 college going female students were given Scholarship of Rs. 6,000/- each for higher education.

5. COOKING CLASS:

The department has taken initiative for starting cooking class for the centre trainees as well

as other female beneficiaries. The department has completed three batches and 30 no. of beneficiaries have taken advantage of this classes. The office bearers and the committee members have supported this venture by giving their expertise as resource person.

All the batches were designed on the need based theme such as Chapati Making, Breakfast Items, Jam & Jelly and fireless recipes. The RKDC Trust was the key supports for this classes and Vidya Vikas Trust provided us Kitchen Utensils for the same.

6. DEEPSHIKHA MAGAZINE:

The department is publishing Deepshikha Magazine every quarterly, which is been edited by Mrs. Bharati Athalekar.

7. PBK CANTEEN REAY ROAD:

PBK Canteen has restarted and apart from routine chores the centre has started executing orders for dry snacks, variety of breakfast, lunch orders etc. The department has successfully completed huge order of Pav Bhaji to hospital.

8. NAB KAKA PATIL HOSTEL:

Every year Nab Kaka Patil hostel residential girls celebrates all festival like Holi, Diwali, Dahi Handi and other festivals too. 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 on in December, 2017.

Major Events

White Cane Day

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, 2018 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.

Awards

Rustom Merwanji Alpaiwalla Memorial Awards:

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.

Neelum Khurshed Kanga Award:

The department of Womens Empowerment honored, Mr. N.K. Kanga Award to Ms. Swati Chavan, Sport Person from Sangali, Maharashtra, and Ms. Rubby Singh, Hindi Braille Instructor, NAB Faridabad, Haryana. 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.

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

Name of the Course	No. of Trainees Admitted	No. of Trainees Left (Drop out)	No. of Trainees Passed out
General Machine operator	17	0	0
In-plant training Centre	6	0	0
Plastic Moulding section	3	0	0
File Board Section	7	0	0
Computer Training Centre	17	0	7

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).

Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
Donation under Uphar Yojna Scheme	2,63,500.00
Donation for General purpose & Picnic	72,771.00
Total	3,36,271.00

Donation in Kind	35,0000.00
	3,371,271.00

Government Grant

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

Type of Grant	Amount received
Salary grant	39,03,148.00
Non Salary Grant	9,16,500.00
Total Grant Received	48,19,648.00

Expense on Raw Material

Section	Material Purchased(Rs.)
Workshop	5,60,894.50
File Board	7,36,179.00
Total	12,97,073.50

Value of Jobs Undertaken and Executed

Section	Rs.
Workshop	14,83,748.00
File Board	10,72,668.00
Plastic Moulding	78,747.00
Total	26,35,163.00

Financial Highlights

Expenditure	Income	Deficit)
90,73,119.95	83,10781.98	7,62,337.97

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.

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

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

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

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.

NAB (India)- State Branches

NAB Goa Branch

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

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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. SudeshGaude, 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 Sepember 2016 at St. Jerome's Church hall, Mapusa. Nympha Fernandes won the 1st Prize for singing and Tessy Gomes and PurjutJha 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 Bonsode and SaishParyekar 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.

NAB Kerala Branch

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 each 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- Financial Highlight

FINANCIAL YEAR 2017-18 (UNAUDITED)

INCOME	RS	EXPENDITURE	RS
Resource Mobilization	17,862,530	Administrative Expenses	8,835,553
Interest	7,580,054	Resource Mobilization Expenses	6,228,416
Government Grant	7,416,419	Education	14,645,819
Sale Proceeds	19,879,275	Rehabilitation	5,778,837
Donations	34,001,495	Employment	1,686,282
other income	20,988,147	Vocational Training	20,736,363
Income Transferred from		Production of Braille &	14,767,070
Funds to Projects	1,149,433	Recorded Books	
		Prevention of Blindness	7,918,180
		State & District Branches	
		Development Works	1,010,940
		Research Activities	568,861
		Purchase of Traded Items	3,397,529
		Other Projects	13,921,974
		Depreciation:	7,508,283
		Deficit	1,873,246
	108,877,353		108,877,353

NAB-Beneficiaries at a glance

Departments	Beneficiaries and services provided
NAB Department of Braille Press	8,991
NAB Department of Talking Book	2,566
NAB Department of Client Services	4,375
NAB Department of Education	2,277
NAB Department of Employment	850
NAB Department of Prevention	29,600
NAB Department of Rehabilitation	192
NAB Technology Committee	100
NAB Department of Advocacy	88
NAB Department of Women's Empowerment	300
Activities Beyond Mumbai	
NAB IDBI Polytechnic	65
NAB P & NM Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind, Mount Abu	35
NAB Sabita Saradindu Basu Centre for Blind Women & Disability Research, New Delhi	404
NAB Lions Home for Aging Blind, Khandala, Maharashtra	76

Total Beneficiaries 49,919

APPENDIX - V

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, INDIA
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2018 (UNAUDITED)

PREVIOUS YEAR	FUNDS & LIABILITIES	SCHEDULE	CURRENT YEAR
Rs			Rs
12,478,240.09	TRUST FUND OR CORPUS	A	12,524,923.85
96,277,247.62	FUND BY PURCHASE OF ASSETS	B	96,277,247.62
122,867,197.99	EARMARKED FUNDS	C	140,208,061.04
3,995,332.50	LIABILITIES	D	4,137,796.40
235,618,018.20			253,148,028.91

PREVIOUS YEAR	ASSETS	SCHEDULE	CURRENT YEAR
Rs			Rs
19,609,512.09	IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES	E	17,682,206.09
102,472,064.99	INVESTMENTS	F	123,237,935.99
23,050,818.00	FIXED ASSETS	G	17,665,277.00
2,930,698.00	ADVANCES & DEPOSITS	H	1,814,080.50
2,454,952.58	INCOME OUTSTANDING	I	2,413,110.58
2,955,863.38	CURRENT ASSETS	J	3,128,900.12
9,787,554.02	CASH AND BANK BALANCES	K	9,270,243.58
72,356,555.14	INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	L	77,936,275.05
235,618,018.20			253,148,028.91

NOTE: The above figures are subject to reconciliation, final adjusting journal entries and audit.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND , INDIA
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2018
(UNAUDITED)**

PREVIOUS YEAR	EXPENDITURE	SCHEDULE	CURRENT YEAR
Rs			Rs
7,613,652.51	ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES	M	8,835,552.75
20,182.00	MISCELLANEOUS	N	40,514.00
78,664,638.47	EXPENSES ON THE OBJECT OF TRUST	O	80,023,385.44
6,049,289.00	PURCHASE OF TRADED ITEMS	J	2,899,775.00
(163,571.50)	INCREASE /DECREASE IN SALE OF TRADED ITEMS	Z	258,323.35
9,628,842.00	DEPRECIATION	P	7,508,283.00
101,813,032.48			99,565,833.54

PREVIOUS YEAR Rs	INCOME	SCHEDULE	CURRENT YEAR Rs
42,240,960.73	DONATIONS	Q	34,001,495.23
6,451,859.41	INTEREST	R	7,580,053.62
20,327,389.75	SALE PROCEEDS	S	19,879,275.28
4,445,751.00	GOVERNMENT GRANT	T	7,416,419.00
<u>6,114,114.00</u>	OTHERS	U	<u>7,997,725.50</u>
79,580,074.89	SUB TOTAL		76,874,968.63
(11,990,979.76)	Less : UNUTILISED INCOME TRANSFERRED TO RESPECTIVE FUNDS	V	10,207,032.21
-			66,667,936.42
67,589,095.13			
5,885,717.50	SALE OF TRADED ITEMS	J	3,158,098.35
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27,851,496.73	FINANCE RAISING COMMITTEE	W	17,862,529.63
5,292,607.22	(<u>22,558,889.51</u>) Less: EARMARKED DONATIONS	(<u>11,644,113.67</u>)	6,218,415.96
12,185,742.00	INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES	X	12,990,421.00
1,086,633.50	TRSFED FROM FUNDS TO PROJECTS	Y	1,149,432.90
-	SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES	ZA	
9,773,237.13	EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME TRANSFERRED TO BALANCE SHEET		9,381,528.91
101,813,032.48			99,565,833.54

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