The work executed by the Braille Press during the reporting period can be summarized as under:

1. Pages Scanned & edited 18,124
2. Pages Entered (Data Entry) 2,266
3. Braille Volumes Printed 38,256
4. Braille Pages Printed 34,612,58
5. Clients attended in person 224
6. New Braille Productions 39

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Some of the general books produced during this period are:
1. Drishti Badhito Ke Liye Ganit Adhyapan Padathi Vol I & 2 (Hindi)
2. Charaiveti Charaiveti (Marathi & Hindi)
3. Marching Ahead (Marathi)

NAB Client Service Department
1. On Saturday, 30th March 2019 our department had organized a Lecture on Disability Act 2016 & Information about Various Government Schemes for College going VI students. The Lecture on Disability Act was given by Shri. Suhas Karnik, Hon. Secretary & the detailed information on GR & schemes were given by Mr. Mangesh Gaikar, Rehabilitation officer. Around 27 VI students were present for this lecture.

2. MP3 Voice Recorders to the VI students: Educational Aids in the form of MP3 Player Voice Recorder were distributed to 50 Visually Challenged college students on Thursday 25th April, 2019 at NAB Head office with the support of BI India Pharma Company. Ms. Niti Khullar, HR, Communications Department & Ms. Sunita James, Executive Assistant to Managing Director along with their 13 colleagues were present for the event. They also donated 50 saplings for the indoor beautification of the office premises. The guests were given the experience of Dark Room for Sensitization & Awareness towards Visual Impairment. On this occasion Mr. Suhas Karnik, Mr. Anand Athalekar, Hon. Secretary of NAB India and Mrs. Pallavi Kadam, Executive Director, NAB India, Ms. Pradnya Upadhye, Director, Client Service Department were present.
3. Educational Aid distribution programme: Department has distributed educational Aid (Kit) in the form of School bags, Long Notebooks, Pen, pencils, water bottle, Tiffin Box, Pouch etc. to 135 school going children of visually challenged hawkers/low income group persons on Monday 24th June, 2019.

On this occasion Mr. Satyakumar Singh, Hon. Secretary General, NAB, India Mrs. Swati Thakurdesai, Hon. Secretary, NAB India, Ms. Stella, our sponsor & well wisher from Accenture Mumbai Team & Ms. Pradnya Upadhye, Director along with the staff of Client Service Department were present.

4. NAB Client Service Department took initiative in the distribution of 150 Raincoats to college going VI students through the support of Anjeze & Tata Trust. Distribution program was held on Saturday, 29th June 2019 at Reyat Road office.

Educational Aid distribution to the children of VI persons

Mp3 voice recorders to VI students

**NAB Department of Education**

**Skill Training Camp for MDVI children**

The Department organized a Skill Training Camp for MDVI children of Mumbai during April 10-13, 2019. 10 MDVI children comprising (5 boys + 5 girls) in the age group of 7 to 15 years participated in this camp. Skills which were monitored, corrected and refined included preparing the craft items, such as paper bag, wall hanging, photo frame, colouring the flower pot, preparation of fruit salad, etc. The items prepared by the children were distributed amongst themselves on the last day of the camp.

Activities of TCTVH : Community Based training of 2nd year TCTVH Trainees (a practical subject prescribed in TCTVH syllabus) was conducted along with V. I. children of Mumbai I. E. Programme on April 17 & 20, 2019 at Kelva Beach, Dist, Palghar and Jijamata Udhyan, Byculla, Mumbai

**Para-professional Training Course**

The Department conducted Para-professional training course on education of visually impaired children during May 2-31, 2019 at NAB Worli Seaface. In all 15 participants comprising 4 parents of V. I. children, 4 regular teachers, 2 special educators and 5 volunteers. This is a one-month skill training course organized in Mumbai every year.

**Functional Training Course on Education of V. I. children for In-service Un-trained Itinerant Teachers of I. E. programmes supported by NAB, India.**

The Department conducted one month Functional Training Course on Education of V. I. children during May 2- June 4, 2019 at NAB Worli Seaface for in-service /newly recruited un-trained itinerant teachers of I. E. programmes supported by the Department in different parts of the country. Altogether there were 23 (14 male + 9 female) participants from 9 implementing agencies from 6 States.

**Intensive Coaching in Special Skills and academics for V. I. children during Summer Vacations**

Two visually impaired children from Surat and Jalagaon visited the Department to receive intensive training in Braille, Use of Special Appliances, Mobility and daily living skills every day during office hours as the parents of these children were participating in the Para-professional training course.

**Felicitation for V. I. students of Mumbai I. E. Programme**

Sixty one visually impaired children (40 boys and 21 girls) from Mumbai I. E. programme appeared for SSC examinations held in March 2019. There were 27 regular students. Twenty eight students appeared as private candidates were provided coaching at the Centres set up by the Department under the ages of Maharashtra Sewa Sangh, Mulund and Gomantak Sewa Sangh, Vile Parle, 6 appeared for NIOS. Out of the total candidates 20 children did not avail the subject concessions offered by SSC Board and instead opted for regular Science and Mathematics just as their sighted counterparts. Altogether there were 19 districts and 31 children obtained a first class and 11 were in second class.

On the occasion of the SSC examinations held on June 29, 2019 at NAB Worli Seaface Office. Adv. Ashish Shelar, School Education Minister, Govt. of Maharashtra, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Mr. Satya Kumar Singh, Hon. General Secretary, Mr. A. S. Afhalekar, Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Pallavi Kadam, Executive Director, NAB India, Mr. Ashok Rana, Programme Officer and Mr. Shrikant Ayyangar from Mission for Vision and Mr. Varun Kapur, from Hotel Blue Sea were also present and gave away the prizes to the students at the function. As last year, Mrs. Vinita Parikh sponsored snacks.

In memory of her parents, Ms Meera Bakshi donated a corpus fund of Rupees one lakh and as desired by her interest accrued from the fund was given as cash prize for first topper girl and boy in SSC Exam. The prizes were given to Tejas Rawat 96% and Miss Priti Abraham who secured 96%. We are very proud of all our SSC passed students. We wish them bright future.

**Refresher Training Programme on Mathematics for Itinerant Teachers**

The Department conducted Refresher Training on Mathematics for in-service itinerant teachers of I. E. Programmes supported by NAB, India in different parts of the country during August 5-10, 2019 at NAB Harayana State Branch, Faridabad. Altogether there were 21 participants from 10 implementing agencies from the States of Chattisgarh, Haryana, J & K, Odisha and U. P. The course content included lectures and practicals pertaining to Mathematics school curriculum from primary to secondary up to Std. X. The course was conducted by the Mathematics Teachers of the Department.

Activities of Mumbai I. E. Programme - Like every year parents meetings were conducted for all the parents at different centers during the month of July & August, 2019. Total 110 parents participated in these meetings. Sensitization Programme for the students from Ecole Mondala School, Juhu was conducted. 50 students participated in this activity.

Activities of Mumbai MHB Programme - Parents meeting was conducted on July 6, 2019. Different festivals like Rakshabandhan, Ashadi Ekadashi, Dahihandi, was celebrated at Thane, Dombivli and Jogeshwari Centre.

On Aug 11th NAB Mata Lachmi Nursery for the Blind, Sion celebrated its 50th Foundation Day at their own premises. President of NAB, India Mr. Hemant Takle, Honorary Secretary General Mr. S. K. Singh attended the function along with all other office bearers.

**NAB Department of Employment**

During March 2019 to June 2019, 33 Visually Challenged Candidates registered with the department and 20 have been placed in Open Employment Sector.

**Award** - The Annual Late Mrs. Piloo Dorab Kambatta Memorial Award Function was held on March 14, 2019 at NAB R.M. Alpaiwalla Committee Room. The recipients of the Award were as follows:

**Best Employer** - Ms. Shilpa, Allegis Services India Ltd., Bangalore

**Best Employee** - Mr. B. Ramkumar, Manager - Digital & Transaction Banking, State Bank of India - Local Head Office, Chennai

**Best Self-Employed** - Mr. Bhanwar Singh, Blind Entrepreneur Manufacturer of Candies/Phenol/Liquid Soap - Mount Abu

On this occasion, the Chief Guest was Shri Vivek Kamath, Chief Executive Officer, Union Bank of India - Social Foundation and Guest of Honour was Dr. Varsha Bhagat, Director, Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation.
NAB Department of Rehabilitation

124th Batch of Basic Rehabilitation Course (3rd Jan. to 11th Apr, 2019) and 125th Batch of Basic Rehabilitation Course (3rd June to 11th Sept. 2019) was completed. Apart from routine lectures and practical trainings from regular syllabus, few lectures were arranged on important topics like Motivation, Personal Grooming, Competitive Exams, Employment opportunities in public & private sectors and Scope in Self Employment, Marketing Skills, etc.

Mrs. Meeta & Mrs. Preeti, our regular donors and volunteers were the Chief Guest & Guest of Honor for the Valedictory function of the 124th batch.

SHORT TERM NEED BASED COURSE FOR TEENAGER’S SPECIAL

The Teenagers’ batch commenced on 15th April, 2019 continued till 31st May, 2019. There were 31 students out of them 29 completed the course successfully. This Course was conducted for the teenagers who were SSC/HSC appeared/passed. The course contents are similar to the ones on Basic Rehabilitation Course with thorough knowledge in orientation and mobility. They were also informed about the various concessions & facilities available to them, guided about the career courses they could opt for in future, etc. This will enable them to take suitable decisions for their future. They were also guided to overcome the problems that they faced as a teenager.

Apart from regular lectures like Interview Techniques, Banking, Yoga, Access Technology some sessions were organized on self-defense, carrier guidance, Animal (ODG) Therapy etc. by eminent experts in this field. During the visit to Nehru Planetarium students enjoyed the show ‘Taramandal’.

On 31st May, 2019, a Valedictory function of the batch was conducted. Mr. Vivek Kamath, CEO UBI Social Foundation was the Chief Guest for the program, Mr. A. S. Athalekar, Hon. Secretary and Mrs. Pallavi Kadam, Executive Director, NAB India were also present.

PHYSIO THERAPY, ACUPRESSURE & MASSAGE COURSES:

Regular lectures and practicals were in progress for both the courses. Preliminary Exams of 1st and 2nd year students of physiotherapy course were conducted between 11th March to 25th March, 2019 and their final exams were conducted between 8th April to 22nd April, 2019. The internship of 3 months for the 2nd year students started from 23rd May, 2019. The regular 2nd year classes of Physiotherapy started from 10th June, 2019. Also the admission process for new batch started on the same day.

On 1st & 2nd June, 2019, a 2 day workshop on therapy was conducted at NAB DOR, Mahalaxmi, on the topic Peripheral Joint Mobilization at which Dr. Narkeesh, Physiotherapist, was the Resource person. 30 ex students of Physiotherapy attended the same.

Prize distribution of Essay Competition ‘Zing Zing Zingat’ on ZEE Marathi. The episode was telecasted in May, 2019. It was a good experience for trainees & they enjoyed it a lot.

On 12th to 14th April, 2019 the department arranged a three day workshop on Vocational Training for 15 female beneficiaries of Samajothan Andh Apang kalyankari Santha at Chandrapur. Ms. Namrata Shinde, Administrative Officer & Mrs. Manisha Bhagat, Teacher along with 2 Visually Challenged Trainees of the center participated as Resource persons in this workshop.

DWE- Training Center had set up new sanitary pad Wending Machine on 7th May, 2019 for the Center Trainees with the support of Lions Club of Juhu.

NAB Lions Home for the Aging Blind, Khandala

On 19.3.2019, Music group participated in Singing Program at Kapol Sanatorium, Lonavla.

On 29.4.2019, Blind residents participated in Loksabha Election in presence of Social Welfare Officer.

On 21.5.2019, Music group participated in Singing Program at Kapol Sanatorium, Lonavla.

Yoga Day Celebration
Under the first phase of this project, NAB India Centre developed course trainings for Customer Care Executive, Packaging & Assistant Spa Therapists Skill Set Council for Persons With Disability-SSCPWD (GOI) Pilot project for various water slides and joy rides besides refreshments and food. Huge thanks and staff members were taken to ‘World of Wonders (WOW) Amusement park, Annual Excursion trip to an amusement park: This time a group of 50 blind girls Malviya Nagar with certification followed by party.

With the help of our donors we were able to support the weddings of two blind girls. Both the weddings were supported and held at Arya Samaj Temple, Malviya Nagar with certification followed by party.

Annual Excursion trip to an amusement park: This time a group of 50 blind girls and staff members were taken to ‘World of Wonders (WOW) Amusement park, NOIDA on June 27, 2019. The whole day was filled with thrill and experience on various water slides and joy rides besides refreshments and food. Huge thanks to the donors and staff for this successful event.

Skill Set Council for Persons With Disability-SSCPWD (GOI) Pilot project for trainings for Customer Care Executive, Packaging & Assistant Spa Therapists for the blind:

- Under the first phase of this project, NAB India Centre developed course curriculums for the blind youth by adapting the curriculums already existing for non disabled candidates. The second phase will consist of implementation of trainings in the above mentioned trades at approved trainings centres in Delhi and Bangalore. The process of registering these training centers with SSCPWD is in progress. Post the success of this pilot, these trade specific trainings shall be enrolled with SSCPWD for the blind youth and will enhance the scope of adaption of such trainings by other institutes for the blind PAN India.

1. Trainings to support Higher Education, Livelihoods & Independent Living:
   i. Bridge Course for Inclusion- around 15 blind girls were enrolled in this batch in April 2019.
   ii. Front Desk Handling training- Around 5 blind girls are presently undertaking this training. Regular workshops on communication skills and work place readiness have been conducted by the industry experts.
   iii. Handicrafts & Packaging Training- 4 blind girls and boys are receiving this training with the objective of getting self employment or placements in packaging departments of export houses.
   iv. Café Management Training- 4 girls are presently managing Café at the centre. Proper job distribution is made amongst girls like café in charge, the chef, café assistants and cleaners.
   v. Spa & Massage Training- 3 girls are getting trained in this skill presently. 1 trainee has been invited by a wellness travel company Open mind to give massage therapy to its women clients at Kathgodam-Uttarakhand in July 2019 through the centre.
   vi. Technology related workshops- 3 blind girls attended a workshop on Android accessibility and were provided free smart phones with talkback feature by NAB, RK Puram in May.
   vii. A workshop for blind on Road Safety & Safe Mobility was organized in March & on Reproductive health by IPAS was organized in May at the centre.

2. Discovering Hands Project:
   Internships of 2nd batch of blind trainees-After intense talks and meetings, new avenue of internships have been cracked at Tata Memorial Cancer Hospital, Mumbai. The interns are being closely monitored by DH staff in order to ensure their required grooming and professional development. Around 237 people were sensitized about this new skill of manual breast cancer detection by the blind women through talks and screening camps during March-June 2019.

3. Talking Hands Project:
   Blind therapists treated around 20 patients for various life style conditions like Slip disk, Joints pain, Cervical Back pain, Knee pain, Shoulder pain etc. during (March-June) 2019.

Awareness plays: Blind trainees presented plays at IIT, Delhi and ONGC on March 3 & March 7 respectively with the objective to sensitize general public on the issue of visual impairment and rehabilitation.

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