National Association for the Blind, India

Annual Report

2018 - 2019

SUMMARY
From the desk of the Honorary Secretary General

Dear Friends,

We are hereby presenting the Annual Report of our activities for the period April 2018 to March 2019.

During the period the organization has relentlessly worked towards empowerment of the Visually Challenged Persons in all aspects. Apart from the routine projects, NAB, India has undertaken many innovative projects. In the field of Blind Welfare we filed several cases in the Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai, Maharashtra e.g. writer to Visually Impaired Person in competitive exams and succeeded. NAB through its Advocacy Department filed a Public Interest Litigation in the Mumbai High Court for making the Indian currency notes accessible to visually impaired. This year the Employment Department of NAB, India has secured National Award as the 'Best Placement Agency' from the Ministry for Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. This award was presented to NAB, India by Shri. M Venkaiah Naidu Hon'ble Vice President of India on 3rd December, 2018.

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

Satya Kumar Singh
National Association for the Blind, India

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The NAB Advocacy Department aims at making a 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 81 Visually Challenged Persons were provided assistance through NAB Advocacy Department on their personal, education, employment and property related issues.

The Department was involved in the following activities:
- Liaisoning with Government Departments and other authorities.
- Counseling clients, their parents and family.
- Handling local, state and national-level issues on accessibility, employment, education, need for new disability law in accordance with UNCRPD and policy change in general.
- Disseminating information on benefits available to the visually impaired (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 center provided legal assistance to more than 25 clients.

Achievements:
In the last recruitment of Railway Group ‘D’ Examinations, the candidates were allotted Examination Centers far off from their residence. Due to our intervention Railway Recruitment Board made changes accordingly and allotted Examination Centers nearby the residence of the candidates.

The Mumbai High Court missed out Visually Impaired Candidates in their recruitment. The Department intervened and the High Court stopped the
entire recruitment process and it was assured to issue a fresh notification with the inclusion of the Visually Challenged Candidates.

New Currency Issue:
NAB, India through its Advocacy Department filed a Public Interest Litigation in Mumbai High Court for making the Indian Currency Notes accessible to Blind. The Hon’ble Court issued Orders to RBI to find out the mechanism to identify the new currency notes.

Other Activities:
The Department met with various committees of government to resolve issues like Railway Authorities for issues related to Online Identity Card on permanent basis, BEST Authorities for 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.

Representation on the Committee:
We have given representation on ZRUCC on both Western and Central Railways to which we have been taking up issues pertaining to Visually Impaired Passengers.

The year 2018-2019 was eventful for the Braille Press as the previous years. The Braille Press altogether produced 2, 07,416 Braille volumes running into 90, 36,677 Braille pages during the year. These included Marathi, Hindi and English Medium textbooks from Std. I to Std. XII prescribed in the state of Maharashtra, and general books in Marathi, Hindi and English. The Braille Press received the sponsored orders for production and free distribution of
several general books to institutions for the blind in India thereby making available a wide range of Braille literature for the blind.

We have printed and distributed 1500 copies of our annual calendar in Hindi – NAB Dindarshika 2019 free of cost to blind individuals, which is in great demand amongst our Blind readers.

The NAB Braille Press Department organized a function, on January 4, 2019 to commemorate Louis Braille’s 210th Birth Anniversary. The Heads of NAB Departments, Staff, visually impaired trainees/persons gave tribute to Louis Braille by briefing the audience about Louis Braille’s great contribution by inventing the script “Braille” for the visually impaired. Poems on Louis Braille were recited by the trainees. The importance of Braille script was highlighted in this function. Two Braille books “Braille Teaching Course - 1” in English and “Abacus” in Hindi were officially released on this occasion.

**Significant Highlights**

40 Schools/Institutions for the Blind in Maharashtra were supplied Text Books from Std. I to Std XII (Marathi Medium). 2125 blind children benefited through these Schools. 4486 copies (7178 vol.) & 739 (1182 Vol.) of Textbooks were supplied to Schools for the Blind and Blind Individuals. 180 copies (288 Vol.) of English Medium Textbooks from Std. I to Std XII were supplied to blind students who approached us.

Supplied 8239 copies (13689 Vol.) running into 16,39,086 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.


The Braille Press Produced 37 New General Titles through the assistance received from various donors. From the above new General titles, 97 Schools / Institutions for the Blind were supplied the following two new General Books free of cost.

1. Mee Pahilee-Bhag 2 (Marathi),
2. Tvacha (Marathi),
Some of the noteworthy amongst the New General Titles are:

“Ek Yogi Ki Atmakatha (Hindi), Sai Satcharit (Marathi), Dalitanche Baba (Marathi), Swami Vivekanand (Hindi), Garbha Geeta (Hindi), Bhaskar Rajasthan Samanya Dyan (Hindi), Amrutbindu (Hindi), Jailer (English), Nibandh Setu -1 (Hindi), Chhote Drishtieeen Bachho Ke Liye Braille Adhyapan Paddhati (Hindi), Ekikrut Shiksha Aur Samudayik Sahabag (Hindi), Functional Skills Inventory for the Blind (FSIB) (English), Drishti Badhitansathi Ganit Adhyapan Padadhati (Marathi), Akhil Bhartiya Bodhma -9 (Hindi)

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

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

We have printed 94,595 copies of all these periodicals which benefitted 3839 readers all over the country and even abroad.
**Other significant Developments:**

NAB Braille Press published – 25 Textbooks (Marathi & English Medium) and 96 magazines in Hindi, English and Marathi.

1512 copies of General Books were supplied to blind individuals/organizations.

767 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 has 161 members.

Braille Printing Papers worth Rs.1, 42,960/- were supplied to blind individuals/institutions through our Department.

**Summary of Braille production during 2018-2019**

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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 Reliance Foundation, etc.
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

The Client Service Department collected cash donation to the tune of Rs.1, 31,911/- (in cash) & Rs.1, 64,900/- (in kind) to carry out its diverse activities.

During the year we have provided 4 Sewing Machines, medical and financial assistance to VI persons through personal donors.

This year we have arranged different programmes like KATHAKATHAN, Mobility training camp and Lecture on Disability Act 2016 & Information
about Government Resolutions & various schemes offered by government for visually challenged people to explore their talent, to become more accessible in day to day life & for self and community awareness.

An educational aid was given to 140 school-going children of VI persons who are in low socio economic strata. Voice recorders distributed to 60 VI students for their study purpose.

Department avail the registration service to 26 visually challenged persons for getting UDID card; department supported for filling up the forms of Railway Recruitment Board, Food Corporation of India & Staff Selection commission to 11 VI persons.

99 new cases of blindness were identified. Follow up and Home visit services were availed to 117 Visually Challenged clients for giving them counseling and socio-economic rehabilitation.

Department offered its regular service like issue of concession certificates, distribution of personal aids like folding cane, fiber cane etc and other documents to 3015 individuals.

Other activities included Awareness programs, information dissemination on blindness related issues, observance of commemorative days like World White Cane Day and International Day of Persons with Disabilities. In all, the Dept. provided services to its clients on as many as 756 VI clients. Thus department reached to 4172 beneficiaries in total.

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 878 students (517 boys and 361 girls). These children were residing in 471 villages/towns and studying in 604 regular schools. The students were assisted by 82 special teachers.
2. **National Programme for Home Based Services to MDVI Children**

Under this project 10 units catering to 62 children (41 boys and 21 girls) at 5 locations viz., NAB Odisha State Branch, Bhubaneswar and Society for Environmental Development & Voluntary Action (SEVA), Nayagarh (Odisha), Shikshit Yuba Sewa Samiti, Basti; R.B.R. Viklang Kalyankari Sewa Samiti, Varanasi; National Association of the Visually Handicapped, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), have been set up. The nature of the services is very much similar to our home-based programme for MDVI children operated in Mumbai.

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 194 participants.

4. **Services for Children with Visual and Additional Disabilities**

During 2018-2019, 103 children (65 Boys + 38 Girls) in the age group of 1 to 32 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 2018-19, the Department distributed 383 Braille Kits to school going blind children from 5 States. These kits were assembled at the Department and were presented as gift. Out of these 295 Braille kits were distributed from the donations given by Fermenta Biotech Limited, Thane and others were made available from other donors.

6. **Distribution of Brailleers and Laptops**

The Department distributed 9 Perkins Brailleers free of cost to needy and deserving 9 individual blind students from the State of Maharashtra. The 8 brailleers were made available from the donation received from Vanita Samaj, Dadar. Also Vanita Samaj, Dadar had donated 6 Laptops to 6 (4 Boys + 2 Girls) visually impaired children of Mumbai I. E. Programme.
7. Aids and Equipment

In all 720 individuals and 87 institutions from 15 States took advantage of this service. Besides this, two individuals from Nigeria and South Africa and one Institution from Tanzania also took advantage of the services.

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) All India Meet of Zonal Coordination Committees organized by Rehabilitation Council of India at New Delhi on April 10, 2018 (Mrs. Archana Joshi).

b) Regional Training Programme on Understanding Deafblindness/MDVI organized by Blind Persons’ Association under Regional Learning Centre (West Zone) supported by Sense International, India during May 22-26, 2018 (Miss Ujwala Paralkar).

c) Visits of officials of Perkins International, USA to observe MDVI children from Western and Central Line during June 23, 2018 (Ms Ujwala Kharat) and February 5, 2019 (Mrs. Archana Joshi & Miss Ujwala Paralkar).

d) Sensitization programmes for students of two regular schools to aware difficulties of visually impaired on July 11, 2018 by the itinerant teachers of Mumbai I. E. Programme.


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 19th batch of the course – D. Ed. Special Education (VI) commenced from September 17, 2018. In all, i.e. including both the batches, there are 29 trainees comprising 4 male and 25 female candidates. There are 23 visually impaired trainees. The course is of two years duration and recognized by Rehabilitation Council of India. The training of the 18th batch is also in progress.

11. Mathematics Education Project – Mission Shiksha Project

NAB Department of Education has initiated a project for teaching of Mathematics to visually impaired children in the Mumbai I. E. Programme. The project is supported by Mission for Vision. Four exclusive Mathematics Teachers have been appointed in the project that caters to about 57 V.I. children studying from Standard IV to X and provide coaching in Math. Ten students appeared for State Board Exam in the month of March 2018 and passed out with flying colours. Eleven students appeared for 10th Std. Board Examination in the month of March 2019.

12. Publications

During the period under report, the Department published the Hindi book –“Drishtibadhitonke Liye Ganit Adhyapan Padhati” written and translated by Mr. Anand Athalekar.

13. Other Activities

A number of camps, picnics, excursions and parents meetings were organized during the year for children in I. E. Programme and those in Home Based Programme for children with visual and additional disabilities operated in the City of Mumbai and its adjoining areas.
Educational-cum-Recreational Tour to Madhya Pradesh
The Department organized an educational-cum-recreational tour to Madhya Pradesh covering places like Kanha Tiger Reserve, Bhopal, Jabalpur and Pachmarhi during December 25, 2018 to January 1, 2019 for visually impaired (V.I.) students studying under Mumbai Integrated Education programme. Altogether 53 persons comprising 40 V.I. children (20 Boys+20 Girls) and 13 escorts including 3 V.I. teachers mostly of our staff participated in the tour.

Places covered in the tour included Kanha Tiger Reserve, Khatia Gate. Those in Jabalpur included Bhedaghat Marble Rocks, Dhuwandhar Fall, Jain Temple, Nehru Park, etc. In Bhopal visit included State Museum, Tribal Life Gallery, Sanchi Stupa, etc. At Pachmarhi the group visited the Sunset Point, Bhojpur Temple, Handi Kho Point, Bada Mahadev Caves, Bee Fall, etc.

The most memorable experiences that the children unanimously reported to have had were as follows:

1. Kanha – 2 day Jangle Safari - the students observed the white spotted deers, Barashinga, peococks, jackles, bears, etc. Also they enjoyed the programme organized by the Tiger Reserve – Anubhuti Programme – different sounds of the birds, bingo game (Housie game) – recognize the birds on flash cards written in Braille, nature trail, camp fire, etc.

2. Jabalpur – Boating at Bhedaghat, Ropeway at Dhuwandhar Fall, Jain Mandir, Nehru Park, etc.

3. Bhopal –
   a) Madhya Pradesh Tribal Museum - The museum displays the art, culture traditions, tribal artifacts of daily use, paintings, the customs and way of life of the tribal in Madhya Pradesh. The Gallery, is in fact a courtyard where dwellings of the Gonds, Baigas, Bharias, Sahariyasm, Bhils and Korkus are located adjacent to each other.
   b) M. P. State Museum – The museum displays the sculptural master pieces, Rare Musical Instruments gallery, Excavation Gallery, Stamp & Autograph Gallery, Miniature Gallery, Weapons Gallery.
c) Sanchi Stupa – A Buddhist complex. It is oldest stone structure and important monument of Indian Architecture. It is originally commissioned by the Emperor Ashoka in the 2nd Century. The Sanchi Stupa built during Mauryan period was made of bricks.

4. Pachmarhi –

a) Bhojpur Temple – Old temple of lord Shiva built in 1910. The stature of Shivlinga was as big as one storey building.

b) Bada Mahadev Caves, Handikho Point, Bee Fall.

Success Stories

Shreya Shimpi:

We remember Shreya as small doll. She was quite fragile when she was baby. Her weight was only 600 gms at the time of birth. Due to premature birth she was kept in NICU for three months and it turned to Retinopathy of prematurity of stage 5 which means she is totally visually impaired. She was operated for both eyes when her weight became 1200 gms. But unfortunately it didn’t work out.

Parents approached NAB when Shreya was looking like a doll with small limbs. Though she was a baby we started working with her that time. Teachers mostly worked with her mother more. It was more of sensory training, gross and fine motor development, etc. When Shreya was 3 years old she was quite ready to attend preschool like her sighted peers. Orally she was able to express herself. That time we were working on her pre Braille reading skills. With small hands she used to explore different
textures, surfaces, etc. Initially she used to be in mother’s lap all the time, gradually she developed bonding with the teachers.

Now she is attending the regular school in Thane with her sighted peers. She is very much enthusiastic, asks lot of questions to understand the world around her, operates lift while going out and knows the places different objects in her home.

Now she reads Braille sentences nicely. For writing, her wrist needs to be little strong. With use of brailler she can writes A to Z. She is using arithmetic slate nicely. She is good in maths too like her sighted peers. She solves math problems but on special math slate. Her mobility is good, she is quite social so mingles with her school mates very well. This year she is studying in Class I at Sri Ma Vidyalaya, Thane. In her class she has lot of friends who take her for different activities.

Her graph of progress is going up day by day. A long way to achieve but we have faith that she will reach to the goal which parents have desired for her.

Pranjal Rathod

15 year old, Pranjal Rathod, a mentally challenged girl and has low vision and speech disorder. She also suffers from epileptic seizures. She takes up lot of time for performing her day-to-day activities, has poor hand coordination and lacks concentration in most of the things she does, including study.

Lot many positive changes were visible after Pranjal enrolled in NAB, India’s home service program for MDVI children. She learnt to do many activities of daily living for herself. She could feed herself, exercise, wear and button her
clothes, with improved hand coordination could perform tasks, roam around in familiar settings, sweep and mop floors, cut different types of vegetables, comb hair, etc.

While conversing, Pranjal has difficulty pronouncing some words, but by practicing for four-five times can correctly, she attempts to speak clearly.

Pranjal is able to count and write numbers 1 to 40 but has difficulty in recalling and writing number six. She copy writes letters of alphabet A to Z. She can tell days of the week; has developed the concept of colours and can distinguish them; writes short English words like ball, bat, cat, apple and can also read many 2-5 letter English words. She has body parts concept, still she is unable to articulate her thoughts clearly. She remembers mobile numbers of father, mother, tries to play games on mobile. Now there is good bonding between her and mother. Both of them enjoys the company while doing household chores.

Pranjal is polite and has learnt way to greet guests and her teacher. She offers them water and strikes up a casual conversation. She is very loving in nature.

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Seth Bhojraj Hossomal Charitable Trust, Mumbai
Fermenta Biotech Limited, Thane
Rotary Club of Powai, Mumbai
Luzbrizol India Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
Vanita Samaj, Shivaji Park, Dadar
Mission for Vision, Mumbai
CBM India Trust, Bangalore.
Perkins India, Mumbai
Hitvardhini Sabha, Thane
Chandrakant Patkar Trust, Dombivli
Maharashtra Sewa Sangh, Mulund
Vivek Education Foundation, Mankhurd
M.N.B. Industrial Home for the Blind, Jogeshwari
The Gomantak Sewa Sangh, Vile Parle
SOSVA, Mumbai
All Individual Donors, Volunteers and Well-wishers.

The NAB Department of Employment provides gainful occupation to Visually Challenged individuals through their placement in Open Employment or by offering them the support for Self Employment. The Department registered 116 job aspirants and placed 61 under Open and Self-Employment. Referrals were also offered to many Visually Challenged Persons to Government and Private Undertakings.

**Training**

Accenture – On August 11, 2018 ‘Community Event’ was organized by Accenture Team for our Visually Challenged Candidates nearly 35 candidates were present for the Event. Topics on Personality Development, Interview Techniques, Grooming, and Communication Skills were discussed.

**SEE Change Project** - Interview Techniques, Training was conducted by SEE Change Project on October 6, 2018, 35 candidates attended the same.

**Graduation Ceremony**

AIF Graduation Ceremony - Graduation Ceremony was organized by American India Foundation (AIF) on July 7, 2018 and on October 12, 2018. 49 Visually Challenged Candidates who were trained and placed by the department were presented with Certificates. Mr. Ruchesh Jaivanshi,
Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Maharashtra was the Chief Guest and Mr. Sanjoy Dutta, AVP – Enterprise Business Resilience, Franklin Templeton Investments was the Guest of Honour for July 7, 2018 function. Dignitaries and officials from AIF, ABLE Livelihoods, NAB, India and Cheshire Home were present for the function. Mr. Sunjoy Dutta, AVP – Enterprise Business Resilience, Franklin Templeton Investments was the Chief Guest for October 12, 2018 function which was held at Cheshire Home, Mahakali, Andheri – East. Officials from NAB, India attended the function.

From L – R : Mr. Ruchesh Jaivanshi, Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Maharashtra, Mr. Mahadeo Shinde and Ms. Sunita Nigam Visually Impaired Candidates and Mr. Sanjoy Dutta, AVP – Enterprise Business Resilience, Franklin Templeton Investments.

**Deloitte Impact Day** - One day Workshop was held on ‘Interview Techniques and Ethics on November 22, 2018 and December 15, 2018 by Deloitte. 40 Candidates & 32 Candidates respectively attended the Workshop.

**Ducati Desmo Owners Club** – On January 26, 2019 in association with Ducati Infinity, Republic Day Get-together-Social-Cum Charity Ride was organized in our premises. Nearly 25 Bikers were present. They gave Snack boxes to D.Ed students along with cash donation of Rs. 25,500/- and some in kind donation.

**Awards**

**National Award** - The Employment Department of NAB, India has so far placed more than 10,000 Visually Impaired Persons in different fields. Considering this yeoman service, the Government of India has conferred National Award as ‘Best Placement Agency’ to NAB, India on 3rd December 2018.
The Annual Late Mrs. Piloo Dorab Khambatta Memorial Award Function was held on March 14, 2019 at NAB R.M. Alpaiwalla Committee Room. The recipient of the Award was as follows:

Best Employer - 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 Blind Entrepreneur - Mr. Bhanwar Singh
Manufacturer of Candles/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 Smt. (Dr.) Varsha Bhagat, Director, Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation

2. Mr. B. Ramkumar, Manager – ‘Best Blind Employee’ (Digital & Transaction Banking, State Bank of India – Local Head Office, Chennai).

**Work Centre** - During the period under consideration, we had supplied Newspaper Bags, Fancy Paper Bags, Envelope Packets, Gel Candles, Folders etc. to R & A Foods Pvt. Ltd., Moonlight Canteen, Jamnabai Narsee High School, Brunch & Munch etc. worth Rs. 1,16,260/-. The department also participated in various exhibitions for awareness and sale.

**Open Employment**

Department was able to place Total 61 Visually Challenged Persons under open employment
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**Success Stories**

Mr. Sameer Dattatray Divekar, Visually Impaired Candidate is 38 years old and resides at: House No. 259/A, Behind Hanuman Mandir, Nerul, Thane. He is a B.A. Graduate and his family income is Rs.40,000/-.. In his school days he did not face any challenges and his teachers were very supportive. Through NAB Client Service Department he came to know about AIF Livelihood programme.

Positive thinking is the greatest challenge he has overcome through his disability. His biggest achievement is that now he is Self Employed and supports his family. He is grateful to NAB, India and would like to expand his business. His hobbies are Chess and listening to Music.

Ms. Riddhi Raj Pagare, Visually Impaired Person is 24 years old and resides at: Ghatkopar, Mumbai. She is a B.M.S. Student and is working at NAB, India as ‘Receptionist’. Due to Glaucoma she had lost her sight. She has a positive attitude and she came to know about AIF Livelihood programme through NAB, India.

She struggled a lot to find a job. Her colleagues were not supportive towards her. She used to enjoy talking to people and gaining knowledge. Overcoming her fear and accepting disability is her greatest challenge. She is grateful to her Mother and is passionate with her job. She loves to travel and cook. Her Mother is her role model and she always inspires her to be positive whenever there are problems.
During the above mentioned period under report, NAB Finance Raising Committee (FRC) was able to raise altogether a sum of Rs.1, 53, 80,672.08 through various sources. Out of this amount, Rs.88, 52,460.53 represents earmarked donations and the remaining amount of Rs.65, 28,211.55 is for general purpose.

**School Collections:**

FRC collected a sum of Rs.26, 19,118/- from 47 Schools in Mumbai and its outskirts. The top most three schools to collect highest donations were:

1. MANECKJI COOPER EDUCATION TRUST SCHOOL, JUHU
2. THE D.P.Y.A. HIGH SCHOOL, DADAR (EAST)
3. SWAMI VIVEKANAND HIGH SCHOOL, CHEMBUR

Similarly, the following three students have collected highest amount:

1. Ms. Janhavi Herwadkar
   Maneckji Cooper Education Trust School
2. Ms. Dilkhush Randeria
   Maneckji Cooper Education Trust School
3. Mast. Mihir Shinde
   V.P.M.’s Sau A.K. Joshi English Medium School

**Other Collections:**

Apart from the Schools, we received much financial support from employees of various corporate like Kotak Mahindra Group and Danamojo and also matching grants through CAF-India, Give India, Bill Desk for our various activities. The total amount realized was Rs.87,43,460.53/-.

FRC also took part in the TATA Mumbai Marathon and raised an amount of Rs.3, 39,044/-

All India Flag Day for the Blind was observed on 14th September 2018. NAB Officials visited Admiral Shri. Ajendra Bahadur Singh, Chief of Staff, Western Naval Command and pinned a flag on him. As a token of appreciation they donated a sum of Rs.40, 000/-.

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

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

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

The Department of Prevention of Blindness provides eye care service to the people belonging to the underprivileged sections of the society. In the year 2018-2019 department conducted 55 eye check camps & successfully completed the following activities.

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<td>Medicines provided</td>
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<td>Keratoplasties under Project Drishti sponsored by Reliance Foundation</td>
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In this year department also took up the activity of sensitization for the staff of Hotel Industry for the camps organized with AHAR, A parent organisation for Hotel Industry in Maharashtra.

The keratoplasty target was successfully achieved for RELIANCE DRISHTI PROJECT. This year FBL Ltd also extended their support for Keratoplasty & Squint surgeries, which were successfully carried out.

We have also received appreciation from the beneficiaries using spectacles for providing best qualities spectacles.

1. Baby Mishthi Tamoskar 3 year old operated under Squint scheme.
2. Eye check up camp for Hotel Employees with AHAR at Avenue Hotel in Kandivali.
3. Eye check up camp for under privileged Students at Malvan District in Maharashtra.

Baby Bhulaxmi from Telangana underwent DEEP ANTERIOR LAMELLAR KERATOPLASTY in the right eye on 4th September 2018 with visual progress to 20/125 from Hand movements close to face. The baby had ulcer disease in her eyes since birth. The local hospital (Jyothi Hospital, Siddipet) had referred her to L.V. Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI).

She had visited LVPEI on 25th April, 2018 and undergone DEEP ANTERIOR LAMELLAR KERATOPLASTY on 4th September, 2018. Postoperatively, her visual acuity had improved in the left eye and currently she is doing well.
Basic Rehabilitation Courses:

The 122nd batch of the 3 ½ months Basic Rehabilitation was held from 2nd Jan to 12th April, 2018 and 123rd batch was conducted from 4th June to 12th Sept 2018. 22 and 16 trainees respectively completed the course. Intensive training was offered in basics of life, home management, physical education, Braille, social graces and orientation & mobility. Vocational guidance was also offered. Trainees were involved in various other activities like lectures, competitions, sports, educational visits, outings, participation in festivals and social events etc.

Certificates, white canes, stitching kits, the M. N. Chhatrapati Award etc. were presented at the passing out function and best performers at various competitions were awarded prizes.

A 34 year-old male laborer, Mr. Manoj Kumar Joglekar, reported to us with white opacity and diminution of vision in both the eyes. He was diagnosed with recurrent herpes stromal keratitis. He had a recorded history of recurrent episodes of corneal erosions, epithelial defects and infiltration. The patient was unable to walk or perform his daily activities on his own. After controlling the infection, corneal transplantation (penetration keratoplasty) was done in the right eye, followed by the left eye.

The graft was well accepted and his visual acuity improved in both the eyes. Now the patient visits the hospital on his own for regular follow-ups and performs all his daily activities without any difficulty.

A 32 year-old male laborer, Mr Jai Prakash Kewat, reported to us with loss of vision in his right eye after injury with a wooden stick. He was able to perceive the presence of light. He also complained of pain, redness and watering in his right eye. On investigation, fungal infection was detected. The entire cornea was melted and it was not possible to save the eye with eye drops alone. Therefore, to save the eye and control the infection, corneal transplantation was done.

The infection was controlled within 3 months. A second corneal transplant was done after healing and scarring for the restoration of the vision. After one month, his vision in the right eye was nearly equal to normal. Patient is now free from all of his symptoms and able to perform his duties efficiently.
The Short-term Need-based Course:
14th batch for Teenagers/Adolescents was commenced from 17th April to 31st May, 2018, 30 students who had appeared for Std. X and XII examinations enrolled for this course. Topics like stress management, goal setting, social etiquette, health & hygiene, concessions, Interview techniques, Employment avenues, information about different professional courses, Motivation and Positive Thinking, Yoga, Technology as well as Sessions on Career guidance and sex education were also offered. Educational visits and outings were organized.

Vocational Trades Course:
At the Vocational Trades course conducted from 18th Sept. to 3rd November, 2018, 16 trainees (out of 20 trainees) completed the course successfully. The participants were taught to make candles (fancy and simple), agarbattis (incense sticks), imitation jewelry, phenyl, liquid soap, popcor, chocolate making, ubtan (face/body pack/scrub) etc. All the 16 beneficiaries were handed over kits to commence business, sponsored by LIONS CLUB OF JUHU. Trainees’ also celebrated major festivals enjoyed an entertainment program and film show.

The products of our trainees were exhibited at various exhibitions in association with NAB DWE. The Valedictory function of the batch was held on 3rd Nov. 2018, Lion Riddish Shah, Chairperson – SFBP & Mr. Raj Wankawala, the President, Lions Club of Juhu were present on the occasion and distributed the Certificates.

9th batch of the SHORT TERM COURSE ON ALL ROUND DEVELOPMENT OF VISUALLY CHALLENGED LADIES
There were 18 participants for this course held from (12TH NOVEMBER, 2018 TO 29TH DECEMBER, 2018). The female beneficiaries came from all over India- Varanasi, Nashik, Goa, Bhandara, Nanded, Thane etc. were admitted. 16 of them successfully completed the course.

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, Health and Hygiene, Motivation, AIDs, Cancer prevention, Interview Skills, Banking skills, were the subjects covered. Workshops in the making of cakes, jams, juices,
sauces etc. were also organized. Sessions on Self Defense was conducted by an expert in the field. There was also a Salad making demonstration.

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<td>Ms. Neelima Mogre, Asst. Manager (Training) attended the Ratanbai Gharda Puraskar Melava at Chiplun, Ratnagiri</td>
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<td>At the 5 days RCI CRE program conducted by NAB TCTVH Mr. Ganesh Sakhale, Communication Skills Officer was deputed as a participant at the 5 days RCI CRE PROGRAMME, conducted by NAB TCTVH, Ms. Neelima Mogre, Asst. Manager – Training attended as a Resource Person on Two Days &amp; Mr. Vinod Bhanushali, Asst. Director, presented a Session on Simulative Glasses</td>
<td>Dec 10(^{th}) to 14(^{th}), 2018</td>
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**OTHER EVENTS/AWARD**

**RUDMI AWARD**

Mr. Nadage Mangesh Kisan from Palghar district and Mr. Pawar Sarvesh Atmaram from Ratnagiri, ex students of NAB-DOR received the "Smt. Nandini P. Divatia Rural Rehabilitation Award for Disabled for the Year 2018" on Dec. 2nd 2018. at Ahmedabad by the RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (RUDMI), Ahmedabad. The beneficiaries were awarded a Cheque of Rs.15, 000/- each and a Certificate. Thus, in this year NAB DOR rendered services to 112 beneficiaries through basic Rehab courses and 30 beneficiaries through professional courses.

**PROFESSIONAL COURSES**

**PHYSIOTHERAPY:-**

On 6th June, 2018, the new batch of Physiotherapy (2018-2020) commenced. 7 students were admitted.

The second year of the 22nd batch (2017-2019) having 10 students and 23\(^{rd}\) batch (2018-2020) having 7 students, went on simultaneously. In all there were 17 students attending the course.

On 9\(^{th}\) Sept. 2018, a 1 day workshop on cupping therapy was conducted at NAB DOR, Mahalaxmi, at which Dr. (Ms) Payal Sarvaiya, Physiotherapist,
was the Resource person. 30 ex students of Physiotherapy attended the same. On 14th December, 2018, National Integrated Medical Organisation (NIMA) had organized a lecture through Dr. Deepak Kachalia, Resource Person for the benefit of the 25 ex students of Physiotherapy at NAB DOR.

**OPD Services:**

Due to the kind gesture of the Inner wheel Club of Bombay Queen’s Necklace, it was possible to renovate the OPD and other sections at NAB DOR recently. The OPD was restarted in August 2017. A camp was also organized for the benefit of the patients (on concessional basis).

**ACUPRESSURE & MASSAGE COURSE:**

Regular lecture and practical were in progress

Out of the 5 students admitted to the 27th batch conducted during January-June, 2018, 2 passed successfully. 8 students were admitted to the 28th batch conducted during July-December, 2018, 4 successfully completed the course.

On 21st January, 2018, 10 Acupressure & Massage students attended the “MARATHON” event conducted by United Eye way and displayed their therapy treatments.

In Dec. 2018, 2 Therapists got a chance to display their talents at Cusrow Baug - Pavilion Lawns Colaba and earned Rs.2200/- to Rs.2300/- each.

1. Basic Computer Training.
2. Outdoor Mobility with Cane technique.
3. Workshop on Artificial Ventilation (CPR).
NAB, India is having network of 22 State Branches and 66 District Branches.

**Visits**

During the period under report the State Branches Department visited the following state branches:

1. Visit to NAB Andhra Pradesh State Branch and NAB Karnataka State Branch form 26th June to 1st July, 2018 by Prof. Bhaskar Y. Mehta, President, NAB India, Mr. S. K. Singh, Honorary Secretary General, NAB India, Mr. Clarence Gomes, Chairperson, NAB – State Branches Committee and Ms. Bibiana Vaz, Deputy Director, NAB State Branches Department.

2. Visit to NAB Union Territory of Daman, Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli Branch from 20th to 21st July, 2018 by Mr. Clarence Gomes and Ms. Bibiana Vaz

3. Visit to NAB Goa State Branch from 7th to 10th August, 2018 by Prof. Bhaskar Y. Mehta, Mr. Clarence Gomes and Ms. Bibiana Vaz.

**7th All India State Branches Conference**

The 7th All India state Branches conference was organised on 2nd and 3rd March 2019 by National association for the blind India hosted by NAB Tamilnadu State Branch at Hotel Savera Banquet Hall, Chennai. The theme of the conference was “Inclusion - a holistic approach”. 75 delegates from 18 state branches of NAB India attended the conference and presented their activities of each branch. The Conference was divided into nine business sessions and the speakers of high repute made presentations in these sessions which had an eminent Chairperson to summarize and conclude the session with appropriate questions from delegates and answers from speakers.

On 2nd of March 2019 the conference was inaugurated by the Special Guest Mrs. BenuZephin IFS Officer, Guest of Honour Smt. Indira Dutt, the Office Bearers of NAB India and NAB Tamilnadu State Branch, Mr. Satya Kumar Singh, Honorary Secretary General, Shri. HemsinghYadav, Chairman - State Branches Committee and Vice President, NAB India, Dr Vimal kumar Dengla, Honorary Secretary NAB India and Mrs Nina Reddy, President, NAB Tamilnadu State Branch and JMD of Hotel Savera, Mr. Ezhil, General Secretary, NAB Tamilnadu state branch.
There were discussions on the following topics:

1. Inclusion in the context of the UNCRPD and RPD Act
2. Making Civil Societies Organizations inclusive
3. Inclusion in the manufacturing sector and consumer products i.e. mobile, electronic products user friendly
4. Inclusion – Women Empowerment Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)
5. Inclusion - Environmental and other Civil Society Organization
6. Inclusion in Financial Services
7. Inclusion of Multi Disabled with Visual Impairment
8. Inclusion in Sports and Cultural Organizations
9. Need of Accessible Environment for Inclusion

Specialists related to the particular topic were invited as speakers to add more light on the topics.

This was followed by a discussion on “Relationship of NAB India and its State Branches: Networking, Coordination, Strengthening and Image Building”.

1. Session on Relationship of NAB India and its State Branches Networking, Coordination, strengthening and image building.
2. Participant raises a question during the Session on Inclusion of Visually Impaired with Additional Disabilities.

The NAB M. P. Shah All India Talking Book Centre recorded 236 new titles comprising general literature, novels, magazines and academic books running into 2096.06 recorded hours.

**New titles recorded in the year**

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**The total number of titles available**
During this period 8,984 Talking Book CDs were dispatched all over the country to our Individuals and Institutional Members. 3,303 CDs mostly containing textbooks were given and 4,176 titles were loaded on MP3 players/mobiles, on request. 551 Study CDs and 155 General CDs to 19 Institutions for the Visually Impaired were also dispatched. The Talking Book Library enrolled 171 new members, taking the membership strength to 2,737 i.e. 2,572 Individuals and 165 Institutional Members.


In Hindi, notable books were recorded like - “Sakaratmak Vicharon Ka Jadoo” by Surya Sinha, “Satya Ki Khoj” by Swami Ramsukhdas, “Asli Prachin Lal Kitab” by Acharya Dhananjay Sanyasi, “Lallu” by Ved Prakash Sharma, “Krantiveer Subhash” by Dr. Giriraj Sharan Agrawal and “Raavi Paar” by Gulzar. Besides these, 3 issues of the Hindi Magazine – ‘Hindustani Zabaan’ were also recorded.


Other recordings comprised of English academic books like Digests for Grade X, Textbooks for Grade I, VIII, X, Law, M.Com. D.Ed. as well as books on Essay Writing for Competitive Exam and Braille Teaching Course.

Textbooks in Hindi for Grade VIII, X, D.Ed., Samanya Gyan 2018, Railway Bharti Board Group D and Computer Question Bank were recorded.

In Marathi, Digests for Grade X, Textbooks for Grade I, VIII, X, FYBA, SYBA, TYBA, MA Part II, Law, D.Ed., MPSC, Railway Bharti Board Group D as well as TYBA for Nagpur University were also recorded.

On request from NAB U. P. State Branch, Textbooks and Question Bank Books for Grade X and XII were duly recorded.

Online facility was made available to our Members from November 2018. During this period 78 Members availed the online facility and 307 titles were sent online.
At a function held on 22\textsuperscript{nd} October, 2018 Mr. P. R. Rajagopal, Executive Trustee, Union Bank Social Foundation formally handed over the recordings completed so far, to the Centre. He along with Mr. Prabhat Kumar Singh, Chief Executive – Union Bank Social Foundation presented a symbolic Cheque for recording audio books for the first quarter of the financial year 2018-2019. NAB, India Officials – Mr. Satya Kumar Singh, Hon. Secretary General and Mr. A. S. Athalekar, Hon. Secretary were also present for the said function.

At this function, a Meeting was held at the NAB Talking Book Centre with its Members and Narrators, wherein we received positive response from Beneficiaries regarding our services.

The renovated Recording Studios comprising of Computers, Audio Mixer, and Audio Compressor etc. were formally inaugurated on March 29, 2019 by our donors - Mrs. Ashalata Kulkarni and Dr. Vijaya Wad. Our NAB, India Officials - Mr. Satya Kumar Singh, Hon. Secretary General, Dr. Vimal Kumar Dengla, Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. S. Athalekar, Hon. Secretary and Ms. Pallavi Kadam, Executive Director as well as our Talking Book Readers – Ms. Arati Athalekar, Ms. Anagha Keer and Mr. Sukumar Nitore was present.

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

1. The Chief Guest, Mr. P. R. Rajagopal, Executive Trustee, Union Bank Social Foundation, presenting a symbolic Cheque to Mr. Satya Kumar Singh, Honorary Secretary General - NAB, India and Mr. A. S. Athalekar, Honorary Secretary - NAB, India for recording audio books during the first quarter of the financial year 2018-2019. Also seen in the picture is Mr. Prabhat Kumar Singh, Chief Executive, Union Bank Social Foundation.

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NAB Department of Women’s Empowerment has served 688 female beneficiaries in total throughout the year via our various services like financial assistance, medical support, vocational training, and self employment support, Rakhi & Diwali Projects, various events / programs, outings and availing support in filling up the Railway Recruitment Board forms.

**PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:**
**Program/Function**

- NAB DWE had jointly organized a Story Telling competition with Dept of Client Service on 8th April, 2018 at NAB- Head office, Worli wherein 25 Male & Female participated.

- Get together with Accenture Mumbai Team arranged at Reay Road Office on Saturday, 18th August 2018. There were around 30 Visually Challenged female & male beneficiaries who had enjoyed the games and party thoroughly.

- Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Central organized Program at NAB-DOR for the trainees of DWE & DOR on 25th September, 2018. The centre trainees enjoyed the various games and won prizes. All the participants also received a gift from the Inner wheel Club of Bombay Central. Total 60 beneficiaries participated in this event.

- Department organized one day Outing program at N’Joy Resort, Shahad on 7th December 2018 for our training centre trainees, Home workers & Kaka Patil residential girls. Altogether there were 40 participants who enjoyed a lot.

- DWE Training Center Trainees along with Employment trainees with two staff from Reay Road complex attended one gathering at DOR (Mahalaxmi) organized by Accenture Mumbai team on 15th December, 2018. Altogether there were 60 Visually Challenged trainees from DOR, DWE & Employment and 30 volunteers from Accenture.

- DWE’s 6 female beneficiaries’ along with 4 beneficiaries from DOR, jointly participated in the Talent Showcase (Fashion show) organized by Lions Club of Juhu on 16th December, 2018 at Hayyat Regency, Andheri. Each one of them received a cash prize of Rs. 1,000/- each.
• Neelum Kanga Award was awarded to Ms. Tiffany Maria Brar, Founder Jyotirgamaya Foundation, Trivandrum, Kerala & Dr. Vijeta Kapur, Physiotherapist, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh for their outstanding achievement in their respective fields on Saturday, January 19, 2019 on the occasion of NAB India’s 68th Foundation Day function held in Blue Sea Banquet Hall, Worli.

• On 1st & 2nd February, 2019, DWE & Client Service Dept. in joint collaboration with Radha Kalinda Daryanani Trust had organized two Days Jagaran workshop at Saibaba Sevadham (Kanha Phata) Loavala for the 26 Visually Challenged persons. In this workshop Vocational training and Orientation & Mobility training were given as well as information on various schemes of Govt. and related GR’s was also given.

• On 10th March, 2019 total 28 beneficiaries from DWE Training Center and Kaka Patil residential girls enjoyed the one day picnic at Great Escape Water Park & Resort along with other departments of NAB India.

• On 16th March, 2019 the Department had organized one Day Session on Beauty Tips & Hair Style with its demonstration as the celebration of Women’s Day for our female beneficiaries in the Reay Road office. Total 35 Visually Challenged female attended this Session.

• This year Army Ahmednagar MIRC Unit celebrated Bhaubij with our trainees. They had distributed Dress materials & Sweets to all home workers & centre trainees at Reay Road Premises on 3rd November, 2018 on the occasion of Diwali. Total 53 beneficiaries attended this program.

**DEPARTMENT STAFF VISITS & WORKSHOP :-**

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<td>Saibaba Sevadham (Kanha Fata, Maval Taluka) for Awareness &amp; Sensitization Camp</td>
<td>2/12/2018 World Disable Day</td>
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<td>Ms. Priya Shirgaonkar, Asst. Manager &amp; Mangesh Gaykar, Rehabilitation Officer, NAB CSD</td>
<td>Kirti College &amp; Ruia College for youths to get connected to both DWE &amp; Client Service departments.</td>
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3. Ms. Namrata Shinde, Administrative Officer along with Ms. Pradnya Upadhye, Director - HOD & Mrs. Swati Thakurdesai, Hon-Secretary, In Charge
   RKDC Trust for preparation of Two Days Jagaran Workshop
   25/01/2019

4. Ms. Namrata Shinde, Administrative Officer & Mrs. Priya Shirgaonkar, Asst Manager
   workshop organized by Sneha (Violence against Women Disability Program) at Urban Health Center, Dharavi, Sion
   29/01/2019

   To get information of Sanitary Napkin Vending Machines
   21/02/2019

- DWE had given financial assistance for house hold necessities to 25 beneficiaries.

**DEEPSHIKHA MAGAZINE:**
- Deepshikha is the quarterly basis publication of the department and has 95 to 100 visually challenged subscribers from all over India. Mrs. Bharati Athalekar willingly accepted the responsibility of the Editor for the magazine.

**DWE-TRAINING CENTRE ACTIVITIES**

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<td>26/8/2018</td>
<td>Raksha Bandhan at Sangam Institute (Colaba).</td>
<td>Mr. A. S. Athlekar, Mrs. Swati Thakurdesai, Hon-secretary, Mrs. Pallavi Kadam, Executive Director, Ms. Bharati Athalekar &amp; Ms. Jyoti Chhasatia Committee Members, five staff &amp; fourteen trainees.</td>
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<td>21/9/2018</td>
<td>Workshop on towel and napkins folding &amp; Hairstyle at Hotel Taj</td>
<td>DWE-Trainees</td>
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<td>11/2/2019</td>
<td>Haldi Kumkum Program at Reay Road</td>
<td>40 Visually Challenged female</td>
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**PBK CANTEEN REAY ROAD:**
- PBK Canteen successfully completed the orders for dry snacks and also sold the eatables in various exhibitions during festivals. Daily business has also increased through the variety of Breakfasts and orders of lunch.
**NAB KAKA PATIL HOSTEL:**

- Like every year this year, NAB Kaka Patil hostel residential girls celebrated all the festivals like Holi, Diwali, Dahi Handi and other festivals.

- DWE –Kaka Patil hostel has set up new Sanitary Pad Wending Machine on 26th Feb, 2019 for the residents of hostel. It is donated by ONGC Mahila Group to our Kaka Patil center.

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**Jagaran Workshop at Kanha Fata RKDC Trust**

**Wending Machine Installation**

**Bhaubhij Function with Army Officer**

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**Success Stories**

**Mrs. Archana Padlamwar**

Hello, my name is Archana Ghanshyam Padlamwar. I am a low vision person. My native place is Nagpur. I live in a joint family at jogeshwari

I was born as a sighted child and till the age of 16, I enjoyed my life thoroughly. At the age of 16 i.e in the year 1999 I fell sick and suddenly had very high fever. My mother took me to doctor and he gave medicines. Those medicines affected my vision and gradually it got deteriorated. I felt so helpless and could not do anything to save my vision, due to which I preferred to stay in the house only. Gradually I got disconnected with my friends and other people in the society. Being very close to me, my sister brought a proposal of getting married to her brother in law and I accepted it. I got married in 2008 and I started new inning. Soon I became a mother of one child.

Though I got married and became a mother even then nothing was changed in my life. Still I continued to remain at home only.

Till 2016, I was in my house only, helpless and without confidence. One day one of my relative gave information about NAB at Reay Road. I went there with my husband. There I got the information about the activities of NAB
and basic course. There Pradnya tai boost up my confidence. I came back home with new hope.

In November, 2016 I joined the rehabilitation course in ladies special batch at Mahalaxmi in the department of Rehabilitation. This 1 & 1/2 months course entirely changed my life and showed new path to me. I had learned there lot of new things including kitchen activities with safety measures and orientation & mobility too. This training boosts my confidence hugely. When I started travelling independently, I felt like I am on the top of the world.

In 2017 I joined the Vocational Training Centre of NAB Department of Women’s Empowerment at Reay Road. In the beginning I use to travel with an escort. Soon I started going with my centre friends. In the centre I have learned about making different handicraft items like Rakhis, Toran etc. Simultaneously I have learned stitching, preparation of other handicraft items. I felt very much proud when I prepared Rakhis for our soldiers and it was my honour when I, myself tied these handmade Rakhis on the hands of our soldiers on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan. Now I not only participate in exhibitions but handle the stall confidently. Due to NAB, I was able to see 5 star hotel and participated in fashion show.

Now I am feeling proud of myself because I am also an earning member of my family. Now I’m confident for being a productive resource of my family and society and can achieve anything in my life. In this journey my family, husband and sister supported me a lot. I’m grateful to them. I’m confident that I can do the best for my son and always stand by him as a strong support. My journey was not easy but on each step NAB supported me strongly. Lastly I can Say I got my wings backs and ready to fly high & higher and on......

![Learning techniques of cutting skill](image-url)
World White Cane Day – Oct 15, 2018

On 15th October, 2018, NAB Department of Rehabilitation, Mahalaxmi and other Departments of NAB, India conducted awareness programs at various traffic junctions, like near Braille Press, Worli Seaface, Elphinstone Station, near India Bulls and near Regal Cinema, Siddhivinayak Temple, Century Bazar, Kalachowkie junctions Mumbai. All the officials from NAB, India along with Mr. A. S. Athalekar, Hon. Secretary, Ms. Swati Thakurdesai, Hon. Secretary, Ms. Pallavi Kadam, Executive Director, NAB, India were present. At different locations along with NAB, India officials, RTO officials, dignitaries of Hotel Taj Palace flagged off the event. Awareness programs were held by providing tips on how to help the visually challenged by demonstrations of road crossing was conducted. Sponsorships of T shirts, Caps, snacks, food, white canes etc. were arranged by individual donors. To make the above occasion a success, we receive support from the Mumbai Municipal Corporation, the R.T.O., the Commissioner of Police, B.E.S.T. and other local authorities. Through this activity approximately 100 beneficiaries participated in this event from various departments of NAB.
The National Association for the Blind, India celebrated its 68th Foundation Day on January 19, 2019 at 11.00 a.m. at the Blue Sea Banquet Hall in the premises of the National Association for the Blind, India, 11-12 Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan Road, Worli Seaface, Mumbai 400 030. The prestigious Rustom Merwanji Alpaiwalla and Neelum Khurshed Kanga Memorial Awards were presented to those who have rendered yeoman service to the Visually Challenged under Voluntary/Professional categories and to those Visually Challenged women who have achieved excellence by way of outstanding performance and contribution.

Shri Sachin Bhau Ahir, Activist & Former Minister, Govt. of Maharashtra was the Chief Guest, Shri Ashok Mahajan, Past Rotary International Director was the Guest of Honour and Shri John Abraham, Ambassador of NAB, India was present for the function. The below Awards were presented by the auspicious hands of the above said dignitaries.

The recipients of the NAB Rustom Merwanji Alpaiwalla Memorial Awards under the Professional Category were – Smt. Swaran Suresh Ahuja, Mumbai, Shri Shailendra Kumar Sonkar, Dy. Commissioner (PwD), Uttar Pradesh and in Voluntary Category were – Smt. Sushma Pramod Gupta, Faridabad, Haryana. The recipients of the Neelum Khurshed Kanga Memorial Awards were Ms. Tiffany Maria Brar, Trivandrum, Kerala and Dr. Vijeta Kapur, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

The Visually Challenged Candidates from Nayan Foundation performed a Cultural Programme which was enjoyed and appreciated by the audience.

![Awards](image1.jpg)  ![Awards](image2.jpg)  ![Awards](image3.jpg)

Smt. Swaran Suresh Ahuja, Maharashtra
Shri Shailendra Kumar Sonkar, Uttar Pradesh
Smt. Sushma Pramod Gupta, Haryana
## Vocational Training

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## Rehabilitation Initiatives

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

During the year the institute has received Grant in Aid on Salary and Non-Salary (maintenance grant for trainees) Rs.1015901/- as Non Salary Grant.

**Expense on Raw Material**

Raw material at tune of Rs.1359484.10 was purchased for Workshop and File Board Section.

**Recreation and other Activities**

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

![Trainees Performing in Drama](image1)

![Trainee Operating Trob](image2)

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

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

At present on roll we have 78 inmates usually the daily routine of the inmates is such that they can engage themselves in the activities of their choice like Weaving, Winding, Tailoring etc. as well as they can get some time for leisure activities. Their routine starts by prayer and news reading and group discussion.
Different activities were carried out throughout the year. It includes satsang, bhajan, general entertainment, celebrations of festivals like ganpati, diwali, rakhi, national festivals like independent day, and awareness program like white cane day. All the residence of the home enjoys outings and takes part in all the said activities.

**Bhajan group**  
**Flag hosting**

**NAB Dr. Modak Research And Rehabilitation Centre for the Visually Challenged**

**NAB DR M. S. MODAK RESEARCH AND REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR THE VISUALLY CHALLENGED**, Nashik, Maharashtra is a centre for Research, Development, and training in the field of rehabilitation, empowerment as well as for the Social and economical integration of the visually challenged persons. The centre has undertaken a number of training programs for the visually impaired persons, special teachers of the blind, teachers of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, State level singing competition, surveys of special schools for the visually impaired etc.

Some of the major activities undertaken by the centre during the academic year 2018-19 are as follows:-

**NIVH SALES COUNTER**

The centre runs sales counter of NIVH products on no profit no loss basis. At present there are 22 types of Educational Aids, 9 types of recreational aids and 5 types of mobility and miscellaneous aids available at the centre. During the academic year 2018-19 special schools for the blind from Nashik, Chalisgaon, Aurangabad, schools covered under SSA and visually impaired students studying in school and college from Nashik and nearby districts have taken advantage of this facility available at the centre.
2 DAYS WORKSHOP FOR BLIND SINGERS AND MUSICIANS
The centre conducted a two day workshop for blind singers and musicians at Nashik on 18th and 19th August 2018. The objective of this workshop was to enhance the stage presentation skills of the blind singers and musicians. Eminent Music Directors like Mr Kaushal Inamdar conducted the workshop. 40 blind singers and musicians from all over Maharashtra participated in the workshop.

INFORMATION DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP
The Central, State Govt. and the Municipal Corporations run several schemes for the disables and the underprivileged. Many a times the disables are not aware of the schemes. In order to create awareness of the schemes offered by these government offices, the NAB Modak Centre organized a one day workshop on 27th August 2018.Twenty blind persons participated in the workshop.

The blind participants were given information about how to form and run Self help groups and they were informed about free training imparted at various training centres.

WORKSHOP ON CHOCOLATE MAKING
A one day workshop on Chocolate making was organized on 11th December 2018. Mrs Meena Jagtap trained the participants in making different types of chocolates and also in the art of wrapping the chocolate. The workshop was attended by 20 visually impaired

CREATIVITY............... BEYOND VISION
Workshop for blind writers and poets

Workshops for writer and poets are very common all over but such facilities are only availed by sighted writers .There are many prominent blind writers and poets but they do not have access to these workshops.

Hence with the view of providing equal opportunity and exposure to the blind writers NAB Modak Centre organized a two days workshop for enhancing the writing skills of the blind writers and poets at Nashik on 16th and 17th February 2019 in aegis with Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University.

The workshop was conducted by renowned Marathi writers Mr. Sanjay Bhaskar Joshi, Mrs.Monica Gajendragadkar and poet - Mr Prakash Holkar. Prominent blind writers from various parts of Maharashtra and also their sighted counterparts participated in the workshop.
The training programs in breast cancer detection, Computer based call centre executive, Handicraft, Therapeutic Massage & Spa, Managing Front Desk/Reception, entrepreneurship, Life Skills & Personality Development, cracking Bank Exams etc. was conducted by NAB Sabita Saradindu Basu Centre for Blind Women and Disability Studies. This has benefited around 70 visually challenged individuals. Besides, CBW was able to arrange placements for 12, internships for 4, provided Hostel facility to 70 (including seven working women) and offered and arranged Scholarship to 36. Further, 14 VC girls were provided support to pursue higher education by offering them career counseling and getting enrolled in colleges. 4 VC girls pursuing secondary and higher secondary education were helped to complete class X and XII as private candidates. The annual festival and talent enhancement program "Ujjawala" organized by the CBW attracted 120 participants. CBW received support of around 377 volunteers. The Centre also helped 13 VC girls to procure disability certificate from AIIMS.

Workshops were conducted on Yoga and meditation, communication and soft skills, personal grooming, social skills and home management, theatre, music and dance, self-defense, reproductive health, financial literacy, usage of assistive technology and rights etc. Adventure sports-cum-recreational trips and exposure visits also were arranged. Through job-mapping, extensive efforts were made to explore new employment avenues in hospitals and clinics to place trained candidates in the skill of breast cancer detection and canteens of corporate to place trained blind girls in the field of cooking.
The NAB–Phiroze & Noshir Merwanji Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind, Mount Abu, Rajasthan is a full-fledged Basic Rehabilitation Training Centre for the newly adult blind in India, established on 1st August, 1967.

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

**Objectives:**

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

**Eligibility of admission:**

Admission is given in the training centre to:

(a) Fully or partially blind of both sexes, age between 16 to 40 years.

(b) Those who have not received any such training in any other institutions for the blind.

(c) Blind by birth or recently blind (fully or partially).
Admission in the school section is given to:

(a) Blind of both sexes age between 5 to 16 years.

(b) Those blind who are illiterate or have had some education at the primary level.

(c) Blind by birth or recently blind (fully or partially).

Facilities to the trainees:-

It is a residential rehabilitation training centre-cum-school providing lodging, boarding, training, education, casual medical treatments and clothing to the blind students all free of cost. Rs. 60/- per month is given as pocket money.

Rehabilitation-education programme:-

This Centre is 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.

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

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

Education :-

From the year 2002-2003 we have started Upper primary level special school for the blind from class 1st to class 8th. This is recognised by the Rajasthan Board. We give education to blind children through Braille books and the audio books.
We have introduced the concept of education through the open school board for last few years. It is very useful for the blind persons, who have not received any prior education and are able to pass class 10 and later on 12. During the year 2018-19 total 14 visually impaired students appeared in class 10, 12, graduation and post Graduation examinations with support from our centre. We provided them the study material in Daisy format and computers to study. Our students are performing well in all classes, apart from home exams in class 10, 12 and in UG/PG classes our result is 100%.

Co-curricular activities: -

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

Report of the Current Year

During the year under review 5 newly blind trainees/students were admitted and old trainees were 27, i.e. the total trainees/students during the year were 32. They were admitted for rehabilitation and general training, computer training, Work Centre and education from class 1st to 12th And Graduation. The trainees new and old, came from different parts of the country.

Events of the year under report: -

In the open competition programme (organised by Municipality of Mount Abu) held on Independence Day and Republic Day Celebrations our students won First 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. Government officials like Shri Nishant Jain (IAS),
SDM Mount Abu, important personalities from Rajasthan, Students from different schools from Abu visited during these celebrations.

THANKS

We extend our heart-felt thanks to the Education Department, Government of Rajasthan; Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India and government of Rajasthan, Municipal Board, Mount Abu for giving us grants and other support regularly, to the National Association for the Blind (India), Mumbai, Which has assisted us by way of generous funds and guidance. Our thanks are also due to all our members, donors, friends and well-wishers, who have helped us during the year.

As like last year our branch did the Audio Recording & Editing, Training Courses in Sound Recording & Editing, Making Carry Bags, Music Therapy (Music Class & Training), Furniture Repairing & Chair Re-caning, Envelope Making, Making Lotion & other Cleaning materials etc. Altogether 40 – 45 persons are involved in these projects including Trainees, Care–Takers and Trainers. We are able to generate some income from some of the above projects, particularly from Chair Re-caning. Whatever income is generated from these activities is given as stipend to the trainees involved in the particular activity. Trainers and Care – Takers are given honorarium and the Trainees mostly belonging to BPL Category are being provided with noon meals, tea & snacks etc. during the days on which they are present. The branch is bearing the cost of raw materials required for making grocery bags, lotion, envelopes etc.

Benefits of Audio Recording Studio have been availed by several Visually Challenged Students. Many of them have become members of the Book Share Library through NAB and are enjoying the benefit of more than 5 lakh of books available in the Book Share Library. 16 Visually Challenged Persons have undergone the Training Course in Sound Recording & Editing.
We are getting orders for chair re-caning from many Govt. offices. Visually Challenged Persons who are carrying out this work get remuneration for their work.

Those who are trained in Music are getting occasional chances for public performance. We are planning to have more professional training in musical instruments and forming a full-fledged Music Troop with Orchestra and Sound System.


World Braille Day 2019 was observed jointly by NAB Kerala and Amway India Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. in the function held on 19th January 2019 in the Louis Braille Hall in NAB Kerala Head Office campus at Thiruvananthapuram.

Around 250 persons including Trainees of NAB Kerala and their relatives attended the function. Mr. Hariharan, Former Governor of Lion’s International clubs was the Chief Guest. Mr. Sunil Bhaskar, Director, Foundation for Tourists’ Rights Protection, Kerala and Mr. Silas N. Joroge, Former Governor of Y’s Men International Kenya, Africa was the Guests of Honor.

The meeting commenced with Prayer Song by Music Troop of NAB Kerala. Mr. Josey Joseph, Hon. General Secretary & General Executive Officer, NAB Kerala, welcome the guests and all the other participants. The Chief Guest assisted by the other eminent leaders on the dais inaugurated the function by lighting the traditional lamp.

In his chairman’s speech Prof. John Kurian highlighted the need and importance of helping the Visually Challenged persons and also delivered New Year message to the audience.

The participants of the function were entertained by a cultural program performed by the trainees of NAB Kerala and the NAB Kerala Voice Music Troop.
Existing Programs:

1 Family Counseling Centre

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

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

20 visually challenged are availing this facility of computer training at Karuna Sadan, Sector 11 B, Chandigarh. A rehabilitation counselor helps in creating and ascertaining employment opportunities. We have added 60 girls from disadvantaged group to this program to utilize our existing infrastructure and the courses are certified by Govt. Polytechnic for Women under Community Development scheme. The courses are totally free for all since its inception in 2003.
3 Inclusive Education Program for disabled children (IEDC)

NAB in its 13th year of integrated education for the visually challenged has on its rolls 52 students who are being taught through 5 special teachers in different schools in Chandigarh. Our children study with normal students in regular schools and our resource teachers help the teachers as well as the students in their learning process and also visit their home to help them with their homework. We provide free Braille books and all aids and appliances required for their education. NAB India, supports 3 units.

4 Talking Book Library

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

5 Computer centre at Ludhiana

NAB centre for Computer Education and Rehabilitation is functional from January 2012 for the visually challenged in Govt. Institute for the blind at Ludhiana. The Centre has been equipped with Computers and special screen reading software. All facilities are free. 70 visually challenged students of school and from other areas are learning computers at the centre.

6 Extension Counter of National Institute for the empowerment of persons with visual disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun (Earlier NIVH)

The Chandigarh & Punjab branch of NAB has created a landmark for service to the visually challenged by starting NIVH Extension Counter at Karuna Sadan with effect from May 2010. All the material including Braille papers, magazines, low vision kits, Braille books and recorded CD’s are now available in Chandigarh at the same price as listed with NIVH. This facility has benefited all visually challenged in Chandigarh, Haryana, Himachal, J & K and Punjab.

7 Project for Visually Impaired Multi disabled (VIMD) with Perkins Institute, USA

NAB is proud to have started VIMD program in Chandigarh with Perkins Voice & Vision, Mumbai, a unit of Perkins Institute, Boston,
USA where we have selected 14 children with multiple disability and 3 teachers trained at Mumbai Institute are looking after these children.

8 **NAB to start COMMUNITY RADIO STATION AT LUDHIANA**

NAB, Chandigarh and Punjab branch is the first NGO in disability sector to have been awarded a letter of intent (LOI) by Ministry of Information and broadcasting to start its own community radio station at Government Institute for the blind, Ludhiana. This should be operational in about few months time.

9 **FREE DAY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM WITH NATIONAL TRUST**

We are also running Sahyogi Day Care Associate training with National Trust where 3 months and six months training is provided in Primary and Advanced courses. In case of guardians or parents of any Divyangjan, the training is only for 45 days and three months for primary and advanced courses.

10 **FIRST EVER COOKING CONTEST BY 100% VISUALLY CHALLENGED ON INTERNATIONAL WHITE CANE DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Like every year, NAB, Chandigarh, celebrated “International White Cane Day” on 15th October, 2018 in a very unique way by holding the first ever cooking contest for 100% visually challenged. Talent Hunt contest was also organized among the visually challenged on that day. Mrs Navjot Kaur, Director Social Welfare, Chandigarh was the Chief Guest.
• **BEST TEACHER AWARD : -**

Best Teacher Award Function was held on 4th Jan. 2019. Best Teacher, Best Organization working for visually impaired students, and 50 students successfully passed with Merit List were awarded in this function. Dr. E. Vayunandan, Vice Chancellor of Yashwantrao Chavhan Maharashtra Open University was present as a Chief Guest.

• **CORRECTIVE EYE SURGERY CAMP :--**

NAB Maharashtra and Rotary Club of Thane Hills and Nashik-West organized Corrective Eye Surgery Camp at Nashik. 160 students got their Eyes checked-up. Those who needs further treatment and operations to save the vision, Padmmashri Dr. Natrajan from Mumbai will guide. Expenses will be borne by Rotary Club.

• **CYCLOTHON-CYCLE RALLY FOR VI CHILDREN & PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN :--**

Cyclothon-Cycle Rally was arranged for VI and Physically handicapped children on occasion of valentine day in Nashik. Normal Cycles, Tandon Cycles and Wheel Chairs were used by the participants. Dr. Ravindra Singal the Commissioner of Police was present as Chief Guest

• **WORKSHOP FOR VI GIRLS AND WOMEN :--**

U and Disables (UDIS Forum) Coimbatore and NAB Maharashtra arranged one day workshop for VI girls and women at Gondia. 80 participants were present. “Disabled Act 2016” discussed thoroughly in the workshop.
During the year 2018-19 National Association for the Blind, Sikkim Branch was involved in a wide spectrum of activities aimed at the welfare of the visually challenged in the state. The focus was on improving the living conditions of the students of Jawharlal Nehru Memorial Institute (JNMI), Namchi, repairing of the playground and encouraging the students to participate in extracurricular activities like playing cricket, chess etc. Vocational and income generation projects like envelope making were also taken up. A good headway was made in converting many text and story books to Braille and Audio (Daisy) format.

- HRDD Government of Sikkim would be providing the School, soft copies of all text books in the EPUB format for seamless conversion to Braille and audio format. The HRDD had issued a circular making it mandatory for publishers to make available softcopies of the text books to JNMI. This positive outcome was a result of a series of meetings the President had with the officers of the textbook unit of the HRDD in the month of July 2018.

- NAB Sikkim Branch also decided to scale up production of envelopes by unemployed visually challenged as an income generation activity. Rajesh Verma President and Karma Yougal Executive Director met the Chief Secretary and other officials of the Home Department with a written request to issue circular to advising departments to procure all requirement of brown envelopes from NAB.

- The President visited the homes of two unemployed visually challenged Ms Phip Maya Subba and Kalawati Manger in remote villages in Assam Lingzey and Mangalbarey respectively to kick start envelope production as a cottage industry. The idea was to treat them as ‘home workers’ for supply to Government Departments. The profit earned would be paid to both. Ms Phip Maya has begun production full swing and she is earning her livelihood working from home.

- Mr. S D Dhakal, Secretary Department of Sports and youth Affairs Government of Sikkim visited JNMI along with President and Executive Director NAB on 24th July 2018. In his visit he agreed to repair the school play ground for the benefit of the students of JNMI.

- Power Department, Namchi Division on our request installed two numbers of Compound lights within the campus area for the convenience of student and staffs of the School.
Mrs. Geeta Gurung General Secretary and Mr. Karma Yougal Executive Director attended the Annual General Body Meeting of Citizen’s Urban Cooperative Bank.

After the successfully completing the BA Degree, Ex. student Mr. Bimal Thapa, got the admission for B.Ed College in Soreng West Sikkim with the support and help from the Members of NAB Sikkim Branch.

Mr. Ram Narayan Sharma, vermin compost specialist visited JNMI along with Executive Director & Office Assistant on 19.5.18 to setup vermin compost Pit within the school campus for production of organic manure by decomposing dry leaves, shrubs and other dead plants. Thereafter establishment of pit, Mr. Ram Narayan Sharma gave a training to the staff of JNMI regarding the maintaining the pit and also explain how to produce organic manure from the kitchen waste also.

The board of the DAISY Forum of India has nominated Mr. Rajesh Verma President NAB to chair the committee which is constituted by DFI for achieving goals of the DAISY Forum of India in North East Region.

JNMI received a Project called Computer Training Programme supported by HCL Pvt. Ltd in collaboration with Saksam Trust, Delhi, which provides 8 Numbers of Laptops and 2 no of Smart phones. The Laptops and Smart phones have been handed over to the beneficiaries in presence of Executive Director NAB along with the Head Master and other Staffs of the Institute.

NAB Sikkim Branch organized 3-DAYS TRAINING-WORKSHOP AT JNMI, in Collaboration with SAKSHAM Trust, New Delhi from 13/09/2018-15/09/2018. Mr. Sunil Kuntal Arya, Implementation Officer, IIT, (Saksham), Delhi had a formal visit to JNMI, in connection to the auditing of HCL Project here at JNMI, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim. In his visit, Mr. Kuntal briefed the trainer about the course guidelines of the project and shared Daisy. The second day, on 14th, as scheduled earlier, audio descriptive movie Hichki was screened for students and staffs of JNMI, other blind professionals in and around Namchi, on 15th, Mr. Kuntal interacted with the beneficiaries of the Project, acquainted the gathering with HCL Project and briefed the beneficiaries about the importance of Screen Reader NVDA over Jaws.
As is the usual practice, donation boxes were distributed to various organizations and educational institutes on occasion of All India Flag Day for the Blind which falls on 14th September every year.

As an extra curriculum activity JNMI organized a Quiz Competition in a regular basis for the academic session which was concluded on the month of December 2018. Ram Manger, Chogyal Zangmo Lepcha and Jiwan Basnett have secured 1st 2nd and 3rd Position and they have been awarded a Cash Prize of Rs. 700, 500 & 300 along with certificates respectively.

The President Rajesh Verma attended a meeting on 19th Jan 2019 with the Chief Electoral Officer, Government of Sikkim, Balwakhi regarding sensitization for General Elections 2019.

Mr. Rajesh Verma President and Mr. Ramesh Chettri Office assistant along with students of JNMI attended the National voter’s day at Chintan Bhawan on 25th January 2019. The programme was organized by election department with the theme ‘No voter should be left behind especially the persons with disability’ of the State.

The office of NAB Sikkim Branch was shifted on 1st Feb 2019 from its erstwhile premises to Opp. Orange Inn on Gangtok Bye Pass.

Annual General meeting was held on 8th Feb 2019 in which the Annual Report and Audit Report for 2017-18 were adopted. Rajesh Verma was also confirmed as President of NAB Sikkim Branch during the AGM. The Meeting also unanimously nominated Mrs. Uma Mukhiya, PGT in Namchi Girls Sr. Sec. School who is also a visually impaired person as the Vice President and Suk bahadur Subba was designated as Joint Secretary (Media). During the meeting it was felt that more members from the visually challenged community should be inducted into NAB Sikkim Branch. Mr. Suk Bahadur Subba was entrusted for the distribution of Membership forms to such persons and also collects the membership fees.

The meeting decided to give 50% concession on membership fees to the employed visually impaired persons and waved the payment of membership fees for the unemployed visually impaired persons.

In collaboration with NAB Sikkim Branch a team of Eye Specialist from Sri Sankardev Nethralaya, Guwahati visited JNMI on 24th February 2019; more than 35 visually impaired persons around the premises along with
the students of JNMI were screened and prescribed Eye Glass and medicines as per their requirement.

- President, General Secretary and Executive Director attended the 2nd State level Special Olympic on 18th February 2019 at West Point Sr. Sec. School Ground. A cricket team from JNMI participated in the event.

- The repair of roof of the Boys Hostel to stop seepage was commenced in March 2019 at a total estimated cost Rs. 74,900.

- Mr. Rajesh Verma President and Mr. Karma Yougal Executive Director attended the 7th All India State Branches Conference at Chennai on 2nd & 3rd March 2019 along with 19 other state branches of NAB India. The President presented a report on the activities of NAB Sikkim Branch during the Conference.


NAB - TNSB continued its activities in the areas of Education, Early Intervention, Vocational Training, Awareness and Advocacy and Leisure Activities.

**Early Intervention Programme:**

It is an accepted fact that the earlier the intervention the better the chances of progress and movement.
The goal of NAB - TNSB Early Intervention Centre is to give the age appropriate experience to children and prepare them to move to the next level preferably into an inclusive set up or if not then in the special school setting.

The aims of the Early Intervention Centre for children with visual impairment at NAB are

- To train the children with total visual loss to use their other senses to learn different concepts and carry out their daily activities
- To train the children with low vision to use functional vision to the optimal level
- To train parents to work with the children
- To create support systems for the parents.

Two students moved into an inclusive school at the beginning of the year. There were 7 students who availed the services. The significant development is that there were 4 students with additional disabilities. Students were taught concepts through play activities. An outdoor play area was inaugurated in January. Parents were trained in making paper bags and cloth bags which they can use for their additional income.

**Education Programs:**

- Promotes inclusive education
- Supports special schools with resource persons
- works towards scholarships
- Provides sponsorships
- Procures resource materials where required.
- Capacity building for teachers and special educators

**Inclusive education:**

There were 21 students in Sethu Bhaskara Matriculation Higher Secondary school where NAB - TNSB also has a resource room since 2009.

Participation in school activities:

Apart from academic activities the students took part in all the co curricular activities like yoga, literary competitions and chess competitions, sports day, annual day, performing music and drama programs.
**Enhanced Learning:**

Students from Early intervention program and inclusion program are a part of the Chetna library. Chetna promotes early reading through accessible tactile and Braille books.

NAB also inaugurated a project with Katha on Ratha on Louis Braille day where honorable Governor of Tamil Nadu was the chief guest. This is a reading program run in regular schools to enhance reading language and creativity. They will now work with NAB - TNSB to make their material accessible to children with visual impairment. This will also help persons with other print disabilities. On the same day NABTNSB published a Braille version of Eliding passed word a book written by Sahithya academy winner Mr. Ramakrishnan. This was released by the honorable Governor of Tamil Nadu.

**Support to Special Schools:**

NABTNSB appointed 2 special teachers in Salem government blind school. NAB - TNSB facilitated the formation and registration of the first parents-teacher association in special school in Tamil Nadu.

**Capacity Building of Teachers:**

Vizhudugal a two day orientation program for special educators & Workshop for regular teachers at Sethu Bhaskara Matriculation School was organised.

**Activities for College Students:**

- Support for conducting a one month summer camp for students entering college Dhristi Rotract club and KVTC.
- Sport day for girls on women’s day along with New Vision friends Club.
- Vocational Training and livelihood activities:

**Awareness Programs:**

- On White cane Day, along with Karna Vidya foundation and New Vision Friends Club a unique walk was organized where the sighted were blind folded and guided by their blind partners.
The National Association for the Blind, Goa State Branch conducted several activities from April 2018 to March 2019, under the President ship of Mr. Rozendo Mendonsa with the active support of the Governing Council Members and the staff. We successfully helped 25 students throughout the year for their education. Our passionate teaching staff as well as office staff was behind it.

**ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED DURING THE YEAR.**

**Conference :**

On 23\textsuperscript{rd} May 2018, Celina and Mahadev attended a conference, organized by Social Welfare of Goa, which was held at the secretariat, Porvorim, with an objective to sensitize all the special schools about the new ‘Rights of Persons with Disability Act 2016 (RPD)’.

**Inauguration of the renovated NAB premises by Rotary**

On 11\textsuperscript{th} June 2018, Monday, 21 Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Panjim Midtown gathered at NAB to witness the inauguration of the newly painted NAB premises at the hands of Mr. Sidharth, the chief guest for the day. It was an initiative of the Rotary Club of Panaji Midtown under their project ‘WinS- Wash in Schools’ to help NAB by sponsoring funds for the painting of NAB premises, installing a disposing machine for sanitary napkins and a biogas plant.

**TCS’s Talk on Teamwork**

On 15\textsuperscript{th} June 2018, a talk on ‘Teamwork’ was given by Mrs. Manishka Proenca, HR at Tata Consultancy Service, Mapusa. Manishka began the talk
by speaking on the importance of teamwork. She conducted an activity which was aimed at teaching the students the importance of listening skills when working in a team. The objective of the activities was to make the students understand how a team works together. Manishka explained that a great leader should have a vision, creative ideas to complete a given task, and have the ability to identify the capabilities of each member of his team and assign duties accordingly.

**Parents Day**

On 11th July 2018, NAB celebrated Parents Day for the first time. The chief guest for the day was Mr. Prakash Kamat, Senior Assistant Editor of The Hindu. On the same occasion we felicitated, *the volunteers, writers of the SSC, HSSC and TYBA NAB students for their continuous support towards NAB. The students who had passed out SSC, HSSC and TYBA this year and in the recent past years were also felicitated with gifts.* The President of NAB, Mr. Rozendo Mendonsa, then addressed the gathering. Our V.I. students sing a beautiful Hindi song which was especially dedicated to their parents. After their touching performance, two of the NAB students, shared their inspirational journey of becoming independent through the assistance provided by NAB. They motivated the other visually impaired students to walk independently. Mr. Kamat, then spoke a few words on the occasion and motivated the parents to give their love and support to their children so that they become an active member of the society.

**Felicitation of the SSC and HSSC students by Rotary Club**

On 14th July 2018, The Rotary Club of Porvorim felicitated the students from different schools including two special schools, NAB St. Cruz and Sanjay Special School of Education, who had secured top ranks in the SSC and HSSC exams in their respective schools during the year 2017-18. Two students, Sumera Khan (who had passed HSC with 67%) and Samir Pednekar (who had passed SSC 61%) were felicitated from NAB.

**Nodal Teachers Training Programme**

On 28th July 2018 the Nodal Teachers Training programme, conducted by the Primary Health Centre (PHC) Chimbel, was held at Institute of Nursing Education, Bambolim. Nodal teachers from various schools in the north attended the workshop.

**Report- Motivational Session on Leadership by DRAG**

On 27th October 2018, two of the teachers, along with two students, participated in the ‘Motivational Session on Leadership’ organized by
Disability Rights Association of Goa (DRAG) and The Redwood Edge, Pune, at Clube Tennis de Gaspar Dias, Miramar.

**Eid –Ul-Fitr Celebration**

On 20th June 2018, the festival of Eid-ul-fitr was celebrated for the first time at NAB. The chief guest for the day was Mr. Idrees Haaziq, father of Mr. Taha Haaziq, one of the committee members of NAB. Mr. Idrees has been associated with NAB for many years. The programme started with the welcome song which was sung by the NAB students. The President of NAB, Mr. Rozendo Mendonsa addressed the gathering. The students enacted a beautiful skit to spread the message of Eid. A song on ‘Eid’ was sung by one of the student. Mr. Idrees shared with everyone a lot of information about the Eid and answered all the questions regarding Eid which came from the audience.

**Teacher’s day Celebration**

On 10th September 2018, Monday, NAB celebrated Teacher’s Day. The chief guest for the day was Dr. Kiran Budkuley, Educationist and author; and Rotarian Shephan Shaikh, the President of Rotary club of Porvorim, was the guest of honour. One student spoke on the importance of Teacher’s Day. A poem was recited by the students. A cultural dance was performed by the students along with the teachers. A skit named ‘Excuses’ was also enacted by the students. One student sang a beautiful song dedicated to all the teachers. The students also entertained the audience with their hilarious jokes and thrilling Gumot Aarthi which was performed at the end of the programme. NAB showed gratitude towards all the volunteers and few of the school and college teachers who had been helping and supporting the NAB students by giving them small mementoes. The Rotary Club of Porvorim, the sponsors for the evening, felicitated the NAB teachers with small awards.

**Drawing Competition for Special Children at TCS, Mapusa**

On 22nd September 2018, 12 students from NAB participated in the ‘Interschool Drawing Contest’ organized by TCS maitree at their premises. Students from other schools and orphanages also participated in the contest. The theme for the contest was ‘Save the World’.

**Daan Utsav at GVM College, Ponda**

On 3rd October 2018, two students representing NAB, along with staff teacher, Mahadev Sawant, were invited to the DAAN UTSAV celebrations at GVM College, Ponda. The college decided to celebrate the festival by designing a campaign called “My 10/- Campaign” wherein the students, staff
and visitors to the campus could voluntarily donate 10/- or more towards a social cause (caring for the blind)


On 15 October 2018, Monday, **National Association for the Blind** celebrated ‘**World White Cane Day**’ to encourage people, especially motorists to take extra care when they see a visually impaired person crossing the road. A walk was organized to spread awareness about the White Cane. The Rotary Club of Panjim Midtown and the Rotary Club of Panjim Reveira participated in the walk. The chief guest for the event was **Mr. Angad Singh Bilochpura**, owner of **Estrela Do Mar Resort** and one of the committee members at NAB. The guests of honour were **Rotarian Pravin** and **Shri. Parmaditya**, **IPS Deputy Inspector general of Police**. A short skit was enacted by NAB students to spread the importance of the White Cane.

**Diwali Celebrations at NAB**

On 4th November 2018, NAB celebrated Diwali. It was conducted on the newly built stage for the first time. The chief guest for the day was Mr. Dilip Salgaonkar, the chairman of Geno Pharmaceuticals, and the guest of honour was Mr. Prakash Verlekar, Senior chartered Accountant. The premises were decorated with lights, flowers, lanterns, lamps and rangoli. A skit ‘Krishnan Narkasurak Kityeak marlo?’ was enacted by the students.

**Fashion show on 5th December 2018**

Bottle Bay organised their third edition of fashion show 'Raising Light's on 5th December 2018. Conceived by Mr. Ninil Dsouza, the program was choreographed by Sheetal Pai Kane and supported by many sponsors.

The event concluded with a splendid performance ' Tare Zamin Par' by the students of National association for the blind.

**Santa’s Day Programme at Shiksha Niketan**

On 17th December 2018, the students of NAB, along with the staff, teachers visited Shiksha Niketan, Porvorim, to take part in Santa’s Day Programme. Sir Rozendo Mendonsa and Sir Taha Haaziq were also invited to this programme. Teacher Padmashri of Shiksha Niketan welcomed everyone and invited Sumera Khan spoke to the children on her experience from a partially sighted to a totally blind person. Students gave different performance and showed their abilities in art and craft.
Serendipity Arts Festival 2018

On 18th December 2018, the NAB students along with the teachers attended the Serendipity Art Festival at Old GI M, Ribandar. They were welcomed by the curator of the Senses 3.0 programme, Mr. Siddhant Shah, a heritage consultant who specializes in bridging the gap between cultural heritage and disability. He had made the festival accessible to the visually impaired through tactile maps, Braille magazines and giving information about each art form in Braille, thereby making most of the rooms disabled friendly.

Christmas Celebration at NAB

On 20th Dec, 2018, Thursday, NAB celebrated Christmas outside the premises. The premises were well-decorated with stars, lanterns, tinsel, mistletoes etc. A crib was prepared by the students. A big bamboo star decorated by the teachers was hung up on the Champa tree next to the stage. Paper stars made by the students were hung on the palm trees. The Chief Guest for the day was Rev. Fr. Dominic Ferrao, Superior Headmaster of St. Anthony High school, Monte de Guirim.

Picnic (12th January 2019)

Poornima Priyolkar brought the sponsor of Rotary Club of Miramar for the picnic at Bambolim Beach Resort for our students on 12th January 2019. Transport facility was organised by the Club. The President of the Club Mrs. Manisha Sardesai was in constant touch with us to find if everything was going well. Our Committee Members Rozendo Sir and Joe Sir attended the picnic. Our children were very happy as they enjoyed swimming in the swimming pool of the resort.

Visit to Nashville

On 6th February 2019, the students and staff of NAB visited Nashville, one of the committee members, Lorraine D’souza’s house, at Succoro, Porvorim, on the occasion of her birthday. They and their guest from Canada, welcomed everyone as they entered the house. After everyone was seated, Michael and Nash introduced themselves and conducted a short activity as a part of their ‘Weaving Worlds’ workshop, for everyone to get to know each other.

2nd State Level Sports Competitions for the Special School Children

On 7th February 2019, 8 boys from the National Association for the Blind participated in the ‘2nd State Level Sports Competitions for the Special School Children’ at SAG Athletics Stadium, who participated in the competition underwent a special three-day training prior to the competition date. The events organized for the visually impaired were 100m run, 200m
run, short put throw and long jump. NAB was the only organization for the visually impaired that participated in this category.

**Help & Help’s ‘All Goa Talent Show’**

On 9\(^{th}\) February 2019, four of the NAB students, participated in the ‘All Goa Talent Show’ organized by Help & Help Charitable Trust, at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao. The motive behind the show was to showcase different talents of the differently able. The tag line of the show was ‘Their ability is stronger than their disability’.

**WORKSHOP ON ELECTION:**

On 13\(^{th}\) February Mr. Kunal, Chief Commissioner of Goa IAS officer along with his officials visited NAB. Mrs. Isha Sawant organised a game called ‘Math Disha’ to give right direction to the voters about voting and enrolment procedures. Instead of giving a lecture Isha made it interesting by promoting a game which passed knowledge about voter’s responsibility towards his country and created awareness among the visually impaired students.

**Goa Carnival 2019-Miramar**

Carnival, the four-day annual pre-Lent festival of fun and frolic began with great enthusiasm at Miramar on 2\(^{nd}\) March 2019. This year, it was a carnival with a difference, as more than 60 people with disabilities, either on modified two-wheelers, wheelchairs or with white canes, participated in the float parade. They used a special float organized by the Disability Rights Association of Goa (DRAG) along with Enable Travel and Easy Move to promote Goa as an accessible and inclusive tourist destination for people with disability.

**NAB State Branches Conference at Chennai**

The NAB State Branches Conference was hosted by NAB Tamil Nadu, Chennai on 2\(^{nd}\) and 3\(^{rd}\) March 2019. Mr. Rozendo Mendonsa President and Mr. Taha Haaziq from NAB Goa State Branch attended the Conference.

**Workshop at Sindhudurg:**

NAB, Goa State Branch organized a Workshop at Sindhudurg on 10\(^{th}\) March 2019.

Mr. Rozendo Mendonsa, President Mr. Taha , Mahadev Sawant and Mr. Joe attended the workshop. It was inaugurated by Mr. Rozendo Mendonsa and Joe Noronha with NAB Sindhudurg President. Mr. Taha and Mr. Mahadev addressed NAB Sindhudurg branch members on Technology for the Blind.
**Workshop:**

Mr. Mahadev Sawant attended National Conference on Global Trends in Assistive Technology and Adapted Sports, organized by Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Coimbatore which was held on 15th & 16th March 2019.

**DONATIONS:**

Our regular donors continue to support us, both in cash and kind.

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### NAB – Beneficiaries at glance

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### Activities Beyond Mumbai

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## NAB – Financial Highlights

### Financial Highlights - NAB, India

**Financial Year 2018-19 (Unaudited)**

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Report of an auditor relating to accounts audited under sub-section (2) of section 33 & 34 and rule 19 of the Bombay Public Trust Act.

Registration No. E - 221 (B)

Name of the Public Trust: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, INDIA

For the year ending: 31st March 2019

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- S.F. Engineers (Advance for Machinery for Braille Press) outstanding since 2012-2013: Rs. 4,86,000.00
- Govt. Of Maharashtra Grant (Research Project for Dr. Modak Centre, Nashik) outstanding since 2014-2015: Rs. 187,082.00
- Advance to Employees: Rs. 16,000.00
- Advance to Delegates (WBU Conference) outstanding since 2016-2017: Rs. 1,82,285.00
- Loans for purchase of computers for visually impaired; Outstanding since 2015-2016: Rs. 2,70,847.00
- Advance to Projects: Rs. 77,356.50
- Advance to visually impaired students for higher education: Outstanding since 2016-2017: Rs. 36,500.00

i) Whether tenders were invited for repairs or construction involving expenditure exceeding ₹ 5,000/-; | Yes |

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DATED AT: 22-9-2019

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

SORAB S. ENGINEER & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
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FREE PRESS JOURNAL MARG,
NARIMAN POINT, MUMBAI-400 021.

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# The National Association for the Blind, India
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As per our report of even date

The above Balance Sheet to the best of our belief contains a true account of the Funds & Liabilities and of the Property & Assets of the Trust.

For The National Association for the Blind, India

Mumbai

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22-9-2019
# Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st March 2019

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President: Kaushal Mishra
Honorary - Treasurers: Hari Shankar Singh

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Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended March 31

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Balance Sheet as on March 31

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