

## **BLIND WELFARE ORGANIZATION TRACK REPORT OF LAST FOUR YEARS 2015-2018**

Ours is one of the prominent registered Social Organization, working for the social awareness and all-round development of the Blind regularly. In this connection we are implementing the following programs and schemes.

1 Scholarship Scheme: We are offering scholarship to those blind students who are studying from class 8 to post graduation. We are glad to inform you that 114 students were beneficiaries in the year 2015, 129 students in 2016, 123 students in 2017 and 122 students in 2018. These way total 488 blind student beneficiaries under this scheme for last 4 years. This way the poor blind students are benefited from the scholarship. Students can remit examination fees; afford the bus passes and books or educational stationary etc. with the help of this fund received from the public and society.

2 Self Employment: We do provide good assistance in self-employment to the needy blind people. We would like to inform you that, in the last four years we supported 35 blind people for self employment. 7 blind candidates benefitted of this scheme in the year 2015, and 7 candidates in 2016 and 8 candidates in 2017, 9 candidates in 2018 Out of these total 35 candidates, 25 candidates are running the stationary, cutlery stores and 9 candidates are selling toys in the railways, thus all of them has maintained themselves and their families.

3 Educational help to create new educational equipments and free distribution.

**a) Education and Training:** We are running musical academy named as “Brahmanand Musical Academy” at Nashik and imparting free musical training and education for the blind people. With this help, the blind people can get a job or get self-employed either by running Orchestra or Music Class. At present, total 24 candidates are learning music and musical instrument in the academy.

**b) The Organization is also running a computer training center for the blind with the help of talking software.** With the help of this computer training, the blind people can work efficiently in the Government offices and service industry. Similarly, they can have better educational facility, study material and book reading facility with the help of talking software.

**c) Publication of Brail Books:** Lions club of Pune donated the Brail printer to BWO, with the help of this printer we published books: Nishabda (English Grammar Book) with 3 Editions which helped 2100 students to improve their English Skills specially in rural area. To develop the health awareness among the blinds this year we are planning to publish ‘Arogya Sanjivani’ health related book which will help the blinds to take care of their health.

4 Sports Activities : We arrange various types of sports and games events for the Blinds, in which, . Tournament for the following games and sports are organized : . Athletics, Chess and Cricket etc. these tournaments are organized every year on State as well as National Level, we are proud to inform you that in the year 2014,7 of our blind players played and won the cricket world cup of blind cricket held in South Africa. Among these 7 players of us . 2 were from Maharashtra 3 from Gujarat and 1 each from Andhra Pradesh and Punjab. For last 3 years ONGC is helping us to conduct these tournaments successfully and it is also stated that Kotak Mahendra ,Mumbai and Rotary Club, of Bombay, Siyaram grup, queen City helped us to conduct National Cricket Tournaments 2017 . It is also informed you that World Blind Cricket Board arranged T20 world Cup held in India 2017,in this tournament our 7 players have been participated in this

tournament. Which is the best of outcome and beautiful sweet fruit of the efforts taken by the organization with the help of you people.

5. We are also conducting the eye checkup camps in the rural areas, so the poor people who cannot afford visiting eye specialist doctors, can get the benefit. This year we helped 5 poor people with Cataract surgery and distributed spectacles for free to many needy people.

6. We helped poor blind people by organizing their marriage and also supported them by offering the required things for their new life –kitchenware, and other necessary things. In the year 2015 we helped 1 couple, 3 couple in 2016 and 3 couples in 2017 and 2 couples in 2018 thus, we arranged and supported total 9 couples in last four years. We hope the number will keep growing.

7. Simultaneously, We run awareness programmes about blindness in rural areas for all people and also we conduct personality development camps for blinds people to help make their life better. This way we are trying to get involved in various social activities for the blind and also trying to make their life easy with distribution of helpful material for their daily life as well as educational life. Its my pleasure to bring to your kind perusal that there are so many persons without their help or assistance, our work cannot be in moment and you are the top presiding over the presidency of the Excellency. It is my privilege to offer the vote's gratitude and thanks gratefully from the bottom of my heart.

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