

General Secretary Report

1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

Dear Reader,

While presenting this Secretary Report of our organization for the year 2021-22, lots of emotions are involved. After this pandemic period, currently it seems to be healthier and prosperous with flying colors for the upcoming year. Organization has given its best during pandemic period. Then too anything left out as per your expectation, our heartfelt regression for the same. I assure that this year we will be giving our best.

During the year 2021-22 our organization has successfully implemented 11 activities. Those situation surroundings was scary, we proved to be the best.

- 1. Scholarship Distribution Ceremony :** Scholarships are given every year by the organization as an incentive to the students who want to study, but last year due to Covid related situation, School and colleges were studying from home. However, keeping in mind the educational difficulties of the students, scholarship checks were presented by dignitaries to the blind students of Nashik district on 03 April 2021 at the office of the Organization. Mr. Hemant Ojha President of Rotary Club of Nashik Airport, Gaurang Ozha and Anant Thakrey were present on this event. 75 students were benefited from this activity. Honorary president of the organization Mrs. Kalpana Pandey , Mrs. Vijaya Marathe worked hard for the success of the program.



- 2. Distribution of rations during the period of Covid:** In the period of April and May 2021, once again the second wave of Covid occurred in our country and state and this wave literally created havoc. And strict restrictions were again imposed in the state. Alternatively, like the first wave, businesses were destroyed, so how can a blind person be an exception? Many visually impaired people earn their livelihood by selling small items at railway and bus stands. But they could not in the restricted situation.

Therefore, in order to prevent their families from starving, by implementing the last year's concept of "Sashtha Aali Aplya Dari", on 1st and 2nd June 2021, 120 visually impaired persons were given home delivery of ration sufficient for at least one month. It included essential commodities ranging from wheat and rice to Colgate and soap. 5 blind persons were given in representative form in the presence of PI Vijay Dhamal, Mr. Nandurdikar Principal of KK Wagh College and Raju Vyas. After that ration was given to all persons at home. On this occasion, Vijay Dhamal praised the activities of the organization and expressed his satisfaction that the organization has implemented this activity at the right time. Mr. Nandurdikar also assured that the society will always remain positive for the laudable activities and we will also cooperate with you to the best of our ability.

For the success of the program, the president of the organization Arun Bharaskar, Raju Vyas, Dr. Vishwasrao Gaikwad took special efforts.



3. Devotional music concert on the occasion of Ashadhi Ekadashi: In fact, with the aim of giving scope to the talents of the blind and also to make the society understand their potential, every year on the occasion of Ashadhi Ekadashi, a concert called "Pandhariche Sukh Nahi Tribhuvani" is organized in the theater. So that interested listeners attend in large numbers. But this year too there was a covid environment. But in order to avoid any interruption in the program, the program "Pandhari Che Sukh Nahi Tribhuvani" was organized online on 20th July 2021 in the office of the organization.

Famous playback singer Shankar Mahadevan and actress Varsha Usgaonkar were the main attractions of the event. In the beginning all the artists chanted Ram Krishna Hari. After that Mr. Sakharam Bankar added to the color of the program by presenting one abhang like Indrayani Kathi, Sant Bhar Pandhrit, Tuj Sagun Kahe ki Nirgun Re. While Arjun Shinde, a blind artist, also won the hearts of the fans by presenting Abhang like Vithu Dinacha Dayala , Ghei Ghei Maze Vache God Naam Vithobache. And Kanada Raja Pandhari's song sung by Deepali Gangurde got once more. While Shankar Mahadevan

praised all the artists and wished them all the best for the future activities of the organization. He also added to the program by singing Maher Pandhari Ha Abhang in this program. Varsha Usgaonkar also sang the song "Vithucha Gajar Harinamacha Zenda Rovla" and wished the audience well and hoped that similar activities would be carried out in the future.

Lions Club Corporate President Vinay Birari and his colleagues were present in this event. In the beginning, he felicitated all the artists and assured that Lions Club Corporate will always support the good activities of the organization. General Secretary Datta Patil, Director Bhagwan Pawar, and Raju Vyas worked hard for the success of the program.



4. Information and Computer Technology Braille Book Published by Minister of Social Welfare Shri .Dhananjay Munde: Even though the blind people like to read Braille, their appetite for reading is not fulfilled due to lack of study materials, as requested by the organization, the books Computer and Information Technology and Sangeet Drishti Sadhana were produced under the CSR initiative of Kotak Mahindra Bank.

Both these books are printed in Braille script and this book reaches the society, the publication of the book is done by the Minister of Social Welfare of Maharashtra Hon. Mr. Dhananjay Munde was conducted on 5th August 2021 at Sahyadri Guest House with a few people keeping in mind the Covid norms. At the time of publishing both these books, Mr. Munde expressed satisfaction that this book was published by him. And looking at the contents of these two books, these two books printed in Braille script for the blind person expressed the hope that these two books will become a new hall of knowledge and many people and students of Maharashtra will benefit from it and promised to publish some more materials in Braille script through the government.

Mrs. Radha Koippuram was present online on behalf of Kotak Bank. Vice President Vishwasrao Gaikwad informed about the activities of the organization through power point. Lion Archana Shah, Honorary President Kalpana Pandey, President Arun Bharaskar and other dignitaries were present in this meeting. Director Arjun Mudda and Treasurer Vijaya Dabe worked hard for the success of the program.



5. Distribution of School Materials: Due to the year 2021 due to Covid-19, schools were running online. But since many beneficiaries of the organization are needy, with the hope that their children should get educational help from the organization. On August 8, 2021, distribution of school materials to 45 students was done by Sanjay Lakra, Assistant Zonal Manager of Union Bank and Col. Swami at the office of the organization. In which register, compass and other educational materials were given.

On this occasion, Colonel Swami shared to the visually impaired persons present some incidents of the war situation, how can make his way easy even in a difficult journey. Created awareness about it. Even if we are blind, we should not underestimate ourselves. Walk without losing courage. Mr. Lakara also praised the organization's initiative. And expressed satisfaction that the organizers provided me with the opportunity to see the organization's work closely.

And a similar program was also conducted by the organization at Ambernath on 11 September 2021. 72 persons from Wangani, Badlapur, and Ambernath areas benefited from this program. Nikhil Chaudhary, President of Rotary Club and Nilesh Vajrani of Vitthal Wadi Rotary attended this event. President Arun Bharaskar, General Secretary Datta Patil and Rechal Shirsath worked hard for the success of the program.



6. White stick day and distribution of white stick: 15th October is celebrated worldwide as World White Stick Day as declared by UNO. On this day, awareness is raised by many charitable organizations about the

sticks used by visually impaired people. Then how can our organization be an exception to this.

Therefore, on 15th October 2021, the organization first demonstrated at Rajiv Gandhi Signal so that the society assumes that a person with a white stick in his hand is blind and tries to convey the message that the society should help such persons to cross the road. And then the procession turned into a program at the Pandit Colony Lions Club Hall. Lions Club President Satish Alay, Praveen Jayakrishna Ray and members of Lions Club Corporate were present in large numbers.

Society should know what the capabilities of the blind are. For this purpose, the program was initially organized by “Andaharakdun Prakashaakde”. By which the blind and the sighted can play the game of chess. Money recognition and gesture recognition etc. White sticks were distributed to 109 blind persons. While Lanka Kshirsagar, Sunita Borde, Raju Gite, Surendra Mahalkar, visually impaired persons were helped for self-employment. On this occasion, Jayakrishna Ray praised the activities of the organization and assured that Lions Club of Nashik Royals will always stand behind him for good activities. This time Mr. Vinay Birari, Chairman of Lions Corporate was present on the stage. He assured that he will provide substantial support for the Diwali Milan program from his heart. For the success of the program, President Arun Bharaskar, Honorary President Kalpana Pandey, Raju Vyas took special efforts.



7. Diwali Milan program complete with enthusiasm: Like every year this year too, on the occasion of Dhantrayodashi, a Diwali Milan program was organized on Tuesday 30th November 2021 in the banquet hall of Swaminarayan Temple at Aurangabad Road. In fact, Diwali festival is said to be celebrated in everyone's home with great enthusiasm but from our point of view Diwali festival should be celebrated in the house of blind brothers too. This program was organized for this purpose. Nashik Municipal Committee Chairman Mr. Ganesh Geete, Prakash Kakad, Entrepreneur Nandu Ahire, Lions Club Corporate President Vinay Birari were present on the stage. On this occasion, an entertainer orchestra “Swarangan” was organized to give a new energy to the blind brothers and to create an atmosphere of Diwali festival. So the atmosphere of Diwali was very happy.

In this program, 132 blind persons were distributed enough food for a month. The dress for men was distributed sent by the director of the organization Arjun Mudda, while sarees for women were distributed on behalf of Sharad Shaha and Kakad. While Momin Syed and Vijay Gosavi were given one stall each for business. Arun Bharaskar, president of the organization, expressed the belief that the employment issue of Mr. Gosavi and Momin Syed will be resolved permanently. So Mr. Ganesh Bhau Gite also said that the organization is doing very good work and I have known the work of this organization for the past ten years and I will always cooperate with you.

Mr. Praveen Bhai Parekh also came to the event. He was impressed by the work of the organization and assured that we will always continue to help the organization.

Mr. Nandu Ahire wished all the blind brothers a happy Diwali through his mind and expressed the hope that the society would give them a chance because I have a good idea of what people are capable of.

President Arun Bharaskar Treasurer Vijaya Marathe Honorary President Kalpana Pandey worked hard for the success of the program.



8. Organized Dnyaneshwari Parayana at Trimbakeshwar: The blind people should be able to read and in fact get the taste of spirituality and like others we should also get information about books like Dnyaneshwari. Moreover, since the book Dnyaneshwari is in natural language, if we understand that language, it will be possible for blind people to study other books. For this purpose, a two-day Dnyaneshwari Parayana was organized on behalf of the organization for the first time under the guidance of Shri Raghunath Maharaj on 11th and 12th December 2021 at Janardan Math in Trimbakeshwar. In fact, since this Dnyaneshwari book is huge, at least 8 days of parayana should have been organized. Two chapters namely 12th chapter Bhakti Marga and 18th Moksha Sannyas Yoga were read.

In order to create awareness of the program in the society, on 10 December 2021, A beautiful kirtana was organized by H.B.P. Sandipanji Maharaj the President of Alandi Institute. More than a thousand people from Trimbakeshwar and neighboring Panch Krishi attended this kirtan. And with the witness of all of

them Haripath and Dnyaneshwari Granth was unveiled. The program was inaugurated by Sandipan Maharaj Hasegaonkar, Education Officer Shri. Machhindra Kadam and the organizer of the program Shri. Shri 1008 Mahant Mahamandaleshwar Shri H B P Raghunath Dasji Maharaj (DevBappa) were present.

At this time Mr. Kadam, through his mind, the organization has really implemented this next and different activity. It is a beginning but it is safe to say that it is the beginning of good work. I personally assured that I will always cooperate to implement such laudable activities by the organization. Mr. Sandipan Maharaj also had the chance to attend this good activity, it must be said that it is the gift of Saint Nivrithi Nath, because I have seen many Parayanas till date but this Parayana with a visually impaired person must be the first one and the record of this activity is worth writing in golden letters. And as Mauli said in an abhanga, today's day is truly for the visually impaired, "**Aji Soniacha Dinu Varshe Amritcha Dhanu**", he hoped that the activity would be carried out consistently and he inaugurated the parayana after reading with some of the visually impaired brothers. And he gave a message to all the visually impaired brothers from Maharashtra to imbibe good things from this Parayana and practice it in daily life as well. 72 women and men participated in this activity despite the ST strike from the state. And all media took notice of this activity. Raghunath Maharaj made a special contribution to provide accommodation, food and gifts to Dnyaneshwari for all these devotees. In fact, it is only with their cooperation that it is fair to call this Parayan successful. Nashik Revenue Commissioner Radhakrishna Game, Trimbakeshwar Tehsildar Shri. Girase, Trimbak Mayor Pandurang Sonawane and Director of Chate Class Mr. Machindra Chate were present. I knew that blind people can read with the touch of a finger, but I was especially happy to see that even the Dyaneshwari in natural language can read easily. Mr. Game said.

And to continue this parayana for two days uninterruptedly, Shri. Pundalik Pimpalke took special efforts, even though he was blind, he used to read the book further and understood its meaning to the audience. So Devabappa praised him and even when Sri Hiran Tilley was blind, as a social duty and in memory of his father, he gifted Haripatha's book to all blind brothers. This also helped convey a good message. President Arun Bharaskar, General Secretary Datta Patil, Mr. Mahendra More, Mr. Hiran Tilley, Pundalik Pimpalke and Rachel Shirasath worked hard for the success of the program.



9. Louis Braille's death anniversary: Those who are considered as gods of the blind, today the blind people are standing shoulder to shoulder with the sighted people in the society and we have proved time and time again that we are an integral part of this country. This is only because of late Louis Braille, the god of the blind, and therefore his death anniversary every year social organizations working in the field of the blind pay tribute on his death anniversary on January 6, so how can our organization be an exception to that.

Today, blind women like Pranjali Patil are working in the post of collector, while blind people like Balaji Manjule are the disabled commissioner of Maharashtra state because they got the golden opportunity. But there is a need to provide a platform for other visually impaired brothers to follow the example of such persons. On this occasion, various competitions are organized to give scope to the latent qualities of the blind person. But this year due to covid and due to the restrictions of the government not to take the program, instead of competitions, blind people whose families depend on people who run stalls or in the railways, so that they do not starve. Rations were distributed to such needy blind persons on the occasion of the death anniversary of Louis Braille. Brothers who have lost sight due to birth or due to some accident have to face great difficulties, to reduce these difficulties as well as to give relief to their pain; The Blind Welfare Organization took the initiative and gave a helping hand to 120 blind persons by distributing household materials. This activity was organized on January 9, 2021 on behalf of the organization on the occasion of Louis Braille's death anniversary. On behalf of the organization, 120 needy blind persons were provided with groceries for one month and two blind persons, Janardhan Ingle and Mangesh Dhiware, were given financial assistance by the dignitaries. The program held at Panchavati R. P. Vidyalaya was inaugurated by the President of the organization Arun Bharaskar.

On this occasion Vinay Birari, President of Lions Club Corporate, Rajiv Vyas, Coordinator, Devendra Patel, Secretary of Panchvati Education Society were present on the dignified stage.

On this occasion, Mr. Patel praised the activities being implemented by the organization, promised to provide ground and other support for organizing sports competitions in future to nurture sportsmanship of blind athletes.

Honorary President Vijay Ghatge, Dinesh Musale, Rachel Shirasath, of the organization worked hard for the success of the program.



10. Haldi Kumkum program: Like every year, on behalf of the organization, this year also on the occasion of Rathasaptami, Haldi Kunkva program was organized in the office of the organization on February 6, 2022. In fact, there are many platforms for women to come together. Many mandals in the street or in the ward organize such programs, but the blind are neglected. That is why at this time the well-wisher of the organization Rotarian Mrs. Asha Venu Gopal, 40 blind women were given two bowls and one bottle as a present along with haldi kunkum. And in the same program, blind women were guided to be empowered and to create a self-help group.

On this occasion the honorary president of the organization Mrs. Kalpana Pandey, Treasurer Vijaya Dabe and other office bearers of the organization were present.



11. Distribution of electric sticks: Society should assume that a person who has a white stick in his hand is blind. There has been a lot of awareness in

this regard. But in order for the blind people to understand if there is any obstacle in the way while walking by themselves, recently an electronic device has been developed on behalf of the organization and this device can easily know the obstacle at least two meters away through vibration. The price of the said device is 3500 rupees and the awareness of this device should be made among the blind people. On Sunday 29th March 2022, electronic walking sticks were distributed to 140 needy blind persons at KTHM College, Nashik under the initiative of Indus End Bank on behalf of the organization. The price of the said device is 3500 rupees and the awareness of this device should be made among the blind people. On Sunday 29th March 2022, electronic walking sticks were distributed to 140 needy blind persons at KTHM College, Nashik under the initiative of Indusindh Bank on behalf of the organization. And in the same program, in collaboration with State Bank of India, the book Home Science, Health and Anatomy was published and distributed in a representative form for the students of class 10. On this occasion the Zonal Manager of Bank of Maharashtra Mr. Anil Bhamre, Municipal Deputy Commissioner Mrs. Archana Tambe, Ashutosh Singh of Elixir Institute was present on the stage.

At this time Mr. Bhamre, speaking from his perspective, expressed his belief that this electronic stick will truly be a guide in the lives of blind people. And announced a financial assistance of Rs 25,000 by accepting the guardianship of a student under the Dattak Palak Yojana for the scholarship scheme being implemented by the organization. Ashutosh Singh, the coordinator of Elixir Institute, expressed the hope that the institute will take the initiative to spread this stick on a wider scale by showing demonstrations of this stick to the blind brothers. So Ms. Archana Tambe also praised the activities of the organization and promised to provide all-out cooperation on behalf of the Municipal Corporation. For the success of the program, President Arun Bharaskar, Vice President Dr. Vishwasrao Gaikwad, Mrs. Megha Pimple and other office bearers worked hard.



All in all, the activities carried out during this year were very important and necessary for the blind brothers. Because it has had an impact on the public during and after the Covid period. In fact, this was a testing time for everyone.

I understand the problems of blind people through personal experience and therefore the foresight shown by you is highly appreciated. In fact it was possible only because of your contribution. And that's why I crossed the difficult road easily and the road became smooth only with your help. That is why the organization was able to achieve its goal. Here I consider it my duty to nominate some organizations and individuals such as Kotak Mahendra, Siyaram Group, Bharat Petroleum various corporate banks as well as charitable organizations like Rotary Club, Lions Club have already contributed. But Narendra Firodia, Ulhas Debdwar, Keshav Varkhedkar, Krishnakumar Goyal, Daluchandbhai Jain are the pillars of the organization whose contribution we have received from the very beginning of the organization. Also, the media also took notice of the work of the organization and the organization was able to reach many people. Thanks again to the known unknowns who may have been mentioned in this report.

In the future the organization intends to start an assisted rehabilitation center which will benefit visually impaired persons with late onset blindness. And I'm sure, thanks to a well-wisher like you, my dream will become an action rather than a dream

Apart from this, all the office bearers of the organization who cooperated with me are with me, so I was able to move till this point, so I am also thankful to all the office bearers.

Your support is gratifying. Thank you for your support

Secretary

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