

## Track Report 2021 to 2024

The Blind Organisation India is one of the permanent registered under NITI- AYOg social organizations working for the social awareness and All-round development of the blind.

In this connection we are implementing the following programmers and scheme.

- 1. Scholarship Scheme:** Students from Class IX to MA are benefited under this scheme. In the year 2021, 112 students were given scholarships. 137 students were given scholarship in the year 2022, 132 students were given scholarship in 2023 and 156 in the year 2024. Overall, in the last four years from 2021 to 24, a total of 537 students benefited from this scheme through this organization.
- 2. Self-Employment:** Blind persons are helped under self-employment through the organization to stand on their own feet as they are unemployed. This assistance is given in kind to blind persons. In the year 2021, 08 blind persons were helped for business, and in 2022, 08 persons, 07 persons in the year 2023 and the year 2024, 05 visual impaired. In the last four years, a total of 28 Blind persons benefited from this scheme, out of which 10 persons were under this scheme, home industries like shops, bells and whistles, while 13 persons make their livelihood by doing business in railways. I am happy to say that these individuals are standing on their own feet.
- 3. Education and Training:** Brahmananda Sangeet Vidyalaya for the blind has also been started by the organisation. This school provides free training to blind people so that blind people can learn the art of music and stand on their own feet by learning the art of music or starting their own orchestra.
  - a. Computer Training:** The above institute has started computer training class for blind persons. By training the blind people with the help of speech software, they can get a good government job in future, some can get a good position in a big company and some can become a businessman.
  - b. Niramay Arogya Sanjeevani Braille Book:** Sighted people can get knowledge about health through reading, writing but blind brothers cannot. The Niramay Arogya Sanjeevani booklet in Braille will help blind brothers get health lessons and create awareness among them. Niramay Arogya Sanjeevani book in Braille was released on 08 May 2022 by Appasaheb Jagannath Shine President of All India Chemists Association. The book has been published with the intention of providing in-depth information about health to the blind brothers. In this booklet, information is given about the symptoms of 20 diseases, care to be taken. These books are provided free of cost to visually impaired students and schools across the state. This will help the children to get health information and stay healthy.
  - c. Braille Sanskar Bharati:** A quarterly called Braille Sanskar Bharati Magazine has been started on behalf of the organization with the aim of perpetuating the importance of Braille script for the visually impaired. The first issue of this quarterly was published on 15th August 2022 in Nashik in presence of readers. The suggestions of the present readers were also understood at this time. So that if the quality of this issue is good then the number of readers will also increase.
  - d.** The books of Computer and Information Technology and Sangeet Drishti Sadhana were printed in Braille courtesy of Kotak Mahindra Bank. The Sangeet Drishti Sadhana book will facilitate the study up to Visharad Alankar. And computer and information technology book will benefit MPSC or competitive exam and banking students because this book has tried to give in-depth knowledge about computers. We have given the set worth Rs 3500 to all blind school students for free.

e. **HOME SCIENCE and PHYSIOLOGY** for Std. X has printed in Braille for the blind and it will benefit for board exams and for higher education to the concern students. It will create new opportunities for the blind over the time. This should be the first such Braille book of its kind in Maharashtra. In association with Rotary Club of Hiranandani Estate Thane released a Braille book on Home Science, Physiology and Anatomy for Class 10th students by Honorable Ramesh Bais, Governor of Maharashtra on 15 October 2023.

**4. Sports Activities:** Different types of competitions are organized for the blind through the organization. International competitions are also organized. Sports competitions such as field games, chess and cricket are conducted every year by the organization.

a. **Organization of Chess Tournament:** Dt. On 17th and 18th May 2022, State Level Instant Chess Tournament was organized by the organization at Swayamwar Mangal karyalaya in Pune. More than 100 contestants from the state had registered their participation in this competition. Milind Samant first, Madhukesh Ram second, Gaikwad Ritikesh third and rest of the contestants were also given gifts for their participation.

b. **Organization of Cricket Tournaments:** We are very proud to inform you that every year state level tournaments as well as national level tournaments are conducted by the organisation. As a result of this, the World Cup was held in 2014. In those tournaments, seven blind players were selected and they played in South Africa. Seven players from the organization participated In 2017 T20 World Cup for the Blind was held in India. The selection of our players in the World Cup can be called the success of the tournament organized by our organization And as a part of that, Ajay Reddy, a blind athlete, has recently been honored with the Arjuna Award by the Central Government.

We have been organizing national cricket tournaments for the last 15 years. Teams from different regions of India participate in it. In which teams from Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu as well as Punjab, West Bengal etc. are participating. So far we have been holding all the national cricket tournaments in Mumbai every year. For this we get support from ONGC, State Bank, Siyaram Group, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Rotary Club of Bombay Queen City and many known and unknown.

The organization is proud of such brilliant performance in various countries In other words, the future of many blind players from all competitions can be said to have emerged from these games. In the year 2019, for the first time, cricket tournaments for blind players were held in Goa due to this activity Goa peoples got to know about the work of the organization.

**5. Free eye check- up in rural areas:** Due to the poverty in rural areas in our country, many people cannot even afford drug treatment; so on behalf of the organization, for the elimination of blindness in rural areas, proper treatment is done with the help of expert doctors. This check up also detects blind peoples. Eyeglasses were distributed to 8 persons after surgery like cataract and retina in the last four years.

**6. Marriages of needy and blind couples** are arranged through the above organization along with distribution of useful things to them. In the year 2019, 02, 03 in 2020, 02 in 2021 and 2 in 2022, 9 couples were rehabilitated.

We are conducting personality development programs in rural areas to create community awareness so as to help blind people to gain confidence. In this way, the organization takes social programs in different ways.

Constantly striving for the development and welfare of the blind, I am happy to say that there are many eminent persons who are helping the organization but whose names cannot be announced. But we cannot deny their cooperation.

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