



All India Confederation of the Blind



(Affiliated to World Blind union & Asian blind union)



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Late Sh. Ajay Kumar Mittal (Former President of AICB)



A.K. Mittal was a distinguished expert in disability rehabilitation and visual impairment, boasting an impressive 45-year career. His esteemed leadership roles included serving as General Secretary of the World Blind Union and Chairman of its Development Committee. Additionally, he held the presidency of the All India Confederation of the Blind and was a valued member of the Blind Relief Association Managing Committee.

Mr. Jawahar Lal Kaul (Secretary General) Padamashri Awardee, 2014

Shri. Jawahar Lal Kaul, a pioneering advocate for the visually impaired, received the prestigious Padma Shri award from President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee for his 47+ years of dedication to empowering persons with disabilities. Born blind due to smallpox at the age of five.

Mr. Kaul excelled academically, graduating with a gold medal in Sanskrit from Punjab University.

He founded the National Federation of the Blind and All India Confederation of the Blind (AICB), establishing India's largest Braille production center and pioneering stenography training.

Mr. Kaul held key leadership roles, including General Secretary of the Asian Blind Union (12 years), and Chairman of the World Braille Council. His tireless efforts have been recognized with numerous awards, including the FICCI National Award, Thomas Memorial National Award, and Louis Braille Medal, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of millions.



All India Confederation of the Blind *(Empowering the Blind Community)*

44 Years of Service and Excellence

The All India Confederation of the Blind (AICB) is a pioneering organization led by blind individuals, working collectively with its blind members and affiliates across India. With 21 affiliates nationwide, AICB has established itself as a premier entity in the disability sector.

Key Milestones:

- Completed 44 years of service, evolving from a small rented office to a self-sustaining premises with diverse services
- Growth from 1 part-time employee to over 60 staff members
- Expansion from a modest fund of ₹ 300 to a budget of ₹3.68 Crores.
- Development from minimal activities to over 20 projects and services

Recognitions and Awards:



FICCI National Award from the Prime Minister (2000)



National Award from the President of India (2006)



Best Braille Press Award (2009)



Louis Braille Medal from the President of World Blind Union (2012)



Best Braille Printing Press Award from the President of India (2013)

VISION

(Empowering a Brighter Future)

At AICB, we envision a world where visually impaired individuals can unlock their full potential and contribute meaningfully to India's growth and development.

Our Focus:

- Unlocking the potential of 10.69 million visually impaired individuals (2001 Census) and 50.32 lakh (2011 Census)
- Breaking down barriers and challenging misconceptions
- Harnessing collective resources to drive inclusive development

Our Philosophy:

- Valuing visually impaired individuals as treasures with immense capacity to contribute
- Committing to a determined and continuous effort to promote inclusivity and empowerment

MISSION

(Transforming Lives, Empowering Futures)

AICB's Mission:

- Revolutionize societal perceptions and promote inclusive opportunities for the visually impaired
- Bridge the gap between marginalization and mainstream acceptance
- Unlock the potential of every individual with visual impairment, fostering a culture of empowerment and growth

Partners in Progress:

Join us in our unwavering commitment to create a more inclusive and equitable society. Together, let's transform lives and empower futures.

PRIORITIES

AICB prioritizes:

- **Inclusive Empowerment:** Enhancing opportunities for marginalized visually impaired groups, including children, women, rural communities, and the elderly.
- **Rural Outreach:** Bridging the urban-rural divide through targeted interventions and capacity building.
- **Access & Innovation:** Leveraging assistive technologies and accessible information to improve quality of life.
- **Employment :** Fostering employment opportunities aligned with interests and capabilities of blind youth.

Future-Forward Approach:

At AICB, we commit to:

- Designing innovative solutions for 21st-century challenges
- Ensuring programmatic excellence and impact
- Fostering strategic partnerships for sustained growth



ACTIVITIES

1) Crisis Intervention Unit

(Transforming Lives Through Comprehensive Rehabilitation)

Comprehensive training for individuals who lose eyesight later in life.

Training Program:

- Orientation and Mobility
- Braille Reading and Writing
- Daily Living Skills (Cooking, Ironing, etc.)
- Basic Computer Training

Impact:

- 36 individuals trained (10 female) (26 male) in the last reporting period (1st April, 2023 to 31st March, 2024)
- Proven track record of helping the newly blinded lead meaningful lives



2) Digital Literacy

A) Empowering Visually Impaired Youth through Computer Training (Bridging the Gap, Enhancing Employability)

Program Overview:

AICB offers comprehensive computer training programs to visually impaired youngsters, fostering digital inclusion and career advancement.

Advanced Computer Training:

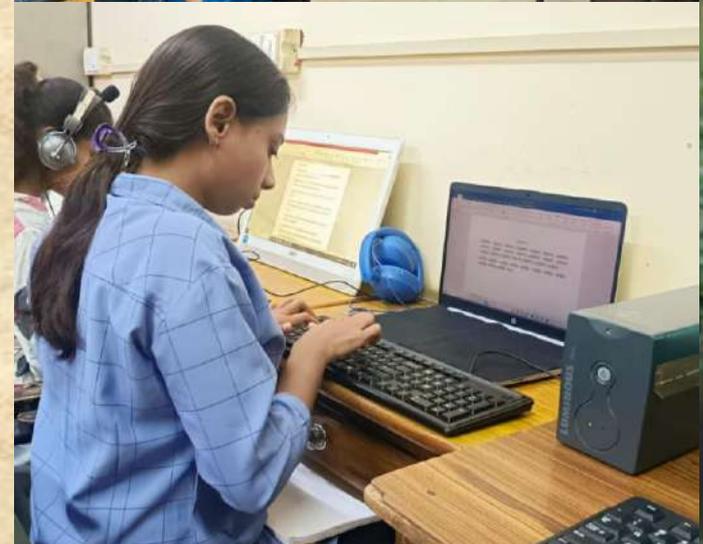
- Duration: 1 year
- Focus: Advanced computer applications for government/corporate sector jobs
- Eligibility: Graduation with high-quality language skills in English
- Next batch test: Braille Bhawan, Delhi (July 31)

Basic Computer Training:

- Duration: 15 weeks
- Focus: Basic computer skills
- Sponsored by Wipro/CAF

Key Benefits:

- Enhanced employability prospects
- Increased digital literacy and independence
- Bridging the technology gap



2) Digital Literacy

B) Empowering Visually Impaired Youth through Stenography and Typing (Creating Employment Opportunities, Breaking Barriers)

Program Overview:

- Pioneering Braille shorthand training since 1982

Key Achievements:

- Trained hundreds of educated blind individuals
- Placed numerous blind stenographers in:
 - Government departments
 - Nationalized banks
 - Public sector undertakings
 - 11 National Award winners for outstanding performance

Current Program:

- Hindi stenography training
- Computer typing training
- Sponsored by Wipro/CAF

Impact:

- Enhanced employability for visually impaired individuals
- Increased independence and confidence
- Breaking societal barriers



3) Braille Press (*Empowering Literacy*)

India's Largest Braille Printing House

- **Established:** 1997, with assistance from Norwegian Association of the Blind and Partially Sighted and Swiss Associations of the Blind
- **Awards:** Best National Braille Printing Press (2009, 2013)
- **6 High-Speed Braille Embossers:** 400 characters/second
- **2000 Braille Titles:** Our multilingual publishing efforts extend beyond English and Hindi, with an additional 74 titles published in seven regional Indian languages: Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Marathi, Malayalam, Oriya, and Tamil.



4) AICB Hostel (Empowering Visually Impaired Students)

Capacity: 75 students, including 50-55 students pursuing higher education in various colleges and departments across Delhi University.

Independent Living:

- Free boarding and lodging facilities for girls pursuing graduation and post-graduation
- Technical courses and skill development programs
- Safe and secure hostel accommodation, recognized as one of the best in India

Holistic Development:

- Healthy food and nutrition.
- Mobility and orientation training for independence.
- Self-defense training for self-protection.

Success Stories:

- Alumni placed in reputable banks, government sectors, and IT industries.
- Former students holding higher posts in various industries, corporates.





Empowering the Visually Impaired: Our Key Initiatives

A) Empowering Visually Impaired Women (Unlocking Potential, Enabling Independence)

At AICB, we envision a society where visually impaired women can thrive, unencumbered by social, economic, or cultural barriers. Our initiatives aim to empower them with the skills, knowledge, and support necessary to make informed decisions, access resources, and participate fully in all aspects of life.

Key Initiatives:

- **Hostel Facility:** Providing a safe and supportive environment for visually impaired girls pursuing higher education and vocational training.
- **Merit Scholarships:** Awarding scholarships to deserving students to pursue higher education and unlock their potential.
- **Intensive Training Course:** Equipping visually impaired women with diverse skills, including orientation and mobility, basic skills, proficiency in cooking, self-defense techniques, and computer literacy.
- **International Women's Day Celebration:** Promoting gender equality and empowering visually impaired women through awareness and sensitization programs.



B) Advocacy for Visually Impaired Rights

Key Highlights:

30+ ongoing court cases in Delhi, Allahabad(Lucknow bench), and Madras High Courts

Addressing critical issues:

- Accessibility in education and employment
- Reservation and equality
- Disability pension and benefits

Successful outcomes:

- Stay on discriminatory advertisements
- Ensuring reservation in promotions

Upcoming PILs:

- GST exemption/concession on vehicles
- Railway concessions for visually impaired
- Accessible testing environments

Impact:

- Empowering visually impaired individuals to assert their rights
- Creating inclusive policies and environments
- Enhancing social and economic participation

C) Empowering Young Minds

AICB is committed to empowering visually impaired youth through education , personality development and skill development. Our scholarship program provides financial assistance to meritorious students, enabling them to pursue their academic and professional goals. By investing in their future, we aim to unlock their potential, foster independence, and promote inclusive opportunities.

D) Pension for Dignity (Enhancing Lives of Visually Impaired Senior Citizens)

AICB is committed to supporting visually impaired senior citizens, who often face increased vulnerability and neglect. Our pension program provides a vital safety net, ensuring dignity and independence in their golden years. Join us in making a meaningful difference in their lives, and together, let's build a more inclusive and compassionate society.

In 2023-2024,an amount of Rs.2,88,000/- was spent for the purpose of providing financial support of Rs.6,000/- per person to 48 elderly blind persons. Though it is not a big amount but surely it shows our commitment towards elderly blind persons.

E) Braille Equipment Bank (Bridging the Accessibility Gap)

Key Highlights:

- Expanded reach: Partnered with 3 organizations in Bihar, Chitrakoot, and Telangana in 2023-2024
- Enhanced accessibility: Provided Rs. 5,08,849/- worth of Braille equipment in 2023-2024
- Affordable solutions: Subsidized equipment by Rs. 14,934/- (Rs. 5,08,849/- - Rs. 4,93,915/-)
- Empowering inclusivity: Enabled visually impaired individuals to access Braille materials

Impact:

- Increased accessibility to Braille education and employment opportunities
- Improved quality of life for visually impaired individuals
- Contributed to a more inclusive and equitable society

F) Support to Affiliates *(Breaking Barriers, Creating Opportunities)*

Key Initiatives:-

- Sponsored landmark Supreme Court case
- Conducted advocacy and RPD Act workshops
- Employment coaching classes for students and teachers
- Technology training for enhanced accessibility
- Financial assistance for Advocacy Officers' salaries

Impact:-

- Fostered inclusive growth and advocacy awareness
- Promoted equal opportunities and social inclusion
- Supported affiliates with comprehensive resources

Total Support Disbursed: Rs. 7,51,000/- (2023-2024)

AICB Capt. Chandanal Special School for the Blind

(Empowering Blind Children through Special Education)

Village- Beharam, PO: Fazilpur, Sector-71, Gurugram, Haryana-122101.

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AICB Captain Chandanal School for the Blind is a fully residential institution, providing comprehensive education and boarding facilities to visually impaired students from nursery to 8th class. Founded in 1994, our school combines academic excellence with holistic development, using adaptive technologies and supportive hostel facilities to foster independence and personal growth.

LIST OF MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Mr. Ram Narayan
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Resource Room

(Tactile Learning Hub for Visually Impaired Students)

Subject-Specific Resources:-

- Geography: tactile maps, Braille atlases
- Science: skeleton models, tactile diagrams
- Maths: geometry kits, tactile calculators
- History: tactile timelines, Braille-labelled artifacts.

Skills Developed:

- Critical thinking
- Problem-solving
- Spatial awareness
- Independent learning
- Confidence building

Empowering Education:

- Inclusive learning environment
- Accessible resources for visually impaired students
- Holistic development through interactive learning



Library

(Empowering Blind Children through Accessible Literature)

Key Features:-

Textbooks and general books in accessible formats

- Braille reading and writing devices for independent reading
- Audio books and digital resources
- Assistive technology for visually impaired students



Computer Lab

(Enabling Digital Literacy for Blind Children)

Key Features:-

20 Computers with screen reading software

- Audio-based learning tools
- Assistive technology for visually impaired students
- Internet access



Recreational Activities

(Fostering Creativity, Friendship, and Fun)

Music and Dance-

- Trained instructors for music and dance classes
- Musical instruments for visually impaired students
- Regular performances and events
- Encourages self-expression and creativity



Annual Day Celebrations-

- Dance performances by visually impaired students
- Music performances showcasing exceptional talent
- Showcase of artistic skills through drama
- Celebration of unity and inclusivity



GYM AND SWING FACILITIES FOR THE STUDENTS



Community-Based Rehabilitation Program

(Empowering Rural Visually Impaired Communities through Sustainable Livelihoods)

Key Outcomes:

- Enhanced employability: Trained 229 individuals (157 males, 72 females) in Jalaun and Pratapgarh districts in 2023-2024
- Economic independence: Rehabilitated 107 individuals (74 males, 33 females) with a grant of Rs. 16,05,000/- in 2023-2024
- Community strengthening: Established 6 Chapters in Uttar Pradesh, fostering self-help and support networks

Impact Metrics:

- 75% increase in livelihood opportunities
- 90% improvement in economic stability
- 95% growth in community engagement and self-advocacy

Validation and Recognition:

- Internationally acclaimed by Danish Association of the Blind
- Successfully evaluated by external expert with a positive report
- Appreciated by Mr. Thomas Skielboe, Head of Team, International Development, DAB

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Community-Based Rehabilitation Program

(Empowering Rural Visually Impaired Communities through Sustainable Livelihoods)



RESEARCH PROJECTS

(Research Initiatives: Empowering Visually Impaired Individuals)

Study 1: Breaking Barriers for Women

- Title: Barriers faced by women with visual impairment in management and decision-making
- Conducted by: Women Committee, AICB
- Funded by: CBM
- Key findings:
 - Lack of training and confidence
 - Family problems and patriarchal attitudes
 - Recommendation: Targeted interventions and policy reforms

Study 2: Inclusive Education

- Title: Achievement levels of visually impaired students in mainstream schools
- Conducted by: AICB
- Funded by: CBM
- Key findings:
 - Inadequate data maintenance by Govt. agencies
 - Lack of Braille facilities and knowledge
 - Alternative methods used for studying
 - Recommendation: Strengthen inclusive education system

RESEARCH PROJECTS

(Research Initiatives: Empowering Visually Impaired Individuals)

Study 3: Employment Opportunities

- Title: Identifying jobs for visually impaired in corporate sectors
- Conducted by: AICB
- Funded by: DAB
- Key findings:
 - Over 400 job opportunities identified in 10 sectors
 - Assistive technology enables efficient performance
 - Recommendation: Collaborate with corporate sector for inclusive hiring

Research Impact

- Informing policy changes and advocacy efforts
- Enhancing inclusive education and employment opportunities
- Empowering visually impaired individuals through research-driven initiatives

Future Directions

- Scaling up research findings for national impact
- Collaborating with stakeholders for policy changes
- Continuing research initiatives to address emerging challenges

Louis Braille Day Celebrations

(*Empowering Visually Impaired Communities*)

Event Highlights:

- 215th birthday of Louis Braille celebrated on Jan 3rd-4th, 2024
- 63 visually impaired students from 20 schools, 9 states participated
- 20th Braille Reading & Writing Competition
- Madanlal Khandelwal Memorial Braille Essay Competition (42 entries)
- Sham-e-Ghazal program (9 visually impaired performers)
- Kavi Sammelan (12 renowned poets)

Awards & Recognition:

- Total awards worth Rs. 1,70,000/-
- 42 essay competition participants recognized
- Outstanding talent in Braille literacy & cultural performances



Louis Braille Day Celebrations

(*Empowering Visually Impaired Communities*)

Impact & Outreach:

- Promoting Braille literacy & empowerment for visually impaired individuals
- Fostering inclusivity & social awareness
- Reaching 450+ attendees, 20 schools, 9 states

Key Statistics:

- 63 participants
- 42 essay entries
- 20 schools
- 9 states
- Rs. 1,70,000/- in awards



Transform Lives: Donate to AICB

(Visually Impaired Empowering Communities: Partnership Opportunities)

Initiatives:

- Hostel for Visually Impaired Students: Providing safe & inclusive living for 75 students.
- Empowering Young Minds: Educating & skill-developing 400+ visually impaired youth.
- Women Empowerment: Unlocking potential for 200+ visually impaired women.
- Crisis Intervention: Providing emergency support to 100+ visually impaired individuals in crisis.
- Support to Affiliates: Strengthening partnerships with 21 organizations.
- Louis Braille Day Celebrations: Promoting Braille literacy for 500+ individuals.
- Senior Citizen Support: Providing pension & dignity to 50+ elderly blind persons.

Impact:

- 90% success rate in academics & career for hostel residents.
- 80% increase in confidence for empowered women.
- 75% increase in Braille literacy among beneficiaries.
- 21 organizations benefited from affiliate support.

Transform Lives: Donate to AICB

(Visually Impaired Empowering Communities: Partnership Opportunities)

Why Sponsor?

Empower Visually Impaired Communities: Contribute to creating a more inclusive society.

- Demonstrate Corporate Social Responsibility: Showcase commitment to diversity and inclusion.
- Support Inclusive Education & Initiatives: Break barriers and create equal opportunities.
- Drive Positive Change & Social Inclusion: Contribute to systemic transformations.
- Increase Employee Engagement & Retention: Inspire staff through CSR initiatives.
- Access New Networks & Audiences: Expand reach through partnership events.
- Improve Corporate Image & Credibility: Showcase values and ethics.
- Tax Benefits: Claim deductions for charitable contributions.

Transform Lives: Donate to AICB

(Visually Impaired Empowering Communities: Partnership Opportunities)

Support Our Advocacy Efforts

- Partner with us to promote equality and inclusivity for visually impaired individuals. Your sponsorship will:
- Strengthen our advocacy initiatives
- Expand our reach and impact
- Empower marginalized communities

Sponsorship Opportunities:

- Platinum: Rs. 10 lakhs+
- Gold: Rs. 5-9 lakhs
- Silver: Rs. 2-4 lakhs
- Bronze: Rs. 1-1.9 lakhs

Join Hands with AICB

Contribute to creating a more inclusive society

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