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► CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The New Year is upon us. I in my personal capacity and behalf of all the office bearers extend warm wishes to all our well-wishers, donors, stakeholders, officials from the Chandigarh Administration and its various departments, and our valued bankers—SBI, Axis Bank, PNB, and ICICI Bank. May the year ahead bring good health, happiness, and success to all. We pray for a joyful, fulfilling, and prosperous year for our students, faculty, staff, and for the Institution as a whole. Have a great year—2026.



Welcome to this edition of the magazine of the Institute for the Blind. While we always endeavour to adhere to a fixed publication schedule, the exigencies of work sometimes cause unavoidable delays. We have therefore attempted to incorporate the maximum number of activities within the extended time period covered in this issue.

This period has been one of significant activity for both the Society for Care of the Blind and the Institute for the Blind. We have undertaken a wide range of initiatives across academics, sports, extracurricular activities, and nation-building efforts. A major alumni meet was also organised during this period, and it gave us immense happiness to witness the remarkable progress many of our alumni have made in their lives.

During this time, we also had the opportunity to meet our new Chief Secretary and former Office President, Shri H. Rajesh Prasad, IAS. We called on him at his office and held detailed discussions regarding the Society and the Institute, covering various aspects of our functioning, finances, and organisational structure. We look forward to his kind guidance, cooperation, and direction in the near future.

Any discussion on finances naturally brings us to the invaluable role played by our esteemed donors, who have sustained us for the past fifty-two years. Our proud and remarkable history of over five decades is largely due to their generous contributions. Whatever the amount—ranging from as little as one hundred rupees to contributions running into several lakhs—it is our donors, primarily individuals but increasingly institutions and corporate bodies as well, who have encouraged, motivated, and strengthened both the Society for Care of the Blind and the Institute for the Blind.

We would indeed be remiss if we did not extend our heartfelt gratitude and sincere thanks to our donors for their generosity, kindness, continued assistance, and guidance. They are our source of strength and effectiveness, and they empower us by their very association.

The Society has successfully arranged, through State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank, QR codes and bank accounts for receiving donations. The relevant details are available on our website and may be accessed for online donations. We humbly request donors to kindly indicate their full name and address to enable us to generate the necessary receipts.

Donations are also welcome at the office of the Warden, where receipts are issued immediately. We are fully legally compliant and may request certain details and proof of identity, especially for cash donations, as mandated by law.

We earnestly request our donors to continue their support, either physically at the office or online, so that we may continue to discharge our duties and responsibilities in the manner envisioned by our founding fathers. We also request the corporate sector to extend greater support, particularly towards operational expenses. The Society bears responsibility for students' academics, hostels, establishment, boarding and lodging, and outreach initiatives for the visually challenged, such as spectacles and cataract operations. Donations are required not only for equipment and books but also to meet essential operational expenses.

We take great pride in our alumni, many of whom are now well placed in banks, insurance companies, corporate organisations, government departments, and educational institutions. We seek the kind cooperation of the corporate sector in providing placement opportunities for our alumni. After completing Class XII at the Institute, students pursue higher education before entering the job market. We welcome suggestions from the corporate sector that would help us skill and equip our students for better placements, and we would also share such inputs with alumni who are completing their college or university education. Our alumni are our ambassadors. Periodic alumni association meetings bring together former students, and it is always heartening to witness the positivity, energy, and mutual support they share.

We have also requested the Director General of Police, Chandigarh UT, to address the issue of low public awareness regarding the white cane. This is extremely important, as public understanding of the significance of the white cane for visually impaired individuals remains limited. We will continue to follow up on this matter to help build a more inclusive and friendly environment for the visually challenged.

We remain thankful to our members who have been associated with us over long periods. Efforts have been made to update our membership records, and we seek their cooperation in providing updated addresses, phone numbers, and especially WhatsApp numbers. With accurate contact details, the soft copy of our magazine can easily reach them. We also request our donors to associate with us as valued members, which will help foster a more consistent and meaningful relationship. Members are also encouraged to motivate others to donate to the Society for Care of the Blind.

The festive season has been particularly busy and heart-warming. With the grace of the Divine, we experienced a joyful period, and the sale of candles reached a record level. The objective, however, is not merely sales but to build enduring relationships and bonds with donors, members, and visitors. These relationships sustain us over the years, inspire our vision, and encourage our work.

We have constituted all committees as mandated by the Education Department, and they are functioning as stipulated. We also strictly adhere to all student safety norms. Our volunteers are valued stakeholders. Their sustained and consistent association has made a significant contribution and greatly enriched the institution.

We remain grateful to the Chandigarh Administration for its continued support and cooperation. We hope you enjoy reading about the wide range of activities featured in this magazine.

We look forward to your continued association, encouragement, and support.

-Dinesh Kumar Kapila

► SPORTS

Achievement in Chess – AICFB North Zone Chess Championship 2025



From 10th to 13th July 2025, six of our talented students participated in the AICFB North Zone Chess Championship 2025. The event provided a wonderful platform for the students to showcase their skills and strategic abilities. Among them, Lovekush, a Class 8 student, was honoured with the title of Best Junior Chandigarh Player, a proud achievement for the school.



The championship not only celebrated their hard work and dedication but also encouraged qualities such as strategic thinking, concentration, patience, and a healthy competitive spirit among peers.

► SPORTS

Participation in 1st Para National Yogasana Sports Championship 2025



From 26th to 28th September 2025, six students (three boys and three girls) from the Institute participated in the 1st Para National Yogasana Sports Championship 2025. Showcasing great skill and determination, the participants represented the school with enthusiasm and discipline.



Our talented student, Mr. Prince Kumar Ahuja, brought laurels to the institution by winning a Bronze Medal, making the entire school community proud of his remarkable achievement.

► Co-CURRICULAR ENGAGEMENTS

Independence Day Celebration – A Tribute to Freedom and Dedication

The 79th Independence Day was celebrated with pride at the Institute with the hoisting of the National Flag by Hon'ble Justice Shri Sant Parkash Ji, Punjab State Human Rights Commissioner, in the presence of office bearers. The programme featured patriotic songs and the National Anthem sung by students, filling the campus with national spirit.

On this occasion, cash prizes were awarded to students securing the top three positions in Classes 10th and 12th (CBSE Board). Four staff members were honoured for their outstanding service. Shri Dinesh Kumar Kapila, Senior Vice President cum-Chairman, thanked the Chief Guest and highlighted the institution's achievements and advancements in infrastructure and technology. He also emphasised the joy and pride we experience as citizens of a free India and encouraged everyone to value and uphold this freedom. Ms. Suparna Sachdev Honorary Secretary, recalled the sacrifices of freedom fighters and urged continued association with the Society.

The Institute also expressed gratitude to Mrs. Kanwaljit Kaur, Member of the Standing Committee for awarding scholarships to three college-going students. The programme was organised and supervised by Ms. Suparna Sachdev (Honorary Secretary), Mrs. Aneeta Jayara (Joint Secretary), and Mr. Rakesh Sharma (Principal). Adding to the celebrations, students participated in a group dance competition at the Independence Day function held at Parade Ground, in collaboration with GRIID-22, and proudly secured 2nd position. The prize was presented by Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & Administrator of Chandigarh Shri Gulab Chand Kataria Ji



► Co-CURRICULAR ENGAGEMENTS

Outstanding Performance at Cluster Level Kala Utsav 2025



On 26th August, our students proudly showcased their artistic talents in the Cluster Level Kala Utsav Program held at GMSSS TM, Sector 26, Chandigarh. Their creativity, confidence, and hard work were evident in every performance.

Our Play and Storytelling Team delivered an exceptional performance, securing the 1st prize and earning selection for the State Level Kala Utsav. Their achievement brought great pride to the school and highlighted the remarkable potential of our visually impaired learners.

In addition to this, students also participated enthusiastically in Group Song, Dance, and Bhajan events at the cluster level, captivating the audience with their rhythm, expression, and dedication.



On October 12, 2025, our talented students proudly represented the school at the State Level Kala Utsav 2025-26 in the Theatre Art category. They presented a powerful play titled "Aanandi Bai – The First Lady Doctor of India," depicting the inspiring journey of India's pioneering woman in medicine. Competing alongside general category students, our visually impaired participants showcased exceptional confidence and acting skills, earning a Consolation Prize—a moment of great pride and accomplishment for the Institute.

► EDUCATIONAL AND ENRICHMENT VISITS FOR STUDENTS

Visit to Science Exhibition at the SCERT, Chandigarh

On October 31, 2025, students of Classes VII and IX visited the State Council of Education, Research and Training (SCERT), Sector 32, Chandigarh, to explore the Science Exhibition organized there. The visit provided students with an enriching and interactive learning experience as they observed a wide range of innovative scientific projects and models displayed by participants. Each model was clearly and elaborately explained by its creator, helping students understand the underlying scientific principles and applications. Guided by Mr. Ashwani Kumar and Ms. Nirmla Devi, the visit fostered curiosity, creativity, and a deeper appreciation for science and technology among the students.



Educational Visit to Science City, Kapurthala

On 6th November 2025, our visually impaired students from Classes 9th to 12th visited Science City, Kapurthala as part of an educational initiative under the Science and Technology Department. The visit was highly enriching, providing them with meaningful hands-on and sensory learning experiences. They learned about how a rocket launch program is executed, explored models through touch and guided explanation, and enjoyed an engaging 3D audio-supported experience that made complex scientific concepts easier to understand. Students also visited the sports science gallery, where they discovered the science behind movement and balance through interactive demonstrations. The section on the working of the human heart and other biological systems offered them a clearer understanding through tactile models and detailed audio descriptions. The entire visit encouraged experiential learning, sparked scientific curiosity, and strengthened their confidence and interest in various fields of science and technology.



➤ ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND SKILL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

Assistive Technology Workshop: Promoting Independent Learning and Accessible Entertainment

On 19th July 2025, a special Assistive Technology Workshop was conducted for 58 students by NAB Delhi and Nobaflix, led by Mr. Inderpreet Singh. The session focused on the Shravan IVR Audio Library and included an accessible movie screening, introducing students to innovative tools that support independent learning. The workshop highlighted the significance of accessible technology and entertainment, empowering students to explore educational and recreational resources on their own.



Enable India Workshop on “Reading Without Seeing” and Career Awareness



On 28th–29th July 2025, an Enable India Workshop on “Reading Without Seeing” and career awareness was conducted for students of Classes 6–12, organized in collaboration with the Alumni Association. The sessions, led by facilitators Adil Mir and Rajesh Y, combined motivation, goal setting, role modeling, and practical guidance on education and career choices. Students were introduced to a wide range of accessible devices and tools, including Text-to-Speech software, KIBBO magnifiers, talking thermometers, sphygmomanometers, and specially adapted kitchen appliances, enabling them to manage education, health, and daily tasks independently. The workshop built digital literacy skills, broadened understanding of career possibilities, and highlighted how technology and accessibility tools can help visually impaired students pursue their aspirations effectively. Through these interactive sessions, students were empowered to envision a future of independence, skill development, and self-reliance.

► ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND SKILL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

Rotary Club Distributes Smart Vision Glasses to Empower Students

On 11th August, Rotary District 3080, in association with Vision Aid under Project Sudrishti, gifted Smart Vision Glasses to 25 visually impaired students of the school, marking a significant milestone in the journey towards inclusive education. Developed by SHG Technologies Pvt. Ltd., these AI-powered glasses enable students to read printed text aloud, navigate indoor spaces, recognise people and surroundings, and enhance personal safety through an emergency alert feature.



The programme commenced with melodious welcome and patriotic songs presented by the students. The Chief Guest, Rtn. Rajpal Singh, Immediate Past District Governor, lauded the initiative and appreciated the enthusiasm and confidence of the students. Shri Dinesh Kumar Kapila, Senior Vice President-cum-Chairman, described the initiative as a “God-sent gift” that restores hope, confidence, and the courage to dream bigger.

Special appreciation was extended to Rtn. A. P. Singh, Chairman – Project Sudrishti, whose tireless efforts, coordination, and dedication played a pivotal role, along with Mr. Anshuman from Vision Aid, in making this visionary project a reality. Shri Hari Om Verma, a constant source of encouragement to the Institute, graced the occasion and assured his continued support towards our mission of inclusive education.

Ms. Suparna Sachdev, Honorary Secretary and Mr. Rakesh Sharma, Principal, expressed heartfelt gratitude to Rotary and Vision Aid, describing the initiative as truly transformative for the students. The presence of Rotary members, Vision Aid representatives, parents, teachers, and students made the event inspiring and memorable.

Online Training on Smart Vision Glasses – Enhancing Digital Confidence

On 19th August, an online training session was organized by SHG Technology for the students who recently received the Smart Vision Glasses. The session aimed to help students understand and operate their new devices effectively, ensuring they can make full use of the advanced features. During the training, the experts demonstrated how to connect the Smart Vision Glasses to a mobile phone and guided students step-by-step through the process. They also explained the functioning of various features of the glasses, including text reading, environment description, indoor navigation, and safety alerts. The interactive session proved extremely beneficial, boosting the students' confidence and enabling them to use their smart glasses independently. Such initiatives continue to empower our visually impaired learners with technology that supports both learning and personal safety.

► ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND SKILL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

Participation in the 4th Right to Write National Saksham Computer Speed & Accuracy Competition

On 22nd August, two of our students proudly represented the school in the 4th Right to Write National Saksham Computer Speed and Accuracy Competition, organized by Saksham at HCL Foundation, Noida. Our talented participants, Paras Bhardwaj and Sunny Kumar Chauhan, showcased their skills and enthusiasm in this national-level event. Competitions like these play a vital role in empowering visually impaired students by providing them with a platform to demonstrate their independence, confidence, and technological proficiency. Such opportunities help strengthen their belief that they can excel in modern digital environments just as effectively as their sighted peers.



Lighting Lives this Diwali

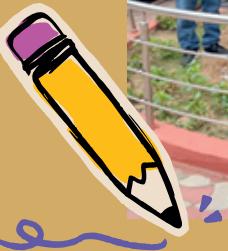
देख नहीं सकते, पर बांट सकते हैं... रोशनी



On the occasion of Diwali, students of the school, along with dedicated staff members, enthusiastically participated in a creative initiative by making a variety of handmade decorative candles. This festive activity aimed not only at spreading the light and joy of Diwali by illuminating the homes of the Tricity residents, but also at imparting meaningful vocational training to students during the festive season. Through this hands-on experience, students developed practical skills, creativity, and a sense of self-reliance, reinforcing the school's commitment to holistic education, skill development, and community outreach.

► ENVIRONMENTAL, PATRIOTIC, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

Van Mahotsav Celebration and Eco-Club Plantation Drive



On 5th July 2025, the school celebrated Van Mahotsav with great enthusiasm by organizing an Eco-Club Plantation Drive within the school premises. The event was graced by the presence of Honorary Secretary Ms. Suparna Sachdev, Principal Mr. Rakesh Sharma, Teaching faculty, Eco-Club Incharge, Gardener Mr. Jatta Shankar, and a Social Worker. Class 12 students, actively participated in planting a variety of saplings, promoting a spirit of environmental stewardship and providing students with a hands-on conservation experience. The Honorary Secretary, Principal, faculty members, and the social worker also planted saplings, setting a meaningful example for the students. A total of 10 medicinal plants and 19 ornamental and flowering plants were planted, including species such as Peela Banta and Bel, known for their medicinal properties. The drive not only enhanced the school's greenery but also raised awareness about biodiversity and the importance of preserving nature for a sustainable future.

Commemoration of Shaheed Udham Singh's Martyrdom

On 31st July 2025, a special assembly was held to honor the courage, sacrifice, and patriotism of Shaheed Udham Singh. The occasion aimed to instill in students the values of bravery, love for the nation, and respect for those who laid down their lives for freedom. Mr. Ashwani Kumar (TGT Math) highlighted Udham Singh's inspiring life story and the remarkable bravery he displayed in the struggle for India's independence. The assembly served as a reminder of the selfless dedication of our martyrs and motivated students to uphold the spirit of courage and patriotism in their own lives.

► ENVIRONMENTAL, PATRIOTIC, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

Akshay Urja Diwas – Celebrating Renewable Energy Through Knowledge

On 20th August, the school celebrated Akshay Urja Diwas by organizing an engaging Quiz Competition focused on renewable energy and sustainability. Students participated with great enthusiasm, showcasing their awareness and curiosity about clean and green energy sources. A total of six teams took part in the competition. The quiz consisted of three rounds, each designed to test the students' knowledge, speed, and teamwork. After intense and exciting rounds, four teams qualified for the final round, where they competed closely for the top positions. The event concluded with the announcement of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners, who were felicitated with prizes for their outstanding performance. The competition not only enriched students' understanding of renewable energy but also encouraged them to contribute towards a sustainable future.



Participation in “Namo Yuva Run – Walkathon for Nasha Mukt Bharat”

On 21st September 2025 (Sunday), a group of 25 students, accompanied by their teachers, Principal Mr. Rakesh Sharma and Honorary Secretary Ms. Suparna Sachdev participated in the “Namo Yuva Run – Walkathon for Nasha Mukt Bharat” held at Chandigarh Club, Sector 1, Chandigarh. The students participated in the walkathon with great enthusiasm and energy, joining hands with other participants from across the Tricity to spread the message of a drug-free, healthy, and responsible youth community. Their active involvement reflected the school's commitment to promoting awareness about the importance of leading a positive and addiction-free life.



► ENVIRONMENTAL, PATRIOTIC, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

Preparation of Braille Ballot Papers for Punjab Bye-Elections

The Society received an official order from the Electoral Officer, Punjab to prepare Braille Ballot Papers for the Bye-Elections of Ludhiana West and Tarn Taran Constituencies. In compliance with the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India, the competent staff of the Society's Braille Preparation Unit meticulously prepared ballot papers for a total of 470 polling stations. Each ballot paper was produced in Punjabi Braille Script, ensuring complete accuracy, clarity, and accessibility for visually impaired voters. The ballot papers were securely packed and delivered within the stipulated time to the Returning Officers of the respective constituencies, who expressed full satisfaction with the quality and timely completion of the work. This initiative reflects the Society's commitment to promoting inclusive electoral participation and enabling independent voting for persons with visual impairment.



UIDAI Conducts Aadhaar Update Camps at the Institute

To ensure that all students' Aadhaar details remain updated and valid, the UIDAI Regional Office, Sector 17, Chandigarh, organised three Aadhaar update camps at the institute, successfully updating the MBU details of all 168 students. This initiative was undertaken to prevent future issues related to Aadhaar verification and to enable students to seamlessly avail government schemes, digital services, and accurate MBU data is also mandatory for the UDISE portal. Sh. Sachin (Project Officer), UIDAI, visited the institute and met Mr. Rakesh Sharma Principal and interacted with Sh. Dinesh Kumar Kapila Senior Vice President-cum-Chairman of the Society for the Care of the Blind. The UIDAI team appreciated the institute's dedicated efforts in facilitating Aadhaar enrolment and updates within the school premises and assured continued cooperation for similar outreach programmes in the future. The school sincerely thanks the UIDAI team, along with students and parents, for their cooperation in making this initiative a success.



► STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND INCLUSIVE SUPPORT INITIATIVES

Launch of Scribe Bank for Blind Students under Indian Oil's CSR Initiative



On 1st July 2025, two students, Vanshika and Manish, along with Principal Mr. Rakesh Sharma, and Ms. Suparna Sachdev Honorary Secretary & Faculty Members, visited Indian Oil for the launch of the Scribe Bank for Blind Students under its CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) activity. This meaningful initiative aims to provide trained scribes to visually impaired students, ensuring equal access to academic opportunities and fair examination support. Before the official launch, our own student, Master Paras Bhardwaj, a Class 12th student, helped test the application to ensure it worked smoothly with a screen reader, enabling visually impaired students to operate it independently. With the help of this program, blind students will no longer need to approach multiple people for assistance during exams. Instead, they will have access to a dependable system that promotes independence, confidence, and self-reliance, empowering them to focus on their studies and achieve academic success with dignity.

Interactive Session with Hon'ble Governor and Launch of Braille Pamphlet on Child Care Helpline

On 3rd July 2025, students attended a special interactive session of Bal Sabha with Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & Administrator of Chandigarh Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, organised by the Department of Social Welfare. The session provided students with valuable insights into the importance of social responsibility and child welfare. On the same day, a Braille pamphlet on the Child Care Helpline was launched, marking a significant step towards inclusivity and accessibility for visually impaired individuals. The event not only enhanced awareness about various child welfare services but also inspired students to become responsible, compassionate, and informed citizens dedicated to contributing



► STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND INCLUSIVE SUPPORT INITIATIVES

Signing of MoU for Free Graduation Education

10th September – A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Institute for the Blind and Shri Guru Gobind Singh College, Sector 26, Chandigarh, under which the college will provide free graduation education to our visually impaired students. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to SGGS College for this noble and inclusive initiative.



Inclusive Education Initiative by St. Joseph's School, Chandigarh



On 25th September 2025, as part of the Inclusive Education Initiative, St. Joseph's School, Chandigarh shared a podcast audio with students of Classes VIII to X, focusing on the theme of inclusion and mutual understanding. The initiative aimed to foster empathy, acceptance, and respect for diversity among young learners. The event was graced by Ms. Monica Chawla Principal of St. Joseph's Sr. Secondary School, whose presence and insights added immense value, inspiring students to embrace inclusivity in both thought and

Tokens of Love: A Celebration of Student Achievement



On 31 July, the institute was honoured by the gracious presence of Ms. Kawaljeet Kaur Member of the Standing committee, who presented Tokens of Love to students who successfully passed the 10th class in the 2024–25 academic session. These thoughtfully crafted tokens were prepared by Inayat Kaur Grewal and infused with pleasant fragrances, with efforts underway to design them using Braille alphabets for greater inclusivity. The occasion was further enriched by the presence of Ms. Suparna Sachdev Honorary Secretary, and Ms. Prem Girdhar, along with the active participation of Mr. Rakesh Sharma Principal and the teaching faculty. Smoothly anchored by Ms. Anu, the event became a memorable celebration of achievement, encouragement, and inclusive values.

► STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND INCLUSIVE SUPPORT INITIATIVES

Meeting of the School Managing Committee Discusses Achievements and Future Plans



A meeting of the School Managing Committee of the Institute for the Blind, Sector 26, Chandigarh, was held on Tuesday, 9th December 2025, at 11:30 a.m. in the institute premises under the chairmanship of Shri Dinesh Kumar Kapila, Chairman of the Committee. The meeting was attended by 12 members and was presided over by Shri Kapila, who warmly welcomed all present and initiated the proceedings. During the meeting, the achievements of the Society and the School were reviewed in detail, and several important decisions were taken collectively to promote further growth, development, and strengthening of the institution. The discussion reflected the committee's shared commitment to the continued progress and welfare of the school and society.



Cooking Without Looking workshop

On 14th and 15th June 2025, the Institute for the Blind, Sector 26, Chandigarh, hosted a heartwarming two-day workshop titled “Cooking Without Looking” for visually impaired individuals, including students of the institute. Organised by the Positive Abilities Rotaract Club in collaboration with the Institute and supported by NAB Delhi, the workshop was led by Ms. Veena Mehta Verma, renowned culinary expert and Director, NAB Delhi. With active support from faculty members Ms. Anu and Ms. Sarita Pathak participants learned essential life skills such as kitchen safety using adaptive tools, sensory-based cooking, knife handling, meal planning, and building self-confidence through independent cooking. The programme was graced by Chief Guest Ms. Ritu Singhal, Guest of Honour Sh. Dinesh Kumar Kapila, along with Mr. K.P. Singh, Dr. Rimpi Arora, Ms. Suparna Sachdev, and Mr. Rakesh Sharma, whose presence and encouragement added great value. Special appreciation is extended to Mr. D. P. Pathak for his dedicated support. The workshop beautifully celebrated ability over disability, fostering confidence, creativity, and independence through inclusive culinary experiences.



► SAFETY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMS

Fire Safety Training Program by Chandigarh Fire Safety Department



On 12th September 2025, a Fire Safety Training Program was conducted by officials from the Chandigarh Fire Safety Department. The officers demonstrated the PASS technique (Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep) and explained the proper use and identification of different types of fire extinguishers, including dry carbon extinguishers. Both students and staff actively participated and learned valuable life-saving skills. The officials also emphasized important safety measures to follow during a fire outbreak, such as rolling on the floor to escape safely, covering the mouth with a wet cloth to prevent suffocation, and remaining calm while exiting the building. Through practical demonstrations and clear guidance, students not only learned how to safeguard themselves but also gained the knowledge to spread fire safety awareness within their families and communities.



Sensitisation Program on World Suicide Prevention Day



A Sensitisation Program was organised on the occasion of World Suicide Prevention Day on 16th September under the guidance of Counsellor Ms. Muskan. As part of the program, our students presented a powerful and emotional play aimed at motivating fellow students to openly share their feelings, seek support when needed, and prioritise their mental well-being. The performance conveyed the strong message that suicide is not a solution to end pain, and that even the most difficult moments eventually pass—just as good times come and go, bad times also do not stay forever. The play encouraged everyone to stay strong, stay connected, and take care of their emotional health.

► SAFETY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMS

Tree Pruning Drive by Horticulture Department for Campus Safety



On 24th September 2025, the Horticulture Department, Chandigarh Administration carried out tree pruning work around the school premises to ensure the safety of students. This initiative also contributed to the overall safety and well-being of the students.

Awareness Talk on “Disaster Management”



On October 4, 2025 (Saturday), the Institute organized an informative talk on “Disaster Management” at 10:00 a.m. by Ms. Anu as part of its ongoing awareness initiatives. The session was conducted by Shri Ajay Jagga, Senior Advocate & Social Activist and Shri Baljinder Singh Khaira, Advocate & Social Activist, from Bharatiya Sanskritik Gyan, Chandigarh. The speakers shared valuable insights on disaster preparedness, response strategies, and safety measures, helping students understand the importance of being alert and equipped during emergencies. The session proved to be highly engaging and educational for all participants.



► ASSISTIVE DEVICE DISTRIBUTION FOR ENHANCING STUDENT INDEPENDENCE

Distribution of Daisy Players to Senior Students



On 19th July 2025, the Positive Abilities Rotaract Club distributed Daisy Players to 10 senior students in a special ceremony held at Sip & Dine, Sector 7, Chandigarh. A Daisy Player is a versatile recorder-cum-storage device that stores educational materials in DAISY (Digital Accessible Information System) format, allowing students to access a large number of books in a compact memory space. These devices support multiple formats such as PDF, DOC, MP3, MP4, and more, making it easier for students to read and interact with a variety of learning resources. By providing these tools, the initiative will greatly enhance access to educational content and promote independent study habits, empowering students to pursue their learning at their own pace.

***Students from Various Institutions
Visit the Institute for Inclusion-Focused Learning***



Students from schools, colleges, and universities regularly visit the Institute as part of their academic curriculum and inclusion-focused learning initiatives. These visits provide valuable opportunities to understand the abilities and potential of children with visual impairments, observe their active participation and healthy academic competition, and learn about the assistive devices and educational tools that support their learning. Such meaningful interactions foster awareness, empathy, and sensitivity among visiting students, while reinforcing the importance of inclusive practices and equal opportunities in education and society.

► EMOTIONAL, CULTURAL, AND WELLNESS ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Movie Screening for Visually Impaired Students – Promoting Inclusion and Emotional Well-being



Our visually impaired students had the wonderful opportunity to watch two inspiring movies on special occasions this year. On 11th July 2025, they enjoyed a heartfelt screening of *Sitaare Zameen Par*, kindly sponsored by T.C. Terry Tex Ltd., which celebrated the strengths and uniqueness of special children, leaving a lasting impact on their confidence and self-belief. Then, on Children's Day, 14th November 2025, the students visited PVR City Centre Cinema, Chandigarh, to watch the informative and entertaining movie *Ikk Kudi*. This outing was organized under the guidance of Shri Dinesh Kumar Kapila, Senior Vice President-cum-Chairman, with supervision by Honorary Secretary Ms. Suparna Sachdev and staff members. The Society extends sincere gratitude to the generous donors who sponsored both the movies and refreshments, making these experiences enjoyable, motivating, and memorable for all the students.



Raksha Bandhan Celebration by Brahma Kumaris – A Day of Love, Protection & Spiritual Harmony

On 6th August, members of the Brahma Kumaris organization visited the school to celebrate Raksha Bandhan with the visually impaired students. The team lovingly tied Rakhis to all students and staff, filling the atmosphere with warmth, joy, and a sense of togetherness. During the celebration, they beautifully explained the true essence of Raksha Bandhan – that the sacred thread is not just a ritual but a symbol of protection, care, and harmony. The Brahma Kumaris members emphasized that this thread represents God's divine promise of safety and support, reminding everyone that God always believes in caring for His children. They also highlighted the importance of meditation for maintaining inner peace and mental well-being. Through their gentle guidance, they encouraged students to practice meditation regularly to strengthen their minds, reduce stress, and stay connected with positive energy.

► PERSONAL GROWTH AND ACCESSIBILITY ADVOCACY PROGRAMS

Motivational Session by Mr. Vivek Atray, Former IAS Officer

On October 15, 2025, the Institute had the honour of welcoming Mr. Vivek Atray, renowned motivational speaker and former IAS officer, along with his team. He conducted an inspiring motivational session for the students, encouraging them to stay positive, confident, and focused on their goals. Through engaging interaction and uplifting messages, he instilled a sense of optimism and self-belief among the students. Mr. Atray also shared a powerful affirmation – “I am happy, I am healthy, I am strong, and I am caring” – which deeply resonated with everyone and left a lasting impact on the young minds.



Celebration of White Cane Safety Day 2025



On October 15, 2025, the Institute celebrated White Cane Safety Day with great enthusiasm and spirit. Various competitions were organized for both boys and girls to emphasize the importance of mobility and independence for visually impaired students. The initiative, led by Sh. Dinesh Kumar Kapila, aimed at enhancing students' mobility skills and overall self-reliance. The events were conducted by Mr. D.P. Pathak and Ms. Sarita, ensuring active participation from all students. Sh. Sunil Kumar, Chief Judicial Magistrate, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and distributed prizes to the winners. Through mobility training and these engaging activities, students not only improved their orientation skills but also gained greater self-confidence and independence.

► PERSONAL GROWTH AND ACCESSIBILITY ADVOCACY PROGRAMS

Students' Outstanding Performance at Jalandhar

Our students made us proud at a National Level Competition held in Jalandhar from 21st to 23rd November, organized by the Louise Braille Welfare Association for the Blind. Demonstrating confidence, skill, and determination, our students secured 3rd Prize in Declamation and also won a Consolation Prize in English Braille Writing. This commendable achievement reflects their hard work and the school's continued commitment to excellence and inclusive education.



International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities was celebrated with great enthusiasm on 3rd December, with students of Classes XI and XII hosting the programme. The event featured inspiring performances, including a motivational song and poem, reflecting resilience, confidence, and determination. The students proudly shared that despite the many challenges they face as visually impaired learners, they continue to achieve remarkable success in school. Under the dedicated guidance of their mentors and the constant supervision and support of the Principal and the Management of the Society, these students are growing into confident individuals and emerging as valuable assets to society.



► SMILES FOR LIFE: ORAL HEALTH CHECK-UP

A special two-day oral health session was organized by the Oral Health Department of PGIMER, Chandigarh, on 11th and 12th December. During this full-day programme, a total of 168 students were examined in a comprehensive and systematic manner. The complete PGIMER oral health team remained present throughout both days to ensure thorough screening and professional care. The team interacted patiently and sensitively with the students, ensuring their comfort during the examination process. Special emphasis was laid on creating awareness about proper oral hygiene practices, including correct brushing techniques, the importance of regular dental care, and healthy eating habits. The guidance was shared in a simple and student-friendly manner to encourage long-term adoption. Such health initiatives play a vital role in the holistic development of our students and reflect the strong collaboration between the Institute and leading medical institutions like PGIMER, Chandigarh.



► ANNUAL SPORTS MEET 2025

Our visually impaired students participated with great enthusiasm in the Two-Day Annual Sports Meet of the Institute for the Blind, held on 5th and 6th December 2025 at the Sports Complex, Sector 7, Chandigarh organized under the aegis of the Society for the Care of the Blind, Sector 26, Chandigarh. The event witnessed the participation of over 168 students, who showcased determination, skill, and a true sporting spirit. The meet commenced with the gracious presence of Shri Sorabh Kumar Arora Sports Director, Chandigarh, who inaugurated the event and motivated our young athletes to aim high. On the second day, Sh. Dalip Sharma, Municipal Councillor, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, inspiring students with his encouraging words. Parents, staff, and volunteers also actively participated in various events, adding to the festive spirit and joy of the occasion. The students' performances in running, jumping, and throwing events brought immense pride and happiness to everyone present. Cultural performances, including Zumba, Ludi dance, and a special sports song, added vibrancy to the two-day celebration. Every participant was cheered, supported, and guided with care, ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment. We extend heartfelt gratitude to volunteers, parents, and guide runners for their invaluable support and encouragement. Special thanks to KB DAV School, Dev Samaj School, RTC College, GMSSS-32, GMSSS-33, and SD College-32 for providing volunteers and assistance. Our sincere appreciation also goes to the media and donors who helped make the event widely recognized. The Annual Sports Meet 2025 was not just a competition but a celebration of courage, talent, and community spirit. It highlighted how our students, despite challenges, continue to achieve excellence, filling everyone with pride, joy, and inspiration.



► PERSONAL GROWTH AND ACCESSIBILITY ADVOCACY PROGRAMS

New Brailler Donation –

Empowering Students with Knowledge



We are delighted to share that our institution has received 18 Brailler, a valuable educational aid, generously donated by Mr. Karandeep Singh, Founder of Pinnacle Infra Realty. This contribution is not just a machine—it is a gift of knowledge, independence, and dignity for our visually impaired students. A Brailler is a powerful tool that enables students to read, write, learn spellings and mathematics, and express their thoughts confidently in Braille. It plays a crucial role in developing literacy skills, fostering self-reliance, and preparing students for future academic and professional success. In today's world, where education is the foundation of empowerment, assistive devices like the Brailler ensure equal opportunities for all students. This new aid will strengthen our teaching-learning process and help students move forward with confidence and self-belief. On behalf of the institution, we express our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Karandeep Singh and her mother Mrs. Neeta Singh, all supporters whose encouragement inspires us to continue our mission of providing quality education in an inclusive environment. The Brailler will be used with utmost care and will benefit many students for years to come.



Digital Learning Support

The Institute for the Blind, Sector 26 Chandigarh, is delighted to announce the generous donation of 25 old but working laptops, along with 25 old desktop monitors and 25 old mice, from Emerson Information Technology Solutions, Mohali. These items will be solely utilized and distributed among the visually challenged students of the Institute to support their education and welfare. The Management of the Society expresses heartfelt gratitude to Emerson Information Technology Solutions for their valuable contribution, which will significantly enhance the learning experience and digital skills of the students, empowering them to achieve greater academic success.



► ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS ENHANCE CAMPUS FOR STUDENTS AND VISITORS

In a significant step toward creating a more accessible and inclusive environment, tactile tiles have been installed across the school campus and hostel areas. In addition, handrails and specially designed washroom fittings for individuals with mobility challenges have been thoughtfully provided to support the needs of students and visitors alike. This important initiative was generously funded by Shri Daljit Singh Gujral and Mrs. Nimrat Gujral. To further assist visitors, a detailed accessibility map has been installed at the entry point, enabling everyone to easily identify accessible routes before entering the premises. These enhancements reflect the school's strong commitment to providing a safe, welcoming, and barrier-free campus for all.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION JOY ◀

On 24 December, on the eve of Christmas, the school management celebrated the festival with great joy and enthusiasm along with the students. The campus was beautifully decorated with vibrant and colorful decorations prepared by the teaching staff, creating a festive and cheerful atmosphere. The celebration was further enlivened by the presence of Santa Claus, who distributed toffees and chocolates to the students, spreading happiness and festive cheer among everyone present.



► VISIT BY DIGNITARIES

Visit by State BJP Team, Chandigarh

On October 18, 2025, a delegation from the State BJP Team, Chandigarh, visited the Institute. The team included Sh. J.P. Malhotra (President), Sh. Devinder Singh Babla (Vice President), and Sh. Sanjeev Rana (General Secretary), along with other dignitaries. During their visit, they interacted warmly with the students and appreciated their talents and achievements. On the occasion of the Diwali Festival, the guests purchased candles made by the students and conveyed their festive greetings. As a kind gesture, they also presented a table to the Music Department of the Institute. Ms. Suparna Sachdev Honorary Secretary, extended heartfelt thanks to the visitors for their thoughtful contribution and continued support.



► VISIT BY NCERT DELEGATION

On October 29, 2025, a delegation from the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) visited the Institute as part of their Five-Day Capacity Building Programme on Braille Reading and Writing Activities. During their visit, the team interacted with students and staff, observed classroom activities, and gained insights into the Institute's inclusive teaching practices. The delegation appreciated the dedicated efforts of the school management in providing meaningful learning experiences and promoting Braille literacy among visually impaired students.



► VISIT BY TELEPERFORMANCE VOLUNTEERS

A team of 20 volunteers from Teleperformance visited the Institute on 19 December 2025 at around 03:00 p.m. as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. The volunteers spent approximately two hours at the Institute, engaging with students and gaining insight into the Institute's work and activities. The visit provided an opportunity for meaningful interaction and reflected Teleperformance's commitment to social responsibility and community engagement.



► AWARDS

Teacher Excellence Award for Mr. Rajesh Kumar Arya

On 11th September 2025, our Music Teacher, Mr. Rajesh Kumar Arya, was honoured with the Teacher Excellence Award at Manav Mangal School, Sector 88, Chandigarh, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the field of music education for visually impaired students. His unwavering dedication, passion, and innovative teaching methods have inspired many young learners to explore and excel in music. The award ceremony celebrated his remarkable commitment to nurturing talent and creating inclusive learning experiences through the universal language of music.



► OUR GUIDING LEGAL ADVISOR



Shri Prashant Kumar Kapila, our Honorary Legal Counsel, has rendered exemplary representation and sound legal advise on varied legal issues.

Legal matters are often complex and need time and repeated hearings and also require costs in terms of legal fees and charges but Shri Prashant Kumar Kapila has not only been professionally diligent but also rendered all services on a honorary basis. His legal acumen has brought about a favourable judgement in a case decided recently. We appreciate his services in other legal matters as well, whether appearing in courts or providing well-considered advice, demonstrating his dedication and reliability time and again. We appreciate his support and services.

► OUR DEDICATED HEALTH CONSULTANT



We are deeply grateful to Ms. Savita Gulati, MBBS, for her unwavering dedication to the health and well-being of our students. For many years, she has been an integral part of our institution, ensuring that every student receives proper medical care and guidance. Ms. Gulati generously dedicates her time twice a week, conducting health check-ups, providing medical advice, and guiding both students and staff on maintaining overall wellness. Her consistent support makes a meaningful difference in the daily lives of our students. Whether it is routine check-ups or addressing urgent health concerns, Ms. Gulati approaches every task with professionalism, empathy, and genuine care. Her presence ensures that our students remain healthy, confident, and motivated in their learning environment. We sincerely appreciate her years of selfless service and commitment, and the positive impact she continues to make on our institution. Her dedication inspires students and staff alike to prioritize health and well-being as a cornerstone of education.

► 3RD ALUMNI MEET

Honouring the Past, Inspiring the Future

The 3rd Alumni Meet, organised by the Alumni Association of the Institute for the Blind, was celebrated with great enthusiasm over two memorable days. The first day of the event was hosted at the auditorium of S.D. College, Sector 32, Chandigarh, and was graced by distinguished guests. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr. Akshay Verma, Director of VTC Group. The program was further honoured by the presence of Dr. Ajay Sharma Principal, S.D. College, and the Guest of Honour, Mr. Dinesh Kumar Kapila, Sr. Vice President-cum-Chairman, Society for the Care of Blind.

The occasion was also graced by Ms. Suparna Sachdev, Honorary Secretary, Ms. Aneeta Jayara Joint Secretary, as well as former management members and former principals, whose presence added dignity, warmth, and inspiration to the celebration.

The day began with vibrant cultural performances by the present students of the school, showcasing music, dance, and artistic talent. After lunch, the alumni took the stage, including Sarjeet Singh, a renowned music personality and proud alumnus, who captivated everyone by playing harmonium beats of popular Punjabi and Hindi songs. Several former students also presented melodious performances, filling the hall with nostalgia and joy.

The Alumni Association added excitement by organising a ramp walk and fun-filled games for the alumni. The day concluded with the announcement of the titles—Mr. Farewell: Amrinder Singh and Ms. Farewell: Kashish. Dedicated volunteers from the Sanatan Dharma Aadarsh Foundation supported the entire event, ensuring its smooth and successful execution.

The second day of the Alumni Meet was held at the school campus, giving alumni the chance to return to the place where their childhood memories were created. The Alumni Association organized a special Assistive Technology Camp in collaboration with Enable India (Bangalore), Saksham (Delhi), and Torchit (Ahmedabad). These organisations showcased a wide range of assistive devices used in education, daily life, and independent mobility. Alumni explored these tools hands-on, learning how to operate them to enhance accessibility and independence in their everyday lives. The two-day Alumni Meet beautifully revived old memories, strengthened lifelong bonds, and celebrated the values of learning, unity, and empowerment that the Institute for the Blind continues to uphold.



► MY JOURNEY

Voices of our alumni



My name is Tulsi Bhardwaj. My educational journey began in 2009 when I stepped into the world of learning and possibilities at Institute for the Blind, Sector 26, Chandigarh – a place that became the foundation of my growth, values, and confidence. After seven wonderful years filled with lessons, friendships, and cherished memories, I passed out in 2016. I continued my academic journey by pursuing a Bachelor's degree (B.A. Honours) in History, followed by a Master's degree in History. Later, I completed my B.Ed. (Bachelor of Education), which strengthened my understanding of teaching, child development, and human behaviour. After completing my education, I also had the privilege of returning to my own school, where I worked as a Braille Teacher for some time. Teaching the students who walked the same corridors as I once did was both an honour and a deeply fulfilling experience. At present, I am serving as a Supervisor in the Women and Child Development Department, Government of Haryana. This role allows me to contribute meaningfully to the welfare, protection, and empowerment of women and children – a cause very close to my heart. Throughout my journey, I have learned to distinguish between right and wrong, to stay determined, and to grow through every challenge. My school life taught me discipline and curiosity; my college years gave me knowledge and confidence; and my professional life continues to teach me compassion, leadership, and responsibility every day. Each step of my journey has been a beautiful blend of learning, experience, and self-discovery – shaping me into who I am today.



I am Khushdeep Singh, currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Computer Science at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. Talking about my educational background, I completed my schooling at the Institute for the Blind, Sector 26, Chandigarh. My school played a very important role in shaping my life. It not only provided me with academic knowledge but also built the foundation of confidence, discipline, and curiosity to learn new things. The teachers at my school always encouraged me to explore the world of technology, which sparked my interest in computers from a very young age. After completing my schooling, I pursued my Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) from Lovely Professional University (LPU), Punjab, where I gained fundamental knowledge of computer systems, programming, and information technology. To further strengthen my skills and understanding, I completed my Master of Computer Applications (MCA) from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). These academic experiences deepened my interest in research and innovation in the field of computer science. Currently, as a Ph.D. scholar at JNU, I am focusing my research on developing technologies that can make a positive impact on society, especially in the field of assistive technology for visually impaired individuals. I strongly believe that education is the most powerful tool to bring change, and my journey so far reflects how my school laid the strong foundation that continues to guide me today. I will always remain grateful to the Institute for the Blind Chandigarh, for nurturing my abilities and inspiring me to follow my passion for technology. I hope to continue learning, growing, and contributing to the world through my research and innovations.

► MY JOURNEY

Voices of our alumni



I am Rihan Ahmed, currently working as a Probationary Officer at Canara Bank. My journey has been one of hard work, perseverance, and the blessings of my teachers and elders. I completed my schooling in 2018 from the Institute for the Blind, Sector 26, Chandigarh. In 2019, I secured a position in the Indian Railways as a Group D employee under the CMI in the Commercial Department. The four years I spent there provided me with valuable experience, confidence, and a strong professional foundation. In 2022, I appeared for the IBPS examination, and by the grace of God, I was selected in 2023 as a Probationary Officer in Canara Bank. It has now been two years and two months since I began my journey in the banking sector. From Railways to Banking, it has been a meaningful and inspiring path. I wholeheartedly express my gratitude to all my teachers for their constant guidance, motivation, and belief in my abilities, which has played a crucial role in shaping my success.



My name is Pooja, and I am presently working as a Senior Manager in Punjab National Bank. Reaching this position has not been an easy task. It required immense hard work, dedication, and a positive approach towards life—qualities that do not develop overnight. They grow slowly and steadily in a place called “School.”

I consider myself truly fortunate to have been a part of the esteemed Institute for the Blind, Sector 26, Chandigarh. Whenever I recall my school journey, it brings both tears to my eyes and a smile to my face.

I vividly remember the year 1992, when I underwent surgery for squint in my eye. It was only then that I came to know about my dry optic nerve, which eventually led to the deterioration of my vision. My childhood years were spent in continuous treatment, and in 1998, when we visited Dr. Mirchia in Sector 22, Chandigarh, he guided my parents to send me to the Institute for the Blind for my schooling. At that time, I was studying in a regular school in Class 4. My parents struggled to accept that their daughter needed special support—it took them nearly a year to come to terms with this reality.

Finally, in April 1999, I was admitted to Class 1 at the Institute for the Blind. I still remember the day my parents took me there—both of them were in tears and extremely worried about my future. But Late Sh. K.R. Sood consoled them and assured them that one day, they would proudly celebrate my success.

At school, Rekha Ma'am, Kiran Ma'am, Sagayam Sir, and Raj Kumar Sir taught me Braille and mathematics with such patience and dedication that within just two to three months, I was able to read and write Braille comfortably. This strong foundation helped me excel and progress quickly. All my teachers motivated and guided me not only in academics but also in co-curricular activities.

People often ask me who my favourite teacher is—but it is impossible for me to choose. Every teacher has supported me, guided me, and believed in me. I can proudly say that I was a favourite student of all my teachers. They always encouraged and nurtured me with love and care. Today, when I look back, I realise that my schooling made me who I am. College degrees may add to our qualifications, but it is school that builds our roots—just like a tree bears fruits only when its roots are strong. My teachers shaped my personality, my confidence, and my ability to face life with courage. I express my heartfelt gratitude to my school for filling my life with knowledge, wisdom, and values. I wish all my teachers good health, happiness, and success.

May the institute continue to shine and shape many more lives in the years to come.

► TRIBUTE AND REMEMBRANCE

LATE MRS. SAROJ MEHTA

Former Executive Member



20.02.1940 to 19.07.2025

Late Mrs. Saroj Mehta had been associated with the Institute as a Life-cum-Executive Member since 1992. An advocate by profession and a distinguished social worker, she played a pivotal role in the overall development and growth of the organisation. She served as a valued member of the Executive Committee of the Society and also contributed significantly as a member of the Standing Committee, which oversees the day-to-day functioning of both the Society and the Institute. For over two decades, Late Mrs. Saroj Mehta generously supported the Institute and its initiatives, dedicating her time, expertise, and resources to the noble cause of empowering persons with visual impairment. Her services were rendered entirely in an honorary capacity and left a lasting impact on the Institute and the Society. We deeply mourn her sad demise on 19th July and respectfully acknowledge her invaluable contributions and enduring legacy, which will continue to inspire generations to come.

LATE MR. TILAK RAJ

Senior Driver



12.02.1972 to 31.08.2025

The Institute deeply mourns the sudden demise of its driver, Mr. Tilak Raj, who passed away due to a cardiac arrest on 31st August 2025 while on duty. During the night hours, he suffered a cardiac arrest and was immediately rushed by the school authorities to GMSH, Sector-16, Chandigarh; however, despite all efforts, he could not be revived and was declared brought dead. Mr. Tilak Raj was a highly dedicated and sincere employee, always ready to render his services whenever required by the school, irrespective of time or circumstance. He played a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of students, especially during medical emergencies at night, promptly transporting students to the hospital along with staff without any delay. His untimely loss is deeply felt by the entire Institute, and his commitment, sense of duty, and selfless service will always be remembered.

► CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS

We warmly invite volunteers and committed donors to join us as members. The nominal membership fee is essentially a donation that helps sustain and expand our inclusive programs. Our office is always ready to assist anyone interested in becoming a part of this meaningful journey. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of visually impaired students and the community at large.

► SUPPORT OUR CAUSE

Your generous donation helps us provide inclusive education and accessible resources to visually impaired students.

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