



# NAB DELHI

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## About Us:

The National Association for the Blind (NAB), Delhi, is a non-profit organization registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 on April 19, 1979. Since 1986, NAB, Delhi has been operating from its locations at R.K. Puram, Dwarka and Narela at New Delhi. We work to empower individuals with visual impairments and multiple disabilities to become self-reliant and active contributors to society by offering education, technological support, accommodation, counseling, training, workshops, and awareness camps.

### Message Of the Month – Swati Sinha (GC Member)



NAB Delhi is dedicated to empowering visually impaired children through education and training. They offer a range of courses, including computer training and career-oriented programs, designed to equip these children with essential skills for a brighter future. By providing comprehensive support and innovative learning opportunities, NAB Delhi continually strives to make a meaningful difference in the lives of visually impaired children, helping them to achieve their full potential. As a proud GC member of NAB Delhi, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone whose unwavering support and contributions have empowered NAB Delhi to launch initiatives that pave the way for the success of the visually impaired. Together, we are creating a brighter, more

inclusive future for all. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey!

### Student of the Month – Sudha Pradhan

Sudha Pradhan, a 19-year-old low-vision hosteller at NAB Delhi, is making her mark in both academics and music. A Class 12 student at Govt. Co-Ed Sr. Sec. School, RK Puram, she recently secured 2nd place in a district-level singing competition, showcasing her musical talent. Along with this, her top position in attendance reflects her commitment to education. Sudha's achievements highlight her determination and passion, making her an inspiration to many. NAB Delhi is proud of her and wishes her continued success.



### Donor of the Month:

NAB Delhi extends heartfelt gratitude to **Mr. Srinivas Reddy P** for his generous donation, supporting a mission of empowering the visually impaired with education.

## Highlights of the Month:



On January 11th, **hygiene and grooming kits were distributed to 100 visually impaired girls under Project Chetna**, a CSR collaboration with Kohler co. Key leaders & Associates of Kohler co. including **Laura Kohler, Chief Sustainable Living Officer**, visited NAB Delhi during the event and interacted with the beneficiaries. Under this project, Kohler co. supported refurbishment of NAB Delhi sanitation infrastructure & skilling of 100 girls in an endeavour to empower the Community



On January 10, 2025, **Mr. T.D. Dhariyal, President of NAB and Former State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of NCT Delhi**, was invited as the **Chief Guest** at the **3rd International Conference on Education (ICE3)**.

## Activities of the Month



On January 26, 2025, NAB Delhi proudly celebrated the **75th Republic Day** at both our R.K. Puram and Dwarka Branch. The event was marked with great enthusiasm as our students, staff, and guests came together to honor the spirit of our nation.

On January 4, 2024, we marked **Louis Braille Day**, celebrating the legacy of the inventor who opened up a world of knowledge for the visually impaired. The day featured meaningful activities, heartfelt stories, and a shared dedication to inclusivity and empowerment.



### **Ashirwad Ceremony – A Heartfelt Farewell to Our Class 12 Students**

On January 18, 2025, NAB Delhi bid an emotional farewell to our Class 12 students in a beautiful Ashirwad Ceremony filled with love, blessings, and best wishes.

Saroj, an alumna of NAB Delhi, presented a special **bulletin on DD News to mark Louis Braille Day**.





**Payomatix Exposure Visit** Our students explored the corporate world at Payomatix, gaining insights into supply chain and technology consulting while interacting with industry professionals. The highlight of the visit was an interactive session with Mr. Prabhjot Singh Saathi, CEO of Payomatix, who encouraged and inspired our diploma students.

On January 17, 2025, an **employee engagement program** by **S&P Global**, where their team interacted with children from the Preparatory Unit and CMD Unit.



The **team from Taj Ambassador** celebrated **Louis Braille Day** with NAB Delhi children, creating a joyful and memorable day filled with engaging activities and special moments.

NAB Delhi hosted a leading airline's communication team on January 11 for a **Disability Awareness and Sensitization** Visit. The visit included a session by General Secretary Prashant Ranjan Verma, a tour of the BeyondEyes Assistive Technology Zone, and an immersive experience in the BeyondEyes Darkroom.



- NAB Delhi showcased **Shravan IVR Library** and **Aditi AI Chatbot** at the **VOSAP (Voice of Specially Abled People)** Program Camp held at **Shri Satya Sai Auditorium, Lodhi Road, New Delhi**. highlighting accessible tech solutions.

## Workshop Sessions:



From January 17-18, 2025, NAB Delhi successfully conducted a 2-day **residential trainers training on Road Safety and independent Mobility** for the visually impaired at our Dwarka center. This is a part of the initiative, supported by our valued partner **Bridgestone India**.

**Sub Inspector Kiran Sethi** from Delhi Police, widely known as "Lady Singham," conducted impactful **self-defense training sessions** for the girls at NAB Delhi. Health and hygiene kits were distributed to 100 visually impaired girls under Project Chetna, supported by Kohler



NAB Delhi has **commenced outdoor mobility training** for the visually impaired under the **Chetna Project**, which is supported by the **Kohler Group**.

## SURKRITI Musical Performances



- **Jan 10:** Performed at Sri Ram School
- **Jan 22:** Delivered a soulful performance at DPS Noida

- **Jan 26:** Enthralled the audience at DPS Sushant Lok Gurugram
- **Jan 31:** Performed at India Habitat Center

## Awards & Recognition



Our **General Secretary, Prashant Ranjan Verma**, has been conferred with the prestigious **NAB Rustom Merwanji Alpaiwalla Memorial Award 2025** in the Professional Category by NAB India for his outstanding work in empowering the visually impaired.

## NAB Delhi's Sparsh: Success Story

Born in Uttar Pradesh, **Shakul Raj Sonker** defied societal prejudice and educational barriers to become India's first blind mathematics graduate. Rejected by schools and universities, he persevered, earning a degree from Ashoka University. He co-founded I-Stem, impacting 15,000+ people with disabilities through technology, education, and employment. Recognized by Microsoft, UNICEF, and National Geographic, he collaborates with global organizations to advance accessibility. NAB Delhi played a key role in his journey, providing hostel support and academic guidance during his high school years. Today, Shakul continues to drive accessibility and inclusion on global platforms.



## Upcoming Next Month – Stay Tuned!

- **Road Safety & Mobility Training** – Workshops for visually impaired individuals across 8 states.
- **Sports Day** activities with Preparatory and CMD students.
- **Admissions Announcement** –
  - NAB Delhi is opening admissions for the upcoming year for CMD (Center for Multiple Disabilities).
  - Admissions open for young students at the preparatory unit of NAB Delhi.
  - Admissions open for students who want to receive education through our integrated system of education.
  - Admission opens for the new Udaan crisis intervention and rehabilitation program, Dwarka
- **Sensitization & Awareness** sessions for corporates, institutes, and individuals.
- **Vasant Panchami Celebration**
- Musical group **Surkriti** to perform at various platforms.
- **Surajkund Mela Stall (Feb 7–23)** – Showcasing creative products by CMD students.

## **Get Involved!**

Help us continue our mission of inclusion and empowerment. Visit our website to learn more about how you can contribute. Or follow us in social media: Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, Twitter

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