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On behalf of the Governing Council of Kerala State Branch of the National Association for the Blind, I have the pleasure to present before you the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Report 2022-23.

Kerala State Branch of the National Association for the Blind, (KSB-NAB) is a Non- Governmental Organization (NGO) registered under the Travancore Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Act XII of 1955, with Reg. No. 28/1972. This Association is the Kerala State Branch of the National Association for the Blind India (NAB India) functioning with Head Office at Mumbai. Initiated by the late Benedict Mar Gregorios, the then Arch Bishop of Trivandrum, KSB-NAB started functioning from 20.12.1962. The Association has around 200 Life Members. Administration of the Association is carried out by the Governing Council, consisting of Senior Advisors, Executive Officers and other members, elected by the General Body and the tenure of the Governing Council once elected is for three years

KSB-NAB was formed with the intention of providing services to visually challenged persons. Quite a large number of projects in different parts of Kerala have been undertaken by NAB for the benefit of persons with disabilities, especially the Visually Challenged. Our focus is mainly on empowering those persons with disabilities, particularly visually impaired persons and persons with multiple disabilities, by sensitization, training , education and providing opportunity for rehabilitation. So far KSB-NAB could rehabilitate more than 60,000 persons with disabilities. Our aim is to eliminate avoidable disabilities and promote equality of opportunity for the differently-abled by protecting their rights.

#### **Programs and Projects**

Some of the main programs and projects undertaken by KSB-NAB are given below briefly.

##### 1. Vocational Training and Rehabilitation Program

One of the main aims of this program is to introduce the visually impaired persons into the main stream of society. We are running a Vocational Training Centre which gives training to visually impaired and disabled persons in furniture re-caning, preparation of lotion and other cleaning materials, computer operation, envelope making, carry bags making etc. We also support them by arranging suitable job placements for deserving candidates.

##### 2. Prevention of Blindness and other Disabilities

Camps were conducted in rural areas in different parts of the State to identify persons, particularly children, needing attention in respect of health care and providing required helps. During such camps special attention is given to create awareness among the people about hygienic life, nutritious food etc. so as to enable to lead a better life preventing blindness and other disabilities to the extent possible.

##### 3. Client Service Unit

There are different facilities provided by the Government for persons with disabilities including concession in traveling expenses, free medical care etc. There have been numerous cases of beneficiaries not being able to avail such facilities due to lack of awareness or for want of assistance to obtain the certificates required for availing them. NAB provides required assistances in such cases.

##### 4. NAB LIC Group Insurance Scheme.

Associating with LIC of India we are providing insurance coverage to selected number of visually challenged persons. During 2022-23 we have provided insurance coverage to 710 persons.

## 5. Care & Therapy Centre

Care & Therapy Centre is for taking care of children with disabilities including those with multiple disabilities, to a limited extent, giving physiotherapy and training in mobility, communication etc. and also imparting awareness to parents on care required for improving life of such children.

## 6. Computer Learning Centre for Visually Challenged

KSB-NAB has been imparting Computer Education to visually challenged with financial support from sponsors and well-wishers with majority contribution from M/s IBS Software Pvt Ltd. This program is being continued.

## 7. Mobility Training Centre for training the Vision Impaired using White Cane

Our centre takes pride in offering personalized and comprehensive mobility training. Our expert instructors understand the unique needs of individuals with visual impairments and formulate programs to enhance their mobility skills. From mastering the proper technique of white cane usage to navigate various environments with confidence. Our curriculum is designed to empower each participant on their personal journey towards independence.

## 8. Special Service Project for Children in the Rural Area

KSB-NAB has been conducting camps in rural areas to identify persons with disabilities requiring support, particularly children belonging to BPL families and provide medical, therapeutic and financial support to the extent possible. Care & Share Charitable Trust, USA provided financial support for such programs. The Rural Project started in Nemom Block Panchayat Area in 2019-20 was interrupted by the pandemic Covid-19 by March 2020. This could not be resumed due to financial constraints.

## 9. Music Troupe

A music troupe 'The Voice of KSB-NAB' had been formed earlier with talented singers among our trainees and some training in music was given to them, with intention of developing it into a full-fledged professional troupe. This program which was affected by the pandemic has since been not resumed.

## 10. Audio Recording and Publishing

The Audio Recording Studio functioning at NAB office enables preparation of text books and study materials in audio format for the use of visually challenged students. In this facility we prepare audio version of text books and study materials for various academic courses, entrance examinations and other competitive tests.

KSB-NAB is maintaining the YouTube Channel 'DRISHYAM NAB' in which audio recordings covering various subjects like Current Affairs, Science & Technology News, Entertainment, Health & Lifestyle and Editorials in leading dailies are being published daily. A digital weekly magazine containing the recordings of a week is collated and published on Google Drive. We are also maintaining the Face Book Account with posts on important activities of NAB.

## 11. Sound Recording & Editing Course

This course is intended to impart training in Sound Recording & Editing, so as to enable the trainees to work in this field.

## 12. Projects taken up with IBS support

Life Skills Development Training for Visually Challenged Persons and Persons with Multiple Disabilities & Audio Recording Studio are major projects undertaken with financial support from M/s. IBS Software Solutions. 55 visually impaired persons attended the class during 2022-23.

## 13. Mobile accessibility training

Mobile accessibility training for visually impaired individuals focuses on providing comprehensive education and support to enhance their ability to use smartphones and other mobile devices independently. This training is designed to address the specific challenges faced by individuals with visual impairments, ensuring that they can navigate and utilize the features of mobile technology with ease and confidence. 21 visually impaired persons were trained during the reporting year.

#### 14. PSC Coaching Class

KSB-NAB provides PSC coaching classes to visually impaired students free of cost. About 15 persons attended the coaching class arranged for them.

### **Major Activities and Events in 2022-23**

#### **Meetings**

1. Executive Council Meetings: During 2022-23 the Executive Committee met three times, on 04/04/2022, 10/02/2023 and 17/03/2023
2. Governing Council Meetings: During this period NAB conducted four Governing Council Meetings, on 04/04/2022, 30/09/2022, 28/10/2022 and 05/11/2022
3. General Body Meeting: Previous General Body Meeting was held on 05/11/2022.
4. Core committee Meeting: Core committee Meeting was held on 25/11/2022

#### **Other Activities/Events**

1. Easter celebration held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 with the cultural programmes by visually challenged persons. Renowned play back singer Sri.Ravisankar was the Chief Guest. TA @ Rs.100 each was paid to 32 visually challenged persons. Lunch was also arranged for the visually challenged persons which was sponsored by Mr. Joseph Chacko.
2. Quiz and elocution competition for visually challenged persons were conducted on 30/04/2022. Prizes for elocution competition was sponsored by the Hon. President Prof. John Kurian and other prizes and lunch was sponsored by World Malayali's council.
3. Helen Keller day was celebrated on 27/06/2022. Ex. councillor Smt. Molly Stanly inaugurated the function. Sri. A P Jalajakumar and Sri.Reghunathan Nair sponsored the lunch.
4. A meeting was conducted by the Social justice Department of Government of Kerala on 11/08/2022. KSB-NAB was the only organisation which attended the meeting representing visually challenged persons. As a result of our involvement, many categories of posts in Government service were included for recruitment of visually challenged persons.
5. August 15,2022: Flag hoisted along with Manchadivila Residence Association and YMC Trivandrum North.
6. Onam celebrated on 01/09/2022. Onam kits were distributed among about 50 visually challenged persons. Onam celebration inaugurated by Dr.Sharmila Mary Joseph, IAS, Hon'ble Principal Secretary, LSGD.
7. During 'Onam varaghosham' of KTDC our music troupe performed music programme at Sri Chithrathirunna Park at East Fort
8. On 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022, we observed the White Cane Day along with YWCA PASI committee and conducted Seminar on "White Cane & Suicide Prevention".Sri. Abdul Hakkim (Rtd.Head master, Govt. School for blind, Thiruvananthapuram) and Smt. Annu Biji George (Counselling Psychologist) took awareness classes in the seminar. Representatives from KELTRON and PWD attended the programme. About 40 persons participated in the seminar.
9. New programmes "Home Needs" (making cleaning materials & other essentials by visually challenged with the help of others and sale among members, staff and students), Music troupes and PSC coaching for visually challenged were introduced.
10. During the month November 2022, visually challenged students, teachers and staff of NAB visited Sensor Park at Thiruvananthapuram Museum.

11. X'mas celebration of KSB-NAB were held on 22/12/2022. TA @ Rs.100 each and lunch was arranged for the visually challenged persons who attended the programme. About 45 persons were present.

12. Louis Braille day celebrated on 21/01/2023. Cash prizes given to the winners of Quiz competition held on that day. The prize was sponsored by Prof. John Kurian

### **New Members**

During 2022-23 following nineteen new members joined as Life Members:

1.Mr.Basel George 2.Ms.Soja S Manoj 3.Mr.Baiju.K S 4. Mr.Sanjeev Joseph Samuel 5.Mr.T.S.Jayraj 6.Mr.Jeyash Puthen Parambil 7. Mr.Sanoj Kumar.N.K 8.Mr.Unnikrishnan B.K, 9. Mr.Ceejo Thomas 10.Mr.Krishnan P.S 11.Mr.Manoj Kumar K.G 12.Mr.S tanly francis 13.Mr.sony T.John 14. Mr.Raju George 15. Mr.J.Joseph 16.Mr.K.K.Joseph 17.Mr.A.Antony 18.Mr.Suresh Thomas 19.Mr.Sabu Devan

### **Major Concerns**

**Poor Financial Position:** The problem of acute scarcity of funds continues to be a major concern of KSB-NAB. We are struggling to keep most of the ongoing Training and Rehabilitation programs going on and even carrying out day to day affairs of the office. Occasional contributions from some of the members and other well-wishers provide some relief. Kind attention of all the life members is invited to this grave issue.

**Welfare Projects:** Proposals for projects beneficial to deserving people with disabilities are to be prepared and submitted to prospective organizations for financial support. A dedicated team is required for preparing Project Reports and for follow up to get required funds. Once funds are made available there should be a team consisting of competent and dedicated persons to implement programs, monitoring and reporting progress and utilization of funds to the Organizations who provide the funds.

### **Gratitude**

We are thankful to the Almighty for all the Blessings showered on us in our activities. Our thanks are due to our Patrons, Mr. Tony Devassy, President, Care & Share Charitable Trust, USA and Mr. Frank P. Thomas, Director & Business Head, Asianet News Network Pvt. Ltd.

KSB-NAB is indebted to President Prof. John Kurian, all Members of the Governing Council, Honorary Workers, Project Coordinators and NAB Volunteers, Trainees and their parents, NAB India, Y's Men International, Amway India, Care & Share Charitable Trust USA, IBS Software Company, Life Members of NAB and all other well-wishers for the cooperation and support extended.

Respectfully submitted before the General Body of National Association for the Blind, Kerala State Branch today the 29th day of January 2024.

**J. Jayakumar,**

**General Secretary**

**KERALA STATE BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND  
DONATIONS FROM LIFE MEMBERS AND WELL WISHERS DURING**

**1. DONATIONS FROM LIFE MEMBERS: 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2022 TO 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023**

#	Name of Life Members	Date	Receipt No.	Amount (Rs)
1	Mr.Sebastian Joseph	01.04.2022 to	14381	3,600
		01.03.2023		
2	Ms.Kochuthressia Sebastian	01.04.2022 to	14379	3,600
		01.03.2023		
3	SRJ Navakumar	01.04.22&	14297&14350	2,000
		1.11.22		
4	Mr.Jose Zacharia	7.4.22 to	14298,11824,34,82,14322,39,85,13810,31&36	38,200
		8.3.23		
5	Mr.Joseph Chacko	25.4,12.8&26.9.22	14299,11889&14328	18,500
6	Prof.John Kurian	30.4&4.8&22.12	14300,11850&14392	12,300
7	Mr.Basel George	22.6&3/8	11828&11879	2,000
8	Mr.Binu Kurian	22.6&3.8.22	11829&79	2,000
9	Mr.A.P.Jalajakumar	23.6.22&12.8	11831&11887	3,500
10	Ms.Soja.S.Manoj	28.6.22	11834	2,000
11	Mr.Sabu Thomas	14.7 &12.8.22	11843&86	2,000
12	Mr.Baiju.K.S	18.7.2022	11852	2,000
13	Mr.Sajeev Joseph Samuel	18.7.2022	11854	2,000
14	Mr.T.S.Jayraj	18.7.22	11855	2,000
15	Mr.Jeyesh puthen Parambil	18.7.22	11856	2,000
16	Mr.Sanojkumar	18.7.2022	11857	2,000
17	Mr.Unnikrishnan.B.K	18.7.2022	11858	2,000
18	Mr.Ceejo Thomas	18.7.2022	11859	2,000
19	Mr.Krishnan.P.S	18.7.22	11860	2,000
20	Mr.Manojkumar.K.G	18.7.22	11861	2,000
21	Mr.Pradeepkumar	22.7.22	11864	2,000
22	Prof.Rebeccamma Thomas	27.7&7.1.23	11866&13804	3,000
23	Mr.Thomas Mathew	3.8& 7.1.23	11877,13803&07	4,000
24	Mr.Reji Thomas Mathew	3.8,21/12&7.1.23	11878,14391&13805	2,500
25	Mr.J.Jayakumar	12.8,1.9&14.3.23	11884,14316&13848	5,000
26	Mr.K.S.Philip	12.8.22	11885	1,000
27	Dr.Alexander	12.8&2.2.23	11888&13817	10,000

28	Mr.N.Prabhakaran	12.8.22	11890	1,000
29	Mr.V.M.Francis	12.8.22	11891	2,500
30	Mr.P.G.Pradeepkumar	12.8&24.1.23	11892&13816	2,000
31	Ms.Molly Stanly	16.8&10.2.23	11893&13834	2,000
32	Mr.Shaji Jose	19.8.22	11896	1,000
33	Mr.Gopalakrishnan Nair	19.8&10.2.22	11897&13832	2,000
34	Mr.Jose V Kurisinkal	19.8&10.2.23	11898&13833	3,500
35	Mr.C.K.Rajeevan	19.8&24.1.23	11899&13815	2,000
36	Ms.Lekshmi Giridhar	30.8.22	14306	2,000
37	Mr.Stanly Francis	31.8.22	14307	2,000
38	Mr.Sony T John	31.8.22	14307	2,000
39	Mr.S.Pradeep	31.8.22	14309	1,000
40	Mr.M.J.James	1.9.22	14311	1,000
41	Mr.P.M.Jose	1.9.22	14312	1,000
42	Mr.George Varghese	1.9.22	14313	1,000
43	Mr.Raju George	1.9.22	14314	2,000
44	Ms.Cicy Francis	1.9.22	14315	1,000
45	Mr.J.Joseph	5.9.22	14320	2,000
46	Mr.K.K.Joseph	5.9.22	14321	2,000
47	Mr.A.Antony	3.10.22	14330	2,000
48	Mr.Suresh Thomas	3.10.22	14331	2,000
49	Ms.Bindya Kurup	1.11.2022	14349	1,000
50	Mr.K.D.Chacko	2.11.22	14357	1,000
51	Mr.A.Chandrasekharan Nair	25.11.22	14367	5,000
52	Ms.Sunitha John	7.1.23	13806	1,000
53	Mr.Josey Joseph	7.1.2023	13808	1,000
54	Dr.TA.Vasu	23.1.23	13814	1,000
55	Mr.Raju George	20.2.23	13836	1,000
56	Dr.AV.Anoop	30-04-2022	11801	10,000
57	Mr.P.Mukundan	13-09-2022	12722	5,000
58	Mr.Sabu Devan	18-07-2022		2,000
			<b>Total</b>	<b>2,00,200</b>

## 2. DONATION FROM WELL WISHERS: 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL TO 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2022

#	Name of Life Members	Date	Receipt No.	Amount (Rs)
1	Mr. Jino Lawrence	1.4.22 -3.1.23	14295,11309,11817, 39,11868,14382,56,95	11,000
2	M/s GJW Ministries	9/5 -22/3/23	11311,13,15,16,25, 26,27,33,36,,41,62, 67,94,14305,17,42, 44,48,62,64,65,69, 84, 87, 89, 96, 13813, 18, 30, 35,	1,27,000

			39, 50, 52	
3	M/s Y's Men India Area	24/5&7/7&8/3	11814&46&13847	1,50,000
4	Mr.Pramod George	22-06-2022	11830	3,000
5	M/s IBS Softwares Pvt Ltd	28/6,29/7	11835,46, 14301,	11,99,810
		25/8,26/9	14304,25, 47, 70,	
		27/10,29/11,	13819,38, &56	
		23/12,31/1,		
		27/2&30/3/23		
6	Swaraj motors, Killippalam(Coin box)	15-07-2022	11847	1,667
7	Valsala Nursing Home (Coin box)	"	11848	550
8	M/s Udaya Agencies(Coin box)	"	11849	145
9	M/s Kunnil Hyper Market(Coin box)	"	11850	3,019
10	M/s Bhavani Traders(Coin box)	"	11851	77
11	M/s Y's Men Club of Trivandrum North	12/8,31/8	11883,14310,26,43	14,500
		26/9,17/10	46, 68	
		27/10,26/11		
12	Mr.Naoyuki Ushio	19-Aug	11896	2,000
13	M/s Y's Men District II	05-Sep	14318	3,750
14	M/s Amway India TvpM Entreprises	05-09-2022	14319	19,000
15	M/s YWCA Pasi Committee	17-10-2022	14341	2,000
16	Ms.Peeran Sulthana	02-11&2/2/23	14358,59&13828	5,850
17	Kattappana Auto fuel Pvt Ltd	02-12-2022	14383	4,500
18	M/s AY Tech	12-12-2022	14386	2,250
19	M/s Cosmopolitan Club	23-01-2023	13813	1,500
20	Mr.Ajo Mathew	04-08-2022	11881	5,000
			<b>Total</b>	<b>15,56,618</b>
	<b>Note:</b> Donation from Care takers not included			