

DIVYANGJAN FRIENDLY INITIATIVES REPORT (2018-2022)



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Enabling Unit in SSN College

Swami Shraddhanand College established an Enabling Unit in the year 2009 for physically and visually impaired teachers and students. Since then, it has been engaged in various activities related to its issues. As per the guidelines of the 12th plan laid down by the University Grants Commission, the Unit must help the college in constructing an accessible infrastructure which may include construction of lifts, making of ramps, handrails, disabled-friendly toilets, and other required facilities which would enable differently abled students and teachers to use the college infrastructure properly. Besides this, the Unit must provide useful study materials to visually challenged students in an accessible format, including setting up a computer lab, purchasing computers with up-to-date software and hardware, screen reading software, and buying digital audio recorders and players.

Along with this, the college is financially sensitive towards the differently abled students, and it refunds the tuition fees collected during the time of admission. The Unit has been committing itself to complete all the works mentioned above in a time-bound manner from its inception. In the months of February and March 2017, the Unit played an active role in constructing two disabled-friendly toilets in the old campus of the college and another bathroom in the same campus was also renovated.

In December 2017, **the Enabling Unit initiated the Helen Keller Memorial Lecture Series**. Under the aegis of this series, **the Unit organized a one-day lecture on the 5th of February 2018** for sensitizing the students and teachers of college about various disability-related issues. The topic of the lecture was "Disability in Two Worlds: Mine and Yours". The speaker was Dr. Indrajit Singh from Guru Tegh Bahadur Khalsa College, and the talk was chaired by Dr. Bipin Kumar Tiwari, the OSD of Equal Opportunity Cell, University of Delhi. The programme was a massive success as it aroused much-needed enthusiasm among the students and the teachers as the audience about the much-neglected topic posed many questions.

The desktops in the computer lab were not working correctly in the college because they were not compatible with the JAWS Screening Reading software. So, in the month of March 2018, **the Unit initiated to purchase the latest version of JAWS 2018 by the college for this computer lab.**

Although the Unit has been providing study material to Visually challenged students in accessible formats, they still face many difficulties due to the frequent changes in the Delhi University syllabus. **In February 2019, the Unit members personally visited the Braille Library and the Equal Opportunity Cell of the University of Delhi.** They brought the latest textbooks and other study materials in an accessible format for such students. **The students were also encouraged to take the membership of the Braille Library of the Delhi University Library System.**

Swami Shraddhanand College was fortunate to have six differently abled students enrolled in the college in 2019-20. **In the month of September, the then-principal of the college offered the digital audio recorders to these students with the dynamic initiative of the Enabling Unit.**

The Unit felt that most visually challenged students in the college often take admission in BA Programme, and their classes are held in the old campus. **Keeping the requirement of the students in mind, a new computer lab was established in the old campus in the month of November 2019** so that they could have easy access to this lab.

Meanwhile, the lockdown was declared due to the Covid19 pandemic in the country from March 2020, and the classes were converted to the online mode. Some visually challenged students living in the outskirts of Delhi who were not sound financial could not pay their monthly rent, and they could not even purchase their food items and other daily needs. **The Unit members played an active role in helping these students financially in May and June 2020 during the pandemic.**

Even during the lockdown period, the Unit continued its positive activities. **A webinar was organized in February 2021, in which more than 100 students and teachers participated to sensitize disability-related issues during this period. The speaker of that webinar was Dr Jagdish Chandra, who spoke on the topic "challenges in higher education for persons with disabilities in the era of COVID 19".** The event was on 4th of February 2021.

Correspondingly, **the Unit recommended the names of 10 visually challenged students for the National Scholarship**, which is provided to the visually challenged students at the university by a non-government organization named Help the Blind Foundation having its India office in Chennai. **In January 2022, the college received a letter from Delhi University regarding the Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medal Scheme for visually challenged students. The Unit recommended the name of Mr Surendra Kumar, a BA (Hons) Hindi student.**

In the same month, the Unit submitted a proposal to the college regarding setting up a new computer lab in the new campus. The lab must be equipped with three brand new computers fitted with the latest version of JAWS software. The Unit has got the approval of the college for the purchase of these software and hardware. Besides this, the Unit has also ordered the **purchase of 5 digital audio recorders for the newly admitted students in the college.**

The Enabling Unit has also prepared its budget till the financial year 2022 by following the 12th Plan guidelines of University Grants Commissions and has been submitted to the college for further action. Apart from all the activities mentioned above, the members of Enabling Unit are active during the admission process to facilitate the admission of physically and visually challenged students. They are the regular members of the admission committee and SC, ST, OBC and PH Grievance cell. Often, the Unit has arranged readers for the average academic activities and writers during the examination time for Visually Challenged students. The students have also been encouraged from time to time to participate in various extracurricular activities held in the college and other colleges of the University.

The Unit has also worked carefully in preparing the roster of teaching and non-teaching vacancies of the college and has ensured its proper implementation.

Recommendations:

The Enabling Unit recommends the college authority to furnish the following projects to be accomplished:

1. Completion of the new computer lab with up-to-date software, hardware, and the required furniture.
2. Purchase the five voice-recording devices (Angels) immediately.
3. Construction of 2 ramps (amphitheatre and the Indian Bank gate) in the new campus
4. Construction of 5 ramps in the old campus.
5. Construction of a disabled-friendly toilet in the student wing of the old campus; and

6. Repairing of the already existing toilets in the new building.

Detail of the above said facilities with photographs is as follows.

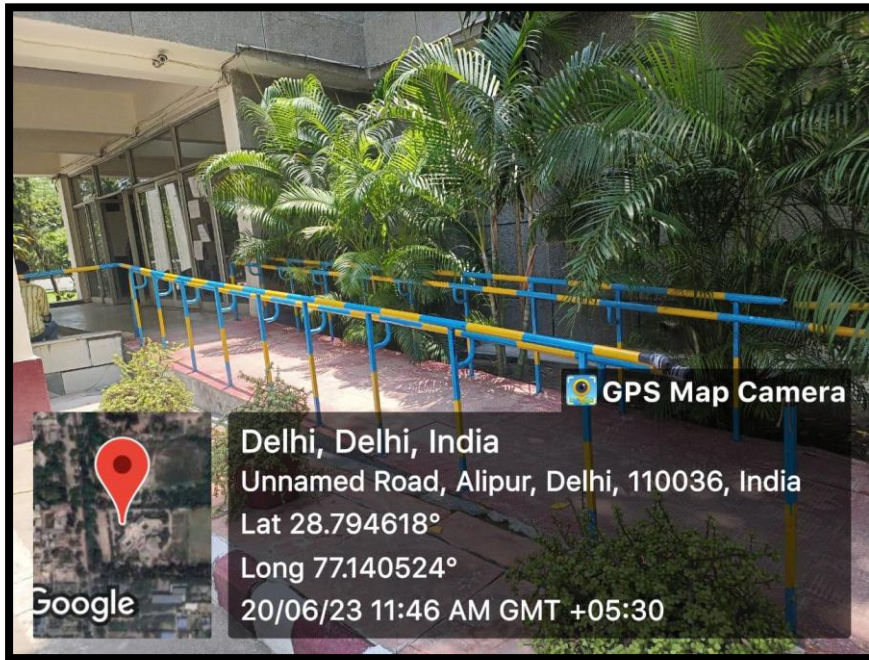
1. Disabled Friendly, Barrier Free Environment

Following facilities available in SSN College for the disabled students to make the campus disabled friendly. The Institution has disabled-friendly, barrier free environment.

1. Built environment with ramps/lifts for easy access to classrooms.
2. Disabled-friendly washrooms.
3. Signage including tactile path, lights, display boards and signposts.
4. Assistive technology and facilities for persons with disabilities (Divyangjan) accessible website, screen-reading software, mechanized equipment.
5. Provision for enquiry and information: Human assistance, reader, scribe, soft copies of reading material, screen reading.

The Institution is dedicated to creating an all-encompassing and reachable environment that prioritizes individuals with disabilities. The physical infrastructure incorporates well-designed ramps and lifts for effortless classroom entry, along with considerately planned washrooms catering to disabled needs. The campus boasts an extensive assortment of signage, featuring tactile pathways, illuminating lights, informative displays, and guiding signposts, collectively enhancing navigation. Furthermore, the Institution has embraced modern technology, providing various supportive tools and amenities, such as an accessible website, screen-reading software, and specialized mechanized devices. For those seeking information and aid, an array of resources is available, including human assistants, readers, scribes, electronic reading materials, and screen-reading assistance. These measures underscore the Institution's unwavering dedication to ensuring equitable access and opportunities for all, regardless of their abilities.

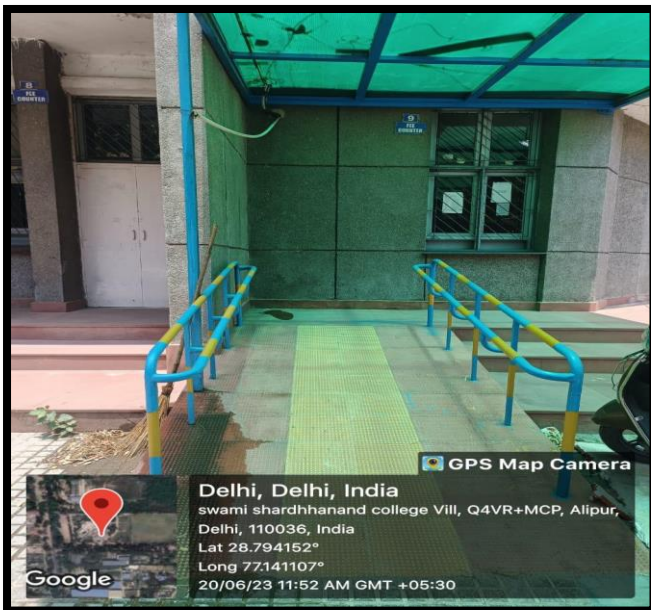
1. Ramp at the entrance of college building



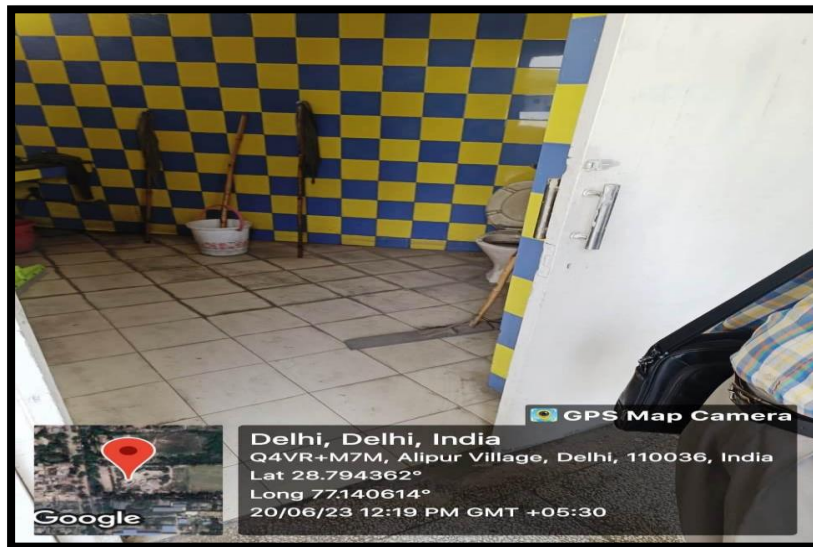
2. Ramp at the back side of building, connecting main building to playground



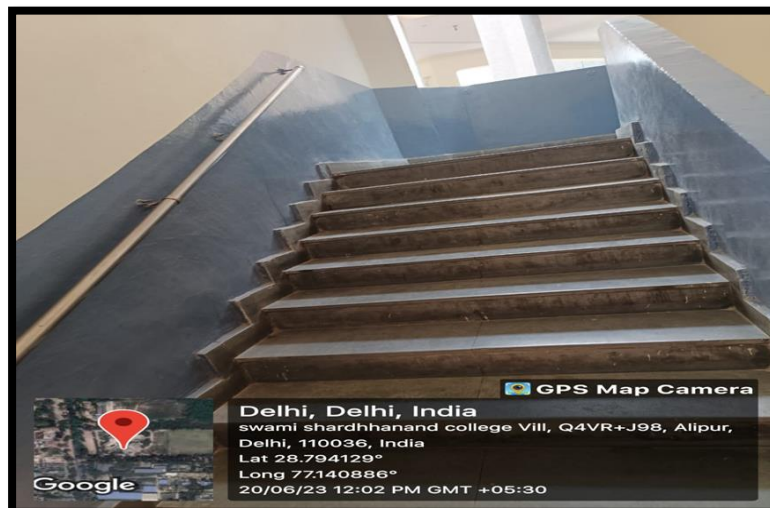
3. Four ramps are the outside windows of administrative block



4. Accessible Toilet at the ground floor



7. Handrail in the main staircase just in front of Principal's Office



Helen Keller Memorial Lecture



Disabled welfare activities:



DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK, 2021

Lecture: Making Educational Institutions More Inclusive, Accessible & Sustainable for Learners with Disabilities

SHRI T. D. DHARIYAL **9th**
December 2021
4 PM

Executive Director - Centre for Accessibility in Built Environment Foundation & Former State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Delhi

SPEAKER'S PROFILE:

Shri Thakur Dutt Dhariyal holds Masters' degrees in Economics and Business Administration from University of Hull, UK. Shri Dhariyal worked as a Civil Servant for more than 3 decades for different Ministries of Govt. of India.

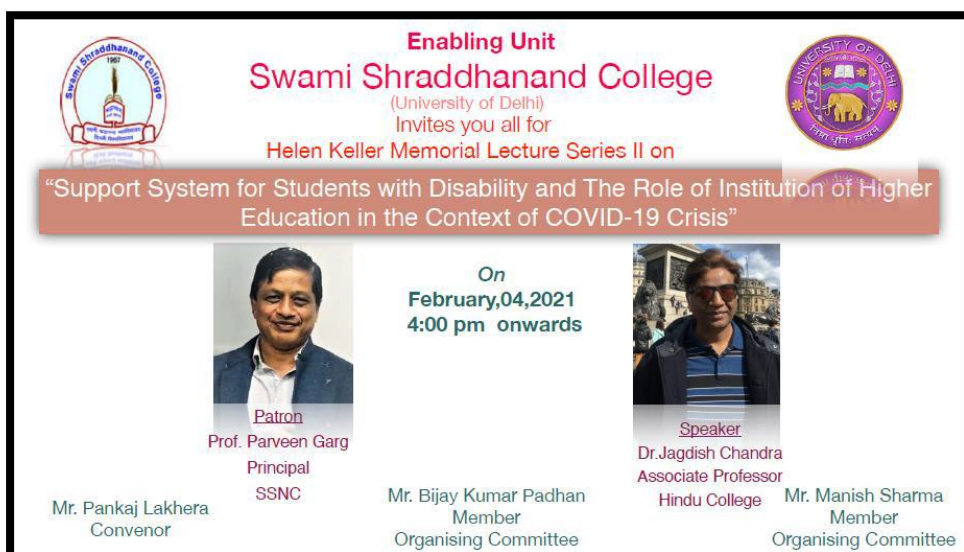
He has also been/is the Guest Faculty and trainer on a variety of disability issues in premier Training Institutes like Lal Bhadur Shastri National Academy of Administration-Mussoorie, IIPA, State Administrative Training Institutes, CSIR, ISRO, etc.

Prof. Pradeep Kumar
Coordinator, IQAC

Dr. Aishwarya Jha
Dr. Pratibha Rana
Coordinator

Prof. Parveen Garg
Principal

Google Meet QR code



Enabling Unit
Swami Shraddhanand College
(University of Delhi)
Invites you all for
Helen Keller Memorial Lecture Series II on
"Support System for Students with Disability and The Role of Institution of Higher Education in the Context of COVID-19 Crisis"

On
February, 04, 2021
4:00 pm onwards

Patron
Prof. Parveen Garg
Principal
SSNC

Speaker
Dr. Jagdish Chandra
Associate Professor
Hindu College

Mr. Pankaj Lakhera
Convenor

Mr. Bijay Kumar Padhan
Member
Organising Committee

Mr. Manish Sharma
Member
Organising Committee

Swami Shraddhanand College

(University of Delhi)

Disability Awareness Week 2021

Invite for Lecture on

“Making Educational Institutions More Inclusive, Accessible & Sustainable for Learners with Disabilities”

9th December 2021, 4P.M-5PM <https://meet.google.com/mdq-octd-ucv>

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With Warm Regards

SSNC- IQAC Team

Complete video recording of the event: https://youtu.be/EBit4d0njic?si=QESsXxWIpu_96sP7

Lecture organised on myths regarding Eye Donation

 **स्वामी श्रद्धानंद कॉलेज**
दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय, अलीपुर, दिल्ली
एवं
 **सक्षम, इन्द्रप्रस्थ दिल्ली प्रान्त**
(समदृष्टि क्षमता विकास एवं अनुसंधान मंडल)
द्वारा आयोजित
नेत्रदान जन जागरण पखवाड़ा
पर व्याख्यान

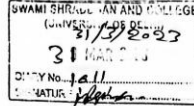
नेत्रदान, एक महादान: भ्रांतियां एवं सच्चाई

 
8 सितंबर 2022,
समय: सुबह 10:30 बजे
स्थान: सेमिनार हाल, नयी
बिल्डिंग, एस.एस.एन.सी
CALL: 1800111090 (TOLL FREE)
www.camba.org
http://www.sakshamsevadelihi.org

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प्राचार्य
स्वामी श्रद्धानंद कॉलेज



To:
The principal
Swami Shradhdhanand College (University of Delhi)
Alipur, Delhi-110036



Subject: Regarding 3rd HELEN Keller Memorial lecture 2023

Sir,

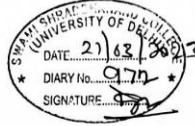
in my official capacity of the coordinator, Enabling Unit, Swami Shradhdhanand college, I am writing this letter.

This letter aims to seek your permission to hold the 3rd HELEN Keller Memorial lecture in seminar hall, new building on 27 April 2023. The enabling unit, Swami Shradhdhanand College propose to organise 3rd Helen Keller Memorial Lecture on the topic "DISABILITY AND HIGHER EDUCATION IN NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020". Prof. Anil Aneja, Coordinator, Equal Opportunity Cell, University of Delhi will deliver the said lecture. Since, Prof. Aneja has expressed to speak after 11:30 am therefore Unit propose to begin the lecture from 11:30 am onwards. A statement regarding tentative expenditure for the programme is attached with this application.

Sir, your presence is highly appreciable.

Thanking you.
Sincerely yours,
Pankaj Lakhera,
Coordinator, Enabling Unit,
Swami Shradhdhanand College,
Alipur, Delhi 110036

To,
The Principal
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


Subject: Regarding appointment of Coordinator of Enabling Unit for the year 2023

Sir,

I was appointed as Coordinator of Enabling Unit of college for the period extending from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 by your office. My term is over now and I am continuing as Acting Coordinator. There are 4 teachers in the Unit at present. They are Dr. Pankaj Lakhera, Mr. Manish Sharma, Dr. Nitin Mishra and Dr. Yamini Malhotra. You are requested to appoint any of these teachers from Enabling Unit as Coordinator for the next term.

Thanking You

Yours sincerely

Pankaj Lakhera
Coordinator
Enabling Unit

o/c

Sh. D.K.Sharma,
Help the Blind Foundation,
Chennai,
India.
Dear Sir,


With reference to your E-mail on dated 19-9-2022 to Co-coordinator of enabling unit of our College. I am sending the information in respect of the following student. They are studying in this institution on regular basis in the current academic year 2022-23.

The details of the students are given below:-

S.No	Name of the Students	Courses & Year	College No.	Roll
1	Jitendra Mehto	B.A. (Prog) II Year	413	
2	Preeti Yadav	B.A.(H) Hindi III Year	1429	
3	Sunita Kushwah	B.A.(H) Hindi III Year	1456	
4	Abhilasha Pal	B.A.(H) Hindi III Year	1460	
5	Amrish Kumar Srivastava	B.A.(H) History III Year	1673	

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,


Principal
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(University of Delhi)
Alipur - Delhi -110036

To,

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University of Delhi
Alipur Delhi 110036

Subject: Regarding the requirement of 3 computers for the computer lab and Braille books for disabled students.

Sir,

As per guidelines of the 12th plan laid down by the University Grants Commission, all colleges must have the accessible infrastructure, which may include the construction of lifts, making of ramps, handrails, disabled-friendly toilets, and other required facilities including computer lab for visually challenged students and teachers.

Further, the office order of UGC dated 20 January 2022 (copy enclosed) instructs all colleges and universities to provide study material to VH students in accessible format, including audiobooks, large print books, tactile books, and E-text material.

The college has recently set up a computer lab on the ground floor of the new campus. But computers, scanner and printer have not been installed there.


Therefore, you are requested to set up three computers equipped with screen reading software, one printer, and one scanner in the computer lab. Besides this, the college may purchase Braille books related to various undergraduate courses from designated Delhi institutions.

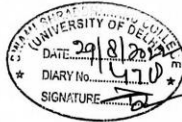
It is worth mentioning here that all these facilities are also required to attain good grades in NAAC.

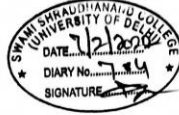
Enabling Unit therefore requests to expedite the matter and take adequate action as the earliest. Take necessary action in this regard.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely


Pankaj Lakhera
Coordinator
Enabling Unit





To,
The Principal
Swami Shradhdhanand College
University of Delhi
Alipur Delhi 110036

Subject: regarding purchase of digital audio recorder (Angels) for academic session 2021-22

Sir,

The visually challenged students of our college get digital audio recorders (Angels) from college every year which are used for reading audio and e-text books. These recorders are purchased by college library on the recommendation of enabling unit. This year, 3 visually challenged students have been admitted to the college who need such devices. Apart from that, four students of second year, who have not been given recorders last year (2020-21) due to lock down, also need them. Thus, we need 7 recorders in total.

You are therefore requested to grant permission for purchase of these devices and direct the librarian for the said purpose.

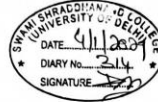
Thanking You

Dated :- 07-02-2022

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Yours sincerely
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Manish Sharma
Member Enabling Unit
SSN college

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Subject: regarding list of visually challenged students for national scholarship

Sir,

In the capacity of coordinator of enabling unit, I request you to send the list of all UG and PG visually challenged students enrolled in our college to Mr. D K Sharma through e mail. He is the founder of a Chennai based NGO "Help the Blind Foundation" which provides scholarships to such students. Our college is registered with that organization. They need the names of all such students along with their mobile numbers, e mail id, adhar number etc. Mr. Sharma had a telephonic conversation with you on 31st December 2020. He has also sent you an e mail in this connection. You are requested to look into the matter.

Thanking You

Yours sincerely


Pankaj Lakhera
Coordinator Enabling Unit
Ssn College

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Unverslty of Delhi
Alipur Delhi 110036

List of Visually Challenged studentse enrolled in the college during
2020-2021

Name of student	mobile no.	e-mail and adhar no.
Abhilasha pal hindi hons 1 st year	951967836	abhilashapa190@gmail.com 886191124163
Priti yadav hindi hons 1 st year	9319064704	prityadavdu@gmail.com 632151714144
Sunita hindi hons 1 st year	904453556	kushwahsunita202@gmail.com 470238208351
Gayatri hindi hons 2nd year	9205295163	gayatri.kumari01032001@gmail.com 905393892387
Surendra hindi hons 3rd year	828762581	surender10011997@gmail.com 374507207547
Babli ba programme 2nd year	906078993	bablikumari0011220@gmail.com 843168769298
Monika ba programme 2nd year	995524039	6266985997704
Nitu ba programme 2nd year	9205349583	neetu752002@gmail.com 262117655675
Chotu MA Hindi 1 st year	9650895167	chotu.kumar.64243@gmail.com 871609974920
Vishnu MA hindi 1st year	840904256	vishnukumar0790@gmail.com 9885390101055
Uma Shankar MA hindi 1st year		

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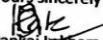
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Pankaj Lakhera
Coordinator Enabling Unit
Ssn College

Email ID of D.K. Sharma is dksharma38@yahoo.com
and mobile no. is 9930855711

Address: Help the Blind Foundation, Chennai, India
50/5, Bazullah Road, T. Nagar, Chennai-600017

Braille Book in Library



List of Braille Books

Hindi

S. no.	Name of book	author	price
1	Madhakalin Kavya	Virendra Arawal	489
2.	Hindi Sahitya Ka Itihas	Vishwanath Tripathi	393
3.	Reetikalin Hindi Kavya	not mentioned	390
4.	Maha Kavya Se Mukti	Dr. Revati Raman	255
5.	Gadya Prabodh (K)	Sneh Chaddhaand Shashi Sardana	387
6.	Kavyang Vivechan	Dr. Poorndas	267

Political Science

S. no.	Name of book	author	price
1.	Bharat Me Upniveshavad Tatha Rashtravad	R. C. Vermani	1680
2.	Bhartiya Shasan Evam Rajniti	A. S. Narang	1743
3.	Pashchatya Rajnaitik Vicharon Ka Itihas	Dr. Prabhudata Sharma	1606
4.	Rajniti Shastra	not mentioned	447

Sanskrit

S. no.	Name of book	author	price
1.	Laghu Sidhant Kaumudi	Dr. Pushkar Dutt Sharma	201
2.	Sad Vritalankar	Dr. Hind Kesari	162
3.	Kadambari	Mahakavi Banbhatt	351
4.	Doot Vakyam (Dvitiy Prashnapatra)	Mahakavi Bhas	355
5.	Paniniyh Ashtadhyayi Sutrapath	Pandit Brahmdatt Jigyasu	285

English

S. no.	Name of book	author	price
1.	Fluency in English (part 1 and 2)	Promodini Varma	375+
			264
2.	Everyday English (part 1 and 2)	Madhu Gurtu and Kusum Virmani	276
			+267
3.	Contemporary English-2 (An Anthology for Undergraduates)	Chandra Mohan, N. K. Bhasin R. K. Dhawan and Vinay Sood	546,
4.	What is History	E. H. Carr	391

Accessible website, screen-reading software, mechanized equipment

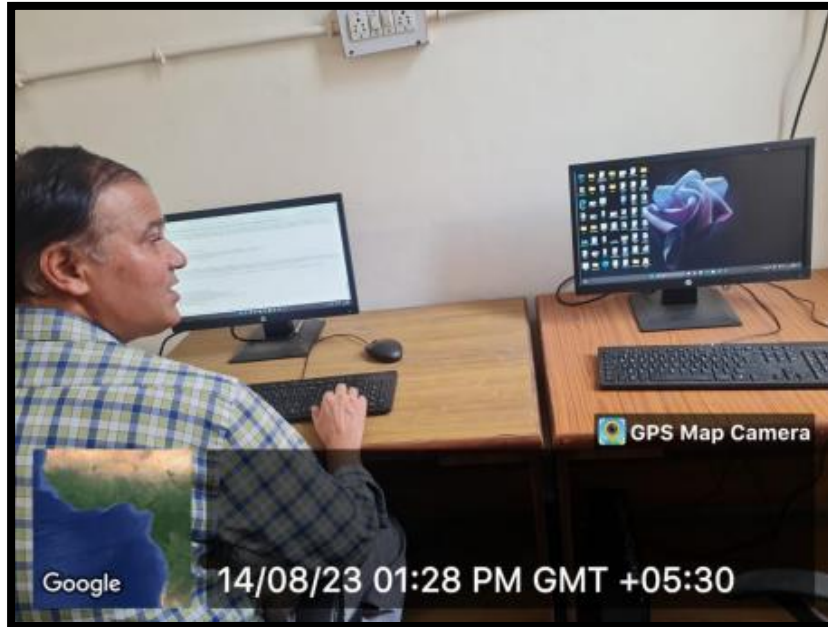
1. Computer lab for especially abled students.



2. Jaws software for Screen Reading



3. Speakers for Accessibility/ Angel devices



4. Software enabled computers

