

From humble beginnings with sustained efforts, come great things', we believe in this and without your cooperation and guidance, it would not have been possible to have come this long way. As we cherish our experiences, here we try to share the stories and real life incidents that are interesting, and motivating to a significant extent. Expectation is to get the attention of the world to a group of people who even in their disability are trying to find their place in the society to have a normal and remarkable life. We help them to help themselves to come up in life through education.

Managing Trustee

Help The Blind Foundation Signed an MoU with University of Hyderabad



As a modest step towards expansion of EMET across the country, HTBF signed a MOU with University of Hyderabad. This is for conducting the HTBF's EMET (Education, Mobility and Employability Training) program for the VI students of the University. This will provide the students with a 2-year training - as a supplement to their academic classes- in Digital Literacy, communicative and Business English and all possible life skills using technology to make them self-reliant and independent.

Bold & Beautiful....Now our 'Inspiring Super Singer'

Dharani Periasami, Coimbatore's nightingale has set an example to those who consider themselves unlucky when it comes to their capacities as human beings. Dharani is a final year Literature student at PSG Arts and Science College. Dharani the only daughter in the family, was born with Visual Impairment. Her parents helped her to fight all the odds, and encouraged her to develop her singing talent. Today she is one amongst the contestants of Vijay TV's popular Super Singer Music Program. She got selected through an audition which had 1700 participants.

She is very active in our EMET sessions and we at EMET find her quite bold, confident and beautiful. We feel proud and privileged to have her as our beneficiary. HTBF team wishes her all the very best to come out as the Winner of 'Super Singer'.

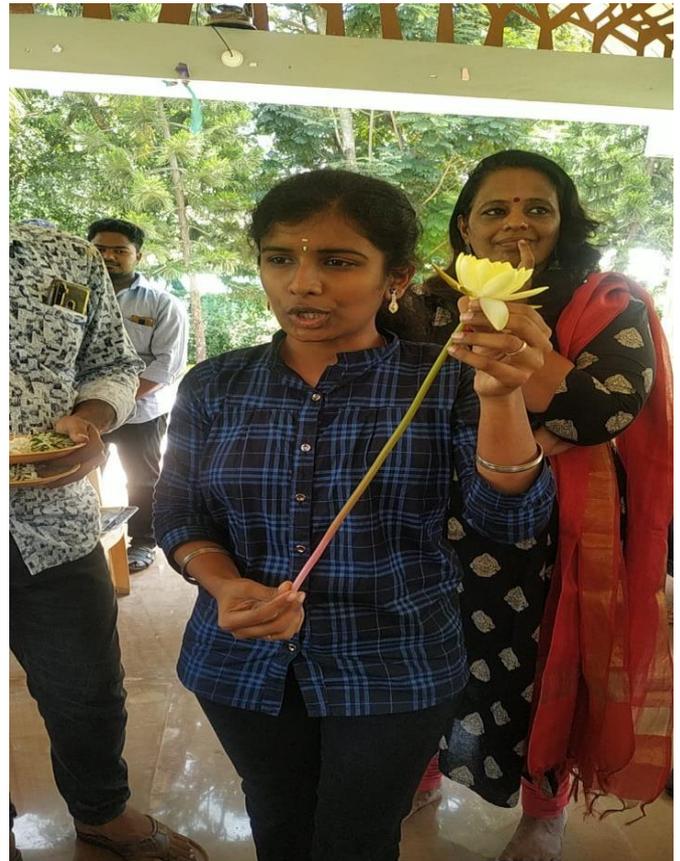


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‘Horticulture Therapy Training’ @ Coimbatore

The Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture, Horticultural College and Research Institute of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore organized a first-of-its-kind training program on ‘Horticulture Therapy for visually impaired college students’ in collaboration with the ‘Help The Blind Foundation’ on the 17th of August 2022. This program was organized at the recently renovated Botanical Garden of the University.

This training aimed at sensitizing the significance and potentiality of floriculture and gardening based horticulture therapy in improving the overall wellness of people with special needs. The training was imparted to 25 trainees from 10.30 am to 6.00 pm. The training program was organized with technical guidance of the Professor and Head of the Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture, Dr. K. Rajamani in the presence of the Dean (Hort.) of HC & RI, TNAU, Coimbatore, Dr. P. Irene Vethamoni.



The organizer of the training program, Dr. M. Ganga, Professor (Horticulture) of the Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture coordinated the conduct of the training with the Project Officer (All India) of HTBF, Mrs. Ambika Seetharaman. Faculty members of the Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture, Dr. M. Velmurugan and Dr. S. Karthikeyan, Assistant (Professors of Horticulture) and M.Sc. and Ph.D. scholars of the department imparted hands-on-training on various horticulture therapy activities.

The trainees were imparted with the skills of identifying various fragrant flowers and aromatic plants based on olfactory (sense of smell) and somatosensory (sense of touch) stimuli. They were also imparted with the skills of identifying and differentiating various textures prevalent in leaves and seeds of flower and ornamental plants such as smoothness, roughness, glossiness, pubescence, etc. using somatosensory stimuli. They were engaged in simple gardening activities including filling up of polybags with growing media and sowing of seeds. They were also sensitized on the various entrepreneurial avenues open to them in the floriculture sector.

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Welcoming our new colleagues...

HTBF has been continuously in search of like-minded friends who are willing to serve the disabled for their economic and social betterment. We welcome the new members to the HTBF Family, to work together for the betterment of Visually Impaired Student Community across the nation.

our new volunteers;

Ms.Bhanu,Chennai
Ms.Aarthi Chennai
Ms.Sasikala, Chennai
Dr.Ganga, Thanjavur
Ms.Nabeela D’Souza, Karnataka
Ms. Kathyaeni Vishwanath, Karnataka

our new staff;

Ms.Abbinaya Sunder, Project Officer Admin, EMET
Ms.Aparna Sree Prakash

We feel proud to share...

The following beneficiaries have secured jobs in Government services, banking sector and well-known companies and other reputed employment sectors.

- * Ms. Bushra, M.A student in Bharati College, Ms. Rashmi Suryavanshi and Ms. Pinki from Indraprastha College, Delhi, Ms. Jyoti Kumari , SPM College, Delhi (B.Ed.), Ms.Maya Gupta, Mr. Satish Mishra and Mr. Rakesh Prajapati Eho from BHU Varanasi have got selection in Railways.
- * Ms. Sarita, from Varanasi has joined Indian Bank.
- * Ms.Pranjali Ambekar, Rashtra sant Tukdoji Maharaj Nagpur University has joined State Bank Of India.
- * Ms. Priyanka, doing PG in Bharti College, Delhi got selection for Defence Canteen Delhi.
- * Mr. Manish Kumar, student of Shivaji College cleared SSC exam and is posted at Delhi Head Quarters of Income Tax Dept. (MTS job).
- * Ms. Simran, 2018-21 batch of Janki Devi Memorial College, Delhi got selected as Administrative Officer in New India Assurance.
- * Ms. Ruchi Dubey from IP College selected as Probationary Officer in State Bank Of India.
- * Mr. Umesh Singh, B.Ed. student from Dept. of Education, Delhi University got selection as Probationary Officer, State Bank Of India.
- * Mr. Som Raj, student of Stayawati College, Delhi got job in Agriculture Ministry.
- * Mr. Saravanamoorthy, HTBF Beneficiary from Presidency college, Chennai is employed in Accenture as Application developer.
- * Ms.Bhuvanewari. J - of Queen Mary’s college has joined CISCO, as Data Analyst.
- * Mr.Rahul Dhamne, from Nasik Joined Bank Of Maharashtra
- * Ms.Kiran Dhamne, from Nasik joined Employees’ State Insurance Corporation (ESIC).
- * Mr. Suresh Bhoir, Tara Ugale and Mr.Vaibhav Aher from Nasik joined IDBI Bank.

Connecting with Colleges – EMET Inaugurations and Laptop distribution ceremonies across the Country

HTBF started 2022-2023 Academic year's celebrations of connecting more colleges and students with the EMET inauguration at Govt First Grade College Peenya Bangalore, Karnataka. Rtn Panchanathan, Rotary Club (as Chief Guest), his wife Mrs.Lalitha Panchanathan, Ms. Lalitamba GFGC Vijayanagar (Special Guest) Dr. Prakash Principal GFGC Peenya, Dr. Shruti coordinator GFGC Peenya, Ms. Jincy from Enable India, Mr. Sivaji Rao, Managing Trustee HTBF, Mr. D.K. Sharma Trustee HTBF, Mr. Ravi Shankar Volunteer Bangalore region, Mr.Swaroop, Project coordinator HTBF, Bangalore region trainers, college staff, & students attended the function.



Following this event, we could successfully initiate the EMET Trainings in many other colleges along with the distribution of Laptops to the Visually Impaired students to add value to their efforts and education.



EMET Inauguration and Laptop distribution at held at APS College, Bangalore. S.Nagaraja APS- PU College Principal, K P Narasimha Murthy president of APSET, Our founder member and one of the directors of HTBF Hong Kong, Ms.Niti Patel, Ms.Deepa Krishnamoorthy, Trustee and Mrs.Hemavathi, Coordinator attended the function.



EMET Inauguration held at Government Arts College, Coimbatore. Mr.Ashwin, COO Brookefields, Mr.Bala, Head Cognizant Outreach India, Ms.Deepa Krishnamoorthy, Trustee and Mr.Rajesh, Trainer – Enable India attended the function.



Laptop distribution to the EMET students of Government Arts College, Coimbatore. Dr.Kalai Selvi Principal, Mr.Sridhar – Associate Director, Cognizant Foundation attended the function. Ms.Ponmeenakshi, HTBF Volunteer Ms.Geetha Nair, EMET coordinated the entire event.



EMET Inauguration and Laptop distribution was held at Nandhanam Arts College, Chennai. HTBF Trustee Mr. Sunder Kumar R, Volunteer Ms. Vijayalakshmi, Ms. Ambika Seetharaman, Project Officer and Ms.Sathya, Trainer EMET attended the function.

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We are happy that all the colleges that we are associating for EMET have been very cooperative and extremely accommodative to carry out the training sessions for the benefit of the visually Impaired students.



EMET Inauguration and Laptop distribution of Queens Mary's College and Presidency College. Dr.Raman, Principal Presidency College graced the occasion and distributed the laptops in the presence of Ms.Rajashree Natarajan, CEO Cognizant Foundation, HTBF Trustees and Volunteers. It was also attended by Prof.Devarajan, Prof.Pasupathy and Dr.Sivaraman.



EMET Inauguration and Laptop distribution of Mata Jijabai government girls post graduate Degree College and Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government arts and commerce college, Indore. Mr.Yogesh Shelke, Coordinator Atal Bihari College, Chief guest Mr. Subhash Paliwal, Mr. D K Sharma, Trustee, Mr R L Maheshwari volunteer, Dr.Bela Sachdeva, Coordinator of Mata Jijabai college, Principal Dr.Shree Dwivedi, Ms. Ambika Seetharaman, Project Officer and Ms.Avni Bhatanagar, EMET Trainer attended the function.

Inauguration of EMET and Laptop distributions in Delhi

Inauguration of EMET and Laptop distributions were held in Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar College, Mata Sundari College, PGDAV College, Rajdhani College, Satyawati College, Shivaji College in Delhi region were held under the leadership of HTBF Trustee Mr.D. K Sharma.



EMET Inauguration and Laptop distribution at Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar College, Mr.Atul Pratap, Convenor, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar College, Mr.Aswang Gangemei, Trainer Delhi Region and Mr.D.K Sharma, Trustee attended the function.



EMET Inauguration and Laptop distribution at Mata Sundari College. Dr.Harpreet Kaur, Principal, Mr.Kuldeep Sehgal, Coordinator, Ms.Poonam Singla, Ms.Jyothi Gupta, Ms.Janice Sarkies, Trainers, Mr.D.K Sharma, Trustee, Ms.Ambika Seetharaman, Project Officer, Mr.N.N Bhardwaj Volunteer attended the function.



EMET Inauguration and Laptop distribution at PGDAV College. Prof.Krishna Sharma, Mr.D.K Sharma, Mr.Varun Gautam, Coordinator, Ms.Ambika Seetharaman, Project Officer attended the function.



EMET Inauguration and Laptop distribution at Rajdhani College. Dr.M.s Dhakad, Coordinator, Prof.Rajesh Giri Principal, Mr.D.K Sharma, Trustee, Mr.N.N Bhardwaj Volunteer and Ms.Ambika Seetharaman, Project Officer attended the function.

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EMET Inauguration and Laptop distribution at Satyawati College. Ms. Ambika Seetharaman Project Officer HTBF, Mr.D.K Sharma, Trustee, Mr.Adil Mir, Team Leader and Mr.N.N Bharadwaj, Volunteer attended the function.



EMET Inauguration and Laptop distribution Shivaji College. The event was inaugurated by Dr.Shiva Kumar Sehdev, Principal Shivaji College in the presence of Mr.D.K Sharma, Trustee and other staff members of Shivaji College.

We have moved ...

Help The Blind Foundation, office has moved to the new premises located in Spencer Plaza, located at Anna Salai. Our new address is;

HELP THE BLIND FOUNDATION
Basement B4C, Phase 1
Spencer Towers,
Office Lobby,
769, Anna Salai, Chennai 600002

Appeal

Apart from college education with which we started as the primary focus, skills training through our Education, Mobility and Employability Training (EMET) Program and Placement of our beneficiaries have also become the Focus Areas of Help The Blind Foundation.

We appeal to our donors and other well-wishers to continue to support us in our efforts in providing college education, skills and employability training to our visually impaired students.

On the Employment front, if you can provide employment or refer an employer for giving jobs to our students, it will be a great help

And you can also contribute by speaking to your friends and relatives and create an awareness among the general population about the capabilities of our students.

Please contact managingtrustee@helptheblind.in for more details. You can also contact us at info@helptheblind.in or call us at +91 90033 30197, 044-48553542

Comments, Questions? : Please write to managingtrustee@helptheblind.in with "newsletter feedback" in the subject line.

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Our Website : www.helptheblindfoundation.org, Link to our latest Video :

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FoLEI578NfWQALGT6rprxH-JW5Zbq41_/view?usp=drivesdk

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