

HELP THE BLIND FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25



VISION AND MISSION



Note : HTBF and Govt. Mahakoshal College, Jabalpur, join hands to empower visually impaired students with training, scholarships, and assistive devices.

VISION

Successfully elevate the economic status of students with visual impairment and improve their image in society.

MISSION

Empowering students with visual impairment by providing support in education, skill development, employability and other initiatives aimed at personal and professional growth.



Note : SVG Distribution in Collaboration with Titan, Chennai



Note: Session on Assistive devices at Training of Trainers (ToT) programme, Bangalore

MESSAGE FROM OUR MANAGING TRUSTEE

BY MS. DEEPA KRISHNAMOORTHY

Over the past year, our collective efforts, including those of our donors, staff, volunteers, partners, and trustees, have significantly advanced the education, skills, and career opportunities of our visually impaired beneficiaries, fostering their integration into mainstream society.



Note : HTBF Managing Trustee Ms. Deepa Krishnamoorthy with trainers and trainees of E-STT, Hyderabad



Note : HTBF Trustees with Ms. Niti Patel at the Annual Meet

Notable Individual Achievements: We have witnessed remarkable milestones among our beneficiaries, including the first blind woman scaling Mount Everest, a blind high school student in Chennai writing his own board exams independently, a high-ranking achiever securing a rank of 91 in the UPSC civil service exams, and the first blind commerce candidate receiving a Junior Research Fellowship. We are thrilled to share that, for the second consecutive year in February 2025, Help the Blind Foundation received GuideStar India's Platinum Certification, recognizing our commitment to accountability, transparency, and good governance.

Educational and Skill Development Programs: Our Scholarship Program has supported 2,655 visually impaired college students across 231 colleges in 14 states with an expenditure of ₹3.22 crore. The Empowerment through Mobility and Education (EMET) program has expanded to 40 colleges in 7 states. With a focus on enhancing our trainers skills and refining our curriculum we plan to establish it as a recognized diploma course. The School Intervention Program (SIP) is operational in three Tamil Nadu schools, successfully supporting students to excel academically and secure college admission.

Support for Professional Courses and Employment Initiatives: The Professional Course Program is a new initiative aimed at providing a higher level of financial support for students pursuing professional courses such as law, computer science, engineering and MBA in prestigious educational institutions. Three students completed a postgraduate diploma in Digital Product Design and Management at IIT Bangalore, with all three gaining employment.

However, employment remains challenging for our regular scholarship graduates, who mainly study arts subjects; our survey of scholarship beneficiaries who graduated between 2021-2023 showed 27% of them had secured full-time jobs. Our efforts to improve employment include outreach to private companies, short term training to upskill our graduates and hosting events like Diversity and Inclusion Horizon to promote workplace inclusion.

Future Plans and Organizational Developments: We have established 7 new Computer Resource Centres in colleges and schools to provide students with visual impairment access to computers and other assistive devices to aid them in their studies. We plan to continue to improve the execution of our EMET program, grow the SIP program to include more schools and improve teaching of STEM subjects, open more resource centres, provide training for competitive exams, and increase private sector engagement. Based on our volunteers feedback we plan to increase our scholarship amount by 20% and also provide scholarships to junior college students in certain states where education is only free until 10th standard, enabling them to complete their 12th standard and enter college. A long-term project aims to build a dedicated campus for training and showcasing assistive devices, supported by an initial ₹3 crore donation.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our Trustees who work tirelessly and with great dedication and enthusiasm to oversee and implement our programs. None of our work would be possible without them. I also want to extend my appreciation to our Advisory Board members, volunteers, office staff, and trainers for their unwavering commitment. Their efforts are the cornerstone of our success.

Finally, I extend my deepest gratitude to our donors. Your generous support makes our work possible.



Note : HTBF Managing Trustee Ms. Deepa Krishnamoorthy with IIT Bangalore Students



Note : Diversity and Inclusion Workshop, Hyderabad

STEM MATHEMATICS PROJECT — BUILDING FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

BY S. NATARAJ, TRUSTEE

Mathematics and science are foundational subjects that nurture logical thinking, problem-solving skills, and curiosity—qualities essential for success in higher education and modern careers. Yet, visually impaired students in Tamil Nadu’s government schools face significant barriers in accessing quality STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education due to a lack of accessible learning tools, trained educators, and exposure to real-world applications.

To address this gap, HTBF, in collaboration with Vision Empower Trust, launched the STEM Mathematics Project to make science and mathematics education inclusive, engaging, and empowering. Through tactile learning tools, accessible teaching methods, and trained educators, the program equips students with the skills and confidence to pursue STEM careers.

During 2024–25, HTBF actively engaged with four higher secondary schools in Thanjavur, Trichy, Arni, and Poonamallee, laying a strong foundation for inclusive STEM learning. As part of our strategic plan for 2025–26, we aim to expand the initiative to three additional middle schools in Salem, Madurai, and Pudukottai. We also secured Tamil Nadu government approval to appoint dedicated math and science teachers in these schools, with six teachers already onboarded.

To strengthen academic and strategic leadership, **Dr. Robinson**, retired Head of the Mathematics Department at Madras Christian College, and **Mrs. Rajashree Natarajan**, former CEO of Cognizant Foundation and a global social impact leader, joined our Advisory Board.

Additionally, **Titan Company Limited** approved our proposal for the School Intervention and STEM Program for 2025–26, marking a significant endorsement of our mission to make STEM education accessible to all.



Note : HTBF Trustee Mr. Nataraj Sankaran at Thanjavur Resource Center Inauguration



Note : Government Higher Secondary School, Trichy

ADVISORY BOARD

In 2023 we established an Advisory Board consisting of expert advisors from various walks of life, to act as a sounding board and guide us in our direction and approach to achieve our objectives.

At its inception, four Board members were appointed, but in March 2025, we were saddened to learn of the passing away of Mr Sarabajit Ghose, a valued member of our Advisory Board. Despite his brief tenure, his contributions were significant.

The three remaining members are:



Mr. Mu
Ramanathan



Mr Muthuswamy
Balachandran



Ms Rajashree
Natarajan

We are pleased to welcome two new members to our Advisory Board: Dr Robinson Thamburaj, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics at Madras Christian College, Chennai, and Professor Bijayalaxmi Nanda, Principal of Miranda House, Delhi. Their expertise will be invaluable as we advance our STEM education and training programs.



Dr Robinson
Thamburaj



Ms Bijayalaxmi
Nanda

OUR CURRENT PROGRAMS

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COLLEGE EDUCATION PROGRAM (FACE)

2024/25 marked the 5th successive year of 100% digital operation of our FACE Program (Previously known as Scholarship Program). A total of 3,038 applications were submitted online, out of which 2,655 scholarships were approved, spanning 231 colleges across 14 states. Additionally, we rolled out a pilot Academic Excellence Incentive Scheme, through which 65 high achieving students from colleges across the country were awarded incentives for their stellar academic performances.



Note: Scholarship Distribution at KTHM College, Nashik



Note: Scholarship Distribution at IIT Kanpur

Plan for AY 2025/26

- After careful analysis and deliberation, we have planned structural revisions to our FACE Program, most notably a 20% upward revision in the support offered to beneficiaries, to INR 12,000 per annum for Day Scholars and INR 30,000 per annum for College Hostellers. This is to ensure that we continue providing adequate support to all students by taking into account the increase in cost of education and living across several major cities in the country. There was broad consensus that the time was right to effect this change, as a revision in amounts was last effected in 2015.

- Additionally, taking into account the positive feedback from college faculty and students around the Academic Excellence Incentive Scheme, we will be broadening the coverage of the scheme to the top 10% of students in each state where we sponsor students.



Note: Mobility Training at Queen Mary's College, Chennai



Note: EMET Students at Divya Kala Mela, India Gate, New Delhi

- On a pilot basis, we will also be extending support under the FACE Program to 100 Junior College students, pursuing their high school education in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. This ties in with free education being made available only until 10th grade in these states, due to which many bright students are not able to successfully complete their school education and move to higher education. Based on the success of this pilot, this program has the potential to become a mainstay of the support we offer to students and may be expanded to more states where Junior Colleges are more prevalent than high schools, such as Karnataka and Telangana.



Note: Laptop Distribution at Amdhra Loyola College, Vijayawada



Note: Keyboard Distribution at Government First Grade College, Vijayanagara

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

We recently renamed our EMET program from Employment and Mobility Education Training to Empowerment through Education and Training, to more aptly portray its focus. The EMET program continued its operation in 13 cities, training a total of 630 students across 40+ colleges during the year (24% of total FACE beneficiaries). Consolidation and strengthening was the theme for the year, with a focus on improving participation, quality delivered and employment outcomes for beneficiaries of the program.

EMPOWERMENT THROUGH MOBILITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING (EMET)



Note : AVG Distribution at Kunthavai Naacchiyaar Government Arts College for Women, Thanjavur



Note : Resource Center Inauguration at New Arts Science and Commerce College, Ahmednagar

Key Highlights

- EMET program started out in 2019 with 2 employees - with anchor support from Cognizant Foundation and in later years other donors/wellwishers, the program has expanded rapidly and now employs 42 staff, as trainers, project officers, and team leads. Out of the 42, 31 (77.5%) are visually impaired.
- The EMET program was expanded into Nashik in AY 2024/25.
- The 2024–2026 batch, launched in August 2024, received 500 hours of training; 309 laptops were distributed, and 287 students successfully completed their annual assessments. The 2025–2027 batch was also inaugurated with 216 new enrollments, further expanding the program’s reach.
- Currently, 604 students are being trained under the EMET program, whose training is being supported by HTBF Hong Kong, Cognizant Foundation, Koshambh Multitred, Brookefields, Guru Krupa Foundation and other donors.

Plan for AY 2025/26

- With successful rollout and operations in 13 cities as of AY 2024/25, the plan for AY 2025/26 is to expand further into Madhya Pradesh (Jabalpur).
- We are working with several subject matter experts on securing accreditation for our EMET Program's Curriculum with relevant Central Government bureaus. The aim of this accreditation is to ensure job market-recognition of the digital, interpersonal and mobility related skill development training that the students are currently undergoing.
- We are also working towards setting up a training center that will enable us to “train our trainers”, so they can effectively deliver the accredited course curriculum to the students towards better outcomes.



Note: Chethana Day at Government First Grade College, Vijayanagara



Note: Workshop for UCO Bank officers to enhance communication and accessibility skills, Bangalore

RESOURCE CENTERS

One of the biggest successes of the year was the successful rollout of 7 Computer Resource Centers (CRCs) in colleges and schools across the country. These build-outs are part of a larger push towards equipping partner colleges and schools with state-of-the-art digital infrastructure, with direct benefit accruing to the visually impaired students studying in these institutions.

This program was made possible in large part due to support from NIIF IFL, who are one of our anchor donors and supported 5 of these roll-outs. The other 2 were made possible with support from HTBF Hong Kong, our sister organization. Each CRC facility includes the establishment of standardized core infrastructure :

- 25 sets of computer equipment + accessories
- Good network systems
- Assistive devices
- Modern classrooms ably supported by HTBF Trainers

In the upcoming academic year, we have planned to equip middle schools with necessary infrastructure, to facilitate a maximization of outcomes from our STEM Education and School Intervention Programs. Additionally, on an opportunity basis and with the right support, we are aiming to continue the expansion of this program to other partner schools and colleges across the country.



*Note: During the Resource Center Inauguration
At Satyawati College, Delhi*



*Note: During the Resource Center Inauguration
At Miranda House, New Delhi*

ASSISTIVE DEVICES AND EYE HEALTH ASSESSMENT

- We distributed 309 laptops and 439 Smart Vision Glasses (SVGs) to our beneficiaries pan-India, aimed at improving outcomes from their education.
- Additionally, we conducted eye-health assessment camps in 5 cities, with doctors recommending medical intervention and targeted assistive devices (such as magnifiers) to our low-vision beneficiaries, that could tangibly and immediately improve their quality of life and well-being.
- Aura Vision Glasses (AVGs) - made by SHG Technologies Pvt. Ltd., these glasses are aimed at addressing the needs of low-vision individuals - HTBF staff are currently testing to determine suitability for beneficiaries



*Note : AVG Distribution at Kundavai Nachiyar Government Arts
College for Women, Trichy*



*Note : Eye-Test for Low-Vision Student at Aravind Eye
Hospital, Coimbatore*

SCHOOL INTERVENTION PROGRAM (SIP)

The school Intervention Program (formerly known as Early Intervention Program) is now successfully running in 3 schools in Tamil Nadu. A total of 177 students between Grades 9 and 12 were trained in digital literacy and mobility skills under this program. The successful expansion into Arni in 2024/25 has prompted the addition of a 4th school in Trichy, where the program will be rolled-out in 2025/26.

In the upcoming year, we are aiming to intensify our efforts with Xavier's Resource Center for the Visually Challenged (XRCVC), Vision Empower and other organizations with the end goal of introducing STEM Education in secondary schools.



Note: Children's Day Celebrations at Thanjavur Blind School, Thanjavur



Note: Awareness Program at IIVM College of Optometry, Coimbatore

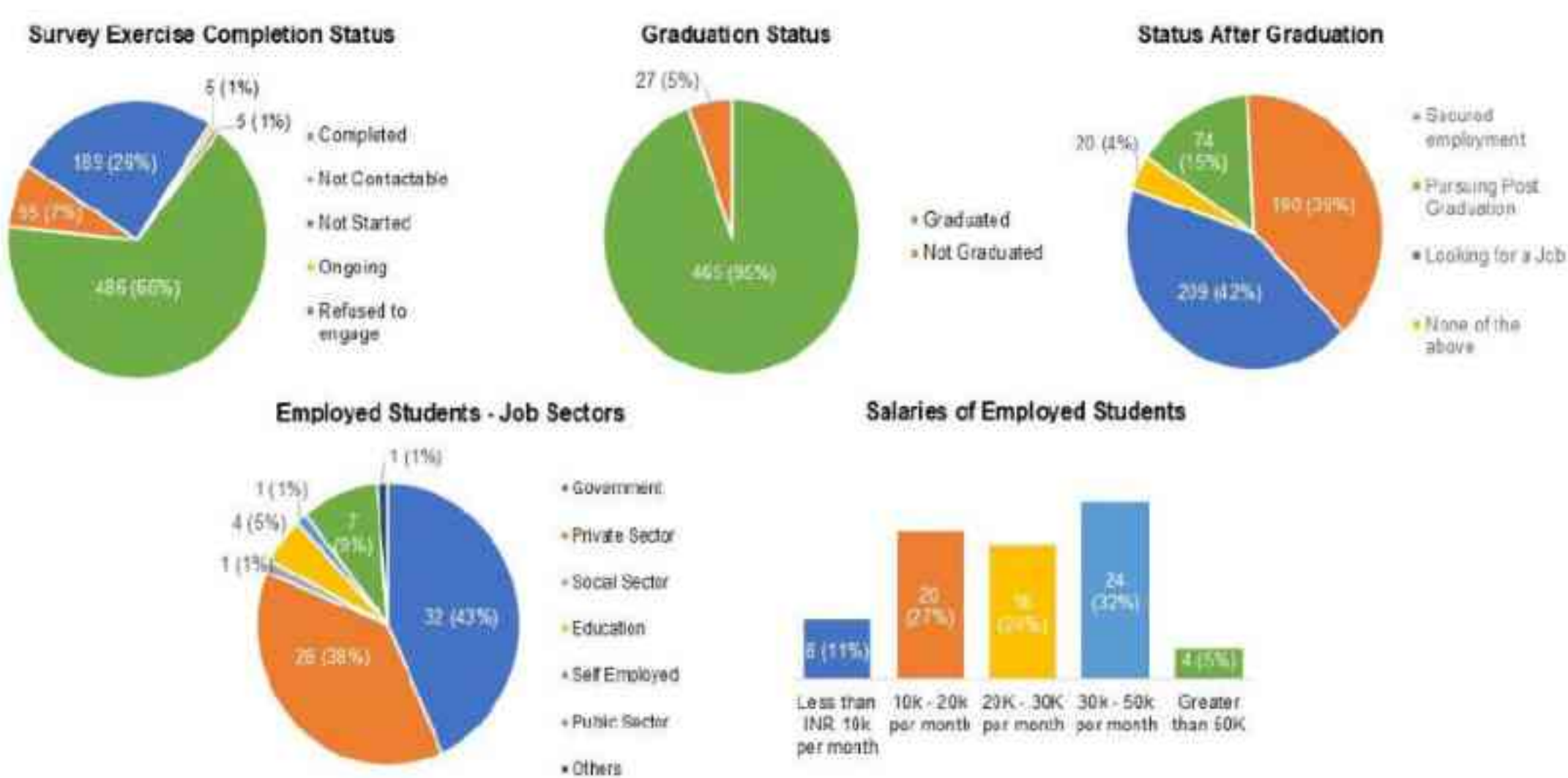
PROFESSIONAL COURSES PROGRAM (PCP)

PCP was started as a pilot initiative last academic year, aimed at offering a higher tier of support for students who secure admission in reputed institutions (such as IITs, IIMs, IIIT, NLU etc.) in courses that impart a high degree of industry-oriented skill with radically improved career prospects. 12 students were supported last year towards pursuing their education in these colleges, with support provided towards their tuition fee and hostel expenses. Approvals for support under this program were processed directly by HTBF's board of trustees on a case-by-case basis, with students being mapped to specific donors and their progress monitored closely to apprise the donors on their educational, extracurricular and career oriented outcomes.

3 students out of these 12 graduated successfully from IIIT Bengaluru, and we are pleased to share that all 3 have successfully secured employment in the Private Sector and 1 has also commenced an entrepreneurial venture. This year we have decided to make this program a mainstay of the support we offer to students with visual impairment. Towards this, we have sought support from reputed colleges and universities across the country towards identifying and referring deserving students with their institutions who can be supported under this program. 9 students are continuing their education under this program, and several more new entrants have already been processed for support during the upcoming academic years.

ALUMNI SURVEY

- The alumni survey exercise was envisaged as a means of understanding the impact that our flagship programs (Scholarships and Skill Development) were having on students' quality of life, confidence in their skill levels and employment prospects.
- The first round of the survey exercise was launched in April 2024 and 3 batches of students were targeted as part of the initial push – students who graduated in the years 2021, 2022 and 2023.
- The total number of students targeted for the survey exercise across these 3 batches was 2,240, and thanks to laudable efforts from our volunteer base and some support from beneficiaries of the skill development program, a total of 1,566 (70% of students) were successfully surveyed.
- Among these students, 406 (26% of total) were found to have secured employment, with Government jobs being the most popular destination of employment (40% of students employed), followed by Private Sector (29% of students employed).
- The survey was also intended to serve as a window for us to understand what the students' college experience and experience with our programs was like, as for us to understand if there was any additional support we could extend to them.
- Going forward, every year we will be conducting one round of surveys for the most recently graduated batch of beneficiaries, to better understand what their college experience was like, what skills they have accumulated, how job ready they feel, what is their graduation/employment status and what additional support we can extend to them.



Note: Above are the key high-level results and trends from the Alumni survey 2024-25 by HTBF team.

[Click Here](#) for a more in-depth look into the Alumni Survey.

STUDENT'S SUCCESS STORIES



VARSHA



Varsha comes from a humble background losing her parents at a very young age. But with courage, determination, and the steady support of HTBF since 2021, she turned every barrier into an opportunity. A postgraduate in English from the Central University of Tamil Nadu, she went on to clear the highly competitive TNPSC exam. Today, she proudly serves as Deputy Commercial Tax Officer and GST Inspector. For Varsha, HTBF has been more than an organisation, it has been the family that believed in her potential and stood beside her every step of the way.



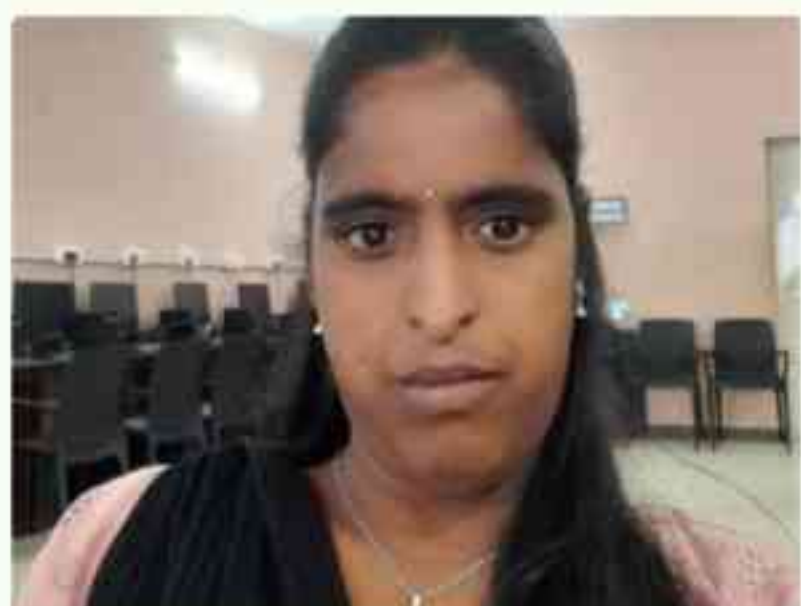
**MASTHAN
GOSIPAGI**



An HTBF beneficiary from 2019 to 2023, Masthan completed his Integrated Masters in History at the University of Hyderabad. Today, he serves as a dedicated special educator at Raj Bhavan High School, Hyderabad, shaping young lives through inclusive education.



ASHIKA



A graduate of Queen Mary's College, Chennai, Ashika now works as a computer and mobility trainer in HTBF's School Intervention Program in Tanjore. A beneficiary of our EMET program, she uses her skills to empower visually impaired students with confidence and independence.

UMA SHANKAR



An HTBF beneficiary during his Master's in Media and Communication at the University of Hyderabad, Uma Shankar now leads communications at HTBF and consults across media, film, and branding. A writer and disability advocate, he is working towards making media and entertainment more accessible for everyone.

VEDANT UMESH MUNDADA

Vedant chose Commerce, a challenging field for the visually impaired, and excelled with HTBF's support. A CA finalist and M.Com graduate, he cleared UGC NET with JRF in his first attempt, scoring in the top 2%. His journey reflects resilience, excellence, and the power of timely support.



CHANDANA



With HTBF's sponsorship, Chandana pursued Digital Product Design and Management at IIIT-Bangalore. A Beneficiary of HTBF from her UG days till her journey to IIIT Bangalore, Chandana currently works as a Research Associate at IIITB's Centre for Accessibility in the Global South, driving innovation in inclusive digital products and STEM accessibility.

ANANDH

Through HTBF's School Intervention Program, Anandh became the first blind student in Tamil Nadu to independently write and pass board exams on a laptop. From four words per minute to typing with speed and accuracy, his achievement is a milestone in accessibility and determination.



OUR VOLUNTEERS, OUR BACKBONE

RAJIKA SHOWS A NEW WAY TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays usually bring balloons, cake and wrapped boxes. For Raajika Thorat, HTBF's young volunteer from USA, turning eighteen meant something else entirely. She turned her special day into an occasion for giving, raising more than \$3,000 for Help the Blind Foundation (HTBF) and the students it supports in India.

The idea began at home. Her grandfather, Mr. Dattatraya Kadwe who himself has been a volunteer from Nashik region for years. His stories of students with vision impairment striving against all odds stayed with Raajika. At the same time, she was working part-time with an optometrist, where she met patients facing vision challenges. Those two worlds came together when she decided to dedicate her birthday to a cause larger than herself.



Note : Ms. Raajika, HTBF USA Volunteer



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With support from her grandfather and HTBF team members, she shared photos and videos of the students' journeys in her presentation. Around fifty people joined, including children who left with a sense of the importance of giving. By the end, \$3,200 had been raised—enough for scholarships for over twenty students. Raajika also added her own internship earnings, doubling the impact.

For HTBF, the fundraiser was more than a successful campaign. It was a glimpse of the next generation stepping forward with energy and compassion. As Raajika prepares to pursue medicine, she carries with her a conviction that service must be at the heart of any profession. Her birthday may have lasted a day, but its impact will stretch across classrooms in India for years to come.

A QUIET FORCE BEHIND MUMBAI'S HTBF JOURNEY

Some journeys begin with a simple call. For Mr. Prakash Kadrekar, a conversation with HTBF then trustee Mr. Kothandaraman set him on a path he has now walked for over five years. Since 2019–20, his steady presence has been a source of strength for students in Mumbai and beyond.

The pandemic expanded his reach to regions like Vidarbha and Nasik, opening his eyes to the immense potential of students with visual impairment. For him, the most enriching part of volunteering has been HTBF's holistic approach—supporting education, employment, and even sports.



Note : Mr. Prakash Kadrekar, Our Volunteer at SVG Distribution, Mumbai



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Mr. Prakash recalls guiding a student toward studying law despite family resistance, listening to another share personal struggles, and the moment a student recognised him by voice alone at a crowded station. Each memory reflects the trust and bond he has built.

“What was once sympathy has turned into empathy,” he says. “I laugh with them, joke with them, and call them my friends. That is the real gift.” His story is a reminder of how steady, compassionate volunteering can transform lives and strengthen the HTBF journey.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FY 2024 - 25

SUMMARY ASSETS

Summary Assets (all amounts in INR)	FY 2024/25	FY 2023/24	YoY Change (%)
As on Date	31/03/2025	31/03/2024	%
Assets	In INR	In INR	In INR
Fixed Assets	1,237,435	-	-
Investments	93,018,005	59,000,000	58%
Loans and Advances	1,262,647	355,163	256%
Current Assets	1,245,772	792,931	57%
Accounts Receivable	1,543,395	904,190	71%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	7,736,340	10,657,877	-27%
Total Assets	106,043,594	71,710,161	48%

SUMMARY LIABILITIES

Summary Liabilities (all amounts in INR)	FY 2024/25	FY 2023/24	YoY Change (%)
As on Date	31/03/2025	31/03/2024	%
Assets	In INR	In INR	In INR
Corpus Fund	10,000	10,000	0%
General Fund	30,684,029	29,052,243	6%
Endowment Fund	72,000,000	42,000,000	71%
Ear Marked Fund	-	-	-
Current Liabilities	3,349,565	647,918	417%
Total Liabilities & Equity	106,043,594	71,710,161	48%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF INCOME

Condensed Income (all amounts in INR)	FY 2024/25	FY 2023/24	YoY Change (%)
For the Financial Year Ended	31/03/2025	31/03/2024	%
Income	In INR	In INR	In INR
Direct Income - Donations (FCRA)	29,612,940	12,542,982	136%
Direct Income - Donations (Non FCRA)	47,840,197	49,383,825	-3%
Indirect Income (FCRA)	3,512,097	3,155,393	11%
Indirect Income (Non FCRA)	723,136	608,205	19%
Total Income	81,688,371	65,690,405	24%



Note : HTBF Trustee Mr. Sunderkumar with students of Amalarakkini School, Arni



Note : EMET Students' Visit to S&P Global, Ahmedabad

CONDENSED EXPENDITURES

Condensed Expenditure (all amounts in INR)	FY 2024/25	FY 2023/24	YoY Change (%)
For the Financial Year Ended	31/03/2025	31/03/2024	%
Expenditure	In INR	In INR	In INR
Scholarships Program Expenses	30,407,125	23,689,475	28%
Others Direct Expenses	802,100	847,660	-5%
Skill Development (EMET) Program Expenses	23,413,123	29,987,080	-22%
Assistive Devices	13,521,491	3,665,890	269%
Infrastructure Development Expenses	3,507,128	836,768	319%
Competitive Coaching Expenses	15,400	-	-
Indirect Expenses - G&A	4,553,926	2,484,129	83%
Indirect Expenses - Awareness	18,060	389,475	-95%
Indirect Expenses - Depreciation	-	-	-
Indirect Expenses - Salary and Professional Services	3,789,001	2,188,069	73%
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,661,017	1,601,859	4%
Total Expenditure	81,688,371	65,690,405	24%

CONDENSED CASHFLOW STATEMENTS

Condensed Cash Flows Statement (all amounts in INR)	FY 2024/25	FY 2023/24	YoY Change (%)
For the Financial Year Ended	31/03/2025	31/03/2024	%
Cash Flows Statement	In INR	In INR	In INR
Opening Cash in Hand	9,600	1,255	665%
Opening Cash in Bank	10,648,277	11,797,911	-10%
Total Opening Cash Balance	10,657,877	11,799,166	-10%
Cashflows from Operations	(80,235,973)	(67,587,800)	19%
Cashflows from Financial Investments	(29,335,012)	5,019,705	-684%
Cashflows from Donations	106,649,448	61,426,807	74%
Total Closing Cash Balance	7,736,340	10,657,877	-27%
Closing Cash in Hand	705	9,600	-93%
Closing Cash in Bank	7,735,635	10,648,277	-27%

Our organization continues to remain on stable financial footing, thanks to the unwavering support of our donor base both within and outside India. Our emphasis over the past 3 years has been to engineer a balance sheet that is resistant to risks, shocks and fluctuations and can support our programs with a runway of at least 1-2 financial years. We plan to continue proactively improving our financial strength, which will also give us much needed confidence to execute strategically on multi-year projects and investments. As in the past, we continue to ensure that over 90% of proceeds from donations are channeled towards programs and initiatives that directly benefit students.

Please see below links to our audited financial statements, duly supplemented with notes and the auditor’s view on our financial position :

- [Consolidated Financial Statements for FY 2024/25](#)
- [FCRA Financials for FY 2024/25](#)

THANK YOU TO ALL THE FRIENDS OF HTBF

- To all the donors in India and around the world, for their contributions and continued support towards the cause.
- Cognizant Foundation, Saint Gobain India Pvt. Ltd., Koshambh Multitred Private Limited, Guru Krupa Foundation, Kishinchand Chellaram Foundation, Brookefields, GLG Group, NIIF Infrastructure Finance Limited and Aseem Infrastructure Finance Limited for their unwavering support on all our partnerships project initiatives.
- Enable India for their consistent support as our knowledge and training partner.
- Karnataka Bank and Centbank Home Finance for their valuable contributions.
- Richard Hua Foundation, Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton and Macao and other key founding donors from Hong Kong, who have been the backbone of our organization and instrumental in our successes to date.
- Our Indian Bankers - IOB, HDFC Bank and SBI - for their immense support.
- Our lawyer, Mr. Sridharan, for his astute guidance and assistance with regulatory compliance.
- Our auditors, A. John Moris & Co., for assisting us with financial compliance and helping us continue on steady financial footing.
- The administrators and staff of our 300+ partner colleges.
- Our global network of directors, volunteers and well wishers, spanning across Hong Kong, Singapore and the USA.
- Our 50+ office staff and trainers, for their tireless efforts towards delivering value to our beneficiaries.
- Our volunteers, who are the backbone of our scholarship program and whose tireless efforts help us in all college and student interactions.
- Guidestar India, for recognizing our commitment to transparency, accountability and governance by awarding us their top-tier Platinum Certification in 2024.
- Our esteemed founder, the late Mr. D.K. Patel's family for their support and guidance.

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