

**PROJECT PROPOSAL**  
**FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE**  
**MODEL SCHOOL & REHABILITATION**  
**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE COMPLEX**

**BLINDNESS THE INDIAN SCENARIO:**

An alarming situation exists today with respect to the problem of the Education & rehabilitation of the visually impaired in India today. There are nearly 13 million Blind/partially sighted peoples which means one out of 80 Indian is either Blind or partially sighted. And another estimate puts the number of low vision cases at 28 million. In order to solve the critical problems faced by the blind, the National Federation Of The Blind (NFB) was set up in 1970 in India.

**About THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND MAHARASHTRA (NFBM)**

The NFBM is one of the registered social organization, which is 'of the Blind', 'for the Blind' & successfully run 'By the Blind'. It is the single largest self-helping democratic organization of the blind, representing 7 to 8 lacs visually handicapped people of the Maharashtra state. It is struggling to strive for equality of opportunity for blind in their education, training & employment. It has promoted several schemes & projects for the upliftment of our fellow blind brethren; especially those who stay on rural areas of the state through the branches, units & service centers situated at Mumbai (H.O), Pune, Nashik, Aurangabad, Nagpur, Amravati, Nanded, Jalana, Jalgaon, & Kolhapur.

**About NFBM JAGRITI SCHOOL FOR BLIND GIRLS**

Education, Training & Rehabilitation are the three most critical aspects for every blind individual to bring about quality improvement in their lives. There are 80 schools in Maharashtra state for the educating the blind, unfortunately not more than 2500 visually children are benefiting from these schools. In response to this situation, NFBM started 'Jagruti School for Blind Girls' on January 4, 1989.

This school is situated at Alandi Devachi, Dt. Pune. At present 105 blind girls are housed in this school. Most of them are from the rural areas of Pune, Marathwada, Vidarbha & Khandesh. The NFBM Jagruti School For Blind Girls provides free education, lodging, boarding facilities to its deserving students. Regular academic coaching is given to children here along with provision for learning extra curricular skills like vocational training, craft, sports training, cultural skills & communication. Home science and music classes are specialities of the school. This school offers education upto the 7<sup>th</sup> standard in its own special school along with formal education. From 8<sup>th</sup> standard onwards the girls attend the normal school at the Saint Dnyaneshwar High School, At Alandi Dev, Dt. Pune under the integrated Education scheme. Their progress & enthusiasm is indeed commendable.

## **About NFBM Smt. KAMALABEN MAFATLAL MEHTA ANDH KANYA CHATRALAYA (HOSTEL)**

The school's hostel building of the 'Jagruti School for Blind Girl's', Alandi was a dream project of NFBM, which was converted into reality by generous donations from the Diwaliben Mohanlal Mehta Charitable Trust Rs 8 lacs, Union Bank of India Rs. 1,64,000, The Infosys Foundation Rs. 1,50,000, Bhavarilal Kankaria and family of Uma Precision Rs. 1,25,000. Mrs Anu Aga Chairperson Thermax Ltd. Pune Rs 1,00,000, Madhu Sudan Rathi Charity trust Rs. 1,00,000, generous contributions from several other invaluable caused oriented supporters. Smt. Kamlaben Mafatlal Mehta Andh Kanya Chatralaya was inaugurated on March 29,2000. Currently this building provides shelter to 105 girls.

## **About The MODEL SCHOOL COMPLEX**

In continuation of its mission to improve the quality of life of the visually handicapped NFBM plans to set up a Model School Complex, which fulfills all the educational, rehabilitation and recreation requirements of the visually challenged. The proposed complex will be constructed on 2 acres of land at Charholi Khed. near Alandi & 1 km. away from the present school location.

## **PROJECT GOALS**

- 1) To provide quality education to the visually challenged students by making available state of the art facilities in an obstacle free and barrier free environment.
- 2) To develop innovative programmes with a view to prepare the blind for the new economic revolution by establishing a advance information training institute.
- 3) To develop rehabilitation center of excellence with the objective of preparing world class industry compatible work force.
- 4) To create self-employment opportunities for the visually handicapped by setting up sheltered workshops based on the visually handicapped standard design factory HDF format.
- 5) To develop world-class sports and recreation facilities.
- 6) To provide training in the area of agriculture and food processing industry.
- 7) To set up a model medical clinic to provide affordable medical services to the deserving beneficiaries.

## **About the MODEL DESIGN**

We propose to develop this school as a unique & innovative hi-tech education center of excellence catering to the special requirements of the rural blind. This project has been conceived with a view to realize the prior stated goals.

**TOTAL PROJECTED COST:****Rs. Two Crore Sixty-Five Lakhs Only. (Rs. 2,65,00,000/-)****USD Six Hundred Thousand Only (US\$ 600,000/-)  
(Assumed exchange rate Rs. 44 per dollar)****Sponsorship Schemes for the Construction of proposed NFBM Model  
School Complex At Charholi Kd., Pune.**

Phase	Particulars	Area Sq. Mt. Per Unit	Quantity	Sponsorship Per Unit Rs. In Lakhs
<b>I</b>	<b>School Building:</b>			
	Administration	69.42	1	3.75
	Class Rooms	47.75	12	2.60
	Library	128.44	1	7.00
	Music Education Centre	128.44	1	7.00
	Craft & Home Science Centre	128.44	1	7.00
	Sports & Recreation Centre	128.44	1	7.00
	Rest Rooms	30.3	4	1.65
<b>II</b>	<b>Hostel Building:</b>			
	<u>Administration...</u>			
	Type 'A'	34.69	1	1.90
	Type 'B'	14.15	2	0.75
	Type 'C'	11.79	1	0.65
	<u>Dormitories...</u>			
	Type 'A'	89.07	12	4.80
	Type 'B'	107.44	2	5.80
	Gymnasium	35.14	1	1.90
	Dining Hall	109.41	1	6.00
	Kitchen	83.26	1	5.50
	Wash Room	16.9	1	1.00
	<u>Rest Rooms...</u>			
	Type 'A'	19.19	6	1.00
	Type 'B'	25.95	1	1.14
<b>III</b>	<b><u>Vocational Training Centre:</u></b>			
	Workshops	38.03	12	2.00
	Rest Rooms	25.01	2	1.35

<b>IV</b>	<b><u>Auditorium:</u></b>			
	Hall + Stage	396.25	1	21.50
	Verandah	113.74	1	6.11
	Guest Rooms	23.45	2	1.25
	Rest Rooms	30.87	1	1.65
<b>V</b>	<b><u>Residential Quarters:</u></b>			
	Two Rooms Units	36.65	3	2.00
	One Room Units	17.24	5	1.00
	Rest Room	9.08	1	0.50
<b>VI</b>	<b><u>Other Structures &amp; Amenities:</u></b>			
	MSC Office	15	1	0.80
	Gate House	10.01	1	0.51
	Garage & Parking	65.55	1	3.51
	Water Tank	40,000 Ltrs	1	1.75
	Road, Compound Wall, Security- Infrastructure & Other amenities- (10% of the total cost)			24.00

**\*Area of Dormitories/Room Units are passage loaded**

**\*Rate of Construction is approximate Rs. 5,380/- per Sq. Mtr (i.e. Rs. 500/- per Sq. Ft.).**

**\*Subject to change due to inflation.**

## **ABOUT OUR CONTRIBUTION**

### **Experience & Expertise:**

Since NFBM is a voluntary agency promoted by the Blind working with the Blind we possess a vast Bank of Experts who have experience in the field of Rehabilitation of the Visually Impaired.

### **Quality Teaching:**

In over a decade of experience we have developed a team of highly motivated and committed teachers, administrators and caretaker staff.

### **Aids & Appliances:**

We also have at our disposal some appropriate aids, equipment for the Blind such as a high take brail press, computers equipped with special software, brail typewriter etc which, can be transferred to this project

### **Land for the Project:**

The 2-acre plot of the land for the proposed 'Model School Complex' for the Blind will be provided by the NFBM.

## **ABOUT OUR EXPECTATIONS**

- 1) We appeal to the funding body to provide funds (in full or part) to help convert our dream into a realizable vision.
- 2) We also request you to provide to us relevant aids and appliances for this project.
- 3) Technical inputs and guidance from the funding body.

## **WHY?**

An appropriate question, which, may arise, is why the NFBM needs to construct another School Complex when it is already running one. The answer to this question is fairly straight forward, the current school premises of Jagriti are not owned by NFBM. And it is sufficient to meet even our current requirements leave alone the future needs. Moreover the current Hostel Bldg. Will be converted in to a shelter for workingwomen, Collage going girls, as there is no such hostel facility for Visually Handicapped in Maharashtra.

**Therefore on our modest opinion, the right question is not why, but why not?**