

**PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR
THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL FEDERATION OF
THE BLIND MAHARASHTRA'S
PUBLIC READING INFORMATION DESERMINATION
AND EDUCATION CENTRE (NFBMPRIDE)**

BLINDNESS THE INDIAN SCENARIO:

India today presents an alarming picture with respect to the problems of the education & rehabilitation of the visually impaired in India. There are nearly 13 million Blind / Partially sighted peoples which means one out of 80 Indians is either Blind or partially sighted. And other estimate puts the number of low vision cases at 28 million. In order to solve the critical problems faced by the Blind, 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 premiere 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 lakhs visually handicapped (VH) people of the Maharashtra State. NFBM is struggling to achieve equality of opportunity for blind in their education, training & employment. It has several projects which are located at Mumbai (H.Q), Pune, Nasik, Aurangabad, Nagpur, Amaravati, Nanded, Jalna, Jalgaon & Kolhapur.

ABOUT NFBMPRIDE

The NFBMPRIDE has been conceived as a unique education and skill development center with a view to develop and enhance the carrier potential of the visually handicapped beneficiaries.

NFBMPRIDE LOCATION

NFBMPRIDE will be located at Block No. 12, Nehru Stadium, Swargate, Pune (The NFBM Pune office). Office size approx. 200sq.ft.

NFBMPRIDE GOALS

- 1.To develop the human resource potential of the visually handicapped (VH)
- 2.To provide exposure to trainees on state-of-the-art VH compatible reading technology
- 3.To develop world class & industry compatible students.
- 4.To develop the spirit of entrepreneurship in VH community.
- 5.To create a unique public reading facility for the benefit of nearly 2,500 college going visually challenged students.
- 6.To enable senior citizen access the benefits of auto-reading.

About Reading Machines:

The most daunting problem confronted by the blind and the partially sighted is the problem of reading of printed matters (Books, Newspapers & Periodicals). Reading machines, which made their debut 15 years ago in the west, provided the best solution to this problem.

ABOUT THE PROJECTED COST:

No of Reading Machines required 4

Cost per Reading Machine Rs. 99,250.00

Total Projected Cost Rs, 3,97,000.00

Conclusion:

An appropriate query which may arise is why the Rotary Club of Pune UpTown, Pune should fund a project like NFBMPRIDE the answer is simple and it straight appeals to the heart. The beneficiaries of NFBMPRIDE come from the severely discounted segment of society, which deserves support. Our modest request to the Rotary moment worldwide is say yes for a cause now.